

BY-LAWS
CODE OF ETHICS/CONDUCT
AND TEAM RULES

OF

DAYTON LEGENDS SOFTBALL CLUB, INC.

DAYTON, OHIO

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BY-LAWS

Article I. NAME:

This Organization shall be known as the DAYTON LEGENDS SOFTBALL CLUB, INC.

Article II. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Club shall be to organize Senior Softball Teams in the City of Dayton and engage in other softball related and community activities that benefit the Club.

Article III. MEMBERSHIP:

The Dayton Legends Softball Club, Inc. shall consist of individuals interested in the Senior Softball programs sponsored by the Dayton Legends Softball Club, Inc. All members will read and familiarized themselves with the By-Laws and Code of Ethics/Conduct, Team Rules and be in good standing with the Club.

Article IV. EXECUTIVE BOARD/BY-LAWS & RULES COMMITTEE WILL CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING:

President
Immediate Past President/Ex Officio
Vice President
2nd Vice President
3rd Vice President
Treasurer
Secretary
Sgt. of Arms

Article V. DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

PRESIDENT- Shall preside at all meetings of the club; shall appoint all committees indicated and shall be responsible for other duties as specified by the Executive Board.

VICE PRESIDENT – Shall preside over all club meetings in the absence of the President and be responsible for other duties as specified by the President.

2nd & 3rd VICE PRESIDENT – Shall preside over committees as the President indicates and be responsible for Club duties as specified by the President.

TREASURER – Shall prepare and maintain club financial records, collect membership dues and other money for said club (raffle, sponsors, etc.). With approval from the Executive Board, the Treasurer shall apportion costs from team dues for Club expenses as needed. Make deposits of all money; keep records of all expenses for the club; and spend such money up to \$200.00 (excluding tournaments). Amounts over \$200.00 first require the prior notification of the President and approval of the Executive Board. Prepare a Treasurer’s report available at all club meetings. An independent financial review and report shall be conducted annually by the end of January by qualified DLSC, Inc. members as designated by the President and presented to the membership.

SECRETARY – Keep minutes of all club meetings; make sure minutes are available to be read at all club meeting; keep club records, etc.

SGT. OF ARMS – Keep ORDER during the club meetings.

ELECTIONS -- The officer positions above will be held by members of the Dayton Legends Softball Club, Inc. that are in good standing. They shall be elected to said positions by a quorum of Club Members. A nominating committee will recommend one candidate for each officer position to serve on a two year term basis beginning the following January 1. Nominations may also be accepted from the floor by club members. Vote by club members will be at a meeting following the regular season. Office vacancies will be filled by a quorum vote of the membership at the next meeting and can be filled by the Executive Board until the next meeting. The uniform manager shall be appointed by the President with confirmation of the Executive Board.

Article VI. MEETING DATE:

The Dayton Legends Softball Club, Inc. shall hold a regular Saturday business meeting monthly as needed. Special club meetings shall be called by the President, who will notify each full member of the club at least one (1) week prior to said meeting.

The Executive Board will meet prior to each regular Saturday business meeting. Team coaches and managers may attend and vote/participate on matters at these meetings.

Article VII. QUORUM:

A quorum shall be fifty one percent (51%) of the Club full members in good standing present at any meeting. Should any meeting lack a quorum, any proposal offered for consideration may with the approval of a majority of those present, be referred electronically or in writing to all members in good standing and if approved by a quorum of members within thirty (30) days after referral such proposal shall become effective. All decisions must be a majority vote of the members present at the meeting. A member in good standing is defined as a full member paying dues at the time of the vote and is not in violation of the Rules and Code of Ethics.

Article VIII. AMENDMENTS, BY-LAWS OR RULE CHANGES:

No by-laws or rule changes shall be considered unless such changes are submitted in writing to the by-laws and rules committee. The committee shall evaluate the suggested changes and submit them to the membership for approval by a quorum vote of the membership.

Article IX. DUES AND MEMBERS:

- a. Dues for full and associate members shall be set each year by the Executive Board before the November meeting. All new candidates for membership will be voted upon at a general meeting of members.
- b. FULL MEMBERS. Dues will be collected on a 3 equal payment plan: on or before first meeting in November; on or before January meeting; on or before April meeting. The player will not play until paid in full. Dues can be paid in advance at any time. New members will be prorated by date of becoming a DLSC member.
- c. ASSOCIATE MEMBERS
 - 1) Associate members shall pay annual dues as set by the Executive Board. Hall of Fame Associate Members are exempt dues except for the first year of associate membership in DLSC, Inc.
 - 2) Associate members are not entitled to vote on DLSC, Inc. matters. An associate member can hold an executive office if nominated by the

Executive Board (majority) and confirmed by the full membership. If elected the officer will have a vote at Board and business meetings.

- 3) Associate members are entitled to the same sponsor benefits as afforded to Full Members.
- 4) Associate members asked to play with a DLSC, Inc. team must be approved by a majority vote of the full membership. They agree to play under the Team Rules of the DLSC, Inc. and they shall be provided a Dayton Legends hat. Associate Members shall buy their own shirts or will be provided shirts by the team manager.
- 5) Players playing on any DLSC, Inc. tournament team must be a Full Member or an Associate Member in good standing. No player is eligible to play in any tournament until all dues are paid in full. No exceptions allowed.
- 6) Managers shall collect a pro-rata amount in advance, per tournament, from any Associate member asked to play with a DLSC, Inc. team. Associate members are not entitled to receive any tournament credit as afforded to Full Members. Tournament credit shall be determined by the Team Manager. Tournament credit is a pro-rata refund to Full Members who miss tournaments with coach approval.

Article X. NEW MEMBERSHIP DUES:

For new members joining the club after April 1st, the Executive Board will vote on any pro-rated amount of club dues to be paid (majority vote), to be able to play in any softball tournaments during that calendar year. (January 1st thru December 31st) Players joining a team prior to April 1 must pay the full dues to be a full member.

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1. All players must be 50 years old or older during the calendar year (Jan. 1st- Dec. 31st) to play Senior Softball.
2. Respect for ALL by ALL including players, coaches, managers, spectators and sponsors.
3. The Club will pay for uniforms with Club colors (maroon, black, white, or gray) and a logo and tournament sanction fees based on available funds.
4. All club dues must be paid in full by April meeting (see Article IX). Any refunds are at the discretion of the DLSC, Inc. Executive Board.
5. Transportation and housing arrangements for tournaments are the responsibility of each player.
6. DLSC, Inc. is NOT responsible for any injuries and all Club Members MUST sign a waiver before playing. This is the responsibility of the team manager.
7. No money will be loaned by the Club to anyone or any team.
8. No PROXY votes will be allowed at business or Executive Board meetings.
9. Any violations of these Code of Ethics and Conduct, Rules, or By-Laws by Club Members will be resolved by a majority of voting members at a club meeting. The Executive Board will review any alleged violations and allow all interested parties to provide input and the Executive Board will present its recommendation to the full membership. The Club has total discretion to impose any consequence for any violation consistent with the severity of the violation.

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TEAM RULES

Team rules can be changed at any time by DLSC, Inc. members thru Article VIII of the DLSC, Inc. By-Laws

A. Managers shall be selected by team agreement of the respective team they are to manage. The DLSC, Inc. members shall then approve the team election by a majority vote at the next DLSC, Inc. monthly meeting. Managers will hold the office until they resign or until another member's nomination is accepted by a Dayton Legends team vote. The team vote would then need to be affirmed by the DLSC, Inc. as previously stated. The term for managers starts January 1st thru December 31st during the calendar year.

1. Managers have the right to suspend players from the team for unsportsmanlike conduct. The manager must talk to the player before he can be suspended. If the coach determines the player's unsportsmanlike conduct is severe enough, a letter must be submitted to the President asking for disciplinary action. If a coach or manager has committed any violation a complaint may be submitted to the President.
2. Managers are responsible for player's sportsmanlike conduct on and off the fields. Managers and their players are held accountable for damages to hotel rooms caused by the player, not Dayton Legends Softball Club, Inc.

B. TEAM MEETINGS:

1. The managers or coaches are the only individuals who can call a team meeting.
2. The managers or coaches must be present at all team meetings.
3. A player must go through the manager to request a team meeting.

C. TEAM CONDUCT:

1. Managers, coaches, and players must treat each other with respect.
2. Managers have the right to play players they think will help the team win games. Managers will try to play all players.
3. No criticizing players during a game. No one wants to make a mistake.
4. No players coaching other players during the game.

5. Do not run for any player unless the manager asks you to run.
6. If a manager sends a runner in for you, no negative display of attitude, just hustle off the field.
7. Let the base coaches do the base coaching, that's why they are there.
8. Do not question the umpire on balls and strikes, softball is a hitter's game.
9. If umpires miss a call let the manager or coach take care of this in a positive manner.
10. All players must be on team bench or in the dugout during game time.
11. All players must be present during team huddle before and after game. If you do not attend the huddle, you are demonstrating unsportsmanlike conduct and this action could result in being suspended from the team (See Rule A1).
12. All players are asked to concentrate on playing softball to the best of their ability and let the coaches manage the team. Enjoy the companionship, exercise, and the game.
13. Associate members are permitted to receive individual awards for outstanding performance at a tournament.
14. Be Positive, Have Fun, and Play Team Softball!

D. UNIFORMS

1. Club will furnish 3 shirts with standard Club logo and colors and a hat to full membership players unless the team chooses to buy its own uniforms. All DLSC, Inc. teams must have a Dayton Legends logo on the shirt.

E. ALL PLAYERS AND MANAGERS MUST READ, KNOW, AND ABIDE BY THESE RULES AND BY-LAWS.