



SASKATOON BLUE JAYS BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

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CONSTITUTION

Article 1: Name

- 1.1 This organization shall be called the Saskatoon Blue Jays Baseball Association.

Article 2: Aims and Objectives

- 2.1 To promote, govern and enhance organized baseball within the Saskatoon Blue Jays Zone.
- 2.2 To stress values, appreciations and skills involved in the game of baseball.
- 2.3 To exercise a general supervision and direction over the interests of players, coaches, managers and executive with the emphasis on good character, citizenship and sportsmanship.
- 2.4 To ensure that there is both enjoyment of, and good competition in, the game of baseball.
- 2.5 To develop as many teams in all leagues of baseball as is practical and economical.

Article 3: Membership

- 3.1 The membership year shall be from March 1 to the last day of February.
- 3.2 All residents of the Saskatoon Blue Jays Baseball Zone are eligible for membership in the Association.
- 3.3 Membership Categories:
 - a. Regular – Parents/guardians of players who have registered and paid the required fees to play baseball for a Blue Jays Zone team
 - b. Associate – Persons within the Blue Jays Baseball Zone who are not parents/guardians of players and who have a legitimate interest in baseball and who have paid the Associate membership fee
- 3.4 **One** Regular member from each family with one or more properly-registered players shall have voting privileges.
- 3.5 All Associate members in good standing of the Saskatoon Blue Jays Baseball Association shall have voting privileges.

Article 4: Executive

- 4.1 All members in good standing of the Saskatoon Blue Jays Baseball Association are eligible for nomination to an executive position.
- 4.2 The executive shall consist of the following members:
President, Past-President, Vice-President, Secretary-Registrar, Treasurer, Equipment Manager, Uniform Manager, and Coordinators for each of the Rookie, Junior Mosquito, Mosquito, Pee Wee, and Bantam leagues of baseball.

Article 5: Executive Duties

5.1 President

- a. shall be responsible for setting meeting dates and informing the executive and general membership of the meetings.
- b. shall chair meetings in an orderly fashion.
- c. shall vote only in the event of a tie.
- d. shall, with the Vice-President, attend Saskatoon Baseball Council Meetings.
- e. shall be responsible for the zone representatives for each league.
- f. shall, with the Treasurer, be a signing officer of the Association.

5.2 Past-President

- a. shall provide guidance to the Executive.

5.3 Vice-President

- a. shall assume presidential duties in the absence of the President.
- b. shall, with the President, attend Saskatoon Baseball Council Meetings.

5.4 Treasurer

- a. shall present an up-to-date financial statement at each meeting.
- b. shall supervise all revenues and expenditures.
- c. shall, with the President, be a signing officer of the Association.
- d. shall be responsible for all fundraising activities.

5.5 Secretary-Registrar

- a. shall be responsible for all registration activities.
- b. shall notify schools, community associations, etc. of registration activities.
- c. shall record minutes of all executive and general meetings.
- d. shall be responsible for all correspondence.
- e. shall safe-keep the constitution, bylaws, rules and regulations, and archives.

5.6 Equipment Manager

- a. shall be responsible for all equipment.
- b. shall prepare a yearly estimated equipment budget.
- c. shall be responsible for all equipment purchases and authorizations of purchases under \$200.00. Those over \$200.00 require executive approval. On an urgent basis, s/he may obtain approval of at least two other executive members and must submit a written report of the "urgent purchases" at the next executive meeting.

5.7 Uniform Manager

- a. shall be responsible for all uniforms.
- b. shall prepare a yearly estimated uniform budget.
- c. shall be responsible for all uniform purchases and authorizations of purchases under \$200.00. Those over \$200.00 require executive approval. On an urgent basis, s/he may obtain approval of at least two other executive members and must submit a written report of the "urgent purchases" at the next executive meeting.

- 5.8 Coordinators for the different baseball leagues
- a. shall serve as liaisons between respective leagues and the executive.
 - b. shall represent the Association at all respective league meetings.
 - c. shall be responsible for ensuring impartial and unbiased evaluation of players and selection of teams.
 - d. shall be responsible for coordinating all team representatives and coaches.
- 5.9 The executive shall be responsible for setting the registration fees and for approving purchases of over \$200.00.

Article 6: Executive Term of Office

- 6.1 All executive members shall serve a one year term.
- 6.2 Executive members are eligible for re-election.
- 6.3 Should a vacancy occur, the executive shall have the power to appoint a replacement.

Article 7: Communication

- 7.1 Concerns at the player/parent level should be addressed to the following persons, in the following order:
Team Manager; then, if necessary, Coach; then, if necessary, Coordinator; then, if necessary, President.
- 7.2 Concerns at the team management level (for example, a need for additional equipment) should be addressed by the Coach to the Coordinator, who will then bring the matter to the attention of the appropriate member of the Executive or put the matter on the agenda of the next Executive meeting, as appropriate.
- 7.3 Complaints to the Executive that are received in writing must be added to the agenda of the next General Meeting.

Article 8: Committees

- 8.1 Discipline and Appeals Committee
 - a. members shall be the Vice-President as Chair plus two other members of the Executive.
 - b. shall deal with disciplinary matters and receive complaints from the membership.
 - c. prior to taking or recommending disciplinary action, shall inform the Saskatoon Baseball Council of the situation.
- 8.2 Coaching Selection Committee
Coaches for each league shall be selected by a committee comprised of the President, the Vice-President, and the Coordinator of the league for which coaches are being selected.

Article 9: Meetings

- 9.1 There shall be at least two general meetings per year.
 - a. Fall General Meeting: This shall be called the Annual Meeting and shall be held not later than September 30 in order to elect officers, present year-end reports including a financial statement and plan for the upcoming year.
 - b. Spring General Meeting: This meeting shall be held not later than March 30 to deal with matters for the upcoming season.
- 9.2 At least one executive meeting shall be held in each of the months of March, April, May, and June. Other meetings may be called by the President as required throughout

the year.

- 9.3 A quorum for executive meetings shall be 6 members, two of whom must be either the President, Vice-President, Secretary-Registrar or the Treasurer.
- 9.4 A quorum for general meetings shall be 4 executive members and 6 other eligible voting members, or 6 executive members.
- 9.5 Only eligible voting members in attendance at a meeting shall be allowed to vote.

Article 10: Affiliation

10.1 This Association is affiliated with:

- a. The Saskatoon Rookie Baseball League.
- b. The Saskatoon Junior Mosquito Baseball League.
- c. The Saskatoon Mosquito Baseball League.
- d. The Saskatoon Pee Wee Baseball League.
- e. The Saskatoon Bantam Baseball League.
- f. The Saskatoon Baseball Council.
- g. The Saskatchewan Baseball Association.
- h. Baseball Canada.

10.2 Decisions made by the affiliated organizations directly impact upon this Association.

Article 11: Jurisdiction

11.1 The Saskatoon Blue Jays Baseball Association shall have jurisdiction over the area (zone) designated by the Saskatoon Baseball Council and the various leagues with which it is affiliated.

Article 12: By-laws, rules and regulations

12.1 By-laws, rules and regulations may be adopted, amended or repealed at meetings with a two-thirds majority vote of the eligible voting members present at the meeting.

Article 13: Amendments to the Constitution

13.1 Amendments to the constitution shall be made at the general meetings only.

13.2 Written notice of amendments to the constitution must be given to the Secretary-Registrar at least 30 days prior to the general meeting.

13.3 A two-thirds majority vote is required to adopt changes to the constitution.