

BARRINGTON GIRLS SOFTBALL LEAGUE BY-LAWS
Effective 2012

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of the organization shall be the Barrington Girls Softball League

ARTICLE II – OBJECTIVE

The organization has been formed to promote good sportsmanship, team spirit and sense of fair play for Barrington girls; to develop them physically through outdoor softball play; also, to establish a means whereby parents and the community at large may foster a better relationship and offer another solution to the problems of our youth.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Members shall consist of adult residents of Barrington and non resident adults who are interested in the welfare of the League, subject to League approval. Only individuals who have attended at least five (5) of the previous ten (10) meetings shall be eligible to vote on matters brought before general membership.

Section 1:

Barrington Girls Softball is Open to All Girls age 5-15. (Amended 2011)

Section 2:

January 1 of the playing year shall be considered the League age birthday. Whatever age the girls are on that date shall be considered the League age for the current playing year. The minimum age is five (5) and the maximum sixteen (15) (Amended 2011)

Section 3:

The League, by vote of membership, may revoke the membership of any member who fails to comply with lawful and reasonable rules, regulations, and requirements of the League; or has otherwise conducted himself or herself as to give cause for said revocation.

Section 4:

Team managers will be appointed by the Executive Committee subsequent to a written request by the aspirants.

Section 5:

Board Members, Managers/Coaches who have failed to participate in at least ½ of organizational activities (e.g. fund raising, field maintenance, etc.) may face revocation of their positions and league privileges.

In the event an individual is to be considered for suspension or dismissal for reasons as outlined in Article III. Sections 3 and 5 he/she shall then call a special meeting to discuss the future of the individual considered for such action. This meeting shall be held as soon as possible, but the individual in question, if faced with only suspension, length of suspension to be determined by commissioners.

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS

Section 1:

The officers of the organization shall consist of President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Three (3) Commissioners, Auxiliary Coordinator, Independent Auditor (non league official). (Amended 2011)

- a. Nominations for officers may be made prior to the first nominations meeting. The President will contact all nominees so that the list of nominated members will reflect those truly interested in respective offices. Nominations may be made until all offices are filled.
- b. Ballots cast at the annual October meeting of each year shall elect the officers. They shall serve a term of two (2) years with President, Secretary and (3) Commissioners alternating every other year with Vice-President, Auxiliary Coordinator, Treasurer or until their successors are elected. Vacancies occurring before elections shall be filled by a vote of the membership at the next regular meeting following the vacancy. (Amended 2011)
- c. Those elected shall take office at the November meeting following the elections.
- d. Independent Auditor to be appointed annually at October Meeting.

Section 2: President

Shall preside at all meetings of the members and Board of Trustees, and is ex-officio member of all committees. In the event an individual is to be considered for suspension or dismissal for reasons as outlined in Article III. Sections 3 and 5 he/she shall then call a special meeting to discuss the future of the individual considered for such action. The President may appoint any ad hoc committee in conjunction with the standing committees for the smooth operation of the League.

Section 3: Vice-President

Shall assist the President and perform the functions of that office in the President's absence. The Vice-President shall oversee all League fund raising activities.

Section 4: Treasurer

Shall make and keep records of all financial transactions of the League, be responsible for the receipt of all monies due the League and deposit same in bank accounts or other places of deposit approved by the Executive Board. The Treasurer shall sign all League checks and make all disbursements. All checks and disbursements greater than \$500.00 for the League shall also require a second signature. The Treasurer shall maintain the key to the League mailbox at the Barrington Post Office. The Treasurer shall send letters to and collect money from all Team Sponsors. There shall be 3 authorized signers on League accounts – Treasurer, President and Vice-President. (Amended 2007)

Section 5: Secretary

Shall make and keep minutes of all meetings; maintain a membership record; keep all League records, except financial records; dispatch all correspondence through proper channels; issue notice of meetings; assist other officers and perform such other functions as may be appropriate to the office. Shall be responsible for purchasing plaques and annual League awards.

Section 6: (3) Commissioners [one for each age level: Major, Minor, Pony]

The Commissioners shall over see the annual drafts. Shall have complete authority on all matters pertaining to play. The Commissioners shall be guided by a set of playing rules governing team play as adopted by the League membership. Every year after registration, the commissioners shall hold a managers and coaches meeting. This meeting will be informative and each manager will have his or her responsibilities explained. All questions regarding rules will be discussed and good sportsmanship will be stressed. The Commissioners shall also be responsible for the preparation of the season’s schedule and rescheduling of games during season. The Commissioners will resolve any problems pertaining to the playing rules or consult with the Official of the League for final resolution. The Commissioners shall also be responsible for coordination of umpires. The Commissioners may at his/her own discretion appoint an assistant. (Amended 2011)

Section 7: Independent Auditor (non-voting member of league)

Shall perform an audit of the accounts of the League and Auxiliary once a year and a report of the audit shall be submitted at the January meeting. (Amended 2007)

(Amended 2011)

ARTICLE V – MEETINGS

Section 1: Regular Meetings

Shall be held each month; day and time to be determine by the board of trustees, except in the months of July and August. A meeting to be valid must have a quorum of members (5) and two (2) eligible to vote and one (1) elected officer.

Section 2: Special Meetings

May be called by the President, Board of Trustees, or upon the request in writing, by six or more members. Written notice of such meetings shall contain the agenda of the meeting and no other business except that so specified may be discussed. This meeting shall be valid only when every member eligible to vote is notified by the League Secretary.

Section 3: Annual Meeting

Shall be in January of each year, when Officers of the Barrington Girls Softball Auxiliary shall present written reports. The time and place of this meeting is to be set by mutual agreement of the two Presidents. (Amended 1997)

ARTICLE VI – COMMITTEES

The following are the standing committees appointed by the President for a period of one (1) year. Chairpersons of Committees are solely responsible for purchasing whatever is necessary for maintaining their respective committees, with approval of the League membership. No other League member shall make a purchase without prior League approval. Enforcement of all committees shall be the responsibility of the League President. (Amended 1997)

- A. Rules and By-Laws Committee** will review the Playing Rules and the By-Laws, make minor changes as needed and process all written requests for changes. Their recommendations shall be presented in writing to the general membership where they will be read, discussed and voted upon at the same meeting or table for the next meeting. Those By-Laws and playing rule changes, considered major, must be approved by the general membership by December of the current year. Those considered to be of a minor nature will become automatic changes without the requirement of full league discussion and passage. All changes will have an effective date. All approved changes will be typed and issued by the Committee, and will be presented at the next general membership meeting. All changes are to be signed and dated by the Chairman of the Committee and by the League President. (Amended 1998)
- B. President, Commissioners, Vice-President, Secretary** are charged with the responsibility of determining the size of Major and Minor League teams. This group will meet one (1) week after the completion of registration. Team size under ten (10) players may necessitate the use of twelve (12) year old girls in the Major League. The Minor league managers will make recommendations to assist in the selection of the required twelve (12) year old girls. (Amended 2007)
- C. Property Committee** shall be responsible for the care and maintenance of all League equipment and shall produce an inventory of such equipment at each annual meeting.
- D. Field and Building Committee** shall be responsible for the care and maintenance of the field and buildings, and shall keep in good order with good housekeeping practices adhered to.
- E. Publicity Committee** shall maintain active publicity of the League happenings. This Committee shall be responsible for the League's calendar of events and the notification of newspapers.
- F. Uniform Committee** will be responsible for purchase and distribution of all League uniforms.

ARTICLE VII – SPONSORSHIP

Sponsors shall be considered as contributors and include clubs, civic, fraternal or service veterans' Organizations, local merchants, businessmen, commercial enterprises or industrial plants. Sponsors Shall make themselves known by February 15 of each year. Sponsors of the preceding year have

priority of sponsorship in each new season. All new sponsors must be brought before the League for approval.

ARTICLE VIII – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

“Robert’s Rules of Order” will govern for the conduct of meetings whenever they may apply and are not inconsistent with these by-laws.

ARTICLE IX – TEAM ORGANIZATION

Section 1. The League shall be divided into five (5) age groups, namely, MAJOR LEAGUE, MINOR LEAGUE, PONY TAIL LEAGUE, CLINIC AND TRAVELING TEAMS.

- a. Major League players shall be thirteen (13) to fifteen (15) League age. In the event that sufficient players of the above group are not registered, twelve (12) year olds of Major League playing ability may be permitted to play with Major League teams. (Amended 2011)
- b. Minor League players shall be ten (10) to twelve (12) years old League age. In the event that sufficient players of the above group are not registered; nine (9) year olds of Minor League playing ability may be permitted to play with Minor League teams.
- c. Pony Tail League players shall be seven (7) to nine (9) years old League age.
- d. Clinic players shall be five (5) and six (6) years old League age.
- e. Traveling Team A shall be comprised of active League players age 13 to 15.
- f. Traveling Team B shall be comprised of active League players aged 12 years and under.
- g. Traveling Team C shall be comprised of active League players aged 10 years and under.
- h. A player who is nine (9) years old may be considered for the Minor Leagues providing her parent or guardian requests or gives approval that she play in the Minor League. All players desiring consideration must have registered on or before the last scheduled registration date and must attend a preliminary tryout to be held after the completion of registration but before the entry draft tryout. The player must demonstrate skill and ability commensurate with the Minor League level to be allowed to play in the Minor League. The player must still attend the regular league tryout and be part of the annual supplemental draft. Any player who fails these criteria will be assigned to a ponytail team.
- i. A player who is twelve(12) years old may be considered for the Major Leagues providing her parent or guardian requests or gives approval that she play in the Major League. All players desiring consideration must have registered on or before the last scheduled registration date and must attend a preliminary tryout to be held after the completion of registration but before the entry draft tryout. The player must demonstrate skill and ability commensurate with the Major League level to be allowed to play in the Major League. The player must still attend the regular league tryout and be part of the annual supplemental draft. Any player who fails this criteria will be reassigned to her previous Minor League Team or become part of the Minor league draft if she was not previously on a Minor League Team

Section 2: Major and Minor League teams shall conduct an annual draft. All Players will be drafted to a team after the respective League Try-Outs.

- a. Prior to the start of each season, managers and coaches of each league will decide how playoff seed will be determined.
- b. Drafting order will be determined by the Commissioners. All players entering the league will be assigned a draft position. Every team should have a first round pick and must have a last round pick.
- c. The only Player[s] protected from the Draft are: the Daughter(s) of the Assigned Manager.
- d. Siblings will automatically slotted together unless a request is made to split them up in writing by a Parent or Guardian prior to draft.

Section 3: Any player assigned to a team will be dropped from the playoff roster if she does not play in 1 more than 50% of the games *played* during the regular season. (Amended 1997)

- a. Absences from League games due to player being in either a school league or travel league (GSA, All Star) games are credited for that game and do count towards the 50% plus 1 restriction.
- b. Absences due to medical reasons are also exempt from the 50% plus 1 restriction. Validity of medical reasons will be determined by the (3) League Commissioners.
- c. There will be two (2) official books per league (1 Home, 1 Away) to be used for all games and signed by manager of each team at end of game. If a manager (team) does not keep the book for any game, their players do not get credit for attending that game.

Section 4: The principles of good conduct and sportsmanship shall be adhered to. The Managers, Coaches or Umpires shall not tolerate any contrary behavior. Such offenders must be dismissed from the field of play immediately. Managers and Coaches are responsible for the actions and behavior of team members. Any physical confrontation between coaches, parents and/or players shall result in immediate dismissal from the league for the remainder of the season.

Section 5: No smoking is permitted by anyone on the playing field. Smoking of playing members in Uniform shall be cause for dismissal.

Section 6: Sign- up is defined as that period of time when a girl of proper age may register to softball. The amount of time shall be determined by the general membership.

ARTICLE X – PLAYOFF GAMES

Section 1: MINOR LEAGUE SOFTBALL After the season has ended; there will be a double elimination tournament to decide the first and second place winners. Scheduling of the playoffs games will be up to the Commissioners.

Section 2: MAJOR LEAGUE TOURNAMENT upon completion of the regular season will also hold a double elimination tournament to determine season champion. Scheduling of the playoffs games will be up to the Commissioners.

Section 3: Player rosters shall consist of the regular season list, no players may be brought up from lower levels to fill out rosters.

ARTICLE XI – BGSL ALL-STAR COMMITTEE

Certain recommendations and proposals regarding our all-star program were presented for discussion. Items listed below have been agreed upon and adopted for placement in the by-laws.

1. **COMMITTEE** members to include the President, Commissioners, and the elected Managers of the Minor and Major All-Star teams.
2. **SELECTION OF MANAGERS** The Managers of the respective all- star teams will be selected by the general voting membership by secret ballot in April of each year from the list of interested active Coaches and Managers submitted in writing to the President prior to the April meeting.
3. **COACHING STAFF** Newly selected Managers will have the right to choose their own coaching staff, but every other manager must be approached to participate. The Manager and Coaches of their respective teams will select all-stars at the appropriate times.
4. **SELECTION OF ALL-STARS** The Managers of each team in the Major, Minor, and Pony Tail Leagues will submit to the All-Star Managers, upon request, a list of players which will be used to Select a team by the All-Star Manager and Coaches. In order to be selected as an all-star, in the judgment of the All-Star Committee, a player must have played 1 game more then 50% of games played during the regular season and tournament and be physically able to play in the All-Star tournament. There shall be no limitations on minimum age. (Amended 1997)

ARTICLE XII – SPORTSMANSHIP AWARDS

Section 1. Donna Eisenhardt – Rau Sportsmanship Award

A Sportsmanship conduct award will be given each year to an Eighth Grade Graduate from Woodland School and St. Francis de Sales School. Criteria as follows:

- a. At least three (3) years in BGSL, either two (2) years in the Minor League and one (1) in the Major League or one (1) year in the Minor League and two (2) in the Major League.
- b. Must be registered and playing member while in 8th grade.
- c. Shows good sportsmanship at practices and games.

Section 2. John Panichella Memorial Sportsmanship Award

This award will be presented annually to a graduate of the Major League by a vote of the Major League Managers and Coaches in memory of John Panichella, a long time manager/coach of BGSL. Criteria as follows:

- a. Must have been a member of BGSL for at least three (3) years.
- b. Must be a registered and playing member of BGSL , at age 16
- c. Must show good sportsmanship at practices and games.
- d. Must exemplify John's spirit of hard work and fun. (Amended 1997)

Section 3. Eileen King Sportsmanship Award

Presented annually to graduate of the Minor League by a vote of the Minor League managers and coaches in memory of Eileen King, a former member of BGSL. Criteria is as follows:

- a. Must have been a member of BGSL for at least two years.
- b. Must be a registered and playing member of BGSL at age 12.
- c. Must love the game and show dedication to the game and her team.
- d. Must show good sportsmanship at all times. Ability is not important

ARTICLE XIII – AUXILIARY

Section 1. There will be a Barrington Girls Softball Auxiliary.

- a. Shall operate under Auxiliary by-laws, Officers and Trustees.
- b. Shall establish a checking and savings account under Auxiliary name. The Auxiliary Treasurer shall maintain the key to the Auxiliary mailbox at the Barrington Post Office.
- c. Shall pay all the expenses the Auxiliary incurs for the League (i.e. April, May, June utility bills) as well as being responsible for purchasing the bonds used as year end awards.
- d. A Treasurer's report shall be read and a copy given to the Secretary of BGSL at each League meeting.
- e. A representative will be sent for the League meetings from the Auxiliary meeting to give and receive reports.
- f. A committee shall be formed in the month of February, co-chaired both Presidents consisting of two (2) League members, two (2) Auxiliary members an a member mutually agreed upon by both organizations to discuss the expenditures of monies earned and excluding budgets.

ARTICLE XIV – IMPEACHMENT

Any officer found to be incompetent or dishonest may be removed from office by a vote of two-thirds of the members eligible to vote at a public hearing. Six (6) of the Eight (8) Elected Officers must be present. Charges must be made available to the accused at least one (1) week prior to the hearing so that an adequate defense may be prepared. The hearing will be conducted by the ranking elected officer according to the following order of preference. (Amended 2011)

- A. President
- B. Vice-President
- C. Secretary
- D. Treasurer
- E. Auxiliary Coordinator
- F. Commissioners

Charges must be in writing and cosigned by at least two (2) additional voting members and must be presented to the ranking elected official at a regular meeting. Upon receipt of a properly executed complaint, the officer named shall be relieved of all duties until the matter is resolved.

ARTICLE XV – AMENDMENTS

- a. Any member of the League after the current playing season has ended may propose amendments to the By-Laws and any Article thereof. Any changes must be submitted in writing at a regular meeting, after being read and with an exchange of views, is voted upon at the next regular meeting.
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- b. All By-Laws amendments must be approved before the January regular meeting to be effective for upcoming year.

ARTICLE XVI – GSA TRAVELING TEAMS

The GSA Traveling Teams will be subject to all BGSL By-Laws with the following exceptions.

Section 1: Managers

The Manager of a GSA Traveling Team may not manage any other BGSL Team

Section 2: Player Eligibility

All girls between the ages of thirteen (13) and eighteen (15) who previously participated in BGSL or are A current Barrington resident and with an exception of three (3) players noted as outside this area (interpreted by SJGSA by-laws Article IX Section 18) are eligible to play. Any player residing out of town and not attending school within this district and permitted to play under SJGSA guidelines shall not be required to participate in the town program.

- a. The manager and coaches will decide team size and roster.
- b. The manager may add a player to the roster after the team is selected.
- c. All traveling teams will have open try-outs: every player must try-out every year and may be removed for the following disciplinary reasons.
 - 1) Non-participation in GSA games.
 - 2) Non- cooperation with managers and coaches.
 - 3) Poor Sportsmanship.
- d. This is not an All-Star team. Any deserving player, whether GSA or town participant will be eligible for the All-Star team.

Section 3: Funding

Funding for the GSA Traveling Teams will come from the BGSL accounts, however, and additional registration fee, to be determined by the League, shall be charged to each player. (Added 1997)

ARTICLE XVII – DISSOLUTION

In the event of the dissolution of the organization named the “Barrington Girls Softball League”, all assets that remain at that time will first and foremost be paid to any remaining outstanding debts and contracts. All other remaining assets are to be donated to the charity known as the Barrington Civic Association.
(Amended 2011)