

## **LYBSA Affiliate Team Policy**

**Qualification:** In order for a team to be considered an LYBSA Affiliate team, they must meet the following criteria:

- 1) All players must register with LYBSA and pay the appropriate fee
  - a. Those players participating in rec = normal rec fee
  - b. Those players not participating in rec = \$150
  - c. Senior affiliate players (i.e. teams with no recreation division) fee = \$50
- 2) All Affiliate coaches must submit to an LYBSA background screening
- 3) To manage an affiliate team, one must also manage or coach an LYBSA rec team.
- 4) Player Qualification rules:
  - a. A minimum of 50% of the roster players must reside within the Lakeshore school district or attend Lakeshore Public Schools.
  - b. All Affiliate teams are expected to give Lakeshore players first chance to try out for new teams or open positions, and players are expected to participate in the rec program, however, the following exemptions will be allowed for both baseball and softball:
    - i. 9u and 10u are allowed up to 2 non-participating players per team
    - ii. 11u and 12u are allowed up to 3 non-participating players per team
    - iii. 13u and 14u are allowed up to 4 non-participating players per team
  - c. The expectation for rec participation is that a player participates in at least 70% of the rec team games throughout the season.
  - d. It is also expected that an Affiliate team honor any players' interest in playing All-Stars, and provide a schedule to allow for said participation.

### **Guidelines:**

- 1) Team names: Softball will use Pirates and Baseball will use Thunder
- 2) Team colors: Red and white, along with black and/or gray.
- 3) Affiliate teams are required to use the approved logos for all apparel.
- 4) A minimum of one jersey/uniform will be common among all teams each season and are to be worn on a specific day, i.e. Saturday or Sunday, during a tournament weekend that is agreed upon at the start of each season.
- 5) Affiliate team members are required to work at least one shift per player during each travel tournament hosted by LYBSA, in return for discounted/waived entry fees, and a chance to share in the proceeds from the tournament.
  - a. Additionally it is required that all Affiliate teams be available to work every tournament hosted by LYBSA. This requires that Affiliate schedules have a "blackout" weekend for the complementary sport, i.e. Pirate softball teams must be available to work a Thunder baseball tournament and Thunder teams must be available to work a Pirate softball tournament. It is expected that during the "blackout" weekend the non-participating team works during bracket play, typically Sunday. Thunder families will work during Sunday bracket play of the Pirate tournaments and conversely Pirate families will work Sunday bracket play during Thunder tournaments.

- b. See the transparency section below for the resulting action if an affiliate team fails to provide a schedule that supports “blackout” dates.
- 6) Field/Indoor Hitting Facility use: Affiliate teams shall have access to the LYBSA fields as well as the indoor hitting facility with the following conditions:
  - a. Teams are not allowed to schedule practice time in the building until all registration fees are paid for the upcoming season.
  - b. All facility scheduling needs are to be done through the building coordinator, or the appropriate baseball/softball director. This includes the scheduling of double-headers or round robin events.
  - c. LYBSA teams and events such as clinics will take priority in all facilities.
  - d. Field prep/equipment: Any field prep or use of equipment to prep fields needs to be coordinated by the Affiliate manager or with an LYBSA board member.
  - e. Umpires: It is the responsibility of the Affiliate team to schedule and pay umpires for any of their games outside of LYBSA hosted tournaments.
- 7) Transparency:
  - a. As mentioned above, when forming a new Affiliate team, or filling open positions, the tryout should be communicated to the appropriate age groups through LYBSA, so that our current players who may have an interest are given the opportunity to tryout.
  - b. Financials:
    - i. While the Affiliate teams are independently funded, each team must keep a general ledger, or some type of accounting of income and expenditures that can be available upon request from the LYBSA board or an affiliate team parent.
    - ii. LYBSA Affiliate teams must establish their own accounts and may not under any circumstance utilize LYBSA’s 501c3 tax exemption.
  - c. Failure to comply with guidelines:
    - i. The success of all LYBSA entities, both recreation and affiliate programs, is dependent on the adherence of these guidelines. As such LYBSA reserves the right to withhold the following from any affiliate team failing to adhere to the aforementioned guidelines:
      - 1. A portion or all of the tournament proceeds, i.e. gate fees, may be withheld.
      - 2. Access to the LYBSA indoor facility may be forfeited or limited.
      - 3. Recognition as an LYBSA affiliate team may be forfeited, hence resulting in a loss of LYBSA insurance coverage.
    - ii. The LYBSA Board encourages all affiliate team managers to reach out to the LYBSA Affiliate Director with any questions regarding the guidelines.
  - d. LYBSA will hold tournament proceeds until at a minimum the conclusion of the season and at a maximum the start of the following season as deemed necessary.