

2004 CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

ARTICLE I ~ NAME

This organization shall be known as the Greenfield Baseball Association, also using the initials G.B.A.

ARTICLE II ~ OBJECTIVES

1. The objective of the Greenfield Baseball Association shall be to implant, in the children of our community, the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, courage, reverence, and to assist in their development in becoming model citizens of our community.
2. These objectives will be achieved by providing supervised competitive baseball games. The members of this Organization shall bear in mind that developing the character and molding the future of our youth is of prime importance whereas the attainment of the exceptional athletic skill, or the winning of games, is secondary.

ARTICLE III ~ GOVERNMENT

1. The government of the Greenfield Baseball Association shall be under the supervision of the duly elected Board of Directors. The Board of Directors will consist of a President, Vice President of Little League, Vice President of Minor League, Treasurer, and Secretary. Additional Board Members may be voted on depending on existing circumstances.
2. All matters concerning this organization will be reviewed by the Board of Directors, their duties shall be to discuss, evaluate, and report such matters to organization members at a regular scheduled meeting. The Board of Directors may make recommendations on all matters, but all matters of policy are to be decided by a majority vote of one coach per team that is present at a meeting.
3. The office President shall be limited to two consecutive terms, all other officers shall be elected for a one year period, but may be re-elected.
4. No one can hold the same office for more than two consecutive years unless voted on by their peers.
5. The minimum age for all officers shall be twenty-one years old.
6. The elections shall take place at the first meeting in December
7. Newly appointed officers shall take over the first meeting in January.
8. The Board of Trustees will consist of the three previous presidents of the Greenfield Baseball Association.

ARTICLE IV ~ DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to investigate and discuss the favorable, or unfavorable, actions of all people associated with the organization and all situations affecting the policies of this organization.

ARTICLE V ~ DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S OFFICERS

1. The president's duties shall be to preside over all regular meetings, to appoint committees, and to perform such duties as executive and administrative decisions that fall within the duties of this office. He will supercede all Board Members.
2. The Vice President's duties shall be to govern the policies of their league. He shall give a report at the meetings on their individual leagues. It will be their duty to make the season's schedule and to keep a record of wins, losses, and standings of each team in their league. They are automatically a member of all committees pertaining to their league and shall when necessary report to the President and the process of various committee assignments to organization members at a regular scheduled meeting. In the absence of the President, the Vice President of Little League shall perform the duties of the President.
3. The Treasurer's duties shall be the custodian of all the organization's funds and to disburse of such funds to pay all bills. He shall keep a true and accurate record of all deposits, disbursements, and receipts. He shall submit a report of the organizations funds at every meeting. He shall submit an annual report of all income, disbursements, and financial conditions of the organization.
4. The Secretary's duties shall be to document and report all pertinent information at scheduled meetings.
5. A Player Agent shall be appointed by the President and must be ratified by the majority of the organization's members at a regular scheduled meeting. The Player Agent's duties shall be to be in charge of handling all disputes between players, parents, and coaches. All protests shall be processed through the Player Agent and all trades must be confirmed by the Player Agent. The Player Agent shall be second in command of Minor League and Little League besides the League's Vice Presidents. The Player Agent along with the President and Vice President will discuss and vote in resolving all matters of that individual league.

ARTICLE VI ~ VOTING

1. Members of the Board, one Little League and Minor League Manager or Coach, per team, can vote on all matters pertaining to the organization, if they are present at the regular scheduled meeting.
2. Members of the Board and one Little League Manager or Coach, per team, will vote on Little League matters only.
3. Members of the Board, and one Minor League manager or Coach, per team, will vote on Minor League matters only.
4. If present at a meeting, each team represented gets one vote only.
5. In the event of a tie vote, the Members of the Board will vote as a tiebreaker.
6. If possible and necessary every effort will be made to vote on issues at the following meeting.
7. Minor League and Little League teams may have side meetings under all of the following conditions.
 1. The President must be notified.
 2. The President, Vice President of that League, or Player Agent must be present to witness the meeting.
 3. Majority vote of all of that leagues teams are necessary. If a team(s) not present for the vote and their vote could be the deciding vote(s), the officer from the Board of Directors will contact that said team(s) to get the vote of the Manager.
 4. In the event of a tie, Members of the Board will vote as a tiebreaker at the next scheduled meeting, unless it is necessary to vote before the next scheduled meeting.

ARTICLE VII ~ MEETINGS

Meetings shall be held the first and third Thursdays of each month. Meetings will start at 8:30 p.m. and be held at Soldiers and Sailors Hall (behind Co-Go's). All members of the organization are encouraged to attend the meetings.

ARTICLE VIII ~ MEMBERSHIP

1. Any eighteen year old, or older, may become a member of the organization. If approved any sixteen year old, or older, can become a member of the organization, if approved by the organizations members.
2. Any player meeting the age requirements of this organization shall be eligible to compete for participation in the Greenfield Baseball Association program. No discrimination shall be given towards a player because of their disability, gender, race, color, or creed.
3. The age requirements for each league are as follows.

<u>LEAGUE</u>	<u>AGE</u> (as of July 31 st)
T-Ball	5, 6
Minor League	7, 8, 9
Little League	10, 11, 12
Pony League	13, 14
Colt League	15, 16, 17
4. A player can play for only one team in that age group, unless extenuating circumstances warrants a change of teams, and is voted in favor of by Managers of that individual league.
5. If a player does not sign up during the registration times and/or leaves the organization for a full season, and returns for the following season, the player will go back into the draft.
6. Any member, player or adult, of the organization may be suspended or dismissed for conduct considered detrimental to the best interests of this organization by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.
7. A player charged with a misconduct may be accompanied to a hearing by their parents, or guardians, and their Manager as an advisor only.
8. All Managers and Coaches shall be reviewed and selected once a year, every year, by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IX ~ REGISTRATION

1. All players, both new and already on a team, must be accompanied by an adult when registering.
2. Every player must register by the final tryout unless circumstances exist and it is a majority vote by that league's Managers or Coaches (one vote per team) to accept a late registration. In case of a tie, the Board of Directors will vote as a tiebreaker.

ARTICLE X ~ IMPEACHMENT PROCEDURES

A member of the Board, or Manager, may be removed from office as follows:

1. If they miss four meetings or games in succession without notifying the President, Vice President of that league, or Player Agent.
2. A written statement describing the misconduct of a Manager can be entered by any member, in good standing, of the organization. This statement will be given to the President, Vice President of that league, or Player Agent to be acted upon. After a hearing, the Manager will be notified by the Board of Directors of their decision.
3. A written statement describing the misconduct of a Member of the Board can be entered by any member, in good standing, of the organization. This statement will be given to a member of the Board of Trustees to be acted upon. After a hearing, the Board Member will be notified by the Board of Directors of their decision.
4. The Board of Trustees will consist of the three previous Presidents of the Greenfield Baseball Association.

ARTICLE XI ~ BYLAWS

A new bylaw discussed and voted upon cannot be changed by a re-vote at the same meeting. All bylaws and especially new bylaws can only be altered, or removed, in the matter that follows.

1. Discussion at a later meeting.
2. Notification to Members of the Board and Managers that the original bylaw may be re-voted and changed.
3. Passing of a newly amended bylaw at a later meeting.

ARTICLE XII ~ FINANCIAL POLICY

The Board of Directors shall formulate this policy pertaining to all financial matters as follows.

1. All funds received are to be placed into a common fund.
2. The Board of Directors shall insure donations to individuals or individual teams is not permitted and that the disbursement of all funds is handled so that no individual or team is given any advantage over another team.

ARTICLE XIII ~ BEQUEST

A bequest will be made by the Greenfield Baseball Association in case of a death to the family of a player, Or parent, as well as any exemplary present or former person associated with the Greenfield Baseball Association.

ARTICLE XIV ~ AWARDS

1. Trophies will be given to all members of a team on trophy day. Championship team members and runner-up team members in Little League and Minor League will receive different trophies.
2. Jackets will be awarded to all twelve-year-old members exiting Little League.

ARTICLE XV ~ BASEBALL RULES

Official Little League Rules will govern the Greenfield Baseball Association except for rules that have been amended by the organization. Amended Greenfield Baseball Association Little League rules will govern Minor League if Minor League rules are not applicable.

ARTICLE XVI ~ CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

Greenfield Baseball Association Constitution and Bylaws shall be present at every meeting so that any and all Members can read the organization's Constitution and Bylaws.

ARTICLE XVII ~ 2004 CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

1. The updated Constitution and Bylaws known as the 2004 CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS must be a majority vote by all Board of Directors, Managers, Coaches, and members of the organization, that are in good standing, at a meeting.
2. Any changes in the 2004 CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS will be discussed and voted on at the next scheduled meeting.
3. The 2004 CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS was majority voted on by all members in attendance and is the binding Constitution and Bylaws of the Greenfield Baseball Association.

ARTICLE XVIII ~ AMMENDMENTS TO 2004 CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

All amendments stated below have been discussed, voted on, and have become a binding part of the Greenfield Baseball Association's Constitution and Bylaws.

1. In the event, for any reason, the Greenfield Baseball Association should fold and no longer be in existence the Greenfield Organization will receive all assets of the Greenfield Baseball Association.

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