



# SSUSA 2017 NATIONAL RULES COMMITTEE

## TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL "SPECIAL SESSION"

JANUARY 9, 2018 • 11:00 AM PST

**MEMBERS PRESENT** • Donna McGuire (MO/Chair/ Regional U.I.C.) • Bill Ruth (WA/SSUSA President)  
• Terry Hennessy (CA/SSUSA C.E.O.) • Fran Dowell (CA/SSUSA Executive Director) • Michael Boone  
(NJ/National Director) • Don Brooks (TX/National Director) • Dave Dowell (CA/National Director) • Mike  
Hula (NV/LVSSA) • Tim McElroy (MD/National Director) • Felix Mendiola (NV/LVSSA) • George Moreno  
(SSUSA Office) • Otis Rowland (OK/National Director) • Rick Seifman (AZ/National U.I.C.)

**MEMBER ARRIVING LATE (After voting concluded)** • Jerry Jackson (IL/National Director)

**MEMBER ABSENT** • Randy Rowe (MO/Regional Director)

**ALTERNATE PRESENT** • Ron Grassi (WA/National Director)

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### **ITEMS DEFERRED FROM NOVEMBER - DECEMBER, 2017 SESSIONS**

#### **REFERRED TO SSUSA STAFF –**

- **Certain Major Plus Teams** – There are a limited number of Major Plus teams that tend to dominate competitive tournament play. Staff is instructed to help identify such teams in order for the Rules Committee to consider possible rules amendments to ensure more competitive balance – **ACTION:** SSUSA Home Office Staff instructed to develop and implement competitive balance provisions as needed on a team-by-team and tournament-by-tournament basis;
- **Women's 45-Masters Division** – Staff is instructed to analyze the roster composition of women's 40-Masters teams to identify which, if any, teams could populate a potential women's 45-Masters division – **ACTION:** Analysis of ages of registered Men's and Women's 40-Masters players did NOT indicate adequate numbers above/below age 45 to justify defining a 45+ age group for either gender; and
- **Co-Ed Rules** – There may be co-ed teams participating on an "Exhibition" basis in the 2018 LVSSA/SSUSA World Masters Championships from outside the United States. Staff is instructed to provide illustrative co-ed rules from other sources for later consideration by SSUSA. – **ACTION:** SSUSA Home Office Staff instructed to develop and implement Co-ed Rules for use in the possible International Division of play at the LVSSA/SSUSA World Masters Championships.

#### **TABLED AND REFERRED TO SPECIAL SESSION–**

- **§6.2 • PITCH COUNT** – Motion to Remove from the Table the proposal to implement "1-1" count WITH a courtesy foul for Men's and Women's 50+ Divisions. (The results of the membership preference survey are attached as **Exhibit "A"**) Motion to Remove From Table – **FAILED: 12-0**
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## ***RULES COMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS / ACTIONS - January 9, 2018***

**§6.2 • PITCH COUNT** – Proposal to expand the “1-1” starting pitch count to include the Men’s 50+, 55+ and 60+ and Women’s 50+ divisions of play. **NOTE:** On a TRIAL basis for the calendar year 2018 only, there will be NO “waste foul” allowed once the batter has two strikes in the count. – **FAILED: 6-7 (Tie vote broken by Chair)**

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**Voting Note:** The minority group in both of the preceding votes was **NOT** comprised of the same six individuals and the Committee Chair cast the deciding vote in both cases.

There being no further business to consider, the Motion to Adjourn was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVE DOWELL  
Recording Secretary

## SENIOR SOFTBALL USA • 2017 "1-1"Count Survey

TOTAL VOTE TALLY		MARGIN	VOTES	PERCENT
"0-0" FULL Pitch Count			2,306	44.0%
"1-1" WITH Courtesy Foul			1,846	35.2%
"1-1" WITHOUT Courtesy Foul			1,093	20.8%
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>12%</b>	<b>5,245</b>	<b>56.0%</b>
<b>MEN'S 40-MASTERS</b>				
"0-0" FULL Pitch Count			42	19.4%
"1-1" WITH Courtesy Foul			112	51.6%
"1-1" WITHOUT Courtesy Foul			63	29.0%
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>		<b>61%</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>80.6%</b>
<b>MEN'S 50+</b>				
"0-0" FULL Pitch Count			111	25.8%
"1-1" WITH Courtesy Foul			211	49.1%
"1-1" WITHOUT Courtesy Foul			108	25.1%
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>		<b>48%</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>74.2%</b>
<b>MEN'S 55+</b>				
"0-0" FULL Pitch Count			241	35.1%
"1-1" WITH Courtesy Foul			282	41.0%
"1-1" WITHOUT Courtesy Foul			164	23.9%
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>		<b>30%</b>	<b>687</b>	<b>64.9%</b>
<b>MEN'S 60+</b>				
"0-0" FULL Pitch Count			352	39.2%
"1-1" WITH Courtesy Foul			327	36.4%
"1-1" WITHOUT Courtesy Foul			220	24.5%
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>		<b>22%</b>	<b>899</b>	<b>60.8%</b>
<b>MEN'S 65+</b>				
"0-0" FULL Pitch Count			465	46.5%
"1-1" WITH Courtesy Foul			326	32.6%
"1-1" WITHOUT Courtesy Foul			208	20.8%
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>		<b>7%</b>	<b>999</b>	<b>53.5%</b>
<b>MEN'S 70+</b>				
"0-0" FULL Pitch Count			514	53.2%
"1-1" WITH Courtesy Foul			270	28.0%
"1-1" WITHOUT Courtesy Foul			182	18.8%
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>		<b>-6%</b>	<b>966</b>	<b>46.8%</b>
<b>MEN'S 75+</b>				
"0-0" FULL Pitch Count			251	56.8%
"1-1" WITH Courtesy Foul			122	27.6%
"1-1" WITHOUT Courtesy Foul			69	15.6%
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>		<b>-14%</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>43.2%</b>
<b>MEN'S 80/85+</b>				
"0-0" FULL Pitch Count			182	61.9%
"1-1" WITH Courtesy Foul			71	24.1%
"1-1" WITHOUT Courtesy Foul			41	13.9%
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>		<b>-24%</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>38.1%</b>
<b>VOTER "TURNOUT"</b>				
<b>TOTAL INVITED TO VOTE</b>				<b>22,877</b>
<b>MEMBERSHIP VOTING</b>				<b>5,245</b> <b>22.9%</b>
<b>TOTAL MEN'S VOTING</b>				
<b>MARGIN</b>		<b>VOTES</b>	<b>PERCENT</b>	
"0-0" FULL Pitch Count		2,158	43.7%	
"1-1" WITH Courtesy Foul		1,721	34.9%	
"1-1" WITHOUT Courtesy Foul		1,055	21.4%	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>13%</b>	<b>4,934</b>	<b>56.3%</b>
<b>TOTAL WOMEN'S VOTING</b>				
<b>MARGIN</b>		<b>VOTES</b>	<b>PERCENT</b>	
"0-0" FULL Pitch Count		148	47.6%	
"1-1" WITH Courtesy Foul		125	40.2%	
"1-1" WITHOUT Courtesy Foul		38	12.2%	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>5%</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>52.4%</b>
<b>WOMEN'S 40-MASTERS</b>				
"0-0" FULL Pitch Count		24	30.4%	
"1-1" WITH Courtesy Foul		45	57.0%	
"1-1" WITHOUT Courtesy Foul		10	12.7%	
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>		<b>39%</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>69.6%</b>
<b>WOMEN'S 50+</b>				
"0-0" FULL Pitch Count		19	33.9%	
"1-1" WITH Courtesy Foul		26	46.4%	
"1-1" WITHOUT Courtesy Foul		11	19.6%	
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>		<b>32%</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>66.1%</b>
<b>WOMEN'S 55+</b>				
"0-0" FULL Pitch Count		31	50.0%	
"1-1" WITH Courtesy Foul		26	41.9%	
"1-1" WITHOUT Courtesy Foul		5	8.1%	
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>		<b>0%</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>50.0%</b>
<b>WOMEN'S 60+</b>				
"0-0" FULL Pitch Count		13	41.9%	
"1-1" WITH Courtesy Foul		12	38.7%	
"1-1" WITHOUT Courtesy Foul		6	19.4%	
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>		<b>16%</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>58.1%</b>
<b>WOMEN'S 65+</b>				
"0-0" FULL Pitch Count		38	70.4%	
"1-1" WITH Courtesy Foul		12	22.2%	
"1-1" WITHOUT Courtesy Foul		4	7.4%	
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>		<b>-41%</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>29.6%</b>
<b>WOMEN'S 70+</b>				
"0-0" FULL Pitch Count		23	79.3%	
"1-1" WITH Courtesy Foul		4	13.8%	
"1-1" WITHOUT Courtesy Foul		2	6.9%	
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>		<b>-59%</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>20.7%</b>
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FAVOR "1-1" BY > 20%	FAVOR "1-1" BY < 20%	FAVOR "0-0" COUNT		

# SENIOR SOFTBALL USA • 2017 "1-1" Count Survey

TOTAL REGION VOTING				MARGIN	VOTES	PERCENT	BY CLUB & LEAGUE REGION			
"0-0" FULL Pitch Count					2,306	44.0%	<b>NORTH</b>			
"1-1" WITH Courtesy Foul					1,846	35.2%	"0-0" FULL Pitch Count			
"1-1" WITHOUT Courtesy Foul					1,093	20.8%	"1-1" WITH Courtesy Foul			
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>12%</b>	<b>5,245</b>	<b>56.0%</b>	"1-1" WITHOUT Courtesy Foul			
							<b>SUBTOTAL</b>			
							<b>56%</b>			
							<b>176</b>			
							<b>77.8%</b>			
<b>CENTRAL</b>							<b>NORTHEAST</b>			
"0-0" FULL Pitch Count					66	27.6%	"0-0" FULL Pitch Count			
"1-1" WITH Courtesy Foul					108	45.2%	"1-1" WITH Courtesy Foul			
"1-1" WITHOUT Courtesy Foul					65	27.2%	"1-1" WITHOUT Courtesy Foul			
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>				<b>45%</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>72.4%</b>	<b>SUBTOTAL</b>			
							<b>4%</b>			
							<b>376</b>			
							<b>51.9%</b>			
<b>FAR WEST</b>							<b>NORTHWEST</b>			
"0-0" FULL Pitch Count					740	48.6%	"0-0" FULL Pitch Count			
"1-1" WITH Courtesy Foul					497	32.6%	"1-1" WITH Courtesy Foul			
"1-1" WITHOUT Courtesy Foul					287	18.8%	"1-1" WITHOUT Courtesy Foul			
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>				<b>3%</b>	<b>1,524</b>	<b>51.4%</b>	<b>SUBTOTAL</b>			
							<b>-8%</b>			
							<b>379</b>			
							<b>45.9%</b>			
<b>FLORIDA</b>							<b>SOUTHEAST</b>			
"0-0" FULL Pitch Count					127	31.7%	"0-0" FULL Pitch Count			
"1-1" WITH Courtesy Foul					135	33.7%	"1-1" WITH Courtesy Foul			
"1-1" WITHOUT Courtesy Foul					139	34.7%	"1-1" WITHOUT Courtesy Foul			
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>				<b>37%</b>	<b>401</b>	<b>68.3%</b>	<b>SUBTOTAL</b>			
							<b>6%</b>			
							<b>115</b>			
							<b>53.0%</b>			
<b>GREAT LAKES</b>							<b>SOUTHWEST</b>			
"0-0" FULL Pitch Count					201	37.9%	"0-0" FULL Pitch Count			
"1-1" WITH Courtesy Foul					163	30.8%	"1-1" WITH Courtesy Foul			
"1-1" WITHOUT Courtesy Foul					166	31.3%	"1-1" WITHOUT Courtesy Foul			
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>				<b>24%</b>	<b>530</b>	<b>62.1%</b>	<b>SUBTOTAL</b>			
							<b>11%</b>			
							<b>422</b>			
							<b>55.5%</b>			
<b>MID-ATLANTIC</b>							<b>TEXAS</b>			
"0-0" FULL Pitch Count					157	41.2%	"0-0" FULL Pitch Count			
"1-1" WITH Courtesy Foul					159	41.7%	"1-1" WITH Courtesy Foul			
"1-1" WITHOUT Courtesy Foul					65	17.1%	"1-1" WITHOUT Courtesy Foul			
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>				<b>18%</b>	<b>381</b>	<b>58.8%</b>	<b>SUBTOTAL</b>			
							<b>10%</b>			
							<b>391</b>			
							<b>55.0%</b>			
<b>NEW ENGLAND</b>							<b>SNOWBIRDS/CANADA/GUAM</b>			
"0-0" FULL Pitch Count					106	57.0%	"0-0" FULL Pitch Count			
"1-1" WITH Courtesy Foul					57	30.6%	"1-1" WITH Courtesy Foul			
"1-1" WITHOUT Courtesy Foul					23	12.4%	"1-1" WITHOUT Courtesy Foul			
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>				<b>-14%</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>43.0%</b>	<b>SUBTOTAL</b>			
							<b>-6%</b>			
							<b>125</b>			
							<b>47.2%</b>			

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FAVOR "1-1" BY > 20%

FAVOR "1-1" BY < 20%

FAVOR "0-0" COUNT

