

Bylaws

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SUMMERVILLE GIRLS SOFTBALL LEAGUE

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ARTICLE	
Section 1:	<p>For Spring seasons, returning players will remain on the same team as last year if playing in the same division. <u>All players for all Divisions will be drafted from a hat pick by age. Pitchers will be drafted from a separate hat pick. All teams with existing pitcher(s) will draft from a non-pitcher hat pick until equal amount of pitchers are distributed to each team. NO TRYOUTS.</u> Fall season players will be drafted; there are no "returning" teams in the fall.</p> <p>If a player does not want to return to the same team, her parents, or guardian must request in writing to the Board that the player be placed in the draft.</p> <p>Any player leaving an existing team, entering the draft, must be available to be drafted by ALL teams (not eligible to be protected prior to drafts). Players on any team forced to dissolve per SGSL By-Laws, Article 2, and Section 1 will become eligible to be picked-up by any coach prior to the draft.</p> <p>After the draft/hat pick, if a player and her parents do not wish their daughter to play on a certain team (coach/player conflict), then they must submit in writing to the Board the reason. If approved by the Board, the player will be transferred to another team at the Board's discretion.</p> <p>At any time, a Coach requesting not to have a certain player assigned to his/her team because of past problems (discipline, etc.) that head coach must submit in writing to the Board, prior to <u>drafts</u>, the reason why. If the request is approved, the player will be placed in the draft.</p>
Section 2:	Draft order will be determined by hat draw at drafts. Any new teams will draw first. They will get two (2) draws in the first and second rounds and one draw thereafter.
Section 3:	<p>Only three (3) positions may be protected through the three (3) rounds: One (1) head coach, one (1) assistant coach and one (1) sponsor, <u>with sponsor check in hand at draft or letter from corporation stating sponsor check is forth coming.</u></p> <p><u>A sponsor cannot protect a player unless sponsor application and partial payment has been received by the Board prior to the draft.</u></p>
Section 4:	All sisters in the same age division may play on the same team if they desire to do so; <u>no cousins protected.</u>
Section 5:	Head coaches must be 19 and assistant coaches must be 18 years of age prior to the day of the drafts. All coaches' applications will be approved by the Board.
ARTICLE 2	

Section 1:	There will be a minimum of two (2) teams in each division with a minimum of <u>ten (10)</u> players on a team. Any team with less than two (2) players will be dissolved. Those players will be eligible for pick-up prior to drafts.
Section 2:	Division age will be age as of January 1 for that year. Players may play up a division but may not play down. Exceptions by Board approval only.
Section 3:	Softball will be offered to boys ages 8-12 and 13-15. There will be a minimum of two (2) teams in each division with a minimum of twelve (12) players on a team.
Section 4:	No coed t-ball/softball will be offered.
ARTICLE 3	
Section 1:	A newcomer (one moving into the community after drafts is completed) must register and will be placed on a team in draft order.
Section 2:	Late registrations will be placed on teams in draft order until one week prior to opening day for the season. After that, those registering late, will be placed on a waiting list, and by order of registration, placed on a team when the team roster falls below eleven (11) players. Exception will be for 25 under division where late registrants will be added if team roster falls below thirteen (13).
ARTICLE 4	
Section 1:	Dismissal of a player will be by Board action after a hearing. Prior to the hearing, the player and parent will be given written notification of the reason(s) for dismissal.
Section 2:	Dismissal of a coach will be by Board action after a hearing.
Section 3:	The Board will evaluate players quitting the league.
ARTICLE 5	
Section 1:	The season winners will be division champion.
Section 2:	The season will be divided into two (2) halves, with a one game playoff if two (2) teams in the division are tied in either half. If the winner of the first half and second half is different, there will be a best two (2) out of three (3) playoff to determine the division champ. Should the winner of the first and second half be the same team, second place will be determined by overall record. Should there be a tie for second place (overall record); a one game playoff will determine the second place winner.

ARTICLE 6	
Section 1:	Trophies will be given to the players on the FIRST and SECOND place division winning teams (spring and fall).
Section 2:	All sponsors will receive a plaque.
ARTICLE 7	
Section 1:	The Executive Board will consist of a President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary. Elections of the expired terms for the Executive Board (President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary) will take place at the fall General meeting. Officers will be elected by the voting membership (parents, sponsors, coaches, life member, and Board members). Effective with the 2016-2018 seasons, the Office of President and Treasurer will be elected for a TWO (2) YEAR TERM of office. Effective with 2016-2017 seasons, the Office of Vice-President and Secretary will be elected for a TWO (2) YEAR TERM of office. Division Commissioners will be a division coach, and will be elected each Spring by the Executive Board and peer coaches in their division at the time of spring drafts to serve the term of that spring season only. Division Commissioners will not be utilized in the fall season.
Section 2:	Dismissal of a Board Member for a League infraction or the resignation of a Board Member will be enacted on by the Board. (Dismissal will be for no less than one year.) The Board will appoint any board vacancy to fill the unexpired term.
Section 3:	Members of the Executive Board cannot be a head coach or assistant coach.
Section 4:	Coaches who are umpires may not umpire in the age division in which they coach.
ARTICLE 8	
Section 1:	There will be no purchases or obligations (Fund Raisers, etc.) made in the name of the Summerville Girls Softball League without prior authorization by the majority of the Board of Directors. No using SGSL for outside promotion.
ARTICLE 9	
Section 1:	Changes to the Bylaws of the Summerville Girls Softball League will receive one (1) reading during General Membership meetings and will become official with a majority vote of the Membership present at such General Membership meeting.

These Bylaws along with League Rules, Division Rules and Fast Pitch Rules will apply.

