

CONSTITUTION OF THE MERRIMACK YOUTH ASSOCIATION GIRL'S SOFTBALL PROGRAM

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ARTICLE I - GENERAL

Section I: Name - The program's name is the Merrimack Youth Association (MYA) Girl's Softball League of Merrimack, New Hampshire.

Section II: Purpose - The purpose of the Merrimack Youth Association Girl's Softball League is:

- A. To provide those girls who are members of the Merrimack Youth Association with a program oriented toward team play on all age levels from age 5 to age 18.
- B. To instruct in the fundamentals of softball.
- C. To offer the opportunity to participate in softball, regardless of ability, in a safe and healthy environment.
- D. To teach the rewards of good sportsmanship, team spirit, and cooperation. E. To provide a vehicle by which each participant can gain confidence in her ability to contribute toward the success of her team in a useful and productive manner.

ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP

Section I: General Voting Membership - The following make up the voting membership of the Merrimack Youth Association Girl's Softball League:

- A. The Merrimack Youth Association Girl's Softball League Board:
 1. Program Director
 2. Senior League Director
 3. Major League Director
 4. Minor League Director
 5. Instructional League Director
 6. Treasurer
 7. Secretary
 8. Umpire-In-Chief
 9. Tournament Director
 10. Fundraising Director
 11. Equipment Manager
 12. Field Director
 13. Social Media Director
- B. Other Voting Members: Includes team coaches, assistant coaches, active program volunteers, and parents and/or guardians of current Merrimack Youth Association Girl's Softball League participants.

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ARTICLE III - Elected Board Officers

Section I: Program Director - The Program Director is elected by the General Voting Membership for a term of one (1) year and approved by the MYA Executive Board. The primary functions of this position are to oversee and coordinate the activities of the Merrimack Youth Association Girl's Softball League and to act as a liaison between the program and the MYA Executive Board, fulfilling the responsibilities in the MYA constitution with respect to the Program Director.

Section II: League Directors - Each League Director is nominated by the Program Director and elected by the General Voting Membership for a term of one (1) year. League Directors will be nominated for each league and will report to the Program Director. League Directors are responsible for submitting names of team coaches and their assistants to the Program Director for approval. League Directors will administer the rules and by-laws of the Merrimack Youth Association Girl's Softball League and MYA as they pertain to their respective leagues. Additionally, they will perform other administrative duties for their leagues as may be required by the Program Director and MYA Executive Board.

Section III: Treasurer - The Treasurer is nominated by the Program Director and elected by the General Voting Membership for a term of one (1) year. The Treasurer is responsible for coordinating overall financial account and reports to the Program Director. The Treasurer will assist in budgeting and disposition of funds for the organization. The Treasurer will provide a monthly treasurer's report to the League Board and MYA Executive Board Treasurer. Additionally, they will assist the Program Director in all matters before the MYA Budget Committee relative to the league.

Section IV: Secretary - The Secretary is nominated by the Program Director and elected by the General Voting Membership for a term of one (1) year. The Secretary is responsible for keeping permanent records of meetings, assisting with mail, and assist with clerical areas relative to the Merrimack Youth Association Girl's Softball League.

Section V: Umpire-In-Chief - The Umpire-In-Chief is nominated by the Program Director and elected by the General Voting Membership for a term of one (1) year. The Umpire-In-Chief is responsible for coordinating umpires to meet the needs of each softball league. The Umpire-In-Chief will assign umpires for games, including canceling and rescheduling for inclement weather, maintain thorough knowledge of program and league rules, preside over protest committee meetings, attend umpire association meetings, field complaints concerning umpires from league directors, and participate in any rule committee meetings.

Section VI: Tournament Director - The Tournament Director is nominated by the Program Director and elected by the General Voting Membership for a term of one (1) year. The Tournament Director is responsible for submitting names for tournament coaches, scheduling tournament teams for sanctioned softball tournaments, and confirming tournament player eligibility for tournament teams.

Section VII: Fundraising Director - The Fundraising Director is nominated by the

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Program Director and elected by the General Voting Membership for a term of one (1) year. The Fundraising Director will be responsible for coordinating league fundraising activities. Additionally, they will assist with identifying, contacting, and enrolling league sponsors.

Section VIII: Equipment Manager - The Equipment Manager is nominated by the Program Director and elected by the General Voting Membership for a term of one (1) year. The Equipment Manager will be responsible for developing and recommending equipment purchasing procedures and strategies as required by the league. Additionally, they are responsible for distribution, collection, inventory, and repair or replacement of league equipment.

Section IX: Field Director - The Field Director is nominated by the Program Director and elected by the General Voting Membership for a term of one (1) year. The Field Director is responsible for monitoring the overall condition of league fields and outdoor training areas, and will act a liaison for the league with the Field Development Committee and Merrimack Parks and Recreation. Additionally, they will oversee league field scheduling.

Section X: Social Media Director - The Social Media Director is nominated by the Program Director and elected by the General Voting Membership for a term of one (1) year. The Social Media Director is responsible for maintaining and monitoring social media accounts and league website news for the benefit of league participants.

Section XI: League Elections - The league elections for elected board members will be held annually during the September monthly board meeting. Nominations for all positions will be accepted during the August monthly board meeting and posted for public review. A quorum, or simple majority, of the General Voting Membership present during the annual election will be required for nominated persons to be elected to the board.

ARTICLE IV - NON-ELECTED PROGRAM ROLES

Section I: Head Coach - Head Coaches are appointed by League Directors for each team participating in various softball leagues. Each Head Coach is responsible for selecting an assistant coach(es), coordinating team activities, accounting for issued team equipment, and perform other team related functions as required by their League Director.

ARTICLE V - RULES

Section I: Rules Committee - A three-member board will be appointed by the Program Director for the purpose of reviewing proposed revisions to the rules of play for the various softball leagues. Such rules will be presented by the committee to the Program

Director. Upon review of such proposed rule changes the committee will present the results of their study of submitted proposals with recommendations as to whether or not the change should be adopted.

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Section II: Rules Changes - Any proposed changes to the rules sanctioned by the organization to which the program is currently affiliated must be brought before the Merrimack Youth Association Girl's Softball League Board and approved by the General Voting Membership. Annually, each league will review their league specific rules for changes and present them for approval. Changes will require a majority of the General Voting Membership in attendance.

Section III: By-Laws Committee - The By-Laws Committee will consist of the Program Director and one or more board members and is responsible for reviewing and amending the by-laws of the Merrimack Youth Association Girl's Softball League as required. Any by-laws changes will require a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the General Voting Membership in attendance. Notification of proposed by-law changes will be given prior for the meeting being held for voting to allow for public awareness.

Section IV: Amendments - Amendments to the rules and by-laws will be done according to Roberts Revised Rules.

ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS

Section I: The Program Director will preside over Merrimack Youth Association Girl's Softball League meetings, which will be held as required. There will be a minimum of four (4) meetings per year. Meeting announcements will be posted on the Merrimack Youth Association Girl's Softball League website. All meetings will be open to the public.