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## ARTICLE

### I

#### NAME

##### SECTION 1. *NAME*

The name of this organization shall be Blanchester Youth Baseball and shall be referred to as B.Y.B. or Blanchester Youth Baseball

## ARTICLE II

### PURPOSES

##### SECTION 1. *PURPOSE*

The purpose of this organization shall be:

1. To promote summer baseball for the youth of the Blanchester school district and outlying areas.
2. To provide an outlet of healthful activity in an atmosphere of wholesome community participation.
3. To establish the rudiments of teamwork, fair play, and sportsmanship.
4. To instill a sense of pride and accomplishment in all participants in this organization.

##### SECTION 2. *MISSION STATEMENT*

The mission of this organization shall be to operate as a non-profit organization. The monies received shall be used toward the improvement of, but not limited to; the baseball fields and/or structures dedicated to the use of said baseball fields, which are located at Veteran Memorial park Blanchester, Ohio, and/or but not limited to improvements to enhance the involvement in learning and playing the game of baseball for the participants of B.Y.B., and pay any debts that are reasonable and customary.

## ARTICLE

### III

#### Players

##### SECTION 1. *PLAYERS*

All participants must live within the Blanchester School district or outlying areas or attend Blanchester Schools the school year ending at the start of the current season, a new resident to the school district, or the son or daughter of a coach or assistant coach.

##### SECTION 2. *PLAYER EXTENSION*

All participants moving outside league jurisdiction who have participated in league activities the previous season will be allowed a one-year playing extension. After one year a release must be obtained from the residing district representative in order to play outside the residing district.

ARTICLE IV  
BOARD

SECTION 1. *BOARD MEMBERS*

The board will be comprised of a minimum of six members. There shall be a chairman of the board which will govern all board meetings.

SECTION 2. *AGE REQUIREMENTS*

All members must be at least 18 years of age.

SECTION 4. *MAJORITY VOTE*

All policies, procedures, expenditures (greater than \$500 not included in an approved budget) and bylaws must be approved by a majority vote of the membership, recognizing a member has the right not to vote on any question they have no opinion on. Also it is a general rule that no one can vote on a question in which he has a direct personal or pecuniary interest. Yet this does not prevent a member from voting for himself for any office or other position.

\*While it is the duty of every member who has an opinion on the question to express it by his vote, yet he cannot be compelled to do so.

ARTICLE V  
OFFICERS AND DUTIES

SECTION 1. *OFFICERS*

The officers of this organization shall consist of the President, Vice-President, and Treasurer/Secretary

SECTION 2. *PRESIDENT*

The President shall be the executive head of the organization and shall supervise and be responsible for the activities of all officers of the B.Y.B. It shall be the duty of the president to preside at and call all meetings.

SECTION 3. *VICE-PRESIDENT*

It is the duty of the Vice-President to preside at all meetings in the absence of the President. To fill any vacancy in the office of the President when said President fails to fulfill the term of office for any reason.

SECTION 4. *VACANCIES*

In the event of a vacancy in the office of vice-president, secretary/treasurer, the membership shall Elect a successor for the remainder of their term at the next regular meeting.

## SECTION 5. *SECRETARY/TREASURER*

It is the duty of the secretary/treasurer to file an accurate set of minutes of all meetings and give a copy to all officers. It is the duty of the secretary/treasurer, or the president in the absence of the secretary/treasurer to account for and receive all receipts and disbursements and pay all authorized bills.

- A. No expenditures shall be made without authorization as here in after provided. Expenditures less than \$500 may be authorized by the president, secretary/treasurer with a report of such expenditures at the next regular meeting. All Expenditures over \$500 must be approved by a vote of the membership.
  - B. All B.Y.B checks will be signed with two of the following signatures; the president, vice president, treasurer/ secretary, with a report of all transactions given each month at regular meetings.
  - C. Deposits are to be made within 48 hours of cash received or the first business day after a Sunday or a holiday.
  - D. No debts are to be paid in cash. All debts are to be paid by check with the exception of umpire's fees; field marker and concession stand supplies with a report given in July and August and a final report given in September.
  - E. Failure to give a report at two consecutive meetings will subject said treasurer to dismissal and a new treasurer elected at the next regular meeting.
  - F. All concession stand monies are to be turned over to the treasurer within seven days of the final in house game.
- A written annual financial report for all members is to be given at the September meeting.

## SECTION 7. *DISMISSAL*

All officers and board members will be subject to a recommendation for dismissal by voting members at the next regular meeting should said officer or officers fail to perform their duties as required by the Constitution and By-laws of the B.Y.B

## SECTION 8. *AUDIT*

An audit shall be performed by membership and submitted prior to the election of officers each year this audit will be recorded annually and kept with the organization records.

## SECTION 9. *FISCAL YEAR*

The fiscal year shall be the twelve-month period beginning with the month of March and ending the month of February.

## SECTION 10. *RECORDS AND PROPERTY*

All officers and board members, upon the termination of their office, shall return all properties and records of said office to the new officers of the B.Y.B.

## SECTION 11. *ATTENDANCE*

All officers and Board members failing to attend two consecutive regular meetings without just cause will have their terms automatically terminated.



SECTION 12. *TERM OF OFFICE*

The term of office for all officers shall be one year.

ARTICLE VI  
COACHES

SECTION 1. *REQUIREMENTS*

All coaches must be at least eighteen years of age.

- A. New coaches will be on a one-year trial basis; after which their Conduct will be subject to review.
- B. Residents of Blanchester school district will have priority over non-residents for new coaching position.
- C. All new coaches must attend the East Region Knothole orientation meeting scheduled by the league. A yellow card must be obtained showing that you understand the rules in which to follow.
- D. Seniority shall be the number of years served as a coach, assistant coach, or league official and shall be used in determining coaching positions when openings are available.
- E. When a coach resigns the official 1st. Assistant coach will have first choice for that coaching position, the official 2nd. Assistant coach will have second choice for that coaching position.
- F. If the coach and assistant coaches do not want to continue coaching the position of coach will be assigned by seniority.
- G. Coaches missing three consecutive meetings without just cause will lose all seniority.
- H. Improper conduct of coaches or assistant coaches will not be tolerated. Misconduct will subject coaches or assistant coaches to disciplinary actions or dismissal. Coaches must read and adhere to the code of conduct by the League and Blanchester Youth Baseball.
- I. Any persons desiring to take time off from coaching may do so without losing seniority or voting privileges provided they fulfill requirements pertaining to coaches of the B.Y.B.
- J. Coaches shall provide Blanchester Youth Baseball with copies of concussion certifications, Background checks (BCI) or any other documents required by the organization, league and/or federal government/state by the date set forth by the Organization. Failure to turn in these documents by the date set forth by the organization may result in coaching privileges being revoked for the season.

- K. Any equipment provided by Blanchester Youth Baseball to each coach must be turned in by the date set forth by the organization. Any equipment not turned in will result in the coach being charged for the purchase amount.

## ARTICLE VII MEETINGS

### SECTION 1. *DATE*

The regular meeting shall be held at the discretion of the member schedule, and/or at the discretion of the president.

### SECTION 2. *TIME*

The regular meeting shall be held at the discretion of the member schedule, and/or at the discretion of the president. Except during the regular season, during which times may vary depending upon game schedules.

### SECTION 3. *SPECIAL MEETINGS*

The president or any two officers may call special meetings. Any call of a special meeting shall be made to the secretary who will schedule it within ten (10) days and notify membership.

### SECTION 4. *QUORUM*

A quorum for holding a regular meeting shall be no less than two (2) officers and three (3)-voting members.

## ARTICLE VIII GUIDE LINES AND BY-LAWS

### SECTION 1. *ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER*

The affairs of the B.Y.B. Shall be governed by the most recent edition of Roberts Rules of Order unless otherwise provided by these by-laws.

### SECTION 2. *AMMENDMENTS*

When a member desires to amend the Constitution and By-laws, he shall present such amendment in writing. Said amendment shall be read at three (3) consecutive meetings and upon the third reading a vote taken thereon. A. A quorum for changing by-laws shall be the same as that of a regular meeting.

### SECTION 3. *VOTING REQUIREMENTS*

It shall require a two-thirds majority vote of the membership in favor of the amendment before it becomes effective, recognizing a member has the right not to vote on any question they have no opinion on. Also it is a general rule that no one can vote on a question in which he has a direct personal or pecuniary interest. Yet this does not prevent a member from voting for himself for any office or other position.

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#### SECTION 4. *APPROVED AMENDMENTS*

When an amendment becomes effective, a written revision of the Constitution shall be prepared by the secretary who shall maintain same in the records of the B.Y.B.

#### SECTION 5. *BY-LAW REVIEW*

The Constitution and By-laws shall be reviewed annually at the January meeting.

### **ARTICLE X NOMINATION OF OFFICERS**

#### SECTION 1. *ELIGIBILITY*

Nominees for office must be a resident of Blanchester or live within Blanchester Local School District, or a coach, assistant coach or a previous non-elected league official.

#### SECTION 2. *NOMINATIONS*

Officers shall be nominated from the floor or submitted in writing at any regular or special meeting in the months of; July, August, and September.

#### SECTION 3. *ELECTIONS*

- A. Elections shall be held at the end of the regular September meeting.
- B. Election of officers shall be by secret ballot.
- C. There shall be no write-in candidates.

Only those members in attendance will be allowed to vote. There will be no proxy votes allowed.

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