

Greencastle-Antrim Baseball Softball Association

Bylaws

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Article I – Rules and Regulations

Section 1. Name and Purpose

The official name of the organization is the **Greencastle-Antrim Baseball/Softball Association** (“the League”). The Association operates an independent youth baseball and softball league for participants ages five (5) through eighteen (18).

Section 2. Mission

The mission of the League is to organize, educate, and train youth in baseball and softball programs in the Greencastle-Antrim area while promoting citizenship, good sportsmanship, and fair play.

Section 3. Admission

No admission fees shall be charged for entry to any game.

Section 4. Tobacco-Free Facilities

The use of tobacco products is prohibited in all dugouts, bleacher areas, concession stand areas, playing fields, buildings, and warm-up areas.

Section 5. Prohibited Equipment

Bicycles, rollerblades, and skateboards are not permitted in the concession stand area or in other posted areas throughout the complex.

Section 6. Pets

Pets are not permitted in posted areas throughout the complex.

Section 7. Player Development and Safety

Players shall be taught the fundamentals of baseball and softball. The safety, health, and welfare of each player shall be the primary responsibility and first consideration of all Managers and Coaches.

Article II – Board of Directors

Section 1. Composition

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

Section 2. Eligibility and Voting Restrictions

Team Managers may serve on the Board of Directors. Managers shall not vote on matters related to their own position or on issues directly related to their team management responsibilities.

Section 3. Elections and Terms

Board members shall be elected by current members in good standing. Terms run annually from **October 1 through September 30**. Members are expected to serve their full term before resignation, unless they resign due to unforeseen circumstances or are dismissed through corrective action.

Section 4. Attendance and Participation

Board members are expected to attend all regularly scheduled monthly meetings and actively participate in league activities, events, and functions.

Notice Requirement

Members unable to attend a meeting or participate in a required activity must notify both the League President and League Secretary in advance, including the reason for absence.

Unexcused Absences

An unexcused absence or unexcused instance of non-participation occurs when a member fails to attend or participate without providing advance notice.

Consequences

Repeated unexcused absences or non-participation may result in disciplinary action. Accumulation of such instances may lead to dismissal from the Board of Directors.

Section 5. Meeting Grace Period

A fifteen (15) minute grace period is allowed for board meetings. After this time, the member shall be marked absent. If prior contact is made with the Executive Board, a twenty (20) minute grace period applies.

Section 6. Background Clearances

All board members must complete the required background clearances as outlined by the League and Little League International. Clearances must remain on file for the current season.

Section 7. Fundraising Approval

All fundraising activities must be approved by the Board of Directors.

Section 8. Committees

At the annual October meeting, the Board shall appoint committees as needed. Standing committees shall include, at a minimum:

- Project Committee
- Finance Committee
- Sponsorship Committee
- Facilities and Grounds Committee
- Scheduling Committee
- Concession Stand Committee
- Planning Committee

Section 9. Meeting Schedule

Board meetings shall be held on the second Sunday of each month at 6:00 p.m., unless otherwise announced.

Section 10. Operating Manuals

League Chairpersons shall submit updated Operating Manuals for Board approval and have them published online prior to the Leagues scheduled Opening Day.

Section 11. Household Restrictions

No two (2) individuals residing in the same household may serve concurrently in Executive Board positions during the same term.

Section 12. Dismissal

By a two-thirds (2/3) vote, the Board may dismiss any Manager, Coach, Official, or Board Member for conduct detrimental to the League or for other reasons outlined in the Constitution or Bylaws. (Constitution – Article III, Section 4)

Article III – Office of the Treasury

Section 1. Financial Authority

All individuals authorized to sign checks or payment orders shall be bonded by the League.

Section 2. Financial Instruments

All promissory notes and acceptances shall be signed by Officers of the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Fiscal Year

The annual accounting period for the League commences on the first day of January each year and ends on the following December 31st.

Section 4. Annual Review

The League's financial records shall be reviewed annually by a qualified accountant, with findings submitted to the President.

Article IV – Team Managers

Section 1. Application and Approval

Manager candidates shall submit their name to the appropriate League Chairperson, who will present candidates to the Board for approval. All Background clearances and the Code of Conduct acknowledgement must be completed in accordance with the League's bylaws.

Section 2. Required Meetings

Managers/coaches must attend the annual Managers' Meeting. Each team must be represented at the meeting.

Section 3. Responsibility

Managers/coaches are responsible for distributing information to their team's parents regarding concession stand duties, team pictures, and fundraising efforts. It is also their responsibility for ensuring their team has full coverage for their scheduled concession stand shift.

Section 4. Annual Approval

Managers must be approved by the board annually by a majority vote of a quorum.

Section 5. Multiple Teams

No individual may manage more than one team unless approved by the Board.

Section 6. Tournament Managers and Coaches

Tournament Managers and Coaches must be approved by the Board and must be able to attend the required meetings and meet eligibility requirements set by Little League.

Section 7. Background Clearances

All individuals who are in direct contact with players must complete the required background clearances as outlined by the League and Little League International prior to the first practice. This includes managers, assistant coaches, team parents, scorekeepers, or any other volunteers.

Article V – Participation

Section 1. Registration

The Board shall establish registration deadlines. Late registrations may be approved on a case-by-case basis and may incur late registration fees.

Section 2. Fundraising

All players shall participate in Board-approved fundraising.

Section 3. Game Priority

Rescheduled games take precedence over practices.

Section 4. End of Play

No play shall continue after a game concludes.

Section 5. League Age

League age eligibility is determined by the sanctioning body (Little League International)

Section 6. Playing Up

Players may be permitted to play above league age only after evaluation by the Board of Directors and the Coaches. In some cases, roster requirements and player safety shall be key factors in determining eligibility.

Section 7. Playing Rules

Official playing rules shall be those of the applicable governing body (Little League International) unless amended by local league in-house rules.

Section 8. Minimum Play

Each player during the regular season shall play at least two (2) defensive innings and receive one (1) at-bat per game.

Article VI – Concession Stand

Section 1. Participation

All parents or guardians must work concession stand shifts as assigned.

Section 2. Age Restrictions

No one under the age of fourteen (14) may work in the concession stand unless directly supervised by their parent. No one under the age of eighteen (18) shall operate grill or fryers.

Section 3. Rescheduling

Concession duties may be rescheduled or postponed due to the weather.

Article VII – Tournament Team Play (All-Stars)

Section 1. Eligibility

Players must be registered members of the League and meet eligibility requirements set by the sanctioning body (Little League International).

Section 2. Selection

Tournament teams shall be selected based on the criteria set by the sanctioning body (Little League International).

Section 3. Approval

Any tournament team (All-star) games/scrimmages played during the regular season require Executive Board approval.

Section 4. Priority

All regular-season activities (games/practices) take priority over tournament team practices.

Section 5. Additional Tournaments

Participation in tournaments not sponsored by Little League must receive prior approval from the Board of Directors. Upon approved, team Managers shall be responsible for completing all tournament registration requirements.

Section 6. Uniforms

Parents/guardians of tournament team players shall be responsible for team uniform costs. All uniform designs must comply with the League standards and be approved by the Board of Directors

Section 7. Fundraising and Donations

Tournament team fundraising requires Board approval. All funds collected from fundraising or donations must be made payable to the League. Cash and checks made payable to a team manager, or a coach, is prohibited unless prior authorization is made by the Executive Board.