

BETHPAGE BASEBALL ASSOCIATION INC
BETHPAGE, NEW YORK 11714

Constitution and By-laws of the Bethpage Baseball Association
revised November 15, 2008.

Article I –Name

This organization shall be named and hereafter known as the Bethpage Baseball Association, Inc. (B.B.A.I.)

Article II -Objective

The objective of this organization is to regulate and promote organized baseball and softball for the youth of Bethpage and to direct their activities for the purpose of promoting good sportsmanship and fair play. It shall be the aim of this organization to organize and obtain sponsors for the following leagues:

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| 1) Little League | 5) Travel Baseball |
| 2) Farm League | 6) Any other league or division as |
| 3) Babe Ruth League | designated by the Board of |
| 4) Ponytail League | Directors |

Article III -Membership

1. Any parent or legal guardian whose child or children were duly registered and played in the previous year's playing season, and whose child will be eligible to register and play the following season, shall be eligible for membership.
2. Exceptions may be approved by unanimous vote at the discretion of the Bethpage Baseball Executive Board of Directors (Executive Board) upon formal application for membership.
3. A member may be expelled by the Executive Board of Directors for any action detrimental to the children participating in BBAI or for violating any of its directives. The Commissioner of BBAI may temporarily suspend a member until the matter is resolved at the next regular or a special Executive Board Meeting.
4. The membership year shall be January 1 to December 31.
5. Any request for a reduction to membership registration fees due to hardship, must be approved by the Commissioner and Treasurer of BBAI.

Article IV Meetings

1. General Membership Meeting

There will be an annual general membership meeting in November for the purpose of reporting to all members in good standing¹ on the state of the BBAI organization including a complete Financial Report, and to conduct any other pertinent business. Any other general meetings may be called by the Commissioner or by a majority vote of the Executive Board of Directors with no less than ten (8) affirmative votes.

2. Meetings of the Board of Directors of BBAI

The Board of Directors shall conduct monthly meetings excluding July and August. A quorum shall consist of eight members. A board member missing three consecutive meetings may be suspended at the discretion of the Commissioner of BBAI. The suspended member has a right to appeal for a hearing before the Executive Board of Directors upon written request to the Commissioner within ten days of notification. All board members must be in attendance for a minimum of 6 meetings to remain in good standing. A replacement shall be approved by the Executive Board of Directors.

Article V - Financial Policy

1. The Board of Directors shall decide all matters pertaining to the finances of the organization. All requests for expenditures and League fees over \$500.00 must be approved by the Board of Directors.
2. No Board member shall receive any compensation for services rendered in this organization as a Director.
3. All financial records and books of the BBAI may be subject to an audit by a qualified accountant, who is not affiliated or related to any member of the BBAI Board of Directors.
4. All Officers of the Executive Board of BBAI must be bonded.
5. All fundraising activity on behalf of the whole or any part of BBAI can be only with the express permission of the Board of Directors, along with full disclosure and accountability to the Executive Board. All funds raised shall be deposited for disbursement by the Treasurer of BBAI.

¹ A member in good standing is defined as a member who is an active member of the board and who has attended at least the minimum number of board meetings. Members who resign are not considered in good standing and must wait two calendar years after the date of resignation to apply to the board for membership.

Article VI - BBAI Executive Board Members and Board of Directors

1. The Board of Directors of this organization shall consist of the following positions.

Elected

Commissioner
Deputy Commissioner
Treasurer
Recording Secretary
League Presidents
League Vice Presidents
Player Agent
Information Officer
Safety Officer

Appointed

Two Members at Large
Corresponding Secretary
League Advisor
Financial Compliance Officer

2. All other positions will be appointed by the Commissioner and participate on the Board of Directors of BBAI.
3. The term of Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner shall be two years. All other elected officers and any appointed members of the Executive Board term of office shall be one year.
4. All elected Directors of BBAI (except Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner) shall be elected at the General Membership Meeting in November of each year. Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner shall be elected at the General Membership Meeting in November every two years.
5. No person shall be elected to office who is not a member in good standing.
6. Any person who is elected to the office of Commissioner (or BBAI President) for three terms is ineligible to hold that office again.
7. Any person who was elected to the office of Little League President more than three times is ineligible to hold that office again.

Article VII - League Board of Directors

1. The individual leagues of BBAI shall have a Board of Directors consisting of no less than a President and Vice President and its officers. Additional members of each league's board of directors will be at the discretion of the Little League President. Executive board members of BBAI may serve on any league board simultaneously at the discretion of the Little League President.
2. Division leaders may not manage a team in the same division during his/her term of office with the exception of T-Ball, Rookies or Travel league baseball.

Article VIII – Duties of Officers and Executive Board Members

1. **Commissioner of BBAI;** Shall be the executive officer in charge of the affairs of the organization. The Commissioner shall be president all meetings at the general membership and shall preside at all Board of Directors meetings. Shall have the power to call special meetings of the Executive Board of Directors and or the general membership. Shall appoint make all board appointments, chairpersons and special committees. The Commissioner may also appoint a maximum of two members of large to the Board of Directors. He/she shall be a member ex officio of all committees and the board of directors. The Commissioner may temporarily suspend any member or player if in his/her judgment their actions are detrimental to the objectives and ideals of BBAI until the next regular meeting and or special meeting at which time a full report is to be given to the Board of Directors. The commissioner should have no vote on the Executive Board of Directors except to break a tie.
2. **Deputy Commissioner of BBAI;** It shall be the duty of the Deputy Commissioner to assist the commissioner in all his her duties. In addition, in the absence, incapacity or resignation of a sitting commissioner the Deputy Commissioner will fulfill the current term of the sitting commissioner.
3. **League Advisor;** It shall be the duty of the League Advisor to provide advice to the Commissioner of BBAI, its Board, league Presidents and their respective boards Board on all and any issues relating to league matters.
4. **Treasurer of BBAI;** It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to collect and disperse all monies of the BBAI an ensure all disbursed checks have the required signatures of both the Treasurer and the Commissioner or Deputy commissioner. A financial report must be provided at all regular Board of Directors and general membership meetings. This report is to be appended to the minutes of each meeting.

5. **Recording Secretary of BBAI;** Shall keep the minutes of the general membership meeting, all Board of Directors meetings, and special meetings of the organization. A copy of the same should be provided to the Commissioner. In addition a list of all committees and official copy of the constitution and bylaws, standing rules and special rules must be maintained for review upon request. In the absence of Corresponding Secretary, the Recording Secretary shall assume the duties.

6. **Corresponding Secretary of BBAI;** shall conduct the correspondence of the organization and shall keep a copy of all such correspondence on file as well as a permanent list of all members of the BBAI. In the absence of the Recording Secretary the Corresponding Secretary shall assume his and hers duties.

7. **League Presidents;** It shall be the duty of the league presidents to be responsible for the administrative operations of the respective leagues. They shall see that the Board of Directors policies are adhered to and in all ways conform to the standing rules of the BBAI. The league president shall decide all disputes concerning all ball playing problems within his/her league. Such decisions shall be based on the rules then in effect concerning the various leagues then in operation. All decisions of the league president on ball playing problems within his her league shall be final.

8. **League Vice Presidents;** In the absence or incapacity of the league president. Shall assume all duties and responsibilities.

9. Standing Committees; See Article X

10. Other League Officials: Shall have the following duties;
 - A) Division Leaders –
Responsible for the operation of their division.
 - B) Umpire in Chief -
Responsible for umpiring operations
 - C) Player Agent -
Responsible to coordinate and regulate player movements. Responsible to maintain a player database.
 - D) Fields Manager -
Responsible to maintain fields in a satisfactory condition
 - E) Equipment Manager(s) –
Responsible for equipment maintenance, purchase, and disbursement.
 - F) Team Managers and Coaches - responsible for their assigned teams and the equipment assigned to their teams.

Article IX -Nominations and Elections

1. There shall be a nominating committee consisting of at least three, but no more than five members who shall be appointed by the Commissioner by the September meeting of the Executive Board of Directors.
2. The Duties of the nominating committee shall consist of the following:
 - A. Prepare and distribute due notification of up coming elections to the general membership. Examples of Due Notification are: membership mailings; newspaper notifications; flyer distribution.
 - B. Receive nominations of eligible candidates from the general membership including the Executive Board of Directors, and League Officers. All candidates must notify the Committee in writing or by email at least Twenty one days prior the November General Membership Meeting.
 - C. Review eligibility and qualifications of any candidates for elected offices.
 - D. Present list of candidates to the Executive Board of Directors at the October meeting.
 - E. Organize and oversee the election process at the General Membership meeting.

Article X – Amendments

The Constitution and By-Laws may be amended and ratified by two thirds vote of the Executive Board of Directors present at the meeting. Prior notice of a least one Executive Board of Directors meeting must be given to the board of said Amendment.

Article XI – Special Rules

Special rules which are adopted by the Executive Board of Directors shall be added to the By- Laws if so specified and voted by the Executive Board.

Approved and Adopted by the Executive Board and Board of Directors of BBAI,
November 2008.

