

# Constitution

## Article I Name

The name of the Corporation shall be the Girls' Softball League of Jefferson County (GSLJC).

## Article II Place

The place in the State of Colorado where the principle office of the Corporation is to be located is Jefferson County.

## Article III Purpose

Said Corporation is organized exclusively for the charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes; including, for such purposes, the making of distributions of organizations that qualify as exempt, organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), advancement, promotion of athletic interest, clean and supervised sports, and the striving for better citizenship and sportsmanship.

## Article IV Directors

The names of the persons who are to be the initial Directors of the Corporation are as follows:

Mr. B.D. Cahill	Kelly Hogan	Clarence L. Conkling
Margaret K. Raettli	Ada Midgett	K.C. Bernhard

## Article V Corporate Restrictions

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributed to its members, trustees, officers or other private persons except the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for service rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article III hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statement) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on a) by a corporation exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United State Internal Review Law) or b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United State Internal Review Law).

## Article VI Dissolution

Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, the board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all liabilities of the Corporation, dispose of all assets of the Corporation exclusively for the purposes of the Corporation in such manner, or to such organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United State Internal Review Law), as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any of such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the Corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated for such purposes.

## Article VII Membership

Membership shall be open to all those who are or may become interested in the League objectives. The attendance at a League meeting shall not be limited as to number of members present from each community, except only one collective vote shall be allowed each community on any and all matters.

## Article VIII Officers

The League officers shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Publicity Chairman.

## Article IX Amendments

The Constitution may be amended only under the following procedures. The proposed amendments shall be discussed at the regular meeting when a motion to amend is made, and at the next regular meeting such proposed amendment shall be voted upon by the membership. Adoption of an amendment requires a favorable majority vote from communities present and eligible to vote.

BY-LAWS PERTAINING TO BOTH THE **RECREATIONAL AND TOURNAMENT** LEAGUES OF  
THE GIRLS' SOFTBALL LEAGUE OF JEFFERSON COUNTY (GSLJC)  
Revised January, 2007

## Article I Type of Organization

The League shall be sponsored by voluntary contributions from gifts of individuals or organizations, and from funds raised by the League. It will be a nonprofit amateur organization. No individual member shall be personally liable for any debts the League may contract. Debts contracted shall be by the approval of the voting membership. Special assessments may be levied upon the individual communities as shall be decided by the voting membership.

## Article II Parliamentary Authority

Roberts' Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern the proceedings of the GSJLC in all cases not provided for in the Bylaws or in the Standing Rules.

## Article III Suspension of Bylaws

These Bylaws may be suspended at any meeting by a majority vote of the representatives present and eligible, a quorum being present.

#### **Article IV Amendments**

Bylaws may be amended at any meeting by a majority vote with notice at the preceding meeting. The vote must be counted and recorded in the minutes.

#### **Articles V Duties of Officers**

**Section 1.** It shall be the duty of the President to call and preside at all meetings of the League; appoint committees; and perform all duties the office may require. The President shall cast the deciding vote in case of a tie vote among the area representatives. The President cannot vote twice, once as a member, then again in his capacity as president – first to make a tie and then cast the deciding vote. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the nominating committee.

**Section 2.** Vice-President shall perform duties of the President in his/her absence and all duties the Vice-President office requires.

**Section 3 .** The Secretary shall keep and record as a permanent record the minutes of the League meetings, shall notify the community representatives of each meeting, shall notify all officers of their elections, and shall perform all other duties the office may require. He/she shall distribute minutes of the monthly meetings to League officers and community representatives.

**Section 4.** In the absence of both the President and Vice-President, the Treasurer shall preside at any meeting of the League, and shall assume and perform all duties as may be required. He/she shall also receive and keep the League funds in a bank selected by the Executive Committee. All expenses of the League are to be paid by check bearing any two out of three signatures consisting of the President, Vice-President and Treasurer. At the September meeting, the Treasurer shall submit the books for audit. At the October meeting he/she shall submit a financial statement and a statement of receipts and disbursements to the membership. All such reports and statements shall become part of the permanent records.

**Section 5.** The Publicity Chairman shall perform all duties as assigned by the Executive Committee.

#### **Article VI Election of Officers**

**Section 1.** The Nominating Committee shall present one or more candidates for each office at the October meeting. Election of officers shall be held at the November meeting and the new officers will assume office after the November meeting. Nominations from the floor will be in order. The election of each position shall be conducted by vote. No two or more officers are to be elected from the same community except where due to lack of candidates or unwillingness to serve such double representation may be warranted.

**Section 2.** All officers shall serve for a term of one year or until a successor is duly elected. New officers shall assume their duties at the close of the annual meeting in November.

#### **Article VII Meetings and Quorum**

**Section 1.** A regular meeting shall be held one day of every month with the exception of the months of July, August and December at a time and place designated by the President. The Secretary shall notify all officers and community representatives in advance of the meetings..

**Section 2.** The annual meeting shall be the regular November meeting.

**Section 3.** Special meetings may be called by the President or at the request of three or more community representatives.

**Section 4.** The GSLJC will not recognize a community representative unless he/she is a resident of the area he/she represents or receives unanimous approval from both the Executive Board and the Executive Committee.

**Section 5.** Only representatives from the member areas or their alternates shall be the voting delegates at the County League meetings.

**Section 6.** A quorum shall consist of a majority of the eligible voting membership.

**Section 7.** After a community has missed two (2) consecutive meetings, its voting privileges shall be suspended. Voting privileges shall be restored at the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) consecutive meeting attended. A community's responsibility to the League is not lessened by the suspension of its voting privileges.

**Section 8.** No tape recorders or cameras shall be permitted at meetings of the GSJLC without prior and full unanimous approval of the representatives.

**Section 9.** Annual team assessments are due in full by the regular May county meeting of the current playing season. Any area with a debt outstanding as of May 15 of the current playing season will be denied further team participation as well as being denied voting privileges until such debt has been paid.

#### **Article VIII Committees**

**Section 1.** The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Publicity.

**Section 2.** The Executive Board shall consist of the area representatives and shall have the voting power.

**Section 3.** The Supervisory Committee, consisting of the Vice-President as Chairman and such helps as he/she desires, shall be formed. Its duty shall be to examine all team rosters submitted by the communities and to verify that the team rosters

are correctly placed in leagues as to age and experience and to certify that players in the permissible age division. A player is eligible to play as soon as the player is certified by the Committee.

**Section 4.** The Scheduling Committee shall be appointed by the President not later than the March meeting. Duties shall be to schedule dates, times and places of all League games. The Committee shall arrange for a schedule to be completed by the Friday of the third complete week of play in July, not to be later than July 23<sup>rd</sup> or such dates as determined by the Scheduling Committee. Any game played after midnight of the last schedule game shall not be recognized by the League. This Committee shall be responsible for rescheduling of games. At the end of the regular playing schedule, the Scheduling Committee shall determine the top teams in each age group with the assistance of the area representatives and the official scorekeeper.

**Section 5.** The Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the President not later than the August meeting of each year. It shall consist of three members provided no two members are from the same community.

**Section 6.** The president shall appoint by the September meeting an Auditing Committee consisting of three members. Duties shall be to audit the records of the Treasurer and to submit a report from the same community.

**Section 7. Protest Committee and Ruling**

- A. A Protest Committee shall be appointed by the President not later than March of each year. Duties shall be to act on all protests submitted to the Committee. The Committee shall consist of representatives of member communities. Representatives of member communities on the committee who are parties to a protest shall not participate as committee members in hearings or in decisions regarding that protest. Three members present and qualified to participate shall constitute a quorum.
- B. In case of protest, the League shall abide by the USSSA Official softball playing rules as herein amended.
- C. All protests must be filed with the Protest Committee Chairman within 72 hours after the game is played. The written protest must be either mailed (U.S. Postal Service postmark constitutes filing date) or hand delivered (chairman will certify date received) to the Protest Chairman within the 72-hour time limit in order to be considered. Protests must be accompanied by a \$25 check made out to the Girls' Softball League of Jefferson County. If the protest is upheld, the money will be returned; if not upheld, the money will be retained in the treasury of the League. The protest may include a written statement from the opposing coach, assistant coach, or one of the game umpires stating the pertinent facts relative to the incident causing the protest.

If the Protest Committee determines that a team violated a league rule, the game shall be forfeited by that team. If the Protest Committee upholds the protest because of an officiating error, the game will be replayed from the point in time of the protest.

- D. The Committee shall hold a meeting within one week of the date the protest is received and forward a decision to both parties within two (2) weeks. The decision of the Protest Committee shall be final.

**Article IX**

**Section 1. Bracketing**

At a March meeting, for the purpose of bracketing, the number of teams and qualifications of the players in each age group shall be submitted to the Scheduling Committee. The Executive Board will utilize a board approved bracketing policy. A team having played in the Tournament League desiring entrance or re-entrance into the recreational division of the GSLJC shall be evaluated by the Executive Board and the Executive Committee of the League as to its acceptance according to the bylaws of the League. The decision of these two bodies shall be final.

**Section 2. Scorekeeping**

- A) The President shall appoint a Score Recorder each year who will verify the season's on-line scores and standings.
- B) After their game, the winning coach shall submit a scorecard to the umpire for signature. The coach shall keep the signed card in his files for possible verification by the GSLJC Score Recorder.
- C) Both coaches or their team representative shall post the game score onto the GSLJC website within 72 hours. The home team report shall be the official record for the game. Any discrepancies will be handled by the GSLJC Score Recorder.

**Section 3. Postponements**

- A. Games shall not be postponed except in case of unfavorable field conditions. Home coach shall report a postponement to the Rescheduling Chairman within twenty-four (24) hours. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of the game by the home team. Coaches involved in a postponed game will be notified of time and place of the rescheduled game by the Rescheduling Chairman. Postponements must be played at the time and place scheduled by the Rescheduling Chairman.. Any deviation will result in a forfeiture by both teams. A thirty-six (36) hour minimum notice of rescheduled games must be given to the communities involved with the exception of the last two weeks of the playing season when rescheduling may be on shorter notice. In the event of unfavorable field conditions interfering with play in the season's last five (5) days of play, those games which have no bearing on the two top positions in each league shall not be rescheduled.
- B. If a lighted field has a curfew, such curfew shall be honored. If a legal game has not been completed at the curfew, or if a game is suspended because of unfavorable field conditions, the game shall be rescheduled and played from the 6<sup>th</sup> out of the previous inning. Time begins at the 6<sup>th</sup> out of the previous inning with lineups as close as possible to when the game was stopped.

**Section 4. Game time is forfeit time.**