

Nevada Lightning Fastpitch, Inc.



By-Laws

ARTICLE I - Name

- Section 1. The Board shall be referred to as the Executive Board.
- Section 2. The principal office for the transaction of the business of Nevada Lightning Inc. shall be located in the City of Sparks, County of Washoe, and State of Nevada.

ARTICLE II – Purpose and Activities

- Section 1. The purpose of Nevada Lightning Inc. is to do educational, scientific and charitable purposes as provided within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as amended.

Specific purposes shall include but are not limited to:

Promote all phases of girl's fast-pitch softball. To establish standard policies and procedures that can be observed by all members.

Encourage, allow and foster the physical and mental development of the girls through the experiences of the formation and development of a cohesive softball team.

Provide an educational platform for girls to experience teamwork, sportsmanship, and growth through practice and commitment to the game.

Provide talented and dedicated players with an opportunity to play competitive softball following the completion of the high school season.

Produce funds through fund-raising activities to educate players on personal financial responsibility to support their teams.

To be represented by teams in local, region, area and national tournaments.

To promote, organize and conduct clinics and seminars in the proper skills of softball play and rules of the game.

Nevada Lightning Inc. is a non-governmental and non-profit women's softball organization. We are staffed by volunteers dedicated to the advancement of softball at all levels of play. Our funds go to the administration of activities and other related events that benefit our team membership. Nevada Lightning Inc. is responsible for all financial obligations in the operation of the program. This organization is self-supporting.

ARTICLE III – Executive Board

- Section 1. *Definition* - The governing body is known as the Executive Board and shall consist of four officers; the President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Advisor to the Board. Refer to Article V – Officers.
- Section 2. *Election* - Any member, as defined in Article IV, Section 1, may nominate a candidate to the slate of nominees for a prospective board member.
- Section 3. *Terms* – Elections will be held during the first general membership meeting in August prior to the Fall season of that year. All board members shall serve two-year terms, but are not limited to one term. The duration of any board member’s term shall be until their successors are elected or appointed.
- Section 4. *Voting* - All members of the Board shall be entitled to one vote on any matter. A quorum shall be three-fourths of the Board.
- Section 5. *Non-voting membership* - The Board shall have the authority to establish and define non-voting categories of membership.
- Section 6. *Resignation* - Any board member may resign by filing a written resignation with the secretary.
- Section 7. *Vacancy* - Vacancies due to resignation of members will be filled by the Board within one month of the board member resignation. A vacancy in any office due to death, resignation, disqualification, or otherwise, may be filled by the Board for the unexpired portion of the term.
- Section 8. *Compensation* - Nevada Lightning Inc. board members shall not receive any salary or compensation for their services.
- Section 9. *Removal from office* - Any officer may be removed at any time by a vote of two-thirds of the board members in office.

ARTICLE IV – Voting Membership

- Section 1. *Definition* - Nevada Lightning Inc. membership consists of one representative from each team.
- Section 2. *Meetings* - Membership meetings shall be held on a monthly basis or when called by the President. Members shall be allowed to attend all meetings and serve upon any committees at the pleasure of the Board.
- Section 3. *Notice of Meeting* - A written agenda, including the location, date, and time of regular meetings shall be provided to each voting member prior to the meeting.

ARTICLE IV – Membership

- Section 4. *Voting* - All issues to be voted on shall be decided by a simple majority of those present at the meeting in which the vote takes place.
- Section 5. *Quorum* - A simple majority of the members of Nevada Lightning Inc. shall constitute a quorum. If a quorum is not present at any meeting, business may be discussed, but no action can be taken on agenda items.
- Section 6. *Meeting Rules* – Robert’s Rules of Order shall control all meeting actions.

ARTICLE V – Officers

- Section 1. Definition – The four officers serve as the members of the Executive Board. Their duties are as follows:

President - shall convene regularly scheduled board meetings, exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board or these by-laws.

Secretary - shall be responsible for keeping records of board actions, including overseeing the taking of minutes at all board meetings, distributing copies of minutes and the agenda to each board member, and assuring that corporate records are maintained.

Treasurer - shall make a report at each board meeting. The treasurer shall chair the finance committee, assist in the preparation of the budget, help develop fundraising plans, and make financial information available to board members and the public.

Advisor to the Board - will attend all board meetings, report on the progress of the organization, and provide general guidance to the board members. The Board can designate other duties as necessary.

ARTICLE VI – Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of Nevada Lightning Inc. shall begin on the first day of January and end on the last day of December in each year.

ARTICLE VII – Records

The Nevada Lightning Inc. Board shall keep correct and complete records of all minutes of the proceedings of its meetings and shall keep a record of the names and addresses of the members.

ARTICLE VIII - Amendments

These by-laws or any particular part of these by-laws may be amended or repealed, or new by-laws may be adopted by a two-thirds majority of the total membership; provided that the proposed amendment shall be included in full and submitted to the membership at least 30 days before the meeting.

ARTICLE IX - Indemnification

Except for acts or omissions which involve intentional misconduct, fraud, or knowing violation of law, trustees and officers of Nevada Lightning Inc. are not personally liable to the organization for damages of fiduciary duty as an officer or trustee.

CERTIFICATION

These by-laws were approved at a meeting of the Executive Board on _____, 2016.

Secretary

Date