

CHATFIELD YOUTH FASTPITCH ASSOCIATION (CYFA) FIREBALLS

BY-LAWS

As of 12/8/2025

Article I – Name

A. The organization is formally known as the Chatfield Youth Fastpitch Association (CYFA), also known as the Fireballs.

B. CYFA is a non-profit organization under the Chatfield Youth Sports Association (CYSA).

Article II – Purpose

1. CYFA promotes and develops girls' softball within the Chatfield School District and serves as a feeder program for the high school varsity team. Local students receive priority; players from outside the boundary of the Chatfield School District may be added if needed.
2. CYFA operates exclusively for non-profit educational purposes and does not financially benefit any individual.

Article III – CYFA Board

1. The CYFA Board governs the organization and consists of 7–9 members, including the varsity coach.
2. Officers include President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer.
3. Vacancies are filled by presidential recommendations and board vote.
4. All board members have voting rights.
5. Officer responsibilities are outlined for organizational leadership, communications, and finance management.

Article IV – Meetings

Board meetings occur every month to every other month depending on the season.

Members must attend at least 75% of meetings to remain in good standing. Minutes are recorded and archived.

Article VI –Coaches

1. Head coaches are appointed by the board and must complete a background check and are encouraged to attend skills training. Must also complete concussion training.

2. Assistant coaches can also be appointed by the board or the head coach of each team.
3. Coaches may be disciplined or removed by majority vote for conduct detrimental to the organization.

Article VII – Fees

1. Annual registration fees are set by the board.
2. No refunds are given after practices begin unless approved.
3. Scholarships may be granted based on demonstrated need, with volunteer participation required.
4. All players must participate in annual fundraising.

Article VIII – Financial

The board oversees financial decisions. Expenditures over \$500 require discussion. No member may receive compensation. Upon dissolution, assets must be donated to a qualifying nonprofit.

Article IX – Field Usage

CYFA is granted use of high school varsity and junior varsity fields unless needed for school programs.

Article X – Players

1. All players must agree to the Code of Conduct.
2. Players will be registered on USA rosters and insured through CYFA.
3. Pick up players from other teams/towns must follow board-approved procedures.
4. League play focuses on development; tournaments are competitive and may limit playing time.
5. Players must be enrolled in Chatfield Schools unless exceptions are approved due to roster needs.
6. Team formation criteria include USA softball age designation, varsity coach recommendation, positional needs, safety, skill, and grade.
7. Players entering summer after freshman year must participate in the high school program to remain eligible.

Article XI – Parents

Parents must sign the Code of Conduct. Issues must be addressed directly with coaches before involving the board.

Article XII – Amendments

By-laws may be amended by majority board vote.