

# LONG BEACH PONY BASEBALL

*Member of PONY Baseball, Inc.*

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## **LBP Constitution**

### **Article 1. Name.**

The league shall be known as: Long Beach Pony Baseball at Whaley Park, hereinafter referred to as the "League," a member of PONY Baseball, Inc., a non-profit Pennsylvania corporation.

Section 1. Long Beach Pony Baseball will provide a quality education in the rules and skills of baseball. Our program affords the opportunity of all youth to engage in an organized and competitive athletic endeavor. LBP is dedicated to the emotional and physical development of the youth in our community. We will aid in the development of all around athletic skills, and develop good sportsmanship and character for the community's youth.

Section 2. We believe that by offering high quality training in the sport of baseball we can significantly contribute to the well-being of the youth within our community.

Section 3. Our program is designed to encourage its participants, and their families to pursue excellence, self-improvement, community involvement, and good sportsmanship in everything that they do.

Section 4. The Board members of LBP are dedicated to improving the program to accommodate the needs of your youth, community and family unit.

Section 5. LBP regards honesty, hard work, good sportsmanship, fair play, youth development, community involvement, striving for excellence, and continuing education as the foundation of success.

Section 6. LBP is dedicated to offering a baseball program that can be used as an example of excellence and dedication for all youth programs.

Section 7. In a joint effort with local high school athletic programs, LBP is committed to providing the quality training, coaching, and leadership that provides our youth with the necessary foundations to succeed at higher levels of competition.

### **Article II. Statement Of Policy.**

Section 1. It shall be the policy of the League so to conduct its activities that the physical and moral welfare of the young people for whose benefit it is organized shall remain paramount and all matters of policy shall be determined on that basis.

Section 2. No person who is a member of or who is employed by or who is in any way connected with the League shall receive any personal financial benefit therefore beyond the reasonable value of the services in carrying out the purpose for which the League has been organized.

Section 3. In order to secure suitable and adequate financial backing to carry out the purpose of the League, it shall be the policy of the League to permit only such sponsorship as is consistent with the purpose for which the League is organized and to select sponsors who are interested in the League solely or principally as a means of contributing to the welfare of young people.

Section 4. It shall be the policy of the League to prohibit any direct advertising of alcoholic beverages or tobacco products in connection with the League or any of its programs.

### **Article III. Purpose.**

Section 1. The purpose of the League shall be to organize and supervise the playing of baseball under specialized rules and regulations, to secure suitable and adequate financial backing for these purposes, and to own, lease or otherwise provide suitable playing facilities and equipment for these purposes.

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### **Article IV. Membership.**

Section 1. An active member is any parent or guardian, manager or coach of a participating player, or any adult who serves in an official capacity in LBP, i.e., Board Member. The General Board may deny membership or remove from membership any person who, in the opinion of the Board, is not in accord with the objectives of Long Beach Pony Baseball (LBPB), or is otherwise deemed unfit for membership.

Section 2. The Board of Directors may grant associate membership to any person who supports or takes part in any LBP league activities.

Section 3. Associate Members who wish to vote must be registered at least thirty (30) days prior to voting day.

Section 4. Any Executive Board member or team manager or coach may be removed from his/her position by a vote of two-thirds of the General Board Members present at the General Board meeting, provided that all board members are notified of such motion to remove at least 7 days prior to the date of the meeting. Election(s) to fill vacancy(s) on the Executive Board shall be by simple majority. A term begins September 1<sup>st</sup> and expires August 31<sup>st</sup>.

### **Article V. Board of Directors.**

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall be those persons elected by the members of the League at the annual meeting for the terms and/or in the manner provided for in the Bylaws of the League.

Section 2. In recognition of the general powers of the Board of Directors exercised by virtue of their office, they shall have the power: to purchase or otherwise acquire for the League any property, right or privilege which the League is authorized to acquire by the League membership, at such price or consideration and upon such terms as the Board of Directors may deem expedient and as is approved by vote of the league membership; to appoint or remove or suspend subordinate agents or volunteers and to determine their duties and fix their salaries; to determine who shall be authorized, on behalf of the League, to sign bills, notices, receipts, acceptances, endorsements, checks, releases, contracts, and any other instruments; to delegate any of the powers of the Board of Directors to any standing committee, special committee or any officer or agent of the League, with any powers as the Board of Directors may see fit to grant and to generally do all such lawful acts and take actions as may be necessary and proper.

### **Article VI. Officers.**

Section 1. The officers of the League shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Player Agent.

### **Article VII. Government.**

Section 1. The government of the League shall be under the direct supervision of the officers and the Board of Directors.

Section 2. All rules governing the playing of baseball and softball, the legality of players and regulated questions shall be in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of PONY Baseball, Inc., with such modifications adopted by the Board of Directors of the League and approved by PONY Baseball, Inc.

### **Article VIII. Bylaws.**

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Section 1. Any Bylaws, not consistent with this Constitution, embodying additional provisions for the government of the Corporation, shall be adopted and may be amended by the membership of the League.

### **Article IX. Amendments.**

Section 1. This Constitution may be amended only by a majority vote of the League membership at an annual meeting of the League membership, or a special meeting of the League membership called for that purpose.