

Belton Youth Baseball Association

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ARTICLE I - Name

The name of this organization shall be known as the Belton Youth Baseball Association.

ARTICLE II - Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be to correlate and promote amateur baseball for boys and girls age four (4) through eighteen (18); to encourage harmony, good sportsmanship and cooperation among its members; to build a strong, healthy body and to acquire the desire to become a good American citizen.

ARTICLE III - Objective

The primary objective of this organization is to give boys and girls in this community the opportunity to play youth baseball on a representative team in an organized league for local, district, and state championships.

ARTICLE IV - Membership

Any boy or girl attending school or residing within the Belton ISD, meeting requirements of age and residence as set forth in the TTAB league rules, shall be eligible to participate in the program or the organization. Voting Membership shall be comprised of one parent/guardian of said boy or girl participating in the league.

Belton Youth Baseball Association reserves the right to remove from or refuse to let any person into BYBA functions. This includes but is not limited to: Coaches, Parents, Fans, and Players. Additionally if the Board determines that someone's conduct is inappropriate or detrimental to the objective of the League or its other members they may vote to ban said person for any amount of time designated by the board.

ARTICLE V - Meeting of Membership and Officer Elections

The Belton Youth Baseball Association shall hold an Annual Membership Meeting in September of every year. The governing body of this organization shall be vested in a President and Board of Directors to be elected at the Annual Membership Meeting as follows:

- A. The League President shall preside over the nominating process, prepare ballots, and allow for speeches by candidates as deemed necessary for the election of the Board of Directors and President. In years when the President is up for election, President shall be elected first, and then Board of Directors elections shall be held. An individual who runs for President unsuccessfully will still be eligible to be elected to the Board of Directors. The outgoing President will still be responsible for supervising the election of the Board of Directors after the election of the new President.
- B. The League President shall be elected to serve a two (2) year term. Eligibility for president will require a 1 year prior service on BYBA Board of Directors. Therefore nominations will be taken from current board members and elected by majority vote of said members present. If there are no nominations from current board members, nominations will be taken from those present.

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- C. Up to eight (8) Board Members shall be elected to serve a one (1) year term. Nominations will be taken from the members in attendance. If 8 or fewer are nominated then their election shall be confirmed by League President. If more than 8 are nominated then a vote by the membership will be taken and the 8 receiving the most votes shall be elected as Board Members.
- D. In the event that fewer than 8 Board Members are elected at the Annual Membership meeting, or one of the elected Board Members resigns, the President shall nominate someone to serve on the Board in order to bring the Board of Directors up to 8 total. The existing Board of Directors will then vote to approve/disapprove said nominations.
- E. After 8 members of the board have been elected from the General Membership or from the existing Board Members, the President will have authority to appoint up to 5 additional board members with approval of the Board. Total Board membership shall not exceed 13 members.
- F. President shall appoint from the Board the offices of: Vice President, Secretary, Treasure, and Equipment Manager. President shall also have authority to remove and replace officers during the year with approval of the Board.

ARTICLE VI - Removal of Board Members and President;

- A. President may make a motion to the Board to remove one of the Board Members. A vote will then be taken by all Board Members. A majority of the Board Members must vote in the affirmative to remove said member. Replacement of the Board Member shall follow procedures in Article V, part D above.
- B. To remove the President from office, one of the Board Members may make a motion to remove the President from office. A majority of the Board Members must then vote in the affirmative to call a general membership meeting to remove said President. The General Membership will then hold a vote to remove the President, and if voting for removal a new President shall be elected by procedures in Article V, part A and B with the Vice President presiding over said election.

ARTICLE VII – Duties of President and Board of Directors and Officers

The President and Board of Directors are responsible for the administrative and financial management of the league, and for developing and executing the leagues organizational and operating policies and procedures. In addition, they are responsible for resolving any problems within the league between Parents, Players, Umpires, Scorekeepers, Coaches and Fans.

A. Duties of President

- 1. President shall call all meetings of the Board of Directors. Board is required to meet at a minimum of once per month. Any league member may attend Board meetings to make comments or suggestions. Board may then have closed meetings to discuss any topics they feel need to remain private.
- 2. President sets the agenda for all Board Meetings and General Membership Meetings and is responsible for running the meetings.

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3. President may ask for motions to vote on any item but cannot make or second said motions nor does President vote on any items brought before the Board except in the event of a tie.
  4. President shall serve as an authorized signer on all bank accounts.
  5. President shall have the authority to approve the expenditure of funds for the general and routine operating expenses of the league not to exceed \$300.00
- B. Duties of the Board of Directors
1. Attend Board of Directors meetings and participate in votes on issues coming before the Board.
  2. The Board of Directors shall approve all projects for the purpose of raising funds for the Association, including any fund raising projects, registration dues and fees, tournament fees, and other similar items before such projects are undertaken.
  3. Approve all vendor contracts or any other contractual obligations of the League.
  4. Approve any expenditure of funds or capital improvements greater than \$300.
  5. Approve the pay scale for all league officials and scorekeepers and any other employees hired by the League.
  6. Approve the distribution and amount of any funds to support any teams going to TTAB State Tournaments.
  7. Help with Registration Days, Play Day, Draft Day, and work days.
  8. Directors or their representatives are personally responsible on game days for opening and closing the field complex, ensuring scorekeepers and umpires are available, and trying to handle disputes according to TTAB and BYBA rules.
- C. Duties of Vice President
1. Vice President shall preside over all meetings in the absence of the President or at his request.
  2. Vice President shall serve as an authorized signer on all bank accounts.
  3. Vice President will assume any other duties of the President in his absence as necessary for the operation of the League.
- D. Duties of Treasurer
1. Treasurer shall serve as the primary person responsible for the safekeeping of all League funds.
  2. Treasurer will serve as an authorized signer on all bank accounts.
  3. Treasurer will be responsible for presenting a financial report at all Board meetings to include: All Operating Funds available, Expenses paid and Revenue received since the last board meeting.
  4. Treasurer will be responsible for presenting a Summary Financial Report to the General Membership at the Annual Meeting each September.
- E. Duties of the Secretary - Secretary shall be responsible for maintaining club records and keeping minutes of all Board meetings.
- F. Duties of Equipment Manager - The Equipment Manager shall be responsible for the distribution and collection of all team equipment issued to coaches during the season and the general equipment used by the League during the season during games.

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ARTICLE VIII – Additional Items Regarding President and Board of Directors and Officers

- A. The President and any Board Member shall not receive payment from the League for any services performed in their function as a league representative, or work as a regular paid employee for the League with the following exception: Subject to Board approval, Board Members may serve as paid game officials or scorekeepers on a limited basis if they have met all qualifications, have served as paid officials or scorekeepers in the past and do not prevent other qualified officials/scorekeepers from working available games.
- B. Any Business that the President or any Board Member is associated with as an Owner or Director shall not be allowed to enter into any contractual relationship for re-occurring services with the League. Additionally said business, President or Board Member shall not be allowed to sell any products or supplies to the League on a re-occurring basis.
- C. League president will be given a per diem of \$100.00 per month for expenses. This will cover all 12 months of the year for a total amount of \$1,200. This amount shall only be paid as accrued on the last day of the month. The president (at his option) can defer this payment to be accrued and paid in lump sum amounts. The per diem is to cover small expenses incurred in the process of running the league that are not specifically reimbursable with receipts such as:
  - 1. added auto operating cost from driving back and forth to fields during day or on other league business,
  - 2. personal telephone expense incurred by the league president in the course of performing his duties,
  - 3. other general expenses incurred such as paper, printer ink, etc... and any other items that may cross the line between personal and league usage.All other reimbursable expenses for league operating equipment and supplies, in which President has used personal funds to purchase, will be specifically approved by the BYBA Board, and President must have receipts to submit for said items.
- D. BYBA board members will be permitted to have one child register and play for free. In the event that any board member has 3 children participating in the league, said child will still count toward the discounted 3rd child registration fee.

ARTICLE IX - Committees

Shall be appointed by the President of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE X - Amendments

The Association may amend the by-laws by a majority vote at any Annual Membership Meeting. Annual Membership Meetings will be held each January and August prior to the season beginning. All by-law amendments and additions or deletions must go through the Rules Committee before they will be discussed or voted on at the Annual Membership Meeting.

ARTICLE XI - Administrative and Fiscal Year

The administrative year of BYBA shall be from the September Annual Membership Meeting to the following Annual Membership Meeting. The fiscal year shall run from October 1<sup>st</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup> of the following year.

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ARTICLE XII - Rules  
See Standing Rules

ARTICLE XIII - Uniforms

Uniforms will be league issue only. These items include hats, and shirts. Optional but not league issued is socks and belts. League issued uniforms must be worn to all BYBA regular season games, city-playoffs, and BYBA sponsored tournaments. Pant color or colors will be decided annually by the BYBA Board and announced at the spring coaches meeting.