

2007-2008 CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

FOR

COVENTRY GIRL'S SOFTBALL, INC.

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ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be "Coventry Girls Softball, Inc.", thereafter known as CGSL. This organization shall be incorporated under the laws governing non-profit and non-business corporations within and by the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

This is a non-profit organization whose purpose shall be to provide an opportunity for interested persons to assist in the operation of a softball league for the youth of the Town of Coventry. Specifically, the purpose of this organization shall be to operate a softball league for girls of the town of Coventry and to encourage the spirit of fair play and sportsmanship.

ARTICLE III - ADULT MEMBERSHIP

1. Adult membership is open to any person eighteen (18) years or older, of good moral character, who is interested in promoting the game of softball.
2. All Managers and coaches must be of high moral character and be residents and/or taxpayers of the town of Coventry and be willing to volunteer their time. Should a Manager or coach move from the town of Coventry, he or she may only continue in their present capacity in their present division as long as they remain in continuous service to the league. He or she would not be eligible to hold a manager or coaching position in a different division and once continued service is disrupted the membership in the league must end.
3. All Managers and coaches must be recorded with the appropriate Secretary of the league. The information required is: Name, Address, Telephone Number and active dependent's name(s).
 - a) **All Managers and coaches must submit a satisfactory BCI before they are assigned to a team.**
 - b) **All BCI's must be updated every three years starting in the year 2004.**
4. New members. Managers and Coaches must be submitted, in writing, to the Executive Board for review and submitted to the General Membership for its approval. All candidates must be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the eligible voting members in attendance at the meeting. All candidates must be in attendance for either the first (1st) or the second (2nd) reading in order to be approved.
5. **Exception:** Previous managers and coaches do not have to be present for a reading to become a new manager or coach.
6. Each eligible member shall have one vote. All issues shall be decided by a majority vote (except as noted in ARTICLE VI Section 3). Fifteen (15) members constitute a quorum.
7. Any member who fails to attend fifty (50%) percent of the previous twelve (12) months meetings shall not be eligible to vote. New members must be in the league a minimum of four (4) months and attend two (2) meetings from the point of admission to be eligible to vote.
8. Any member of the Executive Board who misses three (3) consecutive board meetings shall be subject to an Executive Board review for dismissal.

9. A league seniority list shall be maintained for all members that attend a minimum of four (4) of the previous eight (12) months general meetings; failure to attend the minimum number of meetings will result in the loss of all seniority. A one (1) year leave of absence may be requested which will allow a member to retain their seniority during that time. The seniority list will be in the following order:
 1. Total time of managing experience
 2. Total time of coaching experience
 3. Total time as a member

All Starting dates shall be based on the date of approval as defined in section 4 of this Article. If a member failed to attend the minimum required meetings, the new seniority date will be the date the member attends the minimum required meetings. Managing and coaching time will be accumulated during each approval/resignation cycle with a change of Divisions considered continuous.

ARTICLE IV -OFFICERS

The officers of this organization shall be a: PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, TREASURER, LEAGUE COMMISSIONER, INSTRUCTIONAL, JUNIOR, SENIOR, AND FALL BALL LEAGUE DIRECTOR, CONCESSION STAND MANAGER, EQUIPMENT MANAGER, LEAGUE STATISTICIAN, TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR, RECORDING SECRETARY AND TWO (2) TRUSTEES. They shall service until their successors have been duly elected. The Executive Board shall consist of the above named officers.

1. All terms shall be for one (1) year except for one of the trustees, who shall serve for a term of two (2) years. To hold office you must be an eligible voting member.
2. All nominations from the Nominating Committee and Floor must be submitted at the September Meeting.
3. Elections shall be held at the October general meeting, if offices are challenged then all candidates will have the opportunity to address the body.

ARTICLE V - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

PRESIDENT- Shall preside at all meetings; shall support all committees and shall perform all duties which usually pertain to such an office. The President shall be the official spokesperson for the league and liaison between the league and the political, government and media agencies. The President shall be the official spokesperson for the league and liaison between the league and the political, governmental and media agencies. The President shall appoint any other elected or appointed official whenever a vacancy, either temporary or permanent occurs.

VICE-PRESIDENT - Shall perform, in the absence of the President, all duties usually designated to the President. The Vice-president shall oversee and supervise the fund raising activities of the league and shall secure dates and permits for tag day during the first week of January.

SECRETARY - Shall keep minutes of all membership and Executive Board meetings and have custody of the records and minutes of the organization. He/She shall call Executive Board members for meetings and prepare and mail the agenda for the general membership meetings. He/She shall be responsible for circulating and tabulating attendance sheets for the monthly meetings for the purpose of determining voter eligibility, and be responsible for league publicity and all incoming and outgoing correspondence. **He/She will supply all Managers with a complete roster of all teams within their division by opening day.**

TREASURER - Shall have the responsibility for the custody of all the funds of the organizations and pay all the bills upon the approval of the President. The treasurer shall maintain a record of all receipts and expenditures and submit monthly and annual reports. All book shall be finalized, closed, and turned over to the trustee for auditing the night of elections. The treasurer must be bonded and must pay the league insurance by March 1st and must file form 990 with the Internal Revenue Service no later than March 15th of the current year.

LEAGUE COMMISSIONER - Shall oversee and supervise scheduling and Division Directors and determine fields and equipment to be used. He/She shall also oversee cancellations of games (one hour prior to scheduled game time).

INSTRUCTIONAL AND FALL BALL LEAGUE DIRECTORS- Shall oversee their respective divisions.

JUNIOR AND SENIOR DIVISION DIRECTORS - Shall oversee their respective divisions, shall conduct drafts in their respective divisions, shall coordinate the All Star selection process and coordinate division scheduling with the League Commissioner.

EQUIPMENT MANAGER - Will be responsible for League equipment, insuring it is in good condition, replenishing or re-ordering as needed, as well as the issuance and collection of league equipment. He/she will work with the Treasurer in preparation of the equipment budget, getting bids, and purchasing. In voting on what vendors equipment should be purchased from, the Equipment Manager and Treasurer, if involved in the bid process, should not have a vote, but should make recommendations. Examples of equipment items would be the 12 point award items, uniforms, balls, medical supplies, bases, bags, catching gear etc.

CONCESSION MANAGER - Shall be responsible for administering the concessions stand or stands. This would include establishing the menu, pricing the menu, getting prices from various suppliers, scheduling workers when games are being played and with the Treasurer or other designees, purchase all needed supplies. The Concession Stand Manager or designee may collect proceeds of the stand but must deliver them to the Treasurer for deposit within a reasonable time.

LEAGUE STATISTICIAN - Shall be responsible for tracking player attendance at games, compiling of game summaries prepared by Managers.

RECORDING SECRETARY- Shall maintain all league registrations and complete rosters for the league.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR - Will be responsible for all All-Star tournaments sponsored by the league. He/she will work with the President setting up the tournaments approved by the Executive Board. He/She will be chairperson of the Host Tournament Committee.

ONE YEAR TRUSTEE & TWO YEAR TRUSTEE - Shall oversee and guide the league in formulation policies and procedures for the proper operation of the league and shall oversee the presentation of the league financial records to a qualified auditor or firm. All audit results shall be presented to the body by the April meeting. All audit results shall be completed by March 1st of the current year so the league treasurer can file form 990 with the Internal Revenue Service by March 15th of the current year.

ARTICLE VI - ADMINISTRATION

1. The administration of this league shall be under the direct control of the Executive Board.
2. All matters concerning policy and procedures shall be decided by a majority vote of the Executive Board.
3. A majority vote of the general membership at the regular meeting may petition the Executive Board to review a decision. The results of such a review must be presented to the membership at the next regular meeting. After review, a two thirds (2/3) vote of the voting membership shall override an Executive Board decision.
4. A quorum of the Executive Board shall consists of seven (7) members. In the event of a deadlock in the vote, the President shall cast the deciding ballot.
5. The President shall cast a ballot only when an issue is deadlocked in vote during a general meeting.
6. An annual request shall be submitted to the Town of Coventry for funds and/or equipment to enable this organization to adequately carry out its responsibilities. Additional funds may be solicited through whatever legal means are appropriate to this organization.
7. All unbudgeted expenditures over five hundred dollars (\$500.) must be approved by a majority vote of the general membership. **In the event of emergency a unanimous quorum vote of the Executive Board may exceed this \$500 limit, and the General Membership must be informed at the first regular monthly meeting following this vote.**

ARTICLE VII - COMMITTEES

The President shall appoint the committee shall select all necessary committees and the committee chairperson. The chairperson shall be responsible to the President.

1. **A RULES AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE:** shall be formed in November for the purpose of reviewing all matters or amending the Constitution, By-Laws and Rules of this organization with all changes submitted at the January meeting, discussed in February and a final vote on these matters in March. This committee shall also consist of the Trustee of this League. The Rules Committee Chairperson shall be responsible for ensuring the signing of the Constitution by the Executive Board member.
2. **A BUDGET COMMITTEE:** shall be formed no later than December with budget to be submitted no later than January.
3. **A SPONSOR/SIGN COMMITTEE:** shall be formed no later than December. This committee shall solicit existing sponsor/signs. And actively search for new sponsor/signs as needed. This committee shall coordinate the installation and removal of all sponsor signs.
4. **A FUND RAISING COMMITTEE:** shall be formed no later than December. The Vice-President will be Chairperson of this committee.
5. **A FIELD MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE:** shall be formed no later than March. This committee shall consist of a least ten (10) persons.
6. **A CONCESSION STAND COMMITTEE:** shall be formed no later than March. The responsibilities of this committee shall be to coordinate all buying and selling for the concession stand, and winterize the stand by October 31st. At the end of the year a financial report shall be presented to the general body.
7. **A HOST TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE:** shall be formed no later than January to establish and manage all tournaments held in Coventry.
8. **A POST SEASON ACTIVITES COMMITTEE:** shall be formed no later than April. This committee shall be responsible for all awards, trophies, jackets, banquet, picnic, or any other award ceremony decided upon the league. Any restrictions or requirements placed upon the players concerning these awards must be approved as described in Article III Section 5.
9. **A NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** shall be formed no later than August with all nominations being read at the September general meeting. Only one name shall be submitted for each position.

10. **A PROTEST COMMITTEE:** shall be in effect during the regular season play. The President shall appoint three (3) non-affiliated persons to serve on this committee.

11. **A FUTURE'S COMMITTEE** - shall be formed to guide the league in its goal of building a complex. The duties of the committee will include formulating plan specifications, grant writing, hiring, recruiting professional help as needed, fund raising (with proceeds deposited in the Future's Fund), and any other duties deemed necessary in building a complex.

NOTE: Committees of Article VII shall terminate or expire at the annual election of officers. **(with the exception of the Future's Committee)**

ARTICLE VIII - MEETINGS

1. Regular monthly meetings shall be held during the calendar year. If any monthly meeting is cancelled by the Executive Board, that meeting will be credited as an attendance.
2. All meetings will be held at a regular place, date and time specified by the President. The President or a majority vote of the Executive Board, as required, may call special meetings, provided members have three (3) days notice.
3. The order of business at the regular meeting is as follows:
 - A - CALL TO ORDER**
 - B - ATTENDANCE AT LAST EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**
 - C - MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**
 - D - TREASURERS' REPORT**
 - F - COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - G - OLD BUSINESS**
 - H - NEW BUSINESS**
 - I - ADJOURNMENT**
4. Any motions requesting League funding shall be in writing. Other long, important or complicated motions shall also be submitted in writing at the discretion of the President.
5. Parliamentary Authority - The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rule's of Order Newly Revised shall govern the League in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these By-Laws and any special rules of order the League may adopt.

ARTICLE IX - REGISTRATION

1. General Registration shall be conducted by mail-in registration and one (1) weekend Final Registration at the Coventry Community Center. All players who were assigned to teams, and those in the general pool, will be sent registration forms the last week of July or the first week in August or the last week of January/first week of February. Registration forms must be returned to the League postmarked no later than the last day of Final Registration.

Final Registration shall be held the second or third weekend in September or March and shall be open Saturday, Sunday and Monday a minimum of two (2) hours each day.

Any player signing up after the Final Registration, or whose registration form was postmarked later than the last day of Final Registration, will be assigned to player pools as described in this article.

2. Tryouts will be held in September/October or February/March.
3. Information required at the registration is:

A - PLAYERS FULL NAME

B - VERIFIABLE ADDRESS

C - VERIFIABLE AGE (BIRTH CERTIFICATE)

D - TELEPHONE NUMBER

E - MEDICAL PROBLEMS (IF ANY)

F - BOTH PARENTS/GUARDIAN'S NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER

G - PARENT OR GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE (indicating permission for dependent to participate in CGSL)

H - A question regarding if a player will be involved in any other activity during the season.

4. All players must pay a registration fee.
5. All returning players must register during the general registration in order to be assigned to her team roster prior to tryouts. Any returning player who fails to register at this time will be assigned to her existing team pool.
6. All players who register on time will be guaranteed to play on a team. New registrants signing up after the final registration will be put into a general pool and will only be eligible for tryouts or draft if needed to fill the roster. Existing players must register by the final registration date or be placed in team pool. New registrants will be allowed to register at any time. However, no fee will be collected until the player is placed on a team.

7. Instructional Division registration is open.
8. All registrants signing up after tryouts will be assigned to the general pool. Girls who have played in the league previously will be assigned to their team pool. Team pool players will not have precedence over the player pool. All assignments will be made by ascending registration date.
9. Player pool: The League Commissioner shall have oversight over both team and player pools. He/she at the April E-Board meeting will be responsible for placing players on teams by ascending registration dates if more late applicants exist than opening on teams: thus leaving some applicants on a waiting list. If all applicants are going to be assigned, it should be done at one time during the April E-Board meeting (randomly, not draft order), with teams with the fewest players on their roster receiving new players first. (EXAMPLE there are five players in the pool, all eight teams in the division need one player and three of those teams need. The first three player being assigned would go to the three teams with the need for two players by random placement, the last two players would be assigned to one of the eight teams by a random drawing, not by draft order.) Players signing up after the pool is assigned will also be randomly placed on a team that still has vacancies. Also the Commissioner must make sure that in placing applicants, he/she does not exceed having five players in any one age group in the Junior League unless it is impossible based on the ages of the applicants and the openings on teams.

ARTICLE X - TEAM ASSIGNMENTS

1. A team shall consist of a maximum of fifteen (15) players on a roster. The Executive Board may decrease or increase the roster size by up to two (2) players depending upon registration. A special Executive Board meeting to set roster size will be held prior to draft.
2. Team rosters must be maintained at the determined strength at all times. Managers must notify the League Commissioner within twenty four (24) hours of any change, including any long term illness or injury. A doctor's certificate may be required before the League Commissioner replaces the ill or injured player.
EXCEPTION: After the three quarter (3/4) point of the scheduled games. Managers have the option of taking or not replacing a player to fill their rosters.
3. All persons once assigned to a team, will remain with that team as long as that person remains with the Junior or Senior Divisions, or as long as that team exists.
4. Any returning player who wishes to be removed from a team may petition the Executive Board for consideration. The Executive Board will act on the merits of the request and if it should agree, will place that person on an excused list. Any person on an excused list will be subject to tryouts and redraft, with that player's previous team declared ineligible to draft that person. The Executive Board has the authority to award compensation if it deems necessary.
5. Should an excused player have a sister, stepsister, or foster sister on the same team, that sister may also be considered an excused player.
6. A daughter, stepdaughter or foster child may play on a team sponsored by her parent(s) if the parent(s) is/are part of a full sponsor providing the daughter meets eligibility requirements.
7. The Managers immediate family may play on his/her team providing that the player meets eligibility requirements.
8. **PLAYER TRADING IS PROHIBITED.**
9. Expansion or contraction of the league through addition or elimination of teams will be the responsibility of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE XI - MANAGER/COACH RESPONSIBILITIES

1. All Managers and Coaches are expected to maintain exemplary conduct while involved in league activities.
2. There may be only one (1) Manager and three (3) Coaches or Assistant Coaches per team. Dismissal of Coaches or Assistant Coaches shall be at the discretion of the Manager. Coaches or Assistant Coaches may appeal the dismissal decision to the Executive Board.
3. **With the Executive Board approval an individual may manage or coach on more than one (1) team in different divisions, provided there are vacancies that cannot be filled.**
4. An individual may Manage or Coach only one (1) team in either the Junior, Intermediate, or Senior Divisions, but may serve as an assistant Coach in the Junior, Intermediate or Senior divisions.
5. In the event of the absence of the Manager and Coaches, the Manager may request the Executive Board for a league official to serve as interim Manager.
6. Managers or Coaches must schedule practice fields through the League Commissioner.
7. It will be the responsibility of the home team Manager to turn in games scores and record sheets to the League Statistician within three (3) days of each game to the CGSL mailbox or designated collection point. The first offense for not following the above shall consist of the Manager receiving an immediate one (1) game suspension. Any subsequent offenses will result in a further game suspension or suspension for the balance of the season plus all of the following season from all League activities.
8. It is the responsibility of the League Statistician to notify the Executive Board of any offenders.
9. Equipment must be turned in by the **September** General Meeting with a list of players who have not returned uniforms and a list of missing equipment. Any Manager not doing so by the time specified above forfeits his/her right to manage or coach next season. The same rules will apply for All-Star managers, except the date of returning equipment and uniforms will be the October General Meeting, and Fall ball managers returning equipment at the November General Meeting.

10. It is the responsibility of the Manager to designate persons to operate the concession stand at Paine Field on his/her teams assigned times.
11. Any Manager not informing a player on his/her team of scheduled or unscheduled games whether it be make-up, playoffs, or All-Stars will be subject to a:
 - a. **1st Offense** Two game suspension,
 - b. **2nd Offense** Suspended for the rest of the season
 - c. **3rd Offense** Permanently suspended from the League, after Executive Board review and interview.
12. In the event there is more than one game in a given day, only the first game is required a call. To cover yourself, if you cannot reach a child you should call your League Director or Commissioner.
13. Deals with Concessions Stand
 - a. All managers and coaches must attend a mandatory pre-season concession stand operational review given by the Concession Stand Director and/or committee during April of each year. There will be sign up sheets at the February and March meetings. Times will be assigned no later than the April General Meeting.
 - b. All C.G.S.L. Instructional managers of 7 and 8 year olds, Junior, and Senior League Divisions teams will be assigned a number of duty nights to man and operate the concession stand. If a game is cancelled by the Commissioner, the team originally assigned is responsible for the make up and will be notified as soon as the game is rescheduled. All assignments will be on off nights but will not take into account any team's inter-season practice schedule. Any switching of shifts is to be done through the Commissioner.
 - c. Persons assigned Monday through Friday, and the first shift on Saturday and Sunday, must be at the Stand at (25) prior to the start of their shift. Persons assigned to fill shifts other than the first shift of a day, must arrive at least ten minutes prior to their shift.

ARTICLE XII - DISCIPLINE OF MANAGERS AND COACHES

1. Any Manager or Coach who violates the rules and by laws or the spirit of sportsmanship or the ASA Coaching Standards shall be subject to receive an official reprimand by the Executive Board.

ASA COACHING STANDARDS

- a. I will place my athlete's emotional and physical well being as my top priority.**
 - b. I will provide a safe practicing and playing environment for my players.**
 - c. I will provide a drug free and alcohol free environment for my players.**
 - d. I will treat each athlete fairly and honestly.**
 - e. I will treat my fellow coaches, umpires and league officials with courtesy and respect.**
 - f. I will be a positive role model to all players and coaches within my program.**
 - g. I realize there are different ability levels among my players and will always strive to treat each player as a unique individual and capable of improving.**
 - h. I will place the realistic skill development of my players above my own personal coaching goals.**
 - i. I will continue to grow in my knowledge of coaching and softball for the benefit of my players.**
 - j. I agree to uphold these ASS Coaching Standards for the benefit of my players.**
2. A reprimand shall be a statement in writing citing the offense and a warning to cease and desist same. The President and at least two (2) other members of the Executive Board shall sign it.
 3. Any Manager or Coach who receives more than two (2) official reprimands in any twelve (12) month period or three (3) in total, shall be subject to expulsion from the league.
 4. Any Manager or Coach who has in the opinion of the Executive Board committed a serious moral or ethical offense will be subject to immediate expulsion from the league.
 5. All accused persons may appeal to the Executive Board and if the appeal decision is not favorable to the accused they may then appeal to the general membership.
 6. An expelled Manager or Coach may never be re-admitted to the league.

ARTICLE XIII - MANAGER/COACH VACANCIES

1. All management vacancies will be filled by eligible voting members of the CGSL as defined in Article III and based on a former managers "good standing" as defined in Article XI, section one (1) concerning manager and coaches responsibilities. In the case of more than one individual having interest in a vacant position, and all have complied with Article XI, section one (1), seniority, as defined in Article III, will be used as the deciding factor.

In the event an applicant is found deficient in the areas of manager's responsibilities, he/she may be denied a position...including all-star teams.

EXCEPTION: The only precedent over seniority shall be an eligible resident Coach from the previous season on the team that is losing a Manager. If more than one eligible resident Coach desires to be Manager, the decision will be made by team seniority.

2. Managers will select their own Coaches. All Coaches are subject to League approval.
3. All Manager's vacancies will be advertised in the agenda.
4. All managers request assignment to the position. Manager's privileges will be in effect with the draft choice compensation awarded to the team losing players and determined by the Executive Board.
5. If the number of teams in a division must be reduced, the teams to be eliminated shall be based on the following criteria as of the date of Final Registration:
 - a. Team(s) without a resident Manager
 - b. Team(s) with the Manager(s) with the least seniority
 - c. Team(s) with the least of players returning

ARTICLE XIV - DRAFT AND TRYOUTS

1. The draft sequence will be in reverse order of league standing at the end of the previous season.
2. In case of ties in the final standing, with the exception of the previous years playoff teams, the number for the first draft selection shall be decided by draw and thereafter shall alternate in each round. Team representatives must be in attendance e.g. - assume teams A and B should tie for third place at the end of the season; for the first draft round they would draw for No. 2 and No. 3 choice (based on a five team League), the winner getting No. 2 choice and loser getting No. 3 choice in that round but on alternating rounds the loser would get the No. 2 choice in the second round and No. 3 choice in the third round etc.)
3. The following players are subject to be drafted. All new players to the league, all persons that have been graduated from Instructional, Junior, and Intermediate Divisions, any person that has been excused from her previous team, any returning player who was dismissed from the league for disciplinary reasons.

No team shall be able to carry any more than five girls in any one age group, unless all other age groups are or will be exhausted. The Commissioner of the league will oversee the draft to ensure teams adhere to this breakdown as close as possible. It is understood that this will be subject to the ages of new registrants and is for the Junior Division only.

4. The following players are not subject to be drafted: Eligible returning players to an established team; children, dependents or foster children of Managers (optional to the family with written letter from parent) sisters, step sisters and foster sisters of players already assigned to an established team (optional to the family with written letter from parent); any returning player who did not play the previous year because of injury or illness, unless they meet other requirements or section (3) of this article; any returning player who disqualified herself because of varsity status, said player will return to the last team she played with. If that team is no longer in existence or the player meets other requirements of section three (3) of this article, that player will be assigned to the draft.
5. Managers and sponsors children, dependents, step children, foster children and sisters will be considered individual draft choices where the individual will be considered a first round pick if they were voted in the top eight (8) on the "A" all -star team in one of the prior two seasons, and a second round pick if the individual played on the "A" all-stars but was not voted in as a top eight (8) player, and a third round pick if the individual was a "B" all-star or not an all-star. However, if in the opinion of the E-Board, an individual is an all-star caliber player, but chooses not to play all-stars, that player may be placed accordingly. If a team has both a sponsor's daughter and

manager's daughter both coming onto the team and both are all-stars, those players will be placed as either first and second, or second and third draft picks, depending on if one or both players were top eight (8) "A" all-stars.

6. The draft will consist of all persons meeting the qualifications as outlined in section three (3) of this article. The draft will be conducted in a manner deemed appropriate by the Executive Board.
7. All registered players not eligible for the draft will be put in the general pool by date and by lot.
8. If a player fails to tryout without a valid reason and notification to the appropriate division director, she will be assigned to a team using a random selection method, when and if an opening arises. If rosters are full when her turn comes she will be put in the general pool as outlined above. Any player excused from tryouts will be assigned to teams by lottery pending roster vacancy. This lottery will be held after the draft is completed. The remaining roster vacancies will be filled by a lottery consisting of non-excused registrants.

This will be enforced for the Junior and Intermediate divisions only. All girls (excused or unexcused) are eligible to be picked at any point in time during the senior division draft.

If a player who was an All-star in either of other prior two years fails to attend the tryouts, that player will be available to all managers in the draft. Such player will not go in the player pool. All players who played All-Stars the previous season will be designated as such on the draft

9. Attendance at the draft is limited to Managers and Coaches. In the event of absence of the Manager and the Coaches, the Manager may designate an individual(s) who are active league members.
10. Team Expansion - when a new team is formed the Manager will receive five (5) players prior to the start of the draft. If there is more than one expansion team the teams will alternate their first five (5) picks, a lottery will be used to determine their seed positions. The expansion team(s) will then be placed at the end of the draft sequence and will draft two (2) players for the second round and one player each round thereafter.
11. Whenever an entire division is to be redrafted, the draft will be conducted in the following order: Each team will be picked by lottery for the order of the draft.

The redraft will be done in the order of the finish from the lottery. Once the first round is completed, the second round will start with the last team that picked. It will move back up in order and the third round will start with the last team that picked in the second round. This up and down order will continue until the draft is completed.

ARTICLE XV - PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

1. **Instructional Division** - players must be 5 years old before January 1st of the playing year and not 9 years old before January 1st of the playing year.
2. **Junior Division** - players must be 9 years old before January 1st of the playing year and not 13 years old before January 1st of the playing year. Any player in the Junior Division may be sent to the Instructional Division for extra help, but must remain on the Junior Division roster and be included in all Junior Division Games. Extra help for any player must be scheduled through the Instructional Division Director.
3. **Senior Division** - players must be 13 years old before January 1st of the playing year and up to 18 years old before January 1st of the playing year or High School graduation, whichever comes first. This is a 3 year trial and will be evaluated each year by the Executive Board. A total redraft of this new division will occur after tryouts in 2006. Tryouts for this division will be held the first (1st) week in April.
4. Ineligibility for any reason shall not be determined during a game. If there is a league error, the Manager/Coach and/or team shall not be penalized. Appropriate penalties to be determined by the Executive Board.
5. Registering in any other league in conjunction with CGSL is permissible, however, it should be noted that failure to play in a scheduled game for CGSL due to participating in another league will cause that player to become an ineligible player.
EXCEPTION: Interscholastic League.

Scheduled games include playoffs. Any player determined to be ineligible due to violation of priority rule will be subject to suspension; First offense, two (2) games; second offense; remainder of season.

6. This league exists for the residents and taxpayers of the Town of Coventry. Should a player move from the town she would be allowed to complete her tenure in this league by paying the registration fee. Once the continuity of tenure is disrupted, the player will no longer be eligible for membership in this league.

ARTICLE XVI - PLAYER RESPONSIBILITIES

1. If the uniform is not returned or paid for by the Final Registration for the following season, the player will not be allowed to register.
2. If a uniform is lost or destroyed the player is expected to compensate the League for its loss.
3. All players are expected to participate in any fund raising activities the League has deemed necessary for them.

ARTICLE XVII - DISCIPLINE OF PLAYERS

1. Discipline of players is at the discretion of the Manager, but the penalty is limited to one game suspension per offense.
2. Any player who has three (3) suspensions or has missed three (3) games without an excuse shall be considered a habitual offender. If a player is a habitual offender she shall be referred to the appropriate Division Director for further disciplinary action, including review and suspension by the Executive Board.
3. Any player that has in the opinion of the Executive Board, committed a serious moral or ethical offense will be subject to immediate expulsion from the league.
4. All excused persons or their Parent(s) may appeal to the Executive Board, and, if the appeal decision is not favorable to the accused, they may appeal to the general membership.
5. An expelled player cannot be re-admitted to the league for the remainder of the season. Re-admittance is subject to the Executive Board.

ARTICLE XVIII - PLAYER GRADUATES & SCHOLARSHIPS

- 1. Scholarships will be awarded to all girls upon the completion of their fourth and final in the Senior Division, provided the League budgeted for this item. The Executive Board on annual basis will determine the amount of the scholarship. Each girl will have to meet the following requirements to receive her scholarship.**
 - a. Must have four (4) points in her fourth year.**
 - b. Must have played 50% of all games she was eligible to play.**
 - c. Must provide a letter of acceptance from a University, College or Technical School along with prove of a deposit given to the school.**
 - d. She will be given credit for each year in the Senior Division that she meets requirement “b” above. The scholarship will be pro-rated for every year requirement “b” was not meet.**
 - e. A player may receive up to \$250 in scholarship funding.**

ARTICLE XIX - PLAYOFFS

- 1. Not more than fifty percent (50%) of the teams will participate in the playoffs if there are seven (7) or more teams in that division. All teams in that division will make the playoffs if there are six (6) or fewer teams. You will round up to decide how many teams make the playoffs if there are an odd number of teams. For example, if there were nine teams in a division, five teams would be in the playoffs. However, the Executive Board may adjust the number of teams for the playoffs at its discretion. Any teams that do not qualify for the playoffs in accordance with the Bylaws will qualify for a B Division playoff.**
2. Playoffs will be conducted tournament style, at a time to be assigned by the League Commissioner.
3. Playoffs will be double elimination.
4. In case of a tie(s) the seed will be determined by head to head competition whenever possible, then by team that allowed the fewest runs in head to head competition, then by draw with team representation in attendance if necessary (i.e. three (3) way tie.

ARTICLE XX - MANAGER SELECTION OF ALL-STAR TEAMS

1. All-star Managers and Coaches must be Level I ASA Certified or have the equivalent experience the State allows, and eligible voting members of CGSL as defined in Article III - Adult membership before being considered for the selection process.
2. In the case of selecting Managers for All-Star Teams, the Manager with the previous years' best regular season record will be given the opportunity to accept this privilege. In the case of a tie, the selection of All-Star Manager will be based upon head to head competition. In the case of a tie in head to head competition, the team Manager with the least number of runs allowed in head to head competition will become the All-Star Manager. In the case of a tie with the least number of runs scored then the decision will be made by the toss of a coin. All-Star Managers must manage within their own divisions and be active Managers, which the E-Board has determined have met the requirements of managers in Article XI, section one (1). **Managers will be selected February of the playing year.**

The accepting All-Star Manager shall have the option of managing any team within his division.

3. In the event the best record Manager refuses or does not return, the Manager with the next best record will be asked and so on until a Manager accepts. In the event that no returning Manager accepts the position, the new Manager shall have preference. Coaches will then be asked by order of finish from the previous years standings.
4. Manager must retain the title of Manager of that All-Star team.
5. Instructional All-Star managers will be picked by the President with advice from the Instructional Director.

All-Star Coaches must be selected from the ranks of Managers, Coaches or Executive Board members of the league. **A person may only manage one All-Star team within the league at any time, but may be a Coach or Scorekeeper on another if any vacancies cannot be filled. However, their first responsibility is as a team Manager.**

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ARTICLE XXI - SELECTION OF ALL -STAR TEAMS

1. All All-Star teams shall consist of five (5) adults (at least one (1) to be a female) and a minimum original roster of thirteen (13) players and a maximum of seventeen (17) players.
EXAMPLE: One manager, three (3) Coaches and one (1) Scorekeeper, one of which shall be female, plus the All-Star players.
2. All-Star nomination lists are to be completed and a meeting scheduled by the appointed date and time specified by the League Commissioner.
3. All-Star Managers are forbidden to solicit other managers, in any form, their All-Star preferences.
4. The Executive board on an annual basis will determine the establishment of “**Blue**” All-Star teams.
5. All-Star nominee's try out will be held the first (1) or second (2) Saturday or Sunday in June. **However, the senior League may or may not have a tryout depending on the preference of the Senior League Director. However managers still must nominate and score players on ballots.**
6. Each Manager will submit a ballot with thirty (30) All-Star nominations. Point values will be assigned to each nominee in descending order, thirty (30) being the highest value and one (1) being the lowest. Assessed points cannot be duplicated on a ballot. Each nominee's high and low vote will be eliminated. Each nominee's points will be totaled to determine the order of team assignment. The Manager may not vote for any nominee on his/her team.
7. Only girls listed on nomination forms will be eligible to play on an All-Star team with the exception of two (2) roster additions when attending a national tournament. The manager of the participating team may name 2 girls from Coventry. Any exceptions must have Executive Board approval. If the original list of players has been exhausted, the Executive Board may approve additional players from Coventry.
8. If a girl is selected to an “**Red**” All-Star team she cannot decline and play on another All-Star team.
9. Final ballots are to be received by the Division Directors by the date and time specified by the League Commissioner.
10. All-Star teams cannot travel out of state for tournaments unless the house league season is complete in the respective division, including playoffs.

11. All players must have 4 (four) points to participate on an All-Star team and must play in all eligible games (no unexcused absences).

ARTICLE XXII - TOURNAMENT

1. QUALIFICATION FOR REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS:

- a. A team must finish first (1) or second (2) officially in State qualifying tournament in the twelve (12) and under, fourteen (14) and under, sixteen (16) and under, and eighteen (18) and under age brackets, unless the tournament is local (with no overnight stay required) and a team can attend with the only cost being the registration fee, or if the tournament is out of state, the parents and coaches must pay for the entire trip and there is no cost to the league.

2. QUALIFICATION FOR NATIONAL TOURNAMENT:

- a. If there is no regional qualifying tournament, the respective team must finish 1st or 2nd in the state tournament. However, the respective team will not have to compete in any qualifying tournament if it has an automatic berth in the National Tournament.
- b. If a team(s) qualifies to go to a National Tournament, approval to travel shall be decided by the Executive Board based solely on the ability of the national qualifying team(s) to raise the required funds. Within two (2) days of qualifying, each team shall submit a written proposal estimating all travel expenses. This decision shall apply to all qualifying teams requesting to travel.
- c. Only the highest finishing team in an age division will be eligible to travel to a National Tournament.

3. FUNDING

- a. A fund shall be created called the All-Star Fund. The purpose of which shall be to assist teams qualifying for the Regional Tournament.
- b. All All-Star teams may be required to conduct fund raising activities for all qualifying teams. If deposits are required, advances may be obtained from the general fund to be replaced prior to traveling. Once the monetary needs of qualifying teams that are attending the Regionals or jackets requirements are satisfied, remaining proceeds can be made available to all of the All-Star Teams for travel, etc.
- c. In the event that one or more qualifying teams cannot achieve their monetary goal, these teams may receive the amount needed from the All-Star fund if available.

4. FUND RAISING

- a. If any team(s) qualify for a National Tournament and do not collectively reach their fund raising goal, the money collected will be returned to the donors whenever possible with the remainder going to the All-Star Fund.
- b. When a All-Star team reaches its goal, all money in excess of the goal will be returned to the All-Star Fund.
- c. National Qualifiers may use the CGSL name in their efforts to fund raise, however all their fund raising activities must be approved by the Executive Board.
- d. The Executive Board may charge a fee not greater than \$75 per individual to play on an All-Star team (hardship cases would be exempt). In the event of such an action, the E-Board would limit the number of fund raising activities to tagging (which is no cost to a players families) and either a raffle or steak-fry. The cost of shirt would be included in such fee. In the event a team qualifies for nationals, the E-Board will allow that team to schedule other fund raising activities.
- e. **The Executive Board will provide policies and guidelines for all traveling teams.**

5. EXPENDITURES

- a. All-Star Teams will be responsible for their own transportation, lodging, meals, laundry and other reasonable expenditures.
- b. **EXAMPLE:** First Aid, National "T" shirts, National pictures, National Programs, etc.
- c. The League President and/or League Treasurer must have access to all All-Star Fund accounts.
- d. Team jackets will be allowed for State, Regional, or National Champions.

6. FINANCIAL REPORT

- a. All teams receiving money from the All-Star Fund will be required to file a written financial report by the October General Meeting after the conclusion of playing activities. All income and expenses must be reported on this statement including receipts for expenses.

- b. The treasurer is responsible for submitting a report listing the sources of all income and disbursements to All-Star Managers by the October meeting.

ARTICLE XXIII - T-SHIRT LEAGUE

1. All players must pay a registration fee.
2. Participation shall be open to players 8 through 16 who are on regular season rosters. Divisions and teams to be governed by the number of sign-ups and age levels.
3. Players will be placed on teams and the specific running of the season shall be at the discretion of the Summer/Fall League Director.
4. Parents of summer fall ball players will be asked by the managers of their teams to man the concession stand during the summer/fall season. However they will not be asked to run the cooking appliances unless they have participated in concession stand operational reviews.

ARTICLE XXIV - SPONSORSHIPS

1. Any movement of sponsorships from division to division must be done with approval of the Executive board, after request is made in writing by the sponsor.
2. Daughters of sponsors will be permitted to be placed on the sponsors team, but not necessarily required to do so. The choice belongs to the player. A written letter from the sponsor to confirm the player or players choice must be received prior to the draft. The daughter would be counted as the fourth draft pick, unless the daughter is an all-star then the rules that apply to managers dependents in Section XIV, number 5, would prevail. There maybe exceptions when entire reorganization of divisions take place. Example: The intermediate Division in 1991.
3. Sponsorship openings may be filled by the following sponsors (in order of priority).
 1. Sponsor seniority (a present sponsor in another division requesting a change) with the sponsor as a Manager having a daughter on the team the year the change is to be made.
 2. A present sponsor in a different division with a daughter on the team the year the change is to be made.
 3. A present sponsor with no player on the team.
 4. A new sponsor from the waiting list.

ARTICLE XXV - GENERAL CONDUCT

1. Alcohol will not be allowed around the field areas of the League before, during and after the games.
2. If there is no Rule or by-law to govern a situation, then past precedent shall take priority.

**EXECUTIVE BOARD SIGNATURES
ACCEPTED BY,**

PRESIDENT: _____

VICE PRESIDENT: _____

SECRETARY: _____

RECORDING SECRETARY: _____

TREASURER: _____

LEAGUE COMMISSIONER: _____

INSTRUCTIONAL DIVISION
DIRECTOR: _____

JUNIOR DIVISION DIRECTOR: _____

SENIOR DIVISION DIRECTOR: _____

FALL BALL DIRECTOR: _____

CONCESSION MANAGER: _____

EQUIPMENT MANAGER: _____

LEAGUE STATISTICIAN: _____

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR: _____

TRUSTEE (1 Year): _____

TRUSTEE (2 Years): _____