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1 IDENTIFICATION

The official name shall be: "Hudson Girls Softball League, Inc." Referred to herein as either "HGSL" or "league".

2 OBJECTIVES

- A. The objective of the Hudson Girls Softball League is to provide a supervised and competitive softball program for the benefit of young girls. This league is promoting the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage, and reverence so that they may grow to be healthy and respected adults.
- B. The members of the league shall bear in mind that winning games, although important, is secondary to the molding of future citizens.
- C. 6-U & 8-U Divisions: The 6-U & 8-U Divisions were established to allow girls 8 years of age and younger the opportunity to be exposed to recreational softball. The emphasis is on skill development, team play, and softball enjoyment with the hope of instilling a love of the game.
- D. 10-U Division: The 10-U Division was established to allow 9- to 10-year old girls an opportunity to have game play in a competitive setting. 10-U starts with two weeks of practices, then play scrimmage games for the balance of the season.
- E. 12-U Division: The 12-U Division was established to allow 11- to 12-year old girls an opportunity to play in competitive game situations with the emphasis on skill development, team play, and sportsmanship, while winning, although pursued, remains a secondary focus.
- F. 14-U Division: The 14-U Division was established to allow 13- to 14-year old girls an opportunity to play in competitive game situations with the emphasis on skill development, team play, and sportsmanship, while winning, although pursued, remains a secondary focus.
- G. 18-U Division: The 18-U Division was established to allow 15- to 18-year old girls an opportunity to play recreational softball in a non-competitive game situation with the emphasis on team play, sportsmanship, and recreational softball, with little or no emphasis on winning.

3 POWERS

The league shall have the following powers, in addition to powers expressly or implicitly conferred on by law:

- A. To make and enforce rules and regulations to govern itself.
- B. To solicit funds for the proper operation of the league.

4 MEMBERSHIP

- A. The membership of this league shall be composed of the Executive Board members, managers, coaches, all parents or legal guardians of a team player, and persons in appointed positions of the league.
- B. All individuals that have been elected to a position in the league must submit in writing their resignation when terminating service in the position or with the league.
- C. Any member of the Board is limited to holding only one Board position during any given term.
- D. When choosing Team Managers and other elected league positions, the criteria for nomination shall be years of service to the league.
- E. There will be one vote per adult league member. No individual shall have more than one vote. Members must be present to vote; there is no provision for proxy voting.

5 EXECUTIVE BOARD

A. The embodied members of the Executive Board (E-Board) shall consist of:

Director
Deputy Director
Treasurer
Secretary
Fundraising Coordinator
Umpire-in-Chief

Equipment Manager
Player Development Representative
Field Maintenance Coordinator
Coach Representative
Travel Team Representatives:
- Heat Team Representative
- Fire Team Representative

Note: The person holding the position of Director may not also hold the position of Umpire-in-Chief.

- B. No more than one-half of the positions on the Executive Board may be held by individuals not associated with the league. Association with the league is defined as being either a member of a team's coaching staff or a parent of an active player.
- C. A quorum to conduct business at any E-Board meeting shall require attendance by 50% or more of the E-Board members.
- D. A tie vote means the issue DOES NOT carry.
- E. The Executive Board shall have full responsibility for:
- a. Approval of all fundraising events
 - b. Award night activities and selection of awards to be given
 - c. Planning and carrying out of all special activities
 - d. Determining safety of equipment (bats, cleats, gloves, etc.) used by any player in the league regardless of whether purchased by the league or the player
 - e. Filling any vacancies on the Executive Board between scheduled election meetings
 - f. The administrative function of the league, including all business decisions affecting its operation and welfare
 - g. Approval of league insurance
 - h. Review and approval of a yearly budget
 - i. Each year review, propose and update (if necessary) changes to the By-Laws prior to submitting these changes to the general members for voting
 - j. Voting on the dismissal of an officer, manager, coach or any other league position
 - k. Maintaining the Capital Improvement/Scholarship Fund to improve field conditions, purchase capital equipment, direct a Scholarship Fund, etc.
 - l. Voting on amendments to the by-laws in conjunction with team managers or team representatives. If a member of the E-Board is also a team manager, that person may decide to vote as an E-Board member and have another individual represent their team.

6 BY-LAWS

The HGSL By-Laws shall be reviewed for adequacy and correctness every year by the E-Board. All members of the league are encouraged to also review the By-Laws.

6.1 BY-LAW COMMITTEE

The By-Law committee is chaired by the Deputy Director and supported by two committee members appointed by the Director. The duties of the by-law committee are:

- A. Review the by-laws for accuracy, correctness, and adequacy
- B. Accept from division representatives, members, or anyone else, requests for additions, changes or deletions to the by-laws
- C. Review all requests for accuracy and wording
- D. Submit recommendations to the E-Board for their review and approval no later than the January E-Board Meeting on a yearly basis
- E. Upon approval by the E-Board, prepare the final recommendations for review and voting by the general league body at a meeting held prior to the draft every year
- F. Update the by-law document to reflect all approved changes

6.2 BY-LAW CHANGES

- A. Anyone may submit requests to add, modify, or delete by-laws
- B. League members will submit change requests to the By-Law Committee no later than October 15th
- C. All proposed changes submitted will be reviewed by the E-Board for content to assure that the requests are in the best interest of the league
- D. The E-Board approved changes will be presented to the league by the By-Law Committee chairperson at the first general meeting of the year for final approval or disapproval. There will be no discussion of details of the changes at this meeting. Explanations of the changes will be provided as part of the proposed change package.
- E. The By-Law Committee shall have the authority to make clerical changes or changes for consistency with approved changes without the need of having the general body vote on the changes

7 SENIORITY

Seniority shall be used to determine selection of individuals for positions within the league. Seniority shall be determined by years of service to the league as Team Manager, Team Coach (either Coach's option or second coach), Member of the E-Board, or other position. Positions within the league all carry the same weight in determining seniority. Only one year of service can be accumulated for each calendar year of involvement with the league.

8 LEAGUE POSITIONS

League positions, term of office, Executive Board membership, Protest Committee membership, and reporting structure are defined in Table 1, "League Positions".

8.1 GENERAL DUTIES

The following are duties applicable to all E-Board members, Managers, coaches, and committee members, in addition to those specific duties identified for each position:

- A. Adhere to the objectives and general requirements of the Hudson Girls Softball League By-Laws
- B. Attend all scheduled league general meetings
- C. Submit to the Treasurer all receipts and records of expenditures within 72 hours
- D. Obtain approval from the E-Board on all expenses outside the approved budget

8.2 DIRECTOR

The Director will be a two (2) year elected position, member of the E-Board and the Protest Committee. In addition to the general duties of all league officers, the duties of the Director are to:

- A. Schedule and preside over all league meetings, Executive Board meetings, and the Protest Committee
- B. Be responsible for all league activities, including fundraising
- C. Select and dismiss persons in appointed positions
- D. Coordinate all functional policies of the Executive Board
- E. Appoint and supervise the activities of all committees
- F. Coordinate the use/availability of fields with the Secretary when developing the schedule for games, practices, make-up games, and playoffs
- G. See that each team adheres to the rules, regulations, and policies of the league
- H. Submit an annual report at the annual January meeting
- I. Coordinate league All-Star teams and players
- J. Schedule and publicize league registration/sign-ups
- K. Schedule and supervise spring try-outs
- L. Preside over the spring draft
- M. Vote on all matters brought before the Executive Board and Protest Committee
- N. Provide copies for the January meeting, as soon as possible, of proposed changes in the by-laws to all voting members
- O. Assure sponsor recognition, such as plaques or pictures are obtained and presented to sponsors prior to the end of June each year

8.3 DEPUTY DIRECTOR

The Deputy Director will be a two (2) year position, elected in alternate years of the Director position, a member of the E-Board and the Protest Committee. In addition to the general duties of all league officers, the duties of the Deputy Director are to:

***Note:* The Deputy Director's responsibilities are the same as those of the Director, but exercised in the mode of an aide or adjutant. The Deputy Director would act as the Director if the Director were unavailable in an emergency circumstance or if delegated to act in the capacity by the Director.

- A. Assist in scheduling and presiding over all league meetings, Executive Board meetings, and the Protest Committee
- B. Assist in overseeing all league activities, including fundraising
- C. Assist in selecting persons in appointed positions
- D. Assist in coordinating all functional policies of the Executive Board
- E. Assist in appointing and supervising the activities of all committees

- F. Assist in coordinating the use/availability of fields with the Secretary when developing the schedule for games, practices, make-up games, and playoffs
- G. See that each team adheres to the rules, regulations, and policies of the league
- H. Assist in preparing an annual report for the annual January meeting
- I. Assist in coordinating league All-Star teams and players
- J. Assist in scheduling and publicizing league registrations/sign-ups
- K. Assist in scheduling and supervising spring try-outs
- L. Assist in presiding over the spring draft
- M. Assist in ordering the awards approved by the Executive Board for award and recognition presentations
- N. Vote on all matters brought before the Executive Board and Protest Committee
- O. Chair the Awards Committee

8.4 TREASURER

The Treasurer will be a two (2) year elected position and member of the E-Board. In addition to the general duties of all league officers, the duties of the Treasurer are to:

- A. Attend scheduled meetings of the league and of the Executive Board. While in attendance, provide a report of the current status of the league's financial affairs.
- B. Provide financial reports in writing to be included in the minutes of all league meetings
- C. Maintain a legible and accurate set of records covering all financial transactions of the league and the summer traveling teams
- D. Disburse amounts approved according to the yearly budget.
- E. Receive and deposit all league funds as directed by the Executive Board
- F. Maintain appropriate records of expenditures of the petty cash account (maximum \$100)
- G. Maintain necessary records and submitting reports as required to the State of NH for the preservation of the league's status as a non-profit organization
- H. Make payments of all approved expenses within the specified period of time to guarantee the league any discounts
- I. Vote on all matters brought before the Executive Board and/or Protest Committee
- J. Establish the dates that the registration fees plus any other receipts must be submitted
- K. Prepare an annual projected cash flow and budget

8.5 SECRETARY

The Secretary will be a two (2) year elected position and member of the E-Board. The Secretary is a non-voting member of the Protest Committee. In addition to the general duties of all league officers, the duties of the Secretary are:

- A. Attend scheduled meetings of the league and of the Executive Board and the Protest Committee
- B. Record and transcribe the minutes all league, Executive Board, and Protest Committee meetings
- C. Provide notice of all league meetings to all team managers two weeks prior to the meeting date
- D. Coordinate all correspondence and mailings pertaining to the league activities and functions
- E. Vote on all matters brought before the Executive Board
- F. Prepare required ballots to conduct secret balloting for election of officers at designated meeting(s)
- G. A copy of the HGSL By-Laws shall be posted on the HGSL website (HGSL.org). A copy of the By-Laws and current ASA Rule Book and any other applicable material will be available at the draft.
- H. Maintain a log of years of service and position(s) of each league member, excluding players, used to determine seniority for certain league positions
- I. Assign practice and game fields for all teams
- J. Schedule make-up games and playoffs

8.6 Coach Representative

The Coach Representative will be a two (2) year elected position, member of the E-Board and the Protest Committee. In addition to the general duties of all league officers, the duties of the Coach Representative are:

- A. Attend meetings of the league, the Executive Board, and the Protest Committee
- B. Represent all Team Managers and Coaches in matters brought before the Executive Board and/or the Protest Committee
- C. Communicate results of all meetings to the Team Managers and Coaches
- D. Solicit on an annual basis from Team Managers and Coaches any proposed by-law or playing rule changes no later than October 1st
- E. Collect scores and game reports/summaries from all Team Managers within 24 hours of game time, as well as any issues or complaints

8.7 FUNDRAISING COORDINATOR

The Fundraising Coordinator will be a two (2) year position, elected by the E-Board. The essential responsibility of the Fundraising Coordinator is to raise funds for the benefit of the HGSL. Duties of the Fundraising Coordinator include:

- A. Attend scheduled meetings of the league and of the Executive Board
- B. Work together with the E-Board to seek ways of raising money year-round to satisfy the monetary needs of the league's program.
- C. Coordinate volunteers for specific events throughout the year
- D. Build and maintain relationships within the community to help support the league
- E. Generate new ideas for raising funds to support the organization
- F. Development a fundraising plan and budget
- G. Properly track any fundraising activities and report to Treasurer
- H. Assist in representing HGSL at community meetings, outreach events, and other community activities
- I. Assure any money raised by the Fundraising Committee be given to the Treasurer within 72 hours of the completion of the event

8.8 TRAVEL TEAM REPRESENTATIVE

The Travel Team Representative will be a one (1) year appointed position. In addition to the general duties of all league positions, the Travel Team Representative's duties are:

- A. Follow the guidelines set forth by the league
- B. Schedule the summer league
- C. Promote the summer league
- D. Coordinate schedule of fields and umpires for the program with the league Umpire-In-Chief
- E. Organize summer tournaments
- F. Additional duties are defined in Travel Team Addendum paragraph 5.6
- G. Submit a summary of revenues and expenses for tournaments played to the Director for the prior year's activities by February 1st
- H. Submit a summary budget of revenues and expenses for tournaments planned to the Director for the coming year's activities by February 1st

8.9 UMPIRE-IN-CHIEF

The Umpire-In-Chief will be a two (2) year elected position, member of the E-Board and Protest Committee. The UIC must not be a current Team Manager or Coach. In addition to the general duties of all league positions, the duties of the Umpire-In-Chief are:

- A. Arrange to obtain umpires for 10-U, 12-U, 14-U, and 18-U games
- B. Coordinate umpire training clinics

- C. Schedule the necessary umpires for all regular, make-up, playoff, and post-season games
- D. Conduct a Managers' Briefing Session prior to the beginning of each new season
- E. Track games worked by each umpire, submitting information to the Treasurer and authorizing payment of fees
- F. Obtain umpires, should the league be approached to supply umpires for any tournament game
- G. Make available any required umpire equipment at the scheduled fields prior to game time (if required)
- H. Determine whether a regular season game or playoff game should be cancelled due to weather or safety condition

8.10 FIELD MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR

The Field Maintenance Coordinator will be a two (2) year elected position, member of the E-Board and Protest Committee. In addition to the general duties of all league positions, the duties of the Field Maintenance Coordinator are:

- A. Inspect all ball fields prior to the start of the season for playing conditions
- B. Set up and oversee all concessions at all fields, including scheduling volunteers to operate the concessions
- C. Inspect fields before game time during inclement weather conditions, and provide input to UIC as to whether or not fields are playable

8.11 PLAYER DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR

The Player Development Coordinator will be a one (1) year elected position, member of the E-Board and Protest Committee. In addition to the general duties of all league positions, the duties of the Player Development Coordinator are:

- A. Establish and maintain guidelines for basic skills at each level: 6-U, 8-U, 10-U, 12-U, and 14-U, or other hierarchy as maintained by HGSL
- B. Be a resource to coaches to develop practice plans. Focus on drills to improve skills needed at each level.
- C. Set up coach's clinic prior to the season start. Develop program, secure indoor facility, and arrange instructors (from school teams, Hudson Heat, private instructional facilities, or others).
- D. Set up player clinics prior to or early in the season. Target to hold one pitching clinic and one hitting/fielding clinic per season. Develop program, secure location, and arrange instructors.
- E. Recommend equipment purchases for each division to enhance practices

8.12 EQUIPMENT MANAGER

The Equipment Manager will be a two (2) year elected position, member of the E-Board and Protest Committee. In addition to the general duties of all league positions, the duties of the Equipment Manager are:

- A. Request and record equipment inventories and needs from the Team Managers prior to the spring tryouts
- B. Maintain records of all league equipment
- C. Apply discretion when authorizing repair or equipment rather than the purchase of new equipment and uniforms
- D. Procure and distribute uniforms, as specified for each division, and equipment to each team
- E. Solicit quotations from various sports equipment and uniform outlets to determine the most favorable contract possible
- F. Make purchases of all equipment and uniforms. Submit invoices, receipts, and records of purchases to the Treasurer as soon as possible.
- G. Coordinate with the Field Maintenance Coordinator to ensure that all fields have the necessary equipment prior to the season
- H. Store and safeguard league equipment and uniforms during the "off-season"

- I. Schedule team photos
- J. Order 8th grade jackets, All-Star Game uniforms, and trophies

8.13 TEAM MANAGER

Tenure:

- A. Once appointed by the Director, Team Managers retain their position within their division until they either resign or move to another division.
- B. When a Team Manager chooses to move up or down to another level and another person wants the same position, seniority in the league shall apply. Person's intentions to move must be expressed in person or in writing to the applicable Division Representative and the Director by the June General Meeting. In case of a tie in seniority, the Director shall make the final decision.

In addition to the general duties of all league positions, the duties of the Team Manger are:

- A. Sign and advocate a Sportsmanship Agreement prior to the start of each season. If agreement is not signed by all Managers and Coaches, the team cannot begin practices
- B. Assure that team players adhere to the rules, policies and regulations of the league
- C. Supervise and assume responsibility for the proper and personal conduct of the team players and coaches
- D. Participate in the yearly registration and spring tryouts
- E. Assure proper safeguards are taken to protect the league's equipment and uniforms
- F. Attend the preseason Manager's Briefing session and all General Meetings of league
- G. Participate in league fundraising programs, including coordinating team parents and others in supporting concession stands during league activities
- H. Conduct oneself in a manner to set a proper example for the players, as well as when working with the coaching staff and when dealing with officials during a game
- I. Select Team Coaches: No more than two (2) per team (on the official team roster)
- J. Draft team players as outlined in section 18.
- K. Work with players to instill good sportsmanship and competitive softball; with the emphasis not just on winning. The molding of good character is of prime importance.
- L. Establish a program to instruct and demonstrate proper techniques of playing fastpitch softball, making it both a safe and enjoyable experience
- M. The Manager of both teams will contact the Coach Representative to report the score and highlights of the game (win, lose, or tie) within 24 hours of game time
- N. Vote on amendments of the By-Laws and election of league officials
- O. Communicate with the appropriate Division Representative on matters for the Executive Board and/or Protest Committee
- P. Submit to the Director in writing, protest of games
- Q. Reschedule games and practices with the Secretary that have been cancelled due to weather or other conflicts
- R. Attend the mandatory Manager's Pre-Season Meeting. Failure to attend or send a team representative will negatively affect the team's draft order and practice field selection.

8.14 TEAM COACHES

Team coaches are appointed by the Director (Manager) and approved by the Director. In addition to the general duties of all league positions, the duties of the Team Coaches are:

- A. Sign and advocate a Sportsmanship Agreement prior to the start of each season. If agreement is not signed by all Managers and Coaches, the team cannot begin practices
- B. Assure that team players adhere to the rules, policies and regulations of the league
- C. Supervise and assume responsibility for the proper and personal conduct of the team players and coaches

- D. Participate in the yearly registration and spring tryouts
- E. Assist the Team Manager in carrying out his/her duties
- F. Attend all General Meetings of the league
- G. Participate in league fundraising programs
- H. Conduct oneself in a manner to set a proper example for the players, as well as when working with the coaching staff and when dealing with officials during a game
- I. Work with the players to instill good sportsmanship and competitive softball; with the emphasis not just on winning. The molding of good character is of prime importance.
- J. Assume the duties and responsibilities of the Team Manager when the Manager is absent.
- K. Vote on amendments of the By-Laws and election of league officials

8.15 SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

A Scholarship Committee appointed by the Director shall make recommendations to the E-Board regarding how potential scholarship funds may be awarded within the community.

8.16 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

A Capital Improvement Committee appointed by the Director shall make recommendations to the E-Board concerning potential improvements to facilities or equipment that would significantly improve the quality of play for the league members.

8.17 APPOINTED POSITIONS

The appointment of individuals to positions within the league shall be made by the Director. The Director may choose to seek inputs and opinions from other league members, but the final decision on appointments shall be made by the Director.

9 TEAM COACHING STAFF

9.1 GENERAL

- A. The Team Manager will have complete authority and responsibility over the team
- B. Other than the two allowed Team Coaches, additional help may be obtained when deemed necessary by the Team Manager (example: score keeper, team mom, alternate coaches)

9.2 MANAGER'S DISCRETION

Once a player has been placed on a team roster, that player must stay on the team except in cases of:

- A. Disciplinary action
- B. "Wake Up" actions (benching the player) by the Team Manager
- C. Regardless of circumstances, no player shall be removed from a team without the Director's approval

9.3 PLAYER DISCIPLINARY ACTION

When a persistent or significant problem with a player exists, the Team Manager's first responsibility is to inform the parents of the player's behavior, and to attempt to work with the player and her parents to correct the problem. Following this, if the problem continues, the Team Manager may consult with the Executive Board. The Executive Board will determine if the player will remain in the league. The parents of the player must be notified by Director, Deputy Director, or Division Representative.

9.4 SUSPENSION/DISMISSAL OF TEAM MANAGER OR COACH

- A. Where Team Managers and/or Team Coaches are not adhering to league rules, and/or complaints have been registered with the league, the Director will meet with the individual(s) involved to resolve all such situations.
- B. If compliance of the rules is not met by the individual(s), or additional complaints come to the attention of the Director, the matter will be brought before the Executive Board to review and to make a decision on the appropriate corrective action.
- C. The Executive Board has the power to suspend the individual(s) where they feel it necessary. The E-Board may allow the manager or coach to remain in position after a warning; if the situation persists or if the first occurrence in itself is not enough, the Executive Board may vote for dismissal.
- D. It is the Team Manager's responsibility to have their team represented at general meetings. Should a team not be represented at more than two consecutive meetings or at the mandatory Manager's Meeting, the E-Board may vote to dismiss the Team Manager and/or Coaches upon notification by the league Secretary of non-attendance.

10 ELECTION OF LEAGUE POSITIONS

League members holding "elected" positions as defined in Table 1 shall be elected as follows:

10.1 GENERAL

- A. Filling Vacant Positions – The election of Officers to fill vacated positions or positions that will be vacated will take place at a meeting held in June. League officers elected in June will not take office until the first meeting in September.
- B. Secret Ballot – Elections may be conducted by secret ballot at the discretion of the Director or by request and agreement of the members present.
- C. All adult league members shall be entitled to vote (see Section 4) in the General Meetings. One vote per member. No individual will have more than one vote. Members must be present to vote; there is no provision for proxy voting.
- D. Ties in Voting – Winners in the election will be decided by majority vote. If necessary, ties will be voted again. If tie continues, the Director shall make the final decision.

10.2 FILLING VACANT POSITIONS

The Director has the power to fill, by appointment, any vacancy in any office between scheduled elections. Any vacancy shall be filled within thirty (30) days and the appointment will be valid until the next scheduled election meeting.

10.3 ELECTION NOMINATION COMMITTEE

- A. Everyone nominated shall be contacted by the Committee to verify acceptance of nomination prior to placing their name on the official ballot.
- B. The Election Committee and the Secretary will prepare ballots (if requested) for the election meeting.

11 MEETINGS AND QUORUMS

- A. The election to fill vacant positions will take place after the conclusion of the season.
- B. Special meetings may be called by the Director and/or Executive Board of the League at times and places to be determined. The Director may delegate the authority to call special meetings to a member of the Executive Board of the League. The Director will make such delegation of authority known to all members of the E-Board.
- C. All teams must be represented at League meetings by the Team's Manager, Coach, or representative. When a representative other than the Manager or Coach represents the team, that representative shall speak and vote for the Team's Manager.
- D. There will be a mandatory League meeting at the completion of all play-offs. The purpose of this meeting is:
 - a) return all equipment
 - b) critique the season
 - c) select "Banquet" Committee
 - d) identify "Coaches Award" to the person responsible for ordering trophies
 - e) 14-U division Managers vote on MVP Award
 - f) identify who is/is not returning as manager or coach
 - g) fill as many Manager and Coaching positions as is possible
 - h) determine regular season team finishing order for purposes of next season's draft
 - i) submit by-law change proposals to the By-Law Committee
- E. There will be a mandatory League meeting the first Sunday after Labor Day. The purpose of this meeting will be:
 - a) transfer of league responsibilities to newly elected and appointed members
 - b) make as many appointments as possible
 - c) fill as many Manager and Coaching positions as possible
- F. A quorum to conduct business at any General Meeting of the League shall be greater than fifty percent (50%) of the Executive Board, all Team Managers, or their designated representatives.
- G. Children are prohibited from all meetings.
- H. The following circumstances require a majority affirmative vote of League members entitled to vote and present (no more than one vote per person): (See Section 11 for vote entitlement rules.)
 - a) to amend the by-laws prior to the draft
 - b) election of League "elected" positions
 - c) all matters presented to the membership as deemed necessary by the Executive Board
- I. There will be a General Meeting held in January or February. The date of this meeting will be determined by the Director.
- J. There will be a mandatory Manager's pre-season meeting held prior to the draft. The date of this meeting will be determined by the Director.

12 PROTEST COMMITTEE

A Protest Committee shall be formed and maintained to include members as identified in Table 1 to decide on matters as follows:

- A. The Director will chair the Committee meeting.
- B. Decisions of the Protest Committee will require a majority vote of all Protest Committee members present.
- C. The Protest Committee shall hold and supervise meetings on all protests and rule interpretations.
- D. In all cases where a Committee member is directly or indirectly involved in a protest, that Committee Member will not be allowed to vote. However, that member may speak on the protest.
- E. The League Secretary will record, as appropriate, facts, actions, and conclusions of the Protest meeting, but does not vote.
- F. A quorum to conduct a Protest Committee meeting shall require attendance by 50% or more of the Protest Committee members, excluding the League Secretary.

13 REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES

- A. The Director, other elected members and persons in appointed positions, shall be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred while performing League business.
- B. Reimbursement of personal expenses other than that stated above will be entirely at the discretion of the Executive Board.

14 UMPIRE EXPENSES

Umpires will be paid a fee (negotiated on a yearly basis) for umpiring League games or a League sponsored game when approved by the Director.

15 REGISTRATION

- A. All girls must register in order to play in the League.
- B. Cut-off date for registration will be announced by the Director. Under unusual circumstances, the Director may allow late registrations depending on the age group and numbers of available positions on teams.
- C. All registration forms must be signed by a parent or legal guardian. The parent or legal guardian must indicate any medical conditions on the registration form.
- D. The Executive Board may, by majority vote, revise registration fees.

16 PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- A. All girls 8 years of age or younger must play in the 6-U or 8-U Division.
- B. All 9- to 10-year old girls must play in the 10-U Division.
- C. All 11- to 12-year old girls must play in the 12-U Division.
- D. All 13- to 14-year old girls must play in the 14-U Division.
- E. All 15- to 18-year old girls must play in the 18-U Division.
- F. A player wishing to participate after the draft (late entry):
 - a) must be approved by the Division Representative
 - b) will be placed on a team with the fewest number of players
 - c) if all the teams have the same number of players, placement will be by order of the draft

17 SPRING TRY-OUTS

17.1 WHO MUST TRY OUT

- A. All girls moving up in division must attend tryouts.
- B. All new players to the league must attend tryouts.
- C. All players who indicated their desire to return to the draft on the online registration form must attend tryouts.

17.2 PLAYER PROMOTION

A player may move up into the next division of play if the following circumstances are met:

- 1) the player has played one season in the lower division
- 2) the player attended the upper division tryout
- 3) a team in the upper division drafts the player

If the player does not get drafted in the upper division, then that player will return to their previous team. The Executive Board may approve exceptions to this rule, upon request of a parent or guardian, on a case-by-case basis.

18 DRAFT

18.1 ELIMINATION OF TEAM(S)

Teams with the least number of returning players shall be the teams that are “dismantled” when necessary. Team Managers of “dismantled” teams shall have the first option to pick-up the next available team within that Division. Exceptions (as noted in the following sections) daughter of Team Manager and daughter of first Coach “Coach’s Option”.

18.2 DRAFT GUIDELINES

The following guidelines are applicable to the 12-U, 14-U, and 18-U division:

- A. Team Managers with no coaching staff must fill one (1) Team Coaching slot two (2) weeks prior to tryouts.
- B. Team Managers desiring but without a second Team Coach must acquire that coach after the draft.
- C. Any new Team Manager with a Team Coach drafts in the second (Coach) and third (Manager) round. No new Coach’s/Manager’s option is allowed until the daughter leaves the team. This also applies to existing Coaches. All existing Team Managers will declare which Team Coach’s daughter was their option.
- D. All options to be exercised, as a result of the sign-ups (player registration), will be registered with the Director prior to the start of the draft.
- E. The Director will assign the round the player (option) is to be drafted and immediately record that selection in the appropriate round of the draft.
- F. All girls who tryout will be drafted first. The names of the girls who did not tryout will be picked from a hat last.
- G. The desired number of players per team will be determined prior to the draft (see section 18.4C). The number of girls required to even out the teams will be selected from the girls that tried out to move up in to the division. Team Managers will rate the tryouts and selection will be based on the rating. These girls will then become eligible to be drafted in any round with draft options applied as applicable. For parity purposes, these girls will be considered part of the lower division for the division.

18.3 DRAFT OPTIONS

The following options are applicable to the 10-U, 12-U, 14-U, and 18-U divisions. Once a player is optioned or drafted into the Team Manager's or Team Coach's option position on the roster, that player remains in that position until that player leaves the team. If a team receives a new Team Manager, the Team Manager's daughter will replace the current Team Manager's option/draft position. Upon the written request of a Team Manager, the Executive Board, prior to the draft, by a majority vote, may remove the player from the Team Coach's option/draft position so the Manager can protect a new Coach's daughter.

A. MANAGER OPTION

A Team Manager may reserve the right to protect his/her daughter or sibling by drafting her before/in round three (3) of the draft. When the Team Manager has more than one (1) daughter to be drafted, the second or subsequent shall be drafted in accordance with the Sister Option. If a Team Manager drafts his/her daughter or sibling as a Sister Option, the following year she is designated as his/her Team Manager's option.

B. COACH OPTION

A Team Manager may reserve the right to protect the Team Coach's daughter or sibling by drafting her before/in round two (2) of the draft. When the Team Coach has more than one (1) daughter to be drafted, the second or subsequent shall be drafted in accordance with the Sister Option. If a Team Coach drafts his/her daughter or sibling as a Sister Option, the following year she is designated as his/her Team Manager's option.

C. SISTER OPTION

A Team Manager must reserve the right to protect the sister of a returning player, when so indicated by the player's parent at sign-ups, by drafting her in the fourth round of the draft. When more than one sister is to be drafted, each sister shall be draft sequentially.

18.4 6-U & 8-U DIVISION

New players will be assigned to a team by selecting their names by lottery.

Exception: As the discretion of the Director and 6-U & 8-U Division Representative, arrangements may be made to assign non-sisters to the same team (ex: car-pooling or other compelling reason).

18.5 10-U, 12-U AND 14-U DIVISION

- A. The draft for the 10-U, 12-U and 14-U Divisions will (if at all possible) be conducted on the same day as the tryouts.
- B. After the tryouts and before the draft begins, the Director will add the number of players returning to the number of players who did and did not tryout, to arrive at the total number of players in the 10-U, 12-U and 14-U Divisions.
- C. By dividing the number determined in section 18.6B by the number of 10-U, 12-U and 14-U teams, the Director will establish the number of players each Team Manager will have on his/her team and for which he/she will be responsible for after the draft. A number of players moving up will be selected to even out the teams (see section 18.2G).
- D. All girls who tryout will be drafted first. The names of the girls who did not tryout will be placed in to a hat and drafted last.
- E. All rounds of the draft will be conducted according to the reverse order of finish in the prior year's regular season play (ex: last place team drafts first).
- F. Each team is eligible to draft in the first two (2) rounds, provided there is room on their roster.
- G. Team Coach's Option: Must be exercised before or in round two (2).

- H. Team Manager's Option: Must be exercised before or in round three (3).
- I. Sister Option: Must be exercised before or in round four (4).
- J. From the third (3rd) round on, teams will draft according to need, parity, and options. The teams should strive for the following, unless exceeded by or at the end of the draft, or a player was drawn from a hat, or by addition of a late entry:
 - a) 10-U Division: close to an equal number of 9- and 10-year old girls
 - b) 12-U Division: close to an equal number of 11- and 12-year old girls
 - c) 14-U Division: close to an equal number of 13- and 14-year old girls
- K. A team with zero players as defined by a new team or a team with no returning players will be allowed three (3) draft selections before another team selects a player. This team will draft in the reverse order of finish and draft as usual (a new team is assumed to have finished first).
- L. Returning players will be placed in rounds 4, 5, 6... of the draft roster for draft picks.
- M. Parity shall continue over into the hat selection and names shall be drawn by grade parity.
- N. The draft shall be a closed meeting. Only Team Managers and Coaches for the division drafting players, the Director, Secretary, and other appropriate E-Board members may attend the draft sessions.
- O. In the event of a 12-U or 14-U Division team being eliminated due to low registration, those girls on the roster scheduled to return to that team may either tryout for another team or have their name pulled from the hat.

18.6 18-U DIVISION

- A. The draft for the 18-U Division will (if at all possible) be conducted on the same day as the tryouts.
- B. After the tryouts and before the draft begins, the 18-U Division Representative will add the number of players returning to the number of players who did and did not tryout, to arrive at the total number of players in the 18-U Division.
- C. By dividing the number determined in section 18.6B by the number of 18-U teams, the 18-U Division Representative will establish the number of players each Team Manager will have on his/her team and for which he/she will be responsible for after the draft. A number of players moving up will be selected to even out the teams (see section 18.2G).
- D. All girls who tryout will be drafted first. The names of the girls who did not tryout will be placed in to a hat and drafted last.
- E. All rounds of the draft will be conducted according to the reverse order of finish in the prior year's regular season play (ex: last place team drafts first).
- F. Each team is eligible to draft in the first two (2) rounds, provided there is room on their roster.
- G. Team Coach's Option: Must be exercised before or in round two (2).
- H. Team Manager's Option: Must be exercised before or in round three (3).
- I. Sister Option: Must be exercised before or in round four (4).
- J. From the third (3rd) round on, teams will draft according to need, parity, and options. The teams should strive for close to an equal number of 15, 16, 17, and 18-year old girls, unless exceeded by or at the end of the draft, or a player was drawn from a hat, or by addition of a late entry.

- K. A team with zero players as defined by a new team or a team with no returning players will be allowed three (3) draft selections before another team selects a player. This team will draft in the reverse order of finish and draft as usual (a new team is assumed to have finished first).
- L. Returning players will be placed in rounds 4, 5, 6... of the draft roster for draft picks.
- M. Parity shall continue over into the hat selection and names shall be drawn by grade parity.
- N. The draft shall be a closed meeting. Only Team Managers and Coaches for the division drafting players, the Director, Secretary, and other appropriate E-Board members may attend the draft sessions.
- O. In the event of an 18-U Division team being eliminated due to low registration, those girls on the roster scheduled to return to that team may either tryout for another team or have their name pulled from the hat.

18.7 PLAYER PROTECTION RULES

- A. A Team Manager must place on the roster all players who will be returning for the next season.
- B. No player in the 12-U, 14-U, or 18-U Division may be traded or transferred from one team to another without the approval of the Executive Board.
- C. 6-U, 8-U, and 10-U Division players may be transferred from one team to another under compelling reasons with the approval of the Division Representative.

19 PRACTICE FIELDS

19.1 SELECTION

- A. 6-U & 8-U Division: Fields assigned by the Secretary
- B. 10-U Division: Fields assigned by the Secretary
- C. 12-U, 14-U, 18-U Division: The team with the most new players will have first choice in selecting practice fields and times. In the event of teams having an equal number of new players, the team with the worst record will have priority for the first date. The second choice dates will be in the reverse order.

19.2 PRACTICE FIELD DISCLAIMER

The Hudson Girls Softball League does not condone nor authorize, either expressively or implied, team practices to be held at other than regularly scheduled league playing fields and facilities.

20 GAME SCHEDULES

20.1 6-U DIVISION

- A. The intent and function of the 6-U Division does not consider playing actual competitive games.
- B. There will be one (1) activity per week, with a maximum of two (2) activities if the prior week's activity was cancelled due to weather.

20.2 8-U DIVISION

- A. There will be two (2) activities per week, with a maximum of three (3) activities if the prior week's activity was cancelled due to weather.
- B. All teams will practice during the month of April.
- C. The remainder of the season will be used to play games.
- D. Each team should play every team once. The remainder of the games will repeat the matchups from the start of the schedule, in order, until the full complement of games are played, with in each case, the home team switched from the first time each pair of teams met.
- E. During the regular season exclusive of playoffs, no more than two scrimmages/games should be scheduled for a team in a seven (7) day period.

20.3 10-U, 12-U AND 14-U DIVISION

- A. There will be three (3) activities per week, with a maximum of four (4) activities if the prior week's activity was cancelled due to weather.
- B. All teams will play a ten (10) game schedule.
- C. The game schedule will be determined and distributed by the Secretary.
- D. Each team should play every team once. The remainder of the games will repeat the matchups from the start of the schedule, in order, until the full complement of games are played, with in each case, the home team switched from the first time each pair of teams met.
- E. When games in progress are "called" by the Umpire, it is the responsibility of the Team Managers to reschedule the game with the UIC within 3 days, and to continue or re-play the game at its newly scheduled time. If one or both of the Managers cannot field a team at the available make-up game times, then the game will be eliminated, and the forfeit rule applied.

20.4 18-U DIVISION

- A. All teams will play six (6) to ten (10) games depending on the number of teams in the Division.
- B. Schedule is to be determined yearly.

20.5 PLAYOFF HOME TEAM

In the playoffs, the team with the best regular season record shall be the Home team throughout the playoffs.

21 AWARDS

The following guidelines will be used when issuing trophies, jackets, and other awards deemed appropriate by the Executive Board. Any awards bestowed on a team and/or team member by a private donor or donors must be presented at a non-Hudson Girls Softball League event.

21.1 6-U & 8-U DIVISION

- A. Certificates shall be given to all 6-U & 8-U Division players.
- B. In addition to the certificates, the 6-U & 8-U Division players may also be provided a season-ending party, such as ice cream and pizza, with the approval of the Director.

21.2 10-U DIVISION

- A. Awards shall be given to all 10-U Division players. The specific type of award (trophies, medals, plaques, etc.) will be selected by a committee appointed by the Director.

21.3 12-U DIVISION

- A. The team finishing first (1st) in the regular season will receive a trophy or similar award, regardless of the playoff results.
- B. Awards shall be given to all 12-U Division players. The specific type of award (trophies, medals, plaques, etc.) will be selected by a committee appointed by the Director.
- C. Each 12-U Division team will award only one “Coach’s Award” to the player on the team who was the most “coachable” player. (This is NOT a Most Valuable Player Award.)

21.4 14-U DIVISION

- A. The team finishing first (1st) in the regular season will receive a trophy or similar award, regardless of the playoff results.
- B. Awards shall be given to all 14-U Division players. The specific type of award (trophies, medals, plaques, etc.) will be selected by a committee appointed by the Director.
- C. Jillian Law Award nominees must play a minimum of four (4) years; two (2) of which have been in the 14-U Division. Exception: a player who moves in to Hudson must play a minimum of three (3) years; two (2) of which have been in the 14-U Division in the HGSL. Voting for Jillian Law Award will go through the Secretary.
- D. Each 14-U Division team will award only one “Coach’s Award” to the player on the team who was the most “coachable” player. (This is NOT a Most Valuable Player Award.)
- E. A girl must be in the 8th grade and have played in the HGSL for three (3) years to be eligible for a HGSL jacket at no cost to the girl. A girl playing for two (2) years shall pay one half of the cost, should she want a jacket. A girl playing for the first time or one year shall have to pay the entire cost, should she want a jacket.

21.5 18-U DIVISION

Issue of awards to 18-U Division players shall be determined annually by a committee appointed by the Director.

21.6 AWARD COMMITTEE

An Award Committee chaired by the Deputy Director will be appointed by the Director to make recommendations to the E-Board for the selection of the awards to be presented. The Committee will obtain cost estimates, and make selections as to style, color, size, and inscriptions on the awards. After approval by the E-Board, the Committee will order the awards to ensure timely delivery for presentation.

22 ALL-STAR SELECTION

22.1 SELECTION

- A. Selection of players for “All-Star” Games is applicable to the 12-u and 14-U Divisions only. Players will be selected by the coaching staff of each team, and are expected to participate in the All-Star Game.
- B. In the event a player selected to an All-Star team removes herself from the roster, a replacement player may be selected by her team coaching staff and will replace the original player as the All-Star recipient.

22.2 6-U and 8-U DIVISION

The 6-U and 8-U Divisions will not participate in an All-Star Game.

22.3 10-U, 12-U AND 14-U DIVISION

- A. Four (4) players from each team will be selected on each All-Star team, if there are 5 or 6 teams in the Division. If there are more than six teams, only three (3) players per team will be selected. If there are less than 24 players, the Director may add additional players to maintain a 24-player count.
- B. The even teams in the standings one week before the All-Star Game will play the odd teams (i.e. 1, 3, 5, 7 will play 2, 4, 6, 8).
- C. In the 10-U Division, the Team Manager of the team with the best record one week before the All-Star Game shall manage their Division’s (even or off numbers) All-Star team.
- D. Should the designated Manager be unavailable to manage the All-Star team, the Manager of the next place team within that Division shall become the Manager.

22.4 18-U DIVISION

The 18-U Division may select and recognize an “All-Star Team” which may participate against other local teams throughout the year, as desired.

23 DIVISION STANDINGS

Division standings will be determined by the point system. Wins = 2 points ; Ties = 1 point ; Losses = 0 points. In the case of a tie in the standings, the following criteria will be used:

- A. 6-U & 8-U Division: does not apply
- B. 10-U Division:
 - a) fewest loses during the season
 - b) most wins during the season
 - c) of the teams tied, which has the best head-to-head record against each other
 - d) interleague record
- C. 12-U Division
 - a) fewest loses during the season
 - b) most wins during the season
 - c) of the teams tied, which has the best head-to-head record against each other
 - d) interleague record
- D. 14-U Division
 - a) fewest loses during the season
 - b) most wins during the season
 - c) of the teams tied, which has the best head-to-head record against each other
 - d) interleague record
- E. 18-U Division: does not apply

24 PLAYING RULES

The Official ASA Fast Pitch Rules shall apply. An annual “HGSL Game Rules Addendum” will be issued to all league members prior to the start of each season.

TABLE 1 LEAGUE POSITIONS

POSITION	TERM of Office Years	ELECTED or APPOINTED	E-BOARD MEMBER	PROTEST COMMITTEE MEMBER	REPORTS DIRECTLY TO	YEAR VOTED IN	YEAR VOTE NEEDED	Name
Director	2	ELECTED	YES	YES	E-BOARD	2015	2017	Joe Law
Deputy Director	2	ELECTED	YES	YES	Director & E-BOARD	2014	2016	Don Voight
Treasurer	2	ELECTED	YES	YES	Director & E-BOARD	2014	2016	Ellie Bassett
Secretary	2	ELECTED	YES	YES*	Director & E-BOARD	2014	2016	Becky Radziewicz
Equipment Manager	2	ELECTED	YES	YES	Director & E-BOARD	2014	2016	Susan O'Leary
Coach Representative	2	ELECTED	YES	YES	Director & E-BOARD	2015	2017	Brian Rock
Fundraiser Coordinator	2	ELECTED	YES	YES	Director & E-BOARD	2014	2016	Angela Saucier
Player Development	1	ELECTED	YES	YES	Director & E-BOARD	2015	2016	Pete Radziewicz
Field Maintenance	1	ELECTED	YES	YES	Director & E-BOARD	2015	2016	Kevin O'Connor
Umpire-In-Chief	2	ELECTED	YES	YES	Director & E-BOARD	2015	2017	Charles Marlowe
Heat Travel Team Representative	1	ELECTED	YES	YES	Director & E-BOARD	2015	2016	Megan Radziewicz
Fire Travel Team Representative	1	ELECTED	YES	YES	Director & E-BOARD	2015	2016	Jimmy Cestrono
Team Manager	1	APPOINTED	NO	NO	Coach Representative			
Team Coach	1	APPOINTED	NO	NO	Coach Representative			
By-Law Committee	1	APPOINTED	NO	NO	Deputy Director			
Scholarship Committee	1	APPOINTED	NO	NO	Director & E-BOARD			
Capital Improvement Committee	1	APPOINTED	NO	NO	Director & E-BOARD			
Election Nominating Committee	1	APPOINTED	NO	NO	Director & E-BOARD			

* The Secretary is a non-voting member of the Protest Committee

ADDENDUM TO HGSL BY-LAWS: TRAVELING TEAMS

1. INTRODUCTION

This addendum to the Hudson Girls Softball League (HGSL) By-Laws is established to define the unique elements applicable to the Travel Teams program. The Travel Teams activities sponsored by the HGSL shall comply with the existing HGSL by-laws, except as noted herein.

2. PURPOSE

To provide a highly competitive level of softball play to interested girls.

3. BACKGROUND

The Hudson Girls Softball League, herein referred to as HGSL or League, was designed to provide young girls in Hudson an opportunity to learn and play softball in a manner suitable to all girls regardless of athletic capabilities. The HGSL policy is to play all girls who register.

Since inception, the HGSL has grown both in size and in quality of play, to the point that many girls wanted to continue play each year after the regular league finished. Teams were established for play during the summer months. These teams were known as “Traveling All-Stars”, “Summer League”, and “Traveling Teams”.

The type of play available during the summer months is known as “tournament” play. Tournaments are sponsored throughout the country and are organized by type of softball (slowpitch, modified pitch, fastpitch) and age groups such as 10 & under, 12 & under, 14 & under, 16 & under, and 18 & under.

4. GENERAL

- 4.1 Tournament play is very competitive and is aimed at the more athletic players who want to play in tournaments during the summer months.
- 4.2 Player skills must be carefully determined in order to assure that only capable and qualified girls are selected to play in travel team action.
- 4.3 Prior to trying out, it must be made clear to the potential players and their parents the major differences from the regular league in that:
 - A) Tournament play is more intense athletically (much faster and more difficult)
 - B) Girls selected on a Travel Team may not play in every game
 - C) Making practice sessions is mandatory. There may be more than two practices per week.
 - D) Travel will be required. Not all tournaments are played in the Greater Hudson area, which may require some costs in addition to the registration fee.
 - E) Parents are required to assist their teams by helping in working at fundraising events and working at Hudson-hosted tournaments.
- 4.4 The number of teams in each age group (10-U, 12-U, 14-U, 16-U, 18-U) will be determined by the E-Board.

5. ORGANIZATION

The organizational responsibilities listed below are in addition to those stated in the HGSL by-laws. Only the duties as applicable to Travel Teams are stated below.

5.1 DIRECTOR

The HGSL Director shall oversee the operations of the Travel Team’s activities and adherence to the HGSL by-laws.

5.2 EXECUTIVE BOARD

- A. Approve the number of teams per age group.
- B. Approve the selection of Team Managers and Coaches.

5.3 TREASURER

Individual Travel Teams will use an independent team Treasurer and account to manage their finances.

5.4 TEAM MANAGERS AND COACHES

All Team Managers, Coaches, tournament coordinators, and other positions involved with HGSL Travel Teams shall report to the Travel Team Coordinator of the HGSL.

The Team Manager is responsible for seeing that all members of the team use only ASA-approved equipment.

5.5 TRAVEL TEAM REPRESENTATIVE

- A. Plan for all tournaments that will be hosted by HGSL. Planning will address coordination with ASA, fields, ground crews, trophies, concessions, and publicity.
- B. Serve as, or appoint a Tournament Director, in accordance with ASA rules, when HGSL serves as sponsor for any tournament.
- C. Expend without other approvals, funds up to \$500.00 per League-hosted tournament.

5.6 TRAVELING TEAM COMMITTEE

A Committee appointed by the Travel Team Coordinator will consist of three (3) individuals, including the Travel Team Coordinator. Other Committee members will include an individual responsible for setting up and maintaining all playing fields for tournament play hosted by HGSL, including scheduling all volunteers; and an individual who will set up and oversee all concession at all fields, including scheduling volunteers to operate the concessions.

This Committee is subject to all applicable HGSL by-laws in effect. The function of this Committee is to assist the Travel Team Coordinator in planning activities associated with the Travel Teams and HGSL-hosted tournaments.

6. SELECTION OF TEAM MANAGERS

Team Managers will be approved by the E-Board.

Note: Seniority of candidate in the HGSL does not apply to Travel Team Manager selection.

7. SELECTION OF TEAM COACHES

Team Coaches will be approved by the E-Board.

Note: Seniority of candidate in the HGSL does not apply to Travel Team Manager selection.

8. TRYOUTS

8.1 ADVANCED NOTICES

Date, time, and location of tryouts will be announced to all HGSL Team Managers at a General Meeting as soon as dates are confirmed. Team Managers will notify players of the date, time, and location.

8.2 ELIGIBILITY

All players in the Hudson Girls Softball League are eligible to tryout for the Travel Teams.

8.3 SELECTION OF PLAYERS

Players will be selected based on their displayed talent.

9. FINANCE

9.1 SEPARATE ACCOUNTING

The Treasurer shall maintain financial records so as to segregate the finances of Travel Teams from the League.

10. EQUIPMENT & UNIFORMS

The Travel Teams are authorized to use HGSL equipment, uniforms, and trademark when and as required.

11. PRACTICE FIELDS

Practice and scrimmage fields will be assigned by the HGSL Secretary and Travel Team Representative.