

LONG BEACH PONY BASEBALL

Member of PONY Baseball, Inc.

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Article 1. Meetings and Voting.

Section 1. The membership of the League shall hold an annual meeting at such place and time as shall be determined by the Board of Directors. Notice of time and place of such annual meeting shall be made known to the membership of the League through publication and/or individual not less than 10 days prior to the date of the meeting.

Section 2. Special meetings of the League membership may be called by the President, or by majority vote of the Board of Directors, or upon written request to the Secretary by not less than 15 members of the League. Notice of time and place of special meetings of the League membership shall be made known to the membership of the League not less than five days prior to the date of the meeting.

Section 3. At each annual or special meeting of the League every eligible member present shall be entitled to vote. There shall be no proxy voting. A majority of those present and eligible to vote shall be required for election and questions brought to a vote.

Section 4. The presence of not less than 7 members eligible to vote shall be required to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any special or annual meeting of the League.

Article II. Election of Officers.

Section 1. The first May Board meeting will be for electing a nominating committee to head the June elections of new Executive Board Member(s), League Communication(s), ballpark operations, baseball operations and Auxiliary Board Member(s). They will be appointed by the President, consisting of two members of the Board of Directors and two members of the general membership, to obtain and nominate officers for the following year.

Section 2. The term of office for all officers shall be **ONE YEAR** beginning on September 1. At the June, meeting the elected officers will be known as "Pre-elected officers" for the next term.

Section 3. All officers shall be eligible for reelection.

Section 4. In the event of the death, resignation, or inability to perform the duties of office for any reason, of any officer, the Board of Directors, by majority vote of the entire board, shall be empowered to select a replacement for such officer who shall serve until the following annual meeting.

Article III. Board of Directors.

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall include the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Player Agent, Chairperson of all Standing Committees, and the President of the Auxiliary.

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall meet on a monthly basis at such time and place determined by the President. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President; or by the Secretary upon receipt of the written request of at least four members of the Board of Directors.

Section 3. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to suspend, discharge or otherwise discipline any member, manager, coach, player, league official, umpire or other person whose conduct is considered detrimental to the best interests of the League.

Section 4. Any adult (persons 18 years of age or older) who is suspended, removed or otherwise disciplined by the Board of Directors shall have the right to appeal such action before a majority of the members of the Board of Directors at a regular or special meeting called for that purpose.

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Section 5. The President shall, upon evidence of misconduct of any player, notify the manager of the team of which the player is a member and the parents of any such player who is less than 18 years of age, within 24 hours of the act. The manager shall appear with the player before the League Player Agent, and at least three other members of the Board of Directors, for consideration of appropriate action. The player's parents or guardian shall be advised of and invited to attend such meeting.

Section 6. Regular Board meetings are held September through August as often as the President deems necessary. There will be NO telephone vote by any member of the Board during any meeting, on any matter with NO exceptions. To be able to vote at the Board meeting the Board member must be present. It is the President's responsibility to contact the Secretary to place information on the agenda.

Article IV. Financial Policy.

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall decide all matters pertaining to the finances of the League, bearing the responsibility to conduct the financial affairs of the League in a sound business-like manner.

Section 2. To equalize the benefits of the League for all participating teams, solicitation of funds shall be for the treasury of the League and contributions to individuals or teams shall be discouraged.

Section 3. The Board of Directors shall institute policy relative to the preparation and acceptance of an annual budget, and periodic and annual presentation of financial reports, and an annual audit of the books of the League.

Article V. Auxiliary.

Section 1. An Auxiliary organization may be formed for the purpose of assisting the Board of Directors in fund-raising activity, concession stand operation, and other activities as suggested by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. All activities of the Auxiliary are subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.

Section 3. The President of the Auxiliary shall become a member of the Board of Directors of the League upon election and for the term of office.

Article VI. Duties of Officers.

Section 1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the League membership and at all meetings of the Board of Directors; shall serve as the Chief Executive Officer of the League; shall be an ex-officio member of all standing and special committees and shall perform such other duties as are normally associated with the office of President. **The President shall not be allowed to manage a team while he or she is in office.**

Section 2. The Vice President shall perform such duties as may be assigned by the President; shall otherwise assist the President in the performance of the President's duties and shall preside at meetings in the absence of the President.

Section 3. The Secretary shall have custody of the Constitution and Bylaws, and all other records of the League; shall keep an accurate record of the meetings and other activities of the League and of the Board of Directors; shall be responsible for all correspondence on behalf of the League and shall transmit all records and correspondence to any person elected to succeed him or her in that office.

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Section 4. The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all funds with the approval of the Board of Directors; shall keep an accurate account of all funds received and disbursed for the League; shall submit a financial report at all regular meetings and at such other times as may be requested by the President; shall compile an annual report of League finances; shall provide the books of the League and such other documentation as requested for the annual audit and shall transmit all financial records to any person elected to succeed him or her in that office.

Section 5. The Player Agent shall supervise the annual registration of player candidates, tryout sessions, manager representative and distribution of players among League teams and shall maintain any listing of eligible players not assigned to teams who may be available as replacement players.

Article VII. Standing Committees.

Section 1. The Finance Committee shall, in cooperation with the Treasurer, prepare an annual budget for the League, shall be charged with preparing an annual audit of League financial activities, shall supervise fund-raising activity and securing of sponsors on behalf of the League and, at the request of the Treasurer, shall assist with the collection and handling of League monies.

Section 2. The Field and Facilities Committee shall be charged with the general preparation, maintenance, development and improvement of all playing facilities owned, leased or used by the League and shall make recommendations to the Finance Committee for suggested or needed expenditures in this area of operation.

Section 3. The Equipment Committee shall be charged with the responsibility of ordering and purchasing uniforms and playing equipment for the League, the distribution of equipment among the League teams, the collection, inventory and storage of equipment during the off-season and preparation of such reports and suggestions as needed by the Finance Committee for budgetary action.

Section 4. The Umpire Committee shall be charged with obtaining suitable umpires for the League as directed by the Board of Directors, shall consider all complaints relative to umpires and make suitable recommendations to the Board of Directors. The Umpire Committee shall make every effort to register all umpires with PONY.

Section 5. The Publicity Committee shall be responsible for news media relations and the general publicizing of League activities and special events.

Section 6. The Sponsorship Committee shall be responsible for developing a program designed to solicit sponsors and boosters to help the League financially. It shall also be responsible for offering proper gratitude on behalf of the League in writing, to all donors and to award such plaques or items to donors that the Board of Directors shall prescribe.

Section 7. The Pictures Committee shall be responsible for the purchase, scheduling and distribution of team pictures. It shall also be responsible for any All Star related picture programs. The Committee shall coordinate with the Publicity Committee for local press coverage.

Section 8. The Trophies Committee shall be responsible for the purchase, scheduling and distribution of team trophies. It shall also be responsible for any All Star related trophy programs.

Section 9. The Statistician shall maintain win/loss records of all teams, by Division, and to post said records in a prominent location each week. He shall make certain official scorebooks are available in the Snack Bar prior to each and every game. He shall conduct training clinics and advertise said clinics in such a manner that all teams have accessibility to this learning experience, and shall assist team scorekeepers, if and when necessary, in the proper way to perform this function.

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Section 10 . The Snack Bar Committee shall provide a clean and fully stocked Snack Bar. All disbursements shall be itemized and reported to the Treasurer. The Snack Bar Chairman shall act as supervisor of the Stack Bar staff and will set forth a schedule by team for manning the Snack Bar.

Article VIII. Special Committees.

Section 1. Special Committees may be appointed by the President for such special purposes as deemed necessary. Committee duties and responsibilities are to be outlined at the time of the appointment and such committees shall be dissolved at the annual meeting following appointment, but may be re-appointed at any time following the annual meeting.

Article IX. Roberts Rules.

Section 1. The rules contained in the most current edition of "Roberts Rules of Order" shall govern League meetings and meetings of the Board of Directors and League Committees in all cases in which they are applicable and not inconsistent with these Bylaws and any special rules of order the League shall adopt.

Article X. Amendments.

Section 1. These Bylaws may be amended by majority vote of the League membership at the annual meeting or a special meeting called for that purpose provided notification for special meetings for this purpose provided to the membership at least 10 days in advance of the date of such meeting.