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Article I. Registration

Section 1.01 - Registration Division Eligibility

- (a) Girls residing in the Twinsburg City School District (which includes Twinsburg, Twinsburg Township and Reminderville) shall be allowed to play in the Twinsburg Youth Softball League
- (b) Girls in Kindergarten and First Grades at the time of registration will be eligible to play in the Slow-Pitch Instructional Division Program.
- (c) Girls in First, Second and Third Grades at the time of registration will be eligible to play in the Slow-Pitch Division 1 Program.
- (d) Girls in Third, Fourth, and Fifth Grades at the time of registration will be eligible to play in Slow-Pitch Division 2 Program.
- (e) Girls age 10 and under as of January 1st will be eligible to play in the U10 Fast-Pitch Division
- (f) Girls age 12 and under as of January 1st will be eligible to play in the U12 Fast-Pitch Division.
- (g) Girls age 14 and under as of January 1st will be eligible to play in the U14 Fast-Pitch Division.
- (h) Girls age 18 and under as of January 1st will be eligible to play in the U18 Fast-Pitch Division.
- (i) All Fast-Pitch Programs are currently local travel programs where TYSL Teams join a local travel programs and will abide by the rules and regulations of those respective programs. TYSL will supply the uniforms, equipment, injury insurance, fields & umpires for home games.
- (j) Divisions are based on age or grades. However players may be placed on higher or lower divisions based on exceptional circumstances and/or parental request. Said exceptions must have written acknowledgement and documents kept with registration forms.

Section 1.02 - Registration Fees

- (a) Registration Fees shall be established annually by the board prior to registration.
- (b) An additional non-refundable late fee of \$10.00 will be charged for late registration as defined on the registration form.
- (c) No registration fee refunds will be provided after team uniform orders are placed.

Section 1.03 - Registration Process

- (a) Registration Forms will be mailed to all eligible children that played the prior year.
- (b) Additional Registration Notification will consist of:
 - (i) Making registration forms available at the Twinsburg Library, Fitness Center and Recreation Center
 - (ii) Advertising in the Twinsburg Bulletin Newspaper and Cable communication channel
 - (iii) Distribution of flyers and registration forms to the Elementary and Primary Schools.
 - (iv) Having registration information and a form available on web site: twinsburgsoftball.com.
- (c) Registration Forms will be available before January 1st and must be returned by February 1st.

Article II: Team Selection / Draft Procedure

Section 2.01 - Slow-Pitch Draft Procedure

- (a) A draft will be held on or about the last Thursday of February.
- (b) Instructional Division.
 - (i) A commissioner will be appointed to coordinate the draft.
 - (ii) Player teammate and coaches preferences will attempt to be honored.
 - (iii) Each coach at the draft will have access to all registration forms and will be able to request players.
- (c) Division 1.
 - (i) A commissioner will be appointed to coordinate the draft.
 - (ii) Player teammate and coaches preferences will attempt to be honored.
 - (iii) Prior to the draft players will be assigned a rating of 1 - 5 or unknown. Higher performing players will have a higher number rating. Prior coaches will provide ratings.
 - (iv) These ratings will be used during the draft to create teams with balanced skills.
- (d) Division 2.
 - (i) A commissioner will be appointed to coordinate the draft.
 - (ii) The Head Coach and one assistant coach will be allowed to have their siblings on their team.
 - (iii) Prior to the draft players will be assigned a rating of 1 - 5 or unknown. Higher performing players will have a higher number rating. Prior coaches will provide ratings.
 - (iv) These ratings will be used during the draft to create teams with balanced skills.

Section 2.02 - Fast-Pitch Team Selection Procedure

- (a) Recreational Fast-Pitch Teams
 - (i) The Head Coach and one assistant coach will be allowed to have their siblings on their team.

- (ii) Prior to the draft players will be assigned a rating of 1 - 5 or unknown. Higher performing players will have a higher number rating. Prior coaches will provide ratings.
 - (iii) These ratings will be used during the draft to create teams with balanced skills
- (b) Competitive Fast-Pitch Teams
- (i) One of the U10, U12 and U14 Teams will be placed in a competitive league. Tryouts will be held in the fall to select up to 80% of the next year's team. The remaining players will be selected by the Head Coach after the February 1st Registration Deadline. During the fall tryouts the 6 players with the highest evaluation score are automatically on the team. The coach can select the remaining players at their discretion.
 - (ii) The U18 competitive team will be selected based solely on coach's discretion.

Article III: Managers

Section 3.01 - Selection of Managers

- (a) The executive board will appoint a coach selection committee to recommend coaches for the upcoming season. The committee will use the following criteria when there are more applicants than positions available.
 - (i) Previous youth coaching experience
 - (ii) Feedback from previous coaching positions
 - (iii) Whether or not they have a child playing on the team
 - (iv) Coaching certifications, education and first-aid training.
 - (v) The value that the applicant feels they can bring to the children.
- (b) The executive board reserves the right of final approval for all Managers.
- (c) A declared assistant manager taking over as a manager cannot declare and assistant if the son/daughter of the previous manager is still on the team.

Section 3.02 - Responsibilities

- (a) To be informed of all league rules and functions
- (b) To devote that time which is required to manage a softball team
- (c) To instruct and direct girls in the basic fundamentals of playing softball.

- (d) To promote good sportsmanship.
- (e) To attend general league business meetings.
- (f) To keep parents informed of league rules, functions and activities.
- (g) To provide help from their team parents to work in the concession stand both during and after the regular season play.

Article IV: Assistant Manager

Section 4.01 - Selection of the Assistant Manager

- (a) A manager may select an assistant manager prior to or after the draft.

Section 4.02 - Responsibilities

- (a) To actively assist the manager with his/her responsibilities
- (b) To assume the role of manager when he/she is not present

Article V: Team Sponsors

Section 5.01 - Sponsor Solicitation

- (a) A committee will be formed to solicit sponsors for the upcoming season. The sponsors will pay a flat fee determined annually by the board that will be used to defray the cost of team uniforms and equipment. Exceptions can be made by a majority vote of the executive board. Sponsor benefits include:
 - (i) Having their name or logo on the teams jersey
 - (ii) A plaque depicting appreciation.

Article VI: Protests

Section 6.01 - Protests

- (a) No game may be protested. All umpire decisions will be final.

Article VII: Umpires

Section 7.01 - Umpires

- (a) Instructional & Division 1: Coaches will umpire the Instruction Division games.
- (b) Division 2: Student umpires who are at least 14 years old and have attended a league provided umpire training clinic would be eligible to umpire Division 2 games.
- (c) U10, U12, U14 and U18 Fast-Pitch Programs: The umpire will be one that has been sanctioned by the A.S.A. or U.S.S.S.A. The umpire's jurisdiction begins when he/she enters the field of play and ends whenever the winner has been decided.

Article VIII: Playing Rules

Section 8.01 League Playing Rules

- (a) Official A.S.A. or U.S.S.S.A. rules will be adhered to unless specifically designated by the league.

Section 8.02 - League Playing Rules

- (a) Each Slow-Pitch Division will adopt any playing rule changes for their division only. All rule changes are to be submitted in writing to the executive board for approval.
- (b) Any manager or player that is removed from a game by an umpire will automatically be suspended for the next game. The manager or player will have the right to a hearing before the board.
- (c) The League in which the team is participating will establish the Fast-Pitch Rules.

Article IX: Scholastic Awards

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- (a) TYSL Inc will offer three (3) scholastic awards annually for any graduating high school seniors who have played at least 3 years of softball in the TYSL. The awards are one (1) for \$200; one (1) for \$300; and one (1) for \$500. With respect to these awards, TYSL will not discriminate based on race, origin or employment.

- (b) A board of three independent evaluators is selected by the executive board to be the Scholastic Award Committee. This committee will review all applicants and score the applications based on the following criteria:
 - (i) Being a member of TYSL for at least 3 years.
 - (ii) Being an outstanding member of the community.
 - (iii) Active participation in extra-curricular activities.
 - (iv) Displaying good athletic sportsmanship during membership in the league.
 - (v) A well written, quality short essay on what athletics has meant to them and their future plans.