



**By-Laws
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1 IDENTIFICATION

The official name shall be: “Hudson Girls Softball League, Inc.” Referred to herein as either “HGSL”.

2 OBJECTIVES

- A. The objective of the Hudson Girls Softball League is to provide a supervised and competitive softball program for the benefit of young girls. This league is promoting the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage, and respect so that they may grow to be healthy and respected adults.
- B. The members of the league shall bear in mind that winning games, although important, is secondary to displaying good sportsmanship.
- C. 4-U Division: The 4-U Division was established to allow girls ages 4 and under the opportunity to be exposed to recreational softball in the style of a parent/child play group.
- D. 6-U & 8-U Divisions: The 6-U & 8-U Divisions were established to allow girls 5 to 8 years of age the opportunity to be exposed to recreational softball. The emphasis is on skill development, team play, and softball enjoyment with the hope of instilling a love of the game.
- E. 10-U Division: The 10-U Division was established to allow 9- to 10-year old girls an opportunity to have game play in a competitive setting.
- F. 12-U Division: The 12-U Division was established to allow 11- to 12-year old girls an opportunity to play in competitive game situations with the emphasis on skill development, team play, and sportsmanship, while winning, although pursued, remains a secondary focus.
- G. 14-U Division: The 14-U Division was established to allow 13- to 14-year old girls an opportunity to play in competitive game situations with the emphasis on skill development, team play, and sportsmanship, while winning, although pursued, remains a secondary focus.
- H. 16-U & 18-U Division: The 18-U Division was established to allow 15- to 18-year old girls an opportunity to play recreational softball in a non-competitive game situation with the emphasis on team play, sportsmanship, and recreational softball, with little or no emphasis on winning.

3 POWERS

The league shall have the following powers, in addition to powers expressly or implicitly conferred on by the laws of the State of New Hampshire:

- A. To make and enforce rules and regulations to govern itself.
- B. To solicit funds for the proper operation of the league.

4 MEMBERSHIP

- A. The membership of this league shall be composed of the Board of Directors, managers, coaches, all parents or legal guardians of a team player, and persons in appointed positions of the league.
- B. All individuals that have been elected to a position in the league must submit in writing their resignation when terminating service in the position or with the league.
- C. Any member of the Board is limited to holding only one Board position during any given term.
- D. When choosing Team Managers and other elected league positions, the criteria for nomination shall be years of service to the league.

5 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A. The embodied members of the Board of Directors shall consist of:

Director	Equipment Manager
Assistant Director	Player Development Coordinator
Treasurer	Field Maintenance Coordinator
Secretary	Coach Representative
Fundraising Coordinator	Travel Team Representative
Umpire-in-Chief	Communication Coordinator

B. No more than one-half of the positions on the Board of Directors may be held by individuals not associated with the league. Association with the league is defined as being either a member of a team's coaching staff or a parent of an active player.

C. A quorum to conduct business at any Board of Directors meeting shall require attendance by 50% plus one (1) of the Board Members.

D. A tie vote means the issue DOES NOT carry.

E. The Board of Directors shall have full responsibility for:

- a. Approval of all fundraising events
- b. Award event activities and selection of awards to be given
- c. Planning and carrying out of all special activities
- d. Filling any vacancies on the Board of Directors between scheduled election meetings
- e. The administrative function of the league, including all business decisions affecting its operation and welfare
- f. Approval of league insurance
- g. Review and approval of a yearly budget
- h. Each year review, propose and update changes to the By-Laws prior to submitting these changes to the general members for voting
- i. Voting on the dismissal of an officer, manager, coach or any other league position
- j. Maintaining the Capital Improvement/Scholarship Fund

6 BY-LAWS

The HGSL By-Laws shall be reviewed every year by the Board of Directors. All members of the league are encouraged to also review the By-Laws.

6.1 BY-LAW COMMITTEE

The By-Law committee is chaired by the Assistant Director and supported by two committee members appointed by the Director. The duties of the by-law committee are:

- A. Review the by-laws for accuracy, correctness, and adequacy
- B. Accept from division representatives, members, or anyone else, requests for additions, changes or deletions to the by-laws
- C. Review all requests for accuracy and wording

- D. Submit recommendations to the E-Board for their review and approval no later than the October Board Meeting on a yearly basis
- E. Upon approval by the Board of Directors, prepare the final recommendations for voting by the Board of Directors at the January Board meeting
- F. Update and publish the by-law document to reflect all approved changes

6.2 BY-LAW CHANGES

- A. Anyone may submit requests to add, modify, or delete by-laws
- B. League members will submit change requests to the By-Law Committee no later than September 1st
- C. All proposed changes submitted will be reviewed by the E-Board for content to assure that the requests are in the best interest of the league
- D. The E-Board approved changes will be presented to the league by the By-Law Committee chairperson at the first general meeting of the year for final approval or disapproval. There will be no discussion of details of the changes at this meeting. Explanations of the changes will be provided as part of the proposed change package.
 - a. By-Law changes must pass by a quorum vote of fifty percent (50%) plus one (1)
- E. The By-Law Committee shall have the authority to make clerical edits based on approved changes without the need of an additional vote.

7 SENIORITY

Seniority shall be used to determine selection of individuals for positions within the league. Seniority shall be determined by years of service to the league as Team Manager, Team Coach (either Coach's option or second coach), Member of the E-Board, or other position. Positions within the league all carry the same weight in determining seniority. Only one year of service can be accumulated for each calendar year of involvement with the league.

8 LEAGUE POSITIONS

League positions, term of office, Board of Directors membership, Protest Committee membership, and reporting structure are defined in Table 1, "League Positions".

8.1 GENERAL DUTIES

The following are duties applicable to all E-Board members, Managers, coaches, and committee members, in addition to those specific duties identified for each position:

- A. Adhere to the objectives and general requirements of the Hudson Girls Softball League By-Laws
- B. Attend all scheduled league general meetings
- C. Submit to the Treasurer all receipts and records of expenditures within ten (10) business days
- D. Obtain approval from the E-Board on all expenses outside the approved budget

8.2 DIRECTOR

The Director will be a two (2) year elected position, member of the E-Board and the Protest Committee. In addition to the general duties of all league officers, the duties of the Director are to:

- A. Schedule and preside over all league meetings, Executive Board meetings, and the Protest Committee
- B. Communicate with Secretary regarding upcoming Board/General meetings and necessary agenda items
- C. Be responsible for all league activities, including fundraising
- D. Select and dismiss persons in appointed positions
- E. Coordinate all functional policies of the Executive Board
- F. Appoint and supervise the activities of all committees
- G. Coordinate the use/availability of fields with the Assistant Director when developing the schedule for games, practices, make-up games, and playoffs
- H. See that each team adheres to the rules, regulations, and policies of the league
- I. Determine whether a regular season game or playoff game should be canceled due to weather or safety condition
- J. Submit an annual report at the annual January meeting
- K. Schedule and publicize league registration/sign-ups with Communications Coordinator
- L. Schedule and supervise spring try-outs
- M. Preside over the spring draft and/or team assignments
- N. Vote on all matters brought before the Executive Board and Protest Committee
- O. Provide copies for the January meeting, as soon as possible, of proposed changes in the by-laws to all voting members
- P. Assure sponsor recognition, such as plaques or pictures are obtained and presented to sponsors prior to the end of June each year
- Q. Delegate and ensure the tasks of vacant board positions are being completed

8.3 ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

The Assistant Director will be a two (2) year position, elected in alternate years of the Director position, a member of the E-Board and the Protest Committee. In addition to the general duties of all league officers, the duties of the Deputy Director are to:

- A. In the absence of the Director, the Assistant Director will assume their duties.
- B. Assign practice and game fields for all teams
- C. Schedule make-up games and playoffs
- D. Scheduling practices/games/events
- E. Ordering of trophies/awards etc.
- F. Scheduling team photos
- G. Approval and purchase of equipment and uniforms
- H. Make purchases of all equipment and uniforms
- I. Chair the Awards Committee

8.4 TREASURER

The Treasurer will be a two (2) year elected position and member of the E-Board. In addition to the general duties of all league officers, the duties of the Treasurer are to:

- A. Attend scheduled meetings of the league and of the Executive Board. While in attendance, provide a report of the current status of the league's financial affairs.
- B. Provide financial reports in writing to be included in the minutes of all league meetings
- C. Maintain a legible and accurate set of records covering all financial transactions of the league and the summer traveling teams
- D. Disburse amounts approved according to the yearly budget.
- E. Receive and deposit all league funds as directed by the Executive Board
- F. Maintain necessary records and submitting reports as required to the State of NH for the preservation of the league's status as a non-profit organization
- G. Make payments of all approved expenses within the specified period of time
- H. Vote on all matters brought before the Executive Board and/or Protest Committee
- I. Establish the dates that the registration fees plus any other receipts must be submitted
- J. Prepare an annual projected cash flow and budget

8.5 SECRETARY

The Secretary will be a two (2) year elected position and member of the E-Board. The Secretary is a non-voting member of the Protest Committee. In addition to the general duties of all league officers, the duties of the Secretary are:

- A. Notify Board and/or league members of and attend scheduled meetings of the league and of the Executive Board and the Protest Committee
- B. Compile agenda items for upcoming Board meetings and distribute to Board members prior to meeting
- C. Record and transcribe the minutes all league, Executive Board, and Protest Committee meetings
- D. Provide notice of all league meetings to all team managers two weeks prior to the meeting date
- E. Vote on all matters brought before the Executive Board
- F. Prepare required ballots to conduct secret balloting for election of officers at designated meeting(s)
- G. Maintain a log of years of service and position(s) of each league member, excluding players, used to determine seniority for certain league positions

8.6 Coach Representative

The Coach Representative will be a two (2) year elected position, member of the E-Board and the Protest Committee. In addition to the general duties of all league officers, the duties of the Coach Representative are:

- A. Attend meetings of the league, the Executive Board, and the Protest Committee
- B. Represent all Team Managers and Coaches in matters brought before the Board of Directors and/or the Protest Committee
- C. Conduct a Managers' Briefing Session prior to the beginning of each new season
- D. Communicate results of all meetings to the Team Managers and Coaches
- E. Solicit on an annual basis from Team Managers and Coaches any proposed by-law or playing rule changes no later than October 1st
- F. Collect scores and game reports/summaries from all Team Managers within 48 hours of game time, and submit to Communication Coordinator
- G. Report any issues or complaints from Team Managers/Coaches to Director immediately

8.7 FUNDRAISING COORDINATOR

The Fundraising Coordinator will be a two (2) year position, elected by the E-Board. The essential responsibility of the Fundraising Coordinator is to raise funds for the benefit of the HGSL. Duties of the Fundraising Coordinator include:

- A. Attend scheduled meetings of the league and of the Executive Board
- B. Work together with the E-Board to seek ways of raising money year-round to satisfy the monetary needs of the league's program.
- C. Coordinate volunteers for specific events throughout the year
- D. Build and maintain relationships within the community to help support the league
- E. Generate new ideas for raising funds to support the organization
- F. Develop a fundraising plan and budget
- G. Properly track any fundraising activities and report to Treasurer
- H. Assist in representing HGSL at community meetings, outreach events, and other community activities
- I. Assure any money raised by the Fundraising Committee be given to the Treasurer within 48 hours of the completion of the event

8.8 TRAVEL TEAM REPRESENTATIVE

The Travel Team Representative will be a one (1) year appointed position. In addition to the general duties of all league positions, the Travel Team Representative's duties are:

- A. Follow the guidelines set forth by the league
- B. Schedule the summer league
- C. Promote the summer league
- D. Coordinate schedule of fields and umpires for the program with the league Umpire-In-Chief
- E. Organize summer tournaments
- F. Additional duties are defined in Travel Team Addendum paragraph 5.6
- G. Submit a summary of revenues and expenses for tournaments played to the Director for the prior year's activities by February 1st
- H. Submit a summary budget of revenues and expenses for tournaments planned to the Director for the coming year's activities by February 1st

8.9 UMPIRE-IN-CHIEF

The Umpire-In-Chief will be a two (2) year elected position, member of the E-Board and Protest Committee. The UIC must not be a current Team Manager or Coach. In addition to the general duties of all league positions, the duties of the Umpire-In-Chief are:

- A. Arrange to obtain umpires for 10-U and above games
- B. Coordinate umpire training clinics, if necessary
- C. Schedule the necessary umpires for all regular, make-up, playoff, and post-season games
- D. Track games worked by each umpire, submitting information to the Treasurer and authorizing payment of fees
- E. Obtain umpires, should the league be approached to supply umpires for any tournament game
- F. Make available any required umpire equipment at the scheduled fields prior to game time (if required)

8.10 FIELD MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR

The Field Maintenance Coordinator will be a two (2) year elected position, member of the E-Board and Protest Committee. In addition to the general duties of all league positions, the duties of the Field Maintenance Coordinator are:

- A. Inspect all ball fields prior to the start of the season for playing conditions
- B. Inspect fields before game time during inclement weather conditions, and provide input to Director as to whether or not fields are playable
- C. Periodically ensure infield is properly groomed and maintained

8.11 PLAYER DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR

The Player Development Coordinator will be a two (2) year elected position, member of the Board of Directors and Protest Committee. In addition to the general duties of all league positions, the duties of the Player Development Coordinator are:

- A. Establish and maintain guidelines for basic skills at each level: 4-U, 6-U, 8-U, 10-U, 12-U, 14-U, 16-U and 18-U or other programs as maintained by HGSL
- B. Be a resource to coaches to develop practice plans. Focus on drills to improve skills needed at each level.
- C. Set up a coaches clinic prior to the season start. Develop program, recommend indoor facility to Director and arrange instructors (from school teams, travel teams, private instructional facilities, or others).
- D. Set up player clinics prior to or early in the season. Target to hold one pitching clinic and one hitting/fielding clinic per season. Develop a program, secure location, and arrange instructors.
- E. Recommend equipment purchases for each division to enhance practices and ensure all fields are equipped with necessary equipment

8.12 EQUIPMENT MANAGER

The Equipment Manager will be a two (2) year elected position, member of the Board of Directors and Protest Committee. In addition to the general duties of all league positions, the duties of the Equipment Manager are:

- A. Request and record equipment inventories and needs from the Team Managers prior to the spring tryouts
- B. Maintain records of all league equipment
- C. Determine safety of league-provided equipment, and recommend to the Director the replacement of equipment when necessary.
- D. Apply discretion when authorizing repair or equipment rather than the purchase of new equipment and uniforms
- E. Procure and distribute uniforms, as specified for each division, and equipment to each team
- F. When requested, solicit quotes from various sports equipment and uniform outlets to determine the most favorable contract possible
- G. Coordinate with the Player Development Coordinator to ensure that all fields have the necessary equipment prior to the season
- H. Store and safeguard league equipment and uniforms during the “off-season”

8.13 COMMUNICATION COORDINATOR

Coordinate all correspondence and mailings pertaining to the league activities and functions

- A. Maintain social media sites and make postings regarding to events

8.14 TEAM MANAGER

Team Managers will be appointed by the Director. In addition to the general duties of all league positions, the duties of the Team Manager are:

- A. Conduct oneself in a manner to set a proper example for the players, as well as when working with the coaching staff and when dealing with officials during a game
- B. Sign and advocate a Sportsmanship Agreement prior to the start of each season. If agreement is not signed by all Managers and Coaches, the team cannot begin practices
- C. Assure that team players adhere to the rules, policies and regulations of the league
- D. Supervise and assume responsibility for the proper and personal conduct of the team players and coaches
- E. Participate in spring tryouts
- F. Assure league equipment and uniforms are being utilized for their intended purpose
- G. Secure field equipment after use and rake and/or drag the infield following practice/games
- H. Attend the preseason Manager's Briefing session and all General Meetings of league
- I. Participate in league fundraising programs, including coordinating team parents and others in supporting concession stands during league activities
- J. Work with players to instill good sportsmanship and competitive softball; with the emphasis not just on winning
- K. Instruct and demonstrate proper techniques of playing fastpitch softball
- L. Team Manager will contact the Coach Representative to report the score and highlights of the game (win, lose, or tie) within 48 hours of game time
- M. Submit to the Director in writing, protest of games
- N. Reschedule games and practices with the Assistant Director that have been canceled due to weather or other conflicts
- O. Attend the mandatory Manager's Pre-Season Meeting

8.15 TEAM COACHES

Team Coaches will be appointed by the Director. In addition to the general duties of all league positions, the duties of the Team Coaches are:

- A. Conduct oneself in a manner to set a proper example for the players, as well as when working with the coaching staff and when dealing with officials during a game
- B. Sign and advocate a Sportsmanship Agreement prior to the start of each season. If agreement is not signed by all Managers and Coaches, the team cannot begin practices
- C. Assure that team players adhere to the rules, policies and regulations of the league
- D. Supervise and assume responsibility for the proper and personal conduct of the team players and coaches
- E. Participate in spring tryouts
- F. Assist the Team Manager in carrying out his/her duties
- G. Attend all General Meetings of the league
- H. Participate in league fundraising programs

- I. Work with the players to instill good sportsmanship and competitive softball; with the emphasis not just on winning. The molding of good character is of prime importance.
- J. Assume the duties and responsibilities of the Team Manager when the Manager is absent.

8.16 SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

A Scholarship Committee appointed by the Director shall make recommendations to the E-Board regarding how potential scholarship funds may be awarded within the community.

8.17 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

A Capital Improvement Committee appointed by the Director shall make recommendations to the E-Board concerning potential improvements to facilities or equipment that would significantly improve the quality of play for the league members.

8.18 APPOINTED POSITIONS

The appointment of individuals to positions within the league shall be made by the Director. The Director may choose to seek inputs and opinions from other league members, but the final decision on appointments shall be made by the Director.

9 TEAM COACHING STAFF

9.1 GENERAL

- A. The team manager will have complete authority and responsibility over the team
- B. Other than the two allowed Team Coaches, additional help may be obtained when deemed necessary by the Team Manager (example: scorekeeper, team mom, alternate coaches)

9.2 MANAGER'S DISCRETION

Once a player has been placed on a team roster, that player must stay on the team except in cases of:

- A. Disciplinary action
- B. "Wake Up" actions (benching the player) by the Team Manager
- C. Regardless of circumstances, no player shall be removed from a team without the Director's approval

9.3 PLAYER DISCIPLINARY ACTION

When a persistent or significant problem with a player exists, the Team Manager's first responsibility is to inform the parents of the player's behavior, and to attempt to work with the player and her parents to correct the problem. Following this, if the problem continues, the Team Manager may consult with the Executive Board. The Executive Board will determine if the player will remain in the league. The parents of the player must be notified by the Director, Deputy Director, or Division Representative.

9.4 SUSPENSION/DISMISSAL OF TEAM MANAGER OR COACH

- A. Where Team Managers and/or Team Coaches are not adhering to league rules, and/or complaints have been registered with the league, the Director will meet with the individual(s) involved to resolve all such situations.
- B. If compliance of the rules is not met by the individual(s), or additional complaints come to the attention of the Director, the matter will be brought before the Executive Board to review and to make a decision on the appropriate corrective action.
- C. The Executive Board has the power to suspend the individual(s) where they feel it necessary. The E-Board may allow the manager or coach to remain in position after a warning; if the situation persists or if the first occurrence in itself is not enough, the Executive Board may vote for dismissal.

10 ELECTION OF LEAGUE POSITIONS

League members holding “elected” positions as defined in Table 1 shall be elected as follows:

10.1 GENERAL

- A. Filling Vacant Positions – The election of Officers to fill vacated positions or positions that *will* be vacated will take place at a meeting held in September. League officers elected in February will take office immediately.
- B. Secret Ballot – Elections may be conducted by secret ballot at the discretion of the Director or by request and agreement of the members present.
- C. All adult league members shall be entitled to vote (see Section 4) in the General Meetings. One vote per member. No individual will have more than one vote. Members must be present to vote; there is no provision for proxy voting.
- D. Ties in Voting – Winners in the election will be decided by majority vote. If necessary, ties will be voted again. If tie continues, the Director shall make the final decision.

10.2 FILLING VACANT POSITIONS

The Director has the power to fill, by appointment, any vacancy in any office between scheduled elections. An attempt shall be made to fill any vacancy within thirty (30) days and the appointment will be valid until the next scheduled election meeting.

10.3 ELECTION NOMINATION COMMITTEE

- A. Everyone nominated shall be contacted by the Committee to verify acceptance of nomination prior to placing their name on the official ballot.
- B. The Election Committee and the Secretary will prepare ballots (if requested) for the election meeting.

11 MEETINGS AND QUORUMS

- A. Special meetings may be called by the Director and/or Executive Board of the League at times and places to be determined. The Director may delegate the authority to call special meetings to a member of the Executive Board of the League. The Director will make such delegation of authority known to all members of the E-Board.
- B. A quorum to conduct business at any General Meeting of the League shall be 50% plus 1 of the Executive Board, all Team Managers, or their designated representatives.
- C. General Meeting to be held annually in February.
- D. Board Meetings to be held on a monthly basis throughout the year with the exception of spring season when meetings will be held at the discretion of the Director.
- E. Coaches' Meeting to be held at the beginning of each season at the discretion of the Director.
 - a) All teams must be represented at coaches' meetings by the Team's Manager, Coach, or representative. When a representative other than the Manager or Coach represents the team, that representative shall speak and vote for the Team's Manager.

12 PROTEST COMMITTEE

A Protest Committee shall be formed and maintained to include members as identified in Table 1 to decide on matters as follows:

- A. The Director will chair the Committee meeting.
- B. Decisions of the Protest Committee will require a majority vote of all Protest Committee members present.
- C. The Protest Committee shall hold and supervise meetings on all protests and rule interpretations.
- D. In all cases where a Committee member is directly or indirectly involved in a protest, that Committee Member will not be allowed to vote. However, that member may speak on the protest.
- E. The League Secretary will record, as appropriate, facts, actions, and conclusions of the Protest meeting, but does not vote.
- F. A quorum to conduct a Protest Committee meeting shall require attendance by fifty percent (50%) plus one (1) or more of the Protest Committee members, excluding the League Secretary.

13 REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES

- A. The Director, other elected members and persons in appointed positions, shall be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred while performing League business.
- B. Reimbursement of personal expenses other than that stated above will be entirely at the discretion of the Executive Board.

14 UMPIRE EXPENSES

Umpires will be paid a fee (negotiated on a yearly basis) for umpiring League games or a League sponsored game when approved by the Director.

15 REGISTRATION

All girls must register in order to play in the League.

- A. Cut-off date for registration will be announced by the Director. Under unusual circumstances, the Director may allow late registrations depending on the age group and numbers of available positions on teams.
- B. All registration forms must be signed by a parent or legal guardian. The parent or legal guardian must indicate any medical conditions on the registration form.
- C. The Executive Board may, by majority vote, revise registration fees.

16 PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

HGSL will follow USA Softball age guidelines. Effective August 2023, the age the player is on August 31st will determine her division placement for the upcoming fall and spring seasons.

- A. All girls 3- to 4-year old girls must play in the 4U Division.
- B. All girls 5- to 8 years of age must play in the 6-U or 8-U Division.
- C. All 9- to 10-year old girls must play in the 10-U Division.
- D. All 11- to 12-year old girls must play in the 12-U Division.
- E. All 13- to 14-year old girls must play in the 14-U Division.
- F. All 15- to 16-year old girls must play in the 16-U Division.
- G. All 17- to 18-year old girls must play in the 18-U Division.
- H. A player wishing to participate after the draft (late entry):
 - a) must be approved by the Director
 - b) will be placed on a team with the fewest number of players
 - c) if all the teams have the same number of players, placement will be by order of the draft

17 SPRING TRY-OUTS

17.1 WHO MUST TRY OUT

All players are expected to attend tryouts on an annual basis in addition to the following players that will be required to attend:

- A. All girls moving up in division must attend tryouts.
- B. All new players to the league must attend tryouts.

17.2 PLAYER PROMOTION

A player may be approved by Director and Player Development Coordinator for early advancement in to next division of play if the following circumstances are met:

- 1) the player has played one season in the lower division, with the exception if they're new to the league in which case they will be required to attend a tryout.
- 2) the player attended the upper division tryout
- 3) a team in the upper division drafts the player

If the player does not get drafted in the upper division, then that player will return to their previous team. The Executive Board may approve exceptions to this rule, upon request of a parent or guardian, on a case-by-case basis.

18 DRAFT

Draft guidelines will be determined each season by the director and player development coordinator.

19 PRACTICE FIELDS

19.1 SELECTION

Fields will be assigned at Assistant Director's discretion based upon Coach's request for practice night(s) and field availability

19.2 PRACTICE FIELD DISCLAIMER

The Hudson Girls Softball League does not condone nor authorize, either expressly or implied, team practices to be held at other than regularly scheduled league playing fields and facilities.

20 GAME SCHEDULES

Game scheduling and Playoff scheduling is determined after teams are established and in coordination with participating towns with which HGSL compete.

20.1 4U Division

A. The 4-U Division was established to allow girls ages 4 and under the opportunity to be exposed to recreational softball in the style of a parent/child play group.

20.2 6U Division

A. The intent and function of the 6-U Division will consider playing games provided HGSL and/or participating towns have additional 6U teams.

B. There will be one (1) activity per week, with a maximum of two (2) activities if the prior week's activity was canceled due to weather.

20.2 8-U DIVISION

A. There will be two (2) activities per week, with a maximum of three (3) activities if the prior week's activity was canceled due to weather.

20.3 10-U, 12-U, 14-U, 16U & 18U DIVISION

A. There will be three (3) activities per week, with a maximum of four (4) activities if the prior week's activity was canceled due to weather.

21 AWARDS

The following guidelines will be used when issuing trophies, and other awards deemed appropriate by the Executive Board. Any awards bestowed on a team and/or team member by a private donor or donors must be presented at a non-Hudson Girls Softball League event.

21.1 ALL DIVISIONS

Awards shall be given to all players in all divisions. The specific type of award (trophies, medals, plaques, etc.) will be selected by the Board of Directors. Additional awards can be determined on a seasonal basis by the Board of Directors.

22 PLAYING RULES

The Official USA Softball Fast Pitch Rules shall apply. An annual “HGSL Game Rules Addendum” will be issued to all coaches and available on the league website prior to the start of each season.

ADDENDUM

TABLE OF LEAGUE POSITIONS

Board Position	Term	Year of Vote	Member	Email	Member Since
Director	2	2024	Becky Radziewicz	hgsl.becky@gmail.com	2014
Assistant Director	1	2023	Mandy Powers	hgsl.mandy@gmail.com	2019
Treasurer	2	2024	Mike MacDonald	hgsltreasurer@gmail.com	2022
Secretary	1	2023	Sammie Fay	hgsl.sammie@gmail.com	2023
Equipment Manager	2	2024	Amy Simberg	amysimberg@gmail.com	2023
Coach Representative	1	2023	Lisa Censabella	lmarie1212@yahoo.com	2022
Fundraising Coordinator	2	2024	Meg Radziewicz	hgsl.fundraising@gmail.com	2015
Umpire in Chief	1	2023	Stacy Ducharme	hgsl.uic@gmail.com	2022
Travel Team Representative	2				
Field Maintenance Coordinator	1	2024	Pete Radziewicz	hudsonheatsoftball@gmail.com	2014
Player Development Coordinator	2	2023	Daphne Harne	hgsl.daphne@gmail.com	2022
Communication Coordinator	1	2023	Tricia Jette-Gonthier	t.jettegonthier@gmail.com	2019

ADDENDUM

TIMELINE OF EVENTS

THIS IS A SUGGESTED TIMELINE WHICH DOES NOT FALL UNDER BY-LAW RULES TO MAKE CHANGES. CHANGES TO THIS TIMELINE OF EVENTS MAY BE MADE AS NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN CONSISTENT FLOW OF THE LEAGUE AS A WHOLE.

Date	Task
January 1st	Spring Registration Opens
January	Board Meeting
January	HGSL Insurance Renewal is Due February 1st
January (Second Week)	Order Heat Game Uniforms
January	Secure HMS Gym for Clinics
January (Second Friday)	Sponsorship Forms Mailed Out
February	General Board Meeting
February 1st	HGSL Insurance is Due
February (Mid Month)	Board Members Visit Local Businesses for Sponsorship
February (Beginning)	Review/Update and Order Copies of Coach Handbook
February (Mid Month)	Schedule Team Photo Night
February/March	Hold Clinics at HMS
March	Board Meeting
March (First Week)	Submit Field Usage Application to HSD for Spring
March (Mid Month)	Equipment Manager Inventory Supplies and Sort Equipment for Spring Teams
March (Mid Month)	Open HGSL Clothing Store
March (Third Friday)	Spring Registration Closes
March (Third Friday)	Sponsorship Forms Due
March (Last Saturday)	Tryouts & Draft
March (Following Tryouts)	Order HGSL Uniforms
March (Last Week)	Coaches' Meeting
April (First Saturday)	Field Clean Up
April (First Monday)	Spring Practices Begin
April	Last Board Meeting till Sept
April (Last Weekend)	Spring Games Begin
April (Last Weekend)	14U Just Play It Jamboree
May (First Weekend)	12U Just Play It Jamboree

May (First Week)	Team Photo Night (Kiwanis or HMS Cafe)
May (Second Weekend)	10U Just Play It Jamboree
May	Invitations Sent for HGSL Party
May (Second Week)	Trophy Order is Placed through Crown Trophy
June (Last Week)	HGSL Party
June (Third Weekend)	Spring Games End
June (Last Weekend)	Barbara Hamilton 10U & 12U
June/July	Set Up Fall Registration in Sports Connect
June/July	Schedule Heat Tryouts
July (Fourth Week)	Fall Registration Opens
July (Fourth Week)	Submit Field Usage Application to HSD for Fall
July (Last Weekend)	Barbara Hamilton 18U, 18+ & 14U
August (Second Week)	Fall Registration Closes
August (Second Week)	Order Fall HGSL Uniforms
August (Second Week)	Heat Registration Opens
August (Fourth Week)	Email League Invitation for General Meeting in September
August (Fourth Week)	Fall Practices Begin
August (Fourth Week)	Order Heat Practice Jerseys
September (First Weekend After Labor Day)	Fall Games Begin
September	General Board Meeting / Voting
September	Order Heat Helmets/Bat Bags
September	Release Calendar Fundraiser
September	Toys for Tots Jamboree
October	Board Meeting; All Proposed By-Law Changes Must Be Submitted
October (Last Weekend)	Fall Games End
November	Board Meeting
November/December	Set Up Spring Registration in Sports Connect