**KINGSBURG** **GIRLS** **SOFTBALL** **LEAGUE**

**BYLAWS**

**Article** **1**

**General** **Provisions**

1.01 **NAME**

The name of this organization shall be known as: KINGSBURG GIRLS SOFTBALL LEAGUE (KGSL)

1.02 **OBJECTIVES** – The objectives of this league shall be:

A. Foster, develop, promote and regulate amateur softball for all girls age 16 and under.

B. Provide the league with proper safeguards in accordance with the spirit of true sportsmanship.

C. Encourage the unification of all softball teams and qualified umpires to advance the cause of amateur softball.

D. Promote and conduct league softball games and tournaments, clinics, and encourage all coaches, managers and umpires to improve their teaching skills.

1.03 **JURRISDICTION**

The league is an affiliated member of USAS Softball (USASS). The USASS is recognized by the United States Olympic Committee and the International Softball Federation as the governing body of amateur softball in the United States. The constitution and bylaws of USAS are adopted by Kingsburg Girls Softball League and are incorporated herein by reference.

1.04 **EXECUTIVE** **BOARD**

The voting members of this league shall elect an executive board, composed of the PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, TREASURER, ASSISTANT TREASURER, LEAGUE COMMISSIONER, ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER, PUBLIC RELATIONS, CONCESSIONS COORDINATOR and WEBMASTER who shall serve for a period of two (2) years.

A. President:

The President shall conduct all meetings and shall cast a vote only in the case of a tie. The President shall appoint, at the beginning of each season, subject to the approval of the board, the standing committee’s and/or the committee chairperson and other members at large as needed.

B. Vice President:

The absence of the President, the Vice President shall preside at meetings of the board, and is a voting member of all committees.

C. Secretary:

The Secretary shall keep an accurate record of all meetings. The Secretary shall be

responsible for the preparation of the annual report.

D. Treasurer:

Shall maintain complete records of all financial matters of the league. Shall provide a written report including all expenses and receipts to be read at each regularly scheduled meeting to date. All accounts will be paid by check and shall bear two (2) signatures as authorized by the board. Assure that charitable trust is in good standing with secretary of state.

E. Assistant Treasurer:

Assist with the duties of the Treasurer and prepare to assume the Treasurer position upon an opening.

F. League Commissioner:

Shall be the advisor to the board on all USAS rules, metro, and local rules, shall advise the board of any new changes that occur on an annual basis from USAS. Will be the final local authority on rule interpretation, shall appoint JO umpires for league games, chair all protests that are presented to the board and be the official spokesperson for the league in all protests.

G. Assistant Commissioner:

Assist with the duties of the League Commissioner and prepare to assume the League

Commissioner position upon an opening. H. Public Relations:

Shall be the advisor to the board for publicity, sponsor solicitation and pursue other league duties relative to publicity as needed.

I. Concessions Coordinator:

This position entails purchasing and organizing products for the KGSL “Snack Shack”. This includes inventory of products and purchases. Price setting and records of purchases and sales will also be recorded. A Team/Parent Volunteer schedules will be required to be made at the beginning of each season. It will NOT be the responsibility of the “Concession Coordinator” to make weekly deposits or withdrawals for startup cash for each weekend of play.

J. Webmaster:

Design, program and maintain dues for “kingsburgsoftball.com” and all related links connected to it. Arrange for annual server support, arrange for annual domain payment. Additional duties will require the website to be maintained with current information so that is useful and interesting. The Webmaster will also be required to assist with all data related entry for the KGSL board; this includes team rosters, player data bases and weekly pitching forms.

K. Past President:

Shall be an advisor to the board for transitional matters, this is a non‐ voting position.

1.05 **POWERS** **AND** **DUTIES** **OF** **THE** **BOARD**

A. To initiate, determine, or repeal legislation, policy or activity of or pertaining to the league. B. To select officers of the league to insure the operation of the league.

C. To appoint committees for any designated purpose.

D. To develop and adopt an annual budget for the next fiscal year and the levying of fees for

each player and sponsors, with bids required for all purchases over $350.

E. Provide proper insurance for players, coaches and JO umpires and league officers. F. Set up sign‐up and try‐out dates.

G. Approve all league schedules, set all game and tournament dates.

H. Approve all league contracts with schools, city, county districts or vendors or fund raising groups.

I. Set uniform standards for all players.

J. The board has the power to suspend or disqualify and ban players, coaches, managers, team personnel and parents.

K. Approve all league ground rules.

L. To make available a scholarship fund to be distributed to qualified applicants as determined by the current board.

M. Annual initial purchase for the snack bar inventory shall not exceed $2500 with a weekly restocking of inventory not exceeding $800. Subject to change with board approval.

1.06 **TERMS** **OF** **OFFICE**

All board members will hold office for a minimum of two (2) years and can be re‐elected. All office holders may be removed for just cause as submitted in writing and/or petitioned by a league member or member of the board with a two thirds vote of the board, minus the member filing the complaint. Elections are to be held during at the Annual Meeting with the outgoing officers handing over files, records, and any equipment (keys, computers, checkbooks, etc.) to incoming officers within 30 days.

1.07 **VACANCY** **ON** **THE** **BOARD**

If a vacancy occurs on the board, such position must be filled within 15 days. If an appointed position becomes vacant, the president must fill the vacancy within 30 days. The new appointees will fill out the term of office vacated only.

1.08 **MEETINGS**

The league will hold monthly meetings from October through May. Elections will be held during the final meeting in May. New elected officers to take office 30 days after the Annual Meeting. Special meetings may be called by the President or by a two thirds majority of the voting members with a two day notice. Special meetings may only be called for a specific topic only. The topic must be made known to each voting member prior to the meeting.

1.09 **ORDER** **OF** **BUSINESS**

A. Roll

B. Reading of the minutes

C. Treasurers report D. Committee reports E. Old business

F. New business

G. Announcements

H. Adjournment

Procedures at meetings shall be governed by Roberts Rules of Order.

1.10 **ANNUAL** **MEETING** **(AGM)**

A. The executive board shall hold an annual general meeting (AGM) with the executive board members and the general public. The meeting is to be held within 30 days of the completion of the recreational season. The board shall post notice of this event at the concession stand on the softball field during the last two Saturdays of the season giving date, time, place, and purpose.

B. The order of business at the AGM shall be as follows:

1. Call to order of the open board meeting

2. Roll call

3. Introduction of guests

4. Minutes of the previous AGM

5. Reports

a. President

b. Vice President c. Treasurer

d. Secretary

e. League Commissioner f. Committees

6. Unfinished business

7. Proposals for changes to the bylaws and/or general procedures and specific rules.

8. New business

9. Good of the game

10. Elections

11. Adjournment

C. The board will annually recommend to the membership, the procedures, rules and fees

required for registered teams and/or registered players, for ratification at the AGM.

D. Voting shall be restricted to those members registered during the current season, voting by proxy shall not be allowed and only those members of record in good standing shall be entitled to voting privileges. No person shall cast more than one vote. The President shall cast a vote only in case of a tie.

1.11 **STANDING** **COMMITTEE/APPOINTEES**

The following and other as needed shall be appointed yearly: A. Commissioners

a. 14 & Under b. 12 & Under c. 10 & Under d. 8 & Under

e. 6 & Under

B. Equipment C. Uniforms D. Concession

1.12 Q**UORUM**

At all meetings of the board, fifty percent (50%) of the board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business.

1.13 **FINANCIAL** **RESPONSIBILITY**

This league (KGSL) shall not assume, nor be liable for the debts and/or the financial responsibilities either implied or incurred of any player, coach, manager, team assistant, league official or umpire, member team or sponsor.

1.14 **LIABILITY** **PROTECTION**

All officers of this league and officials of member teams shall be covered against personal liability claims for performing acts and duties directly related to the work of this league.

1.15 **DISSOLUTION**

In the event that this league (KGSL) should be dissolved. All assets remaining after payment of all debts shall be turned over to the board and donated for the express purpose of the development of youth softball.

1.16 **TERRITORY**

The league territory shall include all cities and towns located within the boundaries of the

Kingsburg Union High School District.

1.17 **LEAGUE** **BOUNDARY**

In compliance with Pacific Coast 14 and Central California USAS, the boundary for the Kingsburg Girls Softball League, encompassing portions of Fresno, Kings, and Tulare Counties, is illustrated on the map attached as Exhibit A, and defined as follows:

North Boundary:

Mountain View east to Zediker, Floral to Avenue 56, and Avenue 400 to Road

80

East Boundary:

Avenue 56 from Floral Ave to Avenue 400, and Road 80 from Avenue 400 to

Avenue 352

South Boundary:

Avenue 352 alignment from Road 80, west to Denver Avenue to HWY

43/Highland Avenue

West Boundary:

Hwy 43/Highland Avenue, north of Denver Ave to Mountain View and Zediker

Avenue, North of Mountain View to Floral Avenue.

**Article** **II Membership**

2.00 **TYPES**

Members in the league shall consist of the parents of participating youth, board members, managers, coaches and sponsors in good standing.

2.01 **DISQUALIFICATION**

A player shall cease to be eligible to compete in KGSL current season play if said player plays in another registered USAS and/or NSA not associated with KGSL softball league.

2.02 **FOREFEITURE**

A player found to have played for another USAS and/or NSA team not associated with KGSL during the season will be declared ineligible for the remainder of the season. All games that said player participated in are subject to forfeiture, and final decision will be decided by the board.

2.03 **AGE** **CLASSIFICATIONS**

KGSL will consist of six age divisions:

A. 6 & Under – age as of January 1 of current year B. 8 & Under – age as of January 1 of current year C. 10 & Under – age as of January 1 of current year D. 12 & Under – age as of January 1 of current year E. 14 & Under – age as of January 1 of current year

A player must play within her age classification in league or tournament play for the current season.

 2.04 **UMPIRES**

Umpires shall be licensed USAS youth or adult. All umpires must pass an annual or entry rules examination, for the 16, 14, 12, 10, and 8 under teams. Qualified parents may be substituted for umpires in the 10 & under , 8 & under, and 6 & under divisions. The league commissioner shall have jurisdiction over all JO umpires.

2.05 **MANAGERS/COACHES** –

A. Selection and removal of managers/coaches are the responsibility of the board.

Managers/coaches must complete the USAS required background check for the current year.

B. All coaches must attend and complete a coach’s clinic.

C. Mandatory signature on “KGSL Coaches Code Of Conduct”

2.06 **ELIGIBILITY** –

A. A player must be a resident of the Kingsburg Union High School District.

B. A player that lives outside the KUHSD and no USAS program is offered said player may participate in KGSL.

2.07 **CRITERIA** **FOR** **COACH** **SELECTION**

All coaches will be selected by the KGSL board of directors based upon, but not limited to the following criteria:

A. Experience coaching in any reputable league. B. Travel ball or all‐star coaching experience.

C. USAS clinics attended

D. Sportsmanship history

E. League support

Final decision made by the presently seated KGSL board of directors.

2.08 **ALCOHOLIC** **BEVERAGE** **&** **TOBACCO**

There will be no alcoholic beverage on or near the playing fields. This includes all of the area surrounding the fields for games and practices. Any person having alcoholic beverages will leave immediately. There will be no tobacco in the dugout or the playing filed. If noted, umpires and/or league officials will take the necessary steps to correct the situation.

2.09 **BENCH/DUGOUT** **AREA**

All personnel listed on the roster including coaches, managers, team mom, scorekeeper and team players are the only person allowed in the dugout/bench area. Players must be in uniform to be in the designated area. If not, they must take a position as a spectator. These conditions are necessary because of insurance regulations.

2.10 **FEES**

Annual fees for players are due and payable, unless otherwise provided for by the board, at the time of sign‐ups but no later than draft night. All checks, drafts, and/or money orders submitted to KGSL shall be made payable to the Kingsburg Girls Softball League or KGSL.

**Article** **III Disqualification**

3.01 **SUSPENSION**

Any player, manager, coach, umpire, sponsor, parent or anyone connected with a softball team registered with the league shall be subject to suspension as described below:

A. Physically or verbally (swearing) or assaulting an umpire or an official of the league and/or player and/or persons involved with play;

B. For the deliberate violation of any rules of the league or USAS; C. Fraud and/or slander against the league or USAS;

D. Financial irresponsibility against the league:

1. Equipment

2. Uniforms

3. Fundraising

3.02 **PENALTIES** **–** **AUTOMATIC** **ONE** **GAME** **SUSPENSION**

A. Coaches and/or managers and players ejected more than one time during league games. B. Right of appeal – individual has the right of appeal play suspensions.

C. Players – as per 3.01

3.03 **PENALTIES** **–** **INDEFINITE** **SUSPENSIONS**

Until reinstated by the board for violations of Sec. 3.01 A, B, C, or D.

**Article** **IV**

**Suspension** **Procedures**

4.00 **HEARING** **(REVIEW)** – Upon presentation from a league official to the board of a violation of

Sec. 3.01, a hearing must be heard by two thirds of the board.

4.01 **NOTIFICATION** – The person must be notified within 5 days in advance in writing or verbally from the board of the hearing with the time, date, and place of such hearing.

4.02 **RULING** – After hearing the evidence, the board with the aid of the bylaws and operating procedures of KGSL and USAS rules and regulations, will make the decision based upon rule interpretation.

4.03 **RIGHT** **OF** **APPEAL** – Anyone suspended by KGSL for a playing violation may appeal the

decision within 14 days to the Metro youth Commissioner, USAS, or his/her designee.

**Article V**

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