

# GOODLETTSVILLE CHURCH RECREATION ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

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The Goodlettsville Church Recreation Association League is dedicated to providing a safe, fun competitive league that offers many athletic options for the members of the area churches while remembering that without the blood of Jesus Christ we would not have this fellowship one with another.

## ARTICLE I NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Goodlettsville Church Recreation Association.

## ARTICLE II POLICY AND PURPOSE

It is the policy of the Goodlettsville Church Recreation Association to promote the development of strong Christian ties within Goodlettsville and the surrounding communities, using the sponsored athletic activities as such a vehicle. It is the policy of the GCRA to achieve this goal through Christian morals, fair play, Christian sportsmanship and fellowship. It is strictly against the policy of the GCRA for any person, either as a participant or spectator, to engage in arguments, to use abusive language, to harass umpires or to exhibit any behavior not in the concert with the general intention of this policy statement. Team coaches and players are required to abide by this policy statement, and all other spectators are expected to do so.

## ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Any church within Goodlettsville and surrounding communities, such as but not limited to Madison, Ridgetop, Greenbrier, and Hendersonville, as long as there is space available. Affiliation is approved by the GCRA after receiving all waivers, fees and signing of participation contract. The GCRA and all participating Churches are governed by the rules set forth and published by this organization.

## ARTICLE IV GOVERNING BODY

The governing body of this Association shall be the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall be elected from within Goodlettsville City Limits with churches: Rivergate Church of Christ and Parkway Baptist church having been grandfathered into

the Association having both been long standing teams that have always been involved since the League started.

The officers of the Board shall consist of the following positions:

1. Commissioner
2. Assistant Commissioner
3. Secretary\*
4. Treasurer\*
5. Chief Umpire
6. Member at Large
7. Member at Large

\*The positions of Secretary and Treasurer may be filled by one person if said person is willing to do both jobs co-jointly.

## ARTICLE V QUORUM

For the purpose of conduction the business of the Association, a quorum of three (3) must be present.

## ARTICLE VI REGISTRATION FEES AND SIGN-UP DATES

**SECTION I.** A fee shall be charged for each Church Team that registers in the GCRA League. These fees shall be decided upon by the Board of Directors and divided equally on a per team basis. Fees will be **paid in full prior to the first game**. Should withdrawal from the League be necessary, a full refund will be granted if the withdrawal request is made in excess of three (3) prior to the beginning of the season. Beginning three (3) weeks prior to the season starting, no refunds will be made.

**SECTION II.** Sign-ups for each season will be sent from the Commissioner to each Church in the area prior to the season attempting to send the information not less than five weeks prior to the start of the season.

**SECTION III.** In addition to the above, the GCRA League shall provide insurance coverage; said cost shall be included in the cost of registration.

## ARTICLE VII OFFICIATING

**SECTION I.** Sanctioned officials will be provided for each league season by the GCRA League and paid for out of the registration fees provided by each Church participating in the League season.

**SECTION II.** Those officiating the game are human and are therefore not infallible. However if a Church team, as a whole, has problems with any officiating that takes place

during their game, they have a right to file a formal complaint with the GCRA Commissioner at which time it will be addressed.

## ARTICLE VIII ELIGIBILITY FOR PARTICIPATION

**SECTION I.** The GCRA offers three (3) different leagues in which to participate: Basketball (Men's), Softball (Men's, Women's, and Co-Ed), and Volleyball (Recreational and Competitive).

**SECTION II.** To be eligible for participation in the GCRA, the player must attend the church for which s/he wants to play for.

**SECTION III.** The age of the participants for each league of play must be no less than sixteen (16) years of age at the beginning of each season. A player may not take the field of play before reaching the sixteenth (16<sup>th</sup>) birthday. IF a player is turning sixteen (16) within the season, s/he may be listed on the roster, but MAY NOT be allowed to play until such time that the player becomes eligible.

**SECTION IV.** No one shall be allowed to play in any of the leagues without filing a waiver and signing Rules of Participation Contract.

**SECTION V.** No team will be allowed to play in a league's season's first game without ALL waivers, Rules of Participation Contract, Team Roster signed by either a Pastor or Activity Director's signature, and all League Fees being paid.

## ARTICLE IX ELIGIBILITY FOR PLAYER PARTICIPATION

**SECTION I.** The GCRA offers three (3) different leagues in which to participate: Basketball (Men's), Softball (Men's, Women's, and Co-Ed), and Volleyball (Recreational and Competitive).

**SECTION II.** To be eligible for participation in the GCRA, the player must attend the church for which s/he wants to play for.

**SECTION III.** Minimum age is set forth below for each sport. A player may not take the field of play before reaching the set minimum age birthday. IF a player is turning stated age within the season, s/he may be listed on the roster, but MAY NOT be allowed to play until such time that the player becomes eligible.

Set age limits:

SOFTBALL – 16 YEARS OF AGE

VOLLEYBALL – 16 YEARS OF AGE

BASKETBALL – 16 YEARS OF AGE

**SECTION IV.** No one shall be allowed to play in any of the leagues without filing a waiver and signing Rules of Participation Contract.

**SECTION V.** No team will be allowed to play in a league's season's first game without ALL waivers, Rules of Participation Contract, Team Roster signed by either a Pastor or Activity Director's signature, and all League Fees being paid.

ARTICLE X  
UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

Softball and Basketball: All teams shall wear like, numbered jerseys as a minimum uniform. A like-jersey is defined as the body being the same basic design (stripes or solids) and of the same basic color. Sleeve, body trim and lettering are optional. Numbers should be large enough to be easily read (not less than 4 inches).

Volleyball: Uniforms are optional but strongly encouraged.

ARTICLE XI  
AMENDMENTS

The Constitution and By-Laws of the Goodlettsville Church Recreation Association may be amended at any regular or called meeting of the Board of Directors by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those Board members present, provided the amendment has been submitted to the Board members in writing one week in advance and provided there is a quorum of the Board present.