

**CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS OF THE MARION CHRISTIAN SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION
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Article I - Name

The name of this organization shall be "The Marion Christian Softball Association", hereinafter referred to as the "Association".

Article II - Mission Statement

The purpose of this Association is twofold. One, it will be to enjoy the fellowship and company of other Christians participating and secondly, to bear witness to those participants that either may not know Christ or have just began a relationship with him through the game of softball.

Article III - Membership

Section 1:

The Association shall be open to any Christian Church team in or around Marion County, unless a team is suspended by the Team Representatives because of continued inactivity or just cause to make such a suspension desirable. A suspension only requires a majority vote of all Team Representatives. A team may be expelled by 2/3 vote of all the Team Representatives.

Section 2:

Participation is open to all individuals regardless of gender, who turn 15 years of age prior to January 1st. However, due to liability reasons anyone under the age of 18 years of age MUST wear a helmet whether batting or on base, in order for our insurance coverage to be effective.

Section 3:

All team(s) must send a Team Representative to scheduled meetings of the Association or face the possibility of suspension due to inactivity.

Section 4:

Any new teams desiring to participate in the Association will be reviewed and approved by a majority vote of all Team Representatives.

Article IV - Executive Board

Section 1:

The Executive Board of the Association shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Past President.

Section 2:

The term of office shall be (1) one year and members of the Executive Board must be elected to their position by a majority vote of the Team Representatives.

Section 3:

All new executive officers shall be elected no later than February 15th of the calendar year.

Section 4:

The powers and duties of the elected officers of the Association shall be as follows:

- a) The duties of the President shall be to serve as the chief executive officer of the Association. He shall preside at all meetings of the Team Representatives and shall approve the records of such meetings. The President shall establish the standing committees and appoint the chairman of each committee. The President shall not have the power to vote on any legislation, except in case of a tie between Team Representatives.

- b) The Vice President shall perform all the duties of the President in case of the President's absence or inability to perform his duties. The Vice President will be an ex-official member of every committee.
- c) The Treasurer shall have custody of the Association funds; maintain accurate accounts; collect and deposit entry fees and disperse funds for expenses by check which are co-signed by the President. All expenditures must be presented to the Commissioners for approval. All receipts and disbursements shall be reported to the Association at the next regular meeting.
- d) The Secretary shall maintain such records of the Association as may be directed by the President or Team Representatives. The Secretary shall maintain a copy of this Constitution and make it available for all members of the League. The Secretary shall keep minutes of all meetings in books provided for such purpose.

Article V - Team Representatives

The governing body of the Association shall consist of one Team Representative or Captain selected from each participating team. Each team should select its own Team Representative. The Team Representative is responsible for attending all meetings and passing all information on to their team members.

Section 1:

Team Representatives are recommended to be 18 years of age or older.

Section 2:

A Team Representative may have an alternate, if he is unable to attend. The alternate should have permission by the acting Team Representative that they are authorized to vote in their behalf.

Section 3:

The Team Representative shall be vested with the authority to conduct the business of the Association.

Section 4:

The meetings of the Team Representatives shall be held upon call of the President or upon request of five (5) members of the League. Notice of such meeting shall be delivered to the Team Representatives at least 48 hours before the meeting.

Section 5:

All actions shall be determined by a majority vote of the Team Representatives. There must be a quorum present to conduct business. Quorum - absolute majority. All business will be decided by a majority vote of those present.

Section 6:

All meetings shall be governed according to "Robert's Rules of Order".

Article VI - Amendments

This Constitution may be amended by a majority vote of all Team Representatives at any duly called meeting and will take effect immediately unless otherwise specified.