

West Hartford Girls Softball League

Executive Board Officer Election Announcement

We are delighted to announce the upcoming election for the Executive Board Officers (EBO) of the West Hartford Girls Softball League. Our league thrives because of the energy and generosity of volunteers, and the leadership of our board is key to providing a positive experience for all our young athletes. We invite all interested volunteers and parents to participate in this important election process.

Officer Term and Transition

The term for newly elected EBO will be two (2) years from January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2028. To ensure a smooth and effective transition, the officials elected in this cycle will have the entire year of 2026 to learn from and collaborate with the outgoing board members. This period is designed to provide mentorship, hands-on experience, and guidance so that our league continues to run smoothly and successfully.

Officer Positions & Role Descriptions

President

The President serves as the chief executive officer and primary spokesperson for the league. Responsibilities include presiding over board meetings, coordinating league activities, ensuring adherence to league policies and guidelines, and representing the league in community affairs. The President works closely with all board members, volunteers, and coaches to foster a safe, inclusive, and engaging environment for our youth athletes.

Current President, **Joslyn Austin**, has served on the EBO as Vice President from 2017 – 2022 and President from 2022 – 2026. Joslyn will not seek re-election after 17 years of volunteer service to the league. Joslyn has served in a myriad of roles including Webmaster, Division Director, Food & Entertainment Chair, Sponsorship Committee, Travel Committee Chair, Uniform Committee and many more. We wish Joslyn the best and thank her for her unwavering love and generosity for the league and her tireless work in front and behind the scenes to ensure our league thrived for so many years.

Vice President

The Vice President supports the President in all duties and is prepared to step in whenever needed. This role often leads specific committees or projects, strengthens communication between teams, and assists in managing league logistics. As a vital part of league operations, the Vice President helps ensure that our programs run efficiently.

Current Vice-President, **Mike Talbott**, has served on the EBO as Treasurer from 2022 – 2023 and as Vice President from 2025 – 2026. Mike will not seek re-election after 10 years of volunteer service to the league. Mike has served as an Assistant Coach, Head Coach, Summer Travel Head Coach, Fields and Facilities Chair, Equipment & Uniform committee, Sponsorship Committee, Scheduling Coordinator and many more roles. We wish Mike the best and thank him for his contribution to our league and community.

Treasurer

The Treasurer handles the league's finances, including budgeting, collecting fees, disbursing funds, and maintaining accurate records. By preparing financial reports, ensuring transparency, and assisting with fundraising and sponsorship activities, the Treasurer safeguards the financial health of our volunteer-run league.

Current Treasurer, **Mike Moran**, has served on the EBO as Treasurer from 2025 – 2026 and will seek re-election.

Secretary

The Secretary maintains official league records, documents minutes at board meetings, manages correspondence, and keeps everyone informed about important dates and events. This role helps organize communications and league records so that all members stay connected and engaged.

Current Secretary, **Sarah Winiarski**, has served on the EBO as Secretary from 2025 – 2026 and will seek re-election.

How to Nominate and Vote

Nominations for EBO positions are now open. If you are interested in running or would like to nominate someone, **please submit nominations by emailing webmaster.whsoftball@gmail.com by 11/30/2025**. Anyone may nominate for an Executive Board Position.

The Nominating Committee consists of three members:

Mike Talbott (VP), Lindsey Leung (Webmaster), Josh Brier (Head Coach-Summer)

The Nominating Committee will review submitted nominations and ensure there are enough people interested to fill all officer positions. Nominating Committee members will not be considered for candidacy. Voting will take place electronically via an independent third party.

Voting Board members include:

- Current Executive Board Officers
- Webmaster
- Spring Division Directors
- Head Coach of each team during any 2025 WHGSL season (Spring, Summer, Fall)

Voting members only get one vote per officer position even if serving the league in more than one of these roles.

Pertinent dates are below:

- 10/1/2025: Nominations Open
- 11/30/2025: Nominations Close
- 12/1/2025: List of Candidates released to candidates and voting members
- 12/10/2025: Polls Open
- 12/15/2025: Polls Close
- 12/16/2025: Results announced at WHGSL Annual Board Meeting at Elmwood Community Center at 7pm.

Thank you for your ongoing support and dedication to our league. With your participation, we continue to build a fun and memorable experience for every young athlete!