

MINEOLA ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC
BASEBALL / SOFTBALL / CHEERLEADING
PROGRAM
BY – LAWS

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ARTICLE I – NAME

1 - THIS IS A DIVISION OF THE MAA. THIS DIVISION WILL BE KNOWN AS THE MINEOLA LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL PROGRAM.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

1 – THE PURPOSE OF THIS DIVISION OF THE MAA IS TO ORGANIZE AND SUPERVISE COMPETITIVE BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL FOR THE CHILDREN OF THE COMMUNITY.

2 – TO ORGANIZE AND SUPERVISE A CHEERLEADING PROGRAM FOR THE CHILDREN OF THE COMMUNITY

3 – TO ORGANIZE, CREATE AND ENCOURAGE SUCH PROGRAMS FOR THE CHILDREN OF THE COMMUNITY WHICH WILL CREATE THE IDEALS OF SPORTSMANSHIP, HONESTY, LOYALTY, COURAGE AND REVERENCE

4 – TO ACHIEVE THE OBJECTIVE THAT THE ATTAINMENT OF EXCEPTIONAL ATHLETIC SKILL AND THE WINNING OF GAMES IS SECONDARY TO THE IMPORTANCE OF MOLDING FUTURE CITIZENS THAT BELIEVE TEAMWORK, LOYALTY AND HONESTY ARE MOST IMPORTANT.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

1 – GENERAL MEMBERS ARE ANY PARENT OR GUARDIAN THAT HAS A CHILD ENROLLED IN THE PROGRAM.

2 – HONORARY MEMBERS ARE ANY PERSON APPOINTED TO MEMBERSHIP BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE LITTLE LEAGUE PROGRAM. AN HONORARY MEMBER SHOULD HAVE EITHER BEEN A GENERAL MEMBER IN THE PAST OR IS AN ACTIVE VOLUNTEER IN THE PROGRAM.

ARTICLE IV – VOTING

1 – ALL MEMBERS WILL HAVE THE RIGHT TO MAKE A MOTION TO THE BASEBALL BOARD AT ANY GENERAL MEETING.

2 – ALL MEMBERS WILL HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE FOR A PRESIDENT. MAJORITY RULES.

3 – ONLY BOARD MEMBERS WILL VOTE ON THE OPERATIONS OF THE BASEBALL PROGRAM. MAJORITY RULES.

4 – BOARD MEMBERS MUST ATTEND 50% OF THE MEETINGS ON A ROLLING CALENDER BASIS FROM TIME OF APPOINTMENT.

ARTICLE V – MEMBERSHIP DISIPLINE

1 – ANY ISSUES CONCERNING DETRIMENTAL CONDUCT BY A MEMBER AND POSSIBLE RELATED MEMBERSHIP DISCIPLINE SHALL BE HANDLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MAA CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS - ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP, FEES & DUTIES – D: MEMBERSHIP DISCIPLINE.

ARTICLE VI – ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

1 – THE PRESIDENT MUST BE NOMINATED BY A MEMBER AND THEN A VOTE OF MAJORITY RULES BY ALL MEMBERS.

2 – THE PRESIDENT WILL APPOINT THE BOARD BY USING COMMISSIONERS AND COMMITTEE LEADERS.

3 – THE BASEBALL BOARD WILL CONSIST OF TEEBALL, FARMS 1, FARMS 2, MINORS, MAJORS, PONY, SOFTBALL AND CHEERLEADING COMMISSIONERS, VICE PRESIDENT, UMPIRE-IN-CHIEF, FIELD MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE LEADER, SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE LEADER, SNACKSTAND COMMITTEE LEADER AND ONE PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTEE.

4 – ELECTIONS ARE HELD EVERY NOVEMBER AT THE BASEBALL MEETING.

ARTICLE VII - DUTIES OF BOARD MEMBERS

1 - BASEBALL PRESIDENT – HEADS THE BOARD IN ALL MEETINGS, APPOINTS BOARD, ENFORCES ALL RULES AND POLICIES OF THE BASEBALL BOARD, SUPERVISES ALL COMMITTEES AND APPOINTS COMMITTEE LEADERS.

2 – BASEBALL VICE PRESIDENT – ASSUMES ALL DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE PRESIDENT IF PRESIDENT IS NOT ABLE.

3 – UMPIRE-IN-CHIEF – COORDINATE SCHEDULES WITH UMPIRES, RE-CHECK RULES WITH ALL LEAGUE COMMISSIONERS, LIASON BETWEEN LEAGUE AND UMPIRE COMMITTEE TO RAINOUT GAMES AND MAKE-UP GAMES.

4 – LEAGUE COMMISSIONERS – RESPONSIBLE TO RECRUIT COACHES NEEDED FOR THE LEAGUE, REVIEW RULES WITH UMPIRE-IN-CHIEF EVERY SEASON, CONDUCT DRAFT, HAND OUT AWARDS.

5 – FIELD MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE LEADER – RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL FIELD MAINTENANCE ISSUES.

6 - SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE LEADER – RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL SPONSORSHIP ISSUES

7 – SNACKSTAND COMMITTEE LEADER – RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL SNACKSTAND ISSUES

8 – PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTEE – SHALL BE A VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE DIRECTOR SERVING THE PROGRAM WHICH THE PRESIDENT APPOINTS EVERY YEAR.

ARTICLE VIII – MEETINGS

1 – MEETING WILL BE HELD EVERY THIRD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH, UNLESS MEMBERSHIP IS ADVISED IN ADVANCE THAT A DIFFERENT DAY HAS BEEN DESIGNATED BY THE PRESIDENT. REGULAR MEETINGS WILL BE HELD OCTOBER THROUGH APRIL

2 – THE BOARD SHALL CONSIST OF 14 MEMBERS. IN ORDER FOR A MOTION TO BE CARRIED, IT MUST BE SECONDED BY AT LEAST ONE MEMBER OF THE BOARD AND APPROVED BY THE MAJORITY. IN NO CASE CAN A MOTION BE VOTED ON WITH LESS THAN 7 VOTES.

3 – BOARD MEMBERS WILL LOSE THEIR RIGHT TO VOTE IF THEY DO NOT ATTEND MORE THAN 50% OF THE MEETINGS.

4 – ALL MEETINGS SHALL BE PRESIDED BY THE PRESIDENT. IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PRESIDENT, THE VICE PRESIDENT SHALL PRESIDE.

5 – THE FOLLOWING SHALL BE A PROCEDURE TO FOLLOW AT REGULAR MEETINGS:

- 1 – CALL TO ORDER – BOARD MEMBERS SIGN IN
- 2 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
- 3 – REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE DIRECTORS
- 4 – FINANCE INFORMATION
- 5 – COMMUNICATION INFORMATION
- 6 – OLD BUSINESS
- 7 – NEW BUSINESS
- 8 – ADJOURNMENT

6 – SPECIAL MEETINGS SHALL BE HELD WHEN NEEDED TO RESOLVE ISSUES THAT NEED IMMEDIATE ATTENTION AND WILL BE GIVEN 48 HOURS NOTICE WHEN POSSIBLE.

7- THE FOLLOWING SHALL BE A PROCEDURE TO FOLLOW AT SPECIAL MEETINGS:

- 1- CALL TO ORDER – BOARD MEMBERS SIGN IN
- 2- SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
- 3- ADJOURNMENT

ARTICLE IX – COMMITTEE DIRECTORS

1 - BASEBALL PRESIDENT SHALL APPOINT ANNUALLY ALL COMMITTEE LEADERS. ALL COMMITTEE LEADERS ARE PERMITTED TO SELECT THE MEMBERS OF THEIR COMMITTEE.

2 – THERE SHALL BE A MINIMUM OF COMMITTEE DIRECTORS NEEDED ANNUALLY, BUT THERE WILL BE NO MAXIMUM. THE MINIMUM OF COMMITTEE DIRECTORS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- 1 – SPONSORSHIP
- 2 – REFRESHMENT STAND
- 3 – FIELD MAINTENANCE

ARTICLE X – AWARDS

1 – MAYOR’S TROPHY AWARD –THIS ANNUAL AWARD IS IN RECOGNITION OF OUTSTANDING EFFORT BY ADULT MEMBERS OF THE MAA AFFILIATED WITH THE MAA BASEBALL PROGRAMS DURING THE PAST YEAR AND RECOGNIZES A PRESENT MEMBER(S) FOR PROMOTING THE PURPOSES AND OBJECTIVES OF THE MAA THROUGH THE MAA SOCCER PROGRAMS. THIS AWARD MAY BE GIVEN TO ANY MEMBER(S) IN GOOD STANDING.

NOMINATION OF UP TO FIVE (5) PERSONS SHALL BE MADE BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE ELECTED AND PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTED MEMBERS OF THE BASEBALL BOARD AND SELECTION OF A MAXIMUM OF THREE (3) OF THOSE PERSONS BY THE FINAL APPROVAL OF THE MAA EXECUTIVE BOARD NO LATER THAN THE NOVEMBER MEETING.

2 – JOE BRUNO AWARD – THIS AWARD MAY BE GIVEN ANNUALLY TO ANY PRESENT OR PAST MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING AND WILL RECOGNIZE A PRESENT OR PAST MEMBER FOR FIVE (5) YEARS OR MORE OF ACTIVE SERVICE TO MINEOLA YOUTH THROUGH THE M.A.A. THIS IS

THE HIGHEST RECOGNITION OF OUTSTANDING EFFORT BY AN ADULT MEMBER OF THE M.A.A. AFFILIATED WITH THE BASEBALL / SOFTBALL / CHEERLEADER PROGRAMS.

NOMINATIONS SHALL BE MADE BY THE BASEBALL BOARD OF DIRECTORS (UP TO THREE [3] NOMINEES) AND SELECTION OF ONE PERSON SHALL BE BY MAJORITY VOTE OF THE M.A.A. EXECUTIVE BOARD NO LATER THAN THE NOVEMBER MEETING.

ARTICLE XI – PLAYING RULES

1 – SHALL BE REVIEWED EVERY YEAR BY UMPIRE-IN-CHIEF AND EACH COMMISSIONER. THIS SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY FEBRUARY.

2 – ANY CHANGING OF THE RULES MUST BE PRESENTED TO THE BOARD IN A MOTION AND A MAJORITY VOTE BY THE BASEBALL BOARD TO PASS THE MOTION TO CHANGE THE RULE.

3 – ANY MEMBER CAN RECOMMEND A RULE CHANGE AT A REGULAR MEETING. PREFERABLY, ALL RECOMMENDATIONS SHOULD BE IN WRITING. THE COMMISSIONER AND UMPIRE-IN-CHIEF WILL REVIEW THE SUGGESTION AND DECIDE TO MAKE A MOTION TO CHANGE THE RULE.

4 – RULEBOOKS SHALL BE GIVEN OUT BY THE UMPIRE-IN-CHIEF EVERY YEAR TO COMMISSIONERS AND THE COMMISSIONERS WILL GIVE THEM OUT TO COACHES.

5 – PLAYING RULES CAN BE CHANGED DURING THE SEASON OF PLAY IF IT IS FOUND THAT A RULE WAS MISINTERPRETED, WRITTEN INCORRECTLY OR HAS CAUSED A PROBLEM WITH LEAGUE PLAY. A SPECIAL MEETING WOULD HAVE TO BE CALLED AND THE RULE BE CHANGED BY THE BASEBALL BOARD.

ARTICLE XII – BUDGET

1 – THE BUDGET REQUESTED BY AND GIVEN TO THE BASEBALL PROGRAM SHOULD BE DISCUSSED BY THE BASEBALL BOARD.

ARTICLE XIII – TEAM SPONSORSHIP

1 – THE BUDGET REQUESTED BY AND GIVEN TO THE BASEBALL PROGRAM SHOULD BE DISCUSSED BY THE BASEBALL BOARD.

2 - ANY TRAVEL TEAM MAY OBTAIN SPECIFIC TEAM SPONSORSHIP IF DONE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICIES DEFINED IN THE MAA BY-

LAWS - ARTICLE X - FUNDS & FINANCIAL POLICY - C: TRAVEL TEAM
SPONSORSHIP

ARTICLE XIV – COACHING SELECTIONS

1 – COACHES MUST BE IN GOOD STANDING WITH THE MAA

2 – MUST COMPLETE AND PASS A BACKGROUND CHECK

3 – ALL COACHES SHOULD HAVE AED TRAINING

A)IF THERE ARE TWO COACHES REQUESTING THE SAME
POSITION, THE COACH WITH AED TRAINING WILL BE SELECTED
REGARDLESS OF HIS OR HER KNOWLEDGE OF THE SPORT.

4 – ALL SELECTED COACHES NEED TO HAVE APPROVAL FROM THE
BASEBALL BOARD AND THE MAA EXECUTIVE BOARD.

ARTICLE XV – MISCELLANEOUS

1 – THESE BY-LAWS MAY BE AMMENDED BY A $\frac{3}{4}$ VOTE BY THE
BOARD AND ALL BOARD MEMBERS MUST VOTE ON ANY BY-LAW CHANGE.
THIS SHALL BE DONE AT A REGULAR MEETING.