



## **Lady Rebels Select Softball Program Bylaws**

### **ARTICLE I – Name and Authority**

#### **Section 1. Name:**

This organization shall be known as the Lady Rebels Softball Program, hereinafter referred to as “Lady Rebels.”

#### **Section 2. Governing Authority:**

Lady Rebels is a select team program that operates under the authority and governance of the Lake Cities Girls Softball Association (LCGSA). All Lady Rebels policies, decisions, and operations must comply with the LCGSA Bylaws and directives as outlined and enforced by its Board of Directors.

#### **Section 3. Board Meeting Participation:**

Lady Rebels staff is invited to attend any LCGSA Board meetings.

### **ARTICLE II – Purpose**

The program is designed to challenge players, grow elite-level talent, and stretch athletes beyond recreational play by emphasizing advanced skill development, disciplined training, and a competitive mindset geared toward success in regional and national competition.

### **ARTICLE III – Organization Structure**

#### **Section 1. Oversight:**

Lady Rebels operates under the supervision of the LCGSA Board of Directors, with representation on the Board as an ex-officio member per Article 3.08 of LCGSA Bylaws.

#### **Section 2. Team Management:**

Each Lady Rebels team shall have:

- A **Head Coach**, approved by the LCGSA Board.
- **Assistant Coaches**, also subject to LCGSA vetting.
- A designated **Team Manager** responsible for administrative duties, also subject to LCGSA vetting.

#### **Section 3: Equipment, Uniforms, and Team Names**

Lady Rebels fund their own equipment and uniforms. Uniforms will be purchased from approved vendor. Style, design, colors, will be predetermined by LCGSA Board of Directors. Coordinating helmets and equipment bags in the designated colors of the Lady Rebels to be coordinated by team management but should be approved by LCGSA board prior to purchase.



#### **Section 4: Maximum Number of Players & Guest Players**

Head coaches will determine the number of players on their roster, but there is a maximum of 13 players on each Lady Rebels roster. Guest players are only permitted to replace missing players and guest players must relinquish the spot on the team when the missing player returns

### **ARTICLE IV – Membership**

#### **Section 1. Eligibility:**

Players must meet LCGSA eligibility and residency requirements. Selection is merit-based and may include tryouts evaluated by approved coaching staff.

#### **Section 2. Member Conduct:**

All players, parents, and coaches must adhere to the LCGSA Code of Conduct. Violations are subject to LCGSA disciplinary action.

### **ARTICLE V – Tryouts and Team Selection**

#### **Section 1. Tryouts:**

Lady Rebels tryouts will be scheduled in coordination with LCGSA and must be publicly announced. Selection criteria include skill, attitude, commitment, and team needs. Recruitment of Lady Rebels players should be focused on LCGSA recreation teams and players to support the growth of LCGSA and its players.

#### **Section 2. Rosters:**

Final team rosters must be submitted to and approved by LCGSA. The Head Coach may remove a player from the team with or without approval of the LCGSA Board of Directors, but must provide the board in writing reason for removal

### **ARTICLE VI – Coaches and Certification**

#### **Section 1. Selection and Approval:**

All coaches and team managers are subject to LCGSA Board approval and must pass background checks in accordance with LCGSA policies.

#### **Section 2. Expectations:**

Coaches must:

- Attend mandatory coaches' meetings.



- Follow all LCGSA rules, including reporting conduct issues to the LCGSA Director of Select Operations.
- Coordinate team business as required by the organization.
- Appoint assistant coaches and a team manager.
- Keep current with rules of competition and abide by all rules.
- Conduct tryouts to identify and select participants with potential for success in competition at a national or international level.
- Conduct training and practices to develop the skills necessary for competition at a national or international level.
- Ability to effectively teach softball to age-specific players that improve and develop player skills necessary for competition at a national or international level.
- Lead the team in competition.
- Maintain order on the playing field at all times during practices and games, including control of parents and spectators.
- Determine the team discipline policy with authority to suspend or expel participants, parents, and spectators.
- Notify the LCGSA Director of Select Operations within 24 hours of each action of suspension or expulsion of participants, parents, or spectators.
- Display sportsmanlike conduct at all times.
- Participate in other business of the organization as requested or directed.

### **Section 3. Team Manager Responsibilities:**

Team Managers must:

- Maintain an accounting ledger for the team account and prepare an annual team budget, available upon request.
- Keep receipts, purchasing records, and invoices for expenditures and income for the team account, and sign checks.
- Prepare periodic financial reports and the annual budget for submission to the LCGSA Board Treasurer, upon request.
- Maintain copies of birth certificates and emergency medical release information for all participants.
- Maintain official team rosters and proof of insurance (provided by LCGSA).
- Assist the Head Coach as requested and organize scheduled tournament play and make travel arrangements.
- Notify the LCGSA Board Director of Select Operations of all fundraising activities to be conducted by the team and obtain approval before conducting any fundraiser.
- Participate in other business of the organization as requested or directed.

## **ARTICLE VII – Financial Operations**

**Section 1. Fiscal Oversight:**

All financial activities must comply with LCGSA's financial procedures. This includes fundraising, budgeting, and reporting.

**Section 2. Accountability:**

Team managers or designated financial leads must maintain accurate records and provide them to the LCGSA Treasurer upon request.

**Section 3. Insurance Coverage:**

All Lady Rebels teams, players, and coaches will be covered under the insurance policy held and administered by LCGSA.

**Section 4. Fees:**

Each Lady Rebels player will be required to register with LCGSA each season and pay the season fee. Additional fees will be determined and paid directly to team management.

**ARTICLE VIII – Practice Facilities**

LCGSA will provide practice field access to Lady Rebels teams for up to four (4) hours per week during the regular season and reduced hours during the off-season. All field usage is subject to availability and must align with the contract between LCGSA and the City of Corinth.

Recreational play takes scheduling priority, and in rare instances, Lady Rebels practice times may be canceled or adjusted to accommodate the rescheduling of recreational league games. Lady Rebels teams may secure alternative practice facilities at their own cost if necessary.

**ARTICLE IX – Discipline and Disputes****Conflict Resolution for Parents and Players:**

Should parents or players have concerns, they should first work to address them directly with the Lady Rebels coach. If the matter is not successfully resolved, concerns may be escalated by emailing [softball@lcsa.org](mailto:softball@lcsa.org).

All disciplinary matters will be handled in accordance with LCGSA's grievance and disciplinary procedures as defined by its Bylaws and the LCGSA Board.

**ARTICLE X – Amendments**

These bylaws may be proposed for amendment by the Lady Rebels coaching staff but must be approved by a two-thirds vote of the LCGSA Board to take effect, per Article 8.01 of the LCGSA Bylaws.