



Des Plaines Youth Baseball Ltd.

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Article I: Name and Purpose

Section 1: Name

This organization shall be known as Des Plaines Youth Baseball, also known as DPYB.

Section 2: Purpose

The purpose of DPYB is to allow all children to participate in organized baseball, fostering teamwork, sportsmanship, and personal growth.

In accordance with Section 501(c)(3) of the Federal Internal Revenue Code, Des Plaines Youth Baseball shall operate exclusively as a not-for-profit educational organization providing a supervised baseball program. No part of the net earnings shall inure to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual; no substantial part of the activities of which is carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and which does not participate in or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

Article II: Membership

Section 1: Eligibility

Membership in Des Plaines Youth Baseball is open to players, parents, guardians, coaches, and volunteers participating in our organization.

Section 2: Types of Membership

1. **Players'** Children registered to participate in the DPYB.
2. **Adult Members:** Parents, guardians, and individuals actively involved in DPYB.
3. **Board of Directors:** Individuals who run DPYB to run a smooth and fair youth baseball organization.

Section 3: Suspension or Termination

1. The Board of Directors, by a majority vote, shall have the authority to discipline, suspend, or terminate the membership of any member of any class when the conduct of

said person is considered detrimental to the best interests of DPYB.

Article III: Board of Directors Meetings

Section 1: DPYB Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall consist of members, including the following officers:

1. **President:** Oversees DPYB operations
2. **Vice President:** Assists the President and assumes responsibilities in their absence.
3. **Secretary:** Maintains record meeting minutes, and correspondence.
4. **Treasurer:** Manages League finances and prepares financial reports.
5. **Rules and Umpire Coordinator:** Responsible for training and scheduling umpires. Is knowledgeable on play rules for CSYBA, LSFBL, MSBL or any other leagues DPYB may play in.
6. **Chief Division Coordinator:** Assist Division Coordinators when needed.
7. **Concessions:** Responsible for stocking concession stands, Scheduling Concession workers and managing concession finances with the treasurer's assistance.

Section 2: Election and Terms

Board members shall be elected annually by adult members during the October Annual Elections. Election of the Board of Directors shall be by a majority vote of all members present. Absentee ballots will be accepted by the secretary if requested by members. The term of office is one year. Interested individuals who would like to hold an executive position should let their intentions known to the current board by the September monthly meeting with a cutoff to being put on the ballot communicated.

The office of President will be required to be filled by a person who has served on the board of directors in the previous year.

Section 3: Meetings

DPYB holds monthly meetings open to all Members. A quorum consists of a majority of the Board of Directors. Meetings are managed using Roberts Rules of Orders and facilitated by DPYB's President or Vice President.

Article IV: Player Eligibility

Section 1: Recreational "House" Age Divisions

The League shall operate the following divisions in line with local Leagues we participate in.

- Stars of Tomorrow “T-Ball”: Ages 4-6
- 8U: “1st and 2nd graders” - 8 or younger as of May 1st Spring Season
- 10U: “3rd and 4th Graders”- 10 or younger as of May 1st Spring Season
- 12U: “5th and 6th Graders”- 12 or younger as of May 1st Spring Season
- 14U: “7th and 8th Graders”- 14 or younger as of May 1st Spring Season

Section 2: Player Selection

It is the intent of DPYB that all persons are given the same opportunity to participate in the program and that we field fair competitive recreational level teams. In the Spirit of doing so Evaluations and Drafts take place prior to the Spring Season for all levels above Stars.

1. The draft will be conducted by presiding league officials. Each team shall be represented by its manager and no more than one coach, as selected by that manager. No other individuals will be allowed to attend the draft, either inside or outside of the draft room. The draft follows the DPYB draft protocol.
2. The Board recognizes one manager and up to one coach per team prior to the draft. The children of the manager and the coach are assigned to their respective teams before the draft begins and do not need to be drafted.
3. The sibling rule covers the pick of a player whose sibling is already a team member. Siblings are drafted together. Teams may not select a second non-sibling player who is the Child of a sponsor. Subsequent sponsor children must be selected by other teams within their respective division.
4. The Board reserves the right to vote to increase the number of teams or decide that it is in the best interest of the League to redraft that season. The redraft will follow the same procedure.
5. Stacked teams, all-star teams, travel teams, or any team that excludes recreational players are strictly prohibited from participating in the house league.

B. Registration and Evaluations

1. At registration, eligibility and league assignment is established. The Board may require that birth dates be verified by a birth certificate before a player is registered. Information is available to parents about the program and the various levels of play.
 - A. All Players (excluding Stars) are required to attend an evaluation process (“evaluations”). Evaluations will occur prior to the Draft and may consist of pitching, hitting, fielding, distance throw, timed dash, or other baseball related activities. At evaluations, those experienced in youth baseball will rate the performance and evaluate the proficiency of each player. Their recorded results will be provided to managers prior to the draft.

C. Team Drafts

1. The order of the draft will be determined by the average of player rating per team.
2. Each team will start with the manager's and coach's child already placed on their team. In the Event a Manager doesn't have a child playing they can choose a player that isn't the child of another manager or coach. The average of these players will be recorded. The team with the lowest player skill average will draft first. Once a player is drafted, the team player rating will be recalculated. The team with the lowest average will then draft. This will continue until all players have been selected.

D. Late Registration

1. Any player unable to attend player evaluations must submit in writing to the President their reasons for not participating in the player evaluations. If approved by the Board, the player will be evaluated and then included in the draft.
2. Late Registration – Prior to Draft. All players registering after player evaluations are required to submit in writing to the President their reasons for not participating in the player evaluations. If approved by the Board, the player will be evaluated and then included in the draft.
3. Late Registration – After the Draft. In addition to the requirements in "Late Registration – Prior to Draft", all players who register after the draft are subject to the following:
 - a. All players who register after the draft will be placed on a waitlist. These players will be assigned to a team in their appropriate division of play.
 - b. Registration will close by the board once deemed we have enough players to field teams and will not be meeting the threshold to add an additional team.
 - c. Division Coordinators shall assign any available players from the waitlist to teams with vacancies.

E. Additional Teams

1. **DPYB Warrior Baseball**- Offers DPYB players more competitive opportunities participating in local travel leagues, tournaments and off season training throughout the year. Registration and funding is separate and the responsibility of team managers. These are tryout level teams managed by volunteers. Teams must conduct open tryouts at least once a year.
2. **AllStar Teams**- May be fielded if there is interest. Division coordinators are responsible for the organization of such teams. All players participating in our recreational level "house" Spring Baseball are eligible if available and interested.
3. **Other** - Other teams such as Summer Ball or High School level teams can be fielded if there is interest from both players and adult volunteers.

ARTICLE VII - MANAGERS, COACHES AND UMPIRES

Section 1 - Team Managers and Coaches

Team manager and coaching positions will be filled by volunteer individuals. These individuals will be expected to complete and clear a background check prior to draft day for their division. In the event that a division has more volunteers than required coaches needed, the Board of Directors and Division Coordinator will make the final decision on who will be assigned to teams and drafting players. Those not selected will have their child (if applicable) placed in the player pool for the draft. All assigned coaches are expected to attend evaluations as well as their respective drafts.

Section 2 - Umpires

Umpires shall be appointed annually by the Chief Umpire(s), who shall be responsible for their assignments and for their actions on the field.

Section 3 – Board of Directors

While holding office all board members may coach, manage or umpire. Should any disputes or conflicts arise during a game due to a Directors actions, they should remove themselves from the game. The other coaches should continue the game. If there isn't an available coach another league officer may take over.

Article V: Conduct and Discipline

Section 1: Code of Conduct

All players, coaches, parents, and spectators must adhere to the League's Code of Conduct - promoting respect, sportsmanship, and fair play. This is in place for behavior towards players, coaches, fans, and umpires.

Section 2: Violations

Violations of the Code of Conduct shall result in disciplinary actions, including warnings, suspensions, or expulsions as determined by the board of Directors.

Article VI: Financial Policies

Section 1: Budget

The Treasurer shall prepare an annual budget for approval by the Board of Directors

Section 2: Fundraising

All fundraising activities must be approved by the Board. Funds raised shall be used for league operations, equipment, and field maintenance.

Section 3: Financial Reporting

The treasurer shall present a financial report at each board meeting and provide an annual report made available upon request.

Article VII: Amendments

Section 1: Proposal

Amendments to these bylaws may be proposed by any Adult Member communicated in Writing to the Board of Directors.

Section 2: Approval

Amendments require a two-thirds vote of the Regular Members present at a duly called meeting.

Article VIII: Dissolution

In the event of dissolution, all remaining assets shall be distributed to a non-profit organization supporting youth sports, as determined by the Board of Directors.

Approved on: [Date]

Signed by: [League President Name], President

Attested by: [League Secretary Name], Secretary