

CONSTITUTION OF TIPPECANOE COUNTY BASEBALL ASSOCIATION
ORGANIZED FEB, 1997

ARTICLE 1. (name)

- A. This organization shall be known as the Tippecanoe County Baseball Association (TCBA).

ARTICLE 2. (objective)

- A. The objective to the TCBA is to promote ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, integrity, and fairness through an organized structure which provides an opportunity for young people to learn and play the game of baseball.
- B. The TCBA shall be governed by the constitution and By-Laws of TCBA. TCBA will therefore establish playing rules and game schedules for the member associations.
- C. Each member league of TCBA will be a member of the PONY BASEBALL national organization. Each member league of TCBA will comply with PONY rules (exceptions are noted in this Constitution and the attached By-Laws.)

ARTICLE 3. (membership)

- A. A community is eligible to apply for membership in the TCBA if they are willing to comply with the rules of PONY baseball, and abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of the TCBA.
- B. An eligible community which applies for membership must be accepted by a majority vote of the member leagues at two (2) consecutive duly constituted general membership meetings of the TCBA.
- C. A member league may be expelled or reinstated, or put on probation or removed from probation by a 2/3 majority vote of the members present at one (1) duly constituted TCBA general membership meeting.
- D. The list of member leagues is identified in Attachment A.

ARTICLE 4. (government)

- A. The TCBA will be governed by the following elected executive board: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Bronco/Pony Director, Bronco "B" Director, and Pony "B" Director. The selection of officers will be on a rotational basis with the format in Attachment A being used.
- B. All matters concerning the rules, regulations, and operational procedures of the TCBA shall be governed by the officers at duly constituted meetings of the executive board. No motion shall be carried without a majority approval of the executive board members. To be a duly constituted meeting five (5) members or more of the officers must be present.
- C. Committees of the TCBA.

There will be a grievance committee of the TCBA that will consist of the seven members of the executive board.

- D. When a member of the executive board resigns, is dismissed, or cannot fulfill the duties of his position, the remaining members of the executive board can perform their function as a board without the necessary seven (7) members. The remaining members, minus one, will constitute a quorum until a replacement member is appointed by the board, which it will have the authority to do.

ARTICLE 5. (membership meetings)

- A. The fall membership meeting for the annual appointment of officers will be held on the second Sunday of September at a predetermined and publicized location.
- B. The membership must vote on any expenditure in excess of \$100 if that expenditure is not considered part of the routine functioning of the TCBA. (example: monies to support a member hosting the National Tournament.)
- C. The spring membership meeting shall be held the second Sunday of March. This meeting shall determine the number of Pony and Bronco A teams and Pony and Bronco B teams to be entered at each member league for the upcoming season.
- D. Two additional general membership meetings will be scheduled for the second Sunday of January and April.

ARTICLE 6. (voting)

- A. At the September meeting of each calendar year, each member league in good standing shall designate a representative for their organization. This designated representative shall be the only authorized individual eligible to cast the member league's vote on proposed motions at membership meetings. A substitute may vote for a member league at a given meeting by the designate notifying the president of TCBA of the identity of the substitute prior to that meeting. Approval of any motion shall be by simple majority vote of the members present at a duly constituted meeting.
- B. A general membership meeting shall be duly constituted by having at least 50% of the member leagues present.
- C. If any member league is on probation, their voting rights are suspended until that organization is reinstated.

ARTICLE 7. (financial policy)

- A. Each member league will be assessed yearly dues by the TCBA based upon the number participating and the financial needs of the association.
- B. For a member league to remaining good standing, all dues must be paid by May 1 of each year.
- C. All monies received shall be deposited by the Treasurer in a bank approved by the officers.
- D. The fiscal year shall begin on September 1st and end on August 31st.

- E. Financial records must be reviewed by the officers before the end of each fiscal year, and may be reviewed at any other time as requested by a member association or a member of the executive board.
- F. The TCBA is a not for profit organization.

ARTICLE 8. (amendments)

- A. The Constitution and/or By-Laws may be amended by the membership of the TCBA by a two-thirds majority vote of attending members at two consecutive duly constituted general membership meetings or at a special meeting.

ARTICLE 9. (duties and responsibilities of officers)

- A. President:
 - 1. Call and preside over all executive board and general membership meetings.
 - 2. Shall chair all committees or designate a chairman for all committees.
 - 3. Shall decide action to be taken on any complaints during the playing season that cannot be resolved by the Grievance Committee.
- B. Vice President:
 - 1. Shall preside over any meeting in the President's absence.
 - 2. Shall chair Scheduling Committee for season's games.
- C. Bronco/Pony "A" Director:
 - 1. Shall schedule regular season and tournament games.
 - 2. Shall maintain league standing and post in the newspaper.
- D. Bronco "B" Director & Pony "B" Director:
 - 1. Shall schedule and supervise the B division regular season games and championship tourney.
 - 2. Shall resolve complaints within the B division.

BY-LAWS OF TIPPECANOE COUNTY BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

A. GENERAL

1. Pony baseball guidelines will govern. All complaints and issues shall be handled by the Grievance Committee.
2. Team rosters for all teams entered by each TCBA league must be submitted to the respective Director and be approved by the executive board. If rosters are not received, that team and any member of that team will be ineligible for consideration for season play and tournament competition until the rosters are received. Furthermore, the team for which the roster is delinquent will forfeit all regular season games until the roster is received and approved by the respective Director.
 - a. Birth certificates must be submitted to the member leagues at the time of registration for verification of age. It is the responsibility of each member league to verify the age of all players on the rosters that it submits to the league for approval. Failure to comply with the By-Laws will subject the member league to penalties as described in the By-Laws of TCBA.
3. All regulations of PONY BASEBALL will apply to TCBA. Exceptions or additions will be documented in the By-Laws of TCBA.
4. If a player participates in a game in a league about his age limit, he may not play again that year in a game of the lower age league.
5. The executive board of TCBA shall have the authority to suspend, discharge, or otherwise discipline any manager, coach, player, league official, umpire or other person whose conduct is considered detrimental to the best interest of the TCBA.
6. A game which is postponed due to inclement weather must be played within 1 week of the originally scheduled playing date unless weather causes a second postponement (in which case a 1 week period begins in which the game must be played). If there is no field availability at the site of the originally identified home team during the reschedule period, then the visiting team will schedule the game at their field if there is a mutually acceptable playing time (original home team will still be considered to be the home team during the contest regardless of the playing site). If there is no mutually available time during reschedule period, then the first available date at which there is a playing field at either site and at which neither team has another scheduled game will be the make-up date. If one team does not agree to play on the available date, then that team will be given a loss by forfeit. If there is disagreement regarding the first available date, then the Director of the respective league will serve as the arbitrator.
7. No tobacco and/or alcohol products may be used in the batting cages, dugouts, or on the playing field during TCBA games or during warm-ups prior to TCBA games. Failure to comply makes the offender

and/or his/her team subject to the penalties described in the PENALTIES section of the TCBA By-Laws.

B. AWARDS

1. The champion of each league's season play (Pony and Bronco A leagues) will receive individual player trophies. The champion and runner-up in the county tournaments will each receive individual player trophies. All awards will be given after the final game of the county tournament.

C. PENALTIES

1. All infractions against the Constitution or By-Laws of TCBA, including infractions against the playing rules of PONY BASEBALL as modified by TCBA, will be subject to penalties deemed appropriate by the executive board of TCBA. These penalties may include, but are not limited: verbal and written reprimands, single or multiple game suspensions, for coaches and/or players, forfeiture of complete or incomplete games, suspension, or dismissal of individuals or member leagues from TCBA.

D. PLAYING RULES (amended 2024)

The TCBA shall use the current Indiana High School By-Laws, except for the following rules;

1. Pitching Limits will follow the IHSAA Sub-Varsity Pitch Count Level
 - a. 1-25 Pitches, 0 Days Rest
 - b. 26-35 Pitches, 1 Day Rest
 - c. 36-60 Pitches, 2 Days Rest
 - d. 61-80 Pitches, 3 Days Rest
 - e. 81-90+ Pitches, 4 Days Rest
2. No pitcher may throw more than 90 pitches in a game/calendar day. If a pitcher reaches the maximum number of pitches in a pitch count level(see table above), during an at-bat, the pitcher may complete the at-bat without moving to the next pitch count level. Any replacement pitcher will have a maximum of 16 warm-up throws.
3. If a coach goes on the playing field to talk to any player or players more than once in a half inning, while the same pitcher is pitching, a pitching change must be made. (exception: injury or time called by coach of the other team).
4. All home teams must provide at least one Indiana licensed umpire per game. If the base umpire is less than 18 years old, he must be approved by both coaches and the other umpire.
5. In any league game, no inning shall start after one hour forty-five minutes has elapsed from the time of the first pitch of the game. (Exceptions: No time limit or ties in tournament Championship game). Umpire-in-chief shall keep the official Time.
6. No inning shall start after 11:00 p.m.
7. Every player must play 2 defensive innings and bat once in every seven (7) inning game for 14U and 2 defensive innings and bat once in every six (6) inning game for 12U.
8. April 30 is the age cut off date. For 14U a player must be 13 but no older than 14 by this date. An exception is a player who turns 15 by April 30 and is in the eighth grade is eligible to play in either 14U A or B leagues but is not eligible to pitch in any games. Any player who is 15 must be reported to the TCBA Board.
9. For 12U and 14U B teams, the entire roster (up to 12 players) will bat and there will be free substitution in the field. If a team has more than 12 players, the team has the option to bat their entire roster or bat 12 with substitutes. In the event that one team has less than 12 players present, the opposing team may elect to “match” the number of players in their batting order. Substitute players would still have to abide by rule #7.

10. For 12U and 14U A teams, the coach will have the option of batting the entire roster and having free defensive substitution in the field or batting a traditional 9 with substitutes. Should a team elect the latter option, they must also abide by rule #7. Should a player become injured or ejected on a team using a continuous batting order, Indiana High School By-Laws shall govern.
11. In the case of a team only having 8 players to start, the 9th spot in the lineup is NOT an out. Should a team go down to 8 players because of injury or ejection, Indiana High School By-Laws shall govern.
12. 12U games shall be 6 innings in duration. 14U games shall be 7 innings in duration.
13. When forming rosters for the TCBA teams must abide by the following guidelines:
 - a. A teams shall be allowed to split teams as they wish, without a need for teams from an organization to be equal in talent. Each organization is asked to be an objective judge of the talent they have year in and year out and choose which league they feel they can compete in the best and compete in that league each year. B teams, however, should be split evenly according to talent in order to keep a competitive balance in that league.
 - b. Players must be enrolled or live in the appropriate high school district for the program in which they register to play.
 - c. If a team doesn't meet the above criteria and wishes to compete, they can state their case to the league members at a meeting for a one time vote. (Handled on a case by case basis)
 - d. If a team wishes to join the TCBA, they should present their case to the league members at a meeting for a vote.
 - e. For the end of season tournament Organizations with multiple "A" teams may combine those to form a tournament team(s). "B" teams within the same Organization may also elect to play up in the "A" tourney or combine and play up in the "A" tourney. Any such declaration must be made prior to official tournament draw.
14. Bats. Both USA Stamped AND 1.15 BPF USSSA stamped bats are allowed up to 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ barrel.
15. Run Rules:
 - a. 14U Division :15 runs after 3 innings, 10 runs after 4 innings, 8 runs after 5 innings.
 - b. 12U Division: 15 runs after 3 innings, 10 runs after 4 innings, 6 runs after 5
 - c. 12U Division: Each team is limited to 5 runs per half inning.
16. In the event of a tie after 7 innings(6 innings for 12U) or after the time limit has expired, the following rules will be used:

- a. The player who was the last batted out from the previous inning will be placed on second base. Each batter will start with a 1 ball, 1 strike count. The batting team will also be assigned 1 out.
- b. The 2nd extra inning will begin with the last 2 players (batted) out in the previous inning being placed on 2nd and 3rd bases. Each batter will start with a 1 ball, 1 strike count. The batting team will also be assigned 1 out.
- c. The 3rd extra inning and each subsequent inning will begin with the last 3 players (batted) out in the previous inning being placed on 1st, 2nd and 3rd bases. Each batter will start with a 1 ball, 1 strike count. The batting team will also be assigned 1 out.

17. No Metal Cleats for 12U Division.

Attachment A
(Revised 4-08-19)

Rotational basis for the selection of officers to TCBA:

	President	V. President	Sec.	Treas.	Bronco/ Pony Dir.	Bronco "B" Dir.	Pony "B" Dir.
14	North	Central	South	West	Central	North	South
15	Central	South	West	North	"	"	"
16	South	West	North	Central	"	"	"
17	West	North	Central	South	"	"	"
18	North	Central	South	West	"	"	"
19	Central	South	West	North	"	"	"
20	South	West	North	Central	"	"	"
21	West	North	Central	South	"	"	"
22	North	Central	South	West	"	"	"

North – North White, Carroll, Delphi, Twin Lakes, Rensselaer, Tri-County

Central – East Tipp, Battleground, Klondike, Faith Christian, Rossville

South – Dayton/Lauramie, Wea, Southwestern, Central Catholic, Mulberry

West – West Lafayette, Benton Central, Lafayette, Frontier, Jaguars

ATTACHMENT B

(Revised 4-09-19)

Member Leagues of the Tippecanoe County Baseball Association

Battle Ground

Benton Central

Carroll

Central Catholic

Dayton/Lauramie

Delphi

East Tipp

Faith Christian

Frontier

Jaguars

Klondike

Lafayette

Mulberry

North White

Rensselaer

Rossville

Southwestern

Tri-County

Twin Lakes

Wea

West Lafayette