



Softball Council Virtual Meeting July 19, 2026

Commissioner Kevin Bella called the meeting to order at 1:09 pm (CST) via virtual.

Roll Call:

Board of Directors: Kevin Bella- Commissioner, Sheri Mize-Secretary, Brian Fruits-Treasurer, Ronnie Zuchegno- By- Law Chair, Mathis Hediger - Tournament Director, and Vance Rewolinski- NSAD Emeritus.

North Quadrant Reps.- Whitney Riney, Scott Bradach, and Charles Trumble

East Quadrant Reps.- Alicia Johnson, Joseph Kolcun, and Michael Soudakoff

West Quadrant Reps.- Bert Enos, Derrick Jull, and Amber Stockert

South Quadrant Reps.- Ron McLin, Raffory Pena-Duran, and Stefi Hurwitz

Visitor on zoom: Rod Jex, Kristina Lorenzo-Arteaga, James Morris

The agenda for this evening will be:

1. 2025 Minutes/BOD minutes
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Commissioner's Report
4. Old Business
5. New Business
6. Announcement
7. Adjournment

Reading of minutes: the minutes from July 13, 2025 were moved by Whitney Riney to accept as it reads. (Passed).

Executive Board Meetings - Jan. 6, Feb. 23, March 16, April 21, June 8, July 14 plus many were done by Marco Polo, emails and texts.

Officers' Report:

Treasurer Brian Fruits:

1. 2026 - finance report : Current balance is \$16,398/23
2. Will finalize after spending the revenue of Clearwater, Florida.

Commissioner Kevin Bella:

1. 51st Annual tournament this year since 1976.
2. Appreciated that the coaches/players continued coaching, know that it is not easy to continue and need a leader to keep the team going.
3. His gratitude was expressed to the representatives from North, East, South and West..
4. Appreciated that the board of directors worked as a team, they were volunteers, and spent many hours and spent the final 9 years together.
5. Teamsideline-5th year now succeeded so continued using this year since that program was very effective and organized, Bella added the ages so we can view the average of ages and see what we can improve. 45 new women that play at NSAD for the first time, also having the 27 youths.
6. Fans tickets - zeffy online (cashless)
7. NSAD meeting-coaches
8. We have approx. 61 new players, 20 women, 18 men and 23 COED, last year there were 78 players and 6 coaches.
9. It was not easy to gather the FA players and establish the NSAD Free Agents Team, the coach will be Alex Raimondo.
10. The 2026 Election is coming up, 2 candidates for Softball Commissioner, 1 candidate for Secretary and 2 candidates for Treasurer.
11. Insurance is getting expensive so the City of Clearwater required that we have the automobile insurance included during the tournament just like Austin last year.

Secretary Sheri Mize:

1. I will have several volunteers to work at the admission..
2. Players/Coaches-to check in to verify with their Driver License and ID.
3. Be sure that coaches get the waiver form from the parents' signatures.

Tournament Director Mathis Hediger:

1. Eddie C. Moore Softball Complex - we had a meeting with the office supervisor who runs the fields. She was very strict with rules.
2. You can bring your cooler with your own drinks, snacks, and food. (No Alcoholic beverages allowed)
3. Canopy Tents - allowed by the fences on the right side as long as you can't have the stacks, only weights to hold the 10 x 10 canopy.
4. Seeding Round Robin Drawing will be held on Wednesday at 8 pm CST via Facebook live

Law Chair Ronnie Zuchegno, Jr.

Old Business: N/A

9 new motions:

NSAD Motions 2026

Motion #1

SB 26-01

Motion by: Joseph Kolcun, moves to amend Bylaw Article 2.3.4.1 by inserting the phrase "before or by October 1st" so that the article reads:

- a. 2.3.4.1 Must make Vlogs for the passed motions.
- b. 2.3.4.1 Must make vlogs for the passed motions before or by October 1st.

Seconded by Whitney Riney **(Passed)**

Motion #2

SB 26-02

1. Michael Soudakoff moves that we allow TN, KY, OH, and NC residents to be a dual quad: east quad or south quad.
 - a. TN - South AND North
 - b. KY - North AND East/South
 - c. OH - North AND East
 - d. NC - South AND East

Seconded by Alicia Johnson **(Failed)**

Motion #3

SB 26-03

1. Under **Section 3 BOARD OF DIRECTORS:** Executive Board moves that NSAD does not recommend that the Board of Directors play on the same team or NO members of the Board of Directors may play on the same team.

First amended by Joseph Kolcun to apply to men and women only **(Passed)**

Second amended by Charles Trumble seconded by Scott Bradach to change the word from recommend to allow. **(passed)**

Third amended by Vance Rewolinski seconded by Michael Soudakoff applied only to Executive Officers. **(Failed)**

The main motion:

Under **Section 3 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**: Executive Board moves that NSAD does not **allow** that the Board of Directors play on the same men/women team or NO members of the Board of Directors may play on the same team. **(Passed)**

Motion #4

SB 26-04

1. Under several places -

The Commissioner shall preside over and conduct the Coaches' Meeting. The Tournament Director shall provide tournament-related information, rules, schedules, and operational instructions. The Law Chairperson may provide guidance on Bylaw-related questions or procedures when requested.

- i. Commissioner Duties "2.1.1 Presides at the Annual Executive Board, Board of Directors, and Softball Council meetings."
- ii. Tournament Director duties "2.4.11 Preside at the Coaches' Meetings."
- iii. Law Chairperson duties.
- iv. Section 9 TEAM REPRESENTATIVE MEETING 9.1
- v. The NSAD Tournament Director and NSAD Law Chairperson shall be in charge and preside at the Coaches' meeting. He/she shall prepare the agenda and procedures of said meeting and afford each coach the opportunity to become familiar with all aspects, planning and rules of the tournament games and other such information as the coaches find necessary.

Seconded by Whitney Riney to be eliminated from the Constitution.
(Passed)

Motion #5

SB 26-05

1. Under **Section 4 SOFTBALL COUNCIL 4.1** Executive Board moves:
 - a. The Softball Council may permit up to three (3) former Executive Board members to attend the Softball Council Meeting as NSAD At-Large Representatives, provided they notify the NSAD Commissioner in writing by or before July 1st.

Seconded by Scott Bradach and amended by Brian Fruits to eliminate the word of **may** to **shall**. Seconded by Ron McLin. **(Passed)**

The main motion:

Under **Section 4 SOFTBALL COUNCIL 4.1** Executive Board moves:

The Softball Council **shall** permit up to three (3) former Executive Board members to attend the Softball Council Meeting as NSAD At-Large Representatives, provided they notify the NSAD Commissioner in writing by or before July 1st. **(Passed)**

Motion #6

SB 26-06

1. Under **Section 2 TEAM ELIGIBILITY RULES 2.5** Executive Board moves:
 - a. The Men's Division may permit each team to add one (1) additional free agent player, increasing the maximum allowable number of free agent players from one (1) to two (2) per team. Any team adding a second free agent player shall pay a fifty-dollar (\$50) free agent fee.

Seconded by Derrick Jull and amended by Ronnie McLin to the amount of \$200 - seconded by Michael Soudakoff. **(Failed)**

Vance amended not to apply to the top 4 teams-seconded by Bert Enos. **(Passed)**

Under **Section 2 TEAM ELIGIBILITY RULES 2.5** Executive Board moves:

- b. The Men's Division may permit each team to add one (1) additional free agent player, increasing the maximum allowable number of free agent players from one (1) to two (2) per team. Any team adding a second free agent player shall pay a fifty-dollar (\$50) free agent fee and does not apply to the top 4 teams. **(Passed)**

Motion #7

SB 26-07

1. Under **2.6 CODA/SODA/Hearing Spouse rules** Executive Board moves:
 - a. Teams may add a second CODA player to their roster. A fifty-dollar (\$50) CODA player fee shall be assessed for the addition of a second CODA player. Teams receiving a family waiver for one (1) CODA player shall be exempt from the CODA player fee for that player; however, the addition of a second CODA player shall require payment of the fifty-dollar (\$50) CODA player fee.

No one seconded therefore it is dead.

Motion #8

SB 26-08

1. Under **2.6 CODA/SODA/Hearing Spouse rules** Executive Board moves:
 - a. A team that adds a CODA/SODA/Spouse player as a free agent shall pay a fifty-dollar (\$50) CODA/SODA/Spouse player fee. If the CODA/SODA/Spouse player is the team's second CODA/SODA/Spouse player, an additional fifty-dollar (\$50) second CODA/SODA/Spouse player fee shall apply. If the CODA/SODA/Spouse player also elects to play as a free agent, an additional fifty-dollar (\$50) free agent fee shall apply. All applicable fees shall be cumulative.

Charles Trumble amended to the only women with 2 and COED with 2 seconded by Michael Soudakoff. **(Passed)**

Vance Rewolinski amended that it applies to the top 4 COED teams **(Failed)**

The main motion:

Under **2.6 CODA/SODA/Hearing Spouse rules** Executive Board moves:

- b. A team that adds a CODA/SODA/Spouse player as a free agent shall pay a fifty-dollar (\$50) CODA/SODA/Spouse player fee. If the CODA/SODA/Spouse player is the team's second CODA/SODA/Spouse player, an additional fifty-dollar (\$50) second CODA/SODA/Spouse player fee shall apply. If the CODA/SODA/Spouse player also elects to play as a free agent, an additional fifty-dollar (\$50) free agent fee shall apply. All applicable fees shall be cumulative applies to the Women team with 2 CODA/SODA/Spouse and COED team with 2 CODA/Soda/Spouse. **(Passed)**
- c. **For Clarity purpose:**
 - A team that adds a CODA/SODA/Spouse player as a free agent shall pay a fifty-dollar (\$50) CODA/SODA/Spouse player fee.
 - If the CODA/SODA/Spouse player serves as the second free agent for that team, an additional fifty-dollar (\$50) free agent fee shall apply.
 - All applicable fees are cumulative. When both fees apply, the total fee shall be one hundred dollars (\$100).
 - The top four (4) men's teams, top two (2) women's teams, and top two (2) coed teams shall not be permitted to have a CODA/SODA/Spouse player designated as a free agent.

Motion #9

SB 26-09

1. Under **Section 2 TEAM ELIGIBILITY RULES:** Michael Soudakoff moves that we allow CODA/SODA/Spouse who have been participating NSAD for 12 tournaments to earn a deaf card which allows a lifetime exempt from being a coda.
 - a. 2.6.4 Any CODA/SODA/Spouse shall be given a "Deaf" status if they played in twelve (12) tournaments that will consider a lifetime exemption from being labeled "CODA/SODA/Spouse." Derrick Jull amended to 6 years. No one seconded **(Dead)**
(Charles Trumble moved to table this to next year)

Announcement:

2027 Location/Date will be announced soon.

Thursday evening will be Bahama Breeze and Cornholes.

Senior Team on 1 year Trial?? Let the new executive board make the decision to allow.

The meeting adjourned at 4:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Sheri Mize - NSAD Secretary