

Where Kids Play Ball



FYBA
Fairfield Youth Baseball Association Inc.

**FAIRFIELD YOUTH BASEBALL ASSOCIATION, INC.
CONSTITUTION
(Revised December 6, 2005)**

ARTICLE I

- A. The organization shall be known as the Fairfield Youth Baseball Association, Inc. (and abbreviated as FYBA).
- B. This league shall offer baseball/softball programs for boys and girls, ranging in ages from 4 – 18 years old. Specific leagues and age group combinations will be determined by the sanctioning organizations associated with FYBA (e.g. Babe Ruth, USSSA, AABC, etc.).

ARTICLE II

- A. The objective of the Fairfield Youth Baseball Association, Inc., shall be to implant firmly in the youth of the community the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage and reverence, so that they may be finer, stronger and happier and will grow to be good, clean, healthy citizens in the community of Fairfield, Ohio.
- B. This objective shall be achieved by providing supervised competitive baseball and softball games. The supervisors shall bear in mind that the attainment of exceptional skill for the winning of the game is secondary, and the molding of future citizens is of primary importance.

ARTICLE III

ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- A. All Managers and Board Members are eligible to nominate and vote for the Board of Directors. Nominations will be accepted at the August and September meetings. Elections will typically be held at the first meeting in October. All nominees must submit a completed nominating form to be eligible for potential election.
- B. The Board of Directors shall consist of the following Officers:

Administrative Leadership

Positions

President
Secretary
Treasurer (paid, non voting)

League Leadership Positions

Director of Babe Ruth
Director of Cal Ripken
Director of Farm League
Director of Instructional
Director of T-Ball
Director of Advanced Baseball (U9-U12)
Director of Girls Slow Pitch Softball
Director of Girls Fast Pitch Softball

System Leadership Positions

Director of Purchasing
Director of Field Maintenance
Director of Sponsors
Director of Field Scheduling
Asst. Director of Scheduling (girls)
Director of Players (Player Agent)
Director of Umpires (paid, non voting)
Asst Director of Umpires (girls, non paid, non voting)
Director of Publicity (boys and overall league)
Asst Director of Publicity (girls)

Board of Director Responsibilities Overview

Administrative Leadership Positions – these positions are intended to oversee (President) and document (Secretary/Treasurer) all aspects of the FYBA program operation. These positions will also assist other Board Members (both League and System Leadership) in areas requiring additional resources, to assure optimal league operation.

League Leadership Positions – these positions are responsible for overseeing all aspects of their league operation, including (but not limited to) recruiting/representing new manager candidates, assigning teams to managers, organizing and leading drafts (where applicable), establishing practice and game schedules for their leagues, serving as the first point of contact for addressing parent questions/concerns or resolving conflicts, representing their league interests to the FYBA Board of Directors.

System Leadership Positions – these positions encompass a diverse set of system responsibilities needed to assure smooth league operation (as determined by the FYBA Board of Directors) and can therefore change in scope from year to year. In general, these positions have been divided up to oversee/lead specific areas which have been shown over time to be vital to the FYBA program.

- C. Any prudent person residing in the city of Fairfield, Ohio, or our designated boundaries is eligible for both nomination to and serving on the Board of Directors.
- D. Signed Absentee Ballots must be given to the Secretary in a scaled envelope by Election Day.
- E. Nominees must be present at nominations and elections unless notification is submitted in writing within twenty- four (24) hours, and the President gives prior approval. Failure to do so will remove nominee's name from the ballot.
- F. Board members shall be elected for a one-year term by the majority vote of the eligible members present or by absentee ballot at the October meeting. Board Members must attend all meetings unless prior approval is given by the President.
- G. In the event the President is absent at a meeting, the Presidential authority will pass to the Vice President Babe Ruth.

ELECTION OF MANAGERS

- A. All FYBA Managers and Board Members are eligible to nominate for manager positions. All nominees must submit a completed nominating form to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors will elect by majority vote. The Board of Directors will assign teams to elected managers by majority vote. Nominations will be accepted at the January and February meetings (concurrent with FYBA registration timing). Election by the Board will be at the second meeting in February. Positions not filled on Election Day will be subject to the same procedure as stated. The Director of the League (i.e. the League VP) may appoint an Acting Manager until the proper election procedure can be attained. All Managers have an obligation to attend scheduled meetings.
- B. If an Officer of the Board resigns or is removed for reasons detrimental to the Fairfield Youth Baseball Association, Inc., the Board of Directors shall review the list of candidates from the February elections and seek additional nominees to fulfill the unexpired term. These nominees will be presented at the next regular meeting with nominations, upon proper motion, made from the floor. At the regular meeting following, all nominations shall be voted on by the eligible membership.
- C. All matters concerning the policy of the Fairfield Youth Baseball Association, Inc., shall be decided by the Board of Directors; however, the Board shall not make any policy contrary to the current FYBA

Constitution.

- D. Anywhere the word members or membership are used in this Constitution, they shall pertain to the eligible voting member as described in Article III, Paragraph A, except that at no time shall a player in the Fairfield Youth Baseball Association, Inc., be deemed an eligible voting member.

ARTICLE IV

- A. A bi-weekly meeting of the Board of Directors and the eligible members shall be conducted on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in the months of October through March. During the months of April through September, a monthly meeting shall be conducted on the 1st Tuesday. Additional and fewer meetings may be called by the President or upon the request of at least 3 Board of Directors, with a forty-eight (48) hour notice to all eligible members.
- B. A Board of Directors meeting shall be held at the discretion of the President, or upon the request of at least 3 Board Members with at least a forty-eight (48) hour notice to all Board members. However, at least one Board meeting must be held in every month there is a meeting as described in Article IV, Paragraph A.
- C. A majority of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum at any meeting and a majority vote of those eligible members shall govern, except where otherwise provided.
- D. Roberts Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings of all meetings, except where same conflicts with the Constitution or By-Laws of the League.

ARTICLE V

- A. Once an individual has attained a Managerial position in the Fairfield Youth Baseball Association, Inc., that individual retains all rights to that team until resignation, or the individual is removed for any reason detrimental to the Fairfield Youth Baseball Association, Inc.
- B. If a manager resigns or is removed for reasons detrimental to the Fairfield Youth Baseball Association, Inc., the procedure as defined in Article III, Paragraph H, applies. In the event there is no list of candidates, the Board of Directors will appoint an acting Manager for the remainder of that season. This situation does not qualify a Manager for the benefits of Article V, Paragraph A.

ARTICLE VI

- A. Advanced Programs (AABC, etc.) will also be offered as part of the total FYBA program (up to two teams per age group, beginning with U9). New managers for these programs are nominated and elected at the first Board meeting in July, to allow time for teams to host tryouts and fill roster positions. Each team is expected to contribute at least one hundred hours of service to FYBA each season to gain access to fields for practices and games. Each team is also encouraged to host a tournament if field availability allows. These teams have full responsibility for their operation, including (though not limited to) rosters, coaching staffs, finances, scheduling, fundraising etc., and the manager will retain rights to the team each successive season, unless removed for reasons detrimental to the Fairfield Youth Baseball Association, Inc.

ARTICLE VII

- A. Operating committees necessary to the administration of this organization may be appointed by the President or may be established by any member of the Board of Director upon proper motion and a majority vote of the Board members at a duly constituted meeting. The Chairperson of all such committees shall be a member of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VIII

- A. Any youth meeting the requirements as to age and residence as set forth in the Rules governing

the affected league and of the Fairfield Youth Baseball Association, Inc., shall be eligible to compete for participation in the Fairfield Youth Baseball Association, Inc.

- B. Once a youth is chosen for membership in the Fairfield Youth Baseball Association, Inc., such youth shall perform any reasonable service required and shall be required to pay a player fee as established by the Board of Directors of the Fairfield Youth Baseball Association, Inc.
- C. Members of the Board of Directors, upon evidence of the misconduct of eligible members, umpires, and coaches, shall notify such person within forty-eight (48) hours of the act. Said person shall appear before the Board of Directors which shall have the full power to suspend or revoke, by a majority vote, such person's right of future participation.
- D. Members of the Board of Directors, upon evidence of the misconduct of any player, shall notify the Manager of the team of which the player is a member, within forty-eight (48) hours of the act. Said Manager shall appear with the player before the Board of Directors which shall have the full power to suspend or revoke, by a majority vote, such player's right of future participation.
- E. If a player leaves his or her team, that player will become ineligible to return to the Fairfield Youth Baseball Association, Inc., without Board review and approval.
- F. Any Manager or coach that leaves the Fairfield Youth Baseball Association, Inc., to participate in another Baseball or Softball Organization within the Tri-State area will not be permitted to return to the Fairfield Youth Baseball Association, Inc., as a Manager or a coach, without Board review and approval.

ARTICLE IX

- A. The Board of Directors shall decide all matters pertaining to the finances of the Fairfield Youth Baseball Association, Inc., and shall place all income in the Fairfield Youth Baseball Association, Inc., treasury, directing expenditures in such a manner as will give no individual or team an advantage over the other as to equipment, etc.
- B. The Fairfield Youth Baseball Association, Inc., will have a common treasury that shall be comprised of all player fees, sponsor fees, Booster contributions, concession stand monies, field rental and other funds as directed by the Board.
- C. Special treasuries may be set up with Board approval for specific purposes. No funds from the common treasury may be placed in these accounts. Any fund raising activity to establish and maintain these accounts must be approved by the Board. No individual is to benefit by any fund raising activity and all monies collected must be turned in to the Treasurer. The rules and guidelines governing disbursements from the common treasury apply to these special treasuries.
- D. The billing of sponsors shall be made by written invoice.

ARTICLE X

- A. The official playing rules and regulations of The Fairfield Youth Baseball Association, Inc., as published by the governing league of participation, shall be binding on those teams, except as noted in the local playing rules.

- B. The local rules of leagues shall be adopted by the individual Managers of such league and presented by the Vice President or appointee who will present them to The Board for approval. The rules will be adopted if no conflict arises concerning the overall operation of The Fairfield Youth Baseball Association, Inc. These rules are to be presented not less than two months prior to the first scheduled game of the season.
- C. All rules will be in writing and will be given to each Manager by the Vice President of each respective league.
- D. Participation will be in leagues approved by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XI

- A. The Board may institute operational procedures in order to effectively administer the objectives and operation of the Fairfield Youth Baseball Association, Inc. Operation procedures are procedures, rules or guidelines established by the Board of Directors concerning the operation of the league. Examples include:
 - a. Responsibility of different teams as to who will care for field equipment, the turning on/off of lights, etc.
 - b. Collection of league funds and other money.
 - c. Uniform issuance and return.
- B. These procedures will be given to the Manager in writing and kept in the Secretary's minutes for reference. Emergency measures will be communicated either by the Vice President or at regular meetings to the Managers.

ARTICLE XII

This Constitution may be amended or repealed by a 2/3 vote of eligible members at a duly constituted meeting as described in Article IV, Paragraph A. At such a meeting, an eligible member shall distribute such change in writing to all eligible members. At the next regularly scheduled meeting described in Article IV, Paragraph A, such changes or additions shall be discussed and voted on.

This Constitution was adopted on January 3, 2006, and supercedes all others.