

Marlington Girls Softball Association

Constitution

Article One: The name of the Organization shall be Marlington Girls Softball Association (MGSA).

Article Two: Aims and Purposes

1. To provide a competitive recreational activity with emphasis on physical fitness and pleasure to be gained by playing the game of softball.
2. To provide an organization wherein the principles of good sportsmanship, high moral conduct, and the spirit of cooperation may be learned and held in high regard by the youth of the Marlington Local School district.
3. To create and maintain in the minds of players the ideas of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, and good physical fitness.
4. All participants in the Marlington Girls Softball Association (MGSA) shall bear in mind at all times that keeping with the aims and purpose of the MGSA, the winning of the game for the sake of winning shall be secondary.

Article Three:

Said organization is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Article Four: Government

1. Final sovereignty in the government of the association shall be vested in the Constitution, By-Laws and Playing Rules
2. The business of the association shall be conducted by and with the consent of the Board of Directors, providing that a quorum is present.
3. The required vote for all matters concerning the Association shall be a majority of Voting Members present unless otherwise specified in the Constitution, by-Laws or Playing Rules.
4. A quorum of the Board of Directors shall be a plurality of its total membership.

Article Five: Membership

Membership in the association shall be divided into two categories:

1. Voting Membership
 - a. This shall be extended to all Marlington Local School District residents that have a youth currently registered for the current year, to play softball for MGSA. These members shall have voting rights at all regular meetings on all matters concerning MGSA, providing these member have attended at least three (3) meetings in the last twelve (12) months.

2. Playing Members

- a. This shall be extended to all girls who have registered and are eligible to play for MGSA. These members shall not have the right to vote on matters concerning MGSA.

Article Six: Dissolution of the Organization

Upon the dissolution of the organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

Article Seven: Meetings

1. Regular Meetings

- a. The Board shall determine the day of the week and time to hold monthly meetings. The location of the meeting shall be predetermined. A majority vote is needed.
- b. Members shall be notified via e-mail if there is any change in meeting time and /or location.
- c. All voting members that have e-mail accounts shall receive an e-mail with the minutes of the previous meeting. It is the members' responsibility to provide a current e-mail address to MGSA's Secretary in order to receive all information to MGSA.
- d. All voting members who do not have an e-mail account and would like to receive a copy of the minutes shall notify the Secretary of MGSA and make arrangements to receive the information.
- e. Ten (10) members present shall constitute a quorum.

2. Special Meetings

- a. All special meetings are held at the discretion of the President for the purpose of dealing with situation which cannot wait for a regular meeting to be convened.
- b. A reasonable attempt shall be made to notify all members who are directly concerned with the issue(s).

3. Board Meetings

- a. Board meetings shall be convened at the discretion of the President for the purpose of dealing with items not acted upon at the regular meeting due to lack of quorum.
- b. A reasonable attempt shall be made to notify all members who are directly concerned with the issue(s).
- c. Board members include President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Trustees and all Head Coaches.

Article Eight: Officers and Duties

All Officers of the Association shall supervise the Player Selection (Draft).

Any items not covered in the player selection guidelines shall be decided by the Officers present by a majority vote.

(Note; A separate outline for the draft shall be maintained and will be considered as a portion of the Constitution.)

1. President

- a. Shall preside at all MGSA meetings.
- b. Assume executive responsibility for the operation of MGSA.
- c. Shall call all meetings when and where deemed necessary.
- d. Make certain that Parliamentary Procedures are followed during meetings.
- e. Appoint members to special committees.
- f. Serve as ex-officio member on all committees.
- g. Shall appoint or serve in any additional capacity deemed necessary in furthering the function of MGSA.
- h. Appoint nominating committee at regular meeting (June).
- i. Represent MGSA at all necessary meetings.
- j. To decide, by his/her vote, all matters upon which the voting members are deadlocked.

2. Vice President

- a. Discharge the duties of the President in absence or disability of the President.
- b. Assist the President in any way possible.
- c. Serve as ex-officio member of all committees.

3. Secretary

- a. Discharge the duties of the President in the absence or disability of the President and Vice President.
- b. Maintain accurate records of all proceedings of the MGSA.
- c. Read the minutes at each meeting.
- d. Serve as ex-officio member of all committees and retain a record of proceedings of the committees.
- e. Maintain an accurate list of voting members of MGSA including name, address, telephone number and e-mail address (if applicable)
- f. Notify members of their election to office or appointment to committee.
- g. Assist the President as necessary.
- h. Collect all necessary documents necessary for girls to play in League.
- i. Perform other such executive and administrative function as instructed by the President and/or the Board of Directors.

4. Treasurer

- a. Collect all monies and deposit them in MGSA treasurer.

- b. Make necessary disbursements at the instruction of the President or by majority vote of the Board of Directors.
- c. Assume the major part of the responsibility for conducting and controlling the financial business of AGSA.
- d. Render a financial report at each monthly meeting.
- e. Make payments at his/her discretion not to exceed \$50.00 for any one expenditure. Amounts in excess of \$50.00 must be approved by the Board of Directors.
- f. Confirm and renew when necessary MGSA's 501(3)c's paperwork.
- g. Obtain player insurance.
- h. Obtain equipment insurance to cover all league equipment for loss, damaged or theft.
- i. Obtain liability insurance for MGSA.
- j. Issue checks to the appropriate person for field preparation.

Article Nine: Election of Officers

1. No later than August 15th of the election year, a ballot shall be mailed to all voting members listing all available elected positions.
2. Interested candidates need to fill out the form indicating the desired position. If a position is not indicated, the ballot is considered void.
3. If a person is being nominated by another member, the ballot must include the name and the position be nominated.
4. A nominee may only accept one position.
5. Ballots must be received by September 1st.
6. If more than one member is nominated for a single position, the current Board of Directors shall decide by vote.
7. All new members will be announced at the regular October meeting.
8. The President of MGSA is not permitted to act as head Coach for any team without the approval of the Board of Directors.

Article Ten: Committees

All committees will form as necessary and will report to the Board of Directors. (See Article 6.1.e of the Constitution.)

Article Eleven: Amendments

This Constitution By-Laws may be amended by a majority of the Board of Directors. The Amendment must be submitted in writing to the President who shall instruct the Secretary to read at the earliest regular meeting. If it is approved by a majority vote, it must be read and approved at the next regular meeting. After being approved at the second meeting, it shall become effective immediately. If the proposed amendment is defeated, it may not be resubmitted for a period of six

months from the date of defeat. The majority of approval shall be at least two-thirds (2/3) of the voting members.

1. If any reading of a proposed amendment is approved by a unanimous vote of the Board of Directors shall become effective immediately.
2. Any rule or part of this Constitution and By-Laws or Playing Rules may be repealed by following the procedure previously described for passage of an amendment.
3. Any changes may be proposed by participating member or a voting member, but voting shall be reserved to voting members only.

The Constitution of the Marlinton Girls Softball Association (MGSA) has adopted the above Articles to govern the actions of its membership.

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Date</u>
_____	President	_____
_____	Vice President	_____
_____	Secretary	_____
_____	Treasurer	_____