

By-Laws of the Johnsborg Boys Baseball League, Inc.

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ARTICLE I - NAME AND LOCATION

The name of the organization shall be the Johnsborg Boys Baseball League, Inc. It will encompass Johnsborg and the surrounding communities. The Johnsborg Boys Baseball League, Inc. (hereinafter "The League") shall maintain a registered office and a registered agent within McHenry County, Illinois, at all times. The League may have other offices within and without the boundary of either.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE AND PHILOSOPHY

The purpose for which the League was incorporated is set forth in Article Five of the Articles of Incorporation which states:

"Promotion and sponsorship of youth baseball".

In addition, an athletic organization which is organized for pleasure, recreation, and other non-profitable purposes, substantially all of the activities of which are for such purposes and no part of the net earnings of which inures to the benefit of any member of the organization.

The philosophy of the League includes voluntary endeavors to develop, teach, and promote youth baseball by providing everyone plays and that personnel for all teams are, to the extent possible evenly matched. Through adherence to the League's philosophy, the League shall attempt to insure that each player will be encouraged to discover his or her individual worth both physically and emotionally by functioning as a member of a team. Philosophical adherence will also operate to promote sportsmanship and citizenship while building character and fitness through baseball.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

A. Eligibility

Any officer, director, committee member, manager, coach, or parent or parents of a player in the League's baseball program is a general member of the League.

B. Officers and Directors

The officers shall be elected by a simple plurality of the general membership of the League present at the time of election.

The officers shall be as follows:

President Vice President Secretary Treasurer

The following directors shall be appointed by the President and approved by the elected officers and shall, along with the officers, comprise the Board of Directors, hereinafter known as "The Board":

Head Umpire Education/Training Coordinator Field Manager
Fund Raising Coordinator Equipment Manager Player Representative

League Coordinator (3)

Uniform Manager

Publicity Coordinator

C. Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Legal Counsel. The Executive Committee shall act as an advisory council to the Board.

D. Voting Members

General members, at least 17 years of age at the time of voting, are the voting members of The League.

Only officers and directors are voting members of the Board.

Any individual simultaneously serving as a current officer and director or holding more than one directorship shall have only one vote. Where the directorship is shared jointly by two or more individuals, that directorship shall have only one vote.

ARTICLE IV - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors shall have the responsibility and authority for handling all affairs of the League with the approval of the general membership. The Board shall have the authority to act on behalf of the League on matters that require action on the part of the League before the next scheduled general meeting or before a special meeting can be called. In any event, this action must be reported to the general membership at the next general membership meeting. These League affairs shall include, but are in no way limited to, content and modification of the organizational rules, allocation of the League funds, player assignment procedures, coach selection and related procedures, and selection procedures for choosing tournament and traveling teams. The Executive Committee shall fill any vacancy on the Board and that person shall fill such vacancy until the next election or appointment period.

ARTICLE V - TERMS OF OFFICE

A. Term, Re-election, and Appointment

Officers of the League shall serve for two (2) years beginning on Oct. 1 and continuing until Sept. 30 of the second year. The outgoing officers will use the month of September as a transition period to bring new officers up to date on the procedures and methods of operation. Directors shall be appointed and approved by Oct. 15 and serve for one (1) year commencing on Oct. 15.

Officers and directors may be elected or appointed to the same or different positions in consecutive terms, without limitation.

B. Removal from Office

Any officer or director may be removed from office by a two-thirds (2/3) vote at a general or special meeting for the general members. Prior notice of such "removal from office" action must be provided at least ten (10) days in advance of such meetings to the affected officer or director; aforesaid notice being in writing. Responsibility for said notice shall be vested in the League Secretary or, if the Secretary is involved, the President shall assume aforesaid responsibility.

ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS

A. Election Meetings

An Election Meeting for all general members of the League shall be held in September of every other year. The primary purpose of this meeting will be the election of officers of the League for the term specified in Article V-A.

B. General Membership Meetings

There shall be monthly general membership meetings including the Election Meeting held every other year. The purpose of these meetings shall be for the general members to provide their input to the League. The League is required to hold at least eight (8) of these meetings per calendar year.

C. Special Meetings

A special meeting of the general members may be called for any purpose by the President at the request of a majority of the members of the Board. A special meeting may also be called for any purpose by twenty-five (25) or more general voting members. If a Special Meeting is called by this latter method, it must be done so in writing. The written demand must specify the purpose of any meeting so called and must be signed by no less than twenty-five (25) of the general voting members. The special meeting so called must be established by the President and held within two (2) weeks of the date of receipt of the call for the meeting.

D. Board of Directors Meeting

The Board of Directors shall meet on such a schedule as they may set, depending on the business to be transacted. Notice of Board Meetings is to be given to each Board member by the League Secretary.

E. Conduct of Meetings

All meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order. As a goal, an agenda should be prepared for distribution prior to the consideration of business at the meetings.

F. Board Quorum

A quorum shall be comprised of one half (1/2) of the members of the Board with the President serving as Chairperson of the Board. If there is less than one-half (1/2) of the members present, the meeting shall be rescheduled for another time. NO business shall be conducted by The Board with less than one half (1/2) of its members present.

ARTICLE VII - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

A. Nominations

A three-person nominating committee shall be selected by the Board at least sixty (60) days prior to the Election Meeting. The committee shall be chaired by the existing Vice President. The Nominating Committee shall prepare a slate of candidates willing to serve as officers. Nominations may also be made from the floor by any voting member at the Nominations Meeting (the August general meeting preceding the Election Meeting). Notification of the nomination procedure will be included with the July meeting minutes so interested persons

may volunteer. The names of the slate of candidates will be announced to the general members of The League at the general membership meeting (the Nomination meeting) in August. If no nominations are received for a specific office, nominations will be reopened at the Election Meeting to receive nominations from the floor for that specific officer.

B. Votes Required for Election

A nominee shall be elected if he/she receives a plurality of the votes cast.

C. Vacancy of President

Should the office of President become vacant, the Vice President shall fill the office. The new President will then appoint a new Vice President with the concurrence of a simple majority of the Board.

ARTICLE VIII - DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

A. President

The president shall have complete responsibility and authority to conduct the business of the League. The President is responsible for the performance of the League. He/she shall be chairman at all meetings. He/she shall appoint any special committee(s) which is necessary to carry out the functions of the League. The president shall insure that all of the following activities are performed:

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| 1. Registration of players, officials, coaches | 4. Scheduling of league games |
| 2. Locating and securing playing facilities | 5. Releasing of publicity |
| 3. Securing uniforms, equipment, and supplies | 6. Fund raising |

The President will have, with the approval of the Board and the general membership and within an approved budget, the authority to make purchases on behalf of, incur indebtedness for, or otherwise obligate the League up to a maximum amount that is, or is expected to be, the total gross collections for the League from registration fees, sponsorship fees, and other known income. The President shall have the authority to make, without Board or general membership approval, purchases on behalf of the League of up to \$250, not to exceed \$500 in a given month. The President shall be bonded.

B. Vice President

The Vice President shall assume the duties of the President in the absence of the President. The Vice President shall automatically assume the office of President if the President leaves The League. The Vice President shall assist the President by fulfilling the duties delegated by the President. The Vice President shall chair the Nominating Committee. The Vice President shall be bonded.

C. Treasurer

The treasurer shall be responsible for the League's financial affairs. The Treasurer shall keep the financial and accounting records of the League. One of the duties of this office shall be to present an accounting of all funds received and disbursed. This duty shall be discharged during the course of monthly and special meetings. Likewise, the Treasurer shall present an accounting at each scheduled Board meeting or whenever requested to do so by the President or the Board. A full Treasurers Report will be posted in with the minutes quarterly. The Treasurer shall make payment of all bills up to \$250 as authorized by the President and all bills as authorized by the Board and general membership. The Treasurer shall deposit all funds belonging to the League in The League's bank accounts. Upon direction from the President or the Board, the Treasurer shall open the books for audit. The

Treasurer shall lay out the procedure to be followed in collecting registration fees and other incomes as deemed necessary. The Treasurer shall be bonded.

D. Secretary

The Secretary shall be responsible for taking the minutes of all general, special, and Board meetings, distributing copies to all Board members and League participants, and keeping the Minutes Book for The League.

E. Head Umpire

The Head Umpire shall be responsible for maintaining a liaison among the umpires and shall advise all umpires of the effective dates for any rule changes that are approved. The Head Umpire shall also be responsible for the organization and conduction of the Rules Committee which shall, from time to time, review the playing rules that are in effect at the time. The Rules Committee shall recommend such changes that the majority of the Committee feel would be beneficial and present these proposed changes to the general membership for approval.

The Head Umpire shall organize necessary training programs dealing with the rules of the game and the rules relating to umpiring for all umpires and coaches within the League. The Head Umpire shall be the official Spokesman of the League in regard to all areas of umpiring during the playing season. He shall appoint at least one Assistant Umpire (non-voting) to act in his/her absence. The Head Umpire should be a registered IHSA Baseball umpire.

The Head Umpire will be responsible for the scheduling of umpires for each game. It will further be the responsibility of the Head Umpire to notify all umpires of scheduled seminars, lectures, demonstrations, and meetings set up for umpire benefit by the Education/Training Coordinator. This office shall maintain a close Liaison with the Education/Training Coordinator and assist that Board member to the extent possible. The Head Umpire will be responsible for the preparation and submission of an annual budget.

F. League Coordinators (3)

The League Coordinators will oversee and coordinate team selection, recruitment of coaches, scheduling of games (exclusive of tournament and traveling teams) and make-up games, distribution of team rosters and game schedules, and the maintenance of records of game results and scores. Each Coordinator will also be responsible for the preparation and submission of an annual budget. Each Coordinator shall appoint at least one (1) assistant (non-voting).

G. EDUCATION TRAINING COORDINATOR

The Education/Training Coordinator shall generally be responsible for the education of coaches and parents through clinics, lectures, films, and other methods of communication. The Education/Training Coordinator will arrange for the teaching of basic first aid to managers and coaches. The Education/Training Coordinator will be responsible for the preparation and submission of an annual budget.

H. Player Representative

The office of Player Representative shall be responsible for setting up and supervision of all registration for the League. This office shall further be responsible for maintaining a current central file on all member's names and addresses. The Player Representative will assist the League Coordinators in team assignments. The Player Representative will be responsible for the preparation and submission of an annual budget.

I. Publicity Coordinator

The Publicity Coordinator will conduct and coordinate all projects dealing with publicity for the League. This office will handle reports and releases for the local press. The Publicity Coordinator will work in conjunction with all committees when publicity is required. The Publicity Coordinator will be responsible for the preparation and submission of an annual budget.

J. Field Manager

The Field Manager will be responsible for obtaining and maintaining the fields in good condition. This will be coordinated with personnel so that each field's equipment is present on game day, that the fields are lined, and that the equipment is picked up at the end of the day. The Field Manager is responsible for the preparation and submission of an annual budget.

K. Equipment Manager

The Equipment Manager will be responsible for the selection and purchase, with Board and general membership approval, of approved equipment, equipment inventory, and the recommendations as to replacement. The Equipment Manager shall select, appoint, and oversee a uniform committee for the purchase and distribution of uniforms. The Equipment Manager will be responsible for the preparation and submission of an annual budget. The Equipment Manager shall be bonded.

L. Fund Raising Coordinator

The Fund Raising Coordinator shall be responsible for the organization and conduction of all fund raising activities approved by the general membership. The Fund Raising Coordinator shall select, appoint, and oversee all committees for the various fund raising activities. The Fund Raising Coordinator will be responsible for the preparation and submission of an annual budget

M. Legal Counsel

The President will appoint, with Board approval, an attorney who will serve on a volunteer basis. The Legal Counsel shall not receive compensation for legal services rendered but may, with approval of the Board and the general membership, receive reimbursement for the expenses necessarily incurred on behalf of the League. The League Legal Counsel will serve in an advisory capacity to the Board. The extent of the services provided by the Legal Counsel will be predicated solely upon that individual's availability to serve.

ARTICLE IX - LEAGUE RULES

A. Content

A set of League Rules and Regulations establishing rules of play, code of conduct for coaches and officials, and procedures to be followed by the League, including equipment and uniform specifications, shall be composed by the committees and approved by the Board and the general membership.

B. Rule Changes

Proposed changes of the League rules must be presented in writing with the signatures of at least fifteen (15) general members to a member of the board. The Board member shall then submit the proposed changes to the appropriate committee for review and consideration. Changes to the League rules will be made by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the voting

general members present at a monthly or special meeting. Only proposed rule changes submitted on or before the regular monthly meeting will be considered for approval at the next monthly or special meeting. The appropriate committee must rule on the validity of the proposed rule change within seven (7) days of the monthly meeting at which the proposed change was submitted. This committee decision will be included with the monthly meeting minutes as an addendum to the minutes. Any committee approved proposal will be voted on at the next monthly or special meeting.

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS

The By-Laws of the Johnsborg Boys Baseball League, Inc., may be amended or changed ONLY by the following method:

A. Proposal

Filing with the President in writing not less than two (2) weeks before the meeting at which the proposed amendment will be read, discussed, and tabled until the next general monthly or special meeting. The amendment proposal and the recommendation for its adoption must be signed by thirty (30) League general voting members or by two-thirds (2/3) of the Board of Directors. Amendments to or changes in the League By-Laws must not create a conflict with The League Philosophy, Articles of Incorporation, or other sections of the By-Laws. If so, the amendment proposal will be considered as out of order and cannot be voted on.

B. Approval

A vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the voting general members present at a general meeting or a special meeting scheduled to specifically consider and vote upon the proposed amendment is needed for approval of the proposed amendment. In all events, no amendment may be considered or voted upon unless two (2) weeks written notice has been first served upon the general membership specifying the date, time, and place at which the proposed amendment will be considered.