

# NORTH CHEROKEE YOUTH SOFTBALL, INC.

## BYLAWS

### ARTICLE I

#### NAME

This Organization shall be known as North Cherokee Youth Softball, Inc, referred to hereinafter as NCYS. The Organization shall be a non-profit corporation organized pursuant to the laws of the State of Georgia.

### ARTICLE II

#### PURPOSE

The purpose of this Organization is to provide children in Cherokee County with an opportunity to learn softball skills and techniques in an organized softball program with emphasis upon good sportsmanship, physical fitness, and participation by all players.

### ARTICLE III

#### ORGANIZATION

##### SECTION 1 – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A. The Board of Directors shall be made up of one person from each of the following elementary school districts:

- Ball Ground
- Clayton
- Hickory Flat/Mt. Road
- R.M. Moore (Waleska)
- Buffington
- Macedonia
- Holly Springs
- Hasty
- Free Home (Holbrook)
- Sixes/Liberty

These Directors shall in the absence of a procedure for selection adopted by local booster clubs or associations, be elected by majority vote of the current NCYS Directors.

B. Absence of a Director from two consecutive regular meetings without just cause within the discretion of the board shall constitute reason for removal from the board. Such removal shall be by majority vote of Directors present at the time. In the absence of a Director, the Commissioner shall appoint an interim Director to serve until such time as a successor is elected.

C. Each Director shall at their option appoint an assistant Director to stand in for the Director when the Director is unable to attend a meeting and to aid the Director with other duties as needed. However, there will be only ONE vote allowed for each district. The Director shall inform the secretary of the name and address of their assistant Director. This Director will be approved by majority of votes by the NCYS board of Directors.

D. DUTIES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. Elect Officers of the organization to conduct the business of NCYS.
2. To establish seasons of play, obtain players, managers and coaches, and establish and approve all rules governing league play.
3. Inform all managers of their district of league information.
4. Approve the player fees and all contracts and financial expenditures of the Organization.
5. Approve the league schedules of games.
6. Approve format and approve all contracts and team rosters.
7. Approve qualifications and compliance with rules of all officers, managers, coaches, players and players' parents or guardians.
8. Authority as may be necessary to govern affiliation or prohibit affiliation with NCYS of officers, managers, coaches, players, or spectators and to assure compliance with all rules adopted by NCYS.

SECTION 2 – OFFICERS

A. NCYS shall have the following Officers:

- Commissioner
- Vice-Commissioner
- Secretary
- Treasurer

B. Term of Office

1. These officers shall serve for a one year period and shall be elected by majority vote of all Directors present at the annual meeting held prior to sign-ups for Fall Ball in July. Their term shall begin upon election and shall continue until the election of their successor.
2. No officer shall hold more than one office at a time (i.e. Commissioner, Vice-Commissioner, Secretary or Treasurer).
3. Absence from two consecutive regular meetings without just cause within the discretion of the Board of Directors shall constitute reason for removal from office.

C. DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

1. COMMISSIONER

- a. Presides over all meetings and sanction league play and coordination of all activities of NCYS, Inc.
- b. Calls and acts as presiding officer at all organization meetings.
- c. Shall appoint committees as necessary.
- d. Approve financial records in the collection and dispensation of organization funds.
- e. Preside as chairman of protest committee.
- f. Approve the form of applications for players' membership.
- g. Responsible for establishing league schedule.
- h. Responsible for coordinating all activities relative to tournaments and the annual all-star games.

- i. Authority to designate, obtain, and retain legal counsel or other agents so as to provide a quick remedy to secure the organization's property and ensure moral and lawful conduct of all participants in NCYS activities.
  - j. Authority to designate date and times of board meetings, managers and coaches meetings, practice, and the start and end of the season, tournament dates and sites.
2. VICE COMMISSIONER
- a. Presides over meetings and carries on all duties of the commissioner in the absence or designation of the commissioner.
  - b. Carry out any or all duties as designated by the commissioner.
3. TREASURER
- a. The treasurer shall maintain a checking account at a FDIC insured bank.
  - b. Pay any bills and other approved disbursements of the organization.
  - c. Obtain approval of all disbursements from the Commissioner or Board of Directors.
  - d. Keep an accurate record of all receipts and expenditures and provide a report at each meeting.
  - e. Shall prepare reports as requested by the Directors regarding organization funds.
4. SECRETARY
- a. Maintain an accurate written record of the proceedings of all meetings.
  - b. Secure and maintain all records and documents pertaining to NCYS, Inc.
  - c. Shall notify the board members in writing or by phone of dates and times of meetings upon request of the commissioner.
  - d. Provide copies of minutes of previous meetings to officers and Directors as requested.

## ARTICLE IV

### PROBLEMS – COMPLAINTS - GRIEVANCES - PROTESTS

#### SECTION 1

- A. All problems, complaints, and grievances relating to organization activities shall be processed as set forth below:
- NOTE: Non-participation complaints shall be considered and handled as grievances.
- 1. Coaches, managers, players and parents having or receiving complaints shall first discuss the issue with their district Director.
  - 2. Should the district Director not be able to settle the issue, they shall then discuss it with the NCYS Commissioner.
  - 3. The commissioner shall investigate and try to arbitrate the issue. Upon review of information presented to NCYS Directors, the Board at their discretion may uphold, overturn, or ask for further clarification on afore mentioned issue. All decisions will be final (Amended 1-9-06).

4. If a solution to the issue cannot be reached, the commissioner shall present all relative facts to board of Directors.
5. Unless the above steps are followed, the problem, complaint, or grievance shall be automatically disregarded.

B. Complaints of misconduct or illegal activity.

1. Any member of the Board of Directors who receives a complaint concerning any matter pertaining to misconduct or illegal activity by any organization officer, manager, coach, player, players' parent, guardian, or spectator or other participant in NCYS activities shall immediately upon receiving this information make it known to the Commissioner of NCYS to be dealt with as provided in subsections 1.a. through 1.d., provided that any Director, officer, manager, coach, player, player's parent or guardian who violates the rules of this organization, the laws of the State of Georgia, or commits any improper act to or in the presence of a player may be notified to appear before the Board of Directors to show cause why they should not be removed from their position or participation in NCYS~ Upon hearing the matter the Board of Directors by majority vote shall take such action as they deem appropriate regarding such matter, including but not limited to removal of such person from any further participation in NCYS activities.
2. All background checks are subject to approval or dismissal by Cherokee County Recreation and Parks Authority. All coaches, assistant coaches, directors, and umpires will be required to have background check prior to each season.

## ARTICLE V AMENDMENTS

### SECTION 1

1.
  - a. Amendments to these Bylaws are required to be approved by a 2/3 majority vote of the Directors.
  - b. Amendments shall be reduced to writing and made a part of these Bylaws.

These By-Laws were amended 1-9-2006.