

Norton Baseball Association, Inc.
P.O. Box 1234 ~ Norton, OH 44203
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Article I-Name

1. This organization shall be known as NORTON BASEBALL ASSOCIATION, INC. or N.B.A., INC.

Article II-Objective

2. The objective of the Norton Baseball Association, Inc. shall be to implant firmly in the boys and girls of the community the ideas of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage and reverence, so that they may be finer, stronger, healthier and happier children and will grow to be good adults.
3. The objective will be achieved by providing supervised competitive baseball games. The supervisors shall bear in mind that the attainment of exceptional athletic skills or the winning of games is secondary and the molding of future adults is of primary importance.

Article III- Government

1. The government of Norton Baseball Association, Inc. shall be under the supervision of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS:
 - A. The Board of Directors of the Norton Baseball Association, Inc. shall be the governing body of the Norton Baseball Association, Inc. and shall be composed of the following members: President, Vice-President, Vice-President of F, EE, and E league, Ways and Means, Secretary, Treasurer, Player Agent, Equipment Manager, Webmaster, G League Commissioner, H League Commissioner, I League Commissioner, J League Commissioner, Umpire-in-Chief, Director of Coaching and Field Scheduling Coordinator
 - B. Co-Directors may be appointed by the president to assist with an elected or appointed directors duties. Only one vote per board position to be determined by the elected or appointed director. In the absence of the elected or appointed director, the appointed co-director may cast vote for the position.
2. All policy matters concerning Norton Baseball Association, Inc. will be decided by a majority vote of board members present at a duly constituted Board Meeting of which a quorum of the total board members duly elected and appointed attends. Unfilled Board of Directors positions shall be eliminated and not count towards the requirements of a quorum.

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- A. All sensitive matters are to be handled by a quorum of the board members (9 members).
- 3. The Board of Directors shall be comprised of **nine (9)** elected and **six (6)** appointed positions. They are elected/appointed for a one-year term. The Board is eligible for re-election and will be chosen at the September meeting each calendar year.

Article IV- Elected Officers

- 1. The elected officers of Norton Baseball Association, Inc. shall consist of **nine (9)** persons. The President, Vice-President, Vice-President of F,EE, and E League, Ways and Means, Secretary, Treasurer, Equipment Manager, Player Agent, and Webmaster.
- 2. All Board members must be 21 years of age and are subject to a background check, and must be certified by NYSCA (NAYS). Failure to be certified by April 15 of each calendar year, will create a vacancy in that position.

A. President

- 1. Shall preside over all Leagues meetings.
- 2. Shall be the official League spokesperson.
- 3. Shall appoint G, H, I, and J League Commissioners, Umpire-in-Chief, Field Scheduling Coordinator, Director of Coaching Initiatives and may appoint any additional positions or co-positions.
- 4. Shall be accountable to the Board of Directors.
- 5. Shall audit all financial statements, reports and accounts once a year.
- 6. Will Review Constitutions once a year
- 7. Shall approve **ALL** schedules and review **ALL** League rules at least once a year.
- 8. Shall be the tie-breaking vote if needed.
- 9. Shall be in charge of Norton Baseball Associations, Inc. Travel League.

B. Vice President

- 1. Shall preside over any meeting in the absence of the President.
- 2. Shall report to the Board of Directors on all matters concerning G, H, I and J Leagues.
- 3. Shall be in charge of all fields of Norton Baseball Association, Inc. Manage all fields and equipment sheds at all fields.
- 4. Shall assume any duties designated by the President.

C. Vice President F, EE, and E Leagues

- 1. Shall report to the Board of Directors on all matters concerning F, EE, and E Leagues.
- 2. Shall be in charge of the draft and umpires for F, EE, and E Leagues.
- 3. Shall be responsible for relaying all information to F, EE, and E League managers regarding meeting, special events, etc.

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4. Shall assume any duties designated by the President.

D. Way and Means

1. Shall report and direct the League fund raising activities.
2. Shall oversee the sponsor committee.
3. Shall assume any duties designated by the President.

E. Secretary

1. Shall handle all correspondence in connection with the League.
2. Shall take a record of minutes of all official League meetings and members in attendance.
3. Shall notify all pertinent managers, elected and appointed officers of all official and special meetings.
4. Shall handle the official Norton Baseball Association, Inc. newsletter.
5. Shall assume any duties designated by the President.

F. Treasurer

1. Shall receive and disburse all Norton Baseball Association, Inc. funds.
 - A. Items under \$500.00 require the President's approval.
 - B. Items over \$500.00 require a majority of the Board members vote.
 - C. Shall issue receipts for all incoming funds at the time such funds are received.
2. Shall issue a written report of all income, expenditures and other transactions monthly.
3. Shall assume any duties designated by the President.
4. Prepare operating budget for current fiscal year

G. Player Agent

1. Shall be in charge of registration, try-outs, draft and verifications of all Norton Baseball Association, Inc. players' files.
2. Shall investigate any player leaving Norton Baseball Association, Inc. with a written copy of the report to the League President for disclosure to the Board members, and appropriate League commissioner.
3. Shall report all Norton Baseball Association, Inc. news releases to local papers, radio, etc.
4. Shall work with the Equipment Manager on the ordering of League shirts and hats.
5. Shall assume any duties designated by the President.

H. Equipment Manager

1. Shall be in charge of all Norton Baseball Association, Inc. equipment.
2. Shall distribute all equipment to team managers.
3. Shall collect all equipment at the end of the season, shall review all equipment, and give final review to the President.
4. Shall assume any duties designated by the President.

I. Webmaster

1. Shall be in charge of Norton Baseball Association, Inc. web site.

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2. Shall maintain and update the web site for each season.
3. Shall update all forms, hand-outs, rules, etc. as needed for each season.
4. Shall assume any duties designated by the President.

Article V-Meetings

1. There shall be a minimum of one monthly meeting of the Norton Baseball Association, Inc.
2. Anyone shall be permitted to speak at such meetings on matters concerning Norton Baseball Association, Inc.
3. All elected and appointed officers must be present at a minimum of two-thirds or **eight (8)** of the monthly meetings.
4. Failure to comply with the attendance requirements may result in dismissal from the held position.
5. All Board members must be notified by the Secretary at least **two (2)** days in advance of any special meetings, unless waived by a majority of the Board.
6. A majority of voting members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum at any meeting and a majority vote shall govern.

Article VI-Membership

1. Members are defined as:
 - A. Any boy or girl meeting age and resident requirements set forth in the rules of Norton Baseball Association, Inc. shall be eligible to compete in the Norton Baseball Association, Inc.
 - B. All adults having an active interest in the Norton Baseball Association, Inc.
2. Any member/person may be suspended by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors for conduct considered detrimental to the Norton Baseball Association, Inc.

Article VII-Managers

1. Any adult 21 or over may apply to manage a team. Written applications shall be filed on or before the date of the Norton Baseball Association, Inc. January meeting for all managers. All managers are subject to Board Approval. The Board can assign any manager to a team.
2. Managers must be present at February and April Meetings
3. All elected and appointed officers of Norton Baseball Association, Inc. are permitted to manage or coach a team in all divisions.

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4. All managers, coaches, and umpires are urged to be familiar with Norton Baseball Associations, Inc. individual League Rules, Inter-League Rules, Hot Stove Baseball Rules, and Official Baseball Rules. Failure of anyone involved in the operation of Norton Baseball Associations, Inc. to abide by Local, Little League, Hot Stove, and Official Baseball Rules shall be cause for dismissal or other disciplinary action by the Norton Baseball Association, Inc. Board of Directors.
5. Managers MUST be responsible to turn in ALL equipment at the date set by the Equipment Manager. Equipment shall be clean and in order.
6. All managers and assistant coaches must be certified by NYSCA (NAYS).
7. All managers and assistant coaches are subject to background checks.

Article VIII-Financial Policy

1. The Board of Directors shall decide all matters pertaining to finances of the League.

Article IX-Rules

1. All Leagues will be governed by the respective rules designed by each League's classification set forth by the Board. The rules shall be reviewed and noted at the end of the season.
2. All Norton Baseball Association, Inc. League rules for the current year will be finalized and approved prior to the draft date of the current year.

Article X-Protest

1. All protests shall be filed in writing within 24 hours of such protest to the President of Norton Baseball Association, Inc. The President and the protest committee, which is made up of all Elected Officers, will review all the facts presented by the umpire and both managers in person and render an impartial decision. Any elected Board member involved in the protest will be removed from the vote.

Article XI-Election of Officers

1. Election of officers will be held at the September meeting, at which time any names from the floor can be nominated.
2. Any elected or appointed member of the board or adult having an active interest in Norton Baseball Association, Inc. subject to Board approval, may vote as long as they attended **three (3)** meetings from October to September.

Article XII-Appointed Officers

1. The appointed officers of Norton Baseball Association, Inc. shall consist of six (6) persons: G League commissioner, H League commissioner, I League commissioner, J League commissioner, Umpire-in-Chief, Field Scheduling Coordinator and Director of Coaching Initiatives.
 - A. Shall report to the Board of Directors on all matters pertaining to their jobs and respective League.
 - B. Shall assume any duties designated by the President.

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Approved and Adopted by the Board of Directors on December 12, 2023