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#### COVENTRY YOUTH BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL LEAGUES TO MERGE

Coventry, Connecticut – The Coventry Youth Baseball Association (CYBA) and Coventry Softball Inc. will merge into a single entity recognized under a unified Little League Charter known as Coventry Little League. The merger was unanimously approved at meetings of both organizations' respective governing boards in the fall and is expected to be finalized by January of next year.

The Coventry Little League will serve children in the Coventry community between the ages of 4 and 16 and will prioritize player development at all levels of instruction and competition. The recent addition of two youth softball fields at Miller-Richardson Park, which already houses three youth baseball fields, will allow Coventry Little League to offer both baseball and softball at a shared location while leveraging common facilities and resources.

Karl Koenig, President of CYBA, noted that combined Little League charters for baseball and softball are not uncommon in Connecticut while adding, "there is a tremendous amount of excitement regarding this merger. We feel that combining our resources and experience will allow us to offer an even better experience for players and their families." Koenig stated that the tone of the discussions between the two boards was aptly summed up by their unofficially adopted slogan of, "One Town, One League."

Mackenzie Rivers, President of Coventry Softball Inc., believes that the time is right for the two organizations to join together. "We are eagerly anticipating welcoming our players to the new softball fields this spring and are excited to join forces with Coventry Youth Baseball to create a unified league for our community. Both organizations are run by dedicated volunteers, and by working together we can create even more opportunities to support all of Coventry's young athletes."