



Candidate Statement – Chris Rodger for Secretary/Registrar (DESL 2026 Season)

League Members,

Chris Rodger here — I’m running for re-election as Secretary/Registrar on the Dollard Executive Softball League (DESL) executive board for the 2026 season.

As the current Secretary/Registrar, I’d like the opportunity to continue building on the work and ideas introduced in 2025. My platform focuses on **reform and fairness**, starting with improvements to the draft process. Specifically, I aim to prevent team stacking and other strategic drafting practices that misuse mechanisms such as trading and player locking. These practices have drifted from their original intent, and I believe they should be **abolished or strictly limited** to preserve a fair and competitive league.

My plan for reform extends beyond the draft. This past season saw an unusually high number of suspensions, and I want to help restore the **fun and camaraderie** that define our league. At the same time, when discipline is necessary, I support reinstating an independent Disciplinary Committee (DC) that operates without interference — a policy that should be formally added to our constitution to ensure consistency and fairness.

Many of you know my no-nonsense approach to league matters. I believe in transparency, fairness, and common sense. Voting for me means supporting a league where members can simply come out, play ball, and enjoy themselves — free of unnecessary drama.

**I ask for your support and your vote for Secretary/Registrar.**

Thank you,

**Chris Rodger**