

By-Laws of Villains Fastpitch

Article I: Name and Purpose

Section 1: Name The name of this organization shall be Villains Fastpitch.

Section 2: Purpose Villains Fastpitch is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, and recreational purposes, specifically to promote youth travel softball. The organization aims to develop the athletic skills, character, and sportsmanship of its members through organized competition, coaching, and community involvement.

Article II: Membership

Section 1: Eligibility Membership in Villains Fastpitch is open to youth softball players meeting age and skill requirements established by the organization. Additionally, parents or guardians of youth members may become non-voting members upon approval by the Board of Directors.

Section 2: Rights and Responsibilities All members are entitled to participate in organization activities and events. They are expected to adhere to the organization's code of conduct, pay required fees, and fulfill volunteer commitments as determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 3: Termination Membership may be terminated by resignation or expulsion for conduct detrimental to the organization, as determined by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Article III: Board of Directors

Section 1: Composition The Board of Directors shall consist of elected officers including President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and other directors as necessary.

Section 2: Duties

- a. **President:** Presides over meetings, represents the organization, and oversees operations.
- b. **Vice President:** Assists the President and fulfills their duties in their absence.
- c. **Secretary:** Maintains records, records minutes of meetings, and handles correspondence.
- d. **Treasurer:** Manages finances, maintains financial records, and prepares financial reports.
- e. **Directors:** Fulfill specific roles or responsibilities as determined by the Board.

Section 3: Elections Officers and directors shall be elected by a majority vote of the membership at the annual meeting. Term lengths and eligibility requirements shall be defined in the organization's policies.

Section 4: Meetings The Board shall meet regularly and as needed to conduct business. Meetings shall be conducted according to established parliamentary procedures.

Article IV: Committees

Section 1: Establishment The Board of Directors may establish committees as necessary to assist in carrying out the organization's activities. Committees may include but are not limited to: coaching, fundraising, and event planning.

Section 2: Committee Structure Each committee shall have a chair appointed by the Board of Directors. Committee chairs shall select members and report committee activities to the Board.

Article V: Finances

Section 1: Fiscal Year The fiscal year of Villains Fastpitch shall begin on January 1st and end on December 31st.

Section 2: Budget The Board of Directors shall approve an annual budget and financial policies outlining the organization's financial management practices.

Section 3: Financial Records Accurate financial records shall be maintained by the Treasurer and made available for inspection by members upon request.

Article VI: Amendments

Section 1: Process These by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors present at any regular or special meeting, provided that notice of the proposed amendment(s) has been given 7 days prior to the meeting.

Section 2: Notification Amendments to the by-laws shall be communicated to the membership within 3 days of adoption.

Article VII: Dissolution

Section 1: Procedure In the event of dissolution of Villains Fastpitch, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose.

Section 2: Approval Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

Article VIII: Adoption

Section 1: Effective Date These by-laws shall take effect upon adoption by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors present at a meeting where a quorum is present.

Section 2: Notification Upon adoption, these by-laws shall be posted on the organization's website and made available to members upon request.

Section 3: Review These by-laws shall be reviewed annually by the Board of Directors to ensure they remain current and relevant to the organization's operations.

Certification

These by-laws were approved and adopted by the Board of Directors of Villains Fastpitch on July 26th, 2024.