

Greencastle-Antrim Baseball/Softball Association

BY LAWS

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Article 1

Section 1 The association is incorporated under the non-profit corporation Laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and is formed exclusively for charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Section 2 The association is to be operated as a public undertaking for the benefit of the residents of the Greencastle-Antrim School District. The assets of the association will be used exclusively for the training of youths for the purpose of improving and developing their capabilities in amateur athletics.

Section 3 In the event of dissolution, the assets of the association will be turned over to one or more qualified charitable organizations, recognized under IRS Code (C) (3).

Section 4 The association is open to any resident of the Greencastle-Antrim School District without regard to race, religion, social or economic status who remains in good standing with the association.

Section 5 No director or officer of this association shall use it as a means of furthering any personal, political, or other aspirations, nor shall the organization, as a whole, take part in any movement not in keeping with the real purpose of the association.

Article II

Section 1 The assets and the affairs of the association shall be managed by the Board of twenty-four (24) Directors.

Section 2 Each year, new directors shall be elected for a three-year term to replace the directors whose terms currently expire. These new directors will be elected by a majority vote by the existing directors with the objective of achieving broad-base support for the association.

Section 3 The directors shall be appointed to represent the following:
Four directors to represent Greencastle Boys Little League
Four directors to represent Greencastle Girls Rookie & Major League
Two directors to represent Greencastle Girls Fast Pitch
Four directors to represent Greencastle Boys Junior & Senior League
Two directors to represent T-ball
Four directors to represent the Concession stand
Remaining directors will remain at large.

Section 4 If the office of any director becomes vacant, the remaining directors, by a majority vote, shall elect a successor to fill the un-expired term.

Section 5 The Board of Directors, with a 2/3 majority vote of the twenty-four directors may dismiss any director or participant if his or her behavior deemed detrimental to the association.

Section 6 At least a majority (which constitutes a quorum) of the directors of the association must be present at a meeting to vote on any business concerning the association.

Section 7 During the playing season, 2/3 of the executive committee must be present at a vote on any business concerning the association.

Section 8 A majority votes of the Board of Directors at any duly constituted meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of the affairs of the association, unless otherwise stated in the By-Laws.

Section 9 No director or officer of the association shall receive any direct compensation for the services rendered of any kind to the association, with exception of umpiring, unless approved by the executive board.

Section 10 All directors will attend monthly meetings at the call of the president.

Section 11 Additional meetings may be called by the president or on written request of at least three (3) directors of the association. The meeting is to be held within a seventy-two hour period of the written request.

Article III

Section 1 The officers of the association shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary and Assistant Secretary. The said officers shall be elected by majority vote of the Board of Directors. The executive board shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Assistant Secretary and league chairpersons.

Section 2 Any vacancy in any office shall be filled by the Board of Directors.

Section 3 The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and shall have general and active management of the activities of the association. He/She shall have the general supervision of all officers of the association and shall see that their duties are properly performed.

Section 4 In the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall be vested with all powers to perform the duties of the President.

Section 5 In the absence of the President and the Vice-President, the order as listed in Article III, Section 1 will be followed.

Section 6 The treasurer shall keep an accurate account of the recipients and disbursements in the books belonging to the association. All monies and other valuable papers of the association shall be placed in such depositories as may be designed by the board, an accounting of all transactions, as they may require. The financial conditions of the association shall be presented at all regular meetings of the Board.

Section 7 The secretary shall report all the votes and proceedings of the Board of Directors in a book to be kept for that purpose. He/She shall perform such duties as pertain to the office that the Board of Directors may require. In the absence of the secretary from any meeting, the records of the proceedings shall be kept by such other person as may be appointed for that purpose at the meeting.

Article IV

Section 1 All persons with the authority to sign checks, drafts and other order of payment of the money will be bonded by the association.

Section 2 All promissory notes and acceptance shall be signed by the Officers of the Board of Directors.

Article V

Section 1 The annual accounting period for the association shall commence the first day of January in each year and end on the following thirty-first day of December.

Section 2 The books and records of the organization shall be reviewed annually by an accountant as a report submitted directly to the President of the Association.

Article VI

Section 1 Amendments to these by-laws may be made by a 2/3 majority vote of the Board of Directors and only if the amendments are in conformity with the Internal Revenue's regulations on exempt organizations.

Rules & Regulations of the Greencastle-Antrim Baseball/Softball Association

Article 1

Section 1 The official name of the association is the Greencastle-Antrim Baseball/Softball Association. The association will organize an independent baseball league for youth's ages five to eighteen and an independent softball league for youth's ages five to eighteen.

Section 2 No admission will be charged to any game.

Section 3 No tobacco products are permitted in dugouts, bleacher area, concession stand area, playing fields, buildings and warm up areas.

Section 4 No pets, bicycles, rollerblades and skateboards are permitted within the Concession stand area as posted throughout the complex.

Article II

Section 1 The purpose of the Greencastle-Antrim Baseball/Softball Association is to organize, educate, and train youths for a baseball/softball programs in the Greencastle-Antrim area on a basis where citizenship and the ideals of good sportsmanship and fair play will be practiced and promoted.

Section 2 Players will be taught the fundamentals of baseball/softball. The safety, health, and welfare of each individual player will be the first and primary consideration by managers and coaches.

Article III

Section 1 The offices of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer of the association will be filled by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. All officers will be members of the Board of Directors.

Section 2 All officers must be voted on annually.

Section 3 Election of officers will be the first regular board meeting of October. Executive officers may not hold an executive position for more than two consecutive, 3-year terms. He/She must set out one year from an executive office before being elected again to an executive position.

Section 4 Each league selects one director from their group league of directors to be a liaison with all managers in their respective league.

Section 5 Managers may be members of the Board of Directors. Managers will not vote for their own positions or on any matters that pertain to their managing function.

Article IV

Section 1 The Board of Directors have been elected and will be members until their term expires or are dismissed for actions detrimental to the association.

Section 2 Reasons for dismissal include, but not limited to, four (4) excused or unexcused absences from meetings during the fiscal year or general disregard for the ideals and purposes of the association.

Section 3 Complaints and general disregard for the rules, ideals, purposes, policies, and programs by players, managers, the public and board members, must be brought before the Board of Directors in writing for review in a timely manner. The Board of Directors will determine what degree of action will be taken.

Article V

Section 1 All persons desiring to be a manager will submit their name to the league chairperson. The chairperson of the respective league will submit the names before the Board of Directors for approval no later than the April meeting. The chairperson will notify all candidates of the Board's decision. Prior to acceptance, a manager may be asked to authorize a background check according to league rules and sign a code of conduct.

Section 2 All managers must be present at the annual manager's meeting. They will present the name of their team mother to the concession committee by March 1st of the current year. All teams are required to be represented at the meeting.

Section 3 All managers will be held responsible for the fundraising efforts set forth by the Board of Directors.

Section 4 League chairpersons will present the Board with their rules and regulations by opening day for availability in the concession stand.

Section 5 All managers shall be approved by the Board of Directors annually, by a majority vote of the quorum. (Refer to Article II, Section 5 of the By-Laws)

Section 6 The Board of Directors with a 2/3 majority vote, of the required quorum, may dismiss any manager or coach if his/her actions are deemed detrimental to the association. (Refer to Article II, Section 5 of the By-Laws) No one will be permitted to manage two teams simultaneously except if approved by the Board of Directors.

Section 7 All tournament managers shall be approved by the Board of Directors by a majority vote and attend a tournament manager meeting.

Section 8 All Board members, managers, coaches, score keepers or any person who is in direct contact with players shall be required to submit an Act 34 clearance from the state of Pennsylvania if they wish to be considered for any of the mentioned positions. Clearance must be on file before the start of each individual leagues opening date.

Article VI

Section 1 The Board of Directors will approve all fundraising projects to support the association.

Section 2 At the first regular board meeting in October, the Board of Directors will appoint standing committees as needed:

- Equipment Committee
- Fundraising/Registration Committee
- Future Planning Committee
- Concession Stand Committee
- Suburban Representative Committee
- Tournament Committee
- Scheduling Committee

Section 3 All players must participate in the fundraiser by either donation at registration or participation in selling, which will be set by the Board of Directors.

Section 4 The chairperson of each league must present the umpire contacts for approval by the Board of Directors at the March meeting and must be approved annually thereafter.

Article VII

Section 1 The Board of Directors will determine the sign up dates for each year. Board approval will be necessary for participation of players who are not timely registered.

Section 2 Registration will be set by the association for regular season ball, fall ball and tournament ball.

Section 3 In order to ascertain physical fitness and proper age at registration, all youths that are registering with GABSA for the first time must submit proof of age and parent/guardian permission to participate in the program.

Section 4 Any "player" beginning their tender in the Greencastle-Antrim Baseball/Softball Association may continue after moving if no break in play in accordance with league by-laws.

Section 5 All rain-out or postponed games will take precedence over any practices to be held.

Section 6 No play will continue after a game is officially over due to insurance regulations.

Section 7 Birth dates for determining age eligibility:
Cut off date for baseball and rookie league will be April 30th.
Cut off for softball will be January 1st.

Section 8 Rookie League softball players must be six (6) years of age plus have one year of T-Ball if the child is six years of age.

Section 9 Rookie League baseball must be seven (7) years of age.

Section 10 Little League baseball/softball must be nine (9) years of age.

Section 11 Maximum age of a Little League baseball player must not exceed twelve (12) years of age and maximum age of Major League softball player must not exceed thirteen (13) years of age. Maximum age of a Girls Fast Pitch League player must not exceed eighteen (18) years of age.

Maximum age of a Boys Junior League player must not exceed fourteen (14) years of age unless fifteen (15) years of age are waived to play.

Maximum age of a Boys Senior League player must not exceed sixteen (16) years of age.

Section 12 Boys Little League official playing rules will be as published by Little League Baseball, Inc. Williamsport, PA except as amended by local league rules.

Section 13 Boys Jr/Sr League official playing rules will be as published by Little League Baseball, Inc. Williamsport, PA, except as amended for local league rules.

Section 14 Girls Major League official playing rules will be as published by ASA Softball, except as amended by local league rules.

Section 15 Girls Fast Pitch League official playing rules will be as published by USSSA Softball, except as amended by local league rules.

Section 16 All players for baseball and softball leagues will play a minimum of two innings in the field and have a minimum of one at bat per game.

Article VIII

Section 1 The Greencastle-Antrim Baseball/Softball Association board meetings will be held the second Sunday of each month at 6:00 p.m., unless otherwise posted.

Section 2 Any persons wishing to speak at the board meetings must request a 15-minute timeframe to be put at the beginning of the agenda for the meeting. The request must be made 48 hours in advance of the meetings to one of the executive officers.

Article IX

Section 1 All parents or guardians will be required to work the concession stand as assigned to the teams.

Section 2 A concession stand meeting for teams will be held each March and will be a mandatory meeting. If the team person is unable to attend, they must appoint someone to fill in.

Section 3 Each team person will receive a letter outlining their responsibilities as a team person for the concession stand.

Section 4 No persons under age sixteen (16) will be permitted in the concession stand without adult supervision.

Section 5 All rainouts or postponed games must be rescheduled with the Concession Stand Committee.

Article X

Section 1 All tournament games scheduled during regular play season shall be approved by the Executive Officers of the Board of Directors.

Section 2 All rosters including managers and coaches and dates of the tournaments will be handed in to the appropriate league director prior to the first tournament play.

Section 3 The Greencastle-Antrim Baseball/Softball Association will pay for each tournament team playing a tournament(s), outside of Greencastle. A maximum of \$150.00 toward entry fees will be provided to each team. Any additional tournament costs over \$150 will be collected from the players.

Section 4 Tournament teams shall be selected based on the criteria of each league.

Section 5 All players must be members of the Greencastle-Antrim Baseball/Softball Association and have participated in at least on half of the league games excluding injury and illness.

Section 6 All regular season practices will take first priority over tournament practices.

Section 7 Tournament team managers/coaches are responsible for registering for the tournaments that they select to participate in.

Section 8 GABSA will provide hats and jerseys if required. However these hats and jerseys will be returned to the league after tournament play concludes. If the players desire to purchase their own custom hats and jerseys, the players will be responsible for the costs. All GABSA team uniforms must comply with approved GABSA colors and design.

Section 9 Small fund raisers are allowed and encouraged. All fund raiser or monetary donation plans must be brought to and approved by the fund raising committee and/or league directors. All donations for tournament play or uniforms should be made payable to a business or organization. Checks or cash given to a team manager or coach is prohibited unless approved by the Executive Officers of the Board of Directors.