

Baltimore County Over 40 Baseball League of Baltimore County

League By-Laws

Article I

Name and Location

Section 1: The name of this organization shall be the Baltimore County Over 40 Baseball League, hereafter referred to as "The League". Location of League games will be on fields sanctioned by the league.

Article II

Purpose

Section 1: The League will operate as a not-for-profit organization formed for the purpose of organized baseball for men and women 39 years of age and older. The league is a sanctioned activity of the Lutherville Timonium Recreational Council (LTRC) and will adhere to all rules and regulations of the LTRC.

Article III

Government

Section 1: The League will be directed by an "Executive Committee" also know as "The Board" consisting of the Commissioner, Treasurer and Secretary. The Board shall be responsible for League policies, decision making and directing all aspects of League management including but not limited to scheduling, umpire hiring, administrative duties, rules changes, disciplinary action, etc.

A. Although the Board will have sole final decision making authority, it may from time to time elect to seek the advice of the collective co-managers of each team, this group consisting of the Board and co-managers shall be known as "The Group". The Group may be assembled for purposes of fact and opinion gathering or to vote on League policies, issues and rules needing clarification.

Section 2: The League will have the following officers: the Commissioner, Secretary, Treasurer, Field Manager, and Equipment Manager. Other than the Commissioner, the League officers preferably should be managers. Officer's terms are one years in length. The Commissioner shall be elected in even numbered years at the first board meeting.

Section 3: All officers must be elected by a majority vote of the Board.

Section 4: If any League officer, team manager, or coach proves to be unsuitable, a 2/3 majority vote of the Board eligible to vote is needed to remove the individual from office.

Section 5: In the event that Officer vacancies exist, Managers who have not previously served as an Officer shall fill the vacancy.

A. Executive Committee members may take on additional Officer responsibilities until such time as Managers volunteer to fill open Officer positions.

Article IV

Voting

Section 1: Each board member is entitled to one vote only, on matters brought before the board during regular monthly or special meetings.

Section 2: A representative designated by a manager may vote in a Board member's absence.

Section 3: A Quorum of 2/3 of board members is required to be in attendance for voting on any league issues. Proxy voting is not allowed.

Section 4: In the case of a Special Meeting for which there is not enough time to arrange for a physical location due to the urgency of the matter at hand, voting by fax or e-mail is allowed, provided that the motion voted on is faxed or emailed to the parties voting. For such a vote to have a quorum, there must be votes totaling two thirds of the registered teams.

Section 5: At the end of each season, each team shall hold an election for Managers for the upcoming season. The newly elected managers will report to the first Fall meeting. Disputes about the election of a team's managers may require League intervention.

Article V Meetings

Section 1: Nominations and elections of the League Officers will be held during an Annual Meeting during the month of October.

Section 2: The League Commissioner will call the meetings to conduct the operation of the League.

Section 3: League Meetings will be held at the discretion of the Board.

Article VI Duties of Officers, Managers, and Players

Section 1 - Commissioner:

Shall preside at all meetings of the League, and shall oversee and nominate the chairmen of all other committees.

Shall represent the League at meetings pertaining to other League matters, or appoint a designated representative and shall report to the Board on all related issues.

Section 2 - Secretary:

Shall give notice and keep minutes of all meetings, distribute the minutes of the meetings, maintain the member records and maintain the League standings

Section 3 - Treasurer:

Shall be responsible for the collection and dispersion of League funds.

Shall keep proper financial records, ledger, receipts, vouchers and records of all transactions in accordance with LTRC financial rules and submit financial statements to the Board.

Shall submit an annual budget for approval by the Board, and shall not make any non-budgeted expenditures in excess of \$100.00 unless explicitly approved by the Board.

Section 4 - The Field Manager shall be responsible for field maintenance through the help of League members, contractors, or other volunteers

Section 5 - The Equipment Manager shall recommend purchases for equipment, and make ordinary purchases of equipment (i.e.. Balls, helmets, etc)

Section 6 - Managers

Shall be supportive and cooperate fully with all league sponsored activities and be responsible for sportsmanship and promoting respect and goodwill toward League officials, umpires, managers, and other players. Shall be responsible for orderly conduct of their players on the bench and on the field and for adhering to and enforcing the rules of the League.

Each manager must obtain a copy of the Leagues rules.

Shall be responsible for reporting the score of the game to the League Secretary or his designate, as well as any protests or ejections from the game.

Must attend all meetings and functions or send a delegate to represent him.

The Home Team Managers are responsible for preparing the field, and will suffer a forfeit (subject to review by the Board) if a scheduled game is unplayable due to the field not being in playable condition.

May be compelled to fill an Officer vacancy if no other candidates exist.

Inventory equipment and present needs to the equipment manager.

Section 7 - Players must be at least thirty-nine years of age and

Shall conduct themselves in a manner which will reflect good sportsmanship, respect and goodwill toward League officials, umpires, managers, teammates, spectators, and opposing players at all times.

Will complete and sign the annual "Player Registration Form" prior to participating in any practice or game.

Will obey the rules of baseball, the rules of the League and the on field rulings by umpires.

Article VII

Fund Raising & Activities

Section 1 - Committees

Shall be appointed only as necessary by the Board for the purpose of generating revenue and performing necessary functions for the League's activities as dictated by the budget for that season.

Section 2 - Annual Registration Fee

An annual registration fee and payment schedule for all teams shall be assessed in an amount determined by the Board at or before the December board meeting.

Player Registration Forms are due prior to participation in the League, this includes practices.

Article VIII

Amendments & Replacements

Section 1: Proposed amendments to these By-Laws must be distributed to the Board at least one week before any vote is taken on such proposed amendments. Any amendment so proposed must be approved by a vote of no

less than two thirds of the entire Board.

Section 2: By-Laws proposed to replace these By-Laws in their entirety must be distributed to the Board at least one week before any vote is taken on such proposed replacement By-Laws. Any By-Laws so proposed must be approved by a vote of no less than three quarters of the entire Board and Group.