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By-Laws of Eden Youth Sports Committee

71 Old Schoolhouse Rd
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Article 1. Name, Purpose, Affiliation.

- A. The name of this organization shall be the Eden Youth Sports Committee (herein referred to as the EYSC).
- B. The purpose of the EYSC is to promote the values of teamwork and sportsmanship and to provide a competitive and fun experience in all sports for all participants, regardless of ability or economic status.
- C. This EYSC shall be the local affiliate of Little League Baseball, Inc., Babe Ruth Baseball, as well as any other state and/or national association(s), as required.
- D. This EYSC shall take NO action based solely or in part on any persons race, creed, color, religion, national origin, marital status, disability, sex, sexual orientation or gender identity.

Article 2. Membership.

- A. Appointment to the EYSC shall be made by the Eden Selectboard. Said appointment(s) shall be made in March of each year for member service during the following calendar year.
- B. A minimum of three (3) and maximum of five (5) members shall make up the EYSC and each member must be a legal resident of Eden at the time of their appointment.
- C. Any EYSC member, who, for whatever reason, is no longer an Eden resident, shall immediately relinquish their membership. Replacement shall be made by the Eden Selectboard at their earliest convenience.

Article 3. Officers.

- A. The EYSC officers shall consist of a Coordinator, Assistant Coordinator, Treasurer, Secretary and Equipment Facilitator. All shall be elected at the annual meeting of EYSC held in March of each year after appointments are made by the Eden Selectboard. All offices are for a one (1) year term. (For this purpose, service in any part of a term shall be considered a full term.)
- B. During any absence, disability or resignation of the Coordinator, the Assistant Coordinator shall become Acting Coordinator and shall serve for the balance of the term or until the Coordinator returns.
- C. Should the office of Assistant Coordinator, Treasurer, Secretary or Equipment Facilitator become vacant, said office shall be filled by an existing member by majority vote of the EYSC at a properly called EYSC meeting.

- D. The Coordinator or designee shall preside at all EYSC meetings and Robert's Rules of Order shall be used to govern the meeting. The Committee shall make appointments to any committee(s) formed to further the EYSC's purpose by a two-thirds majority vote of members present at a duly called meeting. The Coordinator or designee shall be responsible for transacting all routine EYSC business and shall serve as the Eden representative to the Lamoille County Baseball and Softball League, as well as any other local, state or national association to which this EYSC becomes affiliated with.
- E. The EYSC shall meet on a regular basis as determined by its Coordinator. Special or Emergency meetings may be called, providing a quorum is present. Any formal action taken during a Special or Emergency meeting shall automatically be reviewed and either affirmed or repealed at the next regular meeting.

Article 4. Authority/Conduct/Discipline.

- A. The EYSC shall be responsible for appointing all EYSC coaches, assistant coaches, umpires or officials, as well as any other person associated with any program that falls within its jurisdiction. All such appointments shall be at the pleasure of the EYSC after background checks have been performed by VCIC and on file at the town office.
- B. The EYSC reserves the right, with Selectboard approval, to take whatever action it deems appropriate to encourage and enforce good sportsmanship and fair play on the part of coaches, players and officials. This authority extends beyond any disciplinary action taken or not taken by game officials or umpires.
- C. Complaints regarding coaches, assistant coaches, umpires, officials, players or spectators should be presented in writing to EYSC. Only written complaints will be reviewed by the EYSC.
- D. Upon written complaint, the EYSC, by a two-thirds vote of members present at a duly called meeting, may make the suggestion to the Selectboard to reprimand, suspend, dismiss or take any other appropriate action against any coach, assistant coach, umpire, official or player for any conduct which is clearly contrary to the purpose of the EYSC as stated in Article 1B. This action must only be for "good cause" and must be "consistent with due process".

Article 5. Registration, Fees and Accounting of Funds.

- A. Priority for open roster spots will first be given to Eden residents. If open spots still exist, next priority is given to children living in other towns, but attending Eden schools, followed by interested residents from other towns.
- B. All participants must be properly registered prior to participation in any EYSC activities. Registration shall be on forms provided by the EYSC and must be signed by the parent or legal guardian of the participant.
- C. The EYSC shall establish and collect fees where such fees are required. When applicable, such fees shall be due and payable at registration.
- D. All fees collected must be reconciled with proper tracking of received monies and issuance of receipts prior to being handed over to the town treasurer.
- E. All expenses, after signed approval of membership at a duly warned meeting, must be submitted to the town treasurer for payment.

- F. All monies held for use of EYSC shall be held at the town office and processed by the town treasurer after appropriate documentation is received from EYSC membership. These monies shall be audited annually and a financial report prepared by the town treasurer.

Article 6. Facilities.

- A. The EYSC shall work in concert with the Eden Selectboard, Eden Schoolboard or their designee (i.e. Principal), as well as other local, state and federal agencies in providing facilities for various activities.
- B. The Equipment Facilitator or its designee shall perform a pregame safety inspection of facility/field to establish that the area is free of obvious hazards (i.e. broken glass, sharp objects, protruding nails, etc.).

Article 7. Annual Report.

- A. The EYSC shall prepare a written annual report of its activities. Said report shall be the responsibility of the Coordinator or his/her designee and shall be approved by vote of the EYSC membership and presented to the Eden Selectboard on or before December 31st of each year.

Article 8. Enactment and Amendment.

- A. These By-Laws shall become effective upon acceptance of the Eden Selectboard and a favorable vote of two-thirds of the EYSC members present at a duly called EYSC meeting.
- B. These By-Laws may be amended in conjunction with review and approval of the Eden Selectboard and a favorable vote of two-thirds of the EYSC members present at a duly called EYSC meeting, provided a notice of the proposed amendment(s) is sent to each member at least 14 days prior to said meeting.

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