

# Jim Ned Baseball Association

## Bylaws

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### ARTICLE 1.0 NAME

1.1 This organization shall be known as the Jim Ned Baseball Association, hereinafter JNBA

### ARTICLE 2.0 OBJECTIVE

2.1 The JNBA, a non-profit organization, seeks to instill in the young people of Jim Ned, the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage, and reverence, so they may be finer, stronger, and happier young people who will grow to be good, healthy adults. By placing the ideals of good sportsmanship in the forefront of winning the athletic contest, the Association can make a significant contribution to the future of our youth, our community, and our nation.

### ARTICLE 3.0 MEMBERSHIP

3.1 Membership in the Association shall be limited to all Officers and Directors, Parents and guardians of participants, sponsors of teams, Coaches and assistants and other applicants approved by a two-thirds majority vote of the Board of Directors.

### ARTICLE 4.0 MEETINGS OF MEMBERS AND DIRECTORS

4.1 The following shall be the proper method in which the regular membership meetings shall be conducted:

- 4.1.1. Roll Call of Officers
- 4.1.2 Approval of Minutes of Preceding Board Meeting
- 4.1.3 Approval of Treasurer's Report.
- 4.1.4 Recognition of Guests
- 4.1.5 Reports of Officers
- 4.1.6 Reports of Committees
- 4.1.7 Old and Unfinished Business
- 4.1.8 New Business
- 4.1.9 Good of the Order
- 4.1.10 Adjournment

4.2 Public notice of member meetings shall consist of official posting in the City Hall of the City of Tuscola 14 days prior to action requiring public notice and published in a local area newspaper.

4.3 A members meeting to approve Bylaw changes and any other appropriate business of the Association shall be held in January of each year.

4.4 A members meeting shall be conducted in August of each year for the reading of reports, election of officers for the following season, and any other appropriate business of the Association.

4.4.1 At any members meeting of the Association, voting privileges shall be as follows:

4.4.1.1 All members of the Association as described in Article 3.1 shall have one vote. No other votes will be considered.

4.4.1.2 A majority vote of the members present at said meeting shall carry any motion, unless otherwise prohibited in the By-Laws, provided proper public notice has been given in advance of the meeting and provided all Board of Director members have been personally contacted by the President or Secretary of the Association.

- 4.5 A formal and legal meeting of the Board of Directors shall be a meeting called by the President, President Pro-Tem and attended by one-half of the active Board of Director members, which constitutes a quorum needed for conducting the normal and/or business needs of the Association. At the request of 20 voting members by petition, the president shall cause a special public meeting to be held within 14 days of the petition being received by the President.
- 4.6 Unless specifically stated otherwise, a majority vote by the Board of Directors present at a formal and legal meeting, either affirmative or negative, shall be the basis of determining the acceptance or rejection of any motion made and seconded, for any proposed vote, or for the acceptance or rejection of any decision that requires a vote by the Board of Directors for any subject matter.
- 4.7 All decisions by the Board of Directors, unless otherwise stated in the By-Laws are FINAL.

**ARTICLE V. GOVERNMENT**

**ARTICLE 5.0 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- 5.1 The Board of Director's shall be the governing body of the corporation.
- 5.2 New Directors and Officers may be added during the year by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.
- 5.3 The Board of Directors shall be elected and consist of the following: President, Vice-President of each division, Secretary, Treasurer, Concessions, and Fundraising Director.

**ARTICLE 6.0 ELECTION AND TERM OF OFFICE**

- 6.1 The directors and officers of the Association shall be elected for a one-year term beginning at a meeting to be held in August and attended by the current Directors and the newly elected Directors. The term will continue until a like meeting the following August. Any officer may be re-elected to succeed himself.
- 6.2 Should a vacancy in any office occur, it should be filled without undue delay by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.
- 6.3 Any director and/or officer may be removed by a 2/3 majority vote of the members present at any regular or called legal meeting of the Association.
- 6.4 Deleted

**ARTICLE 7.0 DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS**

- 7.1 President
  - 7.1.1 shall preside over all meetings
  - 7.1.2 shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation.
  - 7.1.3 shall appoint such committees as deemed necessary to carry out those functions and shall assign duties to all officers and/or Board Members as required in order to transact the business of the Association.
- 7.2 Division Vice-Presidents
  - 7.2.1 shall coordinate all activities related to the teams in their respective divisions. Vice Presidents shall maintain team rosters of all players and coaches with addresses and phone numbers and turn same over to his successor. Vide Presidents shall be in charge of their respective division and shall insure that each manager and coaches of a team abides by the rules, by-laws, and spirit of Jim Ned Baseball Association. Each Vice President shall represent the best interests of the teams and players in their respective divisions. Any questions or concerns by managers, coaches, players, or parents should be brought to the attention of the Vice President in charge of that particular division and either resolve or bring to the Board of Directors for resolution.
- 7.2 Secretary

- 7.2.1 shall record and keep minutes of all meetings
- 7.2.2 see that all notices are duly given
- 7.2.3 initiate any correspondence directed by the Board
- 7.2.4 charged with the preservation of the By-Laws, all amendments enacted to the By-Laws, and all minutes of previous meetings held by the Corporation. These records are to be maintained in a manner whereby they will be readily available for prompt reference as well as being kept intact for the succeeding Board of Directors.

### 7.3 Treasurer

- 7.3.1 Shall receive and collect all funds
- 7.3.2 Shall dispense all bills and charges and shall maintain any depository accounts as authorized by the Board of Directors.
- 7.3.3 Shall 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
- 7.3.4 Shall perform other duties as assigned by the President
- 7.3.5 To file all tax returns, if required

### 7.4 Fundraiser

- 7.4.1 shall research and present fundraising ideas to the board
- 7.4.2 shall coordinate with all designated team fundraising representatives concerning payment, pickup and delivery of fundraising items.

## **ARTICLE 8.0 AMENDMENTS**

- 8.1 The By-Laws of the Association may then be amended by a majority vote of those members present at any General Meeting so called, provided proper public notice is given.
- 8.2 The article number and wording to be changed must be shown in writing along with the proposed change or amendment at the General Meeting.

## **ARTICLE 9.0 RULES AND REGULATIONS**

All players, parents and coaches will abide by all Texas Teen-Age Baseball rules and regulations, and all Jim Ned Baseball Association rules and regulations. The rules and regulations are intended as a guideline for the daily operations of the Jim Ned Baseball Association. The Board of Directors reserves the right to make exceptions to any of the following regulations if deemed necessary by the Board.

The following regulations will apply to all divisions that are governed by the Jim Ned Baseball Association, with exception for T-Ball where stated in the T-Ball Rules and Regulations.

### **9.1 Player and Coach Selection**

- 9.1.1 Birth Certificates (copies only) are due before a player is allowed to play.
- 9.1.2 All boy or girl sign ups who were not on a roster the previous year, as well as players who are moving into a new division, will be eligible for the player selection pool of their respective division. If a child has been playing in a different league he/she will not be allowed play in the Jim Ned Baseball Association for the season.
- 9.1.3 Where in a division, a brother or sister of a player already on a team roster in a division, comes into the selection pool, the brother or sister will be an automatic to that team roster. Their name will be added to the team roster before player selection and that player will be labeled a "Protected Player"

#### 9.1.4 Deleted

9.1.5 All coaching positions are to be determined by the Board of Directors on a yearly basis and no situation guarantees that an individual will be allowed to coach any team on a continual basis. All coaching vacancies should try and be filled within the team first.

#### 9.1.6 The selection of players for team rosters will be accomplished as follows:

9.1.6.1 The previous season records of teams in a division, will be noted before the player selections, and placed in order of finish. The order of sequence of finish will be reverse, where the last place team will pick first, and the second to last team will pick second, and so on.

9.1.6.2 Any ties for any place will be decided by a flip of a coin, for player selection purposes. The winner of the flip will draft first.

9.1.6.3 Each team will draft players in the first and last round.

For the selection of players each team will be allocated player selection points. The points will be determined as follows: The total number of players, those returning and new sign-ups, in a division will be noted. This number will be divided by the number of teams that will pick players. The quotient number will be the quota number to be attained by all teams in the division. Then the number of returning players on the team roster will be noted including all automatics on each team. The difference between the number of returning players and the quota will be the number of selections each team can pick. The player selection will begin in the sequence stated in section (a) and will continue until each team uses up all but one (1) of its player selection points, at which time it will drop from the selection sequence with the remaining teams with selection points continuing until they exhaust all but one of their selections. At this time, the player selection will begin again in the sequence stated in section (a) and will continue until each team uses up its last remaining player selection point. Any team with only one (1) player selection point shall make its selection in the first round. Any drawing or coin toss affecting the draft will be conducted immediately preceding the draft.

9.1.6.4 Expansion Team - If the number of players in a league warrant making a new team, the following rule will be followed:

After determining the number of players from sign-ups, returning players will remain on their respective teams. The players to be drafted will be put into the draft pool.

Each team will receive a first round draft selection. The expansion team should pick in the 1<sup>st</sup> position of the draft; then all other teams make a first round selection. After the first round is completed, the expansion team will be allowed to "catch up" to the existing team having the fewest players. When this is completed, the 2<sup>nd</sup> round will begin with the expansion team once again in the first position of the draft

When the number of players warrants the dropping of a team, the last expansion team will be dropped and the returning players placed back into the draft pool. However, due to extenuating circumstances such as a team with no or very few returning players, no head coach, and/or no sponsor, the Board may choose to drop this team rather than the last expansion team with any returning players placed back into the draft pool.

9.1.6.5 If a parent head coach removes himself as coach of a division team before player selection, his or her son or daughter will be returned to the player selection pool unless the player was on the team prior to the parent becoming head coach.

9.1.6.6 If a parent takes a coaching position that is vacant, his or her son or daughter will be placed on that team roster automatically. Their name will be put on the team roster before player selection unless that player falls under Rule 9.1.8 below.

- 9.1.6.7 There will be only one head coach on a team, with only two assistants, including the scorekeeper, on the field or in the dugout.
- 9.1.6.8 When a team has more players than allowed of the oldest age group, the following rule will apply: The coach will designate six (6) players to protect including automatic players. The remaining players in that age group will have their name placed in a hat and the number of players that need to be removed will be drawn and returned to the player selection pool.
- 9.1.6.9 Late signups will be allowed until a date determined by the Board of Directors, provided the teams rosters do not become overwhelmed at which time the coaches can request as a consortium the discontinuation of acceptance of new players. This must be approved by the board of directors.

Criteria for team placement of late signups will be as follows in this order:

1. Team with less than 9 players
2. Ownership of player as long as there is as least 9 players on all teams
3. Team with fewest players
4. Draft Position (next in line from the Draft)

9.1.6.10 Post season draft order for three (3) pickup players will be

1<sup>st</sup> place team will get the 1,3,5 draft pick

2<sup>nd</sup> place team will get the 2,4,6 draft pick

- 9.1.7 TTAB rules allow no more than three (3) "Protected Player" on a team. A "Protected Player" is defined as a player who is not subject to an open draft, example (1) that player is a coach's child, or (2) that player has a sibling on the team. Once a player is labeled a "Protected Player", he/she will remain a "Protected Player" as long as that child remains in that division. Reentry into the draft cannot change the "Protected Player" status of a player.
- 9.1.8 In the event that a team has three (3) "Protected Players", any additional automatic players must come through the draft. Coaches will not be allowed to automatically place their child on a team that already has 3 protected players. The only foreseeable exception to having more than 3 protected players is when siblings are added to a team with 3 protected players. Coaches will use their first round pick to take any automatic players. If more than one additional automatic player comes on a team, then the coach will use his/her first and second round picks, etc.

## **9.2 Scorekeeping and Field Responsibilities**

- 9.2.1 Each coach is responsible to have a parent meeting on the first day of practice to explain regulations of the league and TTAB.
- 9.2.2 It will be the responsibility of the home team to furnish the official scorekeeper for the game.
- 9.2.3 It will be the responsibility of the winning team to provide a stat sheet of the game (for both teams) to be turned in to the newspaper.
- 9.2.4 The first two teams to play a game will be responsible for setting up the field.

9.2.5 It will be the responsibility of the last two teams to play to rake, clean etc. the fields. All trash in and around the field should be picked up and discarded.

### **9.3 Protests and Disputes**

9.3.1 All protested games will be played over from the point of the protest.

9.3.2 A protest committee, consisting of three members, will be picked by the President of the League before the first game has been played, to rule on all protests and disputes.

9.3.3 The home plate umpire or officer of the Jim Ned Baseball Association can and will remove any parent or spectator from the stands and ask them to leave the area. If the person refuses to leave, his or her team will forfeit the game.

### **9.4 Ground Rules**

9.4.1 All male catchers must wear protective cups.

9.4.2 All ties at the end of the season within a division will be determined by a one game playoff.

9.4.3 All rain-outs will be scheduled and played on a date set by the League President.

9.4.4 In the Midget Division only, the inning will end when the 9<sup>th</sup> batter scores or is put out.

9.4.5 If the ball leaves the field of play, except in a home run situation, the runner(s) advance one base.

### **9.5 Length of Game**

9.5.1 The time will be kept by the home plate umpire.

9.5.2 If a team cannot field eight players by five minutes after scheduled game time, they will forfeit game.

9.5.3 All games in the Midget and Freshman Divisions will be limited to 1 hour 45 minutes. There is no time limit in the Junior Division

### **9.6 Team Participation**

9.6.1 All players on a team shall play at least 12 team outs in each full game. In the case of an abbreviated game, the players not playing at least 12 team outs will be started in the next game. If the home team is ahead and does not bat in the bottom of the last inning of a full or abbreviated game and this causes a player to be unable to complete their 12 team outs, that player must be started the next game.

- Penalty will be forfeiture of game

9.6.2 If a player cannot play because of illness or disciplinary reasons, the coach must notify the scorekeeper before the game begins.

9.6.3 Teams may begin a game or continue a game in progress with eight players. Under no circumstances may a team be allowed to play with less than eight players. If a player leaving the game is a runner, he shall be declared out. When the player who has left the game is scheduled to bat, an out shall be declared for each turn at bat. The player who has left the game cannot return to the lineup unless the player had left the game under the blood rule (TTAB Rule 10-8).