

**By-Laws
Of
Deerlick Girls Softball Association**

Article I

This organization shall be known as Deerlick Girls Softball Association (DGSA).

Article II

The objectives of the Deerlick Girls Softball Association are:

- 1) To encourage all persons to take an active part in recreation and athletics and to promote such activities as an active participant.
- 2) To encourage adults to assist and aid organized softball, as well as other recreational activities as they are planned.
- 3) To enhance a program of leadership to youth and to provide a channel for youthful activity in a friendly atmosphere of wholesome competition.

The objectives will be achieved and accomplished by providing supervised athletic games and events.

Article III

The Board of Directors

The Governing Body of the Deerlick Girls Softball Association shall be a Board of Directors, which shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Area Representative; each having one vote. Husband and wife cannot both hold a voting position on the Board. Other officers will be the Concession Manager, Public Relations Director, and Equipment Manager.

Section I-A

The Board of Directors and Officers shall constitute the administrative body of DGSA. Their recommendations shall be subject to the approval or disapproval of DGSA at the general meeting. Their authority shall extend, but not be limited to, such actions:

- 1) Establishment of reasonable budgets for the various programs of the DGSA.
- 2) Authorization of payment of any debts of DGSA
- 3) Replacement of any Board Member or Officer who misses two consecutive meetings without reasonable cause.
- 4) Appointment of any Board position which becomes vacant before the end of the term.
- 5) Approval of all purchases of DGSA, other than concession stock and necessities (ie: softballs, scorebooks, etc).
- 6) Direction of registration for the fall and spring softball seasons.

Section I-B

Duties of Officers

- A) President
This position shall be elected on even years.
 - 1) Shall preside at all meetings of the DGSA and the Board of Directors.
 - 2) Shall appoint all standing committees with assistance of the Board of Directors, and designate the chairman thereof.
 - 3) Shall perform such duties as are common for the President of such an organization.
 - 4) Shall be authorized to sign checks.

- B) Vice-President
This position shall be elected on odd years.
- 1) Shall have authority and duties of the President in the absence of the President.
 - 2) Shall schedule all practices.
- C) Secretary
This position shall be elected on even years.
- 1) Shall have a complete record of the minutes of each Board Meeting and Coaches Meeting and will distribute copies to all attendees at the next meeting.
 - 2) Shall be required to notify all members of any meeting, regular or special, giving ample time for members to set aside other duties at the time of the meeting.
- D) Treasurer
This position shall be elected on odd years.
- 1) Shall collect all dues and other money and give receipt of the same.
 - 2) Shall deposit all money in the bank designated by the Governing Body.
 - 3) Shall be authorized to sign checks.
- E) Area Representative
This position shall be elected on even years.
- 1) Shall serve as head of the athletic department.
 - 2) Shall be the organization's official voting representative in all county and other related meetings pertaining to any sanctioned sport.
 - 3) Shall secure a list of coaches to present at the general membership meeting for election.
 - 4) Shall post all County-level meetings.
- F) Concession Director
Position appointed by the Board.
- 1) Shall be responsible for the operation and opening of the concession stand for all games.
 - 2) Shall have the concession stand open 30 minutes before the first game is played at the park.
 - 3) Shall have access to Sam's credit to purchase concession stock.

- G) Public Relations Director
Position appointed by the Board.
 - 1) Shall be in charge of all promotion and advertising of DGSA.

- H) Equipment Manager
Position appointed by the Board.
 - 1) Shall be responsible for all athletic equipment and supplies of DGSA.
 - 2) Shall be in charge of distributing all athletic equipment at the beginning of the season and collection of all equipment at the end of the season.

Section II

At the annual meeting, members of the DGSA shall elect the Officers whose terms have ended based on the schedules established in Article III, Section I-B. This meeting will be held no later than May 15th. The final date is to be determined and posted by the Board two weeks in advance. A nomination meeting will be held one week prior to the scheduled election.

Article IV

Membership

Section I

Membership in the DGSA is automatic whenever the child registers to play softball. Any adult not having a child registered with the DGSA, but who would like to participate, may do so by being a working volunteer in the DGSA upon approval by the Board.

Section II

All complaints of misconduct of coaches and assistant coaches should be put in writing and delivered to the Area Representative.

All official umpire complaints must come from a head coach to the Area Representative.

Section III

Any individual meeting the requirements as to age and residence as set forth in the regulations of Organized Softball shall be eligible to compete for participation in the local league.

Section IV

The Governing Body shall, by a quorum vote (75%) at any duly constituted meeting, have the authority to suspend any member thereof whose conduct is considered to be detrimental to the best interest of the DGSA.

Section V

The Governing Body shall, upon evidence of the misconduct of any member or player, within a reasonable amount of time of the act, notify the coach of the team. Said coach/parent/guardian shall appear, in the capacity of an advisor, with the player, before a duly appointed committee, which shall have full power to suspend, or revoke, such member's right to future participation.

Article V

Board Meetings

Section I

The regular membership meeting will be the 3rd Sunday of the month, unless otherwise noted; provision will be made by the Board as needed. Additional membership meetings may be called by the President or upon written request of at least five members of the DGSA. The date and time will be posted on the website.

Section II

75% (4 members) of the Governing Body shall constitute a quorum.

Section III

All meetings will be conducted in an orderly manner. Any person or persons disrupting the meeting will be asked to leave by the presiding officer.

Article VI

Coaches

Section I

The Governing Body shall approve coaches of all teams annually by the end of January. Coaches shall be responsible for selection of their teams and for their actions while representing the DGSA. All coaches and assistant coaches must be members of the DGSA and accountable for their actions to the Governing Body. All coaches and assistant coaches must sign a Coach's Agreement and Responsibilities, be NYSCA Certified, and submit to a background check, before being approved for a team.

Section II

The head coach of the home team shall be in charge of, or delegate the duties to others, the facilities of the fields, including lights and base locations for various game requirements.

Each coach is to make sure that his/her roster is turned into the Area Representative in accordance with the County By-Laws by April 1.

Section III

Coaches who do not conduct themselves appropriately will be subject to disciplinary action by the Board.

Equipment must be turned in at the end of the season. Coaches who do not turn in the equipment or make reimbursement for equipment will not be allowed to coach until restitution is made.

The minimum age of a coach is 18 years of age.

Article VII

Financial Policy

Section I

The Governing Body shall decide all matters pertaining to the finances of the DGSA and it shall place income in a common treasury, directing the expenditure of same in a manner as will give no individual or team an advantage over others.

Section II

Teams may raise money for associated expenses incurred by the team with the option to have the treasurer administer a refund or disbursement with receipt.

Section III

Registration fees will be set each year and will be competitive with other parks. Fees are subject to change.

Section IV

At the end of the spring season, provided appropriate funds are available, the Governing Body may choose to donate monies to each league team for trophies and/or end-of-the-season banquets.

Article VIII

Section I

The official playing Rules and Regulations as published by the Douglas County Girls/Women Softball Association for the current season and as hereafter amended shall be binding.

Section II

All teams shall have access to the use of fields and batting cages for practice.

Section III

No alcoholic beverages will be permitted on the premises at any time. Tobacco use is allowed only in designated areas.

Article IX

These By-Laws, or any section thereof (except conflicts with Organized Rules and Regulations), shall be reviewed after the elections and should be amended as necessary.

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