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Article I - Name

This organization shall be known as Pioneer Youth Baseball and Softball Association, hereinafter referred to as “PYBSA”, a member of Protect Our Nation’s Youth (PONY) Baseball, Incorporated, a non-profit Washington, Pennsylvania corporation.

Article II - Purpose

Section 1 - The purpose of PYBSA shall be to organize and supervise the playing of baseball and softball under specialized rules and regulations, to secure suitable and adequate financial backing for these purposes, and to own, lease, or otherwise provide suitable playing facilities and equipment for these purposes.

Article III - Statement of Policy

Section 1 - It shall be the policy of PYBSA to conduct its activities so that the mental, physical, and moral welfare of the young people for whose benefit it is organized shall remain paramount and all matters of policy shall be determined on that basis.

Section 2 – In the event that PYBSA fails to abide by the Rules and Regulations of PONY Baseball, Inc, it shall, at the request of PONY Baseball, Inc., cease to use the name of PONY Baseball Inc. and the registered trade mark, names, and emblems of PONY Baseball leagues.

Section 3 - No person employed by PYBSA shall receive any financial benefit or compensation therefore beyond the reasonable value of the services rendered while supporting the purpose for which PYBSA has been organized. No member, coach, manager, officer, or other party connected in any way to PYBSA shall receive monetary compensation for exercising the duties for which they have been elected or appointed.

Section 4 - In order to secure suitable and adequate financial backing to carry out the purpose of PYBSA, it shall be the policy of PYBSA to permit only such sponsorship as is consistent with the purpose for which PYBSA is organized, and to select sponsors who are interested in PYBSA, solely or principally, as a means of contributing to the welfare of young people.

Section 5 - It shall be the policy of PYBSA to prohibit any direct advertising of alcoholic beverages or tobacco products in connection with PYBSA or any of its programs.

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Article IV - Membership

Section 1 - Members include legal parents or guardians of any child registered in PYBSA, managers and coaches of teams associated with PYBSA, all elected officers and members of the Board of Directors and Standing Committees. Volunteer adult leaders, team sponsors, and other interested adults shall also be eligible for membership.

Section 2 – Members shall be classified as either voting or non-voting. Legal parents or guardians of any child registered in PYBSA, managers and coaches of teams in PYBSA, all elected officers and members of the Board of Directors and Standing Committees are voting members and have the right to vote on any and all measures, amendments, or other actions presented to the general membership for consideration. Volunteer adult leaders, team sponsors, and other interested adults may become non-voting members whose purpose is to promote the stability, growth, and success of PYBSA, but shall have no vote on any measures, amendments, or other actions presented to the general membership for consideration.

Article V - Board of Directors

Section 1 - The governing body of PYBSA shall be the PYBSA Board of Directors consisting of the elected officers specified by the members of PYBSA for the terms and/or in the manner provided for in the Bylaws of PYBSA.

Section 2 - In recognition of the general powers of the Board of Directors exercised by virtue of their office, Officers of the Board of Directors shall have the power:

A. To purchase or otherwise acquire for PYBSA any property, right or privilege which PYBSA is authorized to acquire by the PYBSA membership, at such price or consideration and upon such terms as the Board of Directors may deem expedient;

B. To appoint, remove, or suspend subordinate agents or volunteers and to determine their duties and fix their salaries;

C. To determine who shall be authorized on behalf of PYBSA, to sign bills, notices, receipts, acceptances, endorsements, checks, releases, contracts, and any other instruments;

D. To delegate any of the powers of the Board of Directors to any standing committee, special committee, or any officer or agent of PYBSA, with any powers as the Board of Directors may see fit to grant, and to generally do all such lawful acts and take actions as may be necessary and proper for the benefit of PYBSA.

Article VI - Officers

Section 1 - The officers of PYBSA shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Administrative Director, Player Agent, Baseball Commissioner, Softball Commissioner, Equipment Director, Concessions Director, Senior Baseball Field Director, Senior Softball Field Director, and Special Projects Director.

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Article VI - Officers (continued)

Section 2 - The officers of PYBSA shall have the duties and authorities as conferred by the Bylaws or resolutions of the PYBSA Board of Directors.

Section 3 – The officers of PYBSA shall conduct themselves in accordance with the authority granted by the PYBSA Bylaws, PONY Rules and Regulations, and shall conduct themselves in all matters related to PYBSA with the utmost honesty, foresight and business acumen.

Article VII - Amendments

Section 1 - This Constitution may be amended only by a majority vote of PYBSA membership at an annual meeting of PYBSA membership, or a special meeting of PYBSA membership called for that purpose. A majority vote consists of at least 51 percent of the eligible voters present at the annual meeting or special meeting of the PYBSA membership convened for that purpose.

Section 2 - All rules governing the playing of baseball and softball, the legality of players and related questions shall be in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of PONY Baseball, Inc., with such modifications adopted by the Board of Directors of PYBSA and approved by PONY Baseball, Inc. All modifications shall be made known to the general membership at the annual meeting of the membership prior to the beginning of the playing season. Any and all objections to modifications made by any voting member during the annual meeting shall be given proper consideration and shall be resolved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors prior to the start of play. The decision shall be made known, in writing, to the objecting party. The general membership shall be notified of the decision via the official PYBSA web site and newsletter posted at the PYBSA office.

Article VIII - Bylaws

Section 1 - Any Bylaws, not consistent with this Constitution, embodying additional provisions for the government of PYBSA, may only be adopted and amended by a majority membership vote of PYBSA. A majority vote consists of at least 51 percent of the eligible voters present at the annual meeting or special meeting of the PYBSA membership convened for that purpose.

Certified to be an official copy.

President: _____ Date: _____
Vice President: _____ Date: _____
Secretary: _____ Date: _____
Treasurer: _____ Date: _____

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Administrative Director: _____ Date: _____

Player Agent: _____ Date: _____

Special Projects Director: _____ Date: _____

Baseball Commissioner: _____ Date: _____

Softball Commissioner: _____ Date: _____

Equipment Director: _____ Date: _____

Concessions Director: _____ Date: _____

Senior Baseball Field Director: _____ Date: _____

Senior Softball Field Director: _____ Date: _____

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