

# TUSC COUNTY SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

## 2026 BYLAWS



USA/ASA SOFTBALL

TCGSA LEAGUE ESTABLISHED-1994

14U DIVISION ADOPTED: APRIL 20, 1994

12U DIVISION ADOPTED: JAN. 30, 2002

10U DIVISION ADOPTED: JAN. 5, 2003

8U DIVISION ADOPTED: SEPT. 25, 2003

18U DIVISION ADOPTED: NOV. 16, 2008

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## **BY LAWS**

### **ARTICLE I**

#### **NAME**

This organization shall be known as the Tusc County Softball Association. (TCSA) of Tuscarawas County, Ohio.

### **ARTICLE II**

#### **PURPOSE**

Section 1: TCSA exists for the sole purpose of making organized softball available to girls within Tuscarawas and surrounding counties. It is the responsibility of the organization to provide for the operation and supervision of the league.

Section 2: STATEMENT OF SPORTSMANSHIP: TCSA recognizes sportsmanship as the most important value gained from the program it provides for youth. In this manner, we define good sportsmanship as abiding by the rules of the game, accepting defeat or victory graciously and displaying qualities of the highest ethical standards. We would apply these to all players, coaches, umpires, parents, and fans of this league.

HAVE FUN, PLAY HARD, BE FAIR, BE A SPORT!

Section 3: TCSA has rules attachment and fee/payment attachment.

### **ARTICLE III**

#### **ORDER OF BUSINESS AND PROCEDURES**

Section 1: Roberts Rules of Order shall be followed in conducting meetings in the event a question of procedure arises.

Section 2: Unless otherwise changed, the order of business shall be as follows:

- (1) Reading of minutes of the last meeting.
- (2) President's report.
- (3) Vice President's report.
- (4) Treasurer's report.
- (5) Old business.
- (6) New business.
- (7) Community business.

### **ARTICLE IV**

#### **BASIC POLICIES**

Section 1: The membership of this organization shall represent any interested team or organization of Tuscarawas County or the hereinafter designated as the boundaries of these by laws and standing rules as set forth in section 2.

Section 2: These boundaries shall include all of Tuscarawas County and the surrounding counties. Other organizations can apply for membership with Board Committee approval.

Section 3: All members of TCSA shall be required to obtain charter membership. Charter membership guarantees TCSA protection to territorial boundaries, voting privileges, and the right to hold office. Each school district will be represented by one community league.

Section 4: Charter memberships are \$200.00 each. Any organization that wishes to participate and become a member of TCSA must apply along with the charter fee. The community league president representing the school district/ community league must petition in writing for inclusion. A 75% of members attending and at least 6 yes votes are required for acceptance.

Section 5: Any member organization must abide by the minimum of one team per season. If an organization fails to enter the minimum of one team every year will be required to reapply and pay the charter fee. The board may revoke a membership with an 85% board vote and at least six votes in favor of.

Section 6: Further, the membership shall consist of adults of good character with community standing, generally compatible with the membership of all youth organizations and who reside or have community interest in the above-described area, and who have been duly elected to membership by their individual organizations in the manner described in these by laws.

Section 7: The current charter members are Carrollton, Claymont, Conotton Valley, Coshocton, Dover, Garaway, Indian Valley (which includes: Gnadenhutten, Midvale, and Tusky.), Malvern, Newcomerstown, New Philadelphia, Ridgewood, Sandy Valley, Strasburg, Tusky Valley, and Tuscarawas Central Catholic.

Section 8: It is to be further understood that race, creed, or color shall have no bearing on the acceptance of any individual into this organization, and further the only barriers that shall be considered are those that conflict with article IV, Section6.

## **ARTICLE V MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1: Members shall be admitted to this association in the following manner:

- A. Any person being a parent, grandparent, guardian, or foster parent that has registered a girl to play ball.
- B. Any person that is an officer, past officer in good standing, a registered team manager or coach in the TCSA for the current year and presidents of member associations.
- C. Any adult living within the TCSA boundaries, as set forth in Article IV, Section2.

Section 2: Life Members:

- A. A member of official may receive a lifetime membership in this association for a special act or deed by the recommendation and majority vote of the Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE VI  
TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1: Any team or association may resign from this association provided that all indebtedness to the TCSA has been paid and such resignation shall be in writing to the secretary.

Section 2: Any association terminating membership shall have the right to reassign their charter, to another organization within their own association’s governing area, at the time of resignation. If charter is not reassigned, it must be relinquished back to TCSA, thus giving TCSA the right to resell said charter.

Section 3: Any voting member of the association of the TCSA missing three (3) consecutive meetings without sufficient cause will terminate his position. Excused absences are work, personal or family business, death in the family and/or vacation. Member will be excused by contacting the President or Vice President.

Section 4: Any member or official charged with misconduct or any act prejudicial to the best interest of this association and against whom such charges are sustained after opportunity to appear before the Board of Directors in his own defense may, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, be expelled from membership. Upon such action by the Board of Directors, the secretary shall notify the member in writing of such action without further explanation of reasons thereof.

Section 5: Any member whose membership in this association has **been** terminated for any reason whatsoever shall forfeit any interest in any funds or property, all rights, and privileges of membership of this association and all rights to use the TCSA, emblem or other insignia.

**ARTICLE VII  
VOTING RIGHTS**

Section 1: Voting privileges shall be extended to all elected Board of Directors, as outlined in Article VIII, section 1.

Section 2: All votes shall be roll call votes.

**ARTICLE VIII  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Section 1: The Board of Directors shall consist of the following members:

- (1) President
- (2) Vice President
- (3) Secretary
- (4) Treasurer
- (5) Charter Commissioners

(6) Chief Umpire

Section 2: Any vacancy on the Executive Board of Directors shall be filled by the appointment by the President, subject to a majority vote of the remaining Directors. A person so appointed shall hold office only until a Director is elected at the next annual election at the November meeting.

Section 3: Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held in accordance with Article X.

Section 4: The Board of Directors shall control the affairs of TCSA. In addition to those customarily performed duties, the Board of Directors shall:

- (1) Be the absolute governing body of the entire league.
- (2) Supervise all income and/or expenditures.
- (3) Approve all fund-raising methods before action is taken to raise funds.
- (4) Approve all fields and game schedules.
- (5) Approve all rules and regulations for the governing of the league. Play rules should be reviewed annually before the start of the season.

**ARTICLE IX  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND BOARD DUTIES**

Section 1: The **Executive Committee** of this association shall be a president, vice president, secretary, umpire in charge and treasurer who shall be elected annually. All officers shall hold office until their successors are duly elected as provided in these by laws.

Section 2: The President shall serve as the executive officer of this association, preside at all meetings of the membership, exercise general supervision over all affairs of this association and perform such duties as are ordinarily incumbent upon a president.

Section 3: The Vice President: shall assist the President in all activities, In the absence of the President, Vice-President will preside at the meetings.

Section 4: The secretary shall keep and maintain the minutes of all meetings of the Executive Committee, association meetings and all other meetings as directed by the president.

Section 5: The treasurer shall keep and maintain adequate records as directed by the president, vice presidents/and or the Executive Committee as to the moneys received and monies dispersed. The treasurer shall receive all monies, fees, dues, and record in the appropriate manner as directed. The treasurer shall maintain a checking account in the name of the Tusc County Softball Association. All check disbursements shall bear the signature of the president or vice president and the treasurer. The treasurer shall submit financial statements in the form and manner as frequently as prescribed by the Executive Committee or the president not to exceed semi-monthly. The treasurer shall prepare a statement for all meetings of this association and generally perform such duties as are ordinarily incumbent upon a treasurer.

Section 6: The Executive Committee shall meet as needed; at a call of the president, vice president, or any three (3) members of the committee. A majority of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business and majority vote of those present shall be necessary to give effect to any action of the Committee. The Executive Committee shall handle all transactions deemed necessary for the good of the organization. This includes any action or problem brought up by any member of the TCSA. The Executive Committee ruling will be in placed unless overturned by 2/3 vote of the Board.

Section 7: Rule changes after being read at 2 (two) regular meetings will be voted on after the second reading. Voting will be done by roll call vote of the Board for appointment. The commissioner

designee will have one vote on any changes for TCSA. If a person is both a commissioner and Board member they are entitled to only one vote. A tiebreaker will be based on the president's vote. All Board members are encouraged to attend all meetings of the TCSA. This will give them the opportunity to voice their opinion about possible rule changes and direction of the Tusc County Board. Section 8: The protest committee shall be chaired by the vice president who is entitled to no vote. The committee shall be comprised of three (3) members selected from the Executive Committee (chief umpire always holds one (1) of the three (3) positions and has a vote). No member of the protest committee shall be involved in the protest being considered.

Section 9: Pursuant to Article II, Section 2, all league officials are expected to adhere to the Statement of Sportsmanship at all league functions. If anyone is acting outside these guidelines and not holding the best interest of the league and its players at heart, they may lose their coaching privileges by a majority vote of the Board of Directors present at a regular or special meeting. If requested by any member a secret ballot shall be mandatory. If not, a hand count will suffice.

## **ARTICLE X ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Section 1: Election of officers shall be held at the **November** meeting.

Section 2: The President shall call for nominations from the floor, per Robert's rule of order.

Section 3: If requested by any member, a secret ballot shall be mandatory. If not, a hand count will suffice.

Section 4: A majority of the votes cast **by the board members** shall be required. Each member voting shall be considered as one vote.

Section 5: Nothing in this article shall be construed as precluding nomination from the floor.

Section 6: Only members in good standing shall be eligible to hold office.

Section 7: All officers shall assume responsibilities of their respective office at close of business on the day of the November meeting.

## **ARTICLE XI MEETINGS**

Section 1: Regular meetings of this association shall be held monthly. August through April, unless otherwise determined by the board committee. The annual meeting shall be held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in November. **A special meeting may be called.**

Section 2: A majority of voting members in good standing shall constitute quorum at all regular and annual meetings of this association.

Section 3: Notification of regular meetings shall be made by telephone, mail, email, or text message to all officers.

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## **REVENUE**

Section 1: The Board of Directors may plan or recommend the raising or accumulation of revenue from sources other than those stated in this article provided such methods or courses have been approved by the Board members (i.e. Late fees, reschedule, t-shirts, etc.).

Section 2: All checks shall be signed by two of the following: Treasurer, Vice President and or the President.

Section 3: Funds shall be secured from sponsors' fees and other projects approved by the Board of Directors.

Section 4: TCSA shall not encumber itself.

Section 5: The Treasurer, President, and the Vice President are the only authorized agents to purchase supplies and equipment for TCSA.

## **ARTICLE XV NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION**

All monies spent must be approved by Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE XVI AMENDMENTS**

Any by laws of the association may be amended by giving it to the president. The president will then select a committee to review the changes or any structural changes. It must pass by a two-thirds vote of the voting members present.

## **ARTICLE XVII DISSOLUTION**

Section 1: Upon dissolution of the Tusc County Softball Association monies and property will be dispersed to organizations and charities by the last Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE XVIII PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

“Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised” shall govern this association in all cases in which they are applicable and in which they are not in conflict with these by laws.

## **ARTICLE XIX MISCELLANEOUS**

Section 1: Any person who is proposed or duly elected to the membership in this association shall be deemed to have accepted these by laws and the Constitution of the Tusc County Softball Association and shall be bound by them in all respects.

Section 2: The Board of this newly created Constitution and bylaws shall not be held liable for any claims or indebtedness created by anyone other than allowed by these by laws and voted upon by this Board in accordance with its rules.

**ARTICLE XX**  
**Tuscarawas County Softball Association**  
**Divisions**

8U and 10U will be split into North and South Divisions for the regular season so long as there are enough teams to do so. The scheduler will use his or her best judgement based on team numbers as to where that split takes place each year for the North and South Division community assignments. This can change from year to year based on the number of teams. The final regular season game on each of their respective schedules will cross divisions to the equivalent ranked team from the opposite division.

**There will be no A and B division for regular season. Tournaments only!**

**Tournaments**

Tournament will be divided into A and B divisions if we have 12 or more teams. The tournament will be decided on the team records on league lobster. If odd number of teams, majority will play in the A division tournament. This only applies to the 8U and 10U divisions.

**Rules will all stay the same across the County sets.**

**Days of week for this division.**

All games will be played Monday thru Thursday

8U Monday and Wednesdays and Saturday DH

10U Tuesdays and Thursdays

12U Monday and Wednesdays

14U Tuesdays and Thursdays

All age groups have the option to play on Saturday and Sunday.

**Number of games played in this division.**

8U will play the same as the current Recreational League (14)

10U, 12U, and 14U will play the same as the current Recreational League (14 Games)

Each age group will have a scheduling meeting (exception 6u), Each team must have a representative present at the scheduling meeting. Any corrections to the schedule must be addressed at the meeting. Once the coach/ representative leaves the meeting the schedules are locked, no exceptions. Only school functions will be considered for a game change.

Make up games all games will be made as follows: All games will be scheduled by the scheduler. The scheduler will let the president know when the games will be played, and the information will be changed on league lobster and the commissioners will be informed. The scheduler is the only one to schedule the make up games.

**Balls used for 8U-14U Divisions**

- 8U- Dixie 11” Synthetic Level 5 - DX 5 11 SO
- 10U- Dixie 11” Optic Leather Softball - OD11.47 CL
- 12U-14U- Dixie 12” Optic Leather Softball - OD12.47 CL

**Tuscarawas County Softball Association  
6U Division**

**Who would be in this division.**

Anyone that could field a 6U Team regardless if a girl is rostered at 8U.

**Who could be in this division.**

Anyone that cannot field a 6U Team will be able to combine with another school.

**Rules specific to this division.**

**6U**

- 1 Base at a time unless the ball is in the OF then 2 Base Max
- 5 Pitches and then bring out a tee to hit the 6th from.
- No Strike outs.
- No Umpires
- Bat 1/2 of your lineup, 5 Runs, or 3 outs. (Whichever comes first)
- Coaches can pitch from any distance and be anywhere on the field.
- This is not a competitive league / This is more of an instructional league.
- All other rules will be the same as the current 8U rules.
- There will not be a year ending tournament for this division.

**Dates of Play for this division.**

First weekend of May thru end of June

**Days of week for this division.**

All games will be played Sunday Evenings @ 6:00PM

**Game sites will rotate through the communities.**

**Fee for entry to this division.**

\$125/Entry fee will include game balls

**Ball used for 6U division.**

Dixie 11” Synthetic Level 1 - DX 1 11” SO

**ARTICLE XXI**

**Duties of the Umpire In Charge (UIC).**

The UIC is voted in by the league and works for the league. The UIC is to be paid per the fees set by the league. The UIC is responsible to schedule umpires for all league games. The UIC must be available to oversee and monitor umpires during the season. If a game is rained out the UIC is responsible to reschedule the umpire. Also, the UIC is to schedule training/ meetings with umpires as needed per the board.

**Duties of the umpires.**

Umpires are required to have a background check annually and they must carry a copy of the league rules as well as the asa rule book. Umpires are to call the head coach of the home team the night before. If the umpire is scheduled for a game and does not show they will be fined \$10.00. All fines must be paid prior to being scheduled for tournament games.

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