



MURRAY YOUTH BASEBALL/SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

- 1) The **Murray Youth Baseball/Softball Association**, known as **MYBSA**, is a community based program for local youth baseball/softball activities that is operated by the Murray Calloway County Park Board.

- 2) The **Murray Youth Baseball/Softball Advisory Board** is a volunteer group of **MYBSA** stakeholders that have collectively agreed to function as an advisory group to the Murray Calloway County Park Board on behalf of the **MYBSA** programs.

The mission of this Advisory Board is to:

- A. Operate as an advisory group to the Park Board and pursue any initiatives, relative to baseball and softball, with the support and approval of the Park Board.

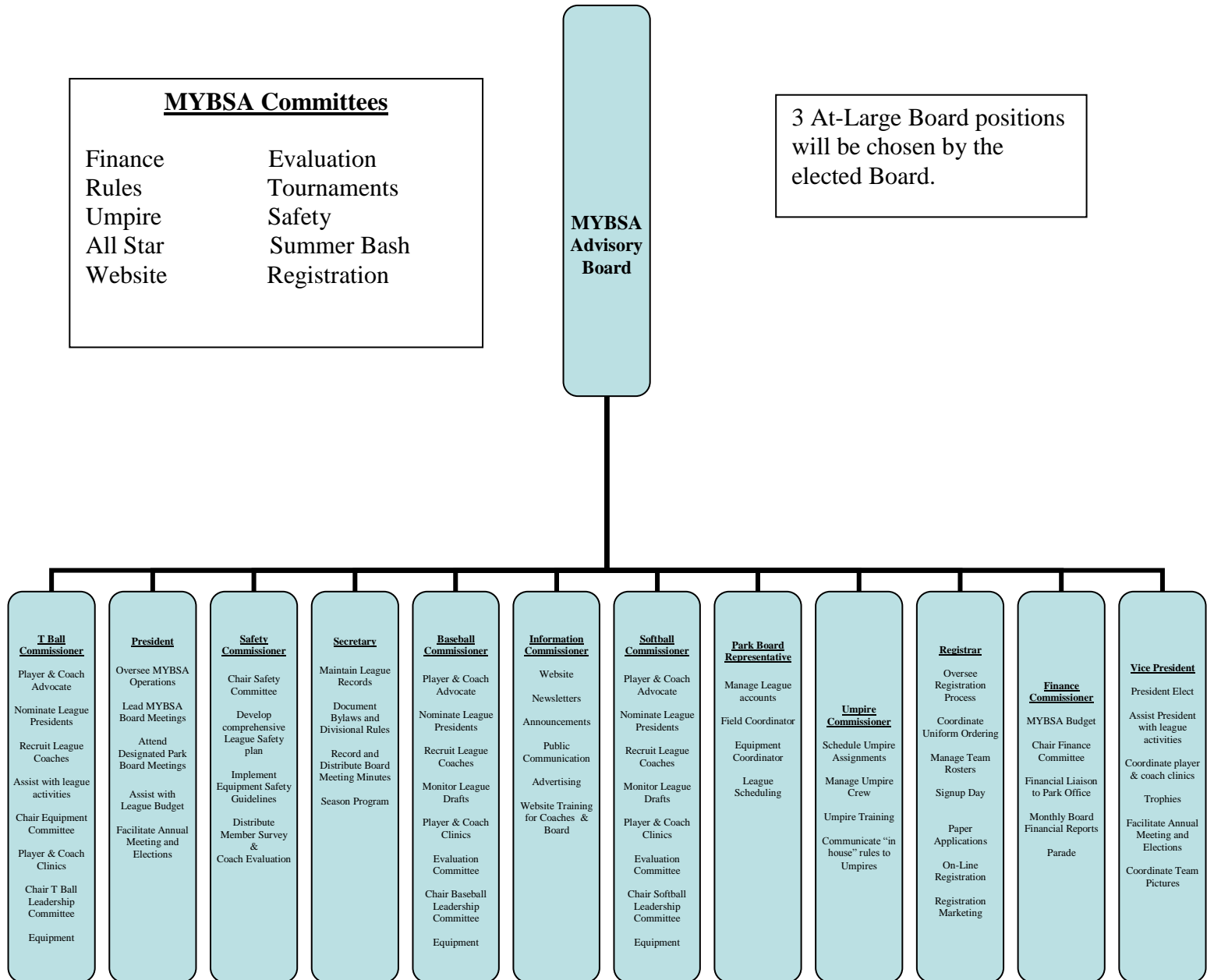
 - B. Foster a supportive, instructional, and safe environment for every child participating in the **MYBSA**.

 - C. Create an affordable program that provides access to any child that chooses to participate.

 - D. Create an “inclusive” atmosphere within the **MYBSA** program that promotes maximum participation of all children and their families within the program.
- 3) The Advisory Board will consist of fifteen seats. Board members shall serve from October 1 until September 30 of the following year. Twelve of the positions will include specific areas of league responsibilities. The other three Board seats will be considered “At Large” members and will be filled by individuals nominated and approved by the incoming Board. It is recommended that one representative from baseball, softball and tee ball be selected to serve as At-Large Board members. Nominations for Board positions will be accepted through September 1, with the elections taking place at the MYBSA general meeting held during the third week of September. Please refer to the following organizational chart and role designations for additional detail.
- 4) A MYBSA Executive Committee will be formed each year that includes the following Board members; MYBSA President, MYBSA Vice President, Baseball

Commissioner, Softball Commissioner, T Ball Commissioner and Park Board Representative. From time to time, if an action or decision is necessary that cannot wait until the next regularly scheduled MYBSA Board meeting, the MYBSA Board grants the MYBSA Executive Committee the authority to take the necessary action it deems in the best interest of the program on behalf of the full Board. These decisions will be binding and ratified at the next full meeting of the MYBSA Board. A majority of Executive Committee members will be considered a quorum and all ties will be decided by the MYBSA President.

Murray Youth Baseball/Softball Advisory Board



MYBSA Board Roles

TITLE	Role
President	Responsible for overseeing MYBSA operations. Lead Board meetings & attend Park Board Meetings. Organize annual meeting including MYBSA Board elections in September. Assist Finance Commissioner.
Vice President	President Elect. Assist President with MYBSA operational duties. Coordinate player & coach clinics. Coordinate Trophy orders and team pictures.
Safety Commissioner	Chair Safety Committee. Coordinate & develop league safety activities including; volunteer background check, first aid training, inclement weather plan, accident reports, disciplinary actions and equipment guidelines.
Baseball Commissioner	Oversee Pinto, Mustang, Bronco & Pony league activities. Player & coach advocate. Nominate league presidents, recruit league coaches, monitor league drafts, coordinate player & coach clinics, uniform ordering and equipment. Committees: Evaluation, All Star, Tournaments
Softball Commissioner	Oversee Minor, Junior, Senior and Major league activities. Player & coach advocate. Nominate league presidents, recruit league coaches, monitor league drafts, coordinate player & coach clinics, uniform ordering and equipment. Committees: Evaluation, All Star, Tournaments
T Ball Commissioner	Oversee Rookie & Minor league activities. Player & coach advocate. Nominate league presidents, recruit league coaches, coordinate player & coach clinics, uniform ordering and equipment.
MCC Park Representative	Coordinates field reservations, post field schedules & update conditions. Manage MYBSA accounts, payments. Provide MYBSA Board with monthly financial reports. Liaison to Park Board. Coordinate all field maintenance.
Registrar	Coordinates online & traditional registration process, uniform ordering, team rosters, Signup Day, update paper applications, player fees.
UMPIRE COMMISSIONER	Umpire scheduling, training and personnel issues. Provide each umpire with league specific "in-house" rules. Rules testing.
SECRETARY	Maintains a register of members and directors, records minutes of meetings, maintains a record of all league activities.
Information Commissioner	Manages the League's communications, including web site, newsletter and public announcements. Develops league marketing plans. Coordinate website training for volunteers.
Finance Commissioner	Prepare MYBSA budget. Finance liaison to Park office, monthly finance report to MYBSA Board, chair finance committee, coordinate Freedom Fest parade.

- 4) Modifications of Bylaws: Amendments & additions to this manual can only be made with approval of a two-thirds vote of the Advisory Board. When appropriate, the “Roberts Rule of Order” will be utilized. Other issues requiring a Board vote must have a minimum of fifty percent (50%) attendance of Board members to be considered a quorum.
- 5) League Ages: The league of the MYBSA shall consist of both baseball and softball. The recommended age groups are:

BASEBALL LEAGUES

T-Ball Rookie: 4 - 5 YO
 T-Ball Minor: 6 YO
 Pinto: 7 - 8 YO
 Mustang: 9 - 10 YO
 Bronco: 11 - 12 YO
 Pony: 13 - 15 YO
 Colt: 16-17 YO

SOFTBALL LEAGUES (Girls)

Minor: 7 - 8 YO
 Junior: 9 - 10 YO
 Senior: 11 - 14 YO
 Major: 15 - 17 YO

- A. A player is eligible in a particular group based on the player’s age on April 30th of the current year.
- B. Although discouraged, playing outside age-designated leagues is permissible under certain circumstances. A player is limited to moving up or down only one level from their appropriate age-based league. Along with other conditions, an Eligibility Committee, made up of the MYBSA President, appropriate Commissioner, the player’s previous manager, Safety Officer, and appropriate league President, must have a majority opinion that the child can move up or down one level without creating a significant concern for the safety of the affected player or other league players. Note: a player may NOT “play up” or “play down” merely to be with friends. A child can “Play Up” by one level if the following conditions are met: The parent or guardian makes a formal request, the player is in good standing with the MYBSA, AND it is determined the player meets the skill requirement of the higher level through mandatory attendance at player evaluations (if required), AND sufficient roster space is available in the level AND the player receives approval of the Eligibility committee. If a player is required to attend evaluations and does not do so, the player’s request will be automatically denied. A child can “Play Down” by one level if the following conditions are met: The parent or guardian makes a formal request, the player is in good standing with the MYBSA, AND it is determined the player will not be a safety concern through mandatory attendance at player evaluations (if required), AND sufficient roster space is available in the level AND the player receives approval of the Eligibility committee. If a player is required to attend evaluations and does not do so, the player’s request will be automatically denied.

C. In any drafting league, The MYBSA accommodates the placement of the Manager and Senior Coach's children, stepchildren or grandchildren (qualified players) by automatically placing up to two qualified players on their respective team. This is referred to as a "family exemption". Family exemptions are limited to the qualified players of the Team Manager, Senior Coach or Sponsor and must be exercised in that order. Exemptions are non-transferable. Please refer to the MYBSA League Drafting Policy for additional detail.

- 7) **A child may participate in only one league at a time.**
- 8) **Grievances:** Any grievance or other issues raised by any league stakeholder must be submitted in writing to the appropriate League President and Commissioner. Grievances will be properly documented by the League President and/or Commissioner. The League President will then present the documented grievance to their respective league Coaches Committee. If the seriousness of the situation warrants, the League President will present issue to the full Advisory Committee for review. Proposed: Team Coaching Staffs will consist of;
- 9) Team Coaching Roles

Team Manager: Each team will have one person designated as the Team Manager. The Team Manager will be nominated by the appropriate Commissioner and approved by the MYBSA Board. This person is ultimately responsible for their team's league responsibilities and the acceptable behavior of his or her players and coaches. It is also expected that Team Manager and their coaches promote appropriate behavior of the players and their families during practices and games. The Manager will be required to select a second person as the team's Senior Coach.

Senior Coach: The Senior Coach will fill the role of the Team Manager if the manager is not present during team activities. The Senior Coach must be approved by the appropriate Commissioner and the MYBSA Board.

Both the Team Manager and Senior Coach are required to be actively involved with team practices and be uniformed during games.

Assistant Coaches: Team Managers are encouraged to involve as many parents as needed to assist with team practices. However, during games, only the Team Manager, Senior Coach and a third assistant should be in the team dugout. This restriction will not apply to the Rookie & Minor T Ball, Pinto and Minor softball leagues.