

DELPHI YOUTH BASEBALL LEAGUE

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I NAME

This organization shall be known as the Delphi Youth Baseball League, hereafter referred to as the "Local League". Officers and Board of Directors will be referred to as the "Local League Board".

ARTICLE II OBJECTIVE

The objective of the Local League is to implant the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage and respect for the well being of those concerned. It also will reflect on the children participating, the importance of being healthy and trustworthy citizens.

ARTICLE III PURPOSE

- a) Said organization is organized exclusively for the charitable, religious, educational and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
- b) No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the purpose clause hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distributions of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
- c) Upon dissolution of the organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for public purpose. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP

Any person who seeks active participation in the program for the purpose of helping the Local League pursue its objective is welcome to become a member.

CLASSES

- a) Players – any candidate meeting the requirements of the Local League rules.
- b) Regular members – any person, in good standing, wishing to actively attain the objectives of the Local League. They will have a vote in the proceedings of the Local League. They will elect the officers from within their body. The president will appoint his board of directors. The player agent will have an active list of the members of the Local League.

ARTICLE V DUES

The fees will be determined yearly based on the needs of the Local League.

ARTICLE VI MEETINGS

- a) Annual meeting – this meeting will be for the purpose of electing officers for the next year. At this time all awards will be passed out to league winners.
- b) Organizational meetings – these shall be conducted at the discretion of the officers and/or board members.
- c) Draft meeting – this meeting will be for the purpose of drafting players into the Local League. It will be held after the registration of all candidates interested in joining the Local League.
- d) Notice of meetings – shall be placed in view of the total members at least two weeks prior to the called meeting.
- e) Special meetings – can be called for any reason, but discussion will be limited to the subject of the special meeting being called. A special meeting can be called only by:
 - 1) Officers of the Local League.
 - 2) A panel of 10 members with the request presented to one of the above mentioned people.

ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER WILL GOVERN ALL MEETINGS OF THE LOCAL LEAGUE.

ARTICLE VII BOARD OF DIRECTORS

All affairs and management of the Local League will be in the hands of the Local League Board. The membership of the Board of Directors will consist of at least five (5) members, but no more than eleven (11) with at least one of these being an active member participating in Pee Wee. They shall assume office by September 30th of the current year. If any vacancies occur then, it shall be the responsibility of the president to fill the vacancy as soon as possible. The board shall be kept at an uneven number to avoid a tie vote.

ARTICLE VIII OFFICERS

The officers of the Local League shall be as follows:

- 1) President
- 2) Vice President
- 3) Treasurer
- 4) Secretary
- 5) Player Agent

ARTICLE IX DUTIES

The appointed duties of the officers shall be as follows:

PRESIDENT

- 1) conduct affairs of the Local League and set policies with the cooperation of the board of directors;
- 2) be responsible for the conduct of the Local League;
- 3) shall be the chairperson in selecting the money making projects for the Local League;
- 4) investigate any and all irregularities detrimental to the Local League;
- 5) with the player agent, decide eligibility of players.

VICE PRESIDENT

- 1) assist the president as called upon and take over in the absence of the president or secretary;
- 2) shall take responsibility for uniforms, equipment, and scheduling umpires.

TREASURER

- 1) receive all money receipts and bills of the Local League;
- 2) deposit same in the bank;
- 3) keep record of all money transactions.

SECRETARY

- 1) keep a record of all meetings;
- 2) shall keep the members informed of all meetings (open);
- 3) will take the Vice President's place in their absence

PLAYER AGENT

- 1) shall take responsibility for scheduling and rescheduling of all games;
- 2) help president determine if a player is eligible;
- 3) help conduct the draft.

ARTICLE X MANAGERS, COACHES, AND UMPIRES

All of the above people shall be reviewed and approved by the Local League Board. Their character must be of high quality to the reflection they will cast upon the players. No manager or coach shall be replaced except by the approval of the Local League Board. If the members of the Local League want a manager or coach replaced, it will be up to the discretion of the Local League Board following a special meeting. Only the Local League Board can dismiss an umpire. Only a manager or coach or assistant coach may be present on the playing field during a game. Only the above and scorekeeper and team mom shall be allowed in the dugout during a game. The penalty for breaking this rule will be forfeiture of the game.

Board members are allowed to coach or manage a team in their league.

If a parent is a coach, manager, or assistant coach, their child will be allowed to play on whatever team the parent coaches; however, the child must be drafted by the agreed upon round of the open draft.

ARTICLE XI COACHES, PLAYERS, UMPIRES, AND FANS

Coaches: If any of the following violations occur, any manager or coach of the Local League, will be suspended for the remainder of that game, plus the following game. During this time, there shall be no contact with their respective team during games. No exceptions. If more than one violation occurs at the same time or any violation on a separate occasions, the Local League Board will review to decide the status of that person, for the remainder of the season, and will have the responsibility to issue discipline at their discretion.

- 1) Any alcohol or illegal drug use, before and/or during any practices or games.
- 2) Any fighting causing harm to another person or persons, before, during or after a practice or a game.
- 3) Actions that result in the intimidation of players.
- 4) Any foul or abusive language directed toward any player, umpire or the general public, before, during or after a game or practice.
- 5) Any item being thrown that could cause harm (i.e. bats, clipboards or other playing equipment). These items are examples and this rule is not limited to these.

Umpires: Any and all umpires will be subject to the same rules as stated above for coaches and managers.

Delphi Youth Players: Any player will be ejected from participating in their game for violating a first offense of the following rules. More than one violation at the same time or on a separate occasion will result in a review by the Local League Board on whether the player will be allowed to play out the remaining season.

- 1) Any foul or abusive language used before, during, or after a game or practice.
- 2) Any fighting causing harm to another person or persons, before, during or after a game or practice.
- 3) Any illegal drug and/or alcohol use before or during a game or practice.

Fans and General Public: Fans will automatically be ejected from the Delphi Youth League Park for unsportsmanlike conduct such as: Foul and abusive language directed toward another fan, the players, the umpire or the coaches. Any kind of illegal drugs and/or alcohol use before or during a game. More than one violation by the same fan will result in a season ban from the Delphi Youth League Park – Paul Goyer Field.

ARTICLE XII DRAFT

All players eligible to change leagues will try out for a team in the form of a draft. Players age nine (9) through twelve (12) can compete for the major league slots with the understanding that twelve (12) year old players will have the first right to vacancies on the major league roster. Players age eight (8) will be required to play one year of minor league (B) ball, which is pitching machine ball, with the exception of a shortage of minor league (A) players. A parent has the right to appear before the Local League Board and request their child not be moved into the next higher league. If for any reason a player is dropped or quits a team, then his/her place will be taken by a player from the minor league. The team's coach will choose this player. This player will become a member of this team only for the game where there is a shortage of players. This player remains on the lower league team and the upper league team has no future rights to this player. This is a game by game, as needed situation. If a player is released from a team because of injury or illness, he returns to the same team when he returns to baseball.

A draft round is not complete until all children in that age group has been drafted.

ARTICLE XIII GAME TIME REGULATIONS

All starting times, finishing times of games and/or the number of innings will be at the discretion of the home plate umpire.

All major league games should start no later than 8:00 P.M – any later by exception only approved by an umpire or a Board member.

No inning can start past 9:30 PM on school nights, unless a tie situation, then time shall be 9:45 PM.

No inning can start past 10:30 P.M. on non-school nights.

All games must end by 10:00 PM on school nights and 11:00 PM on non-school nights.

In Minor A or B league weeknight games that are followed by other games, no inning will start past 7:15 PM on school nights and 7:00 P.M. on non-school nights, unless there is a tie situation, then there is a 2-hour time limit, BUT ONLY when they are followed by another game. Clock for Minor A & B League games shall be set at 1:45 only if it is followed by another game. No clock for Major games or the last game of the night, as long as game time regulations above are adhered to. ONLY when followed by another game, Clock for a Major game shall be set at 2:00.

The scoreboard clock starts when the first pitch is thrown, as directed by the umpire. This clock continues to run until the time has expired, this clock does not get turned off. When it expires, the umpire shall refer to the Town and Country Rule Book pertaining to shortened games for any reason. This clock monitors the game length as it applies to the allotted time. This allows for all games to stay on time and provide equal time opportunities for all games.

When the clock expires, finish current inning and no more shall be started.

ARTICLE XIV AMENDMENTS

These Local League by-laws may be amended, repealed, or altered in whole or in part, only by a majority vote of the active Local League Board members, provided proper notice of changes are given in advance of the meeting.