



# Governing Bylaws for the Tri-Cities Baseball Softball Association *Amended as of August 17, 2018*

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## ARTICLE 1.0 - NAME

- 1.1 This organization shall be known for official filing purposes as the TRI-CITIES BASEBALL ASSOCIATION, INC and is a non-profit Texas **Association**. The organization will do business as TRI-CITIES BASEBALL SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION and will be referred to as TCBSA herein the governing bylaws.

## ARTICLE 2.0 - OBJECTIVES

- 2.1 TCBSA seeks to promote the games of baseball and softball, team sportsmanship, and to develop character, through competitive play among the youth of the Tri-Cities (Hurst, Euless, and Bedford) area. **To achieve this objective, TCBSA shall provide a supervised program utilizing uniform rules, regulation, procedures and methods of playing.**

## ARTICLE 3.0 - OFFICES

- 3.1 The registered office of the **Association** shall be at Post Office Box 274, Hurst, Texas 76053, and the name of the registered agent of the **Association** at such address shall be the President.
- 3.2 The **Association** may also have offices at such other places as the Board of Directors may, from time to time, determine or the business of the **Association** may require.
- 3.3 Each year the Board of Directors shall take the necessary action to change Article 3.1 with the State of Texas.

## ARTICLE 4.0 - INDEMNIFICATION

- 4.1 The **Association** shall indemnify any Director, Manager, agent or player, or former Director, Manager, agent or employee of the **Association** or any other person who may have served at its request as a Director, Manager, agent or employee of another **Association** in which it owns shares or stock, or of which it is a creditor, against expenses actually and necessarily incurred by him and any amount paid in satisfaction of judgments in connection with any action, suit or proceedings, whether civil or criminal in nature, in which he is made a party by reason of being or having been such a Director, Manager, or employee (whether or not a Director, Manager, agent or employee at such time costs or expenses are incurred by or imposed upon him) except in relation to matters as to which he shall be liable for gross negligence or willful misconduct in the performance of duty. The **Association** may also reimburse to any Director, Manager, agent or employee, the reasonable costs of settlement or any such action, suit or proceedings it shall be found by majority of the committee of the Directors not involved in the controversy, whether or not a quorum, that it was to the interests of the **Association** that such settlement be made, and that such Director, Manager, agent or employee was not guilty of gross negligence or willful misconduct. Such rights of indemnification and reimbursement shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which such Director, Manager, agent or employee may be entitled by law or otherwise.
- 4.2 Each year the Board of Directors shall bond its members.



## ARTICLE 5.0 - MEMBERS

- 5.1 Members of this organization shall be either a voting or a non-voting member.
- 5.2 Members of the Board of Directors of the **Association** and Team Managers shall be voting members. No other members shall have the power to vote, except that a Team Manager may designate any adult to vote in his/her place with the exception of the annual meeting. (See Article 7.5)
- 5.3 Membership in this organization shall be open to all persons who sincerely desire to further its objectives as expressed by these bylaws and the Articles of **the Association**.
- 5.4 Any member who threatens or indicates by word or deed, legal action or possible legal action toward TCBSA or its Board of Directors shall be considered contrary to the qualifications of membership as specified by these bylaws (Article 5.3), and the objectives as expressed by these bylaws and the Articles of **the Association**. Additionally, any member who shall attempt to coerce, bribe, blackmail or perform any other unlawful act toward TCBSA, its Board of Directors or one of its Board Members shall also be considered contrary to the qualifications of membership as specified by these bylaws (Article 5.3), and the objectives as expressed by these bylaws and the Articles of **the Association**. Such person shall be immediately removed from membership and no further contact shall be made with such person.

## ARTICLE 6.0 - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- 6.1 The business and affairs of the **Association** shall be managed by the Board of Directors, who may exercise all such powers of the **Association** and do all such lawful acts and things as are not by statute, the Articles of **the Association**, or by these bylaws directed or required to be exercised or done by the members.
- 6.2 Any member of the Board of Directors may be removed, with or without cause, at any special meeting of the members by the affirmative vote of a majority of the members at such meeting and entitled to vote for the election of such Board member, if notice of the intentions to act upon such matter shall have been given in the notice calling for such meeting. If any vacancies occur on the Board of Directors for any reason, a majority of the Board of Directors then in office may choose a successor, or a successor will be chosen at special meeting of the members called for that purpose. Each successor Director so chosen shall be elected for the unexpired term of his/her predecessor in office.
- 6.3 The number of Directors may be increased, from time to time, by amendment to these bylaws. Any directorship to be filled by reason of an increase in the number of Board Members may be filled by either a vote of the Board of Directors or at a special meeting of members called for that purpose.  
~~6.3.1 Any member of the Board of Directors can be a Manager or Registered Coach.~~
- 6.4 Any member of the Board of Directors may resign by giving written notice to the President or Secretary. Such resignation shall take effect at the time specified therein, or immediately if no time is specified therein. The acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.



- 6.5 The Board of Directors may consist of the following:
- a. President
  - b. Vice President of Baseball Operations
  - c. Vice President of Softball Operations
  - d. Treasurer
  - e. Secretary
  - f. Director of Rules and Protest – Baseball
  - g. Director of Rules and Protest – Softball
  - h. Commissioners of each Age Division League
  - i. Director of Scheduling
  - j. Director of Public Relations
  - k. Director of Registration (Registrar)
  - l. Director of Equipment
  - m. Director of Communications/Website
  - n. Director of Tournaments
  - o. Director of Insurance and Team Representatives
  - p. Special Director

*NOTE: Any number of Special Directors may be elected by the Board of Directors. Vice Commissioners shall be appointed for each league by the League Commissioners as required and are not voting Board Members.*

- 6.6 The duties of the Directors shall be as follows:

6.6.1 - President

- a. To preside over all meetings;
- b. To appoint committees;
- c. To break any tie vote resulting from any ballot decision;
- d. To countersign orders and checks when needed;
- e. To call special meetings as needed;
- f. To be the Chief Executive Officer of the **Association**;
- g. To set up interviews with new Board Members to inform them of their duties and obligations to the Association;
- h. To negotiate any league contracts, and present to the Board of Directors
- i. To perform such other duties as the Board of Directors shall prescribe.

6.6.2 - Vice President – Baseball and/or Softball

- a. To preside over all meetings in the absence of the President
- b. To assume the duties of any vacant directorship until the vacant office is filled;
- c. To maintain a waiting list and inform all Commissioners of any new additions and seek an update from them regarding any additions and/or deletions from any team
- d. To make assignments of waiting list players to teams; first to achieve a balance of the number of players in the order of the original draw/draft, then in order of the original draw/draft, all without regard to the age of the player;
- e. To head the registration committee;
- f. To coordinate with local city and school officials for use of playing fields;
- g. To perform duties as assigned by the President and/or Board of Directors.



#### 6.6.3 - Treasurer

- a. To receive and collect all funds
- b. To dispense all bills and charges, under the direction of the Board of Directors;
- c. To maintain an accurate and current ledger as to all Association funds;
- d. To provide a full report of receipts and expenditures, deposit balances and financial condition at each meeting of the Board of Directors and each meeting of the membership, with the exception of special meetings;
- e. To file income tax returns;
- f. To perform other duties as assigned by the President and/or Board of Directors.

#### 6.6.4 - Secretary

- a. To take and preserve the minutes of all meetings and to record all votes;
- b. To maintain a complete list of all voting members;
- c. To handle all correspondence assigned by the President;
- d. To notify all Board Members and Managers of all meetings;
- e. To act as Parliamentarian in absence of the Director of Rules and Protest;
- f. To perform other duties as assigned by the President and/or Board of Directors.

#### 6.6.5 - Director of Rules and Protest – Baseball and/or Softball

- a. To accept and process all official protests as member and chairman of the Protest Commission;
- b. To draft proposed rule changes at the request of the Board of Directors.
- c. To review rules annually and have any changes prepared by the July meeting for a vote of confidence by the TCBSA voting body.
- d. To act as Parliamentarian at all meetings to ensure strict adherence to Association bylaws and Roberts Rules of Order Revised to resolve all questions, procedures or conflicts;
- e. To serve as the oversight of the umpire association utilized by the Association;
- f. To perform other duties as assigned by the President and/or Board of Directors.

#### 6.6.6 - League Commissioner - (3/4U, 5/6U, 7/8U, 9/10U, 11/12U, 13/14/15U, 7/8U Softball, 9U-14U Softball and TEBA)

- a. To serve as an arbitrator between the Board of Directors and the Team Managers in their respective League;
- b. To adopt and enforce all decisions made by the Board of Directors;
- c. To preside over all meetings of their respective League;
- d. To assign practice fields to teams;
- e. To maintain complete League records and provide the Board of Directors with information regarding the League;
- f. To perform other duties as assigned by the President and/or Board of Directors.

#### 6.6.7 - Director of Public Relations

- a. To provide a scorekeeper school prior to the start of the season;
- b. To provide each league with a workable program for recording of scores and outstanding performance of playing;
- c. To establish a program for sponsors and maintaining a satisfactory working relationship between sponsors and the Association;
- d. To select and purchase trophies with Board approval and ensure the distribution of said trophies;
- e. To perform other duties as assigned by the President and/or Board of Directors.



#### 6.6.8 - Director of Registration (Registrar)

- a. To set up and organize registration
- b. To provide adequate publicity to the public concerning registration;
- c. To organize and supervise the distribution and collection of all equipment and uniforms
- d. To solicit bids for team uniforms from area sporting goods dealers;
- e. To coordinate the selection of uniforms in respect to color, style, etc., with Board approval;
- f. To perform other duties as assigned by the President and/or Board of Directors.

#### 6.6.9 - Director of Equipment

- a. To select and purchase (with Board approval) all equipment with the exception of concession equipment;
- b. To take charge of storage of all equipment;
- c. To keep proper records of all equipment;
- d. To perform other duties as assigned by the President and/or Board of Directors.

#### 6.6.10 - Director of Communications

- a. To maintain the leagues website;
- b. To perform other duties as assigned by the President and/or Board of Directors.

#### 6.6.11 - Director of Tournaments

- a. To set tournament dates and provide to the Board of Directors for approval
- b. To oversee the running of the league tournaments
- c. To collect any required tournament funds and provide details to the Board of Directors of the profitability of the event
- d. To perform other duties as assigned by the President and/or Board of Directors.

#### 6.6.12 - Director of Scheduling

- a. To set the schedule for each league and provide to the Board of Directors for approval;
- b. To perform other duties as assigned by the President and/or Board of Directors.

#### 6.6.13 - Director of Insurance and Team Representatives

- a. To coordinate the insurance program;
- b. To coordinate the completion of necessary background checks;
- c. To perform other duties as assigned by the President and/or Board of Directors.

#### 6.6.14 - Director of Uniforms

- a. To organize and supervise the distribution and collection of all equipment and uniforms (pants/shirts/hats)
- b. To solicit bids for team uniforms (pants/shirts/hats) from area sporting goods dealers;
- c. To coordinate the selection of uniforms (pants/shirts/hats) in respect to color, style, etc., with Board approval;
- d. To perform other duties as assigned by the President and/or Board of Directors.

#### 6.6.15 - Special Director

- a. To perform duties as prescribed by the Board of Directors;
- b. To perform other duties as assigned by the President.

*NOTE: Any number of Special Directors may be elected by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.*



- 6.7 The Board of Directors shall present, at each annual meeting, a full and clear statement of the business and condition of the **Association**. Books and records shall be audited once a year by an appointed committee of the Board of Directors.

#### ARTICLE 7.0 - ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- 7.1 The election of the Board of Directors shall be held at the annual meeting of membership.
- 7.2 The Nominating Committee Chairman shall present the names of the candidates the committee has selected at the annual meeting. Additional nominations may be made from the floor by voting members, **or via “write ins” on an electronic ballot.**
- 7.3 Voting procedure shall be as directed by the President or presiding Director. Presiding officer shall ensure that no “electioneering” occurs in the vicinity of the polling location, **or through a ballot submitted electronically.**
- 7.4 The Board of Directors shall be elected, by the voting members for a term of one (1) year. There will be no limitation to the number of terms a Board Member may serve. No person may serve as President who has not served in some position on the Board of Directors for a minimum of one (1) year previous to his/her election to the office of President.
- 7.5 Voting members (at annual meeting only) include Directors, Team Managers, Registered Coaches and one (1) vote per family of registered players. Note: The general rule “one person, one vote” shall prevail. Persons 18 years of age and over only shall be allowed to vote.

#### ARTICLE 8.0 - MANAGERS AND REGISTERED COACH APPROVAL

- 8.1 Manager/Registered Coach applications shall be submitted to the Background Check Committee, for a criminal history investigation. Following the Background Check applicants will be screened by the Association Screening Committee. Approved applicants will then be forwarded to the Board of Directors for final approval. All applicants are required to provide a copy of current driver’s license or I.D.
- 8.2 Any applicant turned down by the Screening Committee has the right to one (1) appeal, in person, before the Board of Directors with at least one (1) member of the Screening Committee present to state the reasons for the applicant’s rejection. The results of the criminal history check will be openly discussed in this hearing, if applicable.
- 8.3 New manager/coach applicants will be screened by the Board of Directors at their next meeting.
- 8.4 The Screening Committee for the Association shall consist of any five (5) of the following:
- 8.4.1 Any Member of the Board of Directors
- 8.4.2 The Director of Rules and Protest shall act as Chairman of the Background Screening Committee.
- 8.5 Each approved Manager shall be allowed one (3) Registered Assistant Coaches and shall submit his/her coach’s application to the Screening Committee for approval no later than the last day of Registration. Any Manager on a Screening Committee shall not vote on his/her coach’s approval
- 8.6 A person may act as a temporary Manager or Registered Coach with approval of the respective League Commissioner until approved by the Board of Directors at their next meeting.



NOTE: In the absence of the League Commissioner, the Chief Umpire for that game may make the temporary approval.

- 8.7 No person may act as a Manager or Registered Coach on more than one (1) team without written approval by the President and approved by the Board of Directors.

#### ARTICLE 9.0 - MANAGER DUTIES

- 9.1 Each Manager should select a Parent Representative to help with the relationship between his/her team and the parents.
- 9.2 Each Manager shall notify each player on the previous year's roster and advise them of Registration.
- 9.3 Each Manager shall be responsible for the procurement of his/her Registered Coach.
- 9.4 Each Manager and Registered Coach must attend at least 50% of practices and games and must be on the playing field during games. Only Managers, Registered Coaches and Assistant Coaches will be allowed on the playing field during the game, **unless otherwise appointed by the TCBSA Board.**
- 9.5 Each class A Manager must notify the Commissioner in writing within 48 hours if any player quits his/her team, **or fails to show up to practices and/or games.**
- 9.6 Any Manager or Registered Coach who does not fulfill his/her duties as such, is subject to review by the Managers Disciplinary Review Commission.
- 9.7 Every TCBSA Manager is required to be NYSCA certified specifically for baseball and/or softball prior to the first regular scheduled game of the season, **along with any other certifications deemed necessary by the TCBSA Board of Directors.**

#### ARTICLE 10.0 - CONDUCT

- 10.1 Any TCBSA member who is reported to the Board of Directors in writing for using profane language, acting in an unsportsmanlike manner, and/or under the influence of intoxicating beverages or illegal and/or controlled substances, any time or place in conjunction with a TCBSA function, shall be subject to disciplinary action by the Board of Directors, or, in the case of Managers, Registered Coaches and Assistants, review by the Manager's Disciplinary Review Commission. **Additional offenses could include, but not be limited to: Physical abuse, verbal abuse, repeated confrontations with coaches, umpires, spectators and/or other board members, malicious damage or misuse of TCBSA, or any city property. (Said offenses could also include legal action against said offender, and said offender may also be subject to penalties enforced by local law enforcement.)** When any of the above mentioned acts are committed, that person must leave the entire ball park area immediately when asked by a Board member, an official, or umpire. Refusal to leave the ball park shall result in immediate suspension from TCBSA. The use of any tobacco and/or nicotine product is prohibited any time a person is with their team (playing a game, practice, team meetings, or within the general vicinity of the game complexes and concession stands). **The above list is not limited to what offenses are reviewable.**



- 10.2 Each Manager shall agree to abide by the decisions of the Board of Directors and the Manager's Disciplinary Review Commission and shall strive to maintain a good working relationship with its members to help provide a wholesome program for players.
- 10.3 Managers are responsible for seeing that his/her Coaches, players, players' parents and Sponsors conduct themselves in such a way as to attain the objectives and purposes of this Association. **If a manager is having issues with any of the above, they should contact their commissioner immediately.**
- 10.4 If a person is ejected from a game for any reason, he will leave the field area immediately. If the ejected person continues to disrupt the game and is asked to leave the ball park area, he/she must do so. Failure to abide by this rule shall constitute a forfeited game, **and may also be considered criminal trespassing.** A person ejected will be suspended for one (1) game with the suspension to be served during the game immediately following that game in which the ejection occurred. This suspension is subject to an appeal to be made in writing to the League Commissioner or designee within 48 hours of the ejection. The Board of Directors will review the appeal and render a decision concerning suspension at its earliest possible meeting date. The decision of the Board is final. In the event an appeal is filed and the suspension is upheld, the suspension will be served in the first game following the ruling of the Board. A person ejected twice in one season, and whose suspensions are twice upheld, will be suspended from TCBSA for the duration of the season. League Commissioner will notify the Manager/Coach of his/her suspension.
- 10.5 There shall be no profanity by any member of TCBSA at any time while engaging in activities of this program. Also, there is to be no abusive or derogatory comments or names directed to or about any player made by any member of TCBSA. This rule is to be strictly enforced by Managers, Registered Coaches, Assistant Coaches and Umpires.
- NOTE: Any member is to be interpreted as any person who is registered with TCBSA, including parents, and contractual help such as Umpires or Concession employees. In the event of contractual help, penalties shall be administered by Disciplinary Review.*
- Penalty: Immediate ejection from the game and field and suspension by the League Commissioner from the next game to be played.***
- 10.6 No unified razzing or screaming at any opposing team or players shall be allowed, **on or off of the field.**
- 10.7 Any player, Manager, Registered Coach or Assistant Coach who intentionally throws, kicks, or mistreats equipment shall be ejected from the game.
- 10.8 All Article 10.0 CONDUCT rules shall also apply to post-season **play, and is not limited to games in TCBSA host cities, but also includes play in any event where TCBSA is represented through participation.** At the President's discretion, a tribunal of the President and any two board members may substitute for the Manager's Disciplinary Review Commission.

#### ARTICLE 11.0 – PROTEST COMMISSION

- 11.1 The Protest Commission shall consist of:
- 11.1.1 Director of Rules and Protest who shall serve as its chairman.
- 11.1.2 Director of Umpires.
- 11.1.3 Board Members or one Manager or one Registered Coach from each of the leagues one age group above and one age group below the age group of the protest in question. These Managers shall be appointed by the Director of Rules and Protest.





- 11.2 The purpose of the Protest Commission shall be to:
- 11.2.1 Receive from the League Commissioners, each written notification of protest as prescribed in Section 3.2 of the General Rules and Regulations.
  - 11.2.2 Render decision regarding the protest with the prescribed time period.
  - 11.2.3 Meet on an “as needed” basis when called by the Chairman.

#### ARTICLE 12.0 - MANAGER’S DISCIPLINARY REVIEW COMMISSION

- 12.1 The Manager’s Disciplinary Review Commission shall consist of the President, Vice President and the Director of Rules and Protest.

*NOTE: Any adult on the playing field, practice field, or in the dugout is considered to be an Assistant Coach.*

- 12.2 Members of the Board of Directors may be substituted for the President, Vice President and the Director of Rules and Protest in their absence.
- 12.3 Managers, Registered Coaches and Assistant Coaches may be brought before the Manager’s Disciplinary Review Commission by the respective League Commissioner who must act upon the receipt of written complaint from one of the hours. The Commission shall not accept unsigned or anonymous complaints. Persons signing complaints must be willing to appear before the Commission.
- 12.3.1 Commissioners failing to forward written complaints to the Director of Rules and Protest may be brought before Disciplinary Review.
- 12.4 Decisions of the Commission may be appealed in writing within forty eight (48) hours to the Director of Rules and Protest who will call a meeting of the Board within (10) days. The decision of the Board of Directors shall be final.
- 12.5 Members of the Commission who become subjects of the Commission will abstain from membership during the Commission’s consideration of that case.

#### ARTICLE 13.0 - MEETINGS OF MEMBERS AND DIRECTORS

- 13.1 The “Roberts Rules of Order, Revised” shall be the parliamentary authority matters of procedure not specifically covered by these bylaws.
- 13.2 Regular meetings of the members shall be held at least once each month, beginning in July and ending with the annual meeting in June.
- 13.3 Regular meetings of the Board of Directors may be held at such time and place as shall, from time to time, be determined by the Board, without the necessity of notice to the membership.
- 13.4 Special meetings of members, for any purpose or purposes unless otherwise prescribed by statutes, the Articles of **the Association**, or by these bylaws, may be called by the President, the Board of Directors, or not less than one-third of all members of the Association entitled to vote at the meeting. The business to be transacted and the purpose of any special meeting must be specified in the notice or waiver of notice, except where expressly provided for by statute, the Articles of **the Association**, or by these bylaws.



- 13.5 Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President from time to time. Such special meetings must be called by the President; however, any two (2) Directors may call a special meeting of the Board of Directors with two (2) day notice by written request to the President or, in his/her absence, the Vice President.
- 13.6 An annual election meeting of the members shall be held each year during May at a time and place selected by the Board of Directors. At the annual meeting the voting members shall elect the Directors of the Association for the following year, who shall serve as the new Board of Directors effective July 1st of that year. A complete list of the members entitled to vote shall be available at the annual meeting. This list shall be produced and kept open at the time and place of the meeting, during the whole time therefore, and shall be subject to the inspection of any member who may be present.
- 13.7 Written or verbal public notice shall be given to each member entitled to vote at the meeting stating the date, time and place of the annual meeting or of a special meeting before the date of the meeting, either personally or by mail at the direction of the President or the Director or persons calling the meeting.
- 13.8 At any regular or properly called meeting, the vote of the majority of the members present having voting power shall decide any questions brought before such meeting unless the questions is one upon which, by express provision of the statutes, the Articles of **the Association**, or by these bylaws, a different vote is required; in which case such express provision shall govern and control the decision of such question. The voting members present at a duly organized meeting may continue to transact business until adjournment.
- 13.9 All meetings of the members for the election of the Board of Directors shall be held in the confines of the Tri-Cities area. Meetings of members for any other purpose may be held at such time and place as shall be stated in the notice of the meeting or in a duly executed waiver of notice thereof.
- 13.10 At the regular April monthly meeting the President shall appoint a nominating committee of six (6) persons, consisting of representatives of each of the Leagues, to nominate Directors for the following year.
- 13.11 The first meeting of each newly elected Board of Directors shall be held in joint session with the old Board of Directors during **July**.
- 13.12 Any team that is not represented by the Manager or by his/her Registered Coach for two (2) consecutive required TCBSA meetings without justifiable cause, shall make the Manager subject to review by the Manager's Disciplinary Review Commission.
- 13.13 Any member of the Board of Directors who is absent from two (2) consecutive meetings of the Board of Directors, without justifiable cause, will be subject to dismissal by the Board of Directors.
- 13.14 At all meetings of the Board of Directors, the presence of a majority of the Directors shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. **Association**. If a quorum is not present at any meeting of the Board of Directors, the Directors present shall adjourn the meeting without notice, other than an announcement at the meeting, until a quorum shall be present.
- 13.14.1 If a normal quorum of a majority of the Directors does not exist as of 15 minutes after the scheduled start time of an announced meeting, the President or Vice-President may declare a "Vital Business Quorum" under the following conditions:



- a. Presence of the President or Vice-President and any two of the following officers: Treasurer, Secretary, Director of Rules & Protest, and
- b. Presence of at least four other board members, and
- c. A “Vital Business Quorum” may not be declared more than once per month.

#### ARTICLE 14.0 - LEAGUES

- 14.1 The organization shall consist of the following Leagues:
- a. 3U League; age 3; Rookie T-ball
  - b. 4U League; age 4; Rookie T-ball
  - c. 5U League; age 5; T-ball
  - d. 6U League; age 6; T-ball or T-ball/Coach Pitch; Baseball and/or Softball
  - e. 7U League; age 7; Coach Pitch; Baseball and/or Softball
  - f. 8U League; age 8; Coach Pitch; Baseball and/or Softball
  - g. 9U League; age 9; Kid Pitch; Baseball and/or Softball
  - h. 10U League; age 10; Kid Pitch; Baseball and/or Softball
  - i. 12U League; ages 11 and 12; Kid Pitch; Baseball and/or Softball
  - j. 15U League; ages 13, 14, and 15; Kid Pitch; Baseball and/or Softball
- 14.2 Leagues having 10 or more teams shall have no less than 2 divisions.

#### ARTICLE 15.0 – REGISTRATION

- 15.1 Registration of players shall be held seasonally with the registration period and registration fees being determined by the Board of Directors prior to registration. The registration period shall be adequately advertised in advance.
- 15.2 No individual shall be allowed to register after registration closes with the exception of new individuals moving into the area. A “move in” late registrant shall be placed on the team having the least number of active players at that time provided the draw/draft has been completed. Such placement shall occur in the order of the teams in the original draw/draft. The only exception shall be in the specific instance whereby a team cannot complete its schedule because its roster is below the required number of players. The President or delegate shall review this case and a decision made on the merits of the specific case. In the event the President is unavailable, the Vice President or appointed delegate shall make the decision.
- NOTE: If players are needed to fill roster spots or any other scenario deemed acceptable, the President can grant authority for late registration.*
- 15.3 In the event a team roster is decreased below the required number of players, and no new registrants are available from the President’s waiting list, a satisfactory, equitable solution shall be established by the President and League Commissioner to continue play. The Manager of the team shall be required to give written notice to the Commissioner, which his/her team roster is below the required number of players.
- 15.4 At the time of registration, a player may designate one (1) Manager for whom he/she does not wish to play.
- 15.5 At the time of registration, a returning player may choose to go back into the draw/draft, but may be redrawn or redrafted by his/her old team unless Section 15.4 applies.



- 15.6 Any parent registering more than 2 of their children will receive a \$40 discount on each additional registration exceeding the original 2 players. All discounts apply to the players in the youngest division first.
- 15.7 Each active board member is eligible for the waiver of registration fees for two players each.

#### ARTICLE 16.0 - MISCELLANEOUS

- 16.1 A monthly petty cash reimbursement request with supporting receipt shall be made to account for expenditures.
- 16.2 No bills shall be accepted for payment from the regular account except those authorized by the Board of Directors.
- 16.3 Bylaws may be altered, amended or repealed at any meeting of the membership by the affirmative vote of a majority of voting members (See Article 4.2) and approved by the Board of Directors, provided notice of the proposed alteration, amendment or repeal be contained in the notice of the meeting. ~~Alterations and/or amendments to these bylaws may be made as necessary, throughout the year and must be communicated to participating members once any and all changes are voted on and approved. No changes, alterations or amendments may be made to these bylaws after the February Manager's Meeting for the then current spring season or after July for the then current fall season.~~
- 16.4 Any contract or other transaction between the **Association** and any of its Directors (or any firm in which any of its Directors is directly or indirectly interested) shall be valid for all purposes, notwithstanding the presence of such Director at the meeting authorizing such contract or transaction, or his/her participation in such meeting. The foregoing shall, however, apply only if the interest of Director to counted in determining whether a majority is present, but not in calculating the majority necessary to carry such vote. This section shall not be construed to invalidate any contract or transaction, which would be valid in the absence of this section.
- 16.5 The **Association** shall keep correct and complete books and records of accounts and shall keep minutes of the meetings with its members and Board of Directors and shall keep ~~at its registered office or principal place of business,~~ a record of its voting members.
- 16.6 If any part of these bylaws shall be held invalid or inoperative for any reason, the remaining parts so far possible and reasonable shall be valid and operative. **Invalid and/or inoperative areas should be addressed and changed promptly, as needed.**