

Bylaws of The Classic Lassie, INC

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of this organization shall be The Classic Lassie, Inc. (TCLI)

- A. The Classic Lassie, Inc. shall be not for profit
- B. Executive Board and Board of Directors (referred to herein as Board)
- C. Members refer to registered players, parents, managers, assistant coaches, volunteers, and spectators.

ARTICLE II

OBJECTIVE

Classic Lassies seeks to instill in the girls ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage, and reverence so they may be finer, stronger, and happier girls who will grow to be good clean healthy adults. This objective will be reached by providing supervised competitive athletic games. The Board and Members shall bear in mind at all times that the attainment of exceptional athletic skill or the winning of games is secondary and that the molding of future citizens is of prime importance.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

All Board of Directors and Members are required to follow the Classic Lassie code of conduct while playing under the Classic Lassie name. Should a member fail to adhere to the Code of Conduct or follow the By-laws of Classic Lassie penalties up to and including termination of membership may be brought against said member. (See Article IIX section 1 termination of membership). The Board has the right to deny any membership with just cause.

1. Player Membership: Shall consist of girls ages 5-18 (Refer to Amendment I.)
 - a. *Shall be granted upon completion of any and all necessary paperwork, as determined by the Board of Directors.*
2. Adult Membership: Shall consist of persons 18 years of age and older and shall include team parents, league sponsors, and spectators.
 - a. *Parent membership shall be granted upon completion of any and all necessary paperwork as determined by the Board of Directors and shall remain in effect as long as said parent has a child registered in CLGSL.*
 - b. *League Sponsor membership shall be granted upon completion of application and approval of the Board of Directors.*
 - c. *Spectators are members not covered in Article III-2-a and Article III-2-b. Said membership is granted solely at the discretion of the Board of Directors and may be withdrawn as described in the TCLI Code of Conduct.*

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- d. *Volunteers are members not specifically covered under Article III-2-a, Article III-2-b, and Article III-2-c. Said membership is granted solely at the discretion of the Board of Directors and may be withdrawn as described in the TCLI Code of Conduct.*
3. Managers and Assistant Membership
 - a. *Manager Membership shall be granted as described in Article IX.*

ARTICLE IV
BOARD OF DIRECTORS, ELECTION AND TERM OF OFFICERS

The management of the property and affairs of the league shall be vested in the Board of Directors. The number of Directors shall consist of not less than seven (7) and not more than twenty-one (21). The persons whose signatures are affixed below shall act as Directors until the election of their successors.

Section 1

The Executive Board of TCLI shall be President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary. The remainder shall constitute the Board of Directors. Board Members refer to both the Executive Board and Board of Directors.

Section 2

The Executive Board and the Board of Directors shall be elected at the Fall Semi-Annual Meeting. The Executive Board shall be chosen every even numbered year starting in 2014. The Board of Directors shall be voted every odd numbered year starting in 2015. The term of office for Executive Board and Board of Directors is two (2) years.

Section 3

Board Members must attend a minimum of 75% of the Board meetings to be considered in good standing. Members not in good standing may be removed from their position by a majority of the Board.

Section 4

In the event that a position was not elected at the annual meeting or that an officer cannot fulfill their term, a replacement will be elected by a majority vote Board members.

Section 5

Vacancies shall be filled by individuals who have been actively involved in the softball program as Member for at least one season prior to seeking a position on the Board. The Board shall give greater consideration to those members who have been active participants in TCLI such as team parent, managers, and volunteers.

Section 6

Any member desiring to resign shall submit their resignation in writing to the Secretary, who shall present it to the Board for action

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A member who has been sanctioned by Classie Lassies, placed on probation or having been issued a suspension, shall not be allowed to serve on the Board for a period of not less than one (1) year. An elected or appointed member of the Board may be removed with cause by a majority vote or quorum of the Board.

Section 8

The Board, by resolution adopted by a majority of the entire Board, may designate or appoint from among its members, a president, one or more vice presidents, a secretary, a treasurer and such other officers as it may determine, who shall have such duties, powers, and functions as hereinafter provided. All officers shall serve at the pleasure of the Board.

Section 9

Any two or more offices may be held by the same person, except the offices of the president and secretary. However, such person shall only have one vote.

ARTICLE V

Duties of Executive Board and Board of Directors

Section 1

The President shall have the general management of the Board of Directors of the TCLI. The President shall see that all policies, orders and resolutions of the Board are carried into effect. Countersign all checks drawn against the funds of TCLI. Appoint all standing committees and all special committees, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. Preside at all meetings.

Section 2

Vice president shall have, in the absence of the president, all the powers and functions of the president. The vice president shall perform such other duties as the Board shall prescribe.

Section 3

Treasurer shall have the care and custody of all the funds and securities of the corporation and shall deposit said funds in the name of the corporation in such bank or trust company as the directors may elect; he shall, when duly authorized by the Board, sign and execute all contracts in the name of the corporation, when countersigned by the president; he shall also sign all check, drafts, notes, and orders for payment of money, which shall be duly authorized by the Board and shall be countersigned by the president; he shall at all reasonable times exhibit his books and accounts to the Board when requested. At the end of each corporate year, he shall have an audit of the accounts of the corporation made by a committee appointed by the President, and shall present such audit in writing at the annual report setting fourth in full the financial conditions of the corporation.

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Secretary shall keep minutes of the Board of Directors' meetings and the annual meeting of members. He shall have the custody of the seal of the corporation and shall affix and attest the same to documents when duly authorized by the Board of Directors. He shall attend to the giving and serving of all notices of the corporation, and shall have charge of such books and paper as the Board of directors may direct; he shall attend to such correspondence as may be assigned to him; and perform all duties incidental to his office. He shall keep membership roll containing the names, alphabetically arranged of all persons who are members of the corporation showing their places or residence and the time they became members.

Section 5

Only Board members shall be entitled to vote at any meetings of the league. In no case shall a Member of the Board of Directors be given more than one voting privilege, regardless of the number of positions held. Additionally, should two or more members of the Board of Directors reside in the same household, they shall only have one voting privilege. All matters of policy concerning the Classie Lassies Girls Softball League shall be decided by a vote of the Board.

Article VI *Meetings*

Section 1

The annual meeting of all league members shall be held in October of each year. The purpose of the meeting shall be electing position changes to the Board of Directors, adding new members to the current Board, and to give the members an opportunity to engage with the Board. This meeting will also serve as an informational session discussing current and future events for the organization. A notice of each meeting shall be made known to the membership at least seven (7) days in advance thereof, setting forth the time, place, and purpose of the meeting. Notice shall be by mail or any other means pursuant to a single notice given.

Section 2

Regular monthly meetings of the Board shall be held the first Wednesday of the month at a time and place determined by the President.

Section 3

Special meetings may be called by the President, or a majority of the Board. Three days notice shall be given to the remaining members to assure attendance.

Section 4

A majority of the members of the Board shall be required for a quorum.

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ARTICLE VII
Financial Policy

Section 1

The Board shall decide all matters pertaining to the finances of TCLI. It shall be general policy to place all income in a common treasury, directing expenditures of same in such a manner.

Section 2

No expenditure or association commitment over one hundred (\$100.00) dollars will be made without prior Board approval

Section 3

A financial report, including the concession stand report, of all monies shall be submitted at every Board meeting.

Section 4

Travel Team Accounts.

ARTICLE VIII
Insurance

Section 1

Group type accident insurance obtained by and in the name of the TCLI shall cover each participant in league play or practice session. All Travel Team players of the TCLI should also be insured individually with each tournament association.

ARTICLE IX
League Fees and Dues

Section 1

All teams will be assigned a team sponsor per year. This fee may come from any firm, company, organization or one or more individuals. This fee is to be determined by the Board. All sponsors will be subject to approval by the Board.

Section 2

Registered players shall contribute a fee designated by the Board which is to be used to pay for the cost to operate the league. This fee is to be set by the Board and can be increased by a majority vote of the Board.

Section 3

If a player is unable to contribute the fee due to financial hardship and, at the discretion of the Executive Board, such fee may be reduced or waived. Such instances will be made on a case by case basis.

Section 4

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A sliding scale fee structure will be used in the event a family has multiple players.

ARTICLE X

Managers and Assistants

Section 1

Managers and assistants of Classic Lassie shall be voted on and approved by the Board. Applicants shall be subject to a background check. Any new managers and/or assistants shall attend a coaching clinic. An exception to this may be granted by the Board based on past coaching experience.

Section 2

Each team shall have one (1) manager and up to three (3) assistants. They shall be responsible for their team's conduct on or off the field,

Section 3

Each manager and assistant shall conduct himself/herself at all times in such a manner as to be a credit to this league.

Section 4

Any manager or assistant is subject to Appendix A – Code of Conduct. In addition, if any manager or assistant is ejected from a game, their actions are so egregious, and/or their conduct is not specifically listed in the Code of Conduct, their actions may be brought before the Executive Board. Such manager or assistant, in addition to the penalties assigned in the Code of Conduct, may be subject to additional disciplinary action up to and including dismissal. The manager or assistant will be given at least 24 hours advance notice of the meeting at which time a decision will be made with or without his/her presence. Any manager or assistant who has been issued a suspension or placed on probation shall not be allowed to manage or coach until proof of the suspension has been lifted.

ARTICLE XI

Participation and Membership

Section 1

Participation in this association shall be in accordance with A.S.A. rules and shall be governed by TCLI.

Section 2

Membership may be terminated by resignation of the individual.

Section 3

The Executive Board by majority vote at any duly constituted meeting, with a quorum attending, shall have the authority to discipline, including suspension or termination, the membership of any member of any class when the conduct of such member is considered detrimental to the best interests of TCLI and/or any regional or national organization to which TCLI participates.

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Section 4

The member involved shall be notified of such meeting, informed of the general nature of the charges and given an opportunity to appear at the meeting to answer such charges. If the member involved is a player member, their parents or legal guardian will also be informed of the charges and given an opportunity to appear at the meeting.

ARTICLE XII

Application and Player Placement

Section 1

All applications must be received by the date determined by the Board for the spring league and before start of play for the fall league. Any registrations received after said deadline shall subject to a late fee in addition to the standard registration fee. Such late fee shall be decided by the Board.

Section 2

Each player must furnish a bona fide birth certificate with their application showing the date of birth. Returning players do not need to furnish a birth certificate.

Section 3

No player can participate in any practice session until her application has been received by a member of the Board.

Section 4

Applicants will be placed on a team having players of the same age level.

Section 5

Any changes to the roster after the draft date must have the approval of the player representative and a Board representative.

ARTICLE XIII

Leagues and Teams

Section 1

Team Selection

Player selection and assignment to teams shall follow the method as incorporated into Amendment II. It shall be the duty of the TCLI Board of Directors or its designated committee, to annually review such selection process. The selection process shall be subject to the review and approval of the Board of Directors and the voting membership.

A. The 6U & 8U will be based upon age.

a. Player must be five (5) years of age by August 31st of the current calendar year of the season being played

B. 10U, 12U, 14-16U players wishing to play up an age group shall be permitted at the discretion of the Board. However, no player may play down an age division.

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C. +Any player selected to a travel team may elect to play at the same level in recreational play.

Section 2

League Composition

TCLI will include teams in five divisions. 6 and UNDER (6U), 8 and UNDER (8U), 10 and UNDER (10U) , 12 and UNDER (12U) , 14/16 and UNDER (14/16 U).

The 6U division shall include those players whose playing age is 5 and 6 years old.

The 8U division shall include those players whose playing age is 7 and 8 years old.

The 10U division shall include those players whose playing age is 9 and 10 years old.

The 12U division shall include those players whose playing age is 11 or 12 years old.

The 14U and/or 16U division shall include those players whose playing age is 13, 14, 15 or 16 years old.

Section 3

Playing age is defined as the age of a player as of December 31st of the previous league year. (See Amendment I)

ARTICLE XIV

Amendments

The By-Laws may be amended, revised, or otherwise changed by a majority of the Board voting on such proposed change. Proposed amendments to these By-Laws must be read at a regular or special meeting of the Board and read and voted on at a subsequent meeting of the Board, adequate and proper notice having been given to the Board prior to the date on which the vote is taken. A written copy of the proposed amendment shall be furnished to every eligible voter at the meeting at which the vote is taken.

President_____

Vice President_____

Secretary_____

Treasurer_____

Board Member_____

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AMENDMENTS

AMENDMENT I

Player eligibility age has changed to, "Player must be 5 yrs. of age by August 31st of the current calendar year of the season being played." *Adopted February 6th 2013*

AMENDMENT II

DRAFT POLICY NEEDS TO BE INSERTED HERE

AMENDMENT III

DRAFT POLICY FOR TRAVEL TEAM AND MANAGER SELECTION HERE.

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APPENDIX A

Code of Conduct

Section 1

The Code of Conduct Standards are for Managers, Coaches, Players, and Spectators regardless of the game location while playing under the Classie Lassie name.

- A.** Managers, coaches, players, and spectators should not use any type of profanity or other abusive language towards teammates, or opposing managers, coaches, players, umpires, and spectators.
- B.** Managers, coaches, players, and spectators should demonstrate control over their emotions and refrain from any form of physical abuse to any facilities and playing equipment (e.g., field, bats, and helmets).
- C.** Managers, coaches, players, and spectators should not exhibit any type of behavior which reflects unfavorably on the league and individual teams (e.g., poor sportsmanship, cheating, defiance, disrespect of persons/property).
- D.** Managers, coaches, and parents should not use tobacco products while on Classie Lassie premises except in the designated smoking areas.
- E.** Managers, coaches, players, and spectators should not possess, use, or be under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs while on Classie Lassie property.
- F.** Pets of any type are not permitted on Classie Lassie property.

Section 2

Classie Lassie has a ZERO tolerance policy. Any violation of the Code of Conduct will result in the following actions:

First Offense – One game suspension

Second Offense – Two game suspensions

Third Offense – Removal from Membership

If the involved offender refuses to accept the above consequences the game (*both home and away*) will then be placed on hold until He/She vacates the premises. In the event that the involved offender refuses to vacate they will then be removed from the property by the proper authority.

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