CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

FOR

PRATTVILLE GIRLS
SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Effective January 1, 2014
ARTICLE I

(1) CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

The Prattville Girls Softball League is a non-profit organization whose primary purpose is to promote organized, clean, fun and healthy recreation for the youth of Prattville and surrounding communities.

(2) PURPOSE

As of now PGSL is playing USSA. USSA Softball, Inc. is primarily a youth softball program for girls eighteen (18) years of age and younger, playing on a scaled down diamond to meet the physical development of the growing child. The main purpose of the USSA Program is to provide a recreation outlet for as many girls as possible with the emphasis on local league play. The Prattville Girls Softball League is likewise devoted to the principle task of providing mature supervision in human relations and athletic competition through softball to girls aged five (5) through eighteen (18) years who reside within the prescribed boundaries of the Prattville Girls Softball League who otherwise qualify for the Prattville Girls Softball League eligibility, as outlined in the Official Rules of USSA (the "Official Rules"). The primary purpose, and at all times the foremost intent, of the officers, managers, coaches, members and any and all other adult participants in the operation of the Prattville Girls Softball League are to foster in our girls a sense of morality, competition and fair play. The Head Coach and Assistant Coaches shall insist on good sportsmanship from their players at all times.

(3) SCOPE

The provisions set forth in these bylaws shall apply to each and every person, adult or youth, who shall participate in the Prattville Girls Softball League in any capacity, whether official or unofficial, unless variation is specifically authorized by the Executive Board of Directors of the Prattville Girls Softball League. These bylaws have been written to supplement (where authorized) the Official Rules. In all instances where conflicts exist between these bylaws and the Official Rules, the Official Rules shall control. Nothing in the Official Rules or these bylaws shall be construed
(4) MEMBERSHIP AND PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

Eligible voting members of the Prattville Girls Softball League include all officers, managers, and coaches of the Prattville Girls Softball League, together with the parent(s) and legal guardian(s) of any girl registered in good standing with the league.

Before a girl is allowed to participate in Prattville Girls Softball League games, her parent(s) or legal guardian(s) should be familiar with the following requirements: Proof of birth date must be given. This may be done with an official document such as a birth certificate, hospital record, or baptismal certificate. All girls shall be certified at the point of entry into the Prattville Girls Softball League. Once a girl's birth date has been proven, it need not be proven again.

ARTICLE II

(1) ORGANIZATION

The Prattville Girls Softball League is an integral part of the overall USSA program. It shall be organized as stated herein.

(2) INTERNAL ALIGNMENT

The Prattville Girls Softball League shall be organized into the Executive Board of Directors, Board Members and Line Staff.

{A} EXECUTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
The Executive Board of Directors shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Purchasing Agent. The Executive Board of Directors shall be elected or appointed as prescribed in Section 4.07. Vacancies in any such office shall be filled by the Executive Board of Directors.

{B} BOARD MEMBERS
The board members for the Prattville Girls Softball League shall consist of a Concession Manager, Player's Agent, three (3) Members at Large, 6u Division President, 8u
Division President, 10u Division President, 12u Division President, and a 14-18u Division President.

(C) **LINE STAFF**
The line staff for each division shall consist of team mothers, head coaches, and assistant coaches for each age division of the Prattville Girls Softball League.

**ARTICLE III**

(1) **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

Each position associated with the Prattville Girls Softball League is important; likewise, the duties and responsibilities assigned to each position are of great importance.

**EXECUTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Executive Board of Directors is charged with the executive management of the Prattville Girls Softball League. Its members must be capable, conscientious and willing to accept their duties and responsibilities. The Executive Board of Directors is charged with the task of enforcing these bylaws.

(A) **LEAGUE PRESIDENT**
The President is the chief officer of the Prattville Girls Softball League. The overall operation and the welfare of the league shall be the President's responsibility. The President shall supervise and direct the members of the Executive Board of Directors in the accomplishment of their specific duties in as stated in various sections of these bylaws. Decisions of the President in matters shall be final unless overruled by a majority vote of the Executive Board of Directors. In every matter that requires the President's action or presence, the President may appoint another official to act for or represent the authority of the President in making the proper disposition of the matter. The President shall be responsible for all Prattville Girls Softball League activities outside the league. The League President and all Division Presidents shall have the authority to cancel, postpone or reschedule
games unless such authority is delegated otherwise. However, in the absence of the President, this authority rests with the Vice President. The President shall be responsible for scheduling Prattville Girls Softball League meetings.

{B} **VICE PRESIDENT**
The Vice President shall fulfill such responsibilities as the President shall delegate and shall be entitled to stand in for the President whenever the President is absent.

{C} **SECRETARY**
The Secretary shall attend all meetings called by the President and shall render to each member of the Executive Board of Directors and all full Board Members a written report in the form of minutes of each meeting promptly after each meeting. The Secretary shall also maintain the Prattville Girls Softball League insurance policy and the associated claim forms. Upon notification of an injury, the Secretary shall promptly forward a claim form to the injured member. The Secretary shall perform other such duties as may be assigned by the President or the Executive Board of Directors.

{D} **TREASURER**
The Treasurer shall have custody of all money and securities and shall sign checks, keep necessary books of account and submit them together with all vouchers, receipts, records, and other papers to the Executive Board of Directors for approval. The Treasurer shall submit a financial statement and operating budget for the Executive Board of Directors approval no later than January of each year. It shall be the Treasurer's responsibility to provide a monthly financial statement to each member of the Executive Board of Directors and all other full board members on a monthly basis. It shall be the Treasurer's responsibility to deposit all financial receipts to the Prattville Girls Softball League's banking account. Additional duties may be assigned to the Treasurer by the President or the Executive Board of Directors. The Treasurer along with the League President shall sign all checks written on the Prattville Girls Softball League's account. In the event the Treasurer or the League President is unable to sign, the Secretary will then sign with either the Treasurer or the League President.
PURCHASING AGENT
The purchasing agent shall be responsible for obtaining bids for the equipment, materials, trophies and uniforms needs of the Prattville Girls Softball League. Unless impractical, bids should be solicited in January from several vendors. After completion of the last game of the season, each manager shall immediately turn in his or her equipment bag, batting helmets, softballs, catcher's gear, catcher's mitt, and any other equipment assigned during the season by the Purchasing Agent. The Purchasing Agent, the Treasurer, the Concession Manager, and the League President are the only officers or representatives of the Prattville Girls Softball League authorized to make purchases on behalf of the Prattville Girls Softball League.

BOARD MEMBERS

PLAYER AGENT
The Player Agent's primary responsibility shall be the collective welfare of the girls participating in the Prattville Girls Softball League. The duties include, but not limited to the following:

1. Insuring that each girl is given a fair try-out and treated fairly by all Prattville Girls Softball League officials at all times.

2. Establishing and supervising the registration and try-outs for each of the four divisions.

3. Maintaining a file of Player Registration Forms, Certification of Birth Records and team rosters. This file shall contain registration forms and proof of birth date on each and every girl participating in the Prattville Girls Softball League. The Secretary shall maintain the originals of all forms pertaining to the league.
4. Preparing the player draft roster which is required for the player draft for each of the four divisions.

5. Conducting the player draft with the assistance of the Presidents of each of the four league divisions and the Executive Board of Directors.

6. Conducting the selection of the tournament teams with the assistance of the Presidents of each of the four league divisions and the Executive Board of Directors.

7. Log and Distribute all equipment obtained from the Purchasing Agent to the division presidents with written proof of such equipment given.

8. Performing additional duties assigned by the President or the Executive Board of Directors.

DIVISION PRESIDENT
Each division President is responsible for the operation and welfare of the girls in that division. Each division President may appoint a division Vice President who shall discharge such responsibilities, as the President shall deem appropriate. Prior to the start of any division game, the League President (or the Officer-of-the-Day if the League President is absent) and the division President shall each have authority as to whether the game will be played or cancelled because of rain or adverse conditions. Once the game has started responsibility for its conduct and continuation rests with the umpires, who shall consult with the officer-of-the-day in making their decision. Umpires’ authority shall be limited to the playing field and shall be governed by the directions of the applicable rulebook. If the conduct of anyone participating on, or in the vicinity of, the playing field is detrimental to the Prattville Girls Softball League, the umpire(s) in charge, the League President, the officer-of-the-day, and the division President each have the authority to require such person to leave the area. However, any permanent disbarment from the Prattville Girls Softball League playing area must have the Executive Board of Directors approval.
{C} CONCESSION MANAGER
The Concession Manager will be responsible for all aspects associated with the operation of the concession stand.

{D} EQUIPMENT MANAGER
The Equipment Manager shall assist the Player Agent with the drafting or drawing of teams. The Equipment Manager shall be responsible for inventorying all existing equipment for the coming year and shall make recommendations for purchasing replacement or new equipment as necessary. The Equipment Manager shall be responsible for distributing equipment to each team. Appropriate records shall be kept for all distributed equipment. The Equipment Manager shall be in charge of purchasing softballs for the new season, but should seek board approval for such expenditures. Used game softballs are to be collected and stored to be given out the next season as practice balls. Managers of teams (head coaches) are to turn in their equipment every year for inventorying, repair and replacement.

{E} MEMBERS AT LARGE
The Members at Large shall perform such duties as the Executive Board of Directors may assign from time to time.

LINE STAFF

{A} HEAD COACH/TEAM MANAGER
The Head Coach/Manager shall be selected by the Executive Board of Directors and the full Board Members of the Prattville Girls Softball League, and shall select their team in accordance with the player draft rules. The Head Coach shall replace player vacancies through the Player Agent. The Head Coach/Manager shall be in complete charge of his or her team at all times when on the field or during practice, shall be responsible for the safety and conduct of his or her players while at practice and during league games, and shall present his or her line-ups to the scorekeeper at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to game time. Head Coaches-Managers shall appoint at least one (1) coach to assist them and as many more not to exceed two (2). Only the Head Coach/Manager and two (2) assistant coaches will be allowed in the dugout during the game and only two (2) coaches' names
may be submitted to the District Director on the Official Team Roster. Head Coaches/Managers must be men and women of high moral character who are willing to help each player on the team. They will always keep the welfare and safety of the girls foremost in mind. They are expected to function under the authority of these bylaws. The Head Coaches/Managers are responsible for the care of the team's equipment and shall see that their players do not abuse the team's equipment or uniforms. It is the Head Coaches/Managers responsibility to collect and turn in the team's equipment at the end of each season. Either the Head Coach/Manager or one of the team's assistant coaches must, before the start of the playing season, be certified by the National Youth Sports Coaches Association or see local league rules for any variation of this rule.

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ASSISTANT COACH
The Assistant Coach shall assist the Head Coach/Manager as necessary, must possess the same high moral character as the manager, and are subject to approval by the Executive Board of Directors.

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TEAM MOTHERS
The team mothers shall assist the Head Coach/Manager and the Assistant Coach in conducting business affairs of the team. The team mothers shall be responsible for performing the following duties:

1. Assisting the division President and any other Prattville Girls Softball League official with business matters pertaining to the team.

2. Assisting the Head Coach/Manager with calling players to report or cancel practice or games.

3. Perform other duties as may be assigned by the Head Coach/Manager.

4. Coordinate team picture taking with the photographer and the Head Coach/Manager.
ARTICLE IV

(1) LEAGUE BOUNDARIES

Prattville Girls Softball League boundaries shall be maintained in accordance with the USSA Rules.

(2) PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to play in the Prattville Girls Softball League, each girl must meet the age requirements outlined in the Official Rules and be in good health or play with the written consent of her doctor and parents or legal guardian.

(3) VOTING

The presence of at least seven (7) members of all Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of business. If a member of the Board of Directors holds more than one position on the Board of Directors, that member shall have only one vote, in which event a quorum shall be a simple majority of the total number of votes allowed. If a quorum is present, the vote of a majority of those members of the Board of Directors present shall be controlling and the League President shall be entitled to vote only in the event of a tie.

At Prattville Girls Softball League general meetings (as opposed to Executive Board of Directors' meetings), those eligible voting members in attendance shall constitute a quorum and the vote of a majority of those eligible voting members present shall be controlling.

(4) FINANCE

The Prattville Girls Softball League shall be financed by donations, sponsorship fees, concession stand profits, registration fees and any other projects.

A. Each sponsor shall pay a fee of Three Hundred Dollars ($300.00), subject to change year to year.

B. No admission fees will be charged at regular season league games.
C. Registration fees and sponsorship fees will be set each year by the Executive Board of Directors.

(5) UMPIRES

Umpires for the Prattville Girls Softball League games shall have an age exceeding the maximum age of the division for which they are umpiring. They must be carefully selected on their knowledge of the game and their ability to handle people.

(6) UNIFORMS

Each player shall be required to wear her team uniform while participating in a Prattville Girls Softball League game. The uniform will be in good repair and the shirt will be tucked into the trousers. Caps are not a requirement to be worn in any age division of the Prattville Girls Softball League and should be worn at the discretion of the Head Coach/Manager and the team player.

(7) INSURANCE COVERAGE

The Prattville Girls Softball League will endeavor to carry liability insurance, which covers players, managers, and coaches while participating in activities sponsored by the Prattville Girls Softball League or while travelling to and from such events. No parent, legal guardian, child or Prattville Girls Softball League manager, coach, assistant coach, umpire, scorekeeper, or official shall be entitled to insist on any such coverage and the absence or insufficiency of such coverage shall not make the Prattville Girls Softball League or any member of the Board of Directors thereof liable to any person under circumstances whatsoever. The coverage will be "excess" coverage no less than $10,000.00 per accident and may carry such deductible as the Executive Board of Directors deems appropriate. "Excess" means that the insurance will only cover those expenses not covered by the insurance carried personally by the league member or his or her family. The Prattville Girls Softball League insurance will not be filed until the individual's insurance has already paid. The League President, the appropriate division President and the Secretary should be notified as soon as possible after an injury occurs.

(8) ELECTION AND APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
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A. The Executive Board of Directors, to include, the League President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Purchasing Agent shall be elected by eligible voting members, but limited to one (1) vote per parent or legal guardian, at a general Prattville Girls Softball League meeting called by the League President in June. The Executive Board of Directors shall serve a period of two (2) years unless re-elected. All the other members of the Board of Directors shall be elected by eligible voting members, but limited to one (1) vote per parent or legal guardian, at a general Prattville Girls Softball League meeting called by the League President in June or after completion of All Star events. All other Board Members shall serve a period of one (1) year. Vacancies on the Board of Directors shall be filled by a vote of the Executive Board of Directors. All full Board Members shall have approval of the Executive Board of Directors before being placed on a voting ballot.

B. Members of the Board of Directors shall take office on ~ July 1st, or after completion of All Star events following their election and serve through the following June 31st, or after completion of All Star events. All members of the Board of Directors, including the League President, shall serve without pay.

C. A nominating committee to nominate new members of the Board of Directors for the following year may be appointed by the League President no later than May 1. This committee shall select nominees for each elective position and the chairman of the committee shall announce these nominations from the floor. When the committee’s nominations are concluded, the League President shall take nominations from the floor.

(9) REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

A. Any Board of Director member may be removed from office by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the full Board of Directors at any regular or special meeting for misfeasance, malfeasance, or non-feasance in office. The charges shall be given in writing to such member and an opportunity shall be given for the member to present his/her defense.

B. In the event the League President refuses or fails to call a meeting of the full Board of Directors to enforce Article IV Item 9 Section A, this meeting may be called by any other member of the Executive Board of Directors.
C. Any board of director member may be removed from office if they miss five meetings within a year or three consecutive PGSL functions, to include monthly meetings without just cause.

ARTICLE V

(1) OPERATION OF THE LEAGUE

The proper operation and administration of the Prattville Girls Softball League are very serious tasks; therefore, the procedures set forth in these bylaws must be adhered to by Prattville Girls Softball League officials, parents and players. Every rule that is placed in these bylaws is done so only after close analysis and always the best interests of the girls in mind. To the maximum degree possible, rules and policies covered by the Official Rules are not repeated in these bylaws. This is done consciously in an effort to keep rule changes at the state and national level from requiring unnecessary changes in these bylaws.

(2) PRE-SEASON PREPARATION

In order to assure a timely and trouble-free season opening, the following minimum pre-season preparations must be accomplished:

A. **SPONSORSHIP FEES SOLICITATION**
   The full Board of Directors shall, no later than the 1st of February, solicit sponsorship fees for the Prattville Girls Softball League. League teams shall be sponsored by those organizations, firms or companies whose activities or products are not detrimental to the welfare of the youth in the league. No firm or company whose advertising reflects or involves the sale of alcoholic beverages or tobacco products shall be permitted to sponsor any Prattville Girls Softball League team, or to provide material or equipment to any team if the sponsor's name, logo or other identifying information will appear on such materials or equipment.

B. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF TRY-OUTS AND REGISTRATION**
   Proper try-outs and registration will be made. The announcement shall consist of the dates and times of try-outs and the registration requirements. The dates and times of all division try-outs will be announced at registration.
C. **PLAYER REGISTRATION AND TRY-OUTS**

Each girl who aspires to play in the Prattville Girls Softball League shall be registered and tried out in accordance with the following rules and the exceptions noted.

1. **REGISTRATION**

   Each girl shall report to the Prattville Girls Softball League field or any other place announced prior to registration. Each girl should bring the following information:

   a. Full Name
   b. Street Address
   c. Telephone Number
   d. Nickname or preferred name, if any
   e. School attended
   f. Copy of Birth Certificate

2. **CONDITIONS OF REGISTRATION**

   Girls shall be registered and accepted for try-outs subject to their parent(s) or legal guardian(s) approval.

3. **TRY-OUTS**

   Try-outs shall be scheduled and conducted under the direction of the Player Agent, Head Coaches/Managers, and the respective division Presidents. Girls shall be tried out by division age. The organization and conduct of the registration and the try-outs are extremely important and must be preceded by proper planning. It is recommended that registration be conducted during the first two weeks of February and try-outs be conducted during the last two weeks of February so that the draft may be held as early in the month of March as possible. Every effort will be put forth to give each perspective player a thorough evaluation; therefore, each girl shall be allowed to field and throw a number of ground balls, to run to the bases, and to swing at a number of pitches with the bat. The Player Agent shall be present to insure compliance with this requirement. Any girl desiring to pitch several balls shall be entitled to do so. The girls and their parents shall be advised in advance of the try-outs, and at the try-outs, that every girl will be allowed to play and that try-outs are not designed to prevent any girl from playing but rather to help achieve competitively balanced teams; provided, however, if the situation shall
arise where it is not feasible to have enough teams in a division to allow every registered girl to play, then the try-outs may (with advance notice to the girls registered for the division) be used to determine which girls shall be allowed to play. As an example, if seventeen (17) girls sign up to play in any division but the Board of Directors has decided that no team should have more than fourteen (14) players, then the try-outs may (with the notice required above) be used to select the three (3) girls who shall not be allowed to play. However, it is the Prattville Girls Softball League's policy to try and avoid any such situation so that every girl who registers will be allowed to play. Every reasonable effort shall be taken to implement this policy. Registration and try-outs will occur year to year on a date set by the Executive Board of Directors. After this time, a girl will be accepted for registration but will go into the player pool. She shall not be required to pay the registration fee until she is assigned to a team, but there shall be no proration of the registration fee.

4. **DAUGHTERS OF MANAGERS**
Daughters of head coaches/team managers must be drafted in the rounds agreed upon, in advance of drawing lots for the order of drafting, by all of the managers. If an agreement cannot be reached by the managers, the decision of the League President, based upon the advice of the Player Agent and the division President, shall be final.

5. **SISTERS**
   a. When a sister registers with the Prattville Girls Softball League and has a sister already assigned to a team, if requested by parents or legal guardians, the incoming sister will be drafted in the rounds agreed upon by the majority of the managers. If an agreement cannot be reached by the managers, the decision of the League President, based upon the advice of the Player Agent and the division President, shall be final.

   b. When there is more than one child who are sisters entering the Prattville Girls Softball League at the same time, in the same age group, and parents or guardians have requested that they be put on the same team, they will be drafted and assigned to the same team.
6. A player may not move up to the division above the player’s current age division.

D. PLAYER DRAFT

1. NO RATINGS
   Except for illness, injury, absence from town or other good cause approved by the League President or the Player Agent, every girl must go through try-outs each year but there will be no rating of players. The number of managers needed for each division will be determined based upon the number of players available. The managers will then draw lots to determine the order of drafting. The drafting will be conducted from top to bottom and then bottom to top until all players in each age division/group have been placed on a team. For example, if there are four teams in an age division/group, the manager who receives by lot first draft will also have the eighth and ninth drafts. Likewise, the manager in that four team age division/group who draws by lot the fourth draft will also have the fifth and twelfth drafts. A separate advisory committee appointed by the League President and approved by the Board of Directors will be available at the draft to advise any manager who needs help in exercising his or her draft picks. There is no trading of players allowed. The "Rider Rule" will not apply for registration and picking of players in the draft.

2. RECONSTITUTING TEAMS
   The foregoing process will be followed each year, resulting in the reconstitution of teams each year.

3. TRADES
   No trades will be allowed. No players will be traded from one team to another.

4. REPLACEMENT OF PLAYERS
   When a team loses a member from its player roster, a replacement player shall be assigned as provided below. The manager of the team which lost the player shall notify the Player Agent within three (3) days of the vacancy. If for some reason the manager cannot reach the Player Agent in three
(3) days, the manager must notify the League President or the appropriate division President. The Player Agent shall assign a player from the player pool by midnight on the tenth (10th) day following the day the vacancy occurred. The Player Agent will lend full assistance to insure compliance with this restriction. Deviations from the requirement will be rare and will be allowed only after approval has been given by the League President. Managers who fail to complete their rosters within the prescribed time shall forfeit each regularly scheduled game starting on the eleventh (11th) day following the vacancy and continuing until such time as the roster is complete. The League President shall have the authority to void the assessment of this penalty if, in the League President's judgment, such assessment has an adverse effect on the welfare of the Prattville Girls Softball League. The Player Agent shall assign players from the player pool according to seniority, i.e., players entering the player pool first will replace the vacancies first. If more than one player enters the player pool at the same time, the Player Agent shall let the manager from the team with the vacancy draw from a hat that contains the names of all players who entered the player pool at the same time. The player pool shall also include players removed from teams whose rosters were over the maximum number they were authorized to carry. New residents who move into the Prattville Girls Softball League boundaries after the player selection process may be assigned to the player pool at the bottom of the roster without the knowledge of all managers of teams participating in the Prattville Girls Softball League and the consent of the League President. A player pool roster according to the order and rank in which players entered and are eligible for replacement status, shall be compiled by the Player Agent and presented to the League President and the Presidents of each division for their approval and signatures. The first player pool roster shall be submitted no later than ten (10) days after the player rosters are officially submitted to the Player Agent. An updated player pool roster shall be re-submitted at least fifteen (15) days after the date the first one was officially signed by the League President. As pointed out earlier, new names to the player pool shall be added at the bottom of the roster and all replacements will be filled from the top of the list. This includes new residents as well as players removed. If a player registers after the
registration dates have closed, she shall be placed on the Late Player Roster where the team originally drew in the draft.

5. **PLAYER WHO QUITS**
   If a girl quits her team but then decides she wants to return to that team, she may do so only if her slot on the team has not been filled. If she wants to go to another team, she will be placed on the Late Player Roster in the draft. She may not join another Prattville Girls Softball League team. Even if her slot has not been filled, she may only return to her original team with the manager's approval.

E. **SCHEDULES**
   Schedules will be prepared by the designated agent and approved by the League President and in accordance with the directives established in the Official Rules, except that the division Presidents shall also be involved in preparing the schedules where interlocking leagues are involved.

F. **SLIDING RULE**
   The sliding rule shall be enforced as set out in the Official Rules.

G. **PITCHER'S PITCHING INNINGS**
   In the event of a rain-out, the innings pitched from the rain-out week will carry over to the make-up game. Innings pitched in a make-up game will not affect the availability of innings for pitching for games regularly scheduled during the week.

(3) **ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES**

The following guidelines apply to the operation of the Prattville Girls Softball League. They are intended only as guidelines for the use by the officers of the Prattville Girls Softball League in the conduct of their duties.

A. **OPENING CEREMONIES**
   The League President and each division President are jointly responsible for conducting an appropriate ceremony for the opening of the Prattville Girls Softball League season. Particular times and dates shall be announced by the League President prior to the opening day/night.
B. **OFFICER-OF-THE-DAY DUTIES**

Officer-of-the-Day ("OD") duties shall be established and assigned by these bylaws, with additional duties being established and assigned at the discretion of the League President. Such duties include the following:

1. Get to the ballpark before the first game in time to:
   a. Check in at the main concession stand.
   b. Make sure the playing fields are properly lined, the bases are in place, the scorekeeper and umpire(s) are in attendance, water coolers and cups are in the dugouts, the flag has been raised, the concession stand is open and the national anthem is ready to be played before the first game.
   c. Help the concession stand worker(s) start cooking.
   d. Make sure the restrooms are open and fully stocked with supplies.
   e. Get the safety sign out in the street.
   f. Check all helmets for chin straps and face masks.

(It is the **home team's** primary responsibility to make sure that the field and the dugouts are ready for the game, with the OD providing assistance if needed.)

2. Get the teams to take infield practice so that the game starts on time.

3. Keep the equipment rooms closed but not locked during the game(s).

4. Make sure the umpire(s) and scorekeeper know whom the OD is.

5. During the game:
a. Make sure foul balls are retrieved.

b. Help the concession stand worker(s) if needed.

c. Assist the umpires with behavior problems on and off the field, including calling the local authorities, if needed.

6. Between games:

a. Re-line the field/batter’s box and pitching circle, if necessary.

b. Change the bases, if necessary.

c. Replenish dugout water and cups, if necessary.

d. Get the infield practice handled, and the next game started on time.

7. After the last game:

a. Make sure each team cleans up its own dugout area well before team soft drinks are served.

b. Make sure game balls (new and used) are retrieved and placed in the equipment room.

c. Get the bases, and all other equipment in the equipment room, the equipment room is locked, retrieve the water coolers and cups.

d. Help the concession stand worker(s) clean up and close down.

e. Police the spectator areas.

f. Make sure lights are turned off, restrooms locked, concession stand locked, press boxes locked, and flag is taken down.
g. Make sure no child is left unattended when the lights are turned off.

h. Report to the League President, Vice President, or any other Executive Board of Director any day's problems or situations that warrant league attention or action.

C. COACHING
Coaching responsibilities are contained in the Official Rules.

D. PROTESTS
A fee of $75.00 will be charged for any protest through the Prattville Girls Softball League. This fee will only be returned if the ruling of the protest is in favor of the person submitting the protest. The official scorekeeper and umpire(s) must be notified of the protest immediately. At such time the protest has been officially noted, the official scorekeeper must log all pertinent information into the official score book (i.e. Date, Time, Inning, Batter and Reason for Protest). Official protests to be registered must be submitted in writing through the division President and given to the League President within twenty-four (24) hours after the occurrence. Protests of judgment calls of umpires or disagreement with previously agreed upon ground rules will not be considered. Protests received will be reviewed by the Executive Board of Directors and the division President. A ruling will be returned in writing within three (3) days to the party registering the protest. The ruling of the Executive Board of Directors and the division President shall be considered final unless overruled by a majority vote of the Executive Board of Directors. See local ruled for any deviance of this rule.
Prattville Girls Softball League

Weather Guidelines

Weather Policy and Procedures

All fields under PGSL's usage are given to us by the City Of Prattville Park and Recreation Department. All city fields and facilities are NOT to be used when conditions are such that said use is likely to cause injury to participants or result in damage to the playing surface.

Because of the time, effort, and money PGSL has invested in Newton Park fields we can play as often as we need. A determination is made by 3:30pm on weekdays and 7:00am on weekends based on the conditions of the field at the time and not based on the "possibility" of rain by the PGSL board and or City Of Prattville. This is not an exact science, but is based on factors present at a given point in time. PGSL is under obligation to give our umpires at least 2 hour notice of any field cancellation. Coaches should check PGSL website for any cancellation as well. Weather conditions at your office or home may not necessarily be those at the time a decision is made on field conditions.

Once a determination has been made that a field is playable and teams show up at the field, the umpire is the sole judge as to the safety of the players and the suitability of the playing field for our leagues. That is one of the primary functions of a professional umpire not only for weather situations, but to insure that playing rules are administered to mitigate potential injuries. The decisions should be communicated to the president of that age league. If an umpire calls a ball game due to weather ALL players are to go to nearest shelter whether it is a car or restroom and remain until umpire calls it safe or calls the game off. Once lightning has occurred within 30 miles it will be at least 30 minutes before he may resume play. This is a PGSL policy.

Any game that is postponed due to weather will be made up the following open date of play unless that game does not affect the division winner then that game will not be played.

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