

ARTICLE I - NAME

This organization shall be known as the Yuma Boys Baseball League, hereinafter referred to as "YBBL".

ARTICLE II - OBJECTIVE

SECTION 1

The objective of shall be to instill good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage and respect for authority.

SECTION 2

To achieve this objective, will provide a supervised program under the Rules and Regulations of Little League Baseball, Incorporated. All Directors, Officers and Members shall bear in mind that the attainment of exceptional athletic skill or the winning of games is secondary, and the molding of future citizens is of prime importance. In accordance with Section 501-(c)-(3) of the Federal Internal Revenue Code, shall operate exclusively as a non-profit educational organization providing a supervised program of competitive baseball and softball games. No part of the net earnings shall benefit any 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 III - MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1

Eligibility. Any person sincerely interested in active participation to further the objective of may apply to become a Regular Member by committing to the following:

- (a) Willing to volunteer for the Board of Directors or Ancillary Board position or
- (b) Willing to assist any Board of Director or Ancillary Board member when asked and
- (c) Complete a volunteer application within prescribed time frame whereas a background check can be completed. *(All applications and supporting information provided and background checks must be completed prior to becoming a Regular Member).*

SECTION 2

Classes. There shall be the following classes of Members:

- (a) Player Members. Any player candidate meeting the requirements of Little League Regulation IV shall be eligible to compete for participation. Player Members shall have no rights, duties or obligations in the management or in the property of .
- (b) Regular Members. Any adult person willingly interested in furthering the objectives of may become a Regular Member upon election by the BOD and payment of dues (if required) as in hereinafter provided. Regular Members may be issued a card numbered in sequential order annually. The secretary shall maintain the roll of membership to qualify voting active members.

Only Regular Members in good standing are eligible to vote at General Membership Meetings. All Officers, Board of Director Members, Ancillary Board Members, Committee Members, Managers,

Coaches, Volunteer Umpires and other elected or appointed officials must be Regular Members in good standing.

Regular Members of the league automatically include all current Managers, Coaches, that are assigned to an authorize team, Volunteer Umpires, Board Members, Officers of the Board and any other person who is recognized by the Board as a volunteer in .

- (c) Honorary Members (Optional). Any person may be elected as Honorary Member by the unanimous vote of all Directors present at any duly held meeting of the Board of Directors but such person shall have no rights, duties or obligations in the management or in the property of .
- (d) Sustaining Members - Any person not a Regular Member who makes financial or other contribution to may by a majority vote of the Board of Directors become a Sustaining Member, but such person shall have no rights, duties or obligations in the management or in the property of .
- (e) As used hereinafter, the word “Member” shall mean a Regular Member unless otherwise stated.
- (f) All Memberships shall expire at the end of the fiscal year.
- (g) Prospective Members shall be voted on by the BOD at any BOD meeting.

SECTION 3

Other Affiliations.

- (a) Members, whether Regular or Player, shall not be required to be affiliated with another organization or group to qualify as members of .
- (b) Regular Members shall not be actively engaged in the promotion and/or operation of any other baseball/softball program.

SECTION 4

Suspension or Termination. Membership may be terminated by resignation or action of the Board of Directors as follows.

- (a) The Board of Directors, by a two-thirds vote of those present at any duly constituted Board meeting, shall have the authority to discipline, suspend or terminate the membership of any Member of any class, including managers and coaches, when the conduct of such person is considered detrimental to the best interests of YBBL and/or Little League Baseball, Incorporated. The Member involved shall be notified of such meeting, informed of the general nature of the charges and given an opportunity to appear at the meeting to answer such charges.
- (b) The Board of Directors shall, in case of a Player Member, give notice to the manager of the team for which the player is a Player Member. Said manager shall appear, in the capacity of an adviser, with the player before the Board of Directors or a duly appointed committee of the Board of Directors. The player’s parent(s) or legal guardian(s) shall also be present. The Board of Directors shall have full power to suspend or revoke such player’s right to future participation by two-thirds vote of those present at any duly constituted meeting (quorum is required).

ARTICLE IV - DUES FOR ACTIVE MEMBERS (NOT PLAYERS)

SECTION 1

Dues (if required) for Regular Members may be fixed at such amounts as the Board of Directors shall determine for a particular fiscal year. (See Article IX, Section 8 for fiscal year of this league.) *Note: Dues for Regular Members are separate from registration fees for Player Members, which are determined annually by the Board of Directors in accordance with Regulation XIII (c). If no dues for Regular membership are collected, Section 2 below does not apply.*

SECTION 2

Regular Members who fail to pay their fixed dues within twenty one (21) day(s) of application to become a member may, by majority vote of the Board present at a Board meeting, be dropped from the rolls and shall forfeit all rights and privileges of membership.

ARTICLE V - GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

SECTION 1

Definition. A General Membership Meeting is any meeting of the membership of the league (including Special General Membership Meetings, Section 7). A minimum of one per year (Annual Meeting, see Section 6) is required.

SECTION 2

Notice of Meeting. Notice of each General Membership Meeting shall be delivered to each Member at least ten (10) days in advance of the meeting in person, by electronic mail or by mail to the last recorded address of each Member and by website posting, setting forth the date, time, place and purpose of the meeting.

SECTION 3

Quorum. At any General Membership Meeting or Special Membership meeting, the presence in person of one-fifth (20 percent) of the members (as defined in Article III - Membership) shall be necessary to constitute a quorum.

SECTION 4

Voting. Only Regular Members shall be entitled to make motions and vote at General Membership Meetings. However, the Board of Directors may invite, admit and recognize guests for presentations or comments during General Membership Meetings.

SECTION 5

Annual Meeting of the Members. The Annual Meeting of the Members of shall be held on the fourth Thursday of September for the purpose of, electing the Board of Directors, receiving reports, reviewing the Constitution, appointing committees, and for the transaction of such business as may properly come before the meeting.

- (a) The Membership shall receive at the Annual Meeting of the Members of a report, verified by the President and Treasurer, or by a majority of the Directors, showing;
 - (1) The condition of , to be presented by the President or designee;
 - (2) A general summary of funds received and expended by for the previous year, the amount of funds currently in possession of , and the name of the financial institution in which such funds are maintained;
 - (3) The whole amount of real and personal property owned by , where located, and where and how invested;
 - (4) For the year immediately preceding, the amount and nature of the property acquired, with the date of the report and the manner of the acquisition, the amount applied, appropriated or expended, and the purposes, objects or persons to or for which such applications, appropriations or expenditures have been made;
- (b) At the Annual Meeting, the Members shall determine the number of Directors to be elected for the ensuing year(s) and shall elect such number of Directors. The number of Directors elected shall be not less than seven (7). Directors shall be elected for a term of three (3) years with 1/3 of the Directors being placed for reelection every year. Only volunteer umpires may be elected to the Board.

- (c) After the Board of Directors is elected, the Board shall meet to elect the officers. After the election, the Board of Directors shall assume the performance of its duties on 10-31 or after Fall Ball season is completed whichever is later. The Board's term of office shall continue until its successors are elected and qualified under this section.

SECTION 6

Special General Membership Meetings. Special General Membership Meetings of the Members may be called by the Board of Directors or by the Secretary or President at their discretion. Upon the written request of a minimum of (10) ten Members in good standing, the President or Secretary shall call a Special General Membership Meeting to consider the subject specified in the request. No business other than that specified in the notice of the meeting shall be transacted at any Special General Membership Meeting. Such Special General Membership Meeting shall be scheduled to take place not less than twenty-one (21) days after the request is received by the President or Secretary.

SECTION 7

Rules of Order for General Membership Meetings, Special General Membership meetings and Regular Meetings of the Board of Directors. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings of all General Membership Meetings, Special General Membership meetings and all regular meetings of the Board of Directors, except where same conflicts with this Constitution of .

ARTICLE VI - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1

Authority. The management of the property and affairs of shall be vested in the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2

Increase in number. The number of Board of Directors so fixed at the Annual Meeting may be increased at any General Membership Meeting or Special Meeting of the Members. If the number is increased, the additional Directors may be elected at the meeting at which the increase is voted, or at any subsequent General Membership Meeting. All elections of additional Directors shall be by majority vote of all Regular members present.

SECTION 3

Vacancies. If any vacancy occurs in the Board of Directors, by death, resignation or otherwise, it may be filled by a majority vote of the remaining Directors at any regular Board meeting or at any Special Board meeting called for that purpose.

SECTION 4

Board Meetings, Notice and Quorum. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held immediately following the Annual Meeting and on such days thereafter as shall be determined by the Board.

- (a) The President or the Secretary may, whenever they deem it advisable, or the Secretary shall at the request in writing of five (5) Directors, issue a call for a Special Board Meeting. In the case of Special Board Meetings, such notice shall include the purpose of the meeting and no matters not so stated may be acted upon at the meeting.
- (b) Notice of each Board meeting shall be given by the Secretary or designee, to each Director at least fourteen (10) day(s) before the time appointed for the meeting in person, or by website posting, or by electronic mail or by mail to the last recorded address of each Member setting forth the date, time, place and purpose of the meeting.
- (c) One third (1/3) of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the

transaction of business.

- (d) Only members of the Board of Directors may make motions and vote at meetings of the Board of Directors. However, the Board of Directors may invite, admit and recognize guests for presentations or comments during Board meetings.
- (e) Each BOD member shall have one vote, regardless if he/she holds multiple positions on the BOD.
- (f) Board members that are unable to attend a meeting may proxy their vote with one proxy per board member per meeting to another attending member; proxy vote can only be used for items that were stated on the agenda prior to the meeting

SECTION 5

Duties and Powers.

- (a) The Board of Directors shall have the power to appoint such standing committees as it shall determine appropriate and to delegate such powers to them as the Board shall deem advisable and which it may properly delegate.
- (b) The Board may adopt such rules and regulations for the conduct of its meetings and the management of YBBL as it may deem proper, provided such rules and regulations do not conflict with this Constitution.
- (c) The Board shall have the power by a two-thirds vote of those present at any regular Board or Special Board Meeting to discipline, suspend or remove any Director or Officer or Committee Member of in accordance with the procedure set forth in Article III, Section 4 (a,b).
- (d) It is expected all BOD shall assist any other BOD in the performance of a duty as is needed.

ARTICLE VII - DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1

Appointments. The Board of Directors may appoint such other officers or agents as it may deem necessary or desirable, and may prescribe the powers and duties of each. Appointed officers or agents shall have no vote on actions taken by the Board of Directors unless such individuals have been elected to the Board by the membership or have been elected to fill a vacancy on the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2

President. The President shall:

- (a) Conduct the affairs of and execute the policies established by the Board of Directors.
- (b) Present a report of the condition of at the Annual Meeting.
- (c) Communicate to the Board of Directors such matters as deemed appropriate, and make such suggestions as may tend to promote the welfare of .
- (d) Be responsible for the conduct of in strict conformity to the policies, principles, Rules and Regulations of Little League Baseball, Incorporated, as agreed to under the conditions of charter issued to by that organization.
- (e) Designate in writing other officers, if necessary, to have power to make and execute for/and in the name of such contracts and leases they may receive and which have had prior approval of the Board.
- (f) Investigate complaints, irregularities and conditions detrimental to and report thereon to the Board or Executive Committee as circumstances warrant.
- (g) Prepare and submit an annual budget to the Board of Directors and be responsible for the proper execution thereof.
- (h) With the assistance of the Player Agent, examine the application and support proof-of age documents of every player candidate and certify to residence or school enrollment and age eligibility before the player may be accepted for tryouts and selection.

- (i) Complete the required background checks per Little League regulation I b and I c 8 & 9; or delegate this responsibility to the league's Safety Officer, or other designated Board member.

SECTION 3

Vice President. The Vice President shall:

- (a) Perform the duties of the President in the absence or disability of the President, provided he or she is authorized by the President or Board so to act. When so acting, the Vice President shall have all the powers of that office.
- (b) Perform such duties as from time to time may be assigned by the Board of Directors or by the President.
- (c) Oversee the daily baseball operations including, but not limited to, supervision of the Division Directors, annual maintenance of the Operating Procedures, protests, etc.

SECTION 4

Secretary. The Secretary shall:

- (a) Be responsible for recording the activities of and maintain appropriate files, mailing lists and necessary records.
- (b) Perform such duties as are herein specifically set forth, in addition to such other duties as are customarily incident to the office of Secretary or as may be assigned by the Board of Directors.
- (c) Maintain a list of all Regular, Sustaining and Honorary Members, Directors and committee members and give notice of all Membership meetings of and the Board of Directors.
- (d) Issue membership cards to Regular Members, if approved by the Board of Directors.
- (e) Keep the minutes of the meetings of the Members and the Board of Directors, and cause them to be recorded in a book kept for that purpose.
- (f) Conduct all correspondence not otherwise specifically delegated in connection with said meeting and shall be responsible for carrying out all orders, votes and resolutions not otherwise committed.
- (g) Notify Members, Directors, Officers and committee members of their election or appointment.
- (h) Shall oversee the preparation the year-end Annual Report which shall be approved by the BOD and presented at the Annual Meeting.

SECTION 5

Treasurer. The Treasurer shall:

- (a) Perform such duties as are herein set forth and such other duties as are customarily incident to the Office of Treasurer or may be assigned by the Board of Directors.
- (b) Receive all monies and securities, and deposit same in a depository approved by the Board of Directors.
- (c) Keep records for the receipt and disbursement of all monies and securities of , including the Auxiliary, approve all payments from allotted funds and draw checks therefore in agreement with policies established in advance of such actions by the Board of Directors. All disbursements by check must have dual signatures.
- (d) Prepare an annual budget, under the direction of the President, for submission to the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting.
- (e) Prepare an annual financial report, under the direction of the President, for submission to the Membership and Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting, and to Little League International. Shall submit all Federal, State and Local tax forms as required by Little League and government agencies.
- (f) No two BOD members shall be authorized signers on the bank account or be responsible for the issuance of the checks if they are connected by kin, marriage, or business relationship, etc., whereas

the funds of the account could be placed in jeopardy.

SECTION 6

Player Agent. The Player Agent shall:

- (a) Organize all live registrations events and work with the Information Director for online registrations.
- (b) Record all player transactions and maintain an accurate and up-to-date record thereof.
- (c) Receive and review applications for player candidates and assist the President in verifying residence or school enrollment and age eligibility.
- (d) Organize the tryouts, the player draft and all other player transaction or selection meetings.
- (e) Prepare the Player Agent's list.
- (f) Prepare for the President's signature and submission to Little League International, team rosters, including players claimed, and the tournament team eligibility affidavit.
- (g) Notify Little League International of any subsequent player replacements or trades.

SECTION 7

Safety Director, The Safety Officer shall:

- (a) Be responsible to create awareness, through education and information, of the opportunities to provide a safer environment for youngsters and all participants of Little League Baseball.
- (b) Develop and implement a plan for increasing safety of activities, equipment and facilities through education, compliance and reporting. NOTE: In order to implement a safety plan using education, compliance and reporting, the following suggestions may be utilized by the Safety Director:
 - (1) Education - Should facilitate meetings and distribute information among participants including players, managers, coaches, umpires, league officials, parents, guardians and other volunteers.
 - (2) Compliance - Should promote safety compliance leadership by increasing awareness of the safety opportunities that arise from these responsibilities.
 - (3) Reporting - Define a process to assure that incidents are recorded, information is sent to league/district and national offices, and follow-up information on medical and other data is forwarded as available.
 - (4) Background Checks - If the League President so designates, the safety officer will complete the required background checks per Little League Regulation I (b) and I (c)8 &9.

SECTION 8

League Information Director, The League Information Director shall:

- (a) Set up and manage the league's official website (site authorized by Little League Baseball, Incorporated);
- (b) Set up online registration and ensure player, manager, and coach data is uploaded to the Little League Data Center;
- (c) Assign online administrative rights to other league volunteers.
- (d) Ensure that league news and scores are updated online on a regular basis;
- (e) Collect, post and distribute important information on League activities including direct dissemination of fund-raising and sponsor activities to district, public, league members and the media;
- (f) Serve as primary contact person for Little League regarding optimizing use of the Internet for league administration and for distributing information to league members and to Little League Baseball, Incorporated.

SECTION 9

Sponsorship Coordinator, Sponsorship Coordinator shall:

- (a) Solicit and secure local sponsorships to support league operations;
- (b) Collect and reviews sponsorship and fundraising opportunities;
- (c) Organize mid implements approved league fundraising activities;
- (d) Coordinate participation in fundraising activities;
- (e) Maintain records of monies secured through sponsorship and fundraising activities;
- (f) Ensure regulation and policies related to sponsorships and fundraising are followed.
- (g) Secure all banners at end of the season and place in the league shed for storage.

SECTION 10

Umpire-In- Chief. The League Umpire in Chief shall:

- (a) Be responsible for hiring, training (including all clinics and practice games) and scheduling of all league umpires within the framework as decided upon by the Board of Directors.
- (b) Work with the League Treasurer to ensure timely payment to umpires.
- (c) Ensure all appropriate league information is provided to each umpire
- (d) Work with the League Equipment Manager to ensure umpire equipment is replaced if deemed that equipment is not in working order, or is deemed unsafe.
- (e) Provide to the Equipment Manager an ending inventory of equipment and uniforms at completion of the season.
- (f) Be standing member of the baseball operations.
- (g) Be a standing member of any rules protest committee.
- (h) Recommend tournament-worthy umpires to the District Umpire Consultant.
- (i) Attend umpire training programs at the district, state and region levels.

SECTION 11

Division Director(s). The Division Director(s) shall:

- (a) Represent manager/coaches of respective division of play.
- (b) Ensure all league information is provided to each manager.
- (c) Be standing member of any rules protest committee.
- (d) Insure coaches update league web page with scores and pitch counts on a timely basis.

SECTION 12

Equipment Manager. The Equipment Manager shall:

- (a) Provide to the Board of Directors a list and cost of recommended equipment and uniforms for the upcoming season. Obtain no less than two (2) bids, every other year, for equipment and uniform needs for the league.
- (b) Ensure each team is provided with proper equipment that is in safe working order.
- (c) Ensure each team is provided with league issued uniforms as approved by the Board of Directors.
- (d) Replace, upon request by a manager, any league-supplied equipment that is in non-working order, or is deemed unsafe.
- (e) Maintain inventory of league equipment and uniforms and organize equipment shed.
- (f) Provide to the Board of Directors an ending inventory of equipment and uniforms at completion of the season.

ARTICLE VIII - AFFILIATION

SECTION 1

Charter. shall annually apply for a charter from National Little League Baseball, Incorporated, and shall do all things necessary to obtain and maintain such charter.

Rules and Regulations. The Official Playing Rules and Regulations as published by Little League Baseball, Incorporated, Williamsport, Pennsylvania, shall be binding.

SECTION 2

Local Rules, Ground Rules and/or Bylaws. The local rules, ground rules and/or bylaws of shall be adopted by the Board of Directors at a meeting to be held not less than one month previous to the first scheduled game of the season, but shall in no way conflict with the Rules, Regulations and Policies of Little League Baseball, Incorporated, nor shall they conflict with this Constitution.

ARTICLE IX - FINANCIAL AND ACCOUNTING

SECTION 1

Authority. The Board of Directors shall decide all matters pertaining to the finances of and it shall place all income including Auxiliary funds, in a common league treasury, directing the expenditure of funds in such manner as will give no individual or team an advantage over those in competition with such individual or team.

SECTION 2

Contributions. The Board shall not permit the contribution of funds or property to individual teams but shall solicit funds for the common treasury of , thereby to discourage favoritism among teams and to endeavor to equalize the benefits of .

Solicitations. The Board shall not permit the solicitation of funds in the name of Little League Baseball, Incorporated unless all of the funds so raised be placed in treasury.

SECTION 3

Disbursement of Funds. The Board shall not permit the disbursement of funds for other than the conduct of Little League activities in accordance with the rules, regulations and policies of Little League Baseball, Incorporated. All disbursements shall be made by check or an authorized bank debit card. All checks shall be signed by the Treasurer and such other officer or officers or person or persons as the Board of Directors shall determine.

SECTION 4

Financial Transparency: No Board member authorized to disburse funds may be the spouse or family relative of the League President or Treasurer, or have direct access to league funds. The use of a league credit or debit card is permitted, given that the card is returned to the League President or Treasurer with receipt for all purchases made within ten (10) days of the purchase date.

SECTION 5

Compensation. No Director or Officer of shall receive, directly or indirectly any salary, compensation or payment from for services rendered as Director, Officer or Member.

SECTION 6

Deposits. All monies received, including registration fees, sponsorship and fundraising shall be

deposited to the credit of First Bank of Yuma.

SECTION 7

Fiscal year.

The fiscal year of shall begin on October 1 and shall end on September 30.

SECTION 8

Distribution of Property upon Dissolution. Upon dissolution of and after all outstanding debts and claims have been satisfied, the Members shall direct the remaining property of to another Federally Incorporated entity which maintains the same objectives as set forth in Article II of this Constitution, which are or may be entitled to exemption under Section 501 "(c)-(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or any future corresponding provision.

SECTION 9

Conflict of Interest. No BOD or Ancillary member who has direct or indirect connection to a vendor may submit a bid on behalf of said vendor for any equipment or services required by ; nor shall said vendor participate in the submission of a bid for such equipment or services.

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended, repealed or altered in whole or in part by a majority vote at any duly organized meeting of the Members provided notice of the proposed change is included in the notice of such meeting. Draft of all proposed amendments shall be submitted to Little League Baseball, Incorporated, for approval before implementation.

This Constitution was approved by the Little League Membership on

President's Name (Print)

President's Signature

Date

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State ID No. _____

Make one copy for the District Administrator and copies for . Send original to Regional Headquarters. 's Constitution is on file at Regional Headquarters (most recently- accepted copy) is the official Constitution .

Little League Baseball, Incorporated does not limit participation in its activities on the basis of disability, race, creed, color, national origin, gender, sexual preference or religious preference.