

T-Ball Division Rules

10" soft pink ball must be used.

1. All games are scheduled for 1 1/2 hour time limit.
2. The first 5 games will be hitting from a T Stand. The remaining 5 games will involve coach soft pitch to a batter if the batter is capable. Otherwise use the batting T for the player.
3. No stealing, No leading, No bunting, No walks.
4. Coach pitch as close or far as required for the individual batter.
5. All fielders on defense, no catcher. 4/5 outfielders on edge of the grass.
6. Teams must bat entire roster.
7. All batters must wear helmets with cage guard and chin straps. Players are encouraged to wear fielding masks and heart guards.

MINOR DIVISION RULES

11" Yellow Dreamseam ball is used

1. All Minor Division games are scheduled for 6 innings or a 1 1/2 hour time limit.
2. First ½ hour can be dedicated to training stations with the girls if you chose. Otherwise you may play a game for the full time allotted.
3. No stealing, No leading, No bunting, No walks, no dropped third strike and no infield fly.
4. Coach pitch – 8 pitches per batter(if 8th pitch is fouled off, batter continues to hit).
5. Second half of season girls will pitch 4 pitches to batter; hitter will try to hit girl pitch. If unable, Coach will come in and to throw 6 pitches.

The MTGSA Executive Board has put a mandatory pitchers face guard rule in place for all games and practices. All players taking the mound during a game or in practice setting facing hitters are required to wear a face guard without exception.

6. 3 outs or 6 batters – then switch sides.
7. Coach pitch one foot in front of 35 ft. pitching rubber if possible. Move closer if necessary.
8. 10 fielders on defense, 4 outfielders must be on the outfield grass.
9. All team must bat entire roster during game.
10. There will be a player catcher receiving the pitches during all innings.
11. All batters must wear helmets with protective cage and chin straps when batting. Players are encouraged to wear fielding masks and heart guards.

MAJOR DIVISION RULES

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In an effort to ensure a learning environment that is fun and safe, the following rules will apply to the MTGSA Gidget Division.

1. All Major Division games are scheduled for 6 innings or a 1:45 hour time limit- No new inning will start after 1 hr 20 mins of play. Weather related games would be resumed at the last inning played and remaining time left. Drop Dead Rule at 1:45 hours. Score will then revert to end of the previous inning. Games in league play can end in a tie.

1a. ASA regulations, the mercy rules may be applied if your team is winning or losing by 12 or more runs after five complete innings or 4.5 innings if the home team is leading.

2. The following will terminate each half inning with the exception of the 6th inning.

a. 3 outs

b. 4 runs (In the 6th inning runs are unlimited)

c. If it is determined that the game will not go 6 innings due to the time limit, the last inning played will follow the 6th inning rule for runs. – This MUST be announced by Umpire prior to the start of last inning to be played. Unlimited runs last inning. Managers should watch the clock during game.

3. Pitchers are limited to 2 innings per game. The innings do not have to be consecutive. If a pitcher is inserted into a game in the middle of an inning that will count as a complete inning. In other words, one pitch equals a full inning of work.

a. The pitcher must start her motion with one foot on the rubber. A maximum of one step is permitted – 35ft for Gidgets

b. 3 walks per half inning. Once a pitcher has walked 3 batters, no other walks will be issued. A coach will pitch to every batter there after that reaches 4 balls by the pitcher in their count until the end of the inning. During coach pitch, batter will receive only 3 pitches and must hit or will be called out after the third pitch. Batter cannot be called out on a foul ball. No walks will be allowed.

c. HBP (a batter hit by pitch does not count as a walk charged to the pitcher and the batter takes first base)

d. 3 hit batters in one inning or 5 hit batters during a pitchers course of work and the pitcher must be replaced. The batter must make every effort to avoid the pitch.

4. Fielding - Up to 10 players may play in the field, however, we must maintain a traditional infield defense- pitcher, catcher, 1st base, 2nd base, 3rd base and shortstop. All other players must play the outfield and must be on the outfield grass until the ball is put in play. 15 minute delayed grace period to start game if under 8 players.

Mouth guards should be worn by all fielders.

4a. All players must bat.

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practices. All players taking the mound during a game or in practice setting facing hitters are required to wear a face guard without exception.

5. A defensive coach must be behind the umpire to help with passed balls. (Against the fence). There will be no coaching from behind the umpire whatsoever .

6. A batter may advance as far as they can on hits. Runners as well.

7. Stealing- A runner may attempt to steal from 2nd base to 3rd base only. No leading - runner remains on the base until the ball is released by pitcher.

8. Bunting is allowed. Batter showing bunt must either bunt or pull back. No fake bunts.

9. Runners may take extra bases on an overthrow or until ball is back in pitchers circle. No advancement on a dead ball.

9a. No Infield Fly Rule in this division.

9b No dropped third strike rule. Batter is out. No advancement.

9c. Runner hit by batted ball: Runner is automatically out. No runners on base may advance unless forced to by batter taking first base.

10. All batters must wear a helmet with a face mask and chin strap attached – NO EXCEPTIONS. Players are encouraged to wear fielding masks and heart guards.

11. In an effort to avoid any conflict, both managers should ensure the Plate Umpire has a copy of these rules. The Umpire has the final call! There will be no contact with the Cadet umpires. **Section 14.1 Division Rules**

Major Division Pitching Rules

1. The pitching rubber is 35 ft. for pitchers 10U eligible and under with all other pitchers must pitch from the 40 ft rubber. No pitcher should ever be outside the pitching circle at start of motion. A PROTECTIVE PITCHERS MASK MUST BE WORN BY PITCHERS at all times.

2. Pitchers cannot pitch more than 7 innings per week (playoffs unlimited). If a team plays 3 games in one week, the number of innings they can pitch increases to 10. Managers must keep pitchers innings totals in book for each game. Books can be checked at the beginning of the game by the opposing manager if requested. If this rule is violated, the offending team will forfeit the game. Game week runs from Sunday – Saturday.

3. No intentional walks are allowed.

4. One (1) trip by the manager or coach per inning to the mound. A second (2nd) trip to the mound will result in a pitching change. Injury trips are not counted.

5. Once the pitcher leaves the game; she can be reinserted as a pitcher again one time if she has not exceeded her weekly pitch limit.

6. At the discretion of the umpire, a pitcher may be removed from the game if she consistently hits batters. This is a judgment call by the umpire.

7. One (1) foot must be on the pitching rubber at release. Back foot must remain in contact with the ground upon release.

8. The pitchers first motion must be towards the plate.

9. No balks will be called.

10. An illegal pitch will be considered a dead ball but no runners may advance. **Section 14.1 Division Rules**

Section 14.3 Duties of Manager

1. Teach good sportsmanship
2. Display good sportsmanship
3. Teach fundamentals of the game
4. Enforce all rules as set forth by the league
5. Oversee all team members and coaches during practices and games
6. Ensure all uniform issues are resolved
7. Receive and return all league provided equipment
8. Oversee the care of league equipment
9. Follow MTGSA code of conduct policy
10. Report any disciplinary action response to division director

Section 14.4 Duties of Coach

1. Teach good sportsmanship
2. Display good sportsmanship
3. Teach fundamentals of the game
4. Enforce all rules as set forth by the league
5. Carry out duties as directed by manager
6. Assist in receiving and returning all league provided equipment
7. Oversee the care of league equipment
8. Follow MTGSA code of conduct policy
9. Report any disciplinary action response to manager

Section 14.5 Call-Up Procedures

If it becomes necessary to call players up from the lower divisions to fill a roster for a team that does not have enough players to play a game, the following rules will apply:

1. If a team has at least 8 players from their regular roster the game must be played without calling up players.

2. A team may only call up enough players to fill 9 positions (i.e. if you have only 7 players from your regular roster, a team can call up a maximum of 2 players).

3. All managers must inform the opposing manager that they have called up players.

4. **MTTS Guest Player Policy:**

There may arise occasions that require the use of non-rostered players to field a team for an event. Guest players should only be used in the following circumstances:

- 1) To bring a team's roster to no more than the minimum required to field a complete team for that age group.
- 2) To fill a need at one of two specialty skill positions which are pitcher and catcher. The only time that the caveats in reason one may be overridden is if one or more pitchers is required to bring the roster to 2 active pitchers or 1 catcher is needed to bring the roster to 1 catcher.
- 3) Guest players should bat last in the lineup.

Guest players can only be pulled from within the MTTS program.

Outside guest players should be utilized after all in house options are exhausted and all guest players must be insured. An outside guest player must be approved (every time) by both the MTGSA President and VP of Travel in writing. There will be no permanent guests. Failure by any team or coach to follow this policy will result in disciplinary action for the manager which could result in suspension/removal from the program. Furthermore, any Manager / Coach using an uninsured player will result in immediate suspension of activities for them and their team.

Managers seeking guest players are to contact the **MTGSA President & VP of Travel** and other **MTTS Manager** to call up MTTS guest players. This is to ensure oversight and monitoring of situations (permanent guests, players rostering on team A but playing on team B, or player/parent skipping their rostered games to play on another team or the use of only one specific player vs giving opportunities to other players).

The guest policy is not in place to allow managers to bring in "ringers" for competitive reasons but to allow managers the flexibility to be able to field a team so that the MTTS girls get to play softball when they might otherwise not be able to.

No MTTS member shall form an organized team for competition in other leagues or outside tournaments utilizing players from MTTS. Any person who forms a non-sanctioned travel team and uses MTTS registered players deliberately damaging the MTTS travel softball program will be banned from participation in any MTGSA/MTTS teams for a minimum period of 2 years.

Section 14.6 Player Allocation

Allocation Process

- Managers / Coaches will have their own child on their team.
- Teams will be determined by Division Directors to ensure balance of rosters..
- Player requests at the Minor and Majors level will not be honored unless there extenuating circumstances the will be reviewed by the league. Requests at the T-Ball division are not encouraged but extenuating circumstances will be reviewed by the league.

Section 14.7 MTGSA Code of Conduct

Preamble:

Youth sports programs play an important role in promoting the physical, social and emotional development of children. It is therefore essential for parents, coaches and officials to encourage youth athletes to embrace the values of good sportsmanship. Moreover, adults involved in youth sports events should be models of good sportsmanship and should lead by example by demonstrating fairness, respect and self-control.

I therefore pledge to be responsible for my words and actions while attending, coaching, officiating or participating in a youth sports event and shall conform my behavior to the following code of conduct:

1. I will not engage in unsportsmanlike conduct with any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
 2. I will not encourage my child, or any other person, to engage in unsportsmanlike conduct with any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
 3. I will not engage in any behavior which would endanger the health, safety or well-being of any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
 4. I will not encourage my child, or any other person, to engage in any behavior which would endanger the health, safety or well-being of any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
 5. I will not use drugs or alcohol while at a youth sports event and will not attend, coach, officiate or participate in a youth sports event while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
 6. I will not permit my child, or encourage any other person, to use drugs or alcohol at a youth sports event and will not permit my child, or encourage any other person, to attend, coach, officiate or participate in a youth sports event while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
 7. I will not engage in the use of profanity.
 8. I will not encourage my child, or any other person, to engage in the use of profanity.
 9. I will treat any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee with respect regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation or ability.
 10. I will encourage my child to treat any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee with respect regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation or ability.
 11. I will not engage in verbal or physical threats or abuse aimed at any coach, parent, player, participant, and official or any other attendee.
 12. I will not encourage my child, or any other person, to engage in verbal or physical threats or abuse aimed at any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
 13. I will not initiate a fight or scuffle with any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
 14. I will not encourage my child, or any other person, to initiate a fight or scuffle with any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
 15. I shall not permit my child to use performance enhancing drugs at a youth sports event and shall not permit my child to attend or participate in a youth sports event while affected by performance enhancing drugs.
 16. I shall abide by the rulings of the officials, coaches and organization administrators during and after the game.
 17. I shall respect all property and equipment of MTGSA and Monroe Township
- Sexual slurs may be reprimanded from the date of the incident and shall be subject to disciplinary action as provided by the applicable code of conduct.

D. Any parent, guest, spectator or official at any MTGSA event who throws or causes to be deposited any object on the field of play during any youth sports event may be banned from attendance at all MTGSA Events for a period of 12 months from the date of incident and shall be subject to such discipline as provided by the applicable code of conduct.

6. Authority to remove violators from premises.

Any parent or spectator at any MTGSA Softball event shall be subject to the authority of all field officials, including umpires, elected league officials, Division Directors or coaches of the MTGSA sports activity. This authority shall be applied to include any youth teams practice, ceremonial or instructional event, and such authority shall include the authorization to direct any person or persons involved in any incident in violation of this applicable code of conduct to immediately remove themselves from the premises.

7. Code of Conduct Committee.

- A. The Code of Conduct Committee shall be the MTGSA Board.
- B. In order to conduct business and hearings or change or adopt new codes of conduct, a quorum of five

Committee members must be present and will have all authority as set forth in this chapter.

C. The Code of Conduct Committee may establish rules and procedures as it deems appropriate for the conduct of its business and, in default thereof, shall operate pursuant to Robert's Rules of Order to the extent they are not in conflict with this chapter.

8. Violation procedures and hearings.

A. Upon determination by a majority vote by the COCC that a parent, guest, spectator, coach or official at any MTGSA event has violated a provision of the code of conduct of the MTGSA, the Code of Conduct Committee shall forward to such violator a notice via, regular and certified mail, identifying the date, location, nature of the violation and their required action before the committee and the subsequent ruling or other action to be taken in response to such violation.

B. Any parent, official, coach or spectator at a MTGSA event who believes that there has been a violation of the code shall forward their name, address, phone number, violation of ordinance, date, location of violation, witnesses and nature of the violation to the Code of Conduct Committee. The Committee will then investigate the incident and, upon determination by majority vote of the Committee, such official shall forward to such violator a notice, via regular and certified mail, indicating the date and location and nature of the violation and their required action before the committee and the ruling or other action to be taken in response to such violation.

C. person Any receiving such notice who wishes to contest same shall appeal to MTGSA Code of Conduct Committee within seven calendar days of the mailing of said notice by forwarding a copy of said notice with a written request for appeal, specifically setting forth the basis of such person's contest of the notice
Of violation, via personal delivery, fax or certified mail, to the Chairperson of the Code of Conduct
Committee at the address specified on the MTGSA website- Code of Conduct section.

D. Upon receipt of such appeal the Code of Conduct Committee shall convene within seven days and provide an opportunity for said person and any interested person or persons to appear and be heard with respect to the occurrence of any violation and action taken by the Code of Conduct Committee.

E. The Code of Conduct Committee shall review statements, firsthand accounts and any other pertinent information or documentation relevant to the violation and, upon a majority vote of members of the Committee present at such hearing, may sustain, overturn, or modify the notice of violation consistent with this chapter or the code of conduct or postpone any new ruling for a period of time not to exceed 7 days from the date of the appeal hearing.

F. Any person while appealing his/her violation of the code of conduct shall be reinstated with full rights and authority until such time that a re-determination and re-disposition of his/her appeal has been made **except in cases where any form of violence toward a player, official, coach or spectator is being reviewed.**

G. All notices of violation and banning or other actions taken shall remain in effect until overturned or modified by the Code of Conduct Committee.

H. In the event any notice of violation is not appealed within seven days of such notice, said notice of violation and action taken by the official or Code of Conduct Committee, including banning from MTGSA events or other action taken, shall become final.

By-Laws 2022

The revised By-Laws and Constitution ("By-Laws") is entered into effect as of February 23, 2022 by majority approval of the Recreation Department of Monroe Township and the members of the Monroe Township Girls Softball Association ("MTGSA").

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Monroe Township Girls Softball Association (MTGSA) is a recreational non-profit softball organization operated by volunteers committed to giving all Monroe Township youth and approved participants in grades Pre K-12, the opportunity to learn and play the game of softball at both the Recreational Level and the Travel Level.

Section 1.1 Oversight. This Association is working in conjunction with the Superintendent and Staff of the Monroe Township Department of Recreation in managing and running the organization known as Monroe Township Girls Softball Association (MTGSA).

Section 1.2 Origination. The Monroe Township Girls Softball Association received State Certification of Incorporation on June 2011. This Constitution and By-Laws as set forth for the definition and benefit of the Association will supersede any previous Constitution and By-Laws adopted by the Monroe Township Recreation Department. Effective immediately, this document is the only acceptable document to the Department of Recreation and will be used by the Association to administer duties prescribed herein by the Monroe Township Girls Softball Association.

Section 1.3 Purpose. Said corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and/or scientific purposes, included, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code

Section 1.4 Dissolution. Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

CONSTITUTION

Section 1.4 Incorporation. Through committee selection and acceptance, this Association was named and incorporated the Monroe Township Girls Softball Association in the State of New Jersey, Township of Monroe on June 2011.

MTGSA is committed to:

- * Providing a positive softball environment that is safe and wholesome for both players and families.
- * The principles of Positive Coaching, where teaching life lessons like good sportsmanship, winning, losing with pride, and teamwork are fundamental.
- * Developing and cultivating our player's love of the game by teaching them the game of fast pitch softball (*both skills and rules*), as well as to honor the game and its participants (players, coaches, umpires, parents, and fans).
- * Ensuring that all players in our organization are valued, regardless of skill level.

* Most importantly, making sure the youth in our organization have FUN!

EXECUTIVE BOARD- ELECTION AND TERM

Section 2.1 Executive Board. The Association will be governed by an Executive Board consisting of a President, Executive Vice-President, Recreation Vice-President, Recreation Assistant Vice-President, Travel Vice-President, Travel Assistant Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, who will be elected during the last Association meeting of the fiscal year, by ballot of the general members in good standing as defined in the By-Laws.

Section 2.2 Nominations. Nominations for Office will be opened by the general membership (in good standing as per section 4.1) during the *October* meeting and be brought to the floor as old business during the *November* meeting to execute the election.

Section 2.3 Terms of Office. A two (2) year term of office for the Executive Board of the Association will run concurrently with the operating fiscal year which runs from December 1st through November 30th for all Executive Board positions.

Section 2.4 Removal from Office. If the Executive Board discovers through their own observations or if any member of the MTGSA makes the Board aware that a member of the Board has materially harmed the Association or has failed to execute the responsibilities of their position, the matter will be brought before the Executive Board immediately for review. If the matter involves a board member, that member will be excused from all deliberation on the matter unless called to testify on their behalf.

Section 2.5 Vacancies. In the event a vacancy occurs on the Executive Board during a term in office, nominations and elections will be executed to fill that office by the remaining Executive Board Members. The term in office for this officer will terminate at the end of the *term of the original officer*. The remainder of the Executive Board will assume and execute the duties of the vacated office until that position is filled.

Section 2.6 Meetings. The Executive Board of this Association will conduct ten (10) general membership meetings each calendar year in order to execute the constitution and By-Laws, governing the Association. Any general membership meeting that is postponed need not be rescheduled before the next scheduled general membership meeting unless the prior meeting was also postponed. Minutes of all general membership meetings will be kept by the Secretary and are available to any MTGSA member upon request.

**Meetings are governed by Robert's Rules of Parliamentary Procedure.*

Section 2.7 Copies of By Laws. The full text of the By-Laws will be made available on the official MTGSA Website or a hard copy will be made available upon request to the Secretary by any MTGSA member.

Section 2.8 Voting Members. A voting member is an MTGSA member in good standing. A member in good standing is defined as a person who has been in attendance at a minimum of 5 of the last **10** consecutive general membership meetings.

Duties and Responsibilities - MTGSA

Section 3.1 Control of Funds. MTGSA will control all monies raised for the Monroe Township Girls Softball Association.

Section 3.2 Year End Statement The Treasurer will be charged with developing an annual Year End Statement of all income and expenditures for the prior fiscal year to be presented to the MTGSA Executive Board at the December Board Meeting.

Section 3.3 Control of Functions. MTGSA will have full responsibility for tournament play of any division in this program, control and manage the snack bar (concessions) during the Association's regular season, playoffs, and any hosted tournaments, and to conduct any and all fund raising to support any functions.

Duties and Responsibilities - Executive Board

Section 4.1 Qualifications. Each officer of the Executive Board must be a member in good standing of this Association for the minimum period of the last two (2) fiscal years, must be a resident of the Township of Monroe or Jamesburg and must have served the Association in some voluntary position for at least one softball season within the last two years. Further, they must be able to execute fully the duties of the Board position they seek to hold.

Section 4.2 Governance. No officer of the Executive Board will hold another official position within the Association other than Division Director and/or managing or coaching a team within the MTGSA softball program.

Section 4.3 Board Meetings. When deemed necessary the Executive Board will meet for any plausible reason to execute the business of the Association.

Section 4.4 Attendance. No officer of the Executive Board shall miss more than **three (3)** general membership meetings during the fiscal year unless on official Association business.

Section 4.5 Duties. The officers of the Executive Board will be charged with the following duties:

- 1 The President will be the chairperson of the Executive Board and will preside at all scheduled general membership meetings of the Association exercising all customary privileges of this office. The President will be the Association's liaison with the Monroe Township Recreation Department and Advisory Board.
- 2 The Executive Vice-President will succeed to all powers, privileges and obligations of the President, in the absence of that officer.
- 3 The Recreation Vice-President will oversee all MTGSA related activities involving the recreation softball program.
 - 4 The Assistant Recreation Vice-President will succeed to all powers, privileges and obligations of the Recreation Vice President, in the absence of that officer.
- 5 The Secretary will keep attendance and minutes of all Association meetings and will keep records concerning any and all Association business. This position will also be charged with tracking individual MTGSA member's attendance verifying eligibility for membership in good standing and voting privileges.
- 6 The Treasurer will keep a detailed account of all of the Association's income and expenditures and liquidate all debts against the Association. This office will also keep financial statements current for review by any governing body. The Treasurer will prepare an annual report of the Association's financial activity to be submitted to the Monroe Township Recreation Department by December meeting.

The Treasurer will also prepare a monthly report for presentation at the MTGSA meeting.
The Treasurer will prepare all necessary financial documents for Association Tax preparation and be liaison to any outside tax preparer selected by MTGSA.
- 7 The Travel Vice-President shall oversee all Travel Program related activities involving the Monroe Thunder Travel Softball Program.
- 8 The Travel Assistant Vice President will succeed all powers, privileges and obligations of the Travel Vice President, in the absence of that officer.

Section 4.6 Expenditure Authorization - *Three (3) officers* of the Executive Board are required to approve any expenditure of Association funds for any *unbudgeted* amounts greater than \$500.00. This needs to be documented via email and submitted to the Secretary at the next MTGSA Meeting or approved and recorded during an MTGSA Meeting. The Executive Board is required to follow due diligence in obtaining multiple bids for all purchases greater than \$5,000.00, including those expenditures being procured with the Township stipend. The President and Treasurer are the only Association officers that can

sign checks for recreational fund expenditures, (both signatures required for anything over \$1,000.) The President, Treasurer and VP of Travel (any two) can sign checks for Travel fund expenditures only. Two signatures require for anything over \$1,000. **All capital expenditures require Township approval.*

Section 4.7 **Committee Meetings.** One officer of the Executive Board will make themselves available to preside at any committee meeting upon the request of the committee chairperson to assist in the execution of The Association business.

Duties and Responsibilities- Committee Members

Section 5.1 **Committee Membership** The Executive Board will accept all nominated committee members charged with the responsibility of completing certain tasks on behalf of *MTGSA*. Each member of a committee must be able to devote *the* necessary time in executing the duties charged to the committee.

Section 5.2 **Chairperson.** The Executive Board must approve, by a majority vote, all committee chairpersons. The chairperson of a committee must be a member in good standing, be a resident of the Township of Monroe/Jamesburg, and be able to devote *the necessary* time in executing the duties charged to the committee. The chairperson will be nominated and ratified by the Executive Board. The chairperson of a committee will preside at all scheduled meetings of the committee in order to conduct the business at hand. The chairperson may request an officer of the Executive Board as noted in *Section 4. 7* to assist in the execution of the Association business. The chairperson will give a detailed account of all actions the committee has taken in executing the duties charged to the Executive Board upon request.

Section 5.3 **Committee Activities.** A committee will meet when necessary with the date, time and location of said meeting determined by the chairperson to execute the business of *MTGSA* charged to that committee. Furthermore, the Executive Board must approve all actions of the committee, prior to their implementation. The committee chairperson will submit either a written or oral report of the committee's activities each month at the Association's monthly Executive Board Meeting upon request. In the event the chairperson is unable to attend the meeting, another member of the committee will deliver the report. The committee formed will be dissolved once the task they were assigned to complete has been completed, or immediately following the end of the softball season, whichever comes first. If a new or similar task needs to be completed, a new committee will be formed as outlined above.

Duties and Responsibilities- Directors

Section 6.1 **Qualifications.** Must have completed the Rutgers S.A.F.E.T.Y course or another approved safety course with no formal Code of Conduct violations and pass the required background check in order to be considered.

Section 6.2 **Selection.** Division Directors will be nominated by the Vice President or Assistant V.P. of Recreation and finalized after approval by the Executive Board.

Section 6.3 **Conduct.** Division Directors must sign and adhere to the Township of Monroe Department of Recreation's Parent, Coach and Official Athletic Code of Conduct and to *MTGSA's* Code of Conduct

Section 6.4 **Responsibilities.** The Director shall carry out all duties assigned to the Director in accordance with the *MTGSA* softball rules, safety rules and regulations governing division play. This includes any rule changes **See Director's Duties addendum*

Duties and Responsibilities - Managers and Coaches

Section 7.1 **Qualifications.** Any prospective Manager or Coach must submit a Manager/Coach application on line and must have completed the Rutgers S.A.F.E.T.Y course or another approved safety course prior to coaching or managing any team before or

during the season. Applicant must have not formal Code of Conduct violations and pass the required background check in order to be considered.

Section 7.2 Selection. Executive Board will review manager and coach applications and submit a list of recommendations to the VP and Assistant V.P. of Rec.

Section 7.3 Conduct. Managers and coaches must sign and adhere to the Township of Monroe Department of Recreation Parent, Coach and Official Athletic Code of Conduct and to MTGSA's Code of Conduct. Further, Managers and coaches are responsible for the conduct of their players and spectators as outlined in the MTGSA Code of Conduct.

Section 7.4 Responsibilities. All managers and coaches shall have the responsibilities outlined in the MTGSA rules and regulations governing division play. **See Manager's Duties addendum*

Voting

Section 8.1 Eligibility. Only members in good standing of the Monroe Township Girls Softball Association who have attended 5 of the previous 10 general membership meetings are eligible to vote on any matter opened on the floor. To maintain eligible status, each member in good standing is responsible for ensuring that their signature appears on the attendance sheet for each meeting they have attended. The Secretary will have on-hand at each general membership meeting a list of all members currently in good standing.

Section 8.2 Exceptions. Abnormal or unforeseen circumstances preventing a member of this Association from completing his/her eligibility for voting by not attending sufficient meetings may approach the Executive Board with all of the particulars requesting a waiver from these By-Laws to secure voting eligibility. Executive Board's will review the circumstances and make a final decision.

Section 8.3 Procedures. A motion may be brought by the Executive Board or any member in good standing at any general membership meeting. To be considered for further action that motion must be proposed, seconded (*) and voted on at the same meeting by the members in good standing in attendance. Motion will be carried with a simple majority to be passed. Any motion brought to the floor and defeated, may be considered again in the same MTGSA fiscal year – however it would require a 2/3 vote of the members in good standing for passage.

()If the motion is seconded and prior to a vote being called, the Executive Board reserves the right to determine if the motion requires further evaluation, production of documentation or research. The person making the motion must answer any questions posed to them and / or return to the next meeting with the required information. The Executive Board will review the presentation or reserves the right to review the matter further with any outside parties or governing body if necessary and report back at the next MTGSA meeting at which time the motion will be reopened for further discussion or if necessary referred to committee first. If no further discussion is deemed required by the Board a vote will be called at that time.*

In the event of an emergency or time sensitive situation deemed as such by the Executive Board, that motion may be proposed, seconded and voted on at the same meeting by the members in good standing in attendance. Motion will be carried with a simple majority to be passed.

Section 8.4 Voting Consensus. A simple majority of members in good standing at any given Association meeting is all the votes needed to constitute passage of any matter opened to the floor by the Executive Board. In the event of a tie in voting by members in good standing, the tie will be broken by a majority vote of the Executive Board first, the Board President second if a tie remains.

Section 8.5 Proxy Voting Proxy or absentee votes will not be allowed or considered at any time by the Association.

Amendments to By Laws

Section 9.1 Proposal Amendments to the Bylaws of this Association must be submitted in writing to the Executive Board detailing the section, line-item and contents to be added, changed, or deleted along with the member in good standing's name, address and phone number in order for the amendment to be considered by committee for action.

Section 9.2 Approval

- a) Any amendment considered being of sound and great importance will be voted on by the Executive Board. The amendment will be inserted into the By-Laws effective immediately, and a copy of the amendment will be made available to the general membership via the website.

- b) All other amendments may go to Amendment Committee first, then the Executive Board for approval and posted to the Association website for Public knowledge upon approval.

General Rules

Section 10.1 Guidelines Followed. All games for all divisions will be played within the softball guidelines of the respective MTGSA Rules for that division.

Section 10.2 **Disciplinary Actions.** All matters of disciplinary action and major rules infractions will go before the Executive Board.

Section 10.3 **Team Composition.** Formation of teams will be conducted in accordance with the MTGSA Rules governing drafting. **See Draft Rules addendum*

Section 10.4 **Access to Fields.** Only Players, Certified Managers, and Certified Coaches of a team will be permitted onto the playing field and in dugouts. Parents and other adults or children are NOT PERMITTED.

Section 10.5 **Age Restrictions.** Players must play within their age-group's division, unless used in a call-up situation. The player must be on a call-up list approved by the Division Director. Players may be permitted to play ahead of their age group as defined in player call up rules.

MTGSA Registration

Section 11.1 **Eligibility.** Any Monroe resident or approved non-resident, (as per Township guidelines) who is able to attend pre-school, grammar school or high school (Pre K-12) during the playing season may register and play in the upcoming season.

Section 11.2 **Location.** Registration will be conducted at any convenient and available location agreed upon by this Association.

Section 11.3 **Fees.** Any and all registration fees will be determined by the Executive Board to be levied for participation in the MTGSA program.

Section 11.4 **Late Registrants.** Any registrant that registers after the Division drafts may be subject to late fees. Players will be put on a waiting list and assigned accordingly.

Umpires

Section 12.1 **Requirements.** The Junior and Senior divisions will have a NJ Federated Umpire as chief umpire behind the plate, with a trained cadet umpire as the field umpire. A cadet will act as chief umpire in order to start a scheduled game on time in the event the Federation umpire is delayed, but will relinquish that authority to the Federation umpire if and when that umpire arrives.

Section 12.2 **Rule Enforcement.** The umpires will have control of all games under play. All umpires are required to enforce all Association code of conduct rules. The umpires will strictly enforce all ASA Rules governing League Play, as well as house and competition rules set forth by this Association.

Section 12.3 **Scheduling.** The Association's contracted Umpire-In-Chief will be responsible for scheduling sufficient umpires to cover scheduled games and make-up games, including playoffs. The Umpire-In-Chief will be notified ASAP for cancellation purposes.

Section 12.4 Corrective Actions. The Umpire-In-Chief that takes corrective action in calling or maintaining control of a game during play will supply a written report to, the Division Director and VP of Rec of all the particulars involved. The Umpire-In-Chief will appear before the COCC to bear witness to the extent of rule infractions requiring disciplinary action if requested to.

Miscellaneous

Section 13.1 Indemnification. The Association shall indemnify each person who serves on the Executive Board at the request of the Association who may be made or threatened to be made party to pending or threatened action, proceeding, hearing or investigation whether civil or criminal unless such activity causing said legal action, proceeding, hearing or investigation is determined to be the result of the negligence of that Board member. The indemnification of any person provided by this By-Law shall continue after such person has ceased their role as a member of the Executive Board for any action, proceeding, hearing or investigation whether civil or criminal that occurred while serving in their capacity as a board member.

Section 13.2 Other

a) Said organization is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

b) No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the purpose clause hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an Organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

c) Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

Section 13.3 Travel Program

Monroe Thunder is the member Travel Organization of the Monroe Township Girls Softball Association with Executive Board Membership and all rights and privileges as provided by the association By-Laws. Furthermore, Monroe Thunder will have Travel Teams that are no younger than 8U eligible and no older than 18U eligible.

Addendums

Section 14.1 Division Rules

Section 14.2 Duties of Division Director

Section 14.3 Duties of Manger

Section 14.4 Code of Conduct Committee

Section 14.5 Call-Up Procedures

Section 14.6 Draft Rules

Section 14.7 MTGSA Code of Conduct

Section 14.8 Affiliation Condition Document

Adoption of By-Laws by MTGSA

These By-Laws of the Monroe Township Girls Softball Association have been adopted in its entirety by the Executive Board and presented to the General Membership effective February 23, 2022. In lieu of any objections by the general members in good standing, these restated By-Laws will take effect immediately, and any changes to this document must meet the requirements outlined herein.

These By-Laws of the Monroe Township Girls Softball Association will be the only document and set of By Laws governing the operation and execution of all business by this Association, on behalf of the Monroe Township Department of Recreation. Any and all other documents governing this Association are null and void.

Stephen Manfre, President

Sergio Ventura, Vice President of Recreation

Michale Ury, Treasury

Robert Totten, Vice President of Travel

Victor Nieves, Head of Sponsorships