

Greencastle-Antrim Baseball Softball Association

Bylaws

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Article I – Rules and Regulations

Section 1 The official name of the association is Greencastle-Antrim Baseball/Softball Association. The Association will organize an independent baseball and softball league for youth league ages five (5) to eighteen (18).

Section 2 No admission fees will be charged to enter any game

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

Section 4 No bicycles, rollerblades, or skateboards are permitted within the concession stand area or other posted areas throughout the complex.

Section 5 No pets are permitted within the areas posted throughout the complex.

Section 6 The mission of the Greencastle-Antrim Baseball/Softball Association is to organize, educate, and train youths for 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 7 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 II - Board of Directors

Section 1 The Board of Directors consists of twenty-five (25) members

Section 2 Team managers may be members of the Board of Directors. Managers shall not participate in the voting of their own position or on any matter that pertains to their managing function.

Section 3 A majority of votes by the Board of Directors at any duly constituted meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of affairs of the association, unless otherwise stated in the Constitution or Bylaws

Section 4 Any vacancy in any office shall be filled by the Board of Directors at any duly constituted meeting at any time.

Section 5 The Board of Directors have been elected and will remain members until their term expires or are dismissed for actions detrimental to the association or league. Terms will run from October 1st – September 30th annually.

Section 6 Reasons for board dismissal include, but are not limited to, four (4) unexcused absences from regularly scheduled meetings during the term year, or general disregard for the ideals and purposes of the association or local league.

Section 7 The Board of Directors will provide a 15-minute grace period to attend a scheduled board meeting after which it will be counted as an absence. If contact is made with the Executive Board prior to the meeting start, a 20-minute grace period will be granted.

Section 8 All board members will be required to complete the required background clearances outlined by the league and governing body (Little League International). Clearances must remain on file for the current season.

Section 9 The Board of Directors must approve all fundraising efforts to support the association.

Section 10 At the annual board meeting in October, the Board of Directors will appoint committees as found necessary for the upcoming season. Standing committees at a minimum should include:

- Project Committee
- Finance Committee
- Sponsorship Committee
- Facilities and Grounds Committee
- Umpire Committee
- Concession Stand Committee
- Playing Equipment Committee
- Planning Committee

Section 11 Board meetings will be held on the second Sunday of each month at 6pm, unless otherwise stated.

Section 12 Board meetings are closed sessions to the public. Any person not a current member of the Board of Directors wishing to speak at a board meeting 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 meeting to one of the executive officers.

Section 13 League chairpersons for their respective league will present to the board updated Operating Manuals and must have them approved and posted on the website prior to opening day.

Section 14 No two (2) board members who live within the same household (spouses, partners, etc.) shall be permitted to hold Executive Board positions concurrently within the same term period.

Article III – Office of Treasury

Section 1 All persons with authority to sign checks, drafts, and other orders 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.

Section 3 The annual accounting period for the association shall commence the first day of January in each year and end on the following thirty-first (31) day of December.

Section 4 The books and records of the organization shall be reviewed annually by an accountant and a report submitted directly to the President of the Association.

Article IV – Team Managers

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 March meeting. The Chairperson will then notify all candidates of the board's decision. Prior to acceptance, a manager may be required to authorize a background check and sign a code of conduct in accordance with the league rules and regulation.

Section 2 All managers must be present at the annual managers meeting. The manager and assistant coaches may all be present, and each team must be represented at the meeting. A team parent must be named and be present at the team parent meeting. The team parent will be responsible for gathering information regarding concession stand responsibilities, team pictures, and any fundraising.

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

Section 4 All managers shall be approved by the Board of Directors annually, by a majority vote of the quorum (Refer to Article IV, Section 7 of Constitution regarding quorum)

Section 5 The Board of Directors with a 2/3 majority vote, may dismiss any manager, coach, official or board member from their role if their actions are deemed detrimental to the association or league. (Refer to Article III, Section 4 of Constitution regarding suspension or termination)

Section 6 No one shall manage two or more teams simultaneously unless otherwise approved by the Board of Directors.

Section 7 All Tournament (All-Star) managers and coaches shall be approved by the Board of Directors by a majority vote. The approve managers must attend a tournament manager/coaches meeting.

Section 8 All board members, managers, coaches, score keepers, or other persons who are in direct contact with players are required to complete the required background clearances outlined by the league and its governing body (Little League International). Clearances must be completed prior to interaction with players and before the first practice of the current season. The clearances must be submitted to the board and will remain on file for the current season.

Article V – Participation

Section 1 The Board of Directors will determine the registration start and end dates for each season. The board will approve participation of players who fail to register by the end date on a case-by-case basis.

Section 2 All players must participate in the fundraiser set by the Board of Directors by either donation made at registration or participating in selling

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

Section 4 All rain-out or postponed games will take precedence over any practices being held

Section 5 No play will continue after a game is officially over due to insurance regulations

Section 6 Determining League age eligibility:

Baseball – League age is determined by the actual age the player will be on August 31st of that current year.

Softball – League age is determined by the age of a player on December 31st of the previous year.

Section 7 A player who participates at league age eight (8) is eligible to play up from Rookie League to Minor League. However, the player must first be subject to evaluation by the Board of Directors and coaches to determine eligibility. In some cases, roster fulfillment requirements and safety of players will be factors considered in deciding on whether a player is able to play up or not. This is true at any level of play for considering a player's eligibility to play up in age.

Section 8 Official playing rules for Little League Baseball will be published by Little League Baseball, Inc, Williamsport, PA, except where amended by the local league in-house rules.

Section 9 Official playing rules for Junior League Baseball will be published by Little League Baseball, Inc, Williamsport, PA, except where amended by the local league in-house rules.

Section 10 Official playing rules for Senior League Baseball will be published by Little League Baseball, Inc, Williamsport, PA, except where amended by the local league in-house rules.

Section 11 Official playing rules for Little League Softball will be published by Little League Softball, Inc, Williamsport, PA, except where amended by the local league in-house rules.

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Section 14 If at any point a league is playing under another sanctioning body other than Little League, the official rules will publish by the governing body of that league. (ex. USSSA, ASA Softball, etc.) except where amended by the local league in-house rules.

Section 15 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 VI – Concession Stand

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

Section 2 A mandatory team parent meeting will be held in March which will include information and the team requirements for working the concessions stand. This meeting is mandatory, and the appointed team parent must attend or must appoint someone to attend on their behalf. Each team **must** be represented at this meeting.

Section 3 Each appointed team parent will receive information outlining their responsibilities as the appointed team parent. They will receive information regarding concession stand duties, team picture details, and other useful information that will need to be communicated to ALL parents of the team.

Section 4 No persons under the age of fourteen (14) are permitted in the concession stand without adult supervision.

Section 5 All rainouts or postponed games will be rescheduled, and concession stand duties may also be rescheduled.

Article VII – Tournament Team Play (All-Stars)

Section 1 All tournament team games that are scheduled during regular play season must be approved by the Executive officers of the Board of Directors.

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

Section 3 Tournament teams shall be selected based on the criteria of each league.

Section 4 All Players must be members of Greencastle-Antrim Baseball/Softball Association and have participated in at least half the league games, excluding injury and illness.

Section 5 All regular season practices/games will take priority over any tournament team practices or scrimmages.

Section 6 Tournament team managers/coaches are responsible for registering for any additional tournaments they choose to participate in.

Section 7 Tournament team players and managers/coaches will be selected by June 1st. Custom uniforms will be designed and ordered for the team. The parents/guardians of players will be responsible for the cost of the teams' uniforms. All team uniforms must comply with approved GABSA colors and design.

Section 8 Small fundraisers are allowed and encouraged to help offset the cost of uniforms, additional tournaments, and travel costs. All fundraisers or monetary donations must be approved by the Board of Directors. **All donations made to the team for tournament play or uniforms should be made payable to the GABSA organization and not to individuals.** Checks and cash given to a team manager or coach is prohibited unless approved by the Executive officers of the Board of Directors.