

# Central Illinois Youth Conference

## 2023 CIYC BY-LAWS

### 1. LEAGUE PURPOSE

The purpose of the Central Illinois Youth Conference (CIYC) is to provide a competitive recreational opportunity for girls and boys to learn and practice sportsmanship and enjoy the spirit of competition in all sports

### 2. LEAGUE GOVERNMENT

The following eight (8) cities/towns have agreed to form the CIYC as the establishing members – Argenta-Oreana, Central A&M, Cerro Gordo, Maroa-Forsyth, Meridian, Mt. Pulaski, Sangamon Valley, and Warrensburg-Latham.

CIYC board of representatives will be comprised of one member from each town/league participating in the CIYC. Each town representative is to be a board member from their respective town/city as well when applicable. Executive Officers for the CIYC will be voted on annually and include positions of President and Secretary. These positions will change annually to a new town representative in this order.

Argenta Oreana, Mt. Pulaski, Central A&M, Maroa-Forsyth, Sangamon Valley, Cerro Gordo, Warrensburg-Latham, Meridian

This board of representatives will sponsor and make decisions for that town so as each town receives one vote. In case of ties, the league President will be the tiebreaker. Must be a minimum of 75% town representatives at any meeting in order to conduct a vote. Email votes are allowed on emergency limited basis.

### 3. NEW & CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN CIYC

The CIYC will determine if new teams/towns may enter or existing teams may remain in the league.

The CIYC board will consider it a benefit to all girls & boys to have a variety of competition from a variety of locations and should welcome new teams into the league and continued participation of existing teams provided they meet the following criteria. The board will use this criterion to make their decision.

- Absolutely no “try-out” or travel teams will be allowed into the league.
- During CIYC meetings, a vote shall be taken to determine if a town/league should be placed on probation for expelled for rules violations,
- CIYC board may determine a one-year probation is applicable prior to removal of a town/league from CIYC.

#### 4. FEES

Tournament fees including but not limited to medals/trophies, will be determined and shared by each team participating in the conference tournament.

#### 5. ROSTERS

Rosters are to be submitted prior to the start of each season. The season roster should remain the same throughout the season including end of season tournaments. Any changes to a tournament roster must be communicated to CIYC board for discussion at least 2 weeks prior to the start of the tournament with final rosters due 1 week prior to the tournament. All players on the tournament roster must have played for at least 50% of the regular season games – exceptions can be made due to injury or changing residence during the season.

Players should attend school or live in the school district of the town they are playing for. Submitted rosters should include name of player and school attending if they reside outside of school district along with notes on why the player is participating in the town they do not live in.

Coaches are highly encouraged to have rosters available throughout the season at all competitions.

A player may only be rostered on one team in one age division and in one youth league in CIYC.

If any town/city is unable to obtain adequate numbers of players to fill a roster in any age division, the town may join another town to form a team in that age division provided all league rules are followed and rosters become official. CIYC board should be notified and reserves the right to approve/decline all requests.

#### 6. AGE/DIVISIONS

BASEBALL/SOFTBALL will have the following age and divisions: (age as of 5/1)

Shetland/Peanut – 4-6 years old

Pinto/PeeWee – 7-8 years old

Mustang/Freshman – 9-10 years old

Bronco/Sophomore – 11-12 years old

Pony/Junior – 13-15 years old

The age chart is adopted is follows:

2023-24 BASEBALL/SOFTBALL SEASON													
CENTRAL ILLINOIS YOUTH CONFERENCE AGE CHART													
BOYS	GIRLS	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Shetland	Peanut	2019	2019	2019	2019	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018
Shetland	Peanut	2018	2018	2018	2018	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017
Shetland	Peanut	2017	2017	2017	2017	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016
Pinto	PeeWee	2016	2016	2016	2016	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015
Pinto	PeeWee	2015	2015	2015	2015	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014
Mustang	Freshman	2014	2014	2014	2014	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013
Mustang	Freshman	2013	2013	2013	2013	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012
Bronco	Sophomore	2012	2012	2012	2012	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011
Bronco	Sophomore	2011	2011	2011	2011	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010
Pony	Junior	2010	2010	2010	2010	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009
Pony	Junior	2009	2009	2009	2009	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008
Pony	Junior	2008	2008	2008	2008	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007

All other sports divisions will be based on grade in school for the current year of the season.

#### 7. DISCIPLINARY ACTION

Disciplinary action deemed necessary by the coach is allowed in regards to playing time. The coach administering such action must notify the other team's coach when actions are taken which could effect or contradict any sport specific rules regarding playing time.

CIYC reserves the right to administer any disciplinary actions toward a coach for their actions.

CIYC may/will follow the IHSA/IESA disciplinary actions for game expulsions for a player, coach, and/or spectator. CIYC reserves the right to hear each instance on a case-by case basis and is not necessarily held to prior precedent for any discipline taken. CIYC will discuss any actions at this level with the town/city board when making final determinations.

#### 8. SAFETY

Safety of the players in all sports is high priority. Each sport should address appropriate guidelines related to wearing of jewelry and any other protective equipment.

#### 9. PROTESTS

Protests are allowed for rules violations only in each sport. Protests must be filed in writing to the CIYC within 24 hours of the incident. Judgment calls by an umpire/official are not rules violations and will not be heard as a protest by the CIYC.

CIYC may refer to the IHSA/IESA rulebooks when determining the outcome of a protest.

## 10. IMPROPER CONDUCT

Any improper conduct by a player, coach, or spectator at a youth event should be reported by the CIYC town representative to the CIYC board. This includes but is not limited to, ejections, fights, and incidents involving law enforcement. CIYC expects each town/city to deal with these incidents at their locations, but also reserves the right to maintain and use this information if/when determining any further disciplinary actions.

## 11. CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP

Each sport will conclude the season with a conference tournament to determine a champion. CIYC will set the conference tournament bracket based on in-conference records for each team.

Shetland/Peanut and Pinto/PeeWee divisions will not have a conference championship. An alternative age-appropriate tournament format will be determined for these baseball/softball divisions as well as any other sport where a conference tournament is not applicable.

All bracket games will be hosted by the higher seeded team until the Final Four games. Final Four Bracket will be hosted by one city/town to be rotated each year.

## 12. RULE CHANGES

All sport specific rules are to be reviewed annually by CIYC. Matters involving sport specific rule changes shall be presented, discussed, and voted on prior to the start of each sports season and addressed in the sport specific rules finalized by the CIYC board.

CIYC will determine the dates for each sport season/schedule to ensure all participants are during the same timeframes.

## 13. SCHEDULING

CIYC season games will be done with an automated scheduling program.

Towns/Cities which are NOT part of CIYC can submit their field availability, rosters, and number of teams to be included in the automated scheduling process as long as all are submitted by the pre-determined date set by CIYC for each sport AND their teams comply with Section 5-7 of these bylaws.

Teams outside CIYC agree to play using the rules of CICY for each sport and are NOT allowed to participate in the Conference tournament as described in Section 11.

Any city/town who is a CIYC member may decline to play any of the non-CIYC teams wishing to get games scheduled.

These are the bylaws reviewed and accepted in 2023 for the Central Illinois Youth Conference:

TOWN/CITY	REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE/PRINTED	DATE
Argenta-Oreana		
Central A&M		
Cerro Gordo		
Maroa-Forsyth		
Meridian		
Mt. Pulaski		
Sangamon Valley		
Warrensburg-Latham		