

**GLENN W. SHIPPY RECREATIONAL LEAGUE**  
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**Article I      Name / Mission Statement & League Objective**

**Section 1      Glenn W. Shippy Recreational League**

**Section 2      Mission Statement**

In honor of Glenn W. Shippy, this League will provide an opportunity for the youth of our communities to participate in recreational softball and baseball while developing an understanding and respect for the rules of the game; instilling within the League, an attitude of respect for opponents and for themselves in victory as well as defeat, and aiding in the development of a lifelong pursuit of health for mind and body. The goal of the Glenn W. Shippy Recreational League is to create a fun and safe environment for citizens that will carry forward, for future generations, the values of Glenn W. Shippy.

**Article II      Officers**

**Section 1      Board**

The board is comprised of one board representative from each eligible township. Each town has one vote, and the name of their appointees must be documented on the official league representative list to be eligible to cast that vote.

**Section 2      Executive Board**

All officers must be nominated and elected by the majority of the Board on a bi-annual basis. Any officers unable to fulfill their two-year term will be replaced by a Board member through the appointment of the remaining officers on the Executive Board. The Board must agree with said appointment and has the right to veto the appointment and make additional nomination if deemed necessary.

**A. Duties - President**

The President shall have the authority to call and preside at all meetings, appoint members of all committees necessary to conduct the functions of the league. The President shall supervise conducting of all Board resolutions and make decisions on questions not provided for in the bylaws or Rules and Procedures until the next regular meeting of the Board. The President will cast the deciding vote when the Board voting results in a tie. The President shall perform any other duty not listed above which is in the best interest of the League and its programs.

**B. Duties – Vice President**

The Vice President, in the absence of the President shall have authority to perform all duties and obligations of the President and shall perform all duties assigned by the President. The Vice President shall be responsible for receiving and retaining rosters (minimum retention of two full seasons).

C. Duties – Secretary

The Secretary shall keep accurate records of all meetings, perform all other duties assigned by the President and the Board, and shall in the absence of the President and Vice President, have the authority to perform all duties of such officers.

D. Duties – Treasurer

The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account and record of all funds and financial matters of the League and shall provide an accurate report of account activity at each meeting. The treasurer shall sign all checks drawn against the League.

The Treasurer shall be responsible for the safekeeping of all monies and other assets of the League. The Treasurer shall deposit all funds in the League’s bank account at the banking establishment approved by the Board. Upon the absence of the President, Vice President, and Secretary, the Treasurer has authority and shall perform all duties of such officers.

### **Article III Membership Guidelines**

#### **Section 1 Charter Members**

Existing townships at the time these original bylaws were adapted in 2007 were Centerview, East Lynne, Holden, Kingsville, Lake Lotawana, Leeton, Lone Jack, Warrensburg, Whiteman AFB, and Windsor. New townships will be added as charter members in accordance with eligibility requirements and only if approved by voting board members.

#### **Section 2 Eligibility**

- Members of the GWSRL must meet the following requirements:
  - Must subscribe to the same mission and goals of the GWSRL Exist within a limited geographical area approved by the Board Good standing with financial obligations (dues, etc.)
  - Maintain safe and suitable fields for League play.
  - Attend and actively participate in a minimum of 75% of all meetings Participate in League training sessions (rules, umpires, etc)
  - Must apply for membership by the fall meeting.
  - Application for membership must be approved by majority of town representatives at the fall meeting.
  - Cannot be an individual team or teams that have an opportunity to play through their local municipality but choose not to do so (Junior and Debutante divisions are exempt)
  - Must abide by all rules established by the GWSRL Board

Membership may be suspended, terminated or reinstated by a majority vote of the majority vote of the Board.

**Section 3 Fees**

An annual township membership fee of \$50.00 is due at the Spring meeting when teams are submitted. The GWSRL reserves the right to adjust this fee based on budgetary requirements.

**Team Fees**

The annual cost per participating township will be determined at the annual fall meeting.

#### **Section 4      Liability**

Townships are responsible for maintaining liability insurance on their facilities as mandated by their property owner and should obtain signed waivers as applicable. The GWSRL is not responsible for any accidents/incidents occurring during a league game/activity.

### **Article IV      Meetings**

#### **Section 1   Meeting Schedule**

Meetings must be held at a minimum of four times annually.

- A) Spring Meeting - the Board and Executive Board will determine divisional breakdowns and establish the dates and times for scheduling games, coach and rules orientation, and umpire clinics.
- B) Summer meeting - the Board and Executive Board to discuss season activities and status with the participating townships. These discussions may include, but will not be limited to, conflicts between townships, protests, and any other issues or conflicts that might warrant further interaction. A meeting will be held at the end of the regular season to determine post season seeds and tournament schedules.
- C) Fall Meeting – the Board and Executive Board will review rules and critique the prior season for the purpose of on-going improvements within the League structure. The routine review of rules will be a bi-annual event. The review of rules will occur in the fall meeting preceding the odd numbered season. For example, rules will be reviewed and critiqued in the Fall 2012 meeting and proposals submitted by the Board for voting in the Winter 2013 meeting. There are two exceptions for rules to be submitted for modification during the even numbered seasons. Exception 1: Rules deemed a safety risk if not modified. Exception 2: If a township determines a rule should be modified outside of the regular odd year schedule, the town representative has the right to present their suggestion to the League Executive Board for review. If the League Executive Board determines the rule review has merit, it will be presented to the League Board for a vote. Nomination of new officers will be held bi-annually at the fall meeting (in preparation of odd year seasons) for voting and installation at the winter meeting.
- D) Winter Meeting – The Board will vote on the rule proposals presented at the Fall meeting for odd numbered seasons. The upcoming league and post season schedule will be defined.
- E) Additional meetings will be called and scheduled by the Executive Board as deemed necessary to address issues that require the immediate attention of the Board.

#### **Section 2      Attendance**

A representative appointed by each of the participating townships is expected to attend each regularly scheduled meeting. Absence of an approved township representative results in surrendering their right to vote and the right to discuss the meeting as old business at any future meeting unless warranted by recurrence. A minimum of 50% of the Executive

Board and 75% of the Board must be present at all meetings for them to be considered official.

**Section 3 Approval and Distribution of Minutes**

Minutes from each meeting will be recorded and reported at the succeeding meeting or through other media means if deemed necessary by the President. The Board and executive Board must approve the minutes and only the President can grant the final approval for distribution outside the Board and Executive Board.

**Article V Code of Conduct / Incident Reporting / Disciplinary Actions**

**Section 1 Code of Conduct**

The Glenn W. Shippy Recreational League has the right to remove anyone from any type of league participation for misbehavior that jeopardizes the mission and goals of the league.

The intent of the league is to allow kids to have fun, learn, and gain experience playing baseball or softball. Coaches are expected to encourage good sportsmanship among the players, parents, umpires, and each other. Each town association staff, which includes supervisors and umpires, are to be treated in a respectful manner. Adults should be role models for our participants. It is our intention to provide the participants with a fun and positive environment.

Participants and spectators involved with the Glenn W. Shippy Recreational League are expected to adhere to the following Code of Conduct:

- No profane or abusive language.
- Display respect for teammates, opposing teams, coaches, umpires and spectators. This includes no booing, arguing calls or decisions, no confronting coaches or umpires, and cheering must be for your team and not against your opponent.
- No threatening or aggressive remarks towards umpires, coaches, league officials or fans.
- Display respect for facilities and equipment.
- Maintain and exhibit self-control at all practices, games, and events.
- No threatening/inappropriate gestures or body language.
- No alcohol or drugs at any practice, games, or events.
- Failure to remove yourself from the program area after you have been asked to leave.

If anyone does not follow the above Code of Conduct and it is felt that they have jeopardized or may jeopardize the positive environment of the league, league officials (board members, town representatives, site supervisors, umpires, etc.) have the authority to remove anyone from the program area. Suspension from participation or attendance as well as a ban from participation or attendance may also be given after board review.

Cheering in a positive fashion, for both sides, is highly encouraged. Remember that you are part of a recreational program with fun as the primary emphasis.

**Section 2      Protest and Conduct Reporting (Incident Report Form)**

Refer to Attachment A for form sample.

**Article VI      Amendment of Bylaws**

The Board reserves the right to amend the bylaws at any time deemed necessary and approved by majority vote.

**Article VII      Rules**

**Section 1      Administrative**

**Section 2      Playing the Game**

**Section 3      Special Rules by Division**

**ATTACHMENT A**

**SPECIAL REPORT  
TO  
Glenn W. Shippy Recreational League**

This form is to be used to report on any matter concerning Glenn W. Shippy Recreational League contests that merits the attention of the League staff. It shall be used to report phases of the athletic program which the supervisor should immediately attempt to improve. It may be used to report an exceptionally good job of game administration as well as all instances involving unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of coaches, players, or fans should be reported on this form. **Officials are expected to report problems within 5 days so the League may take prompt action.**

Please print or write legibly so that the information is readable. (Please check appropriate boxes and give a brief explanation).

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Report for \_\_\_\_\_ concerning Baseball or Softball (*Circle One*)  
**(Participant in Violation)**

Contest between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_@  
\_\_\_\_\_  
**(Location) (Home Team) (Visiting Team) (Date)**

**A) Special Report of Misconduct** (Please check appropriate boxes):

- 1) Specific matter reported: \_\_\_ Ejection \_\_\_ Other Unsportsmanlike Conduct
- 2) Person being reported: \_\_\_ Player \_\_\_ Coach \_\_\_ Fan(s) \_\_\_ Umpire(s) \_\_\_ Other
- 3) Specific incident (please check): \_\_\_ Fighting or Striking an Opponent \_\_\_ Profanity  
\_\_\_ Complaining \_\_\_ Failure to Meet Responsibilities \_\_\_ Other
- 4) State specific game rule violation (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 5) Brief explanation of matter being reported:

**B) Complimentary Report – Explanation or comment:**

Person Reporting \_\_\_\_\_  
Others Involved (Witness) \_\_\_\_\_

**League officials must receive a report of action within five days. This report needs to be submitted to the League President.**