

**Article I – Name of League**

The name of this league shall be the Herndon Reston Youth Softball (HRYS) League. The name of this League may not be used in any manner unless expressed or written permission is given by the HRYS Officers.

**Article II – Purpose of League**

The purpose for which HRYS is organized is to develop and operate a softball program for girls 5-18 years old. In conjunction with such purposes, the objective of HRYS is that through the medium of a supervised, competitive softball program this league will seek to offer opportunities for girls of all abilities to build self-confidence, leadership skills, sportsmanship, fitness levels, and lay a foundation for higher play.

**Article III – Area of Operations**

The principal operations of HRYS shall be in and about, but not limited to, the greater Herndon/Reston geographic areas of Fairfax County, VA.

**Article IV – Powers of League**

HRYS shall have the following powers in addition to the powers expressly or implicitly conferred on it by law.

1. To make and enforce rules and regulations to govern itself on a local basis, consistent with our partnership with the Loudoun County Softball Alliance (LCSA).
2. Solicit contributions on behalf of HRYS.
3. Enter into contracts for materials and services on behalf of HRYS.
4. Procure property and materials on behalf of the HRYS.

**Article V – Eligibility**

HRYS is open to all girls ages 5-18 as of January 1 (one) of the current calendar year desiring to participate in Softball and are eligible according to the rules and guidelines established by HRYS, unless otherwise approved by the Commissioner or Vice Commissioner.

**Article VI – The Board**

*A. Board Members*

1. The Board shall consist of the Officers of the organization. The Officers of the organization shall consist of:
  - a. Executive Committee:
    1. Commissioner
    2. Vice Commissioner
    3. Secretary
    4. Treasurer

- b. Various Officer positions, as deemed necessary, and as defined by the Board, including:
  1. Registrar
  2. Field Coordinator
  3. Equipment Manager
  4. Coach Coordinator

*B. Term of Office*

Each Officer’s position will be for a two year term as determined by the calendar year ended. Even year-ended years are 2020, 2022, 2024. Odd ended years are 2019, 2021, 2023. Expirations for the league officers are as follows:

1. Commissioner – even year end
2. Vice Commissioner – odd year end
3. Secretary – even year end
4. Treasurer – odd year end
5. Registrar – even year end
6. Field Coordinator - even year end
7. Equipment Manager – odd year end
8. Coach Coordinator – odd year end

*C. Vacancies*

Any board member who resigns or vacates a position prior to the expiration of his/her elected term shall be replaced by a person selected by the Commissioner and approved by the league Officers for the remaining term. A vacancy of the Commissioner will be selected by a Special Board meeting at the first monthly Board meeting after the Commissioner resigns.

**Article VII – Additional Board Members**

*A. Head Coaches*

In addition to the league officers described in Article VI, each Head Coach selected by the league officers to manage a team for HRYS will become a board member in the Season in which he/she manages a team for HRYS. This board appointment expires at the beginning of the following Season as defined by the initial coach’s meeting.

*B. Members at Large*

In addition to the league officers described in Article VI, other members may become Members at Large by appointment by the commissioner as he/she deems appropriate.

**Article VIII – Committees**

The Commissioner may appoint such other committees as he/she shall deem appropriate. These other committees may be, but are not limited to, Publicity, Spirit Wear, and Local Schools Liaisons, webmaster, Umpire-In-Chief, Sponsorship Coordinator & Clinic Coordinator.



**Article IX – Meetings**

*A. Regular Monthly Meetings*

1. Regular monthly meetings of the HRYS Officers shall be held at any suitable and convenient location as may be designated by the HRYS Commissioner on the second Sunday of each month at 8:00 pm unless that Sunday is part of a holiday weekend. In such cases, the meeting will be moved to the next non-holiday Sunday evening. The members of the HRYS Officers may also transact any other HRYS business as may properly come before them.
2. Notices of regular meetings shall be served upon the members by the HRYS Secretary by mail and web posting.
3. If circumstances arise that prevent an HRYS Officer from attending a scheduled meeting, the HRYS commissioner may move the time of the monthly meeting to accommodate the majority of the board members.
4. These meetings will be open to any HRYS Member, or anyone specifically invited by the board.

*B. Annual Meeting*

1. An annual meeting of all board members will be held for the specific purpose of electing HRYS officers and any amendments to the league Charter or By-Laws.
2. This meeting will be held on the second Sunday in December each calendar year.
3. This meeting will be open to any HRYS member but all eligible board members, as defined in this Charter, are required to attend.

*C. Special Meetings*

1. A special meeting of the HRYS Officers may be called by the HRYS Commissioner or Vice Commissioner at any time.
2. Any three or more members of HRYS Officers may petition the HRYS Commissioner to call a special meeting to propose new actions to be taken by the HRYS Officers or to redirect actions previously taken by the HRYS Officers.
3. Notice of such a special meeting, specifically stating the purpose for calling the meeting, shall be served upon the members by the HRYS Secretary before the date set for the special meeting.

4. Normally, no business shall be transacted at a special meeting except as specifically set forth in the notice concerning the meeting.

*D. Quorum*

1. As the first order of business at any regular or special meeting the HRYS Vice Commissioner shall determine the number of voting members present. This action will be performed through the calling of the roll of the HRYS Officers. No proxies or absentee ballots shall be permitted at any meeting of the HRYS Officers.
2. Monthly meeting quorum - 20% of Officers present.
3. Special meeting quorum - 50% of Officers present.
4. Annual meeting quorum 60% of Officers present
5. As appropriate, votes may be taken virtually (by phone or e-mail) when the situation dictates.
6. Noting that a quorum is necessary to do business at HRYS Monthly Meetings, the Commissioner may request the resignation of any HRYS Officer who is absent habitually without excuse from three or more consecutive Board Meetings.

