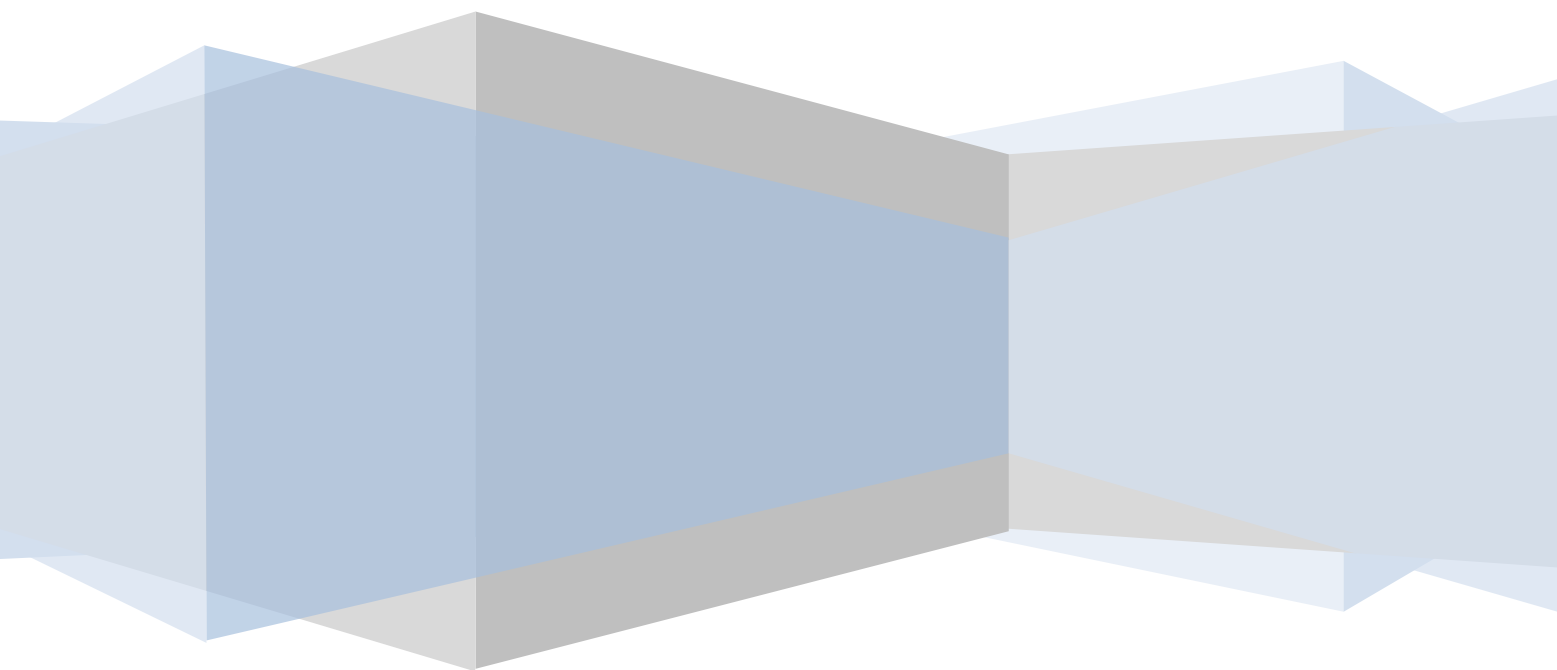


South Dayton Community Fast Pitch Softball League

League Bylaws

2017



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This document contains the bylaws by which each community who participates in the South Dayton Community Fast Pitch Softball League agrees to abide. The South Dayton Community Fast Pitch Softball League shall be referred to in these bylaws as the SDSL. The league is not a separate legal entity but a loose affiliation of community softball organizations that have come together to form intercommunity age-based leagues for the purpose of providing all girls in SDSL participating communities the opportunity to play softball.

The purpose of the Bylaws is to provide the guidelines and governance procedures by which the SDSL will operate and make decisions relative to league operating matters.

Rules governing SDSL game play in all age-based leagues have been established in a separate SDSL document titled "South Dayton Community Fast Pitch Softball League Official League Rules". Every attempt has been made to align the rules for SDSL league play with that of the Amateur Softball Association (ASA) rules with exceptions deemed appropriate based on the skill level of each league. We urge everyone to take the time to read the "Official League Rules" handbook so that there is a clear understanding of the rules and regulations of league play. Any rule not covered by the rule book will be governed by the Amateur Softball Association (also known as USA Softball) Official Rules of Softball Rule Book (www.asasoftball.com).

The following communities have agreed to participate in the South Dayton Community Fast Pitch Softball League and agree to participate and abide by these bylaws and the SDSL "Official League Rules" rules as outlined in that handbook for the 2017 Softball Season.

- **Beavercreek Fastpitch Association**
- **Bellbrook Lion's Club Girls Softball**
- **Carlisle Ponytail League**
- **Centerville Baseball Softball League**
- **Fairborn Youth Softball Association**
- **Miamisburg Baseball Softball League**
- **Riverside Amateur Baseball Association**
- **Springboro-Clearcreek Baseball Association**
- **Waynesville Baseball Association**
- **West Carrollton South Dayton Fast Pitch**
- **Xenia YRC**

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I. PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

1. The purpose of the South Dayton Community Fast Pitch Softball League (SDSL) play are:
 - A. To provide girls softball for as many children as possible in our respective communities.
 - B. To teach basic knowledge of the game of softball and to develop character in the children by teaching them to play together fairly, abide by the rules, and to win and lose like sportsmen.
2. The SDSL provides two leagues of play in each age division as follows:

ASA "Recreation" League – Intercommunity Recreation League

ASA "All Star" Recreation League – Intercommunity Recreation All Star League

Relative to team formation in the "Recreation" League, each community organization is required and committed to the following process:

- Notify and advertise to all families in their respective geographic community jurisdiction regarding the opportunity for all girls meeting the age and residency requirements to sign up and play softball;
- Conduct a community-wide open registration process;
- Following closure of the registration process, each community will conduct a league approved team formation process;

- The goal of the team formation process is for each community to construct teams of equal talent and avoid situations of forming teams that are superior to other teams from that community.

Relative to team formation in the “All Star” League, each community may follow any process they would like so long as all girls meet each community’s player registration and residency requirements.

If a community participating in the SDSL does not have enough players to form a team in either the “Recreation” or the “All Star” league at any particular age level, it may request the league to allow those affected players to register with another neighboring community already participating in the SDSL. Girls from another community registering in this manner will be assigned to a team based on the neighboring community’s “Recreation” league team formation process or “All Star” league team formation process.

3. Each community organization retains the authority for its player registration process and player fees.
4. Each community organization is responsible for fielding, outfitting, and equipping its teams for league play. Games will be played on the home team’s community fields with that community’s umpires.
5. For all “Recreation” league games, participating community umpires are not required to be ASA certified but will be required to attend preseason league organized umpire training sessions. For all “All Star” league games, participating community umpires are required to be ASA certified.

II. ORGANIZATION

1. The SDSL “Recreation” and “All Star” leagues will be governed by a Board of Directors, hereafter referred to as the Board, which shall be elected according to these Bylaws.

2. The Board shall be comprised of one (1) representative from each participating community organization. Each community will elect or appoint a representative to the Board each year.
3. The Board will elect a four (4) member Executive Board consisting of a League President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary who will be responsible for the overall operation of the league. Each Executive Board member will be chosen by a simple majority vote of the SDSL Board members.
4. The Board will select a board member to act as a League Coordinator for each age division of each age specific league (i.e. one Coordinator for the 10U "Recreation" and "All Star" leagues, one Coordinator for the 12U "Recreation" and "All Star" leagues, etc.).
5. Each participating community organization will be responsible for identifying a member of their organization to represent them for each age specific league who will act as the Community Liaison (a non-Board member position) and work with the SDSL League Coordinator to represent their respective community on all league operating matters.
6. Annually, the Board will identify volunteers who will act as league Game Score Results Recorders who will be responsible for receiving and reporting all game score results to the League Website Coordinator.
7. Annually, the Board will identify a volunteer who will act as the League Website Coordinator and be responsible for maintaining the league website and reporting all game score results received from the Game Score Results Recorders. In addition, the League Website Coordinator will be responsible for maintaining league standings.
8. Any items that involve player, coach, parent and spectator behavior, rule interpretation, protests, disciplines, suspensions, or any other league matter, will be handled by the Community Liaison of the organization in which such complaint originates. To the extent the complaint involves multiple communities, the

Community Liaison shall present the complaint to the SDSL League Coordinator at that age level division for resolution. The SDSL League Coordinator is required to notify the Board of all complaints/issues and will seek resolution with guidance from the Board or other League Coordinators depending on the complexity of the complaint/issue.

9. Operating expenses associated with league operations (i.e. trophies, league website, etc.) will be shared proportionately by each community organization based on the number of teams it fields in each respective age specific league.
10. Each community organization will maintain its organizational autonomy (relative to concessions, teaching philosophy, coach selection, liability insurance, uniforms, equipment, umpire selection, player registration, team formation (see above), field maintenance, etc...) and will continue to bear their respective costs associated with running their organizations and teams. The SDSL is a league for South Dayton inter-community softball play only and is not a merger of South Dayton community softball organizations.
11. The SDSL Board will be responsible for maintaining the SDSL Rulebook and holding players, managers, coaches, parents, and spectators accountable to such rules. At the conclusion of each year, the Board will entertain proposed "Recreation" league rule changes. Such proposed rule changes may only be proposed by a Board member. Any proposed rule changes must be approved by a simple majority vote of the Board. As it relates to proposed rule changes specific to a particular age-based league, a Board member is not eligible to vote on such proposed rule changes if the community for which the Board member represents did not have a team compete in that league the previous season.

III. RULES AND REGULATIONS

The rules and regulations outlined in the following paragraphs are the common set of rules and regulations for the SDSL league. All league play shall be governed by the Official ASA Softball Rules except as noted in the South Dayton Community Fast Pitch Softball League "Official League Rules" and herein and in the ensuing rules that follow.

IV. ELIGIBILITY RULES

To be eligible to play, each girl must register with their applicable community recreation softball organization and meet that community organization's residency and registration requirements.

If a participating community does not have enough girls to field a team in a particular league but has girls interested in playing softball, those girls may register to play in the league by registering through a neighboring participating community so long as such registration does not violate that community's residency and registration requirements.

V. GENERAL LEAGUE STRUCTURE

League Structure

1. Each league will be structured as follows:
 - a. 6U T-Ball League ("Recreation" League Only)
 - b. 8U Coach Pitch League ("Recreation" League Only)
 - c. 10U Rookie League
 - d. 12U Minors League
 - e. 14U Majors League
 - f. 18U High School League
 - g. 23U College League

A player's age on December 31 prior to the commencement of the season determines the league to which a player is eligible to participate.

Schedule

2. All leagues will have a scheduled sixteen (16) game regular season schedule except the 8U Coach Pitch, 6U T-Ball, 14U Majors, 18U High School, and 23U College

leagues. The 8U Coach Pitch, 6U T-Ball, 14U Majors, 18U High School, and 23U College leagues will have a scheduled fourteen (14) game regular season schedule.

3. The regular season schedule, once issued, is the “final” regular season schedule. Managers are prohibited from rescheduling regular season games for any reason other than weather related cancellations. The Board reserves the right to adjust the schedule when it deems appropriate to do so.
4. There is no set number of games guaranteed in any of the league regular seasons.
5. It is the team manager’s responsibility to work with their community field scheduler and opposing manager to reschedule rained out games. It is expected that team managers will make every attempt to reschedule rainout games so that each team plays a minimum of twelve (12) regular season games (ten (10) regular season games in the 8U Coach Pitch, 6U T-Ball, 14U Majors, 18U High School, and 23U College leagues). If regular season rained out games cannot be rescheduled before commencement of the year end league tournament, they will not be rescheduled.

Trophies

6. Trophies or like awards will be determined annually by the League Board of Directors.

Violating Rules

7. Managers, coaches, and players who violate the SDSL rules will be subject to review by the Board and may be subject to suspension by the League possibly for the

remainder of the regular season and post season tournament play if such suspension is warranted by the determination of the League Board.

VI. COMMUNITY SELECTION OF MANAGERS AND COACHES

Each participating community will make every effort to select managers with the ability to teach the girls good sportsmanship, develop character, and develop basic knowledge and skills of the game. As a condition of managing and/or coaching a team competing in the SDSL, each manager shall be required to read and sign the League's Manager/Coach Code of Conduct.

VII. MANAGER/COACH/PARENT/SPECTATOR BEHAVIOR GRIEVANCE REVIEW PROCESS

The following Manager/Coach/Parent/Spectator behavior grievance review process will be followed by the SDSL Board to ensure that all facts are reviewed and appropriate and fair action is taken with respect to violation of Manager/Coach/Parent/Spectator behavior as defined in the SDSL "Official League Rules":

- a. Grievance filed with the League Coordinator via email by the accusing party within 24 hours of game's completion;
- b. Upon receipt of grievance, the Board will request a response from the accused party within 24 hours of receipt of the grievance notification.
- c. The Board will make a decision relative to disciplinary actions within 24 hours of receiving the accused party's response to the grievance report.
- d. SDSL Board members from the communities who have teams involved in the grievance will recuse themselves from the Board decision making process and agree to enforce the discipline decided on by a simple majority vote of the remaining SDSL Board members.
- e. The input of Umpires, as the only objective 3rd party involved with any game, will carry significant weight in the decision making process.

VIII. PLAYER EQUIPMENT RULES

1. Each community shall be responsible at their cost for outfitting their community teams with the proper uniform attire and softball equipment.

IX. LEAGUE TOURNAMENTS

1. All league regular seasons will be followed by a single elimination tournament. In the event any league other than 6U T-Ball and 8U Coach Pitch is comprised of four (4) teams or less, the league may play a double elimination tournament. In addition, if a league has a minimum of eight (8) teams, consideration will be given to hosting two league post season tournaments – a “Gold” tournament for the higher finishing teams in the final regular season standings and a “Bronze” tournament for the lower finishing teams in the final regular season standings.
2. It is expected that each team will participate and play in the year end post season league tournament. Failure to do so negatively impacts the opportunity for other teams in the league to play additional games. However, if for some reason a team is unable to play in the tournament, the coach of that team must notify the league Board by June 1st of their decision not to participate. Failure to do so will result in a \$100 fine per team being assessed to the community organization to which such teams are associated.
3. The SDSL Board will decide each year which communities will host each age-based league tournament.
4. The SDSL tournament host community will be responsible for all aspects of hosting the tournament including field scheduling, game times, umpires, trophy presentation, Manager/Coach communication, and reporting tournament game score results to the league email address at sdslscores@yahoo.com so that tournament brackets can be maintained on the league website.
5. To be eligible to participate in the league tournament, a player must have played in at least half (50%) of her team’s regular season games. If, due to injury, a player did

not play in at least half (50%) of her team's regular season games, the player shall be eligible to participate in the year end league tournament.

6. All league tournament games shall abide by the same six (6)-run per inning maximum and game time limits as during the regular season. The only exception is the year end league tournament championship game in which there shall be no time limit.
7. When a tournament game is tied after the time limit has expired (or, in the case of the tournament championship game the last inning is played), the international tie-breaker rules shall be in effect at the start of the next inning and play shall continue until a winner is determined. The international tie-breaker rules require the team at bat begin the inning with a runner at second base. The player representing the last batted out of the previous inning is the runner that occupies second base to begin the inning.
8. Team seeding for each league tournament will be based on a team's position in the final regular season league standings based on team winning record percentages (the team finishing with the best winning percentage shall be awarded the #1 seed, the team with the second best winning percentage the #2 seed, etc.).
9. The higher seed (i.e. lower numerical seed) is always the home team for tournament games. The home team for the championship game is determined by coin flip.
10. In situations where two teams are tied in the league regular season standings with the same winning percentage, the following tie breaker system shall be used in order of priority until the tie is broken:
 - a. Head-to-head competition
 - b. Record against team immediately above them in the standings
 - c. Record against team immediately below them in the standings
 - d. Runs scored in head-to-head competition
 - e. Runs scored against team immediately above them in the standings
 - f. Runs scored against team immediately below them in the standings.

g. Flip of a coin