

Constitution and By-Laws

Of the

East Taylor-Jackson Township Boosters Association

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ARTICLE I – IDENTIFICATION

Section 1

The name of this organization shall be East Taylor-Jackson Boosters and shall be referred to hereinafter as "The Association".

ARTICLE II – OBJECTIVE

Section 1

The objective of the Association shall be to implant firmly in the children of the community the ideas of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage and respect for authority, so that they may be well adjusted, stronger, and happier children and will grow to be good, decent, healthy and trustworthy citizens.

Section 2

To achieve this objective the Association will provide a supervised program of baseball/softball under the rules and regulations established by the membership of the Association. All Members shall bear in mind that the attainment of exceptional athletic skill, or winning of games is secondary and the promotion of sportsmanship is of prime importance. In accordance with Section 501-(c)-(3) of the Federal Internal Revenue Code, the Association shall operate exclusively as a non-profit education organization providing a supervised program of competitive baseball and softball games.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1

Any person sincerely interested in active participation to affect the objective of the Association may apply to become a member.

Section 2

Any person actively interested in furthering the objectives of the Association may become a regular member. Regular members shall be issued a card numbered in sequential order annually. The secretary shall maintain the role of membership to qualify voting members. Only regular members in good standing are eligible to vote at the meetings.

Section 3

As used hereinafter, the word "member" shall mean a regular member unless otherwise stated.

Section 4

Regular members should not be actively engaged in the promotion and/or operation of any other baseball program.

Section 5

Suspension Membership may be terminated by resignation or action of the Association.

- (A) The Association, by a two-thirds vote of those present at any duly constituted meeting, shall have the authority to discipline or suspend or terminate the membership of any member when the conduct of such person is considered detrimental to the best interest of the Association.
- (B) The Disciplinary action will be carried to the next months meeting for a vote. This will allow all parties to be contacted and given the chance to address the membership body.

ARTICLES IV – DUES

Section 1

Dues for regular members may be fixed at such amounts as the Officers shall determine.

Section 2

New and former members may join or rejoin at any time during the year. However, he/she must be a member for 60 days in order to vote and participate at the regular meetings.

- (A) The 60-day membership clause will be waived for former members of prior year.
- (B) Any member of 20-year standing will become a Life Member of the Association.

Note

League dues should cover cost of contact cards to remind members of meetings (16 cards - \$ 3.04)

Section 3

A reasonable Little League participation fee may be assessed as a parent's obligation to assure the operation continuity of the Association. The fee will be recommended by the Finance Committee and approved by the Membership.

ARTICLE V – MEETINGS

Section 1

The annual meeting of the members of the Association shall be held on the second Monday in August at 7:00 ppm each year for the purpose of electing officers.

Section 2

Regular meetings of the Association will meet monthly on the second Monday of each month at a time and place determined by the President. At the regular meetings in July candidates for President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer will be nominated.

Section 3

Special Meetings of the Association may be called by the President at his discretion or upon the request of ten (10) members.

Section 4

The presence in person of at least ten (10) voting members shall constitute a Quorum.

Section 5

Only regular members shall be entitled to vote at any meetings of the Association.

Section 6

Roberts Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings of all meetings, except where same conflicts with Constituion or By-Laws of the Association.

ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS

Section 1

The management of the property and affairs of the Association shall be vested in the officers.

Section 2

The officers shall be President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Section 3

The term of office shall be one (1) year.

Section 4

If any vacancy occurs by death, resignation or otherwise, it may be filled by a majority vote of the remaining officers.

Section 5

Officers shall have the power to appoint such standing committees as it shall determine and to delegate such powers to them as the officers shall deem advisable and which it may properly delegate.

ARTICLE VII – COMMITTEES

Section 1

The President may appoint a Finance Committee consisting of not less than three (3) nor more than seven (7) members. The Treasurer and the President shall be ex-officio members of the Committee. The Committee shall investigate ways and means of financing the Association including team sponsorships.

Section 2

A Building, Grounds and Property Committee will be appointed by the President and will consist of three (3) members. It shall be responsible of repair, care and maintenance of the playing fields buildings and grounds. It shall operate within the amount appropriated in the approved budget.

Section 3

An Equipment Committee consisting of two (2) members shall be appointed by the President. The Committee will secure needed supplies and equipment and be responsible for the proper issuance, repair, cleaning, and storage of the equipment.

Section 4

The President shall appoint an Umpire Committee consisting of a Chief Umpire and at least one member. The Committee shall recruit, train and schedule umpires.

Section 5

Commissioners will be appointed by the President to over see the sign-up of players and to conduct the draft. There will be a Minor League, a Major League and a Softball League Commissioner. Commissioners will maintain rosters and reschedule rain outs.

Section 6

A committee will be assigned for each league to make recommendations on rule changes. The Rules Committee will present their recommendations to the Membership at the February meeting. The Rules committee will consist of the Commissioners and as many members taken from group of managers as the Commissioners feel are needed.

Section 7

A Protest Committee will be appointed by the President to hear protests of individual games. The protest will be heard within forty-eight (48) hours and all decisions are final.

Section 8

The President will appoint an Auditing Committee to review the local league's books and records annually prior to November meeting.

ARTICLE VIII – OFFICERS, DUTIES AND POWERS

Section 1

Immediately following the election at the Annual Meeting the officers will assume their duties

Section 2

President shall:

- (A) Conduct affairs of the Association and execute the policies established by the membership.
- (B) Be responsible for the conduct of the Association in strict conformity to the policies, principles, rules and regulations of the Constitution.

- (C) Investigate complaints, irregularities and conditions detrimental to the Association.
- (D) Prepare and submit an annual budget to the Membership and be responsible for the proper execution thereof.
- (E) With the assistance of the Commissioners, examine the application and support proof-of-age documents of every player candidate and certify to residence and age eligibility before the player may be accepted for tryouts and selection.

Section 3

Vice President.

In case of the absence or disability of the President, and provided he is authorized by the President, the Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President.

Section 4

The Secretary shall:

- (A) Be responsible for recording the activities of the Association and Maintain appropriate files, mailing lists and necessary records.
- (B) Maintain a list of all Members, Officers, and Committee Members and give notice of all meetings.
- (C) Shall issue membership cards to Regular Members.
- (D) Keep the minutes of the meetings and cause them to be recorded in a book kept for that purpose.
- (E) Shall conduct all correspondence not otherwise specifically delegated in connection with said meetings and shall be responsible for carrying out all orders, votes and resolutions not otherwise committed.

Section 5

The Treasurer shall:

- (A) Receive all monies and securities, and deposit same in depository approved by the Membership.

- (B) Keep records for the receipt and disbursement of all monies and securities of the Association and approve all payments from allotted funds and draw checks therefore.
- (C) Prepare an annual financial report, under the direction of the President, for submission to the membership at the November meeting.

ARTICLE IX - MANAGERS AND COACHES

Section 1

Team Managers shall be appointed annually by the President, as openings occur. Continuous league seniority shall be considered. Once selected, must be approved by the Membership.

- (A) Managers will be responsible for the selection of their coaches and teams.
- (B) Managers will be responsible for the Team's actions on the field.
- (C) All Managers and Coaches are required to be members of the Association.

ARTICLE X - AFFILIATION

Section 1

Charter. The Association will, at the February meeting, deciding on affiliations.

Section 2

Rules and Regulations. The official playing rules and regulations, as published by the Little League Baseball Inc., Williamsport, Pennsylvania, shall be binding on the Association except where pre-empted by local league rules.

ARTICLE XI - AMENDMENTS

This Constitution and By-Laws may be amended, repealed or altered in whole or in part by a majority vote at any duly organized meeting of the Members provided notice of the proposed change is given. Amendments, repeals, or alterations will be voted on at the second meeting following their introduction.

ARTICLE XII - LOCAL RULES

Local rules will be considered as an amendment to the Constitution and By- Laws. The following local rules are enforced:

- (A) Minor League Rules - attached

- (B) Major League Rules – attached
- (C) Girls Softball -- attached