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BYLAWS OF THE ROCK ISLAND GIRLS SOFTBALL LEAGUE

ARTICLE I
THE CORPORATION - GENERAL

SECTION 1 - OFFICES

The principal office of the corporation in the State of Illinois shall be located in the City of Rock Island, and the County of Rock Island. The corporation may have such other offices, within the State of Illinois, as the business of the corporation may require from time to time.

SECTION 2 - FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the corporation shall begin on the first day of October in each year and end on the last day of September in each year. A financial audit shall be performed at the end of each fiscal year by the Board of Directors and the Legal Advisor.

SECTION 3 - AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be altered, amended, or repealed and new bylaws may be adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors. These bylaws shall be reviewed annually by the bylaws committee.

SECTION 4 - MEMBERS

For the purpose of the bylaws, a "member" shall be defined as follows: A member shall be any adult who is a coach, assistant coach, or who aids in the betterment of Rock Island Girls Softball as prescribed by the Board of Directors, unless otherwise noted in these bylaws.

ARTICLE II
THE ANNUAL MEETING

SECTION 1 - THE MEETING

The annual meeting of the corporation shall be held during or before the second week in September of each year, beginning with the year 1973, for the purpose of electing directors and for the transaction of such business as may come before the meeting. If the election of directors shall not be held on the designated herein for any annual meeting, or at any adjournment thereof, the Board of Directors shall cause the election to be held at a meeting of the corporation as soon thereafter as conveniently may be. All "members" may attend the meeting to exercise a vote.

ARTICLE III
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1 - GENERAL POWERS

The business and affairs of the corporation shall be managed by its Board of Directors.

SECTION 2 - OBJECTIVES

The Board of Directors shall created and adopt the objectives of the league which shall set forth the goals of the corporation. Said objectives may be changed from time to time by action of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 3 - COMPENSATION

The Board of Directors shall serve without compensation.

SECTION 4 - MANNER OF ACTING

The act of the majority of the Directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board. of Directors.

SECTION 5 - REGULAR MEETINGS

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors may be held without other notice that by this bylaw, immediately after, and at the same place as the annual meeting. The Board of Directors may provide by resolution the time and place within the State of Illinois, for holding of additional regular meetings without other notice than this resolution.

A Board member should miss no more than three (3) regular meetings from September through the following July. If three (3) meetings are missed, the remainder of the members of the Board have the discretion of removing the

member(s) from the Board.

SECTION 6 - QUORUM

Six (6) directors shall constitute a quorum for transaction of business at any meeting of the Board of Directors provided that if less than a quorum of such number of directors are present at said meeting, a majority of the directors present may adjourn the meetings from time to time without further notice.

SECTION 7 - INFORMAL ACTION BY DIRECTORS

Unless specifically prohibited by the Articles of Incorporation or bylaws, any action required to be taken at a meeting of the Board of Directors or any action which may be taken at a meeting of the Board of Directors may be taken without a meeting if a consent in writing setting forth the action so taken shall be signed by all directors entitled to vote with respect to the subject matter thereof, or by all the members of such committee, as the case may be- Any such consent signed by all the directors shall have the same effect as a unanimous vote, and may be stated as such in any document filed with the Secretary of State.

SECTION 8 - VOTING BY BALLOT

Voting on any question or in any election may be via voice unless presiding officer shall order or any member shall demand that the voting be by ballot.

SECTION 9 - PRESUMPTION OF ASSENT

A director of the corporation who is present at a meeting of the Board of Directors at which action on any corporate matter is taken shall be conclusively presumed to have assented to the action taken unless his dissent shall be entered in the minutes of the meeting or unless he shall file his written dissent to such action with the person acting as the secretary of the meeting before adjournment thereof or shall forward such dissent by registered mail to the secretary of the corporation immediately after the adjournment of the meeting. Such right to dissent shall not apply to a director who voted in favor of such action.

SECTION 10 - CONTRACTS, LOANS, CHECKS, DEPOSITS

The Board of Directors may authorize any office or officers to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the corporation and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

No loans shall be contracted on behalf of the corporation and no evidence of indebtedness shall be issued in its name unless authorized by resolution of the Board of Directors. Such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

All checks, drafts or other orders for the payment of money, notes or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of the corporation shall be signed by at least two (2) officers of the corporation in such a manner as shall from time to time be determined by resolution of the Board of Directors.

All funds of the corporation not otherwise employed shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the corporation in such banks, trust companies, or other depositories as the Board of Directors may select.

Any person authorized to sign checks shall be bonded in an amount set by the Board of Directors.

SECTION LL - FUND RAISING

All funds raised by any segment or on behalf of any segment of the corporation shall be turned over to the treasurer for proper disbursement by the Board of Directors.

No fund raising for any purpose shall be allowed in the name of this corporation without securing written permission from the Board of Directors. The president shall authorize no fund raising or other use of the name of this corporation without the approval of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV OFFICERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1 - GENERAL

The officers of the corporation shall be as prescribed by Article II, Section 7 of these bylaws.

SECTION 2A - THE ADVISORY DIRECTOR

The advisory director shall be to advise, counsel, recommend and help guide the Board of Directors. This person shall be a member of a former Board and have a vote in all business of the Board of Directors unless prohibited by an article of these bylaws.

SECTION 2B - SERVICE

The advisory director will serve the first year as the junior advisor and the second year as the senior advisor.

SECTION 3 - PRESIDENT

The president shall be the principal executive of the corporation and shall in general supervise and control all of the business and affairs of the corporation. This person shall preside at all meetings of the corporation and the Board of Directors. This person may sign with the secretary or any proper officer of the corporation there unto authorized by the Board of Directors, certificates for

shares of the corporation, deeds, mortgages, loans, certificate or other instruments which the Board of Directors has authorized to be executed, except in cases where the signing and execution thereof shall be expressly delegated by the Board of Directors or by these bylaws to some other officer of the corporation, or shall be required bylaws to be otherwise signed or executed; and in general, shall perform all duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors from time to time. If required by the board, the president shall give a bond for the faithful sureties as the Board of Directors shall determine.

No president shall succeed himself in office more than twice. The president shall be a member of a former Board of Directors.

SECTION 4 - VICE-PRESIDENTS

The primary duty of the vice-president shall be to serve as a division head. Other duties shall be assigned from time to time by the president as the business of the corporation shall require.

SECTION 5 - SECRETARY

The secretary shall keep the minutes of the corporation's and of the Board of Directors' meeting in one or more books provided for that purpose, see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provision of these bylaws or as required by law, be custodian of the corporate records, sign with the president of a vice-president certificate for shares of the corporation, the issue of which shall have been authorized by resolution of the Board of Directors, in general perform all duties incident to the office of secretary and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned by the president or by the Board of Directors.

The secretary shall carry on such correspondence as is necessary to perform the business of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 6 - TREASURER

The treasurer shall give a bond for faithful discharge of his duties in such sum and with such surety or sureties as the Board of Directors shall determine. This person shall have charge and custody of and be responsible for all funds and securities of the corporation, receive and give receipts for monies due and payable to the corporation from any source whatsoever, and deposit all such monies in the name of the corporation in such banks, trust companies, or other depositories as shall be selected in accordance with the provisions of Article III of these bylaws. This person will also in general perform all duties as from time to time may be assigned by the president or by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 7A - STANDING COMMITTEES

The following committees shall be appointed by the president. Each committee shall report to the Board of Directors as requested:

Umpires and scheduling	Registration
Uniforms and sponsors	Insurance
Coaches	Diamonds, maintenance, and equipment
Fund Raising	Concession
Secretary and publicity	Bylaws
Transfer review	Pictures
Trophies	Protest
Scholarship	
Rain-out	

The president shall appoint, and the Board of Directors approve, a division head for each division whose responsibility will be to act as a liaison between their division and the Board of Directors.

SECTION 7B - TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS

Tournament directors shall be appointed by the president and approved by the Board of Directors. There shall be three (3) tournament directors for each division.

SECTION 7C - TRANSFERS

A committee of three (3) will review each case of every girl requesting a transfer to another team. It will be the judgment of this committee to either grant or deny the girl's request. It is the responsibility of the committee to interview each girl. Once the cases have been reviewed, the committee shall give their report to the Board of Directors.

This committee shall be appointed by the president. The formation of the committee shall be approved by 2/3 vote of the Board of Directors. Persons who make up this committee shall be current board members or someone associated with Rock Island Girls Softball. Note: This person or persons, if not current board member(s), shall not have any voting rights in the general business of Rock Island Girls Softball.

7D - TRANSFERS OR NEW REGISTRATIONS TO TEAMS OF BOARD MEMBERS

Any transfer to a team coached by a Board Member must be reviewed by the Board. If necessary the player requesting transfer can be interviewed to verify

that the transfer to this team is what is desired. If after review, the Board, in a two thirds majority vote can approve or deny the transfer. The Board Member/Coach shall abstain from the vote. Any new registration shall also be reviewed as well and approved in the same manner as outlined above.

ARTICLE V
VACANCIES

SECTION 1

Any vacancy in any office other than president because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification or otherwise, shall be filled by appointment of the person receiving the highest number of votes at the preceding annual election for the at large board members who was not elected to the board and who desires the position. If no qualified person shall accept the board position, it may be filled by the Board of Directors or left vacant at the discretion of the board.

SECTION 2

Any person appointed to replace board member by any procedure shall serve in that capacity only until the next meeting. At that time the entire membership shall elect the person to serve the un-expired portion of that term, if any remains, or choose to leave the position vacant until the following election of officers at the annual meeting.

SECTION 3

In case of any vacancy in the presidency for any reason or in the event of the president's failure or inability to act, the senior elected advisor director shall serve as a president pro tem until such time as an election can be held to appoint a successor, or until the president shall continue in that capacity. In the event the presidency shall be vacated, the president pro tem shall cause an election to be held to appoint a successor at the first regularly scheduled board meeting or within thirty (30) calendar days, whichever shall come first.

All members of the Board at the time the vacancy occurs shall be eligible for election to the un-expired portion of the term including the president pro tem.

ARTICLE VI
REMOVAL

SECTION 1

Any officer elected or appointed by the Board of Directors may be removed by the same whenever in its judgment, the best interest of the corporation would be served, but such removal shall be without prejudice to the contract rights, if any, of the person so removed.

Any director of this corporation elected at the annual meeting of the corporation may be removed by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the Board of Directors.

Any person being considered for removal shall not have a vote in that process but shall have the right to be present and to speak in his/her own defense at the proceeding.

After having sent a registered letter informing him or her of the time, date, place and purpose of the meeting through the United States mail a minimum of three (3) days prior to that meeting, the person shall be considered notified. Failure of the person to attend the meeting, or request a change of that meeting, shall constitute waiver of that right.

ARTICLE VII
NOTICE OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

SECTION 1

Special meetings of the corporation may be called by the president or by a majority of the Board of Directors at any time.

The person or persons authorized to call special meetings of the Board of Directors may fix any place within the State of Illinois as the place for holding any special meeting of the Board of Directors called by them.

SECTION 2 - NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Written or printed notice stating place, day and hour of the annual meeting, and in the case of a special meeting of the corporation, the purpose or purposes for which is called, shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in Rock Island at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting.

SECTION 3 - PLACE OF MEETING

The Board of Directors may designate any place, within the State of Illinois, as the place of meeting or for any special meeting called by the Board of Directors. If no designation is made, or if a special meeting be otherwise called, the place of the meeting shall be the registered office of the corporation in the State of Illinois, except as otherwise provided in Section 4 of this Article.

SECTION 4 - QUORUM

A majority of the people present shall constitute a quorum at the annual meeting. If a quorum is present, the affirmative vote of the majority as the meeting shall be the act of the corporation, unless the vote of a greater number is required by the Business Corporation Act, the Articles of Incorporation, or these bylaws.

SECTION 5 - THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

A nominating committee consisting of five (5) members, which shall be made up as follows: Two (2) members of the Board of Directors, the Junior Advisor who will act as chairman of the committee, and one representative of each division shall be appointed by the President. The nominating committee shall recommend to the Board of Directors at least ten (10) members to be elected to the Board. One (1) of these recommendations shall be for president and one (1) shall be for advisor director. Each of these must have served on a previous Board of Directors. If the recommendations are accepted by the majority of the Board the names shall be placed in nomination at an annual meeting of the corporation. At the annual meeting, the president shall call upon the chairman of the nominating committee, who shall make the report to the corporation and shall place their names in nomination for a position on the Board of Directors. Absentee ballots are not allowed.

In the event the chairman or any member of the nominating committee is nominated for an office in this corporation, the chairman of the nominating committee shall appoint a member, not nominated, to assume his duties in counting of the ballots at the annual meeting.

SECTION 6 - ELECTION AND TERM OF OFFICE

After the nominating committee chairman has reported and prior to any election of officers, the president shall allow nominations, if any, from the floor for the offices being elected. The order of election shall be as follows: First - Advisor Director, second - President, and third - the remaining at large board seats. Any nominee defeated in the first election for Advisor Director shall be eligible for nomination to an at large board seat. Any nominee defeated as President shall likewise be eligible for nomination to an at large board seat.

The officers of the corporation shall be elected annually, except for Advisor Director elected the previous year and to a two (2) year term. Also excluded

from annual election shall be the Legal Counsel and the Head Umpire, who will be appointed and approved by the Board. Of persons nominated for at large Office Directors, the eight (8) qualified persons receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected to the Board and the presidential nominee receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected as President of the Board. In the case of a tie vote, a runoff shall be held between those receiving the same number of votes.

The names of all nominees receiving votes, but not necessarily the number of votes, in order from the highest to the lowest shall be given to the president for purposes of guiding the Board in the replacement of officers in accordance with Article V, Section 1 of these bylaws.

SECTION 7 - NUMBER, TENURE, AND QUALIFICATIONS

The number of Directors of the corporation shall be eleven (11). They shall be as follows:

- One (1) President
- Two (2) Advisors, Senior and Junior
- Six (6) Vice-Presidents
- One (1) Secretary
- One (1) Treasurer

All of these Directors shall have one vote in all business of the Board of Directors, unless restricted by another article of these bylaws.

ARTICLE VIII THE LEAGUE

SECTION 1A - ELIGIBILITY

All members of any team must be at least nine (9) years of age before August 1 and not older than eighteen (18) years of age before August 1 and be enrolled in school, attend school in Rock Island or Milan and/or have a high school diploma.

Final determination of eligibility shall be made by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 1B - REGISTRATION FEE(S)

Registration fee(s) must be paid in full before the start of the season. All player/member fees that have not been paid in full will not be allowed to participate in any games until such time that the registration fee is paid. Exception to this requirement are the following:

1. Any player/member who would endure a financial hardship to pay the fee in full, and the Board of Directors can verify that hardship, the Board of Directors can therefore waive the fee for that player/member with a two thirds majority vote.

2. Any family that has three or more player /members participating in either or both divisions shall be limited to a flat fee as determined by the Board of Directors during that fiscal year.

SECTION 2 - LEAGUE COACHES

The head coach and first assistant coach shall be approved by the board. The Board of Directors may remove their approval at any time with just cause and two third (2/3) majority vote. Once a coach has been approved they may remain with that team as long as they wish or until the board removes their approval. When the head coach leaves his or her team, the first assistant will have first chance at that team subject to approval by the board.

ARTICLE IX DISSOLUTION

SECTION 1

In the event that this corporation is dissolved, all assets then owned by the corporation at the time of dissolution shall be distributed to a youth sports program in existence in the City of Rock Island.

ARTICLE X ADMINISTRATION OF THE MAURICE QUIST SCHOLARSHIP

SECTION 1 - FINANCIAL

The only funds that may be used for the scholarship fund are: Birdies for Charity, all donations contributed to the 50/50 raffles, the annual donation from Junior Women's Club of Rock Island, any contribution or pledge made in the name of the scholarship fund, and/or any new fund-raiser brought forth by the Board of Directors specifically for the scholarship fund. All funds are to be held in a savings account separate from all other league accounts and the account shall be titled as Rock Island Girls Softball Maurice Quist Scholarship Fund.

Funds contained in said account shall be used for scholarship awards only. Scholarship funds may not be used to cover any other league financial short

falls.

The total amount available for scholarships will be determined by income received from above named sources. Any funds in excess of that fiscal years commitment shall be rolled over to the following years fund.

SECTION 2 - FUND ALLOCATION

The maximum amount each recipient may receive is \$250.00. Amount received by each recipient dependent upon total fund value and number of applicants who have applied for and have met all requirements to receive a scholarship.

SECTION 3 - ELIGIBILITY

All applicants have to play in at least 50% of the regular season games in their final season and also have to play at least three of their last five years, and this is their final year of eligibility in the league. After turning in their application and being determined to meet the requirements for eligibility, they must turn in proof of enrollment to a college or trade school to receive the scholarship award. Proof of enrollment may be a schools acceptance letter, class schedule, or any other form as determined by the Board of Directors.

If this is their last year of eligibility in the league, but will not graduate from high school until the following year, they should complete the application and note on the application that they have one more year before graduation. The board will act on the application and if requirements are met, may vote to hold the application to the following year. The applicant shall be included in the total of applicants for the year she applies in.

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