

CREWE-BURKEVILLE DIXIE GIRLS SOFTBALL LEAGUE BY-LAWS

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(Note: His or him indicates both male and female gender.)

I. The league shall be known as the Crewe-Burkeville Dixie Girls Softball League, an auxiliary committee of the CBYRA.

II. There shall be no local league rules or By-Laws in conflict with the intent, aims, purposes, and rules of the national Dixie Softball Inc.

III. Property and business of the league shall be managed by the Crewe-Burkeville Youth Recreation Association. The Softball committee will be responsible for the day to day and seasonal aspects AKA as operations of the softball program. The Committee shall be comprised of the Commissioner, who is appointed by the Board of Directors, and up to 6 other members appointed by the Commissioner. Not more than two (2) members shall be active coaches in the programs that the Committee directs, however coaches from other programs shall be eligible if they have a child playing in one of these programs. The Softball Committee maintains all authority over decisions related to the softball program with oversight authority (appeal) reserved for the Board of Directors.

IV. League Officers shall consist of a Commissioner, a Vice-Commissioner, and Player Agent. The Commissioner shall be given authority by the Softball Committee to conduct all business necessary to the operation of the Softball Program. All other league officers shall be appointed by the Commissioner. The respective duties of the Softball Committee and each League Officer position shall be as follows:

A. The Softball Committee:

1. Primary responsibility is to oversee the Dixie Girls Softball program.
2. Responsible for budget decisions relating to the softball program. All decisions relating to expenditures for the softball program are reserved for the Committee in accordance with any CBYRA purchasing policy and/or vendor agreements. The Treasurer of the Board of Directors will handle the accounting for the Softball program.
3. Approves the list of proposed team managers provided by the Commissioner at the beginning of each season.

3. Approves the By-Laws and any local league rules brought forth for discussion by the Commissioner.

B. Commissioner:

1. Primary responsibility is to direct and manage the Dixie Girls Softball program. The Commissioner shall encourage all officials, managers, coaches, and players to abide by the rules of good sportsmanship and help build a program that will result in obedient, patriotic, and God-fearing children.
2. Shall preside at all meetings of the Softball Committee meetings. The Commissioner is a non-voting member; however, if a situation occurs where a tie vote exists within the Committee members, the Commissioner will cast the tie breaking vote.
3. Shall assure that all Dixie Girls softball league rules and regulations are followed.
4. Acts as an arbitrator in any dispute or protest concerning rules and regulations.
5. Shall conduct one or more meetings prior to the start of league play to review By-laws, rules and regulations with managers and coaches.
6. Shall represent the local league at District and State meetings as well as other functions relating to Dixie Girls Softball.
7. Shall prepare the yearly softball game schedule in coordination with the baseball program.
8. Shall appoint all other personnel to assure proper operation of a successful league: such as umpires, scorekeepers, etc.
9. Shall see that at least two local league umpires are certified by Dixie Softball Inc.
10. Commissioner or a representative of the Commissioner shall be present at all regular season league games.
11. Shall submit a list of team managers to the Softball Committee for approval prior to start of league play.

12. Shall approve all coaches and or assistant coaches selected by team managers.

13. Shall submit the names of all Managers, Coaches and regular season Umpires to the Risk Management Committee for a background check and approval.

B. Assistant Commissioner:

1. Shall assist the Commissioner in the discharge of his duties and in the absence of the Commissioner shall assume the duties of the Commissioner.

2. Is responsible for assisting the Commissioner in upholding the rules established by Dixie Softball Inc. and all local league rules established for the respective season.

C. Player Agent:

1. Shall see that all teams have equal opportunity in the selection of players.

2. Shall select players to move up in another division based on eligibility should the necessity arise.

3. Shall oversee and manage the All-Star selection process.

V. Player Selections:

A. The term “option player” shall be applied to any candidate whose sister is already a player in the league, whose parent is already a team manager, or whose parent is officially designated assistant manager for not fewer than two (2) years. These options shall be exercised before the regular selection process begins and shall represent one of that coach’s picks in the selection process. Anyone becoming a manager shall automatically have his or her child as an option even though that child may be on another team within the same league. Sisters may or may not be placed on the same team at the request of parents or guardian.

B. All age divisions will have all players placed in a player pool and teams will be re-picked each season. All players will be rated by managers and the commissioner which will be overseen by player agent.

C. Player selections shall be made in order of the previous year's finish with first place manager having first pick and so on. In the event that new managers to a division are present, then seniority will be given to those with the most coaching experience within the girls softball league. Once order has been established based on these criteria, then the order shall remain constant until all players have been selected. Highest rated players shall be picked first until exhausted and the next level shall be selected next and so on. Option players must be taken at corresponding level.

VI. If a player resigns from a team without valid reason as determined by the Commissioner she shall be ineligible for participation in The Crewe-Burkeville Dixie Girls Softball league for the remainder of the season, plus the following entire season. The parents of the resigning player shall be made aware of this by-law by the Commissioner. Also, the Commissioner shall supply the Softball Committee and the CBYRA board with a list of the next year's ineligible players.

VII. Only team players in uniform and the required number of coaches, as defined by the Dixie Girls rule book will be allowed in the dugout during a regular season scheduled game.

VIII. The number of regular season games shall be in accordance with the Dixie Softball Inc. Rules.

X. Teams in all divisions shall have the number of players required by Dixie Softball Inc.

X. Only league approved uniforms (hats, jerseys, pants and stirrups) shall be worn by players.

XI. The mercy rule will be observed as outlined in the Dixie Softball Inc. Official Rule Guide.

XII. Game Time Limits.

A. A time limit of 1 hour and 45 minutes will be imposed on all games with the exception of those in the Darlings Division. Games in the Darlings age group will be limited to 1 hour and 15 minutes.

B. If games are called due to time limit, Dixie Softball rule 3:03 will still be in effect. Penalty for violation of this rule shall be forfeiture of the game in the event the violating team is the winner and losing manager files the proper protest.

XIII. League games suspended due to inclement weather shall be continued from the exact point of suspension, unless the required number of innings has been met for a regulation game as per Dixie Softball Inc. rules.

XIV. In case of sickness, injury, or disciplinary action, the press box and opposing manager shall be notified prior to the beginning of the game. Extenuating circumstances during the game will be handled by the Commissioner.

XV. LOCAL LEAGUE OPTION:

A. The Dixie Softball Inc. Rulebook allows for the local league option to include a Coach-Pitch rule for the Angels age division. For 2010, the Softball Committee has approved this option as written in the Dixie Softball Official Rule Guide with the following changes:

1. The Coach Pitcher will pitch 5 pitches to the batter or until she swings at and misses three (3) pitches causing her to “strike” out or she hits the ball into fair territory.

XV. An All-Star team consisting of twelve (12) players shall be selected at season’s end in the following manner:

A. Each manager of a team shall submit a list of ten (10) ballplayers of their choice at an all-star selection meeting. The Player Agent shall act only as presiding officer with no voting power at this meeting.

B. The ten (10) players receiving the most votes shall be automatic selections for the all-star team.

C. The two (2) remaining players and two (2) alternates shall be selected by the all-star manager and his or her two assistant coaches.

XVI. Final season standings will be determined by win/loss records for all age divisions.

XVII. The all-star manager shall be the manager of the team that finished in first place in the regular season standings. His or her assistants shall be the managers of the second and third place teams. In the event an eligible manager declines his or her position on the managing staff, then his position shall be offered to the next manager in line according to finish. If assistants are still needed, coaches of the first place team shall be asked, then second place, and so on.

XVIII. All previous year’s managers desiring to continue managing shall have their names submitted to the Crewe-Burkeville Youth Recreation Association Softball Committee for approval. The Commissioner shall express his or her views regarding each manager. In the event that a manager does not wish to assume his or her position, his assistant shall be given a “courtesy call” to see if he or she is interested in the manager’s position if the commissioner feels that the assistant is qualified.

XIX. Any problem arising within the Dixie Girls Softball League program shall be handled as follows:

A. Player or parent with a problem shall notify the manager; if not resolved then the matter shall be brought before the Commissioner; if not resolved satisfactorily by the Commissioner, then the CBYRA Softball Committee shall act on the matter in the best interest of the party or parties involved. As stated above, final oversight authority is reserved for the Board of Directors and as such they are the ultimate decision making authority for the league.

XX. Sunday games and practices are not encouraged, but if necessary, none may begin before 2:00 P.M.

XXI. No exception to these By-Laws may be made without the approval of the Crewe-Burkeville Youth Recreation Association Softball Committee.