

MOSS BLUFF SOFTBALL LEAGUE

BY-LAWS

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THE OFFICIAL GUIDE FOR THE MOSS BLUFF SOFTBALL LEAGUE WILL BE THESE BY-LAWS PLUS THE CURRENT EDITION OF THE OFFICIAL RULES OF PONY SOFTBALL.

ARTICLE I – ORGANIZATION, DOMICILE, MAILING ADDRESS

- Section 1: This organization shall be known as the **Moss Bluff Softball League.**
- Section 2: The domicile of the **MOSS BLUFF SOFTBALL LEAGUE** will be Moss Bluff, Parish of Calcasieu, Louisiana.
- Section 3: A mailing address for the **MOSS BLUFF SOFTBALL LEAGUE**, if deemed required by unanimous vote of the board, shall be established at the beginning of each calendar year.
- Section 4: Membership of the organization shall consist of all active children, parents, and legal guardians, officers and coaches (who participate in the current season).
- Section 5: Voting members shall consist of all those listed in section 4 excluding children.
- Section 6: Any member of the organization, who desires so, will be furnished a copy of these by-laws.
- Section 7: The President of this organization is responsible for providing a copy of these by-laws to his/her successor each year.
- Section 8: Organization will also dba Moss Bluff Buddy Ball League.

ARTICLE II – MISSION STATEMENT

- Section 1: The purpose of the Moss Bluff Softball League to provide the youth of Moss Bluff with the opportunity to develop and to play softball to the best of their ability, in a positive environment that promotes teamwork, good sportsmanship, leadership, character development, personal integrity, and self discipline. These objectives are accomplished through a structured program to educate the participants in the game of softball. The MBSL is committed to providing a program that maintains the highest standards while ensuring that fun is the top priority. MBSL will always make the welfare of the players its primary responsibility.

ARTICLE III – DUTIES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Section 1: The Moss Bluff Softball League Board of Directors:
- A. The Moss Bluff Softball League (MBSL) Board of Directors is elected by the membership with the exception of the UIC who will be appointed by the Board of Directors.
 - B. All Officers shall serve for one year or until the next regular election.
 - C. MBSL Board members are eligible to coach.
 - D. The Board of Directors will approve all Coaches and /or Assistant Coaches. The Board of Directors will have final authority in all matters of league business.

- Section 2: The MBSL Board of Directors shall by majority vote, approve all of the following events for the softball league season:
- A. The registration forms and all applications associated with the registration process.
 - B. The approval of age division and the number of teams playing in each division for the regular season.
 - C. The approval of all head coaches and their assistants for the regular season.
 - D. The date of opening ceremonies for the regular season.
 - E. The approval of All-Star teams and their coaches.
 - F. The registration rates prior to registration.
 - G. The team sponsorship rates to cover all league expenses prior to registration.
 - H. The date of closing ceremonies to end the season.

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- Section 1: The elected officers of the Moss Bluff Softball League shall consist of President, Vice-President, Secretary Tournament Director, Treasurer, Buddy Ball Director, Concession Director, Assistant Concession Director, Field and Equipment Manager and Player Agents. These officers shall be elected at the regular meeting before September 1st of the current season. Refer to voting members in Article 1.
- Section 2: All officers elected shall serve for one year or until the next regular election.
- Section 3: The President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Buddy Ball Director, Concession Director, Assistant Concession Director, Tournament Director, Equipment and Field Manager and the Player Agents (up to 1 PA per age group/ division) shall comprise the Board of Directors and is empowered to direct the affairs of the MBSL. As a member of the Board of Director, all elected officers and Player Agents will be given a copy of the bylaws before taking office.
- Section 4: **THE PRESIDENT:** It shall be the duty of the President, according to these by-laws, to ensure the success of the **MOSS BLUFF SOFTBALL LEAGUE**. The President shall preside at all meetings, be responsible for correspondence and relations between the **MOSS BLUFF SOFTBALL LEAGUE**, other local league officials, parents, Community Center and Playground Ward 1 District 4, and others as he/she deems necessary. The President or member of the Board of Directors shall direct selection of players for the team rosters and ensure equal opportunities for all teams to complete their roster of players. The President shall be Ex-Officio Chairman of all committees and auxiliaries recognized by the **MOSS BLUFF SOFTBALL LEAGUE**. The president is responsible for providing a copy of these bylaws to his/her successor. As the league President, proof of insurance and listing officers must be presented at the

time of requesting use of the softball facility to the Community Center and Playground Ward 1 District 4 board annually. Organizationally, the President answers to the Executive Committee. The President can appoint a board member but must be ratified by the Executive Committee. However, after ratification by the Board of Directors that appointee is a member of the Board of Directors.

Section 5: **VICE-PRESIDENT:** It shall be the duties of the Vice-President to assist the President in all matters regarding MBSL. The Vice President shall preside as President, in the absence of the President, in all matters and board functions. The Vice-President shall assume the duties of President, in the event the President is no longer able to perform his/her duties, of the elected office of President. This shall be the only transition with in the Board of Directors, which shall not require ratification by the Board of Directors. The Vice-President shall also assist player agents in fulfillment of their duties, and give direction where needed. The Vice-President along with the secretary shall audit the treasury books and documents, at least once per month, to be presented at the next regular meeting of the MBSL. The Vice-President is responsible for carrying out the all star selection process, as stated in Article XI, Sec 3, of these bylaws. The Vice President is responsible for rescheduling games in coordination with the Tournament Director and age group the Player Agent's. In the event the President is in direct conflict in a league matter, the vice-president shall preside over any hearing/meeting. Organizationally, the vice president will report to the president.

Section 6: **THE TREASURER:** It shall be the duties of the Treasurer to be responsible for the collection, and accounting of all monies of the **MOSS BLUFF SOFTBALL LEAGUE**. The Treasurer shall keep an accurate and clear record of financial transactions of the league and shall present a report of their office at each of the regular meetings and at such time as required by the Executive Committee or the President. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the disbursement of all funds of the league. The Treasurer or President will have authority to issue checks from the league account not to exceed \$1,000 on a bi-weekly basis for Concession Stand Business or \$300 for all other league business. Expenditures greater than the aforementioned limits require approval of the Board. The Treasurer or the President shall sign all checks. All monies shall be deposited in the league's checking account promptly. The Treasurer shall keep all deposit slips. The Vice-Presidents and Secretary shall audit the treasury books monthly. Access to the checkbook will be limited to President or Treasurer along with Concession Director, Vice President or the Assistant Concession Director. The treasurer shall maintain all financial records and supporting documentation for no less than 5 years from the present season. When a new treasurer is elected, access to the account is to be

transferred to the newly elected official. Organizationally, the Treasurer shall answer directly to the President.

Section 7: **THE SECRETARY:** It shall be the duty of the Secretary to handle all correspondence relating to the **MOSS BLUFF SOFTBALL LEAGUE**. The Secretary shall keep a record of the minutes of all regular and special meetings of the league. The Secretary shall have authority to determine the place of registration, shall provide all forms necessary to register players, and shall account for the funds collected at registration. The Secretary, along with the Vice-President, shall audit the treasury books monthly. The Secretary shall maintain all records for no less than 5 years from the present season. Organizationally, the Secretary answers directly to the Vice President.

Section 8: **THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR** it shall be the responsibility of the tournament director to handle all tournaments that the league sponsors. Duties shall also include scheduling opening day, closing ceremonies and all league games. The tournament director along with the vice president will be responsible for scheduling make up games. He or she will also keep record of wins and losses and award 1st place trophies. Organizationally the Tournament Director answers directly to the President.

Section 9: **FIELD AND EQUIPMENT MANAGER** It shall be the responsibility of the Field and Equipment Manager to get fields ready for all MBSL sanctioned events. It is their duty to schedule work days and communicate with Board Members, Coaches and Assistant Coaches of these work days. It is also the responsibility of the FEM to order and hand out equipment to all league teams and collects back at the end of the season. The FEM will be issued a budget by the Board of Directors and is responsible for staying within that budget. Organizationally the FEM reports to the Vice President.

Section 10: **THE PLAYER AGENT:** The Player Agents with the assistance of the Vice-President are responsible for resolving complaints and/or problems with Coaches, Assistant Coaches, and parents. If the Player Agents and Vice-President cannot resolve the situation, they shall notify the President, who will call a board meeting to settle the matter. The Player Agents shall compare previous years' rosters with current year rosters to ensure participants return to their proper team. Player Agents will also propose game schedules for the leagues they represent with a master schedule of all the leagues being compiled by the Vice-President. Organizationally, the Player Agents shall answer directly to the Vice President.

Section 11: **THE BUDDY BALL DIRECTOR:** The following are the duties of the Buddy Ball Director. Always insure the safety of the players, as well as make the game enjoyable. The Buddy Ball Director will handle all

aspects of Buddy Ball player registration. Both leagues will register at the same time. Coordinate with local schools/organizations to promote participation. Solicit funds from within the community to assist with costs of equipment, uniforms, supplies, registration, etc. Solicit assistance of volunteers and coaches, and provide information to them which focuses on the main purpose of the activity. Coordinate scheduling of Buddy Ball teams within the league's main game schedule. Handle team selections and maintain team roster.

Section 12: **THE UMPIRE-IN-CHARGE:** The following are the duties of the UIC. Comprise a list of available umpires. Contact local organizations and MSU Physical Education Department for referrals. The League will advertise and furnish applications for umpires simultaneously with player registrations. The UIC is responsible for insuring all umpires attend a minimum of 2 clinics. After game schedules are completed, the UIC will work in conjunction with necessary board members, to coordinate a schedule for umpires. The UIC is responsible for distributing schedules to umpires. Should any problems arise with umpires on the field; a committee appointed by the President will review the situation and make recommendations to the President. Once all application for umpires have been submitted, and clinics are held, the UIC will meet with the committee to discuss any possible unsuitable persons for the position of umpire. The committee will make a decision. UIC is to contact umpires one week prior to scheduled games to confirm availability. In the case of cancellations, the UIC is to reschedule replacements. One substitute umpire is to be scheduled each night. (Regular pay). He/she will be calling an appointed game. UIC will be at all games, scheduled to call or not. In the event that he/she cannot be there, he/she must notify the Board of Directors, and can appoint a replacement. UIC will report directly to the President.

Section 13: **THE CONCESSION DIRECTOR:** The Concession Director shall operate profitably and fully stock the concession stand for nightly business. The Concession Director shall provide costs and prices of items sold to the public for review by the Board of Directors prior to the season's start. This is to insure all members of the potential profit margin whereby the Board of Directors may establish its budget for covering the costs of umpires and equipment. Each night the concession director and board member on duty or a 3rd party, preferably a board member shall account for all funds collected in the concession stand on a nightly basis and deposits made into the leagues safe. A log shall be kept in the concession stand of all deposits made and cash on hand on each night/day the league's concession stand is operating. This shall be done so comparisons can be made between concession deposits and the log kept in the concession stand. Organizationally, the Concession Director reports to the Treasurer.

- Section 14: **THE ASSISTANT CONCESSION DIRECTOR:** All duties as listed for Concession Director.
- Section 15: **REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF OFFICERS AND/OR COACHES/ASSISTANT COACHES:** Any Officers, Coach and/or Assistant Coach not fulfilling their duties as outlined by these by-laws may be removed by majority vote of the Board of Directors. In the event of a vacancy in the position of Officer or Coach, the vacancy may be replaced by appointment by the Board of Director's remaining members. The appointed Coach/Officer shall serve in that capacity until the next election of Officers. The delinquent Officers or Coaches will not attend the meeting for removal.
- Section 16: Any Board of Director willfully not upholding their responsibilities and duties as a Board member to the point of being disruptive in nature can be disciplined to the extent of removal and banned from serving as a board member or coach for up to three years. The decision to take such action will require a 2/3 majority vote of the Board of Directors. All members of the Board of Directors will be present for this disciplinary action meeting. The extent of the disciplinary action will be determined by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V – MEETING SCHEDULE

- Section 1: The Board of Directors is responsible for determining and approving the places and times for regular meeting to occur before and during the season. The only exception is the first meeting of the year, which will be called by the president.
- Section 2: The Board of Directors will be responsible for determining and approving the place and time of a special meeting for the election of officers no later than September 1 each year.
- Section 3: The approval of the special elections meeting must be finalized three (3) weeks prior to the end of the season.
- Section 4: The place and time of the election meeting must be posted at the ball park for public viewing two (2) weeks prior to the regular seasons' end. A notice of this election meeting will also be placed in the Lake Charles American Press two (2) weeks prior to the seasons' end.
- Section 5: Before the start of the regular softball season, the annual bylaw resolution meeting shall be conducted by the Board of Directors. The resolution meeting shall be open to all voting members of the league as outlined in Article 1 Section 5. It shall take 2/3 majority vote of the voting membership present at the meeting to change any bylaw.

- Section 6: By proclamation of the president or majority vote of the Board of Directors, a special meeting may be called at a time and place to be announced.
- Section 7: All meeting will be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.
- Section 8: If a quorum is not present at a scheduled meeting any motion can be passed by 2/3 majority vote of the voting members present.
- Section 9: All meetings called or scheduled will not be held until the next calendar day.

ARTICLE VI – LEAGUE RECORDS

- Section 1: Any and all documents, directly and indirectly, relating to the MBSL as it relates to the league are the sole properties of the league. Upon completion of their term in office, the outgoing officers are required to turn over to the incoming (newly elected) officers all such documents. This transfer of documents shall take place at the first regular meeting following the election of officers meeting. These documents shall be kept in the concession stand for a period of five years (or more if required by a government agency). Under no circumstances shall any document be discarded or destroyed without a majority vote by the MBSL Board of Directors, with full membership being required to be present at such vote.
- Section 2: All disciplinary actions relating to the expulsion, banning or suspension of voting members of the league (elected or appointed) that are not otherwise covered in these by-laws require a majority vote of the MBSL Board of Directors with all members present for such vote. Any such disciplinary action shall be made a permanent record in Article XIV of these bylaws and shall be binding on any future MBSL Board of Directors. A disciplined voting member may request a new hearing by held before the MBSL Board of Directors after first obtaining a petition of signatures of not less than 1/3 of the voting membership of the current season. Any such action/request by a disciplined voting member may occur once per season.

ARTICLE VII – COACHES AND THEIR DUTIES

- Section 1: **THE COACH AND/OR ASSISTANT COACH:** It is the duty of the Coach and/or Assistant Coach to be responsible for his or her team and is the official in charge of that team. Head Coaches and Assistant Coaches must be at least 21 years of age. An Assistant Coach may be between the ages of 18 and 21 with special approval by the Board of Directors. Their responsibilities include having their team ready for game time, conduct of players in a game, distributing equipment and uniforms, pick up all equipment assigned to their team at the beginning of the regular season, and to return all equipment after the regular season to the Field and

Equipment Manager. They are also responsible for any travel to non-league games. An Assistant Coach, whom he shall select, after approval by the Board of Directors, may assist the Head Coach in his responsibilities. The Coach or Assistant Coach must be present at all games. The Assistant Coach assumes responsibility only in the absence of the Head Coach. The game will be forfeited if the Head Coach and/or the Assistant Coach do not show up. Any problems arising between the Head Coach/Assistant Coach and a member of the team shall first be brought to the Player Agents for consideration. It shall also be the responsibility of the home and visiting Coaches and Assistant Coaches to prepare the playing fields prior to beginning of games, along with the clean-up of dugout and bleacher area after games. Organizationally, the Head Coach and Assistant Coach shall answer directly to the Board of Directors.

Section 2: The Board of Directors reserves the authority to request any coach to attend a coach's clinic.

Section 3: A Head Coach from the previous season has the first right of refusal to coach the team that they were assigned to the previous year. For teams that do not have returning coaches from the previous year, assignment to teams will be conducted using the following procedure. Team names from teams within the age group will be placed in a hat. Each board approved coach will select a team from the hat to determine which team they will be assigned. The board will have the right to select coaches based on experience and qualifications or will develop another fair method to assign the coaches to teams.

Section 4: A mid-season meeting will be conducted between all coaches and the respective player agent(s) for that group, for the purpose of discussing possible all-star players. Thereafter, coaches must attend following games in order to observe players who would best represent the league/community on the all-star team(s). Coaches should decline their voting privileges if they are not knowledgeable of the final nominations.

Section 5: All coaches are required to pay a processing fee to the Moss Bluff Parks and Recreation and have background checks conducted by the Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office.

Section 6: The final decision on selection of coaches rests with the Board of Directors.

Section 7: All coaches (head and assistant) must have background checks.

Section 8: **COACHES & PLAYERS MOVING FROM TEAMS WITHIN AN AGE GROUP:** Existing coaches and potential head coaches can move from a team in which they participated the previous year if they are chosen to assume the head coaching position of another team within the same age group as they participated in the previous year. This is the ONLY exception and requires approval by the Board of Directors. If the aforementioned person is chosen to assume the head coaching position, their child will be allowed to move to the team (in the same age group the player was in the previous year) and becomes an automatic on the new

team. Provided the outgoing Head Coach or the previous years Head Coach, is not remaining with said team, in any capacity what so ever.

Section 9: All coaches must participate in field work activities.

ARTICLE VIII – DRAFTING PROCEDURES, AUTOMATIC CHOICES, AND TEAM ABANDONMENT

Section 1: **AUTOMATIC CHOICES:** An automatic choice shall consist of a Head Coach’s child, an Assistant Coach’s child, and siblings (unless parents request separate teams) of team players. Slow Pitch and Fast Pitch divisions are allowed two (2) automatics per team (except when sisters of automatics are involved). T-Ball, 3-2 Ball, Coach Pitch (8 & under), and 9-10 year old fast pitch divisions will be allowed three (3) automatics. In age groups that require 3 coaches 3 automatic choices will be allowed to those teams. Automatics remain as such until no they are no longer eligible to play for the team they were automatics on. Anyone (automatic or not) registering after the draft will go to the next available team, this is the only exception.

Section 2: **DRAFTING PROCEDURES:** Each team will draw a card. The order of selection will be determined from the Ace up i.e. Ace, 2, 3, 4, etc. Cards will get a 1st round draft choice. Then teams with the least amount of returning players will draft in the next round. A team shall re-enter the draft when the number of players of his/her team equals the number of players of the teams currently drafting.

Section 3: **DRAFTING PRODECURES T-BALL AND COACH PITCH LEAGUES:** T-Ball, 3-2 Ball, and Coach Pitch, and 9-10 year old fast pitch League teams will list their automatics on a blank roster sheet with the head coaches’ child in the second position (2nd round), the 1st coaches’ child in the third position (3rd round) and second coaches’ child in the fourth position (4th round). Then from the tenth position moving up the list, returning players will be listed. All teams will draft in the first round after each team draws a card. The order of selection will be determined from the Ace up (i.e. Ace, 2, 3, 4, etc) card. Teams with no automatics will be the only teams drafting in the second, third, and fourth rounds. If a team is missing a coach or coaches, they will draft in the third and fourth rounds. Once a team fills the first ten players on their roster, they will not draft again until all teams have ten players. This is to insure all teams receive at least one pick from the hat.

Section 4: **DRAFTING PROCEDURES FOR SLOW AND FAST PITCH DIVISIONS:** For all other leagues, the head coaches’ child will be listed in the second position (2nd round) and the coaches’ child listed in the fourth position (4th round). Then from the tenth position moving up the list, returning players will be listed. All teams will draft in the first round after each team draws a card. The order of selection will be determined from the Ace up (i.e. Ace, 2, 3, 4, etc). Teams with no automatics will be

the only teams drafting in the second and fourth rounds. If a team is missing a coach or coaches, they will draft in the fourth round. Once a team fills the first ten players on their roster, they will not draft again until all teams have ten players. This is to insure all teams receive at least one pick from the hat.

- Section 5: **DRAFTING PROCEDURES FOR 13 & UP AGE GROUPS:** The 13 & up draft shall be broken up into 2 groups. The 13 & 14 year olds will be drafted first and then a separate draft will be held for the 15 and up. All of the rules for drafting shall apply after this.
- Section 6: If the head coach and assistant coach of the same team, choose to swap positions, the children do not have to go back into the draft, however must remain as automatics on that team. If the assistant coach steps down and his daughter stays on the team as an automatic then the head coach cannot pick an assistant until the draft is over and it must be within his team.
- Section 7: Once the selection of players starts, all teams will select players until all the eligible players are selected to a team and all teams are as equal in numbers as possible.
- Section 8: Players participating in tryouts will be chosen first. At the end of the draft, if there are not enough players to complete the round of teams, they will be added to the no-show list of players.
- Section 9: In the event a registered player does not show up for tryouts, their name will be drawn from a hat in the regular order of draft, with the exception of those players on High School teams.
- Section 10: Siblings will be assigned to the same team unless parents/guardian objects.
- Section 11: **Once a player is assigned to a team, the player remains a member of that team during all her eligible years of play or until she advances to the next age group.** Trading, moving or swapping players from the teams they were drafted by is prohibited.
- Section 12: **PLAYER PLACEMENT:** If, for any reason, she is disqualified from that team by a decision of the Board of Directors she will be placed back into the draft. If a player remains out of play for an entire season and then reenters the league, she must return to her original team before her departure.
- Section 13: **ABANDONMENT:** If it is necessary to abandon a team due to the number of registrations in a particular age/division, the Board of Directors will use the following factors in their determination in the following order: 1-fewest returning players to a team, 2-absence/vacancy of coach (es), etc. The players from any affected team(s) will be placed back into the draft. The final decision will be made by the Board of Directors.
- Section 14: **EXPANSION:** The Board of Directors will determine the need of an expansion team based upon registration numbers within the various age groups/divisions. Each team will be allowed a maximum of twelve (12) players for teams that play with 9 players on the field and thirteen (13) players for teams that play with 10 players on the field, unless exceptions are warranted/ approved. Drafting will occur as explained within this section.

ARTICLE IX – RULES OF CONDUCT

- Section 1: Players, Coaches, and team attendants will show good sportsmanship before, during, and after games. Failure to do so will result in penalties that include dismissal or disqualification from the league by the Board of Directors.
- Section 2: Any personality conflict that occurs between a team member, Coach and/or Assistant Coach or other team member can be brought before the Executive Committee no later than the day before the next regularly scheduled game of that team. The Board of Directors shall decide whether a player may be removed from his/her appointed team, and only after the parents and Head Coach have met and cannot resolve the problem.
- Section 3: A player may be moved only once during the regular season.
- Section 4: If the Board of Directors rules the girl to be moved, the last team the draft stopped with will draft her. If that team's roster is full, that team has the right of refusal. Each Coach, according to the draft, will also have the same opportunity to accept, or refuse, the player. If no Coach accepts the player, then the first team that was up for draft must take the player automatically.
- Section 5: **CLEAN UP:** Each team shall clean their dugout upon completion of their game or practice.
- Section 6: Any player or coach who participates as a member of a softball team not approved by the Board of Directors must notify the Board before participating in a league activity. Failure to do this will result in disciplinary action up to and including expulsion from the league.

ARTICLE X – UMPIRES

- Section 1: UMPIRES – must be a minimum age of 16 years old and pass a background check with the fees paid to MBSL and the Board of Directors have final approval in the matter.
- Section 2: Umpires will be paid half price for one game during rainouts if the umpire does not take the field, but shows up to call. Umpires starting a game that is called due to rain will be paid for the full game.

ARTICLE XI– GAME GUIDELINES

- Section 1: **TIME LIMIT 7-12 AGES:** A time limit of one hour or six (6) complete innings will apply to the 7 – 12 year old age groups only. IF the visitors are ahead by ten(10) runs at the end of the fourth or the home team is ahead by ten(10) runs at the end of three and one half (2-1/2) ININGS, THE GAME SHALL END. If the visitors are ahead by fifteen (15) runs at the end of the third inning or the home team is ahead by fifteen runs (15) at two and one half (2-1/2) innings, the game shall end. A new inning that starts before the time limit expires must be completed.

- Section 2: **TIME LIMIT 13-19 AGES:** A time limit of one hour and fifteen minutes (1:15) or seven (7) complete innings will apply to the 13-19 year old age groups only. If the visitors are ahead by ten (10) runs at the end of the 5th inning or the home team is ahead by ten (10) runs at the end of four and one half (4-1/2) innings, the game shall end. If the visitors are ahead by fifteen (15) runs at the end of three and one half (3-1/2) innings, the game shall end. A new inning that starts before the time limit expires must be completed.
- Section 3: **SUBSTITUTES:** Each player in the dugout on the roster of a team shall play a minimum of 2 innings with free substitutions. Substitutions must be made between innings unless injury occurs. Each team will bat their roster in order, except for those girls disqualified by the Coach for disciplinary action. In this event, the Coach shall notify the official score keeper, the scorekeeper of the opposing team, and the umpire of a disqualified player present in the dugout. This notification must occur prior to game time.
- Section 4: **DEAD BALL:** The ball remains live until the umpire calls time. This should be done when the ball is being held by a player in the infield area, and in the opinion of the umpire, all play has ceased.
- Section 5: Batters start with zero (0) balls, zero (0) strike count, and allowed unlimited foul balls,
- Section 6: Catchers are required to wear a mask, helmet, and chest protector.
- Section 7: Infield fly rule will be used in the over-twelve year age group.
- Section 8: All games can be started with nine (9) players and finish with (8) players.
- Section 9: All players will play in their respective age groups and will not be allowed to move up.
- Section 10: At a time before the draft, the Board of Directors will approve rules for the 8 and under regular season. These rules will be handed out to the coaches of that league at the draft.
- Section 11: (9-10 year olds) Each team will be limited to batting their complete roster during any particular inning, unless 3 outs occur first.
- Section 12: Tie breaker for 6 and under age group is decided by the team who has made the most outs in the field; if the game is tied at the end of the time limit. If the number of outs is tied, then the game will be called a tie.

ARTICLE XII – ALL-STAR SELECTION

- Section 1: Moss Bluff Softball League Board of Directors will make every effort to field all-star teams in every age and division that participates in our league. The Board reserves the right to combine age groups and divisions in order to field a team. The Board also reserves the right to field more than one team in an age group or division.

Order of Selection: The top 10 players per age group/division will be selected first. The Board of Directors will then consider and determine the Head Coach for each particular age group/division. Each Head Coach

then picks the remaining 2 players (each having at least 1 vote), per Section 3 C.

Section 2: The All-Star Coaches will be determined in the following manner: The head coach of the team with the best record in the age group will have first right of refusal to coach the all star team in their age group.- Each designated Head Coach can nominate any person to be an Assistant Coach for the All-Star team, whom must also be approved by the Board of Directors.

Section 3: All-Stars will be determined by the following method.

- a. Coaches in each league will nominate the girls on his team that he considers to be All-Star potential. The time of the meeting will be scheduled by the Board. The nominations do not limit voting by other Coaches.
- b. Each Coach will vote for 12 players as All-Stars. The Coach can vote for any player that has played in at least one game more than half of regular season games. Coaches cannot vote for girls on their own team. (However, if there is a run off Coaches can vote for their own team,)
- c. The top 10 players with the most votes are automatically on the All-Star team. The All-Star Coach will pick the remaining two (2) girls who obtained at least one vote.
- d. All-Star players will remain in their respective age groups as listed in Article X, Section 9. The Board of Directors will decide exceptions to this rule only when there are not enough players in an age group to form a complete team.
- e. All-Star teams will be allowed to start practice but it must not interfere with the remaining league play. The girls must fulfill their obligation to the league team with failure to do so resulting in her removal from the All-Star team by the Board of Directors.

Section 4: RULES FOR ALL-STARS:

- a. All girls and Coaches shall stay at the same motel/hotel on out of town trips. The team Head Coach shall first approve any exception.
- b. If an All-Star quits the team, then the Head Coach may select another girl. This procedure has to be approved by the board prior to the girl's participation in any ball game.
- c. All-Star girls are not allowed to solicit funds on their own from businesses for the purpose of raising money for the All-Star Team.
- d. The President shall call a meeting of all All-Star Coaches to discuss fundraising & usage of fundraiser money.
- e. All-Star Coaches must comply with all rules.
- f. All-Star teams must submit a financial report to the board within 2 weeks after the All-Star season ends. Failure to do so will lead to disciplinary action by the board.
- g. All funds raised by an All-Star team shall go through the league.

- h. Any team receiving money from the league must receive a majority approval of the Board.

ARTICLE XIII – MEDICAL CONCERNS

Section 1: Players missing two or more games due to injury, illness, or disease must Provide medical clearance (release form) signed by the physician before the player will be allowed to participate in a game or practice. A player failing to meet this requirement will not be allowed to participate in practice or games. Clearance shall be agreed upon by the head coach and Board Member on duty.

ARTICLE XIV – FUNDS AND FUNDRAISERS

Section 1: All Funds collected by anyone representing MBSL, on behalf of MBSL, Or for a team must deposit the funds in the league account.
Section 2: The MBSL may choose to have at least one annual fundraiser.

ARTICLE XV – MBGSL DISCIPLINARY ACTION RECORD