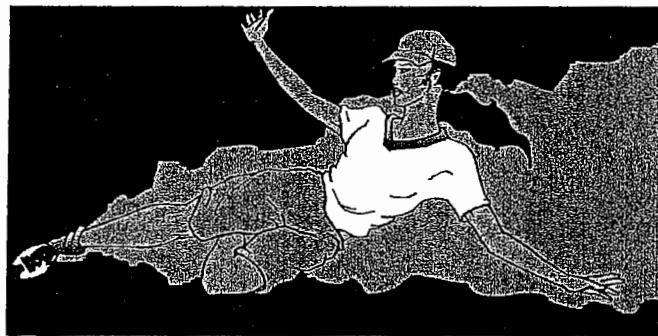


Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation



2006 Leaguerett Softball Guide



35 Years of Service to the Girls of Hillsborough County *1971-2006*



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LEAGUERETT SOFTBALL PROGRAM

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PROGRAM ORGANIZATION AND INFORMATION

Forward and General Information

1. The Leaguerett [Girls Slow Pitch] Softball Program is for girls 6-18* years of age and was begun by the Hillsborough County Parks and Recreation Department in 1971. The Pee Wee Division was added in 2002.
2. The objective of the program is to provide girls with an opportunity to compete in an organized league that seeks to implant firmly in the girls the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage, and reverence so they will be well adjusted, happy girls, who grow into clean, healthy, and trustworthy women.

League Organization

1. A League shall consist of at least four teams in any of the following age classifications:

Pee Wee Division -	ages 7 and under
Pixie Division -	ages 9 and under
Pigtail Division -	ages 13 and under
Ponytail Division -	ages 18 and under*

League age of players is determined as of September 1 of the year prior to league play beginning. (Example: A player who turns 13 on November 11, 2003 plays as a 12-year old in the Pigtail Division for the 2005 season.)

* In order to maintain a viable Ponytail division, 18-year olds may participate provided they are enrolled in school.

2. Rosters of Pee Wee, Pixie, Pigtail, and Ponytail teams shall consist of no more than 13 players. Teams shall be organized by January 1. Girls registering shall be assigned to teams after a series of tryouts conducted prior to January 1. No new players may be added to league rosters after February 1st and each League may set a deadline in advance of this date.
3. Each league, shall only "freeze" a maximum of one (1) manager's daughter and one (1) coach's daughter to be held out of the common pool draft. These managers and coaches must be announced and approved by the local board prior to the local draft process.
4. Team Assignment method - At the beginning of each season and after tryouts, all girls are placed in a common pool. Managers then draw numbers which determine the order of player selection. Managers begin choosing until all girls in an age

group have been picked. This order is repeated for each age group within a division and the order is maintained throughout the time girls are allowed to sign up. Each league is strongly encouraged to develop and utilize a rating system for all participants that may be used by managers and coaches during the team assignment process.

5. Special Selection Option - A special selection rule may be allowed where a league covers a large geographical area. The League's Board of Directors may vote to allow girls from one area to form a pool and then be selected to appropriate teams. This allows girls to be together who would otherwise have to travel great distances for practices. (Example: 24 players living in Oldsmar play in the Town-n-Country program. The League may vote to allow two teams to be selected from these players to facilitate practices and transportation to games.)
6. The practice of "trading" players prior, during, or after the draft process will not be allowed under any circumstances.
7. ~~If it becomes necessary to add an additional team after the draft, all players in that division will be re-drafted.~~
8. Team assignment of new players based on late registration will be done with no less than two girls, by blind draw, for the next two teams in order of draft assignment. This shall be done by the Player Agent. *If two teams fall more than one player less than the opposing players in their division, players placed out of the pool shall go to those teams regardless of draft order.*

Seasons

1. The primary Leaguereft season shall be from January through April in a calendar year. The official beginning of practices for the January season may not begin before November 1 of the preceding year.
2. Leagues, at their option, may organize a secondary, or instructional, season. No games in this season shall begin prior to August 15 and all play shall be completed on or before October 31
3. The League may choose to organize their instructional season in a way(s) that will bring the most benefit to the girls.

Managers and Coaches

1. All managers shall be females at least 18 years of age.
2. Husbands of managers or fathers of players may serve as a coach. Any other male must be a member of the League and must be approved by the Board of Directors of the League.

3. League Presidents **SHALL NOT** be managers or coaches, unless this is the only way the League can secure a manager, coach or President.
4. Only the manager may discuss decisions with umpires. This discussion is at the discretion of the umpire who may choose not to discuss any decision with the manager.
5. Only the manager, coach, or players on the team may occupy the coaching boxes. At least one adult (manager or coach) must be in the dugout at all times.

Registration Fee

1. A registration fee per girl may be charged to help cover the cost of softball uniforms and insurance. Hats, shorts, and socks are optional. It shall be the responsibility of the League to raise the remainder of the money needed for equipment, trophies, and other league expenses.

Schedules

1. Playing schedules shall be prepared by Hillsborough County Athletic Office. If a league so chooses, they may be prepared their own with final approval of the Athletic Office.
2. Teams shall be scheduled for no less than 16 games per season. Where possible, the schedule should be set to include two halves, with the winner of each half meeting in a play-off to determine the league champion. Play-off games are played under regular season rules.
3. A league champion shall be determined before tournament play begins.

Liability

1. Hillsborough County is neither responsible nor liable for any injuries sustained by players, managers, coaches, parents, or spectators while said persons are playing or practicing with or watching practices or games of their respective teams.
2. Medical insurance is the responsibility of each family. The Hillsborough County Parks, Recreation & Conservation Department does not carry insurance to cover accidents or injuries. Each local league must annually purchase liability and accident insurance covering all registered participants. They may choose the ASA insurance provider (Bollinger/Fowler Company) or any other recognized insurance carrier.
3. The League will furnish a certificate of insurance verifying general liability coverage to the County. Minimum amounts of coverage are \$1,000,000 combined single limits for bodily injury protection property damage liability. Such policy should provide coverage for products/completed operations, personal injury, and contractual liability. Furthermore, such policy shall not have an exclusion for athletic participant injury.

4. The Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners *must* be listed on the certificate of insurance as an additional insured as to the activities of the HOST under this agreement and shall also provide the Severability of Interest Provision.
5. The insurance shall be from a responsible company duly authorized to do business in the State of Florida. The insurance Certificate must be personally and manually signed by the authorized representative of the insurance company shown in the Certificate. Thirty (30) days written notice by registered or certified mail must be given the County of any reductions or cancellations of coverage. The insurance coverage required herein is to be primary to any insurance carried by the County or any self-insurance program thereof.

GAME RULES

Equipment

1. All batters, base runners, and players in the coaching boxes must wear approved batting helmets with chin straps.
2. Softball must be imprinted with either the ASA licensing stamp or the words "Official Softball", must be 11 inches in circumference, and have the designation of GWSP-44. In the Pee Wee division, the ball used shall be a "safety" ball such as a RIF ball or other similarly manufactured product. It shall also be 11 inches in circumference.
3. All bats must meet the specifications as outlined in the Official Softball Playing Rules and must be stamped "Official Softball." [Exception: Multi-walled bats shall not be used in the Pee Wee or Pixie divisions during League Play as well as all invitational and championship play effective October 1, 1998.]
4. Catchers must wear a chest protector, mask with throat protector (built-in or added) and helmet.
5. All players will be required to wear a mouthpiece while participating in games or practices. Mouthpieces must be worn while batting, playing defense, or coaching a base. It shall be the responsibility of the team's manager and coach to ensure mouthpieces are worn and worn properly by all players as required.
6. The double base shall be used at first base. This base is 15 by 30 inches and made of canvas or other suitable materials. Half the base is white (over fair territory) and half is colored (over foul territory). It should not be more than 5 inches in thickness (ASA Rule 8.2.m).
7. Players must wear matching tops with six inch numbers.
8. If shorts are worn, they must be of modest length.
9. Tennis shoes, rubber cleats, or other types of athletic shoes must be worn. Metal

cleats, track shoes, boots, dress shoes, or other non-athletic shoes may not be worn.

10. Exposed jewelry is illegal (which includes visible body piercings). Jewelry may not be taped over. Any player found wearing jewelry will be subject to removal. Medical alert bracelets or necklaces are not considered jewelry. If worn, they must be taped to the body so the medical alert information remains visible (ASA Rule 3.6.f).

Players and Substitutes

1. Teams will play (bat) with 10, 11, 12, or 13 players but may begin with nine offensive or defensive players to avoid a forfeit. In Pee Wee, all rostered players will play defense at the same time.
2. Managers are to give their starting line-up to the official scorekeeper prior to the start of the game. All players must be listed on the line-up card before the game starts or a forfeit will be declared. Players that are not going to play, must be listed and reason must be given as to why the player will not play.
3. All players listed as absent at the beginning of the game are required to be inserted in the batting line-up only if they arrive before the game's halfway point, (re: Pixie, top of the 3rd inning, Pigtail, bottom of the 3rd inning, Ponytail, top of the 4th inning). If player listed as absent arrives after the halfway point, manager has the option of inserting the player into the batting line-up.
4. All teams will use continuous batting. All players will be listed in the starting line-up. The team must maintain that batting order for the duration of the game. All players must bat at least once during the game.
5. All players in the line-up must play a minimum of six defensive outs. Violation of this rule will result in a forfeit.
6. The only exceptions to playing six defensive outs are as follows:
 - a. the time limit expires
 - b. the home team does not have to bat in the bottom of the last inning
 - c. a player becomes injured during the course of the game, or
 - d. an official game is shortened by rain.
7. When a player is inserted to play defense, the official scorekeeper must be notified by the manager and it shall be the responsibility of the official scorekeeper to maintain accurate records of the number of innings played by each player.
8. The only exception to the "bat once" requirement is if a player becomes injured and is no longer able to continue to play.
9. A team may continue to play with less players than they began with if an injury causes a player (or players) to be unable to continue to play. If injury removes a player, there is no penalty when it comes time for the injured player to bat.

10. If a player leaves a game due to injury or illness, she MAY NOT return to play in the same game. If the injured player is on base when injured, the "courtesy runner" will be the player who made the most recent out in an inning or the last player to have batted in the previous inning, whichever is most recent. If the injured player's spot in the batting order comes up later in the game, no out will be recorded and the spot will simply be skipped over.
11. If a player is removed from the game for any reason other than injury, an out will be recorded each and every subsequent time the absent player is scheduled to bat. If the "removed" player was on base at the time of the departure, an out would be called for vacating the base. This applies to all reasons for removal from the game with the exception noted on #10.

Length of Games

1. Pee Wee games shall be 4 innings in length and no new inning shall begin after one hour. They may end in a tie.
2. Pixie games shall be five innings in length and no new inning shall begin after one hour unless a game is tied.
3. Pigtail games shall be six innings in length and no new inning shall begin after one hour, five minutes unless a game is tied.
4. Ponytail games shall be seven innings in length and no new inning shall begin after one hour, fifteen minutes unless a game is tied.
5. All games are played until a winner is determined. There are no ties except in Pee Wee.
6. In the event of rain, a game shall be considered an official game if, in Pee Wee, both teams have batted twice, in Pixie play, the losing team has batted at least three times, in Pigtail play, the losing team has batted at least four times, and, in Ponytail play, the losing team has batted at least five times.

Pitching Regulations

1. *In the Pee Wee and Pixie divisions, each pitch shall have a perceptible arc (noticeable) of at least four feet from the ground. The maximum height of a pitch is 10 feet. Pitches less than four feet in height or more than 10 feet in height shall be declared illegal by the umpire. If an illegal pitch is not swung at it will automatically be called a ball. If the batter swings at an illegal pitch, the result of the swing stands and the illegal pitch is ignored.*
~~There shall be no intentional walks in the Pixie division.~~
2. *In the Pigtail and Ponytail divisions, ASA pitching rules will be in effect.*
3. The strike zone is that space over any part of home plate between the batter's back

shoulder and front knee when she assumes a natural batting stance.

Batting Regulations

1. In the Pixie, Pigtail, and Ponytail divisions, a batter will be called out if she bunts the ball or chops the ball downward.
2. If, after hitting the ball, any batter throws the bat and creates a dangerous situation, the batter shall be called out and it is a delayed dead ball. The ball remains alive and in play and runners may advance. It shall be the judgment of the umpire as to whether or not a "dangerous situation" was created and the umpire may, at his/her discretion, issue a warning to the player and the manager of the offending team.
3. When a foul ball goes over the head of the catcher and is caught, the batter is out.
4. The batter is not out if she hits an uncaught foul ball with two strikes.
5. No bases are awarded if the batter is hit by a pitched ball.
6. The Infield Fly Rule shall be applied to Pigtail and Ponytail games only.
7. If a player bats out of order and the error is discovered while the improper batter is at bat, the correct batter shall take her place and assume the count, if any, accrued by the improper batter.
8. If the error is discovered after the improper batter has completed her turn at bat and before the first pitch is thrown to the next batter, the batter who should have batted is out, all runners return to their bases, and the next batter in the order is placed at bat.
9. If the error is discovered after the improper batter has completed her turn at bat and after a pitch has been thrown to the next batter, no out is called, all plays are legal, and any advance and scoring by runners stands. The error is then corrected the next time through the order.

Base Running-Tenth Batter

1. A base runner must remain on her base until a pitched ball is hit, passes home plate, or she is forced to advance because the batter has walked. Penalty: the ball is dead and the runner is out.
2. A team's time at bat is completed when three outs are made or when the tenth batter has batted.
3. Teams playing with 9, 10, 11, 12, or 13 players are still governed by the tenth batter rule.
4. Play ends when the tenth batter scores or the team in the field retires the tenth batter. There are seven ways to retire the tenth batter:
 - a. catch a fly ball,

- b. throw the tenth batter out at first base,
 - c. tag the tenth batter,
 - d. touch any base in front of the tenth batter,
 - e. the tenth batter hits an infield fly,
 - f. by striking out the tenth batter, or
 - g. by any other action by the offense or defense which causes the ball to become dead.
5. The time at bat also ends if a runner other than the tenth batter is retired for the third out of the inning.
 6. If a ball is unintentionally thrown out of play, the inning ends when all players have advanced to their awarded bases.
 7. If interference occurs by the tenth batter or a runner on base during the at-bat of the tenth batter, the inning shall end when the ball becomes dead.
 8. The tenth batter may not receive a base on balls.

Protests

1. Each league has the option to institute a protest fee.
2. All protests based on a rule interpretation must be made immediately, at the time of play in question, and before the next pitch.
3. Protests of player eligibility may be made at anytime during the game but must be made before the game ends.
4. The manager shall make her intent to protest known to the umpire and the official scorekeeper.
5. All protests must then be filed in writing with all the pertinent and required information and turned into the league's protest committee within 24 hours of the completion of the game.
6. The protest committee shall render a decision within 48 hours of receiving a written protest.
7. The league's written local rules will take precedent. All game rules not covered by local league rule or the Leaguerett Guide will be governed by the Official Playing Rules as published by the Amateur Softball Association of America.
8. All protests that have been ruled on by the local protest committee may be appealed (by the person/team who filed the original protest) in writing to the Hillsborough County Umpires Association's Umpire-in-Chief whose decision shall be final.

Tournament play

1. Each season there shall be four tournaments - the Early Bird prior to the season's beginning, the spring Break Tournament during the season, and the County and All-Star tournaments at the end of each season. The Early Bird and Spring Break tournaments are invitational tournaments which are open to all Pixie, Pigtail, and Ponytail teams which pay the entry fee on or before the posted deadline. The County tournament shall match league champions and runners-ups and the All-star tournament shall match all-stars in each age group from the respective leagues. Each league will have the opportunity to send two teams from each age group to the County Tournament provided they had an active playing league at their area. Likewise, each league will have the opportunity to send one representative all-star team to the All-Star Tournament provided they had an active playing league at their area. Effective 2005, the Spring Break and All Star tournaments will alternate hosting sites (ie. 2005 All Stars will be hosted by Lutz; 2006 by Temple Terrace)
2. Each local league will determine the method of selecting the two teams for the County Tournament.
3. Each local league will determine the method of selecting the manager and coach for the all-star team.
4. Each tournament team shall be accompanied by its female manager and one other coach who will be charged with the discipline and control of the team and its spectators at all times.
5. In invitational tournaments, teams may pick-up up to two players in order to have 9 players with which to play. These pick-up players may be from a lower division (ie. Ponytails may pick up a Pigtail). The pick-up player(s) must bat in the 8th and 9th spots in the batting order and play defensively at the catcher's position and/or in right field.
6. County Tournament teams shall have rosters of not more than 13 players, each of whom played in a minimum of one half of the scheduled games of her particular team.
7. Managers and coaches of teams in the respective divisions will select 13 all-stars. Each league determines the method of all-star selection. Each team in a division does not have to be represented on the all-star team.
8. The manager of the all-star team may prior to the tournament beginning, replace any player who quits, becomes injured, leaves for vacation, or is removed from the team for disciplinary reasons. The local league president must be notified if an all-star is replaced.
9. All-Star rosters must have 13 players before it is verified as official and players must have played in a minimum of one half of the scheduled games of her particular team. Injured players or those with verified medical reason for not playing in one

half of a team's scheduled games, may still be eligible for all-star play.

10. Injured players who will not be able to play in the All-Star tournament may be replaced prior to the beginning of the tournament. After tournament play begins, players may not be replaced, unless replaced, except as an emergency pick-up who must bat last in the order and play right field or catcher, NO EXCEPTIONS!
11. If a team has less than 9 players on its County tournament roster, the team may pick up enough players to reach to 9 players provided they choose a player from a lower division. Once tournament play begins, teams may not pick up players. Any pick-up player must bat last (or 9th) in the order and play right field or catcher. NO EXCEPTIONS!
12. League Presidents shall certify, by birth certificate, the date of birth of all players. Rosters shall be turned in to the Athletic office prior to a team's participation in tournament play. All rosters must be signed by the league President before it will be considered official. All-Star rosters must also include the player's regular season team affiliation.
13. All tournament games shall be completed. If a games is suspended due to inclement weather or darkness, it shall be resumed from the point of suspension. The time limit, ten batter rule and all other rules will still be in force.
14. When a manager lodges a protest, the rules committee, appointed by the League Commissioner, shall call a conference with the umpires and managers. The committee shall render a decision before play resumes and the committee's decision shall be final. Under no circumstances will a protest be accepted after a game has been completed.

15. Due to distances traveled between parks and earlier school times curfews have been added to all divisions as follows:

- a. Pixie Division – No new game will begin after 7:30 pm
- b. Pigtail Division – No new game will begin after 8:30 pm
- c. Bonetail Division – No new game will begin after 9:30 pm

16. Tie Breaker Rule – If after the completion of regulation innings of play, the score is tied, the tie breaker will be play to determine a winner. Starting with the top of the eighth inning and each half inning thereafter, the offensive team shall begin its turn at bat with the player who is scheduled to bat last in the respective half inning being placed on second base (e.i. if the number 5 batter is the lead off batter, the number 4 batter in the batting order will be placed on second base. (ASA Rule 5.11a)

SPORTSMANSHIP

1. All managers, coaches, parents, and players will sign a code of conduct. This is a condition of participation for all managers, coaches, parents and players.

2. Violations of the code of conduct by any manager, coach, parent, or player will lead to disciplinary action as defined herein.
3. Managers and coaches shall be responsible for the conduct of their players and parents while at the field and at practice.
4. The use of tobacco products by the manager, coach, umpire, or any player on the playing field, in the dugout, or at the practice field is forbidden.
5. No player, manager, coach, parent, umpire or spectator will use profanity at games or practices.
6. Players using profanity during a game that is directed toward an umpire, manager, coach, other player, or other adult will be ejected from the game. The league may take other action including suspending the player or removing the player from the league.
7. Profanity used by players during a game that is not directed toward someone but rather is uttered as a vent to frustration is called "casual profanity". Casual profanity is penalized by "outs" being declared against the offensive or defensive team, whichever is guilty of the violation. If the member of the team at bat uses casual profanity, the next batter will be declared out. If the third out has been made, the first batter in the next inning is out. If a member of the defensive team is guilty of casual profanity, the first batter up in the next inning will be declared out.
8. Managers and coaches who use profanity will be subject to disciplinary action by the Board.
9. Parents who use profanity will be subject to ejection from the park and possible banishment from further participation.
10. Other acts of unsportsmanlike conduct by a player or member of the league will not be tolerated. These actions are in direct conflict with objectives of the Leaguerett Softball Program.
11. Cell phone use on the field is not permitted under any circumstance.

Diamond Specifications

1. Pee Wee Division - ages 7 and under - one hour time limit
Base length - 50 feet, pitching distance - 35 feet
2. Pixie Division - ages 9 and under - one hour time limit
Base length - 60 feet, pitching distance - 40 feet
3. Pigtail Division - ages 13 and under - one hour, five minute time limit
Base length - 65 feet, pitching distance - 50 feet
4. Ponytail Division - ages 17 and under - one hour, fifteen minute time limit

Base length - 65 feet, pitching distance - 50 feet

PLEASE NOTE: Pitching distances are accordance with ASA Rules.

County Policies

1. Any volunteer in a Leaguereff organization who has direct contact with children must be screened through the County's background check program. The cost is \$2.50 each and will be borne by the coach unless the league's board votes to absorb the cost. Background checks are done annually and forms may be obtained from the Athletic Office.
2. Parents must complete the County supplied Medical Release Form. Each league is to keep these release forms on file - one with the league and each coach with a set of his/her players.
3. Parents must sign the youth sports waiver form. All players league age 12 and older must also sign the form.
4. The Leaguereff surcharge if mandated by the Board of County Commissioners due in February. The league's check is made payable to BOCC and is due to the Athletic Office by the end of the first week of February.
5. Each league must provide the Athletic Office with a certificate of general liability insurance. Minimum amounts are \$1,000,000. combined single limits for bodily injury and property damage. Such policy should provide coverage for products/completed operations, personal injury, and contractual liability. Furthermore, such policy shall not have an exclusion for athletic participant injury. The Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners *must* be listed on the certificate as an additional insured under the general liability policy as to the activities of the league under this agreement and shall also provide the Severability of Interest Provision.

Leaguerett Softball Program By-Laws

ARTICLE I - Objectives

1. The objectives of the local league shall be to implant firmly in the children of the community the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage, and reverence so that they will be well adjusted, happy girls who will grow to be good, clean, healthy, and trustworthy adults.
2. These objectives will be obtained by providing supervised, competitive activities. The leadership shall bear in mind that the attainment of exceptional athletic skills or winning games is secondary, and the molding of the character and values of the children is of prime importance.

ARTICLE II - Membership

1. Membership shall consist of both parents of a registered participant and will also be open to other adults approved by the local Board of Directors. Each member will be entitled to one vote on all issues put before the membership.
2. No person who is not a registered member of the league will have a vote on any matter put before the membership or be eligible to serve on the Board of Directors.
3. Members shall perform any and all reasonable tasks necessary to maintain the standards of the league.
4. Only members who successfully complete an application for managing and coaching shall be eligible to manage or coach a team.
5. A member of the Recreation Staff at each league site shall be a member of the league through their duties as a staff member.
6. All meetings of the membership shall be conducted using Robert's Rules of Order.

ARTICLE III - Board of Directors

1. A League's elected Board of Directors shall consist of a President (who shall sit on the county-wide Leaguerett Executive Board), Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. A Recreation Staff member shall be an ex-officio member of the Board. These are the minimum number of elected board members. Each league, in accordance with their own by-laws, may provide for other members of their local board.
2. Elected board members who resign or otherwise vacate their elected position shall have their unexpired term filled by appointment by the remainder of the existing elected board of directors. This appointment shall be official until the next

scheduled election of league officers.

3. Elected Board members shall serve a term of one year which shall run from September 1 through August 31 and will be elected by a majority vote of the membership.
4. Regular meetings of the Board shall be held prior to regular membership meetings unless otherwise noted by the Board.
5. The Board will be responsible for the business affairs of the League.
6. A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum and a majority vote of those present shall govern.
7. The Board shall appoint, with majority vote, all league managers and coaches. The Board shall also appoint, as is necessary for the operation of the league any of the following: Player Agents, Head Scorekeeper, Concession Stand Manager, or other necessary appointments.
8. Any elected member of the Board may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the Board.
9. The duties of the President shall be as follows:
 - a. preside at all meetings of the Board and the membership.
 - b. appoint standing committees and their chairs, as is necessary for the operation of the league.
 - c. serve as an ex-officio member of all standing committees.
10. The duties of the Vice-President shall be as follows:
 - a. perform the duties of the President in the absence of the President.
 - b. oversee the operation of the concession stand.
 - c. carry out any other duties as delegated by the President.
11. The duties of the Secretary shall be as follows:
 - a. keep the minutes of all membership and Board meetings and send a copy of the minutes of such meetings to the League Director within five calendar days of said meetings.
 - b. post notices of upcoming meetings for the Board and membership.
 - c. act as a custodian of the records of the League including the mailing addresses of all board members, the membership, and players.
 - d. serve as the League's publicity chairman.
12. The duties of the Treasurer shall be as follows:
 - a. receive and give receipts for all money due and payable.
 - b. deposit such monies into the bank account of the League.
 - c. be one of the two authorized signatures on all checks of the League.
 - d. send to the Athletic Director a copy of the Monthly Financial Report within five calendar days of the beginning of the month.
 - e. copies of written bids and notes of phone bids are to be submitted to the

Athletic Director by the Treasurer with the Monthly Financial Report.

ARTICLE IV - Appointed League Officials

1. The appointed league officials include the player agents, head scorekeeper, and concession stand manager. These officials shall not be members of the League's voting Board of Directors unless otherwise they are elected as provided for in the League's own by-laws.
2. The duties of the player agent shall be as follows:
 - a. acquaint all eligible girls and parents of the time and place of registration and tryouts.
 - b. verify a player's age by checking an official certificate of birth.
 - c. conduct tryouts and draft and see to the equal distribution of ages within each division.
 - d. maintain a waiting list of eligible girls for replacement of drop outs.
3. The duties of the head scorekeeper shall be as follows:
 - a. provide a trained official scorekeeper for all games played.
 - b. keep a record of all games played in each division of the League.
 - c. supply to the Board with all records at the end of the season.
4. The duties of the concession stand manager shall be as follows:
 - a. order supplies and check stock for the concession stand.
 - b. turn all profits in excess of a \$75.00 operating fund to the Treasurer daily for deposit.
 - c. provide for operation of the concession stand on all days and evenings that games are played.
 - d. recruit volunteers to staff the concession stand.

ARTICLE V - Leaguerett Executive Board

1. The Executive Leaguerett Board shall be the governing body for the Leaguerett softball program.
2. Membership of the Leaguerett Executive Board shall consist of each local league president, the HCPRCD Athletic Director, and the Hillsborough County Umpires Association Umpire-in-Chief.
3. Members of the Executive Leaguerett Board shall meet yearly in October to make any policy and by-law changes necessary to insure the smooth operation of the program on a county-wide level.
4. The decisions of the Executive Leaguerett Board are final.

ARTICLE VI - Miscellaneous Provisions

1. Only females are eligible to be team managers.

2. The Official Playing Rules, as published by the Amateur Softball Association of America, shall be used by each league with local league rules taking precedence.
3. All financial records of each league are subject to inspection by the Parks, Recreation & Conservation Department and /or the Clerk of the Circuit court.
4. All expenditures by the League in excess of \$300.00 shall require a minimum of the three bids. Written bids are preferred and are to be procured on all expenses of \$300.00 or more. Phone bids are acceptable for expenses of \$100.00 - \$299.99. Expenditures of less than \$100.00 do not require bids.
5. The League's Board of Directors shall appoint the following committees which shall execute the following duties:
 - a. Protest Committee
 - * shall consist of at least three registered League members.
 - * shall rule on all properly filed protests within 72 hours of receipt.
 - * (NOTE: Written appeals of a decision of the Protest Committee may be made to the Hillsborough County Umpire-in-Chief. Such appeals must be made within 48 hours of the decision rendered by the Protest Committee. The decisions handed down by the Umpire-in-Chief shall be final.)
 - b. Trophy Committee
 - * shall consist of a chair and four members.
 - * shall purchase trophies according to policy and with funds available.
 - c. Nominating Committee
 - * shall be appointed by March 1 of the current season and consist of at least three members.
 - * members shall personally approach each potential candidate and inform them of the duties of each office according to these by-laws.
 - * no person shall be nominated without their acceptance of the nomination.
 - d. Temporary Committees
 - * shall be appointed by the League president for special purposes and at the time required and shall be terminated by the conclusion of the specific task.
6. These by-laws may be amended by a majority vote of the Executive Leaguereff Board, the governing body for the Leaguereff softball program, whose decision is final.

2006 LEAGUERETT PRESIDENT'S CALENDAR

Instructional Season		August 22 - October 29, 2005
First date of registration	(First Saturday in September)	Saturday, September 3, 2005
First day of Official Practice	(First Saturday in November)	Saturday, November 5, 2005
Schedule Worksheets Due		Friday, November 25, 2005
Umpires' Rules Meeting	JC Handly	Tuesday, December 13, 2005
Early Bird Tournament Entry Deadline	(\$60.00 per team)	Friday, December 16, 2005
EarlyBird Tournament Draw & President's Meeting		Thursday, December 29, 2005
Manager and Team Information Due		Friday, January 6, 2006
EarlyBird Tournament	Ed Radice Complex	January 2 - 7, 2006
Regular Season		January 9 - April 27, 2006
Martin Luther King Day (no school)		Monday, January 16, 2006
Gasparilla Parade		
Deadline to add players (Local Rosters)		Tuesday, February 7, 2006
Student Day at State Fair (no school for west side students)		Friday, February 21, 2006
Strawberry Festival Day (no school for east side students)		Monday, March 7, 2006
Spring Break Tournament entry deadline	(\$60.00 per team)	Tuesday, February 28, 2006
Spring Break Tournament Draw & Presidents Meeting		Monday, March 6, 2006
Spring Break Tournament	TBA	March 26 - 29, 2006
County Tournament entry deadline	(\$60.00 per team)	Monday, April 10, 2006
President's meeting (tournament draws)(All People's Center 7:00)		Thurs, April 13, 2006
County Tournament	JC Handly Complex	April 22 & 23, 2006
All-Star Tournament	Temple Terrace	May 11 & 13, 2006
Board of Directors election deadline		Friday, June 2, 2006
President's meeting (rules, regulations, amendments)	(All People's Center 7:00)	Tuesday, August 1, 2005
Instructional Season		August 14 - October 27, 2005

ASA
Double First Base
Rule 8.2.m

M. When using the double base at first, the following rules should be enforced:

1. A batted ball hitting or bounding over the white portion is declared fair and a batted ball hitting or bounding over the colored portion is declared foul.
2. Whenever a play is being made by **an infielder** on the batter-runner, the defense must use the white portion and the batter-runner the colored portion. The batter-runner is out when there is a play being made at first base and the batter-runner touches only the white portion, providing the defense appeals prior to the batter-runner returning to first base. Once the runner returns to the white, no appeal can be made.
3. On any force out attempt from the foul side of first base, or an errant throw pulling the defense off the base into foul ground, the defense and the batter-runner can use either the white or colored portion.
4. On extra base hits or balls hit to the outfield, the batter-runner may touch the white or colored portion. Should the batter-runner return, the runner must return to the white portion. **NOTE: If the runner returns to the colored portion only and remains there until the pitched ball is released, no pitch is called and the runner is out.**
5. When tagging up on a fly ball, the white portion must be used.
6. (Fast Pitch & 16-Inch Slow Pitch Only) On an attempted pick-off play, the runner must return to the white portion.
7. If, when using the double base, and there is a force play by an infielder on the batter-runner, who touches only the white portion and collides with the fielder about to catch a thrown ball while on the white.

EFFECT M-7: Interference is ruled, the ball is dead, the batter-runner is out, and all other runners are returned to the base last occupied at the time of interference.