

# YESTERDAY'S KIDS SENIOR MEN'S SOFTBALL LEAGUES 2021 BY-LAWS.

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The following are by-laws for all aspects of the Yesterday's Kids organization and are applicable for the Monday, Tuesday and Thursday leagues for 2021. Included is a description of the organizational structure, mission statement, board of commissioner's responsibilities and guidelines for games.

## MISSION STATEMENT:

Yesterday's Kids senior softball leagues are designed to provide a way for active senior men to play softball and compete with others with similar interests and talents. Our main emphasis and guiding principle are to encourage sportsmanship, camaraderie, teamwork and fun. Dedication to family, country, God and helping each other is the guiding philosophy of the organization.

## ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE:

A seven-member volunteer Board of Commissioners is responsible for all aspects of the organization. Each commissioner serves at the discretion of the other commissioners of the organization and do not assume any liability either financial or otherwise. There are no term limits and board members serve for as long as they wish and are contributing to the advancement of the organization. When a member retires; the Board elects a replacement from a list of current players.

In 2012 a new non-voting board position was created: it's a special advisory position comprised of retired Yesterday's Kids league presidents and retired commissioners if they wish to stay involved.

Yesterday's Kids rules generally follow the USASS rule book, however where necessary the Commission has made changes to fit our organizational needs and special situations.

The rules of this organization can be changed or modified only by the Board of Commissioners. Each year the Commission review the rules and makes changes where necessary. Players are encouraged to offer suggestions. Players are encouraged to submit their suggestions to the board in writing for rule changes or any other organizational improvements or complaints.

Commissioners for 2021 are Ron Pfeffer: 513-231-9048; Warren Wettengel: 513-732-1644; John Parrott: 513-876-8093; Dick Von Bokern: 513-753-7481; Tom Kloenne: 513-563-6623; Wayne Carlisle 859-640-6262 and Mike O'Ryan: 513-403-9922. Each board member is assigned specific duties.

## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RESPONSIBILITIES:

The Board is required to meet on a timely basis, usually every two or three months, to discuss and implement the business of the organization and its general operation and well fare.

- Board is responsible for organizing the leagues and recruiting players. (It's a great help when players recruit new players)
- Board is responsible for organizing the Fall League and recruiting players. Fall League is to begin immediately following league tournaments.
- Board is responsible for purchasing uniforms, balls and other equipment necessary for league play.

- Board negotiates costs and field schedule with River City Sports Complex.
- Board is responsible for all financial transactions, accounts receivable and accounts payable. Collect player fees. When a player can't finish the season due to injury or other reasons and before the 5<sup>th</sup> game, his fee will be returned.
- Board is responsible for marketing, public relations, and communication with the players and community. We do this mainly through a quarterly Newsletter, Hotline, Website and GroupMe.
- Board is responsible for recruiting and coordination with sponsors.
- Board is responsible for games and all other league activities including the annual picnic
- Board is responsible for providing liability insurance which is for YK leagues and River City as necessary and prescribed by law. It does not cover any player liability.
- Board is responsible for manning a telephone hotline to announce rainouts, postponements and other league news and activities along with a GroupMe page.

## PLAYER RESPONSIBILITY:

For the Yesterday's Kids Monday and Thursday leagues, players must be at least 65 in the year they wish to play. Proof of birth date with a picture ID (such as a copy of the player's driver's license) must be provided to the league along with the initial application and payment.

For the Yesterday's Kids Tuesday league players must be at least 74 in the year they wish to play. Proof of birth date with a picture ID (such as a copy of the player's driver's license) must be provided to the league along with the initial application and payment.

All players and managers must follow all league rules and league philosophy. The player must also observe common sense rules of language and treatment of fellow players. The commissioners take any un-sportsman like conduct that is reported very seriously and will consider disciplinary action for it. Some offenses include breaking league rules, arguing, foul language or any aggressive action against other players or umpires. The player will be notified once about his poor behavior and a second offense may result in ejection from the game and a possible suspension from the league.

## PLAYER DRAFT:

Players are to be drafted to teams by the managers through an alternating draft-pick system. All players must have paid the league fees on or prior to the league draft day. If payment is not received the player will not be considered for placement on a team until he has made payment in full. Players registered and paid in full after the leagues are filled will be placed on a waiting list and/or a sub list.

Managers will not be charged for his league fees.

The Commissioners will determine on which team replacement players are needed and will fill team rosters to balance team competitiveness by replacing injured players with players of equal ability. All teams are encouraged to carry 14 active players