

LITTLE FALLS YOUTH FASTPITCH ASSOCIATION BYLAWS

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of this organization shall be Little Falls Youth Fastpitch Association.

ARTICLE II PURPOSE

The purpose of Little Falls Youth Fastpitch Association is to provide a social and recreational softball club. This club is organized for recreation, pleasure, social activities and other similar nonprofit purposes. This organization is a recreational sports league for youth grades 2nd-12th attending Little Falls Schools.

ARTICLE III MISSION STATEMENT

Little Falls Youth Fastpitch strives to provide a league open to all Little Falls School District softball players in which they can focus on developing their skill level through additional practices, competitive tournament play, skills clinics, quality coaching and team bonding with fellow players. The league is here to support and follow the leadership direction of the Little Falls High School Varsity coach and the Little Falls High School softball program.

ARTICLE III AFFILIATIONS

ARTICLE IV PARTICIPATION

Section:1 Eligibility

A. Eligible players are any player residing in or attending a public or private school located within the city limits of Little Falls, or attending post secondary at a college campus or online if enrolled in PSEO through Little Falls High School. Players can begin playing in the Little Falls Youth Fastpitch travel league after completing 2nd grade and up until graduating 12th grade. It is a requirement that a player also participate in the Little Falls Community Education Night league. Players meeting these criteria shall be considered eligible to play softball for Little Falls Youth Fastpitch Association

B. Ineligible players are any players who do not meet the criteria for being considered an eligible player.

C. Upon graduating 12 grade a player will become ineligible to play on the Little Falls Youth Fastpitch Association league team.

Section 2: Registration

A. Participants must register prior to the start of each season during the published dates as established by the Little Falls Youth Fastpitch Board.

B. No late registrations will be accepted after teams are formed with exception given to new residents moving into the area or as approved by the Little Falls Youth Fastpitch Board.

C. Any person who registers under an assumed name, or gives incorrect age will become ineligible and will be suspended for the remainder of the current sports playing season.

D. Players might be required to attend tryouts for team placement purposes only, there will not be any players cut from playing on a team.

Section 3: Fees

A. Fees will be established annually for each participant and are required to be paid at registration.

B. Fees cover the costs of participation including but not limited to league fees, tournament and/or entry fees, tryouts, tournaments, umpires, uniforms, equipment and field maintenance. Fees will not be used to cover/subsidize travel expenses incurred by teams during regular or post season play.

C. No refunds are allowed once the teams have been established and must be approved by the Board.

Section 4: Age Qualifications

A. Teams will be established in five classifications: 10U, 12U, 14U, 16U and 18U.

B. The age classifications are:

*10 & Under: Players are 10 or younger as of January 1st of the current year

*12 & Under: Players are 12 or younger as of January 1st of the current year

*14 & Under: Players are 14 or younger as of January 1st of the current year

*16 & Under: Players are 16 or younger as of January 1st of the current year

*18 & Under: Players are 18 or younger as of January 1st of the current year

C. A player of a younger age classification may play in an older team class but the player of an older class may not play in a younger class, as per League, State and National rules.

Section 5: Placement on Team (Team Selection)

A. An effort will be made to place every registrant on a team.

B. There will be no more than 12 players placed on a team unless approved by Little Falls Youth Fastpitch Board. Teams require at least 10 players per team unless there is a shortage of players and then the Community Education night league players will be invited/encouraged to join.

C. The Little Falls Youth Fastpitch Board will have the right to consider any requests for

players that wish to voluntarily age up and be placed in an upper age class as needed.
D. Any player whose continued participation is deemed detrimental to the welfare of the association may be removed from the team upon a majority vote of the Little Falls Youth Fastpitch Board.

Section 6: Requirements

- A. Because of the limited number of participants allowed and the evaluation process establishing that number, we ask that participants and their parents or guardians commit to the practices, games and tournaments their team will participate in over the course of the season. Communication with the coaches in advance for anticipated missed practices, games and tournaments are required.
- B. It is expected that parents or guardians help support the Little Falls Youth Fastpitch fundraising efforts by committing to help with areas needed.
- C. Only approved Little Falls Youth Fastpitch uniforms can be worn by players during official games.

Section 7: Coaches

- A. The contracted Head Coach (18U team) and the Little Falls Youth Fastpitch Board shall be the ones to decide the coaches for all age classes.
- B. Head coaches will choose their own assistants and team managers. This will be limited to two official assistants.
- C. Any coach whose continued participation is deemed detrimental to the welfare of the association may be removed from the team upon a majority vote of the Little Falls Youth Fastpitch Board.
- D. If no coach volunteer is available for a given team, the Little Falls Youth Fastpitch Board will recruit coaches as appropriate.
- E. If the President is unsuccessful in recruiting a head coach, the Board will have to cancel that team.

Article V

Fastpitch Board of Directors

Section 1: Purpose

A. The purpose of Little Falls Youth Fastpitch Association is to develop competitive teams with strong emphasis on player development, commitment, sportsmanship, teamwork and game knowledge.

Section 2: Composition

A. The Little Falls Youth Fastpitch Board shall consist of 4-8 positions, which are:
President (2 year term, elections held in the even years)
Vice President (2 year term, elections held in the odd years)
Secretary (2 year term, elections held in the even years)
Treasurer (2 year term, elections held in the odd years)
Website/Communications Manager (2 year term, elections held in the even years).

Section 3: Duties

President

- Oversees the entire Little Falls Youth Fastpitch organization and is responsible for its management.
- Coordinate yearly budget.
- Prepares and distributes meeting agenda.
- Calls and conducts meetings.
- Distributes, collects and summarizes the parent/player evaluations of coaches and program.
- Responsible for responding to website inquiries for information.
- Administrator for TEAM REACH messaging group.
- Authorized signer on checks and banking accounts.
- Contact person for coaches and players throughout the season (informational purposes)
- Execute and deliver contracts in the name of the organization

Vice President

- In the event of absence or disability of the President, the Vice President shall succeed to his or her powers and duties.
- Assists the President in fulfillment of duties.
- Liaison between St. Cloud League
- Updates bylaws yearly (coordinate meeting with other elected officers)
- Organizes selection of coaches with contracted coaches.

Secretary

- Prepare, distribute and maintain meeting minutes. Minutes shall typed and distributed to board members at least 2 weeks prior to the next meeting.
- Maintains working board members roster with phone numbers and addresses.
- Organize player registrations into a spreadsheet including; parent contact information, ages and uniform sizes for teams.

Treasurer

- Oversee all financial matters of the board.
- Authorized signer on checks and banking account
- Balance checking account
- * Summarizes financial transactions at meetings.
- Liaison with the bank regarding all Fastpitch accounts and balances.
- Pay invoices on a timely basis.
- Audit all spending to ensure proper authorization and reporting.
- Tax reporting annually.

Website/Communications Manager

- Update website with information, pictures and fastpitch resources.
- Design user friendly online registrations
- Provide insight for improving communications

Article VI
Association Membership/Voting

Membership: All parents and/or guardians of a youth player are considered to be members of the Little Falls Youth Fastpitch organization.

Voting: Members in attendance at a Little Falls Youth Fastpitch meeting have the right to vote. All significant actions by the Board will necessitate a motion from the floor and a second before passing. The Board of Directors can make decisions and purchases up to \$250 without presenting at the membership meeting only if for services, equipment or supplies that are deemed necessary or of importance to the organization and with a majority supporting vote from all officers.

Elections will call for a physical headcount vote to be taken and recorded by an elected officer who is not up for re-election.

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