

CONSTITUTION OF THE  
CASHIE YOUTH LEAGUES  
(Revised 2022)

ARTICLE I. NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1. This organization shall be known as the CASHIE YOUTH LEAGUES, INC. hereinafter to be called LEAGUE.

Section 2. The LEAGUE shall consist of the following units if players are available:

- A. Farm League Baseball (aka 8U Baseball)
- B. Little League Baseball – (aka 10U & 12U Baseball)
- C. Junior League Baseball – (aka 15U Baseball)
- D. Softball 8 & Under – (aka 8U Softball)
- E. Softball 12 & Under – (aka 10U & 12U Softball)
- F. Softball 18 & Under – (aka 15U Softball)

Age limits for players for each unit shall be in accordance with Tar Heel Leagues, Inc. Rules.

Section 3. The vision of this organization shall be to develop athletic skills and knowledge, through baseball and softball activities, for the boys and girls of Bertie County and the boundaries hereinafter defined.

Section 4. The objectives of this organization shall be defined by the Cashie Youth Leagues, Inc. Mission Statement.

## **Cashie Youth Leagues, Inc. Mission Statement**

The mission of Cashie Youth Leagues, Inc. is to encourage the youth of our community in developing the qualities of leadership, teamwork, discipline, and commitment. Sports are one of the greatest resources for our youth to have fun and learn many critical life skills. Through competition, we look to inspire boys and girls to enhance their physical, mental, social, and interpersonal skills.

To achieve this mission, we must have the interest and development of our children at heart. Our primary focus is on helping players develop as a person, teammate, and baseball/softball player. Team records and other accolades are secondary. By delivering on these principles, we look to attract player and volunteer participation, with the goal of keeping them coming back year after year.

### **Goals and Guiding Principals**

- Create a fun and safe environment for our youth to learn and develop the fundamentals of baseball and softball.
- Promote sportsmanship, competitiveness, and continuous improvement regardless of skill level.
- Develop managers, coaches, and umpires that model good sportsmanship and uphold the mission of the league.
- The league personnel, parents, volunteers, and all participants share the responsibility of making Cashie Youth Leagues a safe and rewarding activity.

### **The Cashie Way – Coaches**

Our program relies on a large number of volunteers, and coaching is a privilege.

When volunteering, coaches should aspire to exemplify the following principles:

- Value creating a fun experience for all players.
- Demonstrate an interest in their players and have a positive influence on all players within the league.
- Emphasize the development of all players and their team as a whole.
- Lead by example by showing respect for players, umpires, opposing coaches, opposing players, and parents.
- Focus on positive reinforcement to develop resilient players versus magnifying negative results.

### **The Cashie Way – Players**

Cashie Youth Leagues' players should aspire to exemplify the following characteristics:

- Focus on hustle, strong fundamentals, and a team-first attitude.
- Demonstrate good sportsmanship.
- Be resilient and play with a love for baseball and softball.
- Have respect for their coaches, umpires, opposing coaches, and opposing players.

## **The Cashie Way – Parents**

Families are the lifeblood of our program. Cashie Youth Leagues' parents/guardians should aspire to exemplify the following characteristics:

- An understanding that this is 5-18 year old baseball/softball and not the last game of the World Series.
- Respect all coaches, umpires, opposing coaches, and opposing players.
- Dedicate their time, whether by volunteering or some other manner, to help build a great program.
- Demonstrate good sportsmanship and root for both teams.
- Do not emphasize wins over losses.
- Focus on the development of their child.

## **The Cashie Way – Executive Council**

Members of the Cashie Youth Leagues Executive Council members should aspire to exemplify the following characteristics:

- Desire to leave the Executive Council better than they found it.
- Be a role model for parents, players, coaches, and umpires.
- Devote their time and energy to create a positive influence for their community.

## ARTICLE II. LEAGUE MANAGEMENT

Section 1. A Board of Directors shall elect officers of the LEAGUE as defined in Section 5 below. The membership of the Board shall consist of one Designated Representative appointed by each team sponsor. Where a team is sponsored by an individual, that person can serve as the Designated Representative. The Board shall have the authority to elect officers of the league on a yearly basis. Board members will also serve as members of the Executive Council on a rotating schedule.

### Section 2. Electoral Process

- A. **Nominating Committee:** In August of each year, the President shall appoint a nominating committee from members of the Board of Directors to develop a list of nominees for officers of the Executive Council. This list will be presented to the Board of Directors for vote at the Electoral Meeting.
- B. **Electoral Meeting:** In September of each year, the Board of Directors shall have an Electoral Meeting for purpose of electing officers for the next year. At the meeting, the Board will vote on the officer nominees

to serve a one-year term. The election shall be by majority vote of the Board Members present or by sealed ballot.

Section 3. The Executive Council shall be composed of the following members:

- A. The League President
- B. The League Vice Presidents
  - (1) Farm League Baseball – 8U
  - (2) Little League Baseball – 10U & 12U Combined
  - (3) Junior League Baseball – 15U
  - (4) Softball 8 & Under
  - (5) Softball 12 & Under
  - (6) Softball 18 & Under – 15U
- C. The League Secretary
- D. The League Treasurer
- E. A team sponsor Designated Representative for each League Unit on a rotation basis as follows: (Note, the year in *italics* represents the year(s) that a Designated Representative from that team served on the Executive Council)
  - (1) Farm League
    - (a) Bill Clough Ford (*2007, 2011, 2017, 2022*)
    - (b) Red Sox (2007 waived – mgr. is VP/ 2011 waived – mgr. is Team Rep for Jr. Lg., *2016, 2019*)
    - (c) Dozier Construction (replaced Lions Club in 2017) (*2021*)
    - (d) Leggett Farms (replaced Reel Wireless in 2022)
  - (2) Little League
    - (a) Powell & Stokes (*2009, 2014, 2018, 2022*)
    - (b) Tommy Davis Insurance (*2005, 2011, 2015, 2019*)
    - (c) Oaks & Elms (replaced Coastal Agro 2021)
    - (d) Farm Bureau Insurance (*2013, 2017, 2021*)
  - (3) Junior League (no league in 2018)
    - (a) Café 45 (added in 2021) (**2022**)
    - (b) Little Golden Skillet (*2021*)
    - (c) Food Lion (replaced Ferrellgas in 2022)
  - (4) Softball 8 & Under
    - (a) Cashie Forest Products (*2015, 2017, 2019, 2022*)
    - (b) East Coast Logging (*2016, 2018, 2021*)
  - (5) Softball 12 & Under
    - (a) Avoca (replaced White’s Cross Grocery in 2015) (*2017, 2022*)
    - (b) Kaley Jase Boutique (replaced Williford Farms in 2022)

- (6) Softball 18 & Under
  - (a) S&K Logging (replaced SL&L in 2006) (2010, 2014, 2018, 2022)
  - (b) Carolina Pine and Hardwood (2004, 2011, 2016, 2019)
  - (c) Flock of 5 “Diamond Chixs” (added 2017)( 2021)

The term of appointment will be one (1) year.

- F. If a team sponsor decides to discontinue his team, his place on the rotation list to serve on the Executive Council will not be filled by the new team sponsor. The new sponsor will be added to the bottom of the list with all other sponsors moving upward in the listing.
- G. The Past President of the LEAGUE (with no vote).

Section 4. The Executive Council shall have the power to develop the Rules of Play and carry out the policies of the LEAGUE consistent with this constitution. The Council may consider recommendations from the Board but shall be the final authority as to Rules of Play and policies, and may act or not as it sees fit upon the recommendation submitted to it by the Board.

Section 5. Duties of Officers:

- A. The President shall:
  - (1) Preside over all meetings of the Executive Council and at meetings of the Board of Directors.
  - (2) Be the official representative of the LEAGUE at all meetings in which the LEAGUE is involved.
  - (3) Appoint members of the Board of Directors to committees needed for the functioning of the LEAGUE.
  - (4) Call special meetings of the Executive Council when needed.
  - (5) Assume any further duties set forth in the Rules of Play.
  - (6) Have jurisdiction over all matters arising which are not covered by this instrument or the Rules of Play of the LEAGUE.
  - (7) Have the power to suspend managers or coaches or other persons for willful disregard of any rules or misconduct pertaining to the LEAGUE. Shall also have power to order a forfeiture of games for willful disregard of rules.
- B. The Vice Presidents shall:
  - (1) Preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors or of the Executive Council at which the President is not able to be present (as appointed by the President).
  - (2) Assist the President when called upon to do so.
- C. The Secretary shall:
  - (1) Keep minutes of all meetings in an orderly fashion.
  - (2) See that all members of the Executive Council or Board of Directors are notified of meetings.

- (3) Assist the President as need arises.
- (4) Keep records of schedules, all star teams, and other items as required.
- (5) Assist the President in updating Rules of Play of all leagues on a yearly basis.
- D. The Treasurer shall:
  - (1) Receive and deposit in a bank approved by the Executive Council, all monies and keep an accurate record of the same.
  - (2) Allow any member of the Board of Directors to inspect the records upon request.
  - (3) Write checks for any items approved by the Executive Council.
- E. The Designated Representative from each team sponsor shall:
  - (1) Bring recommendations from his sponsor to the Executive Council.
  - (2) Be responsible for the conduct of players and managers of his sponsor's team in accordance with the Cashie Youth Leagues, Inc. Mission Statement.

### ARTICLE III. TEAM MANAGEMENT

Section 1. Team franchises shall be sold to team-sponsoring organizations. A franchise may be retained from year to year by this sponsor if the standards of the LEAGUE as set forth in ARTICLE 1, Sections 3 & 4 of this Constitution are maintained by the sponsor and its team to the satisfaction of the Executive Council. Team sponsorship must be approved by the Executive Council. Upon approval by the Executive Council, the new team sponsor Designated Representative becomes a member of the Board.

Section 2. The team sponsor may select a manager and a coach for its team. If the manager and/or coach is not selected by the team sponsor, the Executive Council shall appoint a manager and/or coach, subject to approval of the sponsor.

A. If any manager or coach is suspended by the President for misconduct or willful disregard of the rules of the LEAGUE, the team sponsor shall be notified immediately and proper action taken to remedy the situation.

### ARTICLE IV. BOUNDARIES; ELIGIBILITY

Section 1. The boundaries of the LEAGUE shall include the territory within the boundaries of the County of Bertie for all baseball and softball leagues. Additional players outside of the Bertie County shall be allowed to play, provided there are available spots on the rosters.

Section 2. Any boy or girl of eligible age in Article IV, Section 1 shall be eligible for active membership in the LEAGUE.

## ARTICLE V. LOCAL LEAGUE PLAY

- Section 1. Each team in the LEAGUE shall play at least one game per week during the playing season.
- Section 2. Each team shall consist of a maximum of 15 players for 8U Farm League Baseball and all Softball divisions. A maximum of 13 players shall be on the Little League and Junior League teams. All players on team rosters shall be registered with the President of the League.

## ARTICLE VI. AMENDMENT; QUORUM; RULES

- Section 1. This constitution may be amended at any regularly scheduled or called meeting of the Executive Council by a three-fourths vote of the current members of the Executive Council.
- Section 2. A quorum for the conduct of business by the Executive Council shall be not less than fifty-one (51) percent of the membership.
- Section 3. The official playing rules for each league unit shall be approved by majority vote of the Executive Council.
- Section 4. Any unit and division of the LEAGUE can be associated with a State or National organization provided approval of the association is given by a majority vote of the Executive Council.
  - A. All Baseball and Softball leagues and divisions shall be associated with Tar Heel Leagues, Inc.

## APPENDIX 1: List of Retired Team Sponsors

(Note: The year number in *italics* represents the year(s) that a Designated Representative from that team served on the Executive Council.)

- (1) Farm League
  - (a) Lions Club (2007 & 2011 waived – mgr. is VP, 2015)
  - (b) Holland Landscaping (*2004, 2012*)
  - (c) Reel Wireless (*2005, 2013, 2018*)
  - (d) CG Outfitter (replaced Holland Landscaping in 2017; dropped out of league in 2018)
  
- (2) Little League
  - (a) Cooper Insurance Agency (waived 2009)
  - (b) Ellis Trucking (*2004, 2010*)
  - (c) Carolina East Insurance Agency (replaced Cooper Insurance Agency in 2012)
  - (d) W.R. White, Inc. (replaced Ellis Trucking in 2012)
  - (e) Coastal Agro (replaced White’s Service Center) (*2006, 2012, 2016*)
  - (f) Stewardship Logging and Landscaping (*2007*)
  
- (3) Junior League
  - (a) Walker Funeral Home (2006 waived – mgr. is VP)
  - (b) CarQuest (replaced Windsor Eye Care in 2011)  
(Windsor Eye Care replaced R&W in 2009) (2011; team dropped in 2013)
  - (c) R & N Site Prep (*2006, 2009*)
  - (d) R & W Chevrolet (2007 waived – mgr. is VP)
  - (e) Severn Peanut (replaced Ducks Unlimited in 2015) (*2017*)
  - (f) Bertie Ambulance Service (*2007, 2010, 2012, 2015*)
  - (g) White Oak Medical Transport (replaced R & N in 2011) (*2013, 2016*)
  - (h) Tri-County Forklift (replaced Walker Funeral Home in 2011)
  - (i) Ducks Unlimited (replaced Tri-County Forklift in 2014) (*2014*)
  - (j) ?? (replaced White Oak Medical Transport in 2017)  
Ferrellgas (*2019*)
  
- (4) Softball 12 & Under
  - (a) Ferrellgas (*2005, 2010, 2013, 2015, 2018*)
  - (b) CarQuest (replaced Windsor Eye Care in 2011)
  - (c) Perry Wynns (*2006, 2011*)
  - (d) White’s Cross Grocery (replaced Perry Wynns in 2012)
  - (e) Little Golden Skillet (replaced Little Mint in 2007) (*2012, 2016, 2019*)
  - (f) Roy’s Service Center (*2004, 2007, 2014*)



- (g) Scotch Hall Preserve “Dirt Divas” (replaced Roy’s Service Center in 2014) *(2014)*
  - (h) Williford Farms (replaced Scotch Hall Preserve “Dirt Divas” in 2017) *(2021)*
- (5) Softball 18 & Under
- (a) J.B. Cherry Insurance (dropped team in 2022) *(2009, 2013, 2017)*
  - (b) Rejuvenue (replaced White’s Electric in 2010)
  - (c) White’s Electric *(2006)*
  - (d) J.T. Hoggard Logging *(2007)*
  - (e) Roanoke Medical (replaced Rejuvenue in 2011) *(2015)*
  - (f) Stewardship Logging & Landscaping (added in 2005)
  - (g) Jerry’s Sign (replaced J.T. Hoggard Logging in 2009) *(2012)*