

# **CORPUS CHRISTI UNITED LITTLE MISS KICKBALL, INC.**

## **LEAGUE BY-LAWS AND OFFICIAL LEAGUE RULES & REGULATIONS**

### **HISTORY OF LMKII**

Little Miss Kickball was founded in May 1970, in Corpus Christi, Texas, in the Flour Bluff community. Little Miss Kickball International, Inc. ("LMKII") was incorporated on March 2, 1971. From only one league in 1970, LMKII has continued to grow and prosper, forming new leagues and districts throughout the state of Texas.

### **HISTORY OF CORPUS CHRISTI UNITED LITTLE MISS KICKBALL**

Corpus Christi United Little Miss Kickball was established in the year 2000. The league began playing in the 2001 season. The league started with two fields that were located at Bill Witt Park, 6869 Yorktown Road in Corpus Christi, Texas. Corpus Christi United Little Miss Kickball, Inc. ("CCULMK"), a Texas non-profit corporation was chartered on December 15, 2003. The League hereby adopts the Official Playing Rules and Regulations and the League Rules and Regulations as set forth by the Board of Directors of LMKII. The following By-Laws cannot be in conflict with the Official By-Laws and Rules and Regulations of LMKII. In the event of conflict in such By-Laws, the Rules and Regulations of LMKII will govern. The League is granted a charter and shall be governed according to the LMKII Corporation Board of Directors and the District Board of Directors

### **PURPOSE**

LMKII was founded as a non-profit sports organization whose purpose is to teach the basics of life, love of God, obeying laws, the joy of winning, the sadness of losing, the importance of team work, the respect for others and the desire to achieve. LMKII was established to provide an organization for young girls and young women to promote good sportsmanship and a spirit of competition. CCULMK carries on these goals and objectives.

### **PLEDGE**

CCULMK pledges to teach its original purpose and dedicates all who come in contact with the sport by the following pledge:

***"We give you thanks, Almighty God, for the land in which we live. We will obey our laws and honor our flag. We will respect our teammates, play fair, and follow the rules of the game."***

## REFERENCE FOR IMPORTANT DATES

February	1	Housing packets due to leagues by All-Star host league
March	1	Charter application due
March	TBA	Teams may begin practice
March	TBA	Leagues may have Opening Day Ceremonies
March/April	TBA	Leagues may have 1 <sup>st</sup> season game
April	1	Charter amendments due with charter fees and proof of player medical/liability insurance and spectator liability insurance
May	1	All-Star selection process due to the District Board and to LMKII for approval
June	TBA	Last day of regular season play
June	TBA	All-Star practice may begin
June/July	TBA	Final day of All-Star practice
July	TBA	All Start State Championship Tournament
August	31	Final day to submit proposed playing rules changes to the corporation Rules Director (every 4 years)
August	31	Election results of officers for next year due to corporation
September	30	End of current financial year
October	31	Financial statements and records due to LMKII

## ARTICLE 1

### CORPORATION OFFICES

#### Principle Office

- 1.1** The principle office of the corporation in the State of Texas shall be located in the City of Corpus Christi, County of Nueces. The corporation may have such other offices, either within or without the State of Texas, as the Board of Directors may determine or as the affairs of the corporation may require from time to time.

#### Registered Office and Registered Agent

- 1.2** The corporation shall have and continuously maintain in the State of Texas a registered office, and a registered agent whose office is identical with such registered office, as required by the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act. The registered office may be, but need not be, identical with the principal office of the corporation in the State of Texas, and the address of the registered office may be changed from time to time by the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE 2

### MEETINGS

#### Annual Meetings

**2.01** A regular annual meeting of the Corporation Board of Directors shall be held without other notice than this bylaw, at the registered office on the first Saturday of October of each year. Any play rule changes shall be renewed and charter fees shall be set at said meeting. The Board of Directors may provide by resolution the time and place, either within or without the State of Texas, for the holding of additional regular meetings of the Board without other notice than such resolution.

#### Regular Meetings

**2.02** CCULMK will hold meetings at least once a month between November 1st and June 30th. All minutes of all meetings will be forwarded to the Corporation within fifteen (15) days of the meeting. Holding meetings during the months of July, August, September and October is optional. Between November 1st and June 30th, if a meeting is not held for two (2) consecutive months, the President of CCULMK may be removed by the District 1 Board or the Corporation. All CCULMK meetings shall be open to all members unless the Board feels the subject matter of a portion of a meeting dictates a closed meeting. Non -Board members may be excluded from only that portion of the meeting. Only the results of the closed meeting shall be included in the minutes and such minutes must specify which portion of the meeting was closed. Special Meetings

**2.03** Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by or at the request of the President or any two Directors. The person or persons authorized to call special meetings of the Board may fix any place, either within Nueces County, Texas, as the place for holding any special meetings of the Board called by them. Notice

**2.04** A meeting is not legal unless all Board members are notified of the meeting. Notice of any Special Meeting of the Board of Directors shall be given at least two days previously thereto by written notice delivered personally or sent by mail or internet e-mail or telegram to each Director at this address as shown by the records of the corporation. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail so addressed with postage thereon prepaid. If notice be given by telegram, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when the telegram is delivered to the telegraph company. Any Director may waive notice of any meeting. The attendance of a Director at any meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting, except where a Director attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business because the meeting is not lawfully called or convened. Neither the business to be transacted at, nor the purpose of, any regular or special meeting of the Board need be specified in the notice or waiver of notice of such meeting, unless specifically required by law or by these bylaws.

#### Quorum

**2.05A** A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Board; but if less than a majority of the Directors are present at said meeting, a majority of the Directors present may adjourn the meeting from time to time without further notice.

### Proxy Votes

**2.05B** At any meeting, a member entitled to vote may cast a vote by written proxy executed and signed by said member or by his/her duly authorized attorney in fact. In no case shall a member be entitled to vote more than one vote.

### Manner of Acting

**2.06** The act of a majority of the Directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Directors, unless the act of a greater number is required by law or by these bylaws.

## **ARTICLE 3**

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS**

#### General Powers

**3.01** The affairs of the corporation shall be managed by its Board of Directors. Directors need not be residents of Texas.

#### Number, Tenure & Qualifications

**3.02** The number of Directors shall be comprised of not less than eight (8) and no more than twenty (20) persons. Each Director shall hold office until the next annual meeting of Directors and until his successor shall have been elected and qualified.

#### Officers and Terms of Office

**3.03** The executive board shall consist of a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Player Agent, a Rules Director, a League Coach and a League Umpire. These positions shall serve two year alternating terms. Retro to pass two elections. Elections for the offices of president, treasurer, player agent, rules director together and the offices of vice president, secretary, league coach and league umpire together, so that elections are four offices at a time. The general election of executive board members shall be held at closing ceremonies and any of the board members whose positions are up for election may choose to enter the elections. Positions that are up for re-election shall also be announced at least 2 weeks prior to closing ceremonies. Nominations for the CCULMK Executive board are due to the Secretary or designated board member prior to the deadline, which will be set by the President. Husbands and wives may not both hold a position on the executive board simultaneously, but may be allowed to hold an appointed position. Ballots must be completed at the voting table and placed inside the ballot box prior to leaving the table. Ballots will be counted by the appointed board(s) member(s) and the new Executive Board will be announced at the end of Closing Ceremonies. The results shall be sent to the District I Board and by August 31st.

**3.03b** Managing a successful league requires sacrifice and dedication before, during, and after the playing season. Each board member shall pledge three (3) hours per week toward performing his/her duties for the League both at the field and at home.

#### Qualifications of Voters and Election of Officers

**3.04** Board members, coaches, assistant coaches, league umpires, parents, guardians or managing conservator of each player enrolled in our league kickball program, shall be considered qualified voters. Note: Each board member, coach, assistant coach, league umpire, parent, guardian or managing conservator may only vote once, regardless of how many children they have enrolled. Identification of voters shall be by driver's license or other photo identification.

### Removal and Termination

**3.05** The Board shall have authority to remove and terminate Board membership by (¾) three fourths vote of any board member when evidence justifying such action has been demonstrated. A removal action shall not be brought up at any Board meeting unless the notification of such meeting also includes information that a removal action is an agenda item to be considered at such meeting. Such removal action must be approved at two (2) consecutive meetings for the action to stand. Cause for removal may include illegal or immoral acts, misappropriation of League equipment and/or League funds, conduct unbecoming a League Director, and others deemed harmful to the League and the League image. Other than due cause for removal as heretofore mentioned. Board members may also be removed for failure to attend at the three (3) consecutive meetings. There shall be no appeal for a removal action. All voting done in regard to removal actions shall be done by secret, written ballot.

### Resignation

**3.06** Any Board member may resign at any time by filing a written resignation with the League Secretary. Such resignation shall not relieve the resigning member of the obligation to pay any outstanding debt owed the league.

### Vacancies

**3.07** A vacancy in any office in the Board of Directors and any directorship to be filled by reason of an increase in the number of Directors or because of death, resignation, disqualification or otherwise shall be filled by the Board of Directors by a nominee with a majority vote of the Executive Board of Directors for the unexpired portion of the term. Further, replacement nominations shall not be valid at any Board meeting unless notification of said meeting also includes an agenda item specifying that nominations/appointments will be taken at the meeting.

### President

**3.08** The president must have served a minimum of two years on the Corpus Christi United Little Miss Kickball Board of Directors prior to application and be in good standing with the league. The president shall serve as the league director, and with board approval, shall act as its legal agent, having the authority to sign contracts or execute and deliver any instrument, with the exception of joint signature accounts, in the name of and on the behalf of Corpus Christi United Little Miss Kickball. The president shall preside at all board meetings and shall enforce all rules of LMKII, Corpus Christi United Little Miss Kickball by-laws and league rules. The president shall appoint all committees with appropriate board approval, and shall be responsible for all league activities. The president shall be a voting member of the District I board and LMKII.

### Vice President

**3.09** In the absence of the president, the vice president shall perform the duties of the office and shall delegate other duties ensuring the league's prosperity. All requirements for the league president shall apply to the vice president position.

### Treasurer

**3.10** Candidates for the treasurer position must have served a minimum of two years on the Corpus Christi United Little Miss Kickball Board of Directors prior to application and be in good standing with the league. The treasurer shall be responsible for an accurate account of all receipts and disbursements within the league. He/she shall be responsible for all money belonging to the league and make financial reports to the league as requested. The treasurer shall be responsible for completion of the required financial statement, submitting it to the Corpus Christi United Little Miss Kickball Board for approval and forwarding it to LMKII by October 31st. Records must be kept for seven (7) years for auditing purposes. In the event of an audit or upon termination of office, the treasurer must turn over all books, records, and money to the president of the league.

### Secretary

**3.11** Candidates for the secretary position must have served a minimum of one year on the Corpus Christi United Little Miss Kickball Board of Directors prior to application and be in good standing with the league. The Secretary shall maintain a register of officers and members of the league, record the minutes of all meetings, notify all members of meetings, and maintain all records of the league. The secretary is responsible for forwarding documentation to all governing bodies within organization. Minutes must be submitted to within fifteen (15) days of each meeting.

### Player Agent

**3.12** Candidates for the player agent position must have served a minimum of one year on the Corpus Christi United Little Miss Kickball Board of Directors prior to application and be in good standing with the league. The player agent conducts the annual player registration and the selection system (draft) and all-star selections and is responsible for verifying the eligibility of players.

### League Coach

**3.13** Candidates for the league coach position must have served a minimum of one year on the Corpus Christi United Little Miss Kickball Board of Directors prior to application and be in good standing with the league. The league coach must be at least twenty-two (22) years of age, have coached a minimum of two years at CCULMK and must pass the required examination of LMKII. He/she is responsible for finding, training, and assisting all coaches. If necessary the league coach shall take over and coach any team if needed. He/she shall assign all coaches to teams and the board of directors shall approve such assignments. A league coach shall not be an active coach in the division he/she is acting as league coach, unless the league has only one league coach. Ideally, the league coach shall not be an active coach in any division.

### Rules Director

**3.14** Candidates for the rules director position must have served a minimum of one year on the Corpus Christi United Little Miss Kickball Board of Directors prior to application and be in good standing with the league. The rules director must be at least twenty-two (22) years of age, have a minimum of two seasons experience umpiring LMKII and must pass the required examination of LMKII. He/she must have mature judgment, firm convictions, and adequate knowledge of the official playing rules and regulations. In the absence of a league umpire, the rules director is responsible for training and scheduling of umpires. The Rules Director shall create the playing schedules for pre-season and regular games. Scheduling shall include generating the schedule to ensure compliance with Corporation minimum game numbers to qualify for All Star participation, having schedules printed, and distributing a schedule to each coach or having them posted to the League website. He/She alone shall be responsible for rescheduling rained out, make up, and playoff games. The Rules Director must also be a state certified by the LMKII Corp.

*By a majority vote of the Board of Directors, the above qualifications may be modified or waived.*

**NOTE:** All umpires and coaches must be certified by a written exam administered by a voting member of the Corporation present at the testing. All tests or results should be returned to the corporation rules director or higher designee. The corporation rules director or his/her designee will issue certification cards. All umpires participating in the State All-Star Tournament must be certified by rules director or his/her designee. Certified state All-Star umpires are exempt from taking the written exam for the succeeding regular season. Only the corporation rules director, with executive committee approval, has the right to revoke and certification card.

### Other Officers

**3.15** Other board member positions with voting privileges shall be at CCULMK Board's discretion. These positions shall be appointed by the executive board and will be limited to a one-year term. Such positions may include field director, hospitality director, concession director, purchasing agent, fund-raising coordinator, head scorekeeper, public relations, etc. CCULMK shall select two (2) representatives to serve on the District 1 Board and to act as liaison between the district and league boards.

### Termination of Office

**3.16** Upon termination of office the president must turn over all keys, equipment, and any other item in his/her possession that belongs to CCULMK, to the vice-president of the league immediately, to ensure the league's prosperity.

**3.17** Upon termination of office, the secretary must turn over all minutes and records to the president of the league immediately, to insure the league's prosperity.

**3.18** Upon termination of office, the player agent must turn over all player info, birth certificates, mailing lists and email address of all players/players parents or guardians to the president of the league immediately to insure the league's prosperity.

**3.19** Any Executive board member who loses an election, resigns, or is removed from office must comply fully with the new executive board in any way including but not limited to: turning over keys, financial books/records, money, equipment, all player's records, all recorded minutes and bylaws. If the ex-executive member fails to comply in any way or attempts to hinder the prosperity of CCULMK, He/she will be banned (defined as but not limited to: no coaching, no board membership, no umpiring/unless during tournament play) from CCULMK for five (5) years.

#### Compensation

**3.20** Directors shall not receive any stated salaries for their services, but by resolution of the Board of Directors a fixed sum and expenses of attendance, if any, may be allowed for attendance at each regular or special meeting of the Board.

#### Informal Actions by Directors

**3.21** Any action required by law to be taken at a meeting of Directors, or an action, which may be taken at a meeting of Directors, may be taken without a meeting if a consent in writing setting forth the action so taken shall be signed by all the Directors.

**3.22** All CCULMK Board Members shall receive a copy of and abide by the by-laws and rules and regulations associated with the league.

**3.23** Membership in CCULMK is not transferable.

### ARTICLE 4

#### REGISTRATION, TRYOUTS AND DIVISION ASSIGNMENT OF TEAM PLAYERS

**4.01** A registration of eligible girls shall be held prior to the beginning of each season's play.

**4.02** To be registered, each player must furnish the league with:

- A. Proof of birth date for proper placement in the age divisions.
- B. Proof of residence such as a driver's license or utility bill, verifying legal playing boundaries of the league.

**NOTE:** If a girl wishes to play outside of her legal playing boundary, see current Official Rules and Regulation Book.

- C. A completed parental consent form, signed by a parent, guardian or managing conservator.
- D. A completed emergency authorization agreement and travel permission form, signed by a parent, guardian or managing conservator.

**4.03** During registration the league will:

- A. Obtain uniform sizes.
- B. Obtain a completed volunteer information sheet.
- C. Assign each player a tryout number. (See section 4.07)
- D. Collect registration fees and solicit donations.
- E. Inform parents of important dates within the league.
- F. Inform parents of uniform requirements not furnished by the league.

**4.04** The CCULMK Board shall set the registration fee annually. This fee shall be used to insure each player and there (3) coaches per team receive a playing shirt and cap or visor.

**4.05** Before any player is eligible to play in any regular season games, registration fees must be paid, or arrangements must be made with the Player Agent or President to pay the fees in installments during the season. In cases where the paying of registration fees presents a hardship for the family, a waiver (or partial waiver) may be requested from the Player Agent. Upon board approval by the Board the Player Agent will submit all waivers to the Treasurer, who shall maintain a list of those players who have received wavers. Registration fees will not be refunded after the player has been registered for one week of regular season play, or has played in one regular season game.

#### Tryouts

**4.06** Tryouts will be held as soon as possible after registration.

**4.07** Each girl shall be assigned a letter and a number for identification. The letter represents her age group and the number is assigned at tryouts.

#### EXAMPLE:

4years AA-1, AA-2, AA-3, etc  
5years BB-1, BB-2, BB-3, etc  
6 years A-1, A-2, A-3, etc  
7 years B-1, B-2, B-3, etc  
8 years C-1, C-2, C-3, etc  
9 years D-1,D-2,D-3, etc

**4.08** During tryouts, each girl should demonstrate her ability in running bases, catching, kicking, throwing, and bunting the ball.

**4.09** All coaches and board members or appointees should attend each tryout session. If a team has no representative, a designated board member or appointee shall act as a coach. The representative shall not have a daughter playing in the division of the team represented.

**4.10** The CCULMK board shall set the number of tryout sessions required for a player to be eligible for the open draft. This shall be done annually.

#### Eligibility and Divisions

**4.11** Girls and young women from the ages of four (4) to eighteen (18) are eligible to participate in CCULMK. All divisions are based on the girls age as of August 31<sup>st</sup> of the current playing season as per table below.

<u>Division</u>	<u>Eligible Ages</u>
Rookie	4-5
Pee Wee	6-8
Junior	9-11
Senior	12-14
Teenage	15-18

**4.12** No girl shall be denied the right to play due to financial hardship. Only the Player Agent or the President shall make hardships or payment arrangements, which must be anonymously approved by the CCULMK Board.

## ARTICLE 5

### COACHES AND UMPIRES

**5.01** Coach and Umpire eligibility is as stated in the latest revision of the LMKII Official Rules and Regulations. All prospective coaches must complete a coach's application and forward it to the League Coach. The CCULMK Board will review and vote on all applications.

**5.02** No third coach shall be names to a team until after the final draft has been adjourned.

**5.03** Any third coach must be approved by the CCULMK Board and certified by the Corporation.

## **ARTICLE 6**

### **DRAFT**

**6.01** CCULMK shall hold a draft annually for the proper placement of the players on teams. This draft must be held in timely manner at league option. It is recommended that draft occur with seven (7) to ten (10) days after the last tryout session is complete. There shall only be two coaches per team prior to the draft.

**6.02** Each registered girl shall be placed in the regular draft.

- A. All girls who attend all required tryouts are eligible for the open draft.
- B. All girls who attend some, but not all, required tryouts will be drafted after all girls who are eligible for the open draft. The drafting teams shall know said girls names.
- C. All girls who register and fail to attend any tryouts shall be placed on a team after the regular draft is completed, but before adjournment, by a random lottery in such a manner that the girl's names are unknown to the drafting teams.

#### **EXCEPTION:**

1. Returning players to an established team shall automatically return to that team, unless the player requests to be placed in the regular draft and attends all tryouts and is eligible for the open draft.
2. A daughter, granddaughter or sister of a coach may be automatically drafted onto his/her team. This shall be accomplished by the drafting coach submitting a "coach's option" to the player agent prior to the draft. This applies to only the head coach and one (1) assistant coach per team. Each team shall only have two (2) coaches options on the team at one time.
3. If a new player (s) in a division has a sister currently playing on a team within the same division, she may be automatically drafted onto the same team. This shall be accomplished by the drafting coach submitting a "sister option" to the player agent prior to the draft.
4. If two or more sisters are in the draft of a single division, they must be drafted on the same team,, unless they request otherwise to the player agent prior to the draft.
5. This shall be accomplished by the player agent ensuring the drafting official at the drafting table is aware of the sisters before drafting commences.
6. One of the sisters must be drafted on a team prior to the last complete round in which every team receives a draft choice, ensuring all sisters are on the same team. The drafting official shall calculate the latest round in which the first sister must be chosen. When the first of two or more sisters is drafted (chosen), the drafting team may draft the remaining sister(s) in their last round.

**6.03** Following the draft, coaches may exchange draftees before the draft is adjourned. All exchanges must be madewith the approval of the player agent.

**6.04** Players shall never be told the position or "round" in which they were drafted.

**6.05** Coaches shall notify their players within seven (7) days after the completion of the draft or prior to March 1<sup>st</sup>, whichever occurs first.

**6.06** Drafting procedures for established teams.

- A. Determine the number of teams and the number of coaches needed.
- B. Assign coaches to teams.
- C. Set the tryout requirements and tryout dates.
- D. Set the drafting date.
- E. Set the drafting order.

1. In the first and second round, each team who has players who have made the all-star team (including alternates), any year in that division that are returning to their team must be picked up. If a team has no returning all-stars, they may pick from the open draft.

2. In the third round, all coaches options must be picked up. If there are no coaches options, the third round will be used as an open round for those teams who have no coaches options or returning all-stars.

3. The fourth round will be used for the second coaches option (if there is one), returning all-star players or any other returning player to the team.

4. After the third and fourth rounds, a coach who still has returning players, must continue picking these girls up. When a team has no more returning players, they go back into the open draft.

5. Sister Options:

- a. If a player on a team has a sister who is coming to play on her team, she may be picked up in the last round that team has to draft in.

6. All players will be picked up in this order until all girls in the open draft are placed on a team. This will leave only the "hat" picks left to be drafted. If there are any teams who have less players than the others, those teams' names will be placed into a "hat" and drawn to see who picks from the "hat" first, second, etc. After all teams have the same amount of players and there are still players left to be drawn out of the "hat", all teams' names will be put into the hat and drawn to see who drafts the next player. This will continue until all girls in the "hat" are picked. This will conclude the draft, unless there are coaches who have girls they need to trade, with the Player Agent's approval.

After the draft, if there are still teams with less players than other teams, as girls register, all teams who do not have as many players as the team having the most players, will be put into a "hat" and drawn to see who gets the next player. This will be done until all teams have the "capped" amount of players signed up to play.

**EXAMPLE:**

There are six teams in a this division. Teams A, B, C, D, E, and F. There are sixty-two players in the draft. Each team drafts until all the players in the open draft have been drafted on a team. Teams F and E have 11 players and the others have ten. There are three girls who never made a try-out, so their names went into a "hat" to be drawn for placement on teams. Teams A, B, C, and D each have 10 players. These teams' names will be placed in a hat to see which teams get to pick out of the hat and which order they pick in. After these girls are picked, there will be one team left with only 10 players. This team will receive the next player who signs up, assuming all players remain on the teams described above, and this team still has less players than the other teams.

As girls sign up, this procedure will continue until each team has the “capped” amount of players, or until there are no other girls to register. As girls sign up, the Player Agent and the President or Vice President will be present when girls are distributed to teams. In the event that two of the above mentioned board members are unable to get together in a timely manner, this process will be done by a majority board meeting

**6.07** Drafting procedures for age divisions with an expansion team.

**A.** All newly formed teams, which is any team with no returning players, shall have one (1) free draft choice prior to the beginning of the first round. If there is more than one expansion team (or team with no returning players), a coin toss or draw shall be used to determine the drafting sequence. The same sequence shall be used throughout the draft.

**B.** After the expansion team(s) completes the first free round, the draft sequence shall follow the sequence described in Rule I, Section 6. The expansion team(s) will be considered as being in last place for the preceding year’s standings and shall have the first draft pick of the open draft.

**6.08** If the total number of girls in the draft, plus returning players and options, is less than the number of girls required to fill all teams, the team with the least number of returning players may be eliminated. If the team is eliminated after tryouts and before the draft, any returning players of the eliminated team shall be notified and returned to the open draft, as if they had attended all required tryouts. All options moving from one division to another must try-out, just in case the team they are optioned to is eliminated.

**6.09** Additional teams should not be added after drafting has commenced or adjourned. Otherwise, all girls originally in the draft must be re-drafted.

**6.10** All teams are not required to have the same number of players.

**6.11** All girls registered prior to the draft shall be drafted onto a team.

**6.12** If a team disbands or is eliminated after the draft and prior to the first regular season game, the players shall be placed on other teams in that division by lottery or draw method.

## **ARTICLE 7**

### **SEASON PLAYING SCHEDULE**

**7.01** A schedule of games for the regular season play shall be prepared by the CCULMK Board and must provide for not less than fourteen (14) regulation games per team. These games shall be as equally distributed between the teams as possible.

**A.** Play-off and tournament games shall not count as part of the regular season schedule.

**B.** Teams of CCULMK shall not play teams of another league as part of their regular season schedule.

**EXCEPTION:**

1. The teenage division may have inter-league play count as part of their regular season schedule.

2. If CCULMK or another league has three (3) or less teams in the Junior or Senior division, the Corporation may grant a league’s request to have inter-league play, providing all leagues involved agree.

**NOTE:** A regular season of less than fourteen (14) games must be approved by the Corporation. It is recommended, but there is no requirement, for each team to play every team in it’s division.

**7.02** All games of regular season play shall be within the same division. Exceptions must be approved by the Corporation.

**7.03** No team shall be scheduled to play more than one (1) game in one (1) day

EXCEPTION: Tournaments, playoff and makeup games.

**7.04** Practice sessions for organized teams will adhere to dates set by the Corporation.

**7.05** There shall be no more than 5 team events per week with the exception of tournament games. Team parties immediately following a game or practice shall not be considered an additional event.

EXCEPTION: March 1st – March 31st

**7.06** The first regular season game will adhere to dates set by the Corporation. Opening Day Ceremonies must also adhere to dates set by the Corporation.

**7.07** Regular season play shall end on a date to be determined annually by the Corporation.

**7.08** It is strongly recommended that no regular season game be played on Sunday.

**7.09** Each team shall say the Pledge of Allegiance and the Little Miss Kickball Pledge at the beginning of each game of the regular season.

**7.10** If possible, there shall be a split season arranged, with a play-off between the winners of the first and second half to determine the division's league champion. The play-off, if necessary, shall be single elimination (winner take all). The loser of this game shall be the second place team.

A. If two teams are tied in one half, a one game playoff will determine the winner of the half.

B. If no playoff is necessary (i.e. one team wins both halves), anything other than first place shall be based on overall standings. If a tie in those standings exist, a one game playoff shall determine the place with the loser receiving the next place. In case more than two teams are tied, a single elimination bracket will be drawn up with a random drawing deciding which two teams play first. The loser of that game will automatically be the team in the last place being played for. The winner of that game will play the third team for the highest place being played for and the loser of that game will be the middle team.

C. A coin flip will determine home/visitor status for any one game playoff.

D. All playoff games are played by tournament rules.

**7.11** There shall be days set aside between halves (preferably 1 week) designated for make-up games and play-offs.

NOTE: Teams will only be allowed to request one (1) rescheduled game PER half. A rescheduled game MAY NOT be rescheduled.

**7.12** The CCULMK Board of Directors will determine the policy on re-scheduling games to be administered by the game scheduler.

NOTE: If possible, all games in the first half should be played before the second half begins.

**7.13** If rain prevents a half or halves from being completed, the CCULMK Board shall determine a course of action.

**7.14** Awards:

A. If a division has 5 or less teams, only the first place team (all players, two coaches, and one sponsor) shall receive awards.

B. If a division has 6 or more teams, only the first and second place teams (all players, two coaches and one sponsor) shall receive awards.

C. If a division has 7 or more teams, the first, second and third place teams (all players two coaches and one sponsor) shall receive awards.

D. All players not receiving a first, second or third place award, shall receive a participation award.

#### **7.15 Tournament Play:**

Throughout the season, several tournaments are hosted by other Little Miss Kickball Leagues. The CCULMK Board of Directors strongly encourages coaches to take their girls to at least one of these tournaments to give the girls practice and conditioning in the event they do make the all star team. CCULMK will pay all tournament entry fees, for all teams to play in at least (1) tournaments per season, the only exception will be the tournament that CCULMK hosts on an annual basis. The policy to determine which teams go to tournaments will be as follows:

If the hosting league will allow as many teams as want to go, CCULMK will support as many teams as want to go. If however, the hosting league limits the number of teams per division, the first and second place teams will be given first choice to attend one in town tournament and one out of town tournament. If they do not wish to attend, the option will go to the third, fourth, fifth place teams and so on down the line, so that hopefully each team is given the option to attend at least one tournament. If, however, the hosting league mandates the entrants to a tournament, only those teams will be allowed to attend. (For example, the hosting league may set up a tournament for teams who have not won at least ½ of their games, then of course the first place team would not be allowed to enter that tournament).

## **ARTICLE 8**

### **THE CORPUS CHRISTI UNITED LMK ALL-STAR TEAM**

**8.01** The league shall specify their selection process for all-star players. This selection procedure must be forwarded to the District I Board and the Corporation prior to May 1st of the playing season. The corporation will set a deadline annually for all-star team rosters to be forwarded to the Corporation. The Pee Wee Division will not participate in the state all-star competition.

EFFECT: Failure to comply may result in fines and/or being declared ineligible to participate in all-star competition.

**8.02** Before the second half of the season begins, the Player Agent shall call a meeting of all coaches (by division) and hold a meeting of all the coaches to discuss the players on their team that they feel are deserving of all-star recognition. After this meeting, all coaches will be urged to watch as many games as possible to better determine the girls most qualified to represent CCULMK at the All-Star State Championship tournament.

Preferably, within two weeks prior to the end of the regular season, the player agent will provide a ballot of players, by team, who are eligible for all-star competition. This ballot shall be distributed to the head coach and assistant coach of each team.

A. In order for a girl to be eligible for all-star competition she must:

1. have provided all necessary registration documentation to the player agent and have satisfied registration and all other fees.
2. participated in all league fund raisers or have valid excuses.
3. have been listed on a team's roster for at least ½ of the regular season.
4. have played in at least ½ of the regular season games.
5. be available and capable of practicing with the team and participating in at least ¾ of the team's practices.
6. be available and capable of participating in the tournament

- B. All prospective all-star's parents will be notified describing what CCULMK's requirements are for being an all-star and also asked if they can fulfill all these obligations before being selected as an all-star.

EXCEPTION: Any exception must be presented to the CCULMK Board for consideration prior to the ballots being distributed to the coaches. Some exceptions require the approval of the Corporation.

- 8.03** Each coach shall vote on no more than 11 eligible players he/she feels is most deserving of all-star recognition and participation in the All-Star State Championship Tournament held annually by the Corporation. A coach may not select any girl from his/her own team. This applies to Junior and Senior divisions only. The teen-age division coaches shall select 11 girls from the teen-age division from any team.

A. This vote shall be cast by each head coach and one assistant coach completing and returning the original ballot to the player agent (or his/her designatee) in a sealed envelope with the coach's name and team name clearly written on the face of the envelope.

NOTE: Any ballot not returned by the required deadline will not be considered and this coach will not participate further in the selection process. Any ballot improperly completed shall not be considered and the coach may or may not participate further in the selection process.

- 8.04** Jr./Sr. Exhibition Game: On a date announced by the Player Agent, players nominated for All-Stars will participate in an exhibition game. Those girls nominated, but for some reason are unable to participate in the exhibition game, must be excused by the Player Agent or their names will be removed from consideration. Coaches shall not vocally participate in the game from the stands. If a head coach or one (1) of the assistant coaches, as the team's representative, does not attend the exhibition game, that Coach loses his/her eligibility to vote in the all-star selection process.

- 8.05** Voting (all divisions): On a date announced by the player agent, each head coach and one (1) assistant coach will submit a list of no more than 12 girl's names for All-Star selection. At this time, a coach may vote for any 12 players, even girls from the team they coach. The Player Agent and President (or his/her designatee) will then count all the eligible votes to determine which girls have received a majority vote. Any girl who receives a majority vote will be considered an eligible automatic all-star finalist. Of the total amount of eligible automatic all-star finalists, a maximum of 6 players will be named. If more than 6 are named, the 6 will be determined by the all-star coaches.

1. For these purposes, a majority shall consist of:

- a. If 4 or less ballots are cast, a majority shall be 4/4 (100%)
- b. If 5 ballots are cast, a majority shall be 4/5
- c. If 6 ballots are cast, a majority shall be 4/6
- d. If 7 ballots are cast, a majority shall be 5/7
- e. If 8 or more ballots are cast, a majority shall be 2 more than 1/2, rounded down.

If a tie breaker is needed, the President will break the tie.

- 8.06** After the placement of the players as Candidates for the All-Star team, the Player Agent shall compile a second list of players who received a vote. Players who received a majority amount of votes and were not determined to be one of the 6 automatic all-star finalist will also be included in this second list of players. From this list, the Executive Board members and the two All-Star coaches shall determine the remaining candidates. If a voting member has a daughter being considered, that member shall not participate in that division. This voting process will also follow the aforementioned guidelines until there are twelve (12) all-star candidates. An additional 3 girls will then be picked as alternates by the Executive Board and All Star Coaches. These girls will not be named (except to Corporation) unless one of the original 12 girls are unable to participate for some reason.. The CC United All-Star team will be comprised of 12 players, two alternates and at least two coaches (preferably three). If for some reason one of the original All-Star players cannot participate in the tournament through it's entirety, one of the alternates may be brought up, if she has met all the criteria to be an all-star. The coaches of the All Star team shall pick which alternate moves up, if one is needed. If neither alternate meets the criteria (does not come to practice, does not participate in fund raisers or pays her fees, etc.), the Executive Board will then determine a course of action. The CC United Little Miss Kickball All Star team will, throughout the tournament, be comprised of 12 players if at all possible.

- 8.07** All-Star Coaches: At midseason or after the conclusion of the first half schedule, the League Coach shall solicit persons interested in coaching the All Star teams in each division. Board will accept applications for All-Star Head Coaches and Assistant Coaches. Preference to be a coach on the All-Star team will first be given to the 1st place

team's Head Coach, however this does not guarantee that particular coach will be the Head Coach of the All-Star team. This same preference shall be first given to other existing regular season coaches within the respective division. However, the board reserves the right to consider additional candidates outside the respective division. The assistant coaches can come from any division but must be a certified, active Coach in the league during the current season. As part of the selection process, prospective All-Star coaches will be asked to complete an application form. In addition, the Coaches' Code of Ethics outlined in the LMKII Rules and Regulations along with the prospective coaches' present and past experiences with the League will be reviewed. The Executive Board may elect to interview prospective All-Star coaches. If questions arise as to the qualifications of a potential All-Star, the coach shall be given the opportunity to address the board.

**8.08** On a date determined, the Executive board shall meet to select the All-Star Coaches. The All-Star head coach and assistant(s) will be notified with 24hrs after the decision.

**8.09** All twelve (12) players and the two (2) preferably three (3) coaches shall receive rewards to be presented at closing day ceremonies.

## **ARTICLE 9**

### **THE ALL-STAR CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT**

**9.01** The Corporation will set the first day of all-star practice annually. Any team found practicing prior to such date must be reported to the corporation rules director, by written protest, within 48 hours of the alleged violation. The protest shall be decided by a protest committee appointed by the corporation president. The decision shall be approved by the Corporation Executive Board.

EFFECT: Any team found in violation will forfeit their first game of the All-Star State Tournament.

**9.02** The Corporation will annually set the dates of the All-Star State Championship Tournament. The dates will encompass, if possible, the fourth of July week-end.

- A. This tournament and any type of all-star post season playoff will be double elimination.
- B. No team shall be eliminated on the first scheduled day of this tournament.

**9.03** The All-Star State Championship Tournament shall be held at the hosting league's fields designated by the Corporation.

**9.04** Hosting League's Eligibility Requirements

A. To be eligible to host the All Star State Championship Tournament, leagues must have or obtain:

1. at least four (4) playing fields, two of which must have lights for night games, approved by the corporation rules director.
2. more than one restroom per gender and centrally located.
3. a scorekeeper's box at each field
4. adequate bleacher seating for spectators for each field
5. at least one centrally located concession stand and telephone
6. a scoreboard on each field
7. at least one security guard present throughout the tournament
8. drinking water in each dugout
9. designated parking for tournament officials with a parking barrier for protection of spectators

B. The hosting league's tournament teams may practice on the tournament fields prior to the practice deadline set by the Corporation. No other league's all-star team may practice on the hosting league's tournament fields prior to the tournament.

NOTE: Corporation will set forth all guidelines for bidding on hosting the State All Star Tournament.

**9.05** Duties and Responsibilities of the Hosting League

- A. The tournament director shall appoint a tournament public relations chairperson from the hosting league.

This person shall distribute information to the local media. The Corporation recommends television, radio and newspaper advertising and coverage.

B. The hosting league shall:

1. obtain a sound system for public addresses
2. maintain a well-equipped first aid kit, centrally located
3. provide personnel for proper field marking and grooming for each game. Lime or other substances considered harmful shall not be used
4. ensure the dugouts are properly marked and the home team occupy the third base dugout and the visiting team shall occupy the first base dugout.
5. designate and clearly label each field. One field shall be used for juniors, one for seniors, one for teenage, and one shall be used as a "swing" field for all divisions.
6. display the American Flag
7. have sufficient trash receptacles, dumpsters and personnel to ensure grounds are kept clean
8. furnish name tags for the corporation board members and tournament officials

C. The hosting league must furnish a housing packet to the Corporation no later than February 1st. This shall contain each recommended hotel's group room rate and verification of accepting large groups. Each participating league shall be responsible for their own reservations and payment.

D. Have adequate league personnel available at all times to perform all duties necessary, under the direction of the tournament director, to ensure a timely advance of the tournament.

#### **9.06** Duties and Responsibilities of Coaches, Umpires and Official Scorekeepers

A. All coaches shall arrive at their scheduled playing field at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to the game and furnish a complete line-up, in triplicate, to the umpire-in-chief.

B. All umpires shall arrive at the scheduled playing field at least 15 mins prior to the game. The umpire-in-chief shall receive both team's lineups. Each team's lineup shall be given to the official scorekeeper and the opposing coaches and the umpire in chief shall retain one copy for him/herself. The umpire in chief shall introduce all coaches and umpires to each other and have a brief pre-game conference. The umpire in chief shall then dismiss the coaches and have a pre-game strategy session with his/her crew. The umpire in chief shall solely ensure the game starts on time remains punctual.

C. The official scorekeeper shall arrive at the scheduled playing field at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to the game and shall prepare the official score sheet immediately and assist the umpire-in-chief in starting the game on time

D. The first game of each day's play shall begin with the Pledge of Allegiance and the LMK Pledge.

## **ARTICLE 10**

### **LEAGUE CHARTER**

**10.01** The league has secured by a lease of the City of Corpus Christi, official playing fields in the name of Corpus Christi United Little Miss Kickball. The official playing fields are located at Bill Witt Park, 6869 Yorktown Road in Corpus Christi, Texas.

**10.02** Corpus Christi United Little Miss Kickball has secured practice fields with the Corpus Christi Parks and Recreation Department.

**10.03** The official league colors shall be teal, gold, black, white, and pink. The All-Star team shall wear league colors.

**10.04** Teams shall be named after military aircraft. The same names and colors shall be used for each division. The following team names that will be used for our league, as they are needed.

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|-----|--------------|--------------|
| 1.  | Blue Angels  | Royal Blue   |
| 2.  | Prowlers     | Navy         |
| 3.  | Raptors      | Red          |
| 4.  | Avengers     | Purple       |
| 5.  | Blackhawks   | Grey         |
| 6.  | Cobras       | Forest Green |
| 7.  | Wildcats     | Maroon       |
| 8.  | Hornets      | Gold         |
| 9.  | Invaders     | Orange       |
| 10. | Thunderbolts | Pink         |

**10.05** If CCULMK reaches a capacity of more than ten (10) teams in both the Pee Wee and Junior Divisions, considerations should be given by the Board to form new teams.

#### **Chartering Obligations:**

#### **10.06**

- A. The charter application consists of a form to be completed and distributed to the governing bodies as shown on the application. This form shall be obtained from LMKII and forwarded to LMKII by March 1<sup>st</sup>.

EFFECT: Failure to comply by March 1<sup>st</sup> may result in charter dismissal and/or being declared ineligible for all-star competition.

- B. The charter amendment is a form due to LMKII by April 1<sup>st</sup> and provides additional and updated Information submitted on the charter application form. Proof of player medical/liability insurance, spectator liability insurance and charter fees shall be submitted with the charter amendment form.

EFFECT: Failure to comply by April 1<sup>st</sup> may result in fines and/or being declared Ineligible for all-star competition.

- C. CCULMK must pay a charter fee on a per team basis. This fee shall be set by the corporation at each LMKII annual meeting.

## ARTICLE 11

### CONTRACTS, BANKING, AND SPONSORSHIP

#### Contracts

**11.01** The Board of Directors may authorize and officer or officers, agent or agents of the corporation, in addition to the officers so authorized by these bylaws, to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the corporation. Such authority may be general or confined to specific instances

#### Bank Checking and Savings Accounts

**11.02** CC United LMK league shall maintain bank checking and/or savings accounts. These accounts, certificates of deposit, money market or any type accounts shall be registered as Corpus Christi United Little Miss Kickball League. All deposits shall be made in the name of CC United LMK. Withdrawals from the accounts shall require the joint signatures of at least two authorized officers of the league. No more than two checking accounts shall be permitted: one general and one concession. All disbursements shall be supportable by receipt. Records shall be kept for at least seven (7) years to aid in any audits by the Internal Revenue Service or by the Corporation.

#### Deposits

**11.03** All funds of the corporation shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the corporation in such banks, trust companies, or other depositories as the Board of Directors may select. All deposits shall be made in the name of CCULMK.

#### Financial Reports

**11.04**

- A. All money received and disbursed must flow through a checking or a savings account requiring two signatures. This includes any and all funds. All disbursements should be supportable by receipt.
- B. A cash receipt and disbursement statement (furnished by the Corporation) must be completed and sent to the Corporation by October 31st or fines will be imposed.
- C. A copy of the latest bank statement for the period reported on and a reconciliation on the back must be forwarded to the Corporation by October 31st or fines will be imposed.

NOTE: These figures must support the year end report (receipts and disbursement statement). The league shall be responsible to ensure the Corporation's receipt.

EFFECT: If the financial reports are not received by the Corporation by October 31st a minimum fine of \$15.00 will be assessed the league on their charter fees. If report are not received by November 15th, an additional minimum fine of \$30.00 plus \$1.00 per day will be assessed.

#### Team Sponsorships

**11.05** CCULMK solicits team sponsors to aid in the financial support of the league. These sponsors should:

- a. pay sponsor fees set by the league
- b. supply funds for uniforms, balls and necessary equipment
- c. accept financial obligation without voice in the operation of the league
- d. not govern their sponsored team
- e. have no influence in the selection of the team coaches or players

Acceptable sponsors include service clubs, civic groups, fraternal organizations, local merchants, charitable

organizations, etc.

Unacceptable and prohibited sponsors are businesses primarily engaged in the manufacture or sale of products such as alcoholic beverages, tobacco, or other commodities which are considered inappropriate to youth sports by CCULMK, District I, or the Corporation (LMKII).

#### Other Income

#### 11.06

1. Registration fees are required and parent donations should be solicited.
2. Fundraising projects are excellent means of generating income.
3. Concession stands can be an excellent means of income.

#### Gifts

11.07 The Board of Directors may accept on behalf of the corporation any contribution, gift bequest, or devise for the general purpose or for any special purpose of the corporation.

11.08 The corporation may audit CCULMK at anytime.

11.09 If CCULMK disbands, all monies and assets will revert to the Corporation.

### ARTICLE 12

#### AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

12.01 The original set of CC United LMK by-laws and league rules has been submitted to the Corporation (LMKII). Amendments and changes will be submitted as they occur. These by-laws and league rules are intended to outline all facets of league membership and operation of our league. The District I Board and the Corporation should keep copies of these by-laws and league rules. These by-laws and league rules are in accordance with the rules and by-laws of the Corporation and the official playing rules.

Any revisions or amendments to these by-laws or league rules must be submitted to the Corporation for approval. The Corporation will not consider revisions of these by-laws and league rules in effect until CCULMK is notified by mail of their approval. Before the by-law changes are voted on at a board meeting, each member will be notified in writing at least two weeks prior to the meeting as to the proposed changes that will be discussed. Changes to the by-laws will be made only once a year and the process will be completed before the draft is held.

Adopted by the Board of Directors 6/7/2021

Ronald Allen

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