

LUTHERVILLE- TIMONIUM BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

Constitution and By-Laws

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Article I - Name

Section I

This organization shall be known as the Lutherville-Timonium Baseball Association (Association).

Article II - Objective

Section I

The objective of the Association shall be to implant in the youth of the community high ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty and courage as well as baseball fundamentals.

Section II

The objectives will be achieved by providing supervised, competitive contests. The supervisors will bear in mind that the teaching of good sportsmanship and high ideals is of prime importance.

Article III - Members and Voting

Section I

The Association will work in harmony with the Lutherville-Timonium Recreation Council (Council), of which it is a member. The Council has full authority to control the baseball activities in this area. The Council will be the governing factor in the Association.

Section II

The general membership of this organization shall consist of all interested persons over 17 years of age. Voting privileges may be exercised at a General Meeting only and will be granted to all members who have attended the previous two (2) General Meetings. For voting privileges, members of the Board of Directors are exempted from the requirement to attend two previous meetings.

Section III

General Meetings shall be held in September, November, and March, in accordance with Article VI, Section III. The September meeting is to be considered the Annual Meeting at which the election of Officers and Directors is to be held. Immediately after the Annual Meeting, the Board shall give the Recording Secretary firm dates of all other General Meetings for the following year.

Article IV - Officers

Section I - President

The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Association and shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors. The President, with the consent of the Board of Directors, together with the Secretary, or one other officer, shall sign all business contracts. The President, with the consent of the Board of Directors, shall designate the Committees which shall become necessary and shall also appoint the Chairmen thereof.

Section II - Vice President

The Vice President shall assist the President in all matters relating to administering the baseball program, the general administration of the Association, and when assigned to specific duties by the President, shall be acting with the powers of the President. In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall perform all of the duties of the President, and when so acting, shall have the powers of the President. In the absence of the Secretary, it shall be the responsibility of the Vice President to keep the minutes of all meetings of the Board of Directors.

Section III - Secretary

The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the Board of Directors and all General Meetings. They shall see that all notices are fully distributed and handle such correspondence as the President and Board of Directors shall direct. They shall be the custodian of all Association records, contracts, or other instruments. They shall perform all duties ordinarily incident to the office of the Recording Secretary and such other duties as may be assigned to them by the President or the Board of Directors.

Section IV – removed by combining both Secretary positions into one position.

Section V - Treasurer

The Treasurer shall be the custodian of such funds as are collected and shall see that said funds are conveyed to the Treasurer of the Lutherville-Timonium Recreation Council. The Treasurer shall keep full and complete records of the collection and remission or conveyance of all funds. He shall render at the end of the fiscal year a record of all financial transactions.

Section VI - Equipment Manager

The Equipment Manager shall preside over the Equipment Committee, appointed by the President and approved by the Board of Directors. It is his responsibility to maintain accurate inventory records of equipment at all times. (See Article X - Purchasing).

Section VII - Term of Office

The President shall not hold the office for more than two consecutive years. An Officer may not hold more than one office. An Officer shall not serve as Director, but may serve in any other capacity such as Manager, Coach, Commissioner, etc.

Section VIII - Vacancies

The President, with the consent of the Board of Directors, shall make appointments to fill such vacancies as may occur among the Officers or Directors.

Section IX - Removal from Office

The Board of Directors shall have the power to recommend removal from office of any Officer or Director at any Board Meeting. To remove any Officer or Director with proper cause shall require a 2/3 vote in favor by the membership in attendance, provided that the membership has been given 10 days notice of the meeting.

Section X - Attendance

Any elected Officer, Director, appointed Commissioner or Committee Chairman of the Association who does not attend at least 50 percent of the meetings of the Board of Directors during the period beginning with the Annual Meeting and concluding with the scheduled July meeting of the Board of Directors, shall not be eligible for election or selection to be an elected Officer or League Commissioner of the Association during the following year. Exceptions may be made by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Article V - Appointed Officials

Section I - Commissioners

The President shall appoint a Commissioner for each age group or, if in the President's judgment there are sufficient teams in any age group, he may appoint a separate Commissioner for each league in that age group. The appointment of the Commissioner is subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. The President shall appoint the incoming Commissioners as soon as possible after the Annual Meeting. It is the duty of the Commissioner, and he shall have the power, to make all decisions relating to the administration of his league or age group.

Section II - Umpire-in-Chief

The President shall appoint an Umpire-in-Chief for the entire baseball program. The Umpire-in-Chief shall administer the umpire training program. The President shall appoint the incoming Umpire-in-Chief as soon as possible after the Annual Meeting.

Article VI - Board of Directors

Section I – Membership

The Board of Directors shall consist of the elected Officers of the Association, the Commissioners, the Umpire-in-Chief and up to ten (10) elected Directors, who will serve a one-year term. Directors will be elected to fill vacancies as they occur. The immediate Past-President shall automatically, upon termination of office, be a member of the Board of Directors for one year.

Section II - Duties

The main business of the Association shall be conducted by the Board of Directors. At a General Meeting, the general membership may reject any resolution that has been passed by the Board of Directors if the motion for rejection is carried by a two thirds (2/3) vote of the attending membership if there are at least fifteen (15) members in attendance, excluding members of the Board of Directors who shall not vote on the motion. If 15 members are not present, the proposal shall be carried over until such time as 15 members are present.

Section III - Meetings

Meetings of the Boards of Directors shall be scheduled once each month, except August and December, on a day and at a time to be determined, and may be attended by any member of the Association. The meetings of the Board of Directors in September, November, and March shall be the General Meetings.

Article VII - Elections

Section I - Nominations

There shall be a Nominating Committee, consisting of at least three members, including the Chairman. This Committee is to be appointed by the President, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. This Committee shall be appointed at least two months prior to the Annual Meeting. Nominations may be made from the floor, providing the consent of the nominee has been received.

Section II - Term of Office

All Officers and Directors are to be elected to serve for a period of one year. All newly elected Officers and Directors shall take office immediately following the Annual Meeting.

Article VIII - Adult Participants

Section I - Selection

Managers of all teams shall be selected in a meeting of the Association, Commissioners and Board of Directors.

Section II - Removal and Other Disciplinary Action

By request of any member in good standing, a hearing shall be held to investigate the alleged misconduct of any adult participant for the purpose of removal from the league or other disciplinary action. The alleged offender and the member, along with interested parties (witnesses - managers, coaches, parents, umpires, sports leaders) shall be invited by the President to attend the hearing at a time and place designated by the President of the League. Also attending the hearing shall be the Board of Directors. The parties shall be given prior notice of the hearing and the reason for the hearing. After hearing both sides, the Board of Directors, in a private meeting, will vote by ballot on removal, suspension, or other disciplinary action, if any. Should either party be a member of the Board of Directors, he shall not be allowed to vote or be present during the voting.

Article IX - Sponsors

Section I - Rates

The rates for sponsorship are to be determined annually by the Board of Directors.

Section II - Approval

All sponsors must be approved by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall have the right to move sponsorships from one age group to another according to the needs of each group.

Article X - Purchasing

Section I

The Equipment Committee shall prepare and present to the Board of Directors an estimated, itemized budget, listing the equipment and supply needs for the ensuing year. After approval and/or change to this budget, it is to be then submitted to the Council for final approval.

Section II

It will be the responsibility of the Equipment Committee to secure a bid, or bids, on the estimated needs and submit a contract recommendation to the Board of Directors. Upon approval by the Board, the President and/or the Vice President-Administration shall sign the necessary contracts.

Section III

Supplementary purchases may be made by the Equipment Manager providing that the amount originally budgeted and approved is not overspent or such supplementary purchases are approved by the Board of Directors.

Article XI - Discipline

Section I – Player

Players may be suspended by their individual managers for a period of up to one week for unsportsmanlike conduct or failure to attend three consecutive practices or one game without authorization. The Commissioner must be notified and approve of the suspension prior to the next game if a player is suspended. If further suspension is deemed advisable, it may be made with the consent of the League Commissioner.

Section II

Managers, coaches and players will be subject to suspension for unsportsmanlike conduct and violation of rules by League Commissioners. Further action, if determined necessary, may be taken by the Board of Directors.

Article XII - Amendments

Section I

The Constitution and Bylaws may be amended only by a majority vote of the members present at a General Meeting.

Section II - Rule Changes

A. Anyone may suggest rule changes at any time by submitting such changes in detail and in writing to any member of the Board of Directors.

B. Suggested rule changes will be presented at the November meeting of the General Membership.

C. The decision to adopt, reject, or amend and adopt will be determined only at the January meeting of the Board of Directors. Said decision is to be determined, after discussion, by a majority of the Board Members present. Persons submitting rule changes are invited to attend the January Board Meeting and may participate in the discussion of changes, but not in the voting unless they are a member of the Board.

D. The Board of Directors may at any Board meeting enact or change by majority vote of those present, any rule, providing that each Board Member is given at least 10 days notice in writing of the planned discussion and voting on the proposed enactment or change at said Board meeting. Any such rule so enacted or changed would be considered a temporary rule and only relevant to the current baseball season. In order for this temporary rule to become a permanent rule, it must be presented in writing at the next November General Membership meeting, and eventually be considered for permanent adoption at the next January Board meeting (pursuant to the provisions of Sections B & C above). Such temporary rule cannot be enacted in two consecutive seasons without a formal vote at the January Board meeting.