

Central Ohio Girls Fast Pitch By-Laws (as of 2/12/23)

Article I: Name

The name of this organization is the Central Ohio Girls Fast-Pitch Softball League (COGFP).

Article II: Mission

The mission of the COGFP is to organize and supervise inter-league competition between girls ages 7 & up.

Article III: Organization

- A) The organization shall consist of commissioners and officers as described in Article's V & VI.
- B) The commissioners will consist of one representative from each community.
- C) Officers are elected by commissioners, and consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Article IV: Dues

- A) Dues are \$50.00 per team and is due by due by scheduling meeting. Checks payable to COGFP.
- B) Tournament fees are \$225.00 per team covers all. Teams must commit and pay fees by June 1. A late fee of \$50.00 per team will be applied (at host discretion) for any tournament entries after June 1. Late fee to not exceed \$50.00 per team.

Article V: Commissioners

The Commissioners are responsible for the following in their community:

- A) Notifying coaches of meetings
- B) Coaches and players conduct
- C) Umpires
- D) Distribution of schedules and rules
- E) Overseeing games
- F) Making sure their community is represented at meetings
- G) Notifying President of changes in their community reps
- H) Commissioners should be first contacted for problems in their community
- I) Commissioner first call with problem is to other commissioner involved. If problem not resolved, call the President
- J) If a community or team does not have a commissioner, the President will assume responsibilities for that team

Article VI: Officers

The Officers shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The President, Vice President, and Secretary make final decisions for all protests and all voting ending in a tie.

The duties of the officers are described below.

A) President

- *Call and preside at all league meetings.
- *Schedule all meetings, which include a Start-Up, Rules and Schedule.
- *Oversee decisions of protests.

B) Vice President

*Vice President shall preside at all meetings if the President is absent.

*Audit Treasurer at least once a year.

C) Secretary

*Keep a record of all meeting and business conducted at those meetings.

*Maintain copy of all team rosters.

*Maintain accurate and current record of all Commissioners, including their name, address, and phone number.

*Maintain a copy of the By-Laws.

*Maintain a copy of the Treasurer's report.

*Responsible for master league scheduling.

* Will be paid \$10.00 per team entered into league.

D) Treasurer

*Collect league fees.

*Maintain an account into which all receipts shall be deposited.

*Pay all financial obligations

*Keep a record of all receipts and disbursements which shall be available at all meetings.

* All monies at treasurer discretion can be carried over into next season. These funds shall not exceed \$2,000.00.

Article VII: Finance & Funds

- A) The funds of this league shall be used exclusively to further the purpose expressed in these By-Laws. They shall be disbursed only by the signature of the Treasurer or the President.
- B) All funds from whatsoever the source secured by this league belong to this league and shall be disbursed only in accordance with the approval of a simple majority of Commissioners in attendance or by simple majority of Officers.

Article VIII: Meetings

- A) A schedule of general membership meetings shall be established by the President.
- B) There shall be a minimum of 3 general membership meetings annually; Start-Up (change of officers), Rules, and Schedule.
- C) Those members present at any general meeting will constitute a quorum for the official transaction of business.
- D) "Roberts rule of order" shall govern the organization in all orders of business.
- E) At each meeting, commissioners should attend or send someone to represent their community.

Article IX: Amendments

- A) Proposed amendments to these By-Laws shall be submitted to the Secretary at a scheduled meeting.
- B) The By-Laws may be amended by a simple majority vote of the Commissioners at a scheduled meeting.
- C) Ties will be decided by a 2/3 vote of the President, Vice President, and Secretary.

Amendment 1) Trophies will no longer be awarded to teams beginning with the 2023 season. Team fees/dues will be used to distribute funds to the end-of-season tournament hosting communities after all COGFP operating costs have been paid.

Amendment 2) Communities entering only one team into league will not get to vote as a Commissioner their first year in the league.

Amendment 3) Rosters must be submitted in paper form and are due at scheduling meeting. Rosters are locked at beginning of season. Additions can be made with a 2/3 vote by Commissioners.

Amendment 4) Secretary shall be paid half of salary at beginning of season and the other half when work/season is complete.

Amendment 5) To participate in COGFP, communities/softball organizations must conduct open registrations to all eligible players within the cities, townships, or school districts that the community allows applicants from. Also, a community must accept all applicants received within the communities' established open period and all teams created from open registration must participate at that level in the COGFP. There must be established draft procedures that facilitate a distribution of players and talent among the teams within a community. There shall be no select, all-star, or similar type teams entered in COGFP that were created via tryouts or other methods that involve hand picking a team. If there are discrepancies as to whether a team complies with this requirement, a vote by commissioners will render the final decision by a majority vote. This amendment does not apply to 14U.

Amendment 6) All communities will be required to have criminal background checks on all coaches, umpires, and anyone associated with team activities. Anyone with felonies, any offenses of violence, or domestic violence will be denied. All background checks need to be turned in to commissioners.

Amendment 7) No individual shall act as a coach or referee for a youth sports organization unless the individual holds a pupil-activity program permit (concussion permit) for coaching COGFP or presents evidence that the individual has successfully completed, within the previous three years, a training program in recognizing the symptoms of concussions and head injuries.