

LA PORTE YOUTH BASEBALL ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

NAME

This organization shall be known as the La Porte Boys Baseball Association Inc. ("LPBBA")

ARTICLE II

OBJECTIVE

SECTION 1: The LPBBA is a non-profit organization that will seek to install in the youth of this community ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage, and reverence so that they may be finer, stronger, and happier youth, who will grow up to be good, healthy adults.

SECTION 2: This objective will be reached by providing supervised competitive games.

SECTION 3: The members will bear in mind at all times that the attainment of exceptional athletic skill or the winning of games is secondary and that the molding of future citizens is of prime importance.

SECTION 4: Upon the dissolution of the organization, the assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (C) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. This will be fulfilled by donating our assets to Boys/Girls Harbor or any other charitable organization.

SECTION 5: The Association will be fully transparent and will allow the City of La Porte to perform audits at their leisure. The Association will highly consider any recommendations brought forth by the City of La Porte. The Association will provide ALL information requested by the City of La Porte with the exception of Bank Account passwords.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1: A member is defined as a parent, coach, board member, employee, employee of the umpire association, or volunteer of LPBBA.

SECTION 2: Upon written complaint of conduct on the part of any adult member which is likely to reflect unfavorably on the LPBBA, such member may be expelled by a majority vote of the Board of Directors at any official meeting. However, any member complained of shall have the right to be heard on his or her behalf prior to an expulsion decision by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 3: Each Board Member will sign Code of Ethics Approved by the Board of Directors. Any violation will result in immediate removal from the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV

MANAGEMENT

The LPBBA shall be governed by a Board of Directors. They shall have the power to adopt, rescind, or amend policies governing the program of the organization. This Board shall also be responsible for the complete management of objectives and purposes for which it is organized.

ARTICLE V

BOARD MEMBERS AND ELECTIONS

SECTION 1: The Board shall consist of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Publicity/Public Relation, Fund Raiser/Sponsorship, 2 Player Agents, Uniform Manager, Equipment Manager, Field Maintenance Manager, Tournament Director, Head Commissioner, Foal Commissioner, Shetland Commissioner, Pinto Commissioner, Mustang Commissioner, Bronco Commissioner, and Pony/Colt Commissioner.

SECTION 2: The terms of Board members and the manner electing them shall be:

a) The Board members shall serve for a term of two consecutive years. Any new position created and filled by the proper procedures as laid out in the constitution during the year will be voted on by the membership at the following closing day to allow for the proper development of the position.

b) For continuity, 1/2 of the Board positions will be elected during odd numbered years and the remainder during even number years

EVEN NUMBER YEARS

President

Secretary

Publicity/Public Relations

Player Agent B

Equipment Manager

Head Commissioner

Foal Commissioner

Mustang Commissioner

Pony/Colt Commissioner

ODD NUMBERED YEARS

Vice President

Treasurer

Fundraiser/Sponsorship

Player Agent A

Uniform Manager A

Field Maintenance

Shetland Commissioner

Pinto Commissioner

Bronco Commissioner

c) In the event of a Board member electing to serve only one year of their term the position will be placed in the nominating procedure for the remainder of the year (ending June Board Meeting). Current board members may elect to move laterally and assume a different position by a simple majority vote of the LPBBA Board. That vacancy will be filled after a two week waiting period in which time the position must be made public.

d) Three weeks prior to closing day, the Board will post the positions to be filled for the future Board.

e) On closing day, the membership shall vote on these Board position

f) Vacancies on the Board will be filled by appointment by the remaining Board members. Current board members may place their name on the ballot of an open position without resigning from their current position with the agreement that if elected, they will resign their current position.

g) The Board will only have 1 commissioner per league.

h) When joining LPBBA Board you must be willing to attend any and all Board meetings, Registrations, Try-Outs, Opening & Closing Day and any event required by the President as part of your duty. If you have an excused absence, i.e. work, illness, death, family emergency, child's activity, out of town, you must notify either the President or the Secretary prior to or on the day of the scheduled meeting of your absence. The consequence of three unexcused or six total absences in 1 year (June – June Meeting) will result in being brought before the board, for removal.

i) All candidates for the President and Vice President positions must meet the following criteria: 1) have served on the board of directors for at least one complete two-year term and be a current member of the LPBBA OR 2) be a current board member with at least one year experience. A member is defined as a parent, coach, board member, employee, employee of the umpire association, or volunteer of LPBBA. A year constitutes at least one fall and one spring season.

j) The Head Commissioner, Treasurer, Tournament Director, and Field Maintenance positions will be appointed by the board of directors for a 2 year term.

k) Any profitable operating company or business in which a board member is registered as the owner or a partner that enters into an agreement with La Porte Youth Baseball to perform service or sell product where payment will be made, must have the agreement approved by the board of directors.

SECTION 3: The duties of the board members are as follows:

President: Shall preside at all meetings of the LPBBA and perform all such duties as are incidental to the office of President and are properly required of the office.

Vice President: Shall fulfill all of the duties of the President in his absence and shall be responsible for any other duties assigned by the President.

Secretary: Shall have charge of all papers, keep such record, make reports and perform duties as are incidental to that office and properly required of LPBBA. Must also notify all board members of the time

and place of special called meetings and shall be responsible for any other duties assigned by the President.

Treasurer: Shall have charge of the funds of LPBBA. Shall submit a true and correct account of all financial transactions for the fiscal year at the annual meeting and each monthly Board meeting. Will sign checks for any invoice that is \$500 or under. Any payment on an invoice for over \$500 must be paid with one check and will require two (2) signatures (Treasurer/President/Vice President). Any payment or invoice for a board member must require two (2) signatures (Treasurer/President/Vice-President). Shall be responsible for any other duties assigned by the President.

Player-Agent: Shall be responsible for the recruitment, tryouts, and assignment of all player personal. Shall keep an association record with players' name, addresses, telephone numbers, schools, dates of birth, and team assignments. Shall be responsible for any other duties assigned by the President.

Uniform Manager: Shall be responsible for the purchase, distribution, and collection of all uniforms as needed and as approved by the board. Shall be responsible for any other duties assigned by the President.

Equipment Manager: Shall be responsible for issuing, maintaining, and keeping records for all Equipment owned by LPBBA. Shall be responsible for ordering Equipment necessary to keep the league running properly. Shall be responsible for any other duties assigned by the President.

Publicity: Shall be responsible for maintaining the league website and publicizing the league in accordance to the procedures mandated by the board of directors. Shall be responsible for any other duties assigned by the President.

Fund Raiser: Shall be responsible for the development, coordination, and implementation of fund raising activities for the LPBBA. Shall be responsible for the development, coordination, and implementation of Sponsorship raising activities for the LPBBA. Shall be responsible for any other duties assigned by the President.

Field Maintenance Manager: Shall be responsible for coordinating all general maintenance for fields, including fertilizing and trimming, coordinating facility care with officials of the City of La Porte. Shall be responsible for any other duties assigned by the President. The Field Maintenance position will be a paid position with the amount to be determined by the board of directors, not to exceed eight hundred dollars per month.

Head Commissioner: Shall be responsible for the proper operation of all leagues in accordance with the policies and by-laws of the LPBBA. Shall be responsible for any other duties assigned by the President.

Foal Commissioner: Shall be responsible for the proper operation of the Foal League in accordance with the policies and by laws of the LPBBA. Is subordinate to the Head Commissioner. Shall be responsible for any other duties assigned by the President.

Shetland Commissioner: Shall be responsible for the proper operation of the Shetland League in accordance with the policies and by laws of the LPBBA. Is subordinate to the Head Commissioner. Shall be responsible for any other duties assigned by the President.

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Pinto Commissioner: Shall be responsible for the proper operation of the Pinto League in accordance with the policies and by-laws of the LPBBA. Is subordinate to the Head Commissioner. Shall be responsible for any other duties assigned by the President.

Mustang Commissioner: Shall be responsible for the proper operation of the Mustang League in accordance with the policies and by-laws of the LPBBA. Is subordinate to the Head Commissioner. Shall be responsible for any other duties assigned by the President.

Bronco Commissioner: Shall be responsible for the proper operation of the Bronco League in accordance with the policies and by-laws of the LPBBA. Is subordinate to the Head Commissioner. Shall be responsible for any other duties assigned by the President

Pony/Colt Commissioner: Shall be responsible for the proper operation of the Pony and Colt League in accordance with the policies and by-laws of the LPBBA. Is subordinate to the Head Commissioner. Shall be responsible for any other duties assigned by the President

Pre/Post Season Tournament Director: Shall be responsible for the development, coordination, and implementation of the Pre/Post Season Tournaments with the assistance of the board. Shall be responsible for any other duties assigned by the President

SECTION 4: LPBBA Finances: The President, Vice President, Treasurer, and others as deemed necessary in order for LPBBA to function without interruption shall be signers on the LPBBA Checking Account. The President, Treasurer, and Vice President are a MUST. Under no circumstances will two members of the same household have signature rights on any LPBBA account for internal control purposes.

ARTICLE VI

COMMITTEES

All committees will be appointed by the President and will consist of five or more members. These committees can be made up of any member interest in helping to improve the program. Committees shall include, but not limited to: Finances, Constitution, By-Laws, Discipline, Protest, and Tournament.

ARTICLE VII

FEES

SECTION 1: Sponsor fees for all leagues shall be set annually by the board. This preferably shall be paid before the first game of the season.

SECTION 2: Registration fees shall be set annually by the Board and collected at registration.

ARTICLE VIII

BOARD MEETINGS

SECTION 1: The installation of new Board members shall be held at the first Board meeting following Closing Day and the counting of the ballots.

SECTION 2: Regular Board meetings shall be held at least once a month. Additional meetings may be called by any member of the Board as needed.

SECTION 3: The date and time for regularly scheduled meetings shall be posted on the league website.

SECTION 4: An official meeting shall be called to order by the President or designee and consist of Fifty-one percent (51%) of the Board members present in order to vote.

SECTION 5: Roberts Rules of Order shall govern all board meetings

ARTICLE IX

AMENDMENTS and By-Laws

This Constitution or any section thereof may be amended or repealed by a majority vote of the Board Members present at any official meeting, The President may Veto at his/her discretion.

In the event of a Veto by the President

This Constitution or any section thereof may be amended or repealed by a two-thirds vote of the Board members present at any official meeting, provided that written notice of such changes over the signature of the Secretary shall be handed/mailed/e-mailed to each member of the Board at least seven days in advance. **This cannot be Vetoed by The President or any other Board Member.**