



NORTH COUNTY COMMUNITY GIRLS SOFTBALL LEAGUE

CONSTITUTION

AND

BY-LAWS

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Board of Directors

OFFICERS:

Director	Rich Mooney
Secretary	Kathy LeCompte
Vice-President 8U	Ron Pichini
Vice-President 10U	Bob Chafin
Vice-President 12U	Michelle Blanton
Vice-President 14U	Nancy Tillman
Vice-President High School	Kathy LeCompte
Website Administrator	Laura Vykol

MEMBERS:

Brooklyn Park	Debbie Prestridge
Elvaton Girls Softball	Lee Haydon
Greater Glen Burnie	Nancy Tillman
Harundale	Mike Arrington
Havenwood Girls Softball	Aaron Ballinger
Linthicum/Ferndale	Karen Williams
North Glen	Laura Vykol
Severn Athletic Club	Kerri Thomas
St. Philip Neri	Ron Pichini

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS:

Glen Burnie Girls Softball	Mike Santos
Marley Girls Softball	Mike Drocella

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CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1 NAME

The League shall be known as North County Community Girls Softball League (NCCGSL), herein referred to as the “League”, a member of PONY Baseball/Softball, Inc. a non-profit Pennsylvania corporation.

ARTICLE 2 STATEMENT OF POLICY

Section 1

It shall be the policy of the League to conduct its activities for the physical and moral welfare of the young people for whose benefit it is organized. The physical and moral welfare of the young people shall remain paramount and all matters of policy shall be determined on that basis.

Section 2

No person who is a member of, or who is employed by, or who is in any way connected with the League shall receive any personal financial benefit beyond the reasonable value of services rendered to carry out the purpose for which the League has been organized.

Section 3

In order to secure suitable and adequate financial backing to carry out the purpose of the League, it shall be the policy of the League to permit only such sponsorship as is consistent with the purpose for which the League is organized and to select sponsors who are interested in the League solely or principally as a means of contributing to the welfare of young people.

Section 4

It shall be the policy of the League to prohibit any direct advertising of alcoholic beverages or tobacco products in connection with the League or any of its programs.

Section 5

A player’s first allegiance shall be to the League. Anyone playing for another softball league or organization whose schedule conflicts with any League event shall attend the League event.

ARTICLE 3 PURPOSE

The purpose of the League shall be to organize and supervise the playing of girl’s softball under specialized rules and regulations, to secure suitable and adequate financial backing for these purposes, and to own, lease or otherwise provide suitable playing facilities and equipment for these purposes.

ARTICLE 4 MEMBERSHIP

Membership into the League shall be reviewed and approved annually by the Board of Directors. Each Member League and Associate Member League shall be subject to the following conditions:

- a. The Director shall have the authority to withdraw or refuse membership for just cause and shall give notice to the League Representative. The Member or Associate Member League has the right to appeal to the Board of Directors.
- b. A draft roster for each team shall be submitted at the Registration meeting. A copy of the roster will be provided to the Director, Secretary and appropriate Vice President. (See Article 6 of the By Laws.)
- c. Member Leagues and Associate Member Leagues shall carry, as a minimum, the level/value of accident and liability insurance specified by PONY Baseball/Softball.
- d. An annual Membership Fee shall be paid for each Member and Associate Member League and a Registration Fee for each League's teams.
- e. Member Leagues and Associate Member Leagues are leagues which have applied for and been accepted as a member of the League. The Member League and Associate Member League shall appoint a League Representative.

ARTICLE 5 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1

The Board of Directors shall consist of:

- a. The League Officers; and
- b. One League Representative from each Member League and Associate Member League.

Section 2

In recognition of the general powers of the Board of Directors, exercised by virtue of their office, they shall have the power to purchase or otherwise acquire for the League any property, right or privilege which the League is authorized to acquire, at such price or consideration and upon such terms as the Board of Directors may deem expedient and as approved by the Board of Directors, to determine their duties and fix salaries, to determine who shall be authorized, on behalf of the League, to sign bills, notices, acceptances, endorsements, checks, releases, contracts and any other instruments, to delegate any of the powers of the Board of Directors to any standing committee or officer or agent of the League, with any powers as the Board of Directors may see fit to grant, and to generally do all such lawful acts and take actions as may be necessary and proper.

ARTICLE 6 OFFICERS

The Officers of the League shall consist of a Director, Secretary, Website Administrator and Vice Presidents of 8U, 10U, 12U, 14U, and High School Eligible.

ARTICLE 7 GOVERNMENT

Section 1

The government of the League shall be under the direct supervision of the Officers and the Board of Directors.

Section 2

All rules governing play of softball, the legality of players and related questions shall be in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of PONY Baseball/Softball, with such modifications as adopted by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 8 By-Laws

Any By-Laws embodying additional provisions for the government of the League may be adopted and/or amended by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 9 AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended by majority vote of the Board of Directors.

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BY-LAWS

ARTICLE 1 MEETINGS AND VOTING

Section 1

The League shall hold meetings in January, February, March and April.

Section 2

Special meetings may be called by the Director or Board of Directors.

Section 3

Each Officer and Member League Representative shall be entitled to vote. There shall be no proxy voting. A majority of those present and eligible to vote shall be required to pass a motion. An Associate Member League shall not be entitled to vote, but is permitted to participate in all discussions.

Section 4

The presence of one fourth of the Board of Directors shall be required to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE 2 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 1

The term of office for all Officers shall be one year. Election of Officers shall take place during the February Board of Directors meeting.

Section 2

All Officers shall be eligible for re-election.

Section 3

In the event of death, resignation, or inability to perform duties of office for any reason, of any Officer, the Board of Directors, by majority vote of the Board, shall be empowered to select a replacement for such Officer, who shall serve until the following annual election.

Section 4

The League shall procure liability insurance coverage for League Officers and Board Members.

ARTICLE 3 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1

The Board of Directors shall consist of the Director, Secretary, Vice President 8U, Vice President 10U, Vice President 12U, Vice President 14U, Vice President High School Eligible, each Member League Representative and each Associate Member League Representative.

Section 2

The Board of Directors shall hold meetings in January, February, March, and April. Additional meetings may be called by the Director or the Board.

Section 3

The Board shall have the authority to suspend, discharge or otherwise discipline any manager, coach, player, League Representative, umpire, or other person whose conduct is considered detrimental to the best interest of the League.

Section 4

Any adult (18 years of age or older) who is suspended, removed or otherwise disciplined by the Board of Directors shall have the right to appeal such action before a majority of the Board of Directors at a regular or special meeting called for that purpose.

Section 5

The League Representative shall, upon evidence of misconduct of their player, coach or manager, notify the manager of the team and their parents of any such player who is less than 18 years of age, of the penalty for such action.

Section 6

Any player, coach or manager who commits a second act of misconduct shall be suspended for three games and shall appear before the Board of Directors to explain his/her actions. The Board reserves the right to increase the penalty.

ARTICLE 4 FINANCIAL POLICY

Section 1

The Board of Directors shall decide all matters pertaining to the finances of the League, bearing the responsibility to conduct the financial affairs of the League in a sound business-like manner.

Section 2

An annual financial statement shall be presented to the Board of Directors at the January meeting. This annual statement is prepared by the Director.

ARTICLE 5 DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1

The Director shall preside at all meetings; shall serve as the Chief Executive Officer of the League; shall be an ex-officio member of all standing and special committees; and shall perform such other duties as are normally associated with the office of Director. The Director shall also receive and distribute all funds with the approval of Board of Directors; shall keep an accurate account of all funds received and disbursed for the League; and shall submit a financial report to the Board of Directors at the January meeting.

Section 2

The Secretary shall have custody of the Constitution, By-Laws and all other records of the League; shall keep accurate records of each meeting and other activities of the League and Board of Directors; shall be responsible for all correspondence on behalf of the League; and shall transmit all records and correspondence to any person elected to succeed him or her in that office.

Section 3

Each Vice President shall be responsible for reviewing and approving rosters; conducting annual rules meetings for managers, coaches and umpires; coordinating and administering championship play; resolving rule and other matters of concern which arise in their respective age group; assisting with the Classic game; present a report at each Board of Directors meeting; compile standings and distribute them at least monthly; and ensuring the scheduling and play of rained out/postponed games.

Section 4

The Website Administrator shall be responsible for maintaining the website, monitoring website content, posting league related information and materials, and issuing access and passwords.

ARTICLE 6 DUTIES OF LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVES

Each League Representative shall be responsible for:

- a. Submitting their teams' draft rosters at the Registration Meeting. The Registration Meeting is normally the second meeting of March;
- b. Ensuring their rosters meet the League's parity rule (See By-Law Article 7, sections 1, 2, 3, and 4.);
- c. Providing the Scheduling Committee with their field availability by day and time at the Registration Meeting;
- d. Providing the Manager/Coach Committee with the credentials of all their managers and coaches. They will also notify their Member League of any manager/coach who does not satisfy NCCGSL requirements;
- e. Representing their Member League at all Board of Director meetings;
- f. Conveying/coordinating all League information to their Member League;
- g. Ensuring their managers/coaches/umpires attend the annual rules meetings
- h. Will be the League's contact to resolve issues or matters of concern which involve their Member League.

ARTICLE 7 TEAM ROSTERS

Section 1

A draft roster for each team will be submitted to the appropriate vice-president at the Registration Meeting. The vice-president will review and approve all rosters to ensure parity among teams. Changes to the rosters may be made, but they shall be reviewed and approved by the vice-president.

Section 2

Final rosters for each team must be entered online at www.pony.org by 11:59 PM on the Wednesday before Opening Day. PONY website will not accept rosters or changes to rosters on Thursday. Roster changes after the Wednesday before Opening Day can be made through, and with the approval of, the appropriate Vice President using the NCCGSL Add/Drop Form. There is a maximum of three (3) additions per season per team. A player is allowed only one (1) Add/Drop per season. Managers must carry a copy of their roster for perusal by the opposing manager.

Section 3

The League policy is to maintain parity among its Member Leagues. Stacking of rosters or All Star teams shall not be permitted.

Section 4

Each team shall consist of not more than 15 or less than 12 players. Approval of the Board of Directors shall be required to field a team which does not conform to these limitations.

Section 5

When registration allows, no team roster shall include more than eight players of the older or younger League age. If necessary to maintain a Member League's and Associate Member League's age parity, a returning team's roster shall be split to meet the League's age parity requirement. A majority vote of the Board is required for a team to be exempt from age parity. If the Board grants an age parity exemption, it shall only be valid for one season.

Section 6

Member Leagues and Associate Member Leagues shall carry, as a minimum, the level/value of accident and liability insurance specified by PONY Baseball/Softball. Insurance certification shall be presented to the Secretary at the Registration Meeting.

Section 7

An annual membership fee shall be paid at the Registration Meeting for each Member League's and Associate Member League's teams. This fee shall be set by the Board of Directors not later than the close of the January meeting. The purpose of this fee is to cover the cost of awards, sanction fees, and league operating costs.

Section 8

All player's first allegiance shall be to the League. Anyone playing for another league or organization, whose schedule conflicts with any League activity, shall attend the League activity.

ARTICLE 8 MANAGERS/COACHES

The credentials of each manager and coach shall be presented to the Manger/Coach Committee at the Team Draw meeting.

ARTICLE 9 STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 1

The Schedule Committee shall compile the season's schedule for all age groups. The members of this committee shall be appointed by the Director. This committee shall issue the final schedule no later than the second Mandatory Managers/Coaches Meeting.

Section 2

The Protest Committee shall be comprised of the Director, Secretary, Website Administrator, and all Vice Presidents. This committee shall rule on all appealed protest decisions. All decisions made by the Protest Committee are final.

Section 3

Additional standing committees may be formed at the request of the Director.

ARTICLE 10 ROBERTS RULES

The rules contained in the most current edition of "Roberts Rules of Order" shall govern League meetings.

ARTICLE 11 AMENDMENTS

These By Laws may be amended by majority vote of the Board of Directors.