

Lindale Summer Baseball/Softball Association Constitution

Article I. NAME

This organization shall be known as the **THE LINDALE SUMMER BASEBALL/SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION ("LSB")**.

Article II. PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization shall be to provide a community service in and about the City of Lindale, to promote and stimulate interest of organized baseball/softball for the welfare of all players of our Community; to always maintain unquestionable conduct on and about the playing field; to continually strive to be a credit to organized baseball/softball; to develop knowledge and understanding of the game. To promote fairness and equality in all games. To cooperate with other baseball/softball organizations in matters affecting the general welfare of the sports program. The Executive Board will consider such other matters as may be of interest to the Association.

Article III. MEMBERSHIP

To be eligible to participate in Lindale Summer Baseball/Softball, the student must be enrolled in Lindale Independent School District or be a resident of the School District or surrounding area according to TTA guidelines. The student's parent or guardian must sign the application releasing Lindale Summer Baseball/Softball or all liability and pay the enrollment fee as set by the Board for the season. In addition, age requirements, as set each year by Lindale Summer Baseball/Softball and as required on the application form, must be met.

Article IV. EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Lindale Summer Baseball/Softball Board will consist of a minimum of seven members and a maximum set by the Board annually as needs are determined. All decisions concerning Lindale Summer Baseball/Softball and its program will be made by this Board. Any authority concerning Lindale Summer Baseball/Softball will rest with this Board and may be delegated as needed to operate the program. Any change in the Rules, Constitution and/or Operating Procedures will be made by two-thirds (2/3rd) majority vote in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order. A majority of the Board Members must be present to have a meeting. A Board Member must be present at a meeting in order to vote. Each member of the Board is entitled to one (1) vote. Board Members are elected to the Board by a simple majority vote. If at any time a board member cannot fulfill his/her duties or resigns from the Board, the Board may appoint a new member to fill the existing term. No election is required to fill a vacated position where there is time remaining on a current term. Board members must conduct themselves in a proper manner.

officials. He/She shall make a semi-annual financial report to the Board. He/She shall co-sign checks from the Association's bank account in conjunction.

6. Board Members. Board Members must attend and participate in board meetings and general duties. Board Members shall share the responsibilities of the play days, tournaments, team standings, disbursements of equipment and field maintenance. The positions of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined into one position at anytime the boards deems necessary.

Article V. LEAGUE PARTICIPANTS

A. Committees

Committee members will be appointed by the Board. All active coaches and umpires are eligible to serve on committees.

B. Commissioners

Commissioners shall be the contact person for their division in all matters and shall work with the Coaches of each group to assure proper regard and enforcement of all rules.

C. Coaches

Coaches, he/she, should have a reasonable knowledge of the game. Coaches must be able to attend practice and games on a regular basis. They must support the purpose of this Organization and abide by the rules of the program. Assistant Coaches shall be optional. Only one coach and one assist coach will be allowed for drafting purposes. All coaches and their assistants must have prior approval of the board. A coach need not have a child enrolled in the program in order to qualify as a coach. At least one coach on each team must be seventeen years of age or older and must attend games and practices.

Coaches should refrain from any personal action that might arouse players or spectators to unsportsmanlike behavior. Coaches should expect from the umpires a courteous and dignified attitude toward the players and themselves as gentlemen and ladies and be morally fit to coach and lead boys and girls.

A coach who is ejected from a game will receive a board review before the next game to determine if there will be a one game suspension to be the next league game played following the ejection. An individual ejected the second time in a season must confer with the Board before he/she is eligible for further participation. This could mean a one-year suspension. Any individual who is ejected or placed on suspension must leave the game. The board reserves the right to perform a background check on any coach when deem necessary. All coaches will be reviewed annually.

D. Each member elected to any office on the Executive Board must have a simple majority of the votes cast.

E. The annual election of officers for the Executive Board will be decided by a simple majority vote from the current Board members.

Article VIII. CODE OF ETHICS

It is the duty of the Coach in charge of a team to be in control of his players and their parents at all times in order to prevent any unsportsmanlike conduct toward the opponents, officials or spectators. Penalty may range from ejection from the game or suspension from the league or permanent suspension.

Physical or verbal abuse of an umpire, scorekeeper or other official will not be tolerated. Penalty will be automatic ejection from the game and possible suspension from the league for any indefinite period.

There will be no profanity, alcoholic beverages, illegal controlled substances, unfair tactics or bribery allowed on any of the parks where a game is to be played. Anyone who is or appears to be under the influence of alcohol or an illegal controlled substance or using profane language may face permanent suspension from all league activities. The local police department will be contacted to remove said offender.

Smoking is not allowed on the field or in/around dugouts during the games.

Article IX. UMPIRES

Lindale Summer Baseball/Softball shall agree to pay for the services of the umpires. This will be based on the general fees paid by surrounding areas.

Lindale Summer Baseball/Softball will agree to enforce and maintain a consistent form of discipline concerning the attitude and conduct of Coaches and Assistant Coaches. Should an incident occur, the only responsibility of the umpire will be submission of a written statement to the Board of Lindale Summer Baseball/Softball. The statement shall include the nature of the incident, coaches' names, officials' names and the date and time of the incident. Any disciplinary action will be solely at the discretion of the Board.

Article X. DATE EFFECTIVE

This Constitution and Bylaws shall become effective on and after October 29, 2002, and also shall amend any previous Constitution and Bylaws that may be in existence.