

TYRA By-Laws

Mission Statement

Thornville Youth Recreation Association is a nonprofit organization run by volunteers to promote youth baseball and t-ball in the Thornville area. It is open to all youth meeting the age requirement. It is the purpose of TYRA to demonstrate and promote the concepts of team participation, spirit of competitiveness, and fair play both on and off the field by the players, coaches, officials, family and fans alike. TYRA shall take whatever steps necessary to provide an opportunity to participate to any child regardless of physical ability, ethnic background, or financial resources. A Board of Directors, as set forth in Article II, shall govern the operations of the TYRA program in all matters.

Certification

By this notice the Board of Directors of the Thornville Youth Recreation Association Program, does hereby certify the following to be a true and correct copy of the Bylaws of this organization as set on January 12, 2016.

The TYRA Board of Directors reserves the right to modify, add, or delete any portion thereof to conform to TYRA modifications with a majority vote.

Article I – Name

The name of this league will be “Thornville Youth Recreation Association” (TYRA)

Article II- Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall consist of up to five officers and up to three trustees but will consist of an odd number. The president and vice president will be elected. The secretary, treasurer, and baseball steward will be appointed by the two elected officers. An officer may hold more than one position if there are not enough people to fill all positions except the president and vice president cannot also hold the treasury position and an officer cannot hold a trustee position. There are no time limits on serving in an officer or trustee position. The Board of directors may vote out any officer by a majority vote if a major issue arises. The term of the officers will begin after the annual pool party and continue until the next annual pool party, a 12 month term.

Any officer vacancy shall be filled by majority vote of the Board of Directors. The person elected will serve out the duration of the term.

All major issues concerning the disbursement of money over the amount of \$200 must be voted on by the officers at either a formal meeting or by email/text correspondence, except those monies spent for concession stand food items, uniforms, and operating expenses. If disagreements arise among the officers or if a parent(s) have an issue with an officer then the board members will step in.

Board of Directors:

Up to 3 Trustees
President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Baseball Steward

Officers:

President
Vice President
Treasurer
Secretary
Baseball Steward

All the officers will work together and share information among each other so they can work as a team. They will help each other out as needed. All officers are ranked equally. They will all aid in distributing sponsor letters, help with fund-raising efforts, help with sign-ups, and do other general league events. The officers will work together to get uniforms ordered and distributed for the upcoming season.

The responsibilities and duties of each officer are outlined as follows:

President:

Solely has executive power to rule on any “non-major” issue concerning baseball. Will attend the council meetings to secure the fields. He/she will meet with the presidents of Glenford and Somerset to set the rules for the year, determine the location of tournaments, and what all-stars team each town will sponsor. He/she will distribute this information to all the other officers. He/she will seek out qualified umpires for the league baseball games and make sure that all baseball games have umpires for them. The President will make sure coaches have a copy of the rule book as well as the umps.

Vice President:

Will assist the president and will act in his or her absence.

Treasurer:

Will prepare and maintain financial records of TYRA. Shall account for and secure all funds from sign-ups, team sponsorships, fundraisers, and umpires. Maintains the checking account and prepares reports on all income and expenses. Will complete or make sure the 990-N or 990-EZ tax form is completed each year.

Secretary:

Maintains files on all correspondence involving TYRA. He/she will take minutes at all meetings. The secretary will create and have registration forms for sign-ups, will get information about sign-ups out to the community, and will create the sponsor letter. He/she will get copies of the registration forms to the coaches as well as create the team rosters. The secretary will also assist the treasurer and will be a signer on the financial account.

Baseball Steward:

A person who looks after meetings and/or discrepancies.

A concession stand manager will also be appointed but will not hold an officer role.

Concession Stand Manager (CSM):

He/she will oversee the stocking of the concession stand. The manager will create a schedule for working in the concession stand and will secure workers whether they are paid youth or volunteer. The CSM will ensure that the concession stand is stocked. She/he will oversee the preparation of food products to be sold

If the CSM so chooses, he/she can receive reimbursement for mileage incurred picking up supplies to stock the concession stand following the current IRS standard mileage rate for a charitable organization.

Article III – Meetings

Meetings will be held at least twice a year and will be set as needed. A Nov/Dec meeting should be held to prepare a preliminary schedule for council and at least a meeting in January and July.

Article IV - Coaches

The coaching staff of TYRA shall consist of a head coach for each team. The league will provide 3 coach shirts and hats for the team. All other assistant coaches will have an option to purchase shirts and hats if so desired.

All coaches and their staff shall maintain acceptable conduct as an adult for the development of impressionable youth. Coaches are a direct reflection of our league. Public outbursts are subject to discipline. Head coaches should report all children who quit to the commissioner. If the coach is ordering the team shirts then it needs to be done in a timely manner and they need to be distributed before the picture date.

Article V – Players' Fees

The officers will establish a participation fee for each year for each player who is registered. Certified birth certificates will be required upon request.

Article V1 - Practice Schedule

A practice schedule will be set up and agreed upon by the baseball commissioner and softball commissioner.

Article VII –Rules

Baseball and T/Ball will follow the guidelines set by the meeting of the towns.

Article VIII – Equipment

It is the responsibility of the parent to purchase approved baseball equipment for their child with the exception of a heart guard and catcher's equipment. TYRA will provide a game shirt and hat for all players for the season. Equipment given to the coaches must be turned in at the end of the season.

Article VIII – Disciplinary Action

All persons associated with TYRA are subject to the rules and regulations of the by-laws. Any person involved with this league violating any of the by-laws or participating in any action deemed detrimental to the operation or best interest of the organization, may receive a warning, probationary period, suspension for a deemed period, or a full termination.

Article X- Complaint Procedures

If a person has a complaint, address it with the head coach. This should be done 24 hours after a practice or game and away from the kids. If this does not work then a complaint shall be filed with the baseball steward, who will act at his/her discretion to mediate the situation at hand. If the party is not satisfied, then a written appeal maybe brought before the board members.