

**CHUBBUCK SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION  
BYLAWS**

The Chubbuck Softball Association is governed by the American Softball Association (ASA). All policies specified herein are for adding to, or emphasizing, rules listed in the Official ASA/USA Rule Books issued to each team at the beginning of the season.

**LEAGUE ORGANIZATION**

1. City of Chubbuck (Governing Body)
  - A. Mayor or Mayor’s Desginee
  - B. Parks and Recreation Superintendent/Director
  - C. League Commissioners

1. League President	Votes in case of tie	Ralph Daniels
2. Commissioner	Voting Member	Bruce Palmer
3. Commissioner	Voting Member	Jay Ferguson
4. Commissioner	Voting Member	Lena Permann
5. Commissioner	Voting Member	Krista Winn
6. Commissioner	Voting Member	Tisha Coverdell
7. Commissioner	Voting Member	Anne Butler
8. Commissioner	Voting Member	Jeff Barfuss
9. Commissioner	Voting Member	Andy Thomas
10. Commissioner	Voting Member	Dustin McNulty
11 .City Representative	Ex-Officio(non voting)	Scott Ferro
  - D. League

1. 10U	Ages 8, 9 and 10 (age January 1)
2. 12U	Ages 11 and 12 (age January 1)
3. 14U	Ages 13 and 14 (age January 1)
2. If a situation exists where there is a question or disagreement about the intent of a bylaw, due to typographical errors, omissions or improper wordings, the commission shall clarify the intent of the bylaw as to keep the best interest of the league intact. This decision will be transmitted in writing to all affected coaches and the bylaw in question will be changed or amended.
3. Any person wishing to propose a rule change shall make such proposal in writing and submit it to the league commissioners prior to the meeting held before the beginning of the season.

4. The Chubbuck Softball organization shall require a mandatory coaches meeting be held one week prior to League tournament for the purpose of electing commissioners. In the event a commissioner quits or is relieved of their responsibilities in the current season, the next season Commissioner/League President will be put into that vacancy.

## **REGISTRATION**

5. Annual registration shall be held in the spring on dates set forth by the league President and commissioners. The President and commissioners shall be responsible for organization of the registration.
6. A seasonal fee shall be administered against all players in 10U, 12U, 14U leagues.
7. Refunds will not be given after the first game of the season or as directed by league commission.
8. No boys will be allowed to play in the Chubbuck Girls Softball League.

## **COACHES**

9. It shall be the duty of league commissioners to review applicants for coaching positions, reinstall previous coaches and select new coaches. Head coaches will be selected on a yearly basis. Coaches may be removed for disciplinary reasons or as requested for personal reasons. Head coaches must be at least 18 years old.
10. Prior to the second coaches meeting held before the draft, Head Coaches, if they desire, may declare one assistant coach. In order for the league to recognize and approve this appointment, the assistant coach must verify to the commission their willingness and desire to serve as assistant coach for that team. All assistant coaches will actively participate in the coaching of the team and assist in coaching 100% of the regular season games. Should a declared and approved assistant coach not fully participate in the coaching of the team, at the discretion of the commission, the declared assistant coaches daughter may be prohibited from participating in the league tournament.
11. League commissioners will not be bound by previous coaches selecting new coaches to take over their teams. Juggling of head coach positions to take advantage of automatic drafts will not be permitted. When a head coach resigns, it will be the responsibilities of the commissioners to assign a head coach that will be fair and equitable to the league.

Any commissioner wishing to coach will be given preference above someone who is not a commissioner.

12. Assistant coaches must be at least 15 years old and too old to play in the league. Any assistant coach under the age of 18 must wear a helmet any time they are coaching on the field.
13. Children of head coaches will automatically be placed on their teams unless it is requested that they not be. They will be placed in the last available draft spots other than the last two rounds. Children of declared and approved assistant coaches will automatically be placed on their team unless it is requested that they not be.
14. Coaches shall not harass players in such a manner as to encourage players to quit the current year or not return during the following year. Coaches found to be doing so will be removed from their coaching position by the league commission.
15. All coaches, assistant coaches, commissioners, and adult helpers that assist with teams are required to pass a background check. Forms may be obtained from the league president. Final appointment of coaches shall be at the discretion of the league commission.
16. The use of alcohol, drugs, or tobacco by coaches, players, assistant coaches, etc are not allowed at any time during games, on the field, or at practices.
17. Coaches are financially responsible for all equipment issued to them each season. Also, including, but not limited to the equipment scheduled for, such as the batting cage and pitching machines. NEVER LEAVE THE EQUIPMENT UNATTENDED. PITCHING MACHINES ARE TO BE OPERATED ONLY BY COACHES. Coaches who use pitching machines or batting cages are responsible to return it to the shed in good condition. Failure to do so will result in loss of privilege of using equipment. Second offense will result in being removed from coaching position.
18. Coaches are responsible to ensure that all players are properly attired to play softball. This includes batting helmets with masks and chin straps worn at proper times and proper catching equipment for catchers.

### **TRYOUTS**

19. Tryout sessions shall be conducted in the presence of head coaches, at which time, every candidate will have the opportunity to run, throw, bat and catch a ball.

20. Any player that does not make it to two nights of drafts or whom stays with only a single coach during the tryouts, will be a hat pick at the drafts ( EXCEPT when only one night of tryouts is held.)
21. All players that attend tryouts must be drafted. They cannot return to the team that they were on previous year unless they are picked by that same coach at drafts.
22. If a player chooses to return to the draft, they can be picked by the same team they were released from, unless requested by a parent. All new players and players moving up into the next division must try out.
23. Sisters may be placed on the same team without loss of draft pick. One will be placed in the last available draft spot other than the last two rounds.
24. No one is allowed to play up into the 12U or 14U divisions. All players must play in their age divisions. No one younger than 8 on January 1 will be allowed to play in the 10U division.

#### **DRAFT**

25. Draft selection shall be determined by the placement of the teams in the regular league standing from the previous year. Therefore, the last place team will draft first, the next to the last place team will draft second, and so on. In the case of a tie in regular season play, the first tie breaker is head-to-head meeting; the second tie breaker is a coin flip.
26. If an expansion team is needed, they will draft first and then drafts will continue in the order of the previous year league standing.
27. Each player drafted shall remain a member of that team for the balance of their eligibility in the league division unless they choose to go back through the draft.
28. Once players have been selected for the current season, they may be released only for disciplinary reasons and then only with the approval of league commission. Coaches have the responsibility of notifying players, parents and commission when any player is subject to removal for disciplinary reasons. Such releases must have the approval of the league commission.
29. If a team is dropped from the league, all returning players from that team will reenter the draft. If they fail to show up at tryouts, they will become a hat picks.

30. The draft will be held after tryouts for that league. Only commissioners and head coaches will be at the draft. The time and location will be determined by the league commissioners.
31. The number of rounds will be determined by the number of total players signed up for the league, divided by the number of teams in the league, then rounded up to the next highest number.
32. Automatic players are filled in by name and age starting with the third to the last round (total rounds in draft minus 2) and going up, until all automatic players are filled in for each team. Automatic players are coaches children and return players.
33. Any coach who has declared, and the league approved, a specific person as an assistant coach, the assistant coach's child will take the place of the first round draft pick of the age group of the declared assistant coaches daughter-player. If a head coach and assistant coach have coached two consecutive years together they may continue and the assistant coach's child shall be considered a returning player.
34. Each team will draw a number out of a hat starting with the previous years last place team (or expansion team) up to the first place team. This number is the order for selecting hat picks and for assigning new signed players to teams throughout the season. When it is time for hat pick rounds, the teams will select a player and if they don't have room for a player, their number is skipped and the next number will select a player.
35. Each team will be given a first round draft pick. You must pick a first year player except in 10U you may pick an 8 or 9 year old. After first round picks are completed in order, we will draft second year players on a team. If it is a team's turn to pick, and that team has more second year players than the team selecting before them, that team will be skipped until their next turn to select. This will continue until all second year players are selected, except for second year hat picks. No more than eight players of any one age will be allowed on a team.
36. Second year hat picks are selected next. Starting in order determined by the pre-draw teams will select second year hat picks. If it is a team's turn to select, and they have more second year players than the team selecting before them, they are skipped over. This will continue until all second year players are selected to teams.
37. Draft continues with selection of the remaining first year players. Starting with the team receiving first pick in the draft, in order, will select first year players. This will continue until all players are selected with the exception of first year hat picks.

38. First year hat picks are selected next, starting where they left off after the second year hat picks.
39. This hat pick order will continue during the season, assigning new players to teams so that the number of players on each team remains as equal as possible. NO COACH WILL BE ALLOWED TO JUST ADD A PLAYER TO THEIR TEAM.

### **GAME**

40. All games will be played on scheduled dates unless cancelled by the umpire just prior to game time, or during a game, based on poor weather or other circumstances that he/she deems necessary.
41. Both teams must be present and may not assume a game is cancelled due to weather. Failure to field a full team could result in forfeit of the game.
42. The league commission may cancel games at any time if necessary and coaches will be notified at least one day prior to rescheduling.
43. Postponed games will be rescheduled if possible. These make-up games can be scheduled to occur on a day of the week when no games are scheduled or on Friday.
44. All games must start at the scheduled time. Have your full team at the field and your score books and written line-up completed 15 minutes before game time.
45. A team failing to field at least eight uniformed players within 10 minutes after the scheduled game time shall forfeit the game.
46. No new inning will begin after 65 minutes for 12U and 14U. No new innings after 55 minutes in 10U. Please hurry players on and off the field quickly as to increase number of innings played.
47. The ten run rule will be used for all games in the 10U, 12U and 14U division after the 4<sup>th</sup> inning.
48. In all divisions 10U, 12U and 14U each player will be listed on the batting roster and have a turn to bat even if they are not playing in the field. Coaches will be allowed to change defensive players as needed because they will already be listed on the roster.
49. In all divisions, teams have an 8 run or 3 out rule per inning. You can bat through your lineup until you have 8 runs or 3 outs, at that time it will become the other teams turn to bat. In 10U, 12U and 14U you can play with 8 players, but 9<sup>th</sup> batter is an automatic out.

You can not play with less than 8 players. Fielding less than 8 players will result in a forfeit. You are only allowed to pickup 1 player to field a team of 9.

50. In 10U, 12 U and 14U games can only be played with 9 players if more players are not available and it will not result in an automatic out.
51. The 10U division may play 10 fielders. However, if only one team has only nine players they may play 9, and will not receive an out for the 10<sup>th</sup> player. All players will be listed on the batting roster even if they are not playing in the field. Under this condition, if an injury occurs leaving a spot in the batting lineup that turn at bat will be an automatic out unless agreed on by both coaches and the umpire at the time of the injury.
52. In the 10U division the dropped 3<sup>rd</sup> strike does not apply. You may only steal 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> base. You may not steal home, and can only advance to home if you are walked in or hit in.
53. Because all players will be on the batting roster if a player needs to leave a game early, arrangements must be made before the game with the opposing coach and the umpire and be noted in the score book to not have to take an automatic out in the players batting spot. Any other missing of batting order will result in an automatic out.
54. Home team has the 3<sup>rd</sup> base dugout. Visitors have the 1<sup>st</sup> base dugout. Home team of the first game is responsible to set out bases. Home team of the second game is responsible to put away bases. Each team is responsible to make sure all dugouts are left clean and free from water bottles, paper, and wrappers, etc.
55. Players AND COACHES are to remain in their dugout during games unless players are on deck or a coach's team is up to bat. Any coach, whose team is in the field, is to remain in the dugout to do their coaching, not on the field.

## **PLAYING**

56. All players must play at least 35-40 minutes of each game. Put your subs in based on this time frame. Please consider equal playing time for all players. Rotating players every inning is a good way to make sure everyone plays.
57. A coach is not bound by the minimum playing time for a player if disciplinary action is deemed necessary and approved by a league commissioner.
58. Bat throwing by a batter will not be tolerated. 1<sup>st</sup> offense is a warning, next offense is an out, with the third violation the player will be ejected from the game.

59. For their protection, and that of other league players, no player can be on the field in a cast, brace or other similar medical implement.
60. Home team is to provide the official score keeper and to make sure that the same person keeps score the entire game. Score keeper must record start time of the games in the score book.

### **PROTESTS**

61. There will be no protests allowed on judgment calls.
62. When protests are based on interpretation of the rules, the protesting coach must, at the time the play occurs and prior to the next legal pitch, notify the umpire that the game is being continued under protest. This needs to be followed up by a notation in the score book of the inning, batter, etc in which the protest was made. The coach then has 24 hours to submit a written copy of the protest to the league commissioners. All official protests will be ruled on within one week. All games ruled in favor of the protesting team will be replayed from the point of the protest. If the league President or a commissioner is involved in a protest they will not be allowed to vote on the protest.
63. In the event of a protest, score books from both teams involved in the protest must be turned into the League President immediately following the game.

### **EQUIPMENT & UNIFORMS**

64. All players must have matching uniform shirts with a number on the back. It is the responsibility of the coach to find a sponsor or have parents pay for uniforms. Failure to have uniform shirts will result in forfeit of the game. All teams must have uniforms by the first week of games.
65. Catchers must wear protective headgear and mask while warming up the pitcher. Any other players designated to warm up the pitchers must also wear protective gear headgear and mask. This includes games and practices.
66. All helmets, whether provided by the league or the parents are required to have a face mask and chin strap. Players, or any other minors, must wear protective headgear while at bat, base running, base coaching or entering the field for any reason during play. Any player who removes their helmet intentionally will be called out. If a players helmet falls

off during base running, time will be called when the player reaches base for them to put their helmet back on.

67. Metal cleats are not allowed in Girls Softball.
68. No equipment throwing or kicking. First offense: called out. Second offense: suspended from the game. Abusing of equipment will not be tolerated and can result in reimbursement to the league and/or loss of player/coaching eligibility.
69. Any player or coach caught throwing or damaging equipment belonging to Chubbuck Softball may be suspended from the league upon review by the commission.
70. **Hitting softballs into the backstop (soft toss) will not be allowed.** Only wiffle balls will be allowed to be hit into the backstop.

### **SPORTSMANSHIP**

71. Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated by players, coaches, parents or other such spectators. Therefore, the umpire, league commissioners, or league president has the right to eject any player, coach, parent or spectator that he/she deems as a hindrance to the continuation of a sportsmanlike game. Should the person directed to leave remain on the field, it will result in forfeiture of the game for the team with which the person is associated.
72. League officials reserve the right to suspend or call a game forfeit because of parental harassment, foul language or unsportsmanlike conduct. The team whose parents are causing the disturbance will forfeit whether winning or losing. It is the coach's responsibility to help control the parents of the players on their team.

### **TOURNAMENTS**

73. All rules that applied during the regular season will also apply during the tournament except that you may not borrow players to field a full team.

### **Amendments:**

- Article 1.C., amended 4/2012
- Article 10, amended 4/2012
- Article 15, amended 4/2012