

# **BYLAWS**

Of the
La Verne Girls Softball Association,
A California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation,
Member of USA Softball of Southern California

#### **PURPOSE**

- 1. It is the purpose of the La Verne Girls Softball Association (LVGSA) to achieve the following:
  - a. To provide an organized, recreational, and advanced competitive softball program for the players.
  - b. To provide an enjoyable and memorable experience for the players who participate in the program.
  - c. To develop softball skills and gain an appreciation and knowledge of the game.
  - d. To develop good sportsmanship, teamwork and fair play.
  - e. To develop the qualities of citizenship and leadership through the game of softball.
  - f. To promote physical fitness and a healthy lifestyle for the players.
  - g. To prepare the players to be successful scholar athletes in competitive softball, high school athletics and beyond.
  - h. In addition to providing recreational softball, it is the intent of LVGSA to provide an advanced level of softball for players who meet the criteria established by the Board.
  - i. This advanced level of softball competition will consist of Select and All-Star play.
  - j. All adult volunteers who are involved are to work for the protection, guidance, development, well-being and welfare of all participating players.



#### **ARTICLE I: OFFICES**

**Section 1. Principal Office:** The corporation's principal office shall be fixed and located at such place as the Board of Directors (herein called "the Board") shall determine. The Board is granted full power and authority to change said principal office from one location to another. The current principal office of the LVGSA is located at: 1499 Palomares Ave., La Verne, CA 91750

**Section 2. Other Offices:** Branch or subordinate offices may be established at any time by the Board at any place or places.

#### **ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP**

**Section 1. Members:** The corporation shall have no members. Any action which would otherwise require approval by a majority of all members of approval by the members shall require only approval of the Board. All rights which would otherwise vest in the members shall vest in the directors.

**Section 2. Associates:** Nothing in this Article II shall be construed as limiting the right of the corporation to refer to persons associated with it as "members" even though such persons are not members, and no such reference shall constitute anyone a member, within the meaning of Section 5056 of the California Nonprofit Corporation Law. The corporation may confer by amendment of its Bylaws some or all of the rights of a member, as set forth in the California Nonprofit Corporation Law, upon any person or persons who do not have the right to vote for the election of directors or on a disposition of substantially all of the assets of the corporation or on a merger or on a dissolution or on changes to the corporation's Bylaws or for the selection of delegates who possess any of the preceding voting rights, but no such person shall be a member within the meaning of said Section 5056.



# **ARTICLE III: DIRECTORS**

**Section 1. Powers:** Subject to the limitation of the Bylaws, the activities and affairs of the corporation shall be conducted and all corporate powers shall be exercised by or under the direction of the Board. The Board may delegate the management of the activities of the corporation to any person or persons, a management company, or committees however composed, provided that the activities and affairs of the corporation shall be managed and all corporate powers shall be exercised under the ultimate direction of the Board. Without prejudice to such general powers, but subject to the same limitations, it is hereby expressly declared that the Board shall have the following powers in addition to the other powers enumerated in these Bylaws:

- (a) To select and remove all the other officers, agents, and employees of the corporation, prescribe powers and duties for them as may not be inconsistent with law or these Bylaws, fix their compensation, and require from them security for faithful service.
- (b) To conduct, manage, and control the affairs and activities of the corporation and to make such rules and regulations therefore not inconsistent with law or these Bylaws, as they may deem best.
- (c) To adopt, make, and use a corporate seal and to alter the form of such seal from time to time as they may deem best.
- (d) To borrow money and incur indebtedness for the purposes of the corporation, and to cause to be executed and delivered therefore, in the corporate name, promissory notes, bonds, debentures, deeds of trust, mortgages, pledges, hypothecations, or other evidences of debt and securities therefore.

Section 2. Standards of Conduct: The directors of the corporation are hereby bound by the standards of conduct specified in the California Nonprofit Corporation Law and are hereby bound to perform their duties in good faith and for the best interests of the corporation. Specifically, each director shall perform the duties of a director, including duties as a member of any committee of the Board upon which the director may serve, in good faith, in a manner such director believes to be in the best interests of the corporation and with such care, including reasonable inquiry, as an ordinarily prudent person in a like position would use under similar circumstances. In performing the duties of a director, each director shall be entitled to rely on information, opinions, reports or statements, including financial statements and other financial data, in each case prepared or presented by:

- (a) One or more officers or employees of the corporation whom the director believes to be reliable and competent in the matters presented;
- (b) Counsel, independent accountants or other persons as to matters which the director believes to be within such person's professional or expert competence; or
- (c) A committee of the Board upon which the director does not serve, as to matters within its designated authority, which committee the director believes to merit confidence, so long as, in any such case, the director acts in good faith, after reasonable inquiry when the need therefore is indicated by the circumstances and without knowledge that would cause such reliance to be unwarranted.

Except as may be allowed by law, all directors are prohibited from participating in any transaction which would constitute a "self-dealing transaction" as that term is defined in the California Nonprofit Corporation Law.

**Section 3. Number of Directors:** The authorized number of directors shall be not less than five (5) nor more than fifteen (15) until changed by amendment of the Bylaws. The exact number of directors shall be determined from time to time by the directors then in office.

**Section 4. Selection and Term of Office:** Directors shall be elected at each annual meeting of the Board. Each director shall serve until the next annual meeting of the Board and until a successor has been elected and qualified.

**Section 5. Vacancies:** Subject to the provisions of Section 5226 of the California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law, any director may resign effective upon giving written notice to the President, the Secretary, or the Board, unless the notice specifies a later time for the effectiveness of such resignation. If the resignation is effective at a future time, a successor may be selected before such time, to take office when the resignation becomes effective.

Vacancies in the Board shall be filled in the same manner as the director whose office is vacant was selected, provided that vacancies to be filled by election by directors may be filled by a majority of the remaining directors, although less than a quorum, or by a sole remaining director. Each director so selected shall hold office until the expiration of the term of the replaced director and until a successor has been selected and qualified.

A vacancy or vacancies in the Board shall be deemed to exist in case of the death, resignation, or removal of any director, or if the authorized number of directors is increased.

The Board may declare vacant the office of a director who has been declared of unsound mind by a final order of court, or convicted of a felony, or found by a final order of judgment of any court to have breached any duty arising under Article 3 of the California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law or who has failed to attend three consecutive unexcused meetings of the Board.

No reduction of the authorized number of directors shall have the effect of removing any director prior to the expiration of the director's term of office.

**Section 6. Place of Meeting:** Meetings of the Board shall be held at any place within or without the State of California which has been designated from time to time by the Board. In the absence of such designation, regular meetings shall be held at the principal office of the corporation.

**Section 7. Annual Meetings:** The Board shall hold an annual meeting in December of each year for the purpose of organization, selection of directors and officers, review of Bylaws, and the transaction of other business at a time and place to be designated by a majority of the directors.

**Section 8. Regular Meetings:** Regular meetings of the Board shall be held without call or notice on such dates and at such times as may be fixed by the Board.

**Section 9. Special Meetings:** Special meetings of the Board for any purpose or purposes may be called at any time by the President, the Secretary, or any two directors.

Special meetings of the Board shall be held upon 4 days notice by first class mail or 48 hours notice given personally or by telephone or electronic communication. Any such notice that is delivered by mail shall be addressed or delivered to each director at such director's address as it is shown upon the records of the corporation or as may have been given to the corporation by the director for purposes of notice or, if such address is not shown on such records or is not readily ascertainable, at the place in which the meetings of the directors are regularly held.

Notice by mail shall be deemed to have been given at the time a written notice is deposited in the United States mails, postage prepaid. Any other written notice shall be deemed to have been given at the time it is personally delivered to the recipient or is delivered to a common carrier for transmission, or actually transmitted by the person giving the notice by electronic means, to the recipient. Oral notice shall be deemed to have been given at the time it is communicated, in person or by telephone or wireless, to the recipient or to a person at the office of the recipient who the person giving the notice has reason to believe will promptly communicate it to the receiver.

**Section 10. Quorum:** A majority of the authorized number of directors constitutes a quorum of the Board for the transaction of business, except to adjourn as provided in Section 13 of this Article III. Every act or decision done or made by a majority of the directors present at a meeting duly held at which a quorum is present shall be regarded as the act of the Board, unless a greater number is required by law or by the Bylaws, except as provided in the next sentence. A meeting at which a quorum is initially present may continue to transact business notwithstanding the withdrawal of directors, if any action taken is approved by at least a majority of the required quorum for such meeting.

**Section 11. Participation in Meetings by Conference Telephone:** Members of the Board may participate in a meeting through use of conference telephone or similar communications equipment, so long as all members participating in such meeting can hear one another.

**Section 12. Waiver of Notice:** Notice of a meeting need not be given to any director who signs a waiver of notice or a written consent to holding the meeting or an approval of the minutes thereof, whether before or after the meeting, or who attends the meeting without protesting, prior thereto or at its commencement, the lack of notice to such director. All such waivers, consents, and approvals shall be filed with the corporate records or made a part of the minutes of the meetings.

**Section 13. Adjournment:** A majority of the directors present, whether or not a quorum is present, may adjourn any directors' meeting to another time and place. Notice of the time and place of holding an adjourned meeting need not be given to absent directors if the time and place is fixed at the meeting adjourned, except as provided in the next sentence. If the meeting is adjourned for more than 24 hours, notice of any adjournment to another time or place shall be given prior to the time of the adjourned meeting to the directors who were not present at the time of the adjournment.

**Section 14. Action Without Meeting:** Any action required or permitted to be taken by the Board may be taken without a meeting if all members of the Board shall individually or collectively consent in writing to such action. Such consent or consents shall have the same effect as a unanimous vote of the Board and shall be filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the Board.

**Section 15. Rights of Inspection:** Every director shall have the absolute right at any reasonable time to inspect and copy all books, records, and documents of every kind and to inspect the physical properties of the corporation of which such person is a director.

**Section 16. Committees:** The Board may appoint one or more committees, each consisting of two or more directors, and delegate to such committees any of the authority of the Board except with respect to:

- (a) The approval of any action for which the California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law also requires approval of the members or approval of a majority of all members;
- (b) The filling of vacancies on the Board or on any committee;
- (c) The fixing of compensation of the directors for serving on the Board or on any committee;
- (d) The amendment or repeal of bylaws or the adoption of the new bylaws;
- (e) The amendment or repeal of any resolution of the Board which by its express terms is not so amendable or repealable;
- (f) The appointment of other committees of the Board or the members thereof;
- (g) The expenditure of corporate funds to support a nominee for director after there are more people nominated for director than can be elected; or
- (h) The approval of any self-dealing transaction, as such transactions are defined in Section 5233(a) of the California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law.

Any such committee must be created, and the members thereof appointed, by resolution adopted by a majority of the authorized number of directors then in office, provided a quorum is present, and any such committee may be designated an Executive Committee or by such other name as the Board shall specify. The Board may appoint, in the same manner, alternate members of any committee who may replace any absent member at any meeting of the committee. The Board shall have the power to prescribe the manner in which proceedings of any such committee shall be conducted. In the absence of any such prescription, such a committee shall have the power to prescribe the manner in which its proceedings shall be conducted. Unless the Board or such committee shall otherwise provide, the regular and special meetings and other actions of any such committee shall be governed by the provisions of this Article III applicable to meetings and actions of the Board. Minutes shall be kept of each meeting of each committee.

**Section 17. Fees and Compensation:** No Board Member shall receive any compensation, including monetary compensation or any other thing of value, for their service as a member of the Board.

1. EXCEPTION: Each Board Member will receive credit for one (1) registration fee for each annual term that they serve.



#### **ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS**

**Section 1. Officers:** The officer of the corporation shall be a President, Secretary, and a Chief Financial Officer. The corporation may also have, at the discretion of the Board, one or more Assistant Chief Financial Officers, and such other officers may be elected or appointed in accordance with the provisions of Section 3 of this Article IV. Any number of offices may be held by the same person except as provided in these Bylaws and except that neither the Secretary nor the Chief Financial Officer may serve concurrently as the President of the Board.

**Section 2. Election:** The officers of the corporation, except such officers as may be elected or appointed in accordance with the provisions of Section 3 or Section 5 of this Article IV, shall be chosen annually by, and shall serve at the pleasure of, the Board, and shall hold their respective offices until their resignation, removal, or other disqualification from service, or until their respective successors shall be elected.

**Section 3. Subordinate Officers:** The Board may elect, and may empower the President to appoint, such other officers as the business of the corporation may require, each of whom shall hold office for such period, have such authority, and perform such duties as are provided in these Bylaws or as the Board may from time to time determine.

**Section 4. Removal and Resignation:** A member of the Board of Directors may be removed after having been notified in writing, and having received due process, by a majority vote of the Board of Directors for the following reasons:

- 1. Missing three consecutive, or four within the year, regular board meetings without notifying the Secretary of the Board with a valid reason prior to the meetings
- 2. Conviction of a felony
- 3. Failure to carry out the duties and policies of the Board and the league set forth within these Bylaws
- 4. Publicly known behavior/action unbecoming a board member or official representative of the LVGSA

Any officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to the corporation, but without prejudice to the rights, if any, of the corporation under any contract to which the officer is a party. Any such resignation shall take effect at the date of the receipt of such notice or at any later time specified therein and, unless otherwise specified therein, the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

**Section 5. Vacancies:** A vacancy in any office because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification, or any other cause shall be filled in the manner prescribed in these Bylaws for regular election or appointment to such office, provided that such vacancies shall be filled as they occur and not on an annual basis.

**Section 6. President:** The President is the general manager and chief executive officer of the corporation and has, subject to the control of the Board, general supervision, direction, and control of the business and officers of the corporation. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board. The President has the general powers and duties of management usually vested in the office of president and general manager of a corporation and such other powers and duties as may be prescribed by the Board.

**Section 7. Vice Presidents:** In the absence or disability of the President, the Vice Presidents, if any are appointed, in order of their rank as fixed by the Board or, if not ranked, the Vice President designated by the Board, shall perform all the duties of the President and, when so acting, shall have all the powers of, and be subject to all the restrictions upon, the President. The Vice Presidents shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as from time to time may be prescribed for them respectively by the Board.

**Section 8. Secretary:** The Secretary shall keep or cause to be kept, at the principal office or such other place as the Board may order, a book of minutes of all meetings of the Board and its committees, with the time and place of holding, whether regular or special, and if special, how authorized, the notice thereof given the names of those present at Board and committee meetings, and the proceedings thereof. The Secretary shall keep, or cause to be kept, at the principal office in the State of California the original or a copy of the corporation's Bylaws, as amended to date.

The Secretary shall give, or cause to be given, notice of all meetings of the Board and any committees thereof required by these Bylaws or by law to be given, shall keep the seal of the corporation in safe custody, and shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board.

**Section 9. Chief Financial Officer:** The Chief Financial Officer is the treasurer of the corporation and shall keep and maintain, or cause to be kept and maintained, adequate and correct accounts of the properties and business transactions of the corporation. The books of account shall at all times be open to inspection by any director.

The Chief Financial Officer shall deposit all monies and other valuables in the name and to the credit of the corporation with such depositaries as may be designated by the Board. The Chief Financial Officer shall disburse the funds of the corporation as may be ordered by the Board, shall render to the President and the directors, whenever they request it, an account of all transactions as Chief Financial Officer and of the financial

condition of the corporation, and shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board.

# Section 10. Other Executive Board Positions: 2023 Revised Board Member Roles and Responsibilities

#### **President | Snack Bar, Events**

President is the general manager and chief executive officer of the corporation and has, subject to the control of the Board, general supervision, direction, and control of the business and officers of the corporation. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board. The President has the general powers and duties of management usually vested in the office of president and general manager of a corporation and such other powers and duties as may be prescribed by the Board. The President also serves as a liaison between the City of La Verne and the USA Softball Organization.

#### Vice President, UIC, and Scheduler

In the absence or disability of the President, the Vice Presidents, if any are appointed, in order of their rank as fixed by the Board or, if not ranked, the Vice President designated by the Board shall perform all the duties of the President and, when so acting, shall have all the powers of, and be subject to all the restrictions upon, the President. The Vice Presidents shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as from time to time may be prescribed for them respectively by the Board.

#### Treasurer

The treasurer of the corporation shall keep and maintain, or cause to be kept and maintained, adequate and correct accounts of the properties and business transactions of the corporation. The books of account shall at all times be open to inspection by any director.

## Secretary

The Secretary shall keep or cause to be kept, at the principal office or such other place as the Board may order, a book of minutes of all meetings of the Board and its committees, with the time and place of holding, whether regular or special, and if special, how authorized, the notice thereof given the names of those present at Board and committee meetings, and the proceedings thereof. The Secretaryshall keep, or cause to be kept, at the principal office in the State of California the original or a copy of the corporation's Articles and Bylaws, as amended to date. The Secretary shall give, or cause to be given, a notice of all meetings of the Board and any committees thereof required by these Bylaws or by law to be given, shall keep the seal of the corporation in safe custody, and shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board

### **Registrar/Social Media Director**

The Registration Coordinator administers the LVGSA registration and enrollment process. The Registration coordinator provides the Board, player agent, manager liaison, and league commissioner information on each player and updates and administers the online player and family information database including uniform sizes. Manages the updates to all of our social media channels

#### **Manager Liaison**

Responsible for overseeing all matters relating to managers, coaches, and team parents. Is responsible for monitoring and evaluating the development and progress of all managers and coaches in the League. Maintains library of teaching materials including team training manuals and DVD's. Participates in

all-stars/select try-outs and selection process. Participates in Select and All-Stars manager selection process. Works with League Commissioner and/or player agent to resolve any matters that arise involving players and/or managers in the league.

#### **League Liaison and Field Maintenance Coordinator**

Serves as a liaison between the City of La Verne, City of La Verne Sports Committee, City of La Verne maintenance and the USA Softball Organization. Coordinates all maintenance on Wheeler park fields with City of La Verne, reports on balance in city park improvement funds and ensures that we have projects submit to sports committees and manages those projects closely providing the BOD with regular updates. Coordinates field maintenance days with BOD, ensuring all aboard members complete regular shifts throughout the season. In partnership with city of La Verne leads the field expansion project.

#### **Player Agent**

The player agent conducts annual tryouts, coordinates and oversees player rankings and draft selection, and assists in verifying the birth records and eligibility of players. The player agent is responsible for supervising coordinating and approving the trade of players during the draft and Assumes responsibility as the primary coordinator of all player affairs. Participates in all-stars/select try-outs and selection process. Participates in all-stars/select try-outs and selection process. Participates in Select and All-Stars manager selection process. Works with League Commissioner and/or manager liaison to resolve any matters that arise involving players and/or managers in the league.

#### **Uniforms & Team Parent Coordinator**

Responsible for the pricing, budgeting, ordering, communication, and distributing of all uniforms for players, including the regular season, all-stars, and any other post-season teams sponsored by LVGSA. Team managers will provide all the uniform sizes and player rosters. Obtains sizing samples and work with managers on sizing, ordering, and distributing LVGSA-approved uniforms. Ensures timely delivery of all awards for all divisions. Sets up league photo day, works with vendor to coordinate dates, times, schedules, and payment, then communicates this across the league. Communicates important dates, league information and acts as a liaison between the LVGSA BOD and the team parents. Maintains a chat string on GroupMe and assists team parents with their requests.

#### **League Commissioner**

Attend all Board meeting, being prepared to discuss successes and challenges of the league throughout the season. Verifies and signs off to LVGSA board that all teams are balanced and equitable teams for the season. In tandem with Manager Liaison hosts a coach meeting prior to the season. Explains the responsibilities of coaches and their obligations to the league. Reinforces and ensures teams are compliant with LVGSA/USA Softball rules and regulations. Submits approved team rosters to league secretary at least one week before season begins. Oversees All-stars and Select programs, including team compliance, try-outs, and selection process. Serves as primary liaison between LVGSA board and parents. Works with Player agent, and or manager liaison in investigating concerns that arise around players and/or managers. Works with Player agent, and or manager liaison to evaluate, assess and document managers and coaches' skills throughout the season (so he can make recommendations during manager rankings). Participates in all-stars/select try-outs and selection process. Participates in Select and All-Stars manager selection process.

#### **Equipment/Field Supervisor**

Manages field maintenance schedules, trains managers and assistant coaches on how to set up fields and what field close up duties are to be completed for last game of the day coaches. Coordinates and manages spring and fall field prep days, schedules parents' volunteers. Ensures fields are prepped for weather, assigns field prep schedules and send out communication to those who have field duty, ensuring they are aware and know what they need to do. Work with city of La Verne to perform field maintenance on sprinklers, lights. Coordinates the distribution and collection of league equipment and keeps rental forms on file in the snack bar.

### **Fundraising Coordinator/Tournament Director**

Solicits and secures local sponsorships to support league operations; collects and reviews sponsorship and fundraising opportunities; organizes and implements approved league fundraising activities; coordinates participation in fundraising activities; creates and distributes league approved sponsorship packages; orders sponsor plaques and banners for fields, and maintains records of monies secured through sponsorship and fundraising initiatives. Plans and organizes tournaments, coordinates volunteers, and serves as a point of contact both internally and externally for any LVGSA hosted tournaments.

#### **Team Parent Coordinator**

Coordinates with the President, Vice-President, and Secretary to distribute league information to the team parents of all divisions. Serves as a point of contact for team parents and liaison between the league and the team parents. Provides the team parents with a pre-season packet with all the documents required to begin the season and coordinates the team parent duties. Manages the league team parent chat.

#### **Snack Bar Coordinator**

Coordinates snack bar operations, opens the snack bar, gets girls set up in the morning, coordinates stock replenishments, organizes prep table and ensures the snack bar is operating safely. Ensure the girls that are working maintain the standards of food quality and cleanliness and ensures procedures are documented.



#### **ARTICLE V: INDEMNIFICATION**

**Section 1. Definitions:** For the purposes of this Article V, "agent" means any person who is or was a director, officer, employee, or other agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee, or agent of another foreign or domestic corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, or other enterprise, or was a director, officer, employee, or agent of a foreign or domestic corporation which was a predecessor corporation of the corporation or of another enterprise at the request of such predecessor corporation; "proceeding" means any threatened, pending, or completed action or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative; and "expenses" includes without limitation attorneys' fees and any expenses of establishing a right to indemnification under Section 4 or 5(b) of this Article V.

**Section 2. Indemnification in Actions by Third Parties:** The corporation shall have power to indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any proceeding (other than an action by or in the right of the corporation to procure a judgment in its favor, an action brought under Section 5233 of the California

Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law, or an action brought by the Attorney General or a person granted relator status by the Attorney General for any breach of duty relating to assets held in charitable trust), by reason of the fact that such person is or was an agent of the corporation, against expenses, judgments, fines, settlements, and other amount actually and reasonably incurred in connection with such proceeding if such person acted in good faith and in a manner such person reasonably believed to be in the best interest of the corporation and, in the case of a criminal proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe the conduct of such person was unlawful. The termination of any proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction, or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent shall not, of itself, create a presumption that the person did not act in good faith and in a manner which the person reasonably believed to be in the best interests of the corporation or that the person had reasonable cause to believe that the person's conduct was unlawful.

Section 3. Indemnification in Actions by or in the Right of the Corporation: The corporation shall have the power to indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending, or completed action by or in the right of the corporation, or brought under Section 5233 of the California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law, or brought by the Attorney General or a person granted relator status by the Attorney General for breach of duty relating to assets held in charitable trust, to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of the fact that such person

is or was an agent of the corporation, against expenses actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with the defense or settlement of such action if such person acted in good faith, in a manner such person believed to be in the best interests of the corporation, and with such care, including reasonable inquiry, as an ordinarily prudent person in a like position would use under similar circumstances. No indemnification shall be made under this Section 3.

- (a) In respect of any claim, issue, or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable to the corporation in the performance of such person's duty to the corporation, unless and only to the extent that the court in which such proceeding is or was pending shall determine upon application that, in view of all the circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for the expenses which such court shall determine;
- (b) Of amounts paid in settling or otherwise disposing of a threatened or pending action, with or without court approval; or
- (c) Of expenses incurred in defending a threatened or pending action which is settled or otherwise disposed of without court approval, unless it is settled with the approval of the Attorney General.

**Section 4. Indemnification Against Expenses:** To the extent that an agent of the corporation has been successful on the merits in defense of any proceeding referred to in Section 2 or 3 of this Article V or in defense of any claim, issue, or matter therein, the agent shall be indemnified against expenses actually and reasonably incurred by the agent in connection therewith.

**Section 5. Required Determinations:** Except as provided in Section 4 of this Article V, any indemnification under this Article V shall be made by the corporation only if authorized in the specific case, upon a determination that indemnification of the agent is proper in the circumstances because the agent has met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in Section 2 or 3 of this Article V, by:

- (a) A majority vote of a quorum consisting of directors who are not parties to such proceeding; or
- (b) The court in which such proceeding is or was pending upon application made by the corporation or the agent or the attorney or other person rendering services in connection with the defense, whether or not such application by the agent, attorney, or other person is opposed by the corporation.

**Section 6. Advance of Expenses:** Expenses incurred in defending any proceeding may be advanced by the corporation prior to the final disposition of such proceeding

upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of the agent to repay such amount unless it shall be determined ultimately that the agent is entitled to be indemnified as authorized in this Article V.

**Section 7. Other Indemnification:** No provision made by the corporation to indemnify its or its subsidiary's directors or officers for the defense of any proceeding, whether contained in the Bylaws, a resolution of members or directors, an agreement, or otherwise, shall be valid unless consistent with this Article V. Nothing contained in this Article V shall affect any right to indemnification to which persons other than such directors and officers may be entitled by contract or otherwise.

**Section 8. Forms of Indemnification Not Permitted:** No indemnification or advance shall be made under this Article V, except as provided in Section 4 or S(b), in any circumstances where it appears:

(a) That it would be inconsistent with a provision of these Bylaws, or an agreement in effect at the time of the accrual of the alleged cause of action

asserted in the proceeding in which the expenses were incurred or other amounts were paid, which prohibits or otherwise limits indemnification; or

(b) That it would be inconsistent with any condition expressly imposed by a court in approving a settlement.

**Section 9. Insurance:** The corporation shall have power to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any agent of the corporation against any liability asserted against or incurred by the agent in such capacity or arising out of the agent's status as such whether or not the corporation would have the power to indemnify the agent against such liability under the provisions of this Article V, provided, however, that a corporation shall have no power to purchase and maintain such insurance to indemnify any agent of the corporation for a violation of Section 5233 of the California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law.

Section 10. Nonapplicability to Fiduciaries of Employee Benefit Plans: This Article V does not apply to any proceeding against any trustee, investment manager, or other fiduciary of an employee benefit plan in such person's capacity as such, even though such person may also be an agent of the corporation as defined in Section 1 of this Article V. The corporation shall have power to indemnify such trustee, investment manager, or other fiduciary to the extent permitted by subdivision (f) of Section 207 of the California General Corporation Law.



#### **ARTICLE VI: OTHER PROVISIONS**

Section 1. Endorsement of Documents; Contracts: Subject to the provisions of applicable law, any note, mortgage, evidence of indebtedness, contract, conveyance, or other instrument in writing and any assignment or endorsement thereof executed or entered into between the corporation and any other person, when signed by the President, or any Vice President and the Secretary, any Assistant Secretary, the Chief Financial Officer, or any Assistant Chief Financial Officer of the corporation shall be valid and binding on the corporation in the absence of actual knowledge on the part of the other person that the signing officers had no authority to execute the same. Any such instruments may be signed by any other person or persons and in such manner as from time to time shall be determined by the Board, and, unless so authorized by the Board, no officer, agent, or employee shall have any power or authority to bind the corporation by any contract or engagement or to pledge its credit or to render it liable for any purpose or amount.

**Section 2. Representation of Shares of Other Corporations:** The President or any other officer or officers authorized by the Board or the President are each authorized to vote, represent, and exercise on behalf of the corporation all rights incident to any and all shares of any other corporation or corporations standing in the name of the corporation. The authority herein granted may be exercised either by any such officer in person or by any other person authorized so to do by proxy or power of attorney duly executed by said officer.

**Section 3. Construction and Definitions:** Unless the context otherwise requires, the general provisions, rules of construction, and definitions contained in the General Provisions of the California Nonprofit Corporation Law and in the California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law shall govern the construction of these Bylaws.

**Section 4. Amendments:** These Bylaws may be amended or repealed by the approval of the Board.



# **CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY**

I, the undersigned, certify that I am the presently elected and acting secretary of the La Verne Girls Softball Association, a California nonprofit public benefit corporation, and the above bylaws, consisting of fourteen (14) pages, are the Bylaws of this corporation as adopted by the Board of Directors on March 13, 2023, and that they have not been amended since that date.

Executed on March 13, 2023 in La Verne, Ca	alifornia.
	Secretary's Name Printed
	Secretary's Name Signed