

BYLAWS OF THE
MIDLAND GIRLS SOFTBALL LEAGUE
MIDLAND, MICHIGAN

ARTICLE I. NAME ADDRESS:

A. The name of the organization shall be known as the MIDLAND GIRLS SOFTBALL LEAGUE, OF MIDLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, HEREIN REFERRED TO AS MGSL.

B. The principal mailing address shall be MGSL c/o Midland Parks and Recreation, 515 E. Collins, Midland, MI 48640.

C. The MGSL shall operate as a 501 (c) 3 organization as pertains to the Internal Revenue Service Tax Code

ARTICLE II. Objective:

A. **MISSION:** To provide an appropriately challenging high quality recreational league softball experience at a reasonable cost for all interested Midland County girls, ages 7 through 18.

B. **VISION:** We will have enough girls participating at each age level to have balanced, competitive divisions in each ASA age group from ponytail through 18 and under. We will have top notch facilities and equipment. All girls will have an opportunity to participate regardless of financial situation or natural ability. We will have continued growth in the program with enthusiastic support from girls, coaches, parents, team sponsors, and Midland Parks & Recreation. We will have energetic, cooperative board members who represent the interest of all age groups. Because of our efforts, many girls will develop advanced softball interest and skills, resulting in personal and team achievements not otherwise possible.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP:

A. All girls, ages 7 through 18, and their parents or legal guardians, who reside or work in Midland County are eligible for membership in the MGSL.

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B. Membership is accomplished through the annual registration process. The term of membership shall be for the period of one calendar year following the registration.

C. Interested parties who reside or work in Midland County and share the goals of the MSGL are eligible for members as determined by the Board

D. All interested parties may apply for special membership and be approved as determined by a quorum of the Board

ARTICLE IV. Board of Directors:

A. The MGSL shall be governed by a Board of Directors which will be charged with administration of the Bylaws of the MGSL and have oversight of the operation of the league. The Board shall consist of no less than eight (8) and no more than twelve (12) members.

B. Elections of Board of Directors:
The Board of Directors shall consist of those members ratified by voice vote at the annual meeting of the organization. All Directors shall be elected for a term of two years. A vacancy occurring more than thirty (30) days before the expiration of a term may be filled by the Board. Individual Board members terms may be staggered to allow for organizational continuity. The terms shall be the calendar year.

C. Eligibility for Board Membership includes the requirements detailed in Article III and/or such individuals who may be recommended by the Director of the Midland Parks & Recreation Department.

D. The outgoing Board shall prepare and propose a slate of members each year, for the next year to be ratified at the annual membership meeting.

E. Applications for Board membership shall be made available to the general membership at the Annual Meeting. Application may also be obtained from an officer of the Board.

ARTICLE V. Officers:

The Board of Directors shall elect annually the President, one or more vice-presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer and one representative from the Midland Parks and Recreation Department. Vacancies occurring in any office shall be filled by the Board. Terms of office shall be one year. Officers are eligible for re-election.

ARTICLE VI.. Meetings:

A. The annual membership meeting shall normally be conducted in the month of April of each year for the reading of reports and the ratification of Board members.

B. Board meetings may be called by the President at any time or upon the written request of at least three (3) members of the Board of Directors. Notice of all meetings shall be given in writing to board members, not less than two (2) days in advance of such meetings, unless waiver of such notice is voted and approved. All meetings shall be conducted by "Roberts' Rules of Order". A majority of the members of the Board shall constitute a quorum at any meeting and a majority vote of those present shall govern.

C. All Board meetings shall be open and accessible to the MGSL membership.

ARTICLE VII. Financial Policy:

The Board of Directors shall decide all matters (including fees) pertaining to the finances of the league treasury, directing expenditure of same in such manner as will give no individual or team an advantage over the other as to equipment, etc..

ARTICLE VIII. Office of the President:

The President shall be elected by the Board of Directors and shall have general management of the operation of the MGSL and shall see that all orders and resolution of the Board are carried into effect. The President shall be an ex official member of all standing committees and shall be the liaison with the Midland Parks and Recreation Department. The President shall have responsibility

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for implementing all matters regarding MGSL membership eligibility and MGSL rules interpretation.

ARTICLE IX. Office of the Vice President:

The Vice-President, shall be elected by the Board of Directors and shall preside in the absence of the President

ARTICLE X. Secretary:

The Secretary, shall be elected by the Board of Directors shall provide minutes of the proceedings of all Board meetings. The Secretary shall give all notices required by, bylaws, or resolution. The Secretary shall perform other such duties as may be delegated by the Board of Directors or by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE XI. Treasurer:

The Treasurer, shall be elected by the Board of Directors and is responsible for the maintaining of full and accurate accounts of all MGSL receipts and disbursements. The Treasurer or his designee shall deposit all monies, in the name of the MGSL in such accounts as may be designated for that purpose. The Treasurer shall disburse funds of the MGSL as may be authorized by the Board and shall provide to the President and Directors at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors (and whenever else requested by them), an accounting of all transactions and of the financial condition of the MGSL

ARTICLE XII. Financial Responsibility:

A. All instruments, drafts, orders for payment, contracts and conveyances shall be signed in the name of the MGSL by the treasurer and shall be countersigned by the President for expenditures exceeding \$2,000.

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B. Contracts, checks, deposits

1. The MGSL Board may authorize an officer or agent to enter into any contract, or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and in behalf of the MGSL, and such authority may be general or limited to specific instances.
2. Loans: No loans shall be contracted on behalf of the MGSL Board, and no evidences of indebtedness shall be issued in its name.
3. Checks, Drafts, Etc.: All checks, drafts, or other orders for the payment of money, notes or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of MGSL shall be signed by such Officer or Officers of the MGSL, and in such manner as shall from time to time to determined by resolution of the MGSL Board.
4. Deposits: All funds of the MGSL not otherwise employed shall be deposited in the name of the MGSL, in Banks, or other depositories as the MGSL Board may designate.
5. Financial Dealings Generally: All purchases or expenditures for supplies, equipment, or services for the benefit of the MGSL, whether by contract or not, shall follow and adhere to laws, policies, and general accounting standards governing purchase and expenditures by non-profit organizations. No member or officer of MGSL Board shall have any interest, financial or otherwise, direct or indirect, in any purchase or sale of goods or services by the MGSL, without timely and full disclosures thereof to the President and to the MGSL Board.
6. The fiscal year of the MGSL shall correspond to the calendar year.

ARTICLE XIII. Standing Committees:

- A. The President shall appoint all committees, both standing and special, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. The MGSL may have among others, the following standing committees:
 1. Rules of League Play

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2. Fundraising
3. Uniforms and Equipment
4. Team Sponsors
5. Nomination / Membership
6. publicity
7. Executive
8. Registration, Roster and tournaments
9. Selection of Coaches

B. The MGSL Executive Committee shall be composed of the President, Vice President and the appropriate committee chair. The Executive Committee shall have the authority to conduct business of the MGSL in the absence of the full MGSL Board in instances of tournament rules, eligibility of players and protests. No action taken by the Executive Committee shall contradict policy established by the full MGSL Board. A report will be given at the next board meeting of the action(s) taken.

ARTICLE XIV. Amendments:

A. These bylaws or any section thereof may be amended or replaced by a 2/3 vote of the Board of Directors present at any duly constituted meeting, provided that written notice of such proposed change or changes over the signature of Secretary shall be mailed to each member of the Board of Directors at least 15 day prior to the meeting at which such proposed change or changes shall be submitted to a vote.

B. Proposals for amendments may be made by petition of 20% of the general membership. The Board will take such petition under consideration as detailed in XIV (A) above.

ARTICLE XV. Removal from Membership:

1. At a meeting of the MGSL Board where proper notice of such purpose has been given, any MGSL member may be removed from membership, with cause, by vote of two thirds (2/3) of the Board of MGSL present.

2. Any officer or Board member elected or appointed by the MGSL may be removed by the MGSL Board when in its judgment that best interest of the MGSL would be served thereby. Removal shall be effected by a vote of two thirds (2/3) of the Board members present, attending a meeting where a quorum is present and prior notification is given.

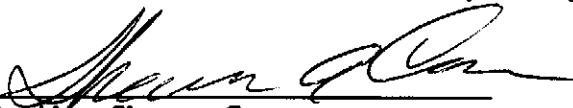
ARTICLE XVI. Playing and Eligibility Rules:

A. The MGSL Board shall develop, promulgate and maintain League Eligibility and Rules of Play as are appropriate to the League.

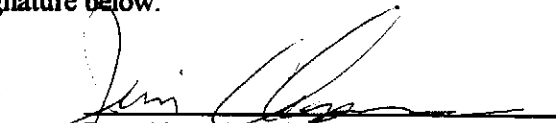
B. Rules, in general, will follow the current ASA Fast Pitch rules.

SIGNATURES

The Midland Girl's Softball League Board of Directors have reviewed and voted to approve these bylaws as of April 10, 1996, as verified by their signature below.



President, Sherman Case



Board Member, & Midland Parks and Recreation, Jim Chapman



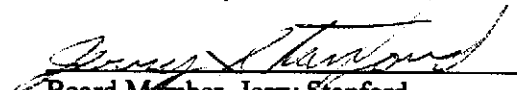
Vice President, Bruce C. Grant



Board Member, Cathie Martelli



Secretary, Rhonda Chapman



Board Member, Jerry Stanford



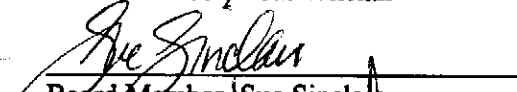
Treasurer, Pauline Fischer




Board Member, Beth Whelan



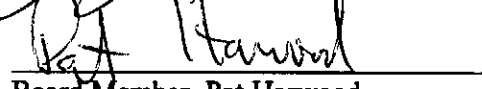
Board Member, William Bartlett



Board Member, Sue Sinclair



Board member, Bruce Bolton



Board Member, Pat Harwood