

By-laws of Belvidere Youth Baseball, Inc.

Article I

Name, Territory, and Offices

Section 1. Name This organization shall be known as Belvidere Youth Baseball, Inc., a Not-For-Profit Corporation, sanctioned by the State of Illinois, Certificate of Incorporation Number 9311, January 17, 1958.

Section 2. Territory. The territory served by Belvidere Youth Baseball, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as “the Association”) is the geographical area identified as Boone County, Illinois and surrounding areas.

Section 3. Offices. The headquarters and principal of the Association shall be the City of Belvidere, County of Boone, State of Illinois.

Article II

Purpose

The purpose and mission of the Association are:

- (a) To organize, promote and sponsor a comprehensive baseball program serving the youth residing in Boone County, Illinois and surrounding areas pursuant to Article I, Section 2 of this document.
- (b) To acquire, maintain, and operate playing facilities for the promotion of the forgoing purposes.
- (c) To promote and encourage the spirit of competition, teamwork, sportsmanship, community, and fair play.
- (d) To receive by gift, device, bequest, or otherwise money or other property, or any estate therein, legal or equitable, and to hold the same and expend, contribute, disburse, and otherwise handle and dispose of the same, or the income therefrom, for the promotion of the forgoing purpose
- (e) To do any and all other things necessary and proper in connection with or incidental to any of the forgoing.

Article III

Membership and Association Meetings

Section 1. Membership. Membership is attained by those 18 years and older with receipt of application and submission of a registration fee determined by the Board of Directors. Each registered family shall receive one vote in the annual election in November. Membership is also available to persons of good moral character with

demonstrated and continued interest within the Association's purpose and mission. Participation within the program shall include the Executive Board, Board of Directors, registered managers and coaches, and any other board approved volunteers who have donated their time and efforts. Membership is renewable annually by payment of registration fees and demonstration of active participation in the program. Membership may be revoked for non-payment of fees, lack of participation in the program, or for cause, by action of the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Regular Meetings. The regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held each month on the second Wednesday for reading of reports, the administration of the Association's program and other such business as may properly come before the meeting. The time and place of such meeting will be determined by the Board of Directors and properly communicated to the general membership.

Section 3. Special Meetings. Special Meetings of the Association may be called at any time by the President or by three members of the Executive Board and must be called by the President or Secretary upon written request of five members of the Board of Directors.

Section 4. Quorum. At any meeting of the Board of Directors, five members shall constitute a quorum. At any meeting of the general membership, seven members, including one member of the Executive Board and one member of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.

Section 5. Voting. Each member shall be entitled to one vote for the election of the Executive Board and the Board of Directors. The President while acting as moderator (or anyone acting in the moderator's capacity) shall only vote in case of a tie. All questions shall be decided by a majority vote of members present, except as otherwise specifically provided by the By-Laws of the Association. No voting by proxy shall be permitted. To be eligible to vote in the annual elections you must be a member in good standing as determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 6. Order. All meetings shall be conducted under Robert's Rules of Order, except as may be specifically provided elsewhere in the By-Laws.

Article IV **Elected Officials**

Section 1. Executive Board. The Executive Board shall consist of the President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. The Executive Board shall be elected from the general membership annually at the November regular meeting. The Executive Board shall be responsible for the ongoing day-to-day management of the Association's business and affairs as noted in the official job duties as determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. The Board of Directors. The Board of Directors is responsible for the operation of the program. The Board of Directors shall be elected annually at the November regular meeting. They will be responsible for coordinating and managing the over-all program of the Association. General duties shall include serving as on-site administrators, preparing budgets, assisting with signups, drafts and equipment disbursements, helping with the ice cream social, and other activities pertaining to the objectives of the Association. The Board of Directors determines the number of officials on the Board and their job duties. All board members must pass a background check to be conducted by a third party in order to be eligible to continue service after elected. This must occur within 30 days of the election date. In the event that an elected board member does not pass, the board will take nominations and elect a new person at the next regular meeting.

Article V
Contracts

Unless specifically authorized in writing by the Executive Board, no officer, agent, or member of the Association shall have any power or authority to bind the Association by any contract or engagement or to pledge its credit or render it liable financially for any purpose or any amount.

Article VI
Fiscal Affairs

Section 1. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the association shall commence on January 1, and shall end on December 31.

Section 2. Audit. The accounts of the association shall be audited each year as of the 31st of December. Such audit shall be performed by a certified public accountant of recognized standing who is not an officer of the Association. The certified audit shall be submitted to the Executive Board for presentation to the general membership.

Article VII
Funds and Property

Section 1. Funds and Property. All funds and property given to, received by, or coming into custody of the Association are to be expended and/or disposed of only for the purposes authorized by the Board of Directors and then in accordance with the rules, regulations, and policies of the Association as these may be amended from time to time.

Section 2. Depositories. All funds of the Association shall be deposited in banks or depositories, designated by the Executive Board, in the name of “Belvidere Youth Baseball, Inc” and all withdrawals from such accounts shall be made only by

checks or similar orders signed by the President or Vice President of the association and counter-signed by the Treasurer. Only banks that are members of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation may be used as depositories, unless specific approval of the Board of Directors to use some other depository, or to otherwise invest the funds of the Association is first obtained.

Section 3. Protection of Funds. Funds of the Association are to be protected and administered with the utmost care. The Association shall place an appropriate fidelity bond on each Association officer or employee having custody or control over Association funds. All checks cut from the organization's account must require two signatures. The two signatures must be those of members of the Executive Board only.

Article VIII

Administration of the Baseball & Softball Program

Section 1. Discipline. The Executive Commissioners shall have the authority to suspend, discharge, or otherwise discipline any member, manager, coach, umpire, player, or other person participating in or spectating any activity on Association property whose conduct is deemed detrimental to the best interests of the Association's program and mission.

Section 2. Notification and Hearing. The President shall, upon notification from the Executive Commissioner of any disciplinary action notify such person within seventy-two (72) hours by any reasonable means, of such discipline and offer an opportunity to appeal to the Executive Board. Should the person being disciplined opt to appeal, a hearing in front of the Executive Board will be set within five (5) days of the notice to appeal. If said person is a player, the manager of his/her team, the player's parents or legal guardians, and the player agent will be notified of the disciplinary action taken and the rights of appeal. The Player Agent must appear in the capacity of advisor to the player if an appeal is requested. Any person appearing before the Executive Board in appeal of disciplinary action may challenge the right of any Executive Board member to sit in judgment on the basis of direct and personal involvement of the incident in question. The President shall decide all challenges, and in the event of a challenge to the President, the Vice-President shall decide the challenge.

Section 3. Managers and Coaches. The Executive Board and Board of Directors shall approve all team managers. Each manager shall be responsible for their team's conduct on or off the field at such times as the team's presence is required. Each manager shall report his selection of coaches to the respective League Commissioner for approval and recording. All managers, assistants, and coaches involved in team-related activities such as practice, games, camps, or clinics, must pass a background check to be completed by a third party. All persons who pass this will be considered eligible to manage, coach, or assist a team at BYB.

Section 4. Protests and Rules Interpretation. The League Commissioners moderated by the Executive Commissioners will act as Rules and Protest Committee. The committee shall be responsible for recommending any special rules of play to the Board of Directors for adoption. A protest over decisions of play may be heard by a quorum of any three (3) or more League Commissioners and the league's Executive Commissioner acting as moderator. In the event of the Executive Commissioner's absence, another League Commissioner in attendance shall be appointed temporary moderator by a majority of League Commissioners present, but in no event shall there be less than four League Commissioners present (including the moderator) in deciding a protest. Any League Commissioner who is a team manager, coach, or player from any team involved in a dispute or protest shall be disqualified from hearing that dispute or protest involving that team. The committee shall keep record of protests and report their outcomes to the Executive Board.

Article IX
Amendments

These By-Laws may be altered, amended or repealed at a special meeting of the general membership by a two-thirds majority vote of those members present, provided that notice of such proposed changes be given to the general membership by posting the same on the association's website at least fifteen days before the meeting.

Approved March 1, 2017

 _____ President

_____ Secretary

Indemnification

Each person who at any time is or shall have been a director, officer, employee, or agent of this corporation, or is or shall have been serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee, or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, or other enterprise, shall be indemnified by this corporation in accordance with and to the full extent permitted by the General Not For Profit Corporation Act of Illinois as in effect at the time of adoption of this by-law or as amended from time to time. The foregoing right of indemnification may be entitled under any by-law agreement, vote of members of disinterested directors, or otherwise. If authorized by the Board of Directors, the corporation may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person to the full extent permitted by the General Not For Profit Corporation Act of Illinois as in effect at the time of the adoption of this by-law or as amended from time to time.

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