

# **Western Iowa Girls Softball League**

## **Bylaws**

### **Article I – Name**

This girl's softball league shall be known as "Western Iowa Girls Softball League" referred to as WIGSL in the rest of these bylaws and rules.

### **Article II – Objective**

To provide a safe, fun and organized means for towns in Western Iowa to promote and improve girls softball.

### **Article III – Members**

Section 1. Any town in Southwest Iowa shall be eligible to participate in the league.

Section 2. A new town requesting to become part of WIGSL must communicate to the League's Board requesting such along with a name of the coordinator and the number of teams they are requesting to register.

Section 3. The Town Fee is \$40. The Member fee \$45 per team in the "A" and "B" Divisions and \$10 per team in the "C" and "D" divisions, per season due to the league secretary/treasurer by May 1st. Failure to pay fees by the deadline shall make that town ineligible for tournament play.

Section 4. Each town is considered one (1) Member and shall have one (1) vote for election and amendment purposes.

Section 5. A town must be a Member for two (2) seasons before they are eligible to host the league tournament.

### **Article IV – Meetings**

Section 1. A preseason meeting shall be held at a location and time designated by the League's Board on the second to the last Sunday in March for the purpose of bylaw and rules clarification, game scheduling, and any other business that shall be deemed necessary at that time. If that Sunday is a holiday the meeting shall be moved to the following Sunday.

Section 2. A post season meeting shall be held at a location and time designated by the League's Board within two (2) weeks following the league tournament for the purpose of bylaw and rules amendments, election of officers, and any other business that shall be deemed necessary at that time.

Section 3. A tournament meeting shall be held at a location and time designated by the League's Board on the Wednesday prior to the WIGSL tournament. The purpose of this meeting is rule clarification, Sportsmanship Award voting, tournament team seeding and any other business that shall be deemed necessary at that time.

Section 4. A Board meeting shall be called by the President prior to the preseason meeting for the purpose of season preparation and organization. There will be Notification to all Board Members of the date, time and location. Board meetings may also be called as deemed necessary by the members of the board.

Section 5. Written, printed or electronic notice stating the date, time and location of any meeting of Members shall be delivered in the most efficient manner to each Member entitled to vote at such meeting, not less than five (5) or more than thirty (30) days before the date of such meeting. In case of a special meeting, the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called shall be stated in the notice. An agenda of that meeting shall be sent to the Members in the most efficient manner no less than five (5) days prior to that meeting.

## **Article V – Organization**

Section 1. The league shall be governed by a Board of Directors consisting of a President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, North League Coordinator and South League Coordinator. The purpose of the Executive Board shall be:

- a. Transact business in the interest of the league.
- b. Prepare a budget for each season.
- c. Approve admission of new towns into the league.
- d. Assist in organizing the league tournaments.

Section 2. Election of Board Members shall take place at the post season meeting and shall take office at the end of that meeting. Election of Board Members shall be done by simple majority vote.

Section 3. Each Board Member shall be elected for a two (2) year term. The President, Secretary/Treasurer and South Coordinator shall be elected in even years and the Vice President and North Coordinators elected in the odd years. Starting in 2008.

Section 4. A Board Member, elected or appointed by the Board, maybe removed from the Board position by two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of all Board Members whenever in its judgment the best interest of the league would be served thereby.

Section 5. In the event any Board position shall become vacant for any reason, the vacancy shall be filled by the Board at its next meeting.

Section 6. A person shall have two (2) years with WIGSL before being eligible for a board position.

Section 7. Duties of the Board Members:

- a. President – The President shall be the principal executive officer of the league and shall in general supervise and control all of the business and affairs of the league appoint committees as necessary and perform any other duties which are in the best interest of the league. He/she shall preside at all meetings of the Members and of the Board of Directors. He/she shall perform all duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors from time to time.
- b. Vice President – In the absence of the President or in the event of his/her inability to act or refusal to act, the Vice President shall perform the duties of the President, and when so acting, shall have the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the President. The Vice President shall perform other duties as from time to time may be assigned by the President or by the Board of Directors.
- c. Secretary/Treasurer – The Secretary/Treasurer shall keep the minutes of the meetings of the Members and of the Board of Directors in one or more books, provided for that purpose; see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these bylaws; keep a register of the information of each member which shall be furnished to the Secretary by such member, handle all necessary correspondence and keep current copies of all bylaws and standing rules; and in general, perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary. He/she shall have charge and custody of and be responsible for all funds and securities of the league; receive and give receipts for moneys due and payable to the league from any source whatsoever, and deposit all such moneys in the name of the league in such banks, trust companies, or other depositories. The Treasurer shall present to the Members at each meeting a report of income, disbursements and current bank balance and in general, perform all the duties incident to the office of Treasurer and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned by the President or by the Board of Directors.

- d. Coordinators – The North and South League Coordinators shall act as representatives for each of the towns in their leagues. They shall concentrate more on the rules of play and their enforcement. They shall be the first step in any rules infractions or protests. They shall assist the Town Coordinators in organizing the league tournament. The Coordinators shall perform other duties as from time to time may be assigned by the President or by the Board of Directors.

### **Article VI – Books and Records**

The league shall keep correct and complete books and records of account and shall also keep minutes of the proceedings of its members, Board of Directors, and committees having any of the authority of the Board of Directors and shall keep at the registered or principal office a record giving the names and addresses of the members entitled to vote. All books and records of the corporation may be inspected by any member for any proper purpose at any reasonable time.

### **Article VII – Contacts, Checks, Deposits and Funds**

- Section 1. Contracts – The Board of Directors may authorize any officer or officers, agent or agents of the league, in addition to the officers so authorized by these bylaws, to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the league, and such authority may be general or confined to special instances.
- Section 2. Checks, Drafts, Etc. – All checks, drafts, or orders for the payment of money, notes other evidence of indebtedness issued in the name of the league, shall be signed by such officer or officers, agent or agents, of the league and in such manner as shall from time to time be determined by resolution of the Board of Directors. In the absence of such determination by the Board of Directors, such instruments shall be signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by the President or a Vice President of the league.
- Section 3. Deposits – All funds of the league shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the league in such banks, trust companies, or other depositories as the Board of Directors may select.
- Section 4. Gifts – The Board of Directors may accept on behalf of the league any contribution, gift, bequest, or devise for the general purpose of for any special purpose of the league.

### **Article VIII – Amendments to Bylaws**

These bylaws may be altered, amended, or repealed and new bylaws adopted by 2/3 vote of the members present at the post season meeting, provided notice of a proposed change has given by mail to each member two weeks prior to the meeting, or intention to alter, amend, or repeal or to adopt new bylaws at such meeting.

KNOW ALL PEOPLE BY THESE PRESENTS: That the undersigned Board of the League known as Western Iowa Girls Softball League, does hereby certify that the above and foregoing bylaws were duly adopted by the members of said league, April, 2014 and that they do now constitute the bylaws of said league.

ATTEST:

Angela D. Atkinson

President of the League