

Loveland Youth Diamond Sports Constitution

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Article I - Name

Section 1 – The Corporation shall be known as Loveland Youth Diamond Sports, a non-profit Ohio corporation, hereinafter referred to as “LYDS” or the “Corporation.” LYDS shall consist of a baseball division known as the Loveland Youth Baseball Organization – Loveland Little League, hereinafter referred to as “LYBO” or the “Organization,” and a softball division known as Loveland Softball Association, hereinafter referred to as “LSA” or the “Association.” See Addendum #L1 Certificate of Amendment for Greater Loveland Softball Association.

Article II - Purpose

Section 1 – The mission of Loveland Youth Diamond Sports (LYDS) is “to provide our youth within the greater Loveland, OH geographic region with the opportunity to successfully learn and play the game of baseball or softball. LYDS offers all levels of competition to encourage and assure the enjoyment, development, and advancement of each participant. With the interests and welfare of our participants first and foremost, LYDS encourages its adult volunteers to model and teach the life concepts of character, self-confidence, sportsmanship, teamwork, and commitment.”

Section 2 – The purpose of any individual, board or committee operating within this Corporation is to observe, uphold and further the Mission Statement of the Corporation in all activities, including, but not limited to: operations, regulation of internal affairs, and dealings with players, parents, and external parties.

Section 3 - In accordance with Section 501-(c)-(3) of the Federal Internal Revenue Code, the Corporation shall operate exclusively as a non-profit educational organization providing a supervised program of competitive baseball and softball games. No part of the net earnings shall inure to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual; no substantial part of the activities of which is carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and which does not participate in or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

Article III - Government

Section 1 – The Corporation will be governed by its constitution and policies under the direct supervision of the LYDS Executive Board.

Section 2 – Each operation, LYBO and LSA, will be governed by this constitution and their respective by-laws, policies, and addenda, under the direct supervision of their respective Board of Directors.

Section 3 – All rules governing the playing of baseball or softball and other related questions shall be in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the baseball or softball associations to which this Corporation is affiliated, with modifications adopted by the respective Board of Directors and approved by the respective affiliate.

Article IV - Membership

Section 1 – Parents/guardians of players, managers, coaches, officers, directors, committee persons, sponsors, contributors, and other interested adults shall be eligible for membership.

Article V - Statement of Policy

Section 1 – LYBO and LSA shall be organized to provide supervised athletic games under conditions most favorable to the enjoyment of the game, with a spirit of cooperation among the players, managers, officials and spectators. It shall be the policy of the Corporation to conduct its activities so that the physical, emotional and moral welfare of the young people of the greater Loveland, OH geographic region, for whose benefit it is organized, shall remain paramount, and matters of policy shall be determined on that basis.

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Section 2 – It shall be the policy of the Corporation to conduct its activities in an ethical manner, with consistent and complete integrity. The Board(s) of Directors shall decide all matters pertaining to the finances of the Corporation, bearing the accountability to conduct the financial affairs of the Corporation in a fiscally responsible manner.

Section 3 – The Board(s) of Directors of LYBO and LSA shall institute policy relative to the preparation and acceptance of an annual budget, periodic and annual presentations of financial reports, and an annual audit of the books of the Corporation.

Section 4 – The fiscal year of this Corporation shall end December 31; operations year-end shall be September 30.

Section 5 – It shall be the policy of the Corporation to permit only such sponsorship as is consistent with the purpose for which the Corporation is organized and to select sponsors who are interested in the Corporation solely or principally as a means of contributing to the welfare of young people. The solicitation of funds to secure adequate financial backing to carry out the mission of the Corporation shall be supervised by the Board(s) of Directors of LYBO and LSA, respectively. The acquisition of team sponsors, by and for an individual team, is appropriate, and shall be executed in accordance with the principles and policies defined by the by-laws. Contributions to individuals shall be discouraged.

Section 6 – No Officer, Commissioner, Manager, Coach or participant in the Corporation shall receive any financial compensation for time and services rendered in carrying out the purpose for which the Corporation has been organized. The exceptions shall be the Umpire Coordinator(s), Equipment Manager(s) and other paid roles, as deemed appropriate by the Board(s) of Directors. Any person who uses personal financial resources to pay for goods or services necessary to run the Corporation shall be reimbursed after furnishing the sales receipt.

Section 7 – It shall be the policy of the Corporation to prohibit any sale, use or direct advertising of alcoholic beverages and tobacco products in connection with the Corporation or any of its programs.

Article VI – Executive Board

Section 1 – The purpose of the Executive Board is to: 1) combine and synthesize the needs and/or issue of LYBO and LSA and represent said needs and issues as one Corporation to any external interests, 2) govern the LYDS Corporation according to this constitution, and 3) resolve any conflicts which may arise between LYBO and LSA.

Section 2 – The Executive Board of this Corporation shall be comprised of three (3) positions, elected by the voting members of LYBO and LSA, and interchangeably referred to as “officers”.

Section 3 – The three officer positions on the Executive Board shall be: the Chairman, an elected neutral party with no familial interests in the Corporation, the President of LYBO, and the President of LSA.

Section 4 – The Chairman will be elected in a manner similar to the Election of Directors described in the by-laws of LYBO and shall serve a term of three years.

Article VII – Board(s) of Directors

Section 1 – Separate Boards of Directors shall exist for LYBO and LSA.

Section 2 – The Boards of Directors of LYBO and LSA shall be comprised of elected positions, referred to as “Directors”, elected by the voting members of their respective Organization/Association in the manner provided for in their by-laws.

Section 3 – Each Board of Directors, by virtue of their office, shall have the power: to purchase or otherwise acquire for the Organization/Association any property, right or privilege which the Organization/Association membership is authorized to acquire, at such price or consideration and upon such terms as the Board of Directors may deem expedient and in accordance with Organization/Association by-laws and policies; to appoint, suspend or remove subordinate agents or volunteers and to determine their duties and compensation; to determine who shall be authorized, on behalf of the Organization/Association, to sign bills, notices, receipts, acceptances, endorsements, checks, releases, contracts, and any other instruments; to delegate relevant powers of the Board of Directors to any standing committee, special committee or any member or agent of the Organization/Association, with any powers as the Board of Directors may see fit to take necessary and proper actions.

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Article VIII - By-laws

Section 1 – Separate by-laws shall exist for the LYBO and LSA operations.

Section 2 – LYBO and LSA by-laws shall provide for the optimal organization and supervision of the playing of baseball and softball, including the generation of suitable and adequate financial backing, the acquisition (by ownership, lease or otherwise) of suitable playing facilities and equipment, and the specialization of rules and regulations.

Section 3 – Any by-laws and/or policies embodying additional provisions for the government of the Organizations/Associations within this Corporation may be adopted and amended by the membership of the respective Organization/Association.

Article IX - Amendments

Section 1 – This constitution may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the eligible voting members of the LYBO Board of Directors and a 2/3 vote of the eligible voting members of the LSA Board of Directors (two separate votes), at a special meeting called for the purpose of amending this constitution, as long as notification for the special meeting is provided to the membership at least 10 days in advance of the date of such meeting.

Article X – Anti-discrimination

Section 1 – LYDS promotes equal opportunity for – and fair treatment of – its players, officers,volunteers, sponsors, and other participants, without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability or age.

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the above stated Constitution was adopted at a regularly scheduled meeting of the eligible voting members of the Greater Loveland Softball Association Board of Directors on the _____ day of _____, 2023; and that a quorum was present andvoted to accept this Constitution.

Signed in the presence of:

Witness

President of the
Loveland Softball Association

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the above stated Constitution was adopted at a regularly scheduled meeting of the eligible voting members of the Loveland Youth Baseball Organization – Loveland Little League Board of Directors on the _____ day of _____, 2023; and that a quorum was present andvoted to accept this Constitution.

Signed in the presence of:

Witness

President of the Loveland Youth Baseball
Organization – Loveland Little League

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[Addendum "L1"]

[Reserved]

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[Addendum "L2"]

Mission Statement

The mission of Loveland Youth Diamond Sports (LYDS), including LYBO and LSA, is:

"to provide our youth with the opportunity to successfully learn and play the game of baseball and/or softball. LYDS offers all levels of competition to encourage and assure the enjoyment, development and advancement of each participant. With the interests and welfare of our participants first and foremost, LYDS encourages its adult volunteers to model and teach the life concepts of character, self-confidence, sportsmanship, teamwork and commitment."

Principles

- 1. "It's all about the kids." And they are just kids.**
- 2. LYDS officers, directors and volunteers are "selected to serve, not appointed to rule."**
- 3. Players make mistakes. Coaches make mistakes. Umpires make mistakes. We all learn from our mistakes, and we are all still learning.**
- 4. The success of this Corporation is dependent on the participation and leadership of adult volunteers.**
- 5. All of us – adults and youth – are representatives of the city of Loveland and the Loveland Youth Baseball Organization and/or Softball Association, and we will carry and conduct ourselves in a way that brings respect and honor to Loveland.**