



BYLAWS OF THE LEWIS COUNTY FASTPITCH LEAGUE

ARTICLE I

THE LEAGUE – GENERAL

SECTION 1 – FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the league shall begin on the first day of January in each year and end on the last day of December in each year. A financial audit shall be performed within 2 months of the end of each fiscal year by the past/incoming League President and current League President.

SECTION 2 – AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be altered, amended, or repealed and new bylaws may be adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Town Presidents. These bylaws shall be reviewed annually by the Town Presidents at the first annual Presidents meeting of the term.

SECTION 3 – TOWN PRESIDENTS

For the purpose of the bylaws, a “Town President” shall be defined as follows: A Town President shall be any adult that has been selected by their town to aid in the betterment of their individual town association. They will also be a representative of that town in the Lewis County Fastpitch League.

SECTION 4 – LEAGUE PRESIDENT TERM

The term of the League President shall be two years. The term will be defined in alphabetical order by town. The participating towns in the Lewis County Fastpitch League are: Adna, Boistfort, Mossyrock, MWP, Napavine, Onalaska, Pe Ell, Toledo, and Winlock. The next town in successions will assume an automatic placement of their Town President as the new League President. If an additional term is needed it must be voted on and approved by a 2/3 vote of the Town Presidents. In the course of the League Presidents term, if they fail to abide by any of these bylaws, a meeting can be held by the Town Presidents to determine the next course of action.

SECTION 5 – SEASON TERM

A Season Term shall begin the first day of February in each year and end on the last day in June each year.

ARTICLE II

THE ANNUAL MEETING

SECTION 1 – THE MEETING

The first annual meeting of the league shall be held during the fourth week in February of each year, beginning with the year 2015. The meeting will be called by the current League President be for current Town Presidents only. The time and location will be at their discretion. This meeting is to turn in rosters, pay fee's, go over bylaws and vote on amendments, go over each division rules and vote on amendments, discuss day(s) of the week games will be played per division, and plan for league tournaments that will be hosted by each town individually if they wish. Registration fee(s) must be paid in full before the start of the season. A Town President should miss no more than two (2) first annual meetings. If two (2) first annual meetings are missed with no arranged representative in attendance, the remainder of the Town Presidents have the discretion of removing the town from participation in the league. The second annual meeting will be held during the second week in March of each year. The meeting will be called by the current League President and be for current Town Presidents and their registered coaches only, not open to the public. The time and location will be at the discretion of the current League President. This meeting is to hand out season schedules and rules of play to those in attendance, and answer any further questions.

SECTION 2 – QUORUM

Six (6) Town Presidents shall constitute a quorum for transaction of business at any meeting of the league. If less than a quorum of such number of Town Presidents are in attendance at said meeting, Town Presidents that are in attendance may conduct business with a 2/3 vote. When only two (2) Town Presidents are in attendance the meeting will be adjourned and need to be rescheduled.

SECTION 3 – NOTICE OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Special meetings of the league may be called by the president or by a majority of the Town Presidents at any time. Written or printed notice stating place, day, and hour of the special meeting of the league, the purpose or purposes for which is called, shall be emailed to all Town Presidents at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting. The League President or the majority of the Town Presidents may be designated any place a s the place of meeting for any special meeting called.

ARTICLE III

DUTIES OF LEAGUE PRESIDENT

SECTION 1 – GENERAL POWERS

The business affairs of the league shall be managed by current League Presidents.

SECTION 2 – COMPENSATION

The current League President shall serve without compensation.

SECTION 3 – MANNER OF ACTING

The current League President shall be the principal executive of the league and shall in general supervise and control all of the business and affairs of the league. This person shall preside at all meetings of the league. This person may sign with consent from the past/incoming League President on all financial transactions. No president shall succeed him/herself in office more than twice.

SECTION 4 – INFOMAL ACTION BY THE LEAGUE PRESIDENT

The League President can assess requests by each Town President in the matter of rosters, and make decisions, without the consent of all the Town Presidents. The League President can clarify rules and regulations at will, however cannot make rule changes without a 2/3 vote of the Town Presidents in writing, if not discussed at any annual meeting. When a situation has gone beyond the individual Town President to the League President, they can assess and make decisions without the consent of all the Town Presidents on the matter. If a Town President has made a request that their matter be brought to the attention of all the Town Presidents, an email will be required with a reply of 2/3 agreed decision before the League President can make a choice on behalf of the League.

SECTION 5 – VACANCIES

In case of any vacancy in the presidency for any reason or in the event of the Leagues President's failure or inability to act, the next Town President in alphabetical succession will assume the responsibilities of League President.

SECTION 6 – REMOVAL

The League President may be removed by a 2/3 majority vote of the Town Presidents whenever, in their judgement, the best interest of the league would be served. Any League President being considered for removal shall not have a vote in that process but shall have the right to be present and to speak in his/her own defense at the vote. After having sent a registered letter informing the League President of the time, date, place and purpose of the meeting through the United States mail a minimum of three (3) days prior to that meeting, the

person shall be considered notified. Failure of the League President to attend the meeting, or request a change of that meeting, shall constitute waiver of that right.

ARTICLE IV

FINANCIALS

SECTION 1 – BANK ACCOUNT MEMBERS

Each year the account held by the league at the banking institution of choice shall always consist of two active members; the current League President and the past/incoming League President. As example: Year 1 of town A being appointed to League President the account members will be the past years outgoing League President and the current newly appointed League President (Town A President). Year two of town A being appointed to League President the account members will be the current League President and the Town President of the next alphabetical town in succession, and so on.

SECTION 2 – CONTRACTS, LOANS, CHECKS, DEPOSITS

No loans shall be contracted on behalf of the league or be issued in its name. All checks, drafts or other orders for the payment of money, issued in the name of the league shall be signed by the League President, only after the past/incoming League President has been notified and is in agreement through email. All funds to the league shall be deposited within 30 days of receipt. The past/incoming League President and the current League President will be the only members associated with league funds at the banking institution of the leagues choice as voted on by 2/3 majority the Town Presidents.

SECTION 4 – FUNDRAISING

All funds raised on behalf of the league shall be turned over to the current League President for proper deposit. No fund raising for any purpose shall be allowed in the name of this league without securing written permission from 2/3 minimum of the Town Presidents. The League President shall authorize no fund raising or other use of the name of this league without the approval from 2/3 minimum of the Town Presidents.

SECTION 5 – DISSOLUTION

In the event that this league is dissolved, all assets then owned by the league at the time of dissolution shall be distributed equally to school ASB in the town that were actively participating in the league at the time of dissolution.

ARTICLE V

TOWN PRESIDENTS

SECTION 1 – GENERAL

Each Town President will represent their town to the League.

SECTION 2 – PLAYER REGISTRATION

As stated in our rules of play, we allow girls to play for team teams either in the school district they live in, or the school district they attend school in. If a player that is not within those guidelines is registering a neighboring town, it is the responsibility of the Town President receiving the registration to contact the Town President in which the player resides or goes to school and discuss how to place the player. If there is not a team for the player, they may ask for a neighboring town upon approval of the League President. If a player is improperly registered and fees are accepted and it is brought to the attention of the League President, the fees will be reinstated to the parent/guardian and they will be asked to register in the appropriate town or neighboring town if there is not a team available.

SECTION 3 – FEES

Town registration fees for the league will be discussed, agreed upon, and paid at the first annual meeting each year. Each Town President is granted the right charge player registration fees they deem necessary for their own individual program.

SECTION 4 - INSURANCE

Each Town President is responsible for securing insurance on their teams/players for the season term. If pre/post season clinics are being held, insurance must be secure for those as well. Insurance must be held and shown when participating in tournaments by each team involved.

SECTION 5 – RULES AND UMPIRES

Each Town President is responsible for making sure each registered team coach attends the second annual meeting for the league. If the registered team coach cannot attend or send an appointed representative it is the responsibility of the Town President to deliver, read, and discuss the rules for the team's division and the requirements for an umpire to the registered coach not in attendance. The Town President is required to inform each of its registered team coaches that they are responsible for securing an umpire for home games and that said umpire needs to have full knowledge of the division rules for the league.

SECTION 6 – DISPUTES

Town Presidents will handle disputes from parents/guardians/coaches/fans first where the action is requested, then taken to the League President for action if a resolution cannot be met.

SECTION 7 – PHOTOGRAPHY

The Town President will be responsible for securing team photography option for their town, it is not a league requirement.

SECTION 8 – FIELD MAINTINANCE

The Town President will be fully responsible for any and all field maintenance and agreements with their town/school that is required for sage play during the season term. It is not the responsibility of the league.

ARTICLE VI

THE LEAGUE

SECTION 1 – ELIGIBILITY

The age date cut off for all eligible players is December 31st. The Season Term begins February 1st each year. The players division will be determined by their age on December 31st of the previous year and will not exceed the maximum age requirement for a division. If a Town President needs to make a special request for an allowance on this matter, they will need to submit a written request to the League President for assessment.

SECTION 2 – TOWN COACHES

The head coach and first assistant coach shall be approved by the Town President. Once a coach has been approved, they may remain with that team until the Town President removes their approval. When the head coach leaves his/her team, the first assistant will have first chance at that team subject to approval by the Town President.

Bylaws initiated 1/12/2020

Adna - _____

Pe Ell - _____

Bistort - _____

Toledo - _____

Mossyrock - _____

Winlock - _____

MWP - _____

(current)

Napavine - _____

Next in succession for 2021 - Adna

Onalaska - _____