



Rochester Youth Baseball Association

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BY-LAWS OF THE ROCHESTER YOUTH BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

BY-LAW I – Administration

- Section A - The administrative year of the Association shall be from September 1 through August 31 of each year.
- Section B - The fiscal year of the Association shall be from January 1 through December 31 of each year.
- Section C - The business of the Association shall be administered by the Board of Directors (also referred to as “The Board”). Board meetings will be open to all interested parties.

BY-LAW II – Officers

- Section A - The Board shall consist of elected representatives including 5 Executive officers and up to 40 other Board members. The 5 Executive positions are: President, President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and Past President.
- Section D - New Board members are nominated by existing members at the September meeting. New members are elected if they receive a majority vote of existing members present at the October meeting. New members may be elected at other monthly board meetings at the discretion of the President.
- Section E - Board members shall hold office until they resign or if they attend less than 3 board meetings in an administrative year. The President may grant a Board member a leave which exempts them from the 3 meeting minimum.
- Section F - Board members may also be removed as specified in the Articles of Incorporation.

BY-LAW III – Selection of Officers

- Section A - Election of Executive officers will be conducted at the September meeting with the exception of the President and Past President. The President-Elect is automatically appointed as President after the completion of the present President’s term. The President is automatically appointed as Past President after completion of the present Past President’s term.
- Section B - The length of term for all Executive officers is two years. The President-Elect shall be elected during odd numbered years. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected during even numbered years.
- Section C - Should the office of President become vacant, the vacancy shall be filled by the President-Elect for the unexpired term. Should a vacancy occur in any other office, it shall be filled for the unexpired term by appointment of the President after such appointment shall have received a majority vote of those present at a Board meeting.
- Section D - Should the offices of President and President-Elect both become vacant the Board shall appoint a new President from within its membership.

BY-LAW IV – Meetings

- Section A - The Board shall meet monthly except for the month of August. Board meetings will be open to the public. Only board members will be permitted to vote. A quorum shall consist of five members or 1/3 whichever is greater.
- Section B - Additional board meetings may be called by the President.

BY-LAW V – Duties of Officers

- Section A -** The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association, appoint all committees and perform such other duties as are provided by the Articles, the By-Laws, or are incident to the office. The President shall cast the deciding vote if a tie occurs.
- Section G -** The President-Elect shall assist the President in the discharge of this office. In the case of the President's temporary absence, or inability to function, the President-Elect shall preside at meetings and perform any other duties incident to the office.
- Section H -** The Secretary shall keep minutes of all proceedings of the Association and Board. The Secretary shall be custodian of all Association record books and papers, except as properly belong to the Treasurer. The Secretary shall conduct all official correspondence of the Association and notify members of meetings and perform any other duties incident to the office.
- Section I -** The Treasurer shall be responsible for the financial activities of the Association; shall be the collection and disbursement agent for all funds of the Association. The Treasurer shall report the financial condition of the Association to the Board monthly and perform any other duties incident to the office. The Treasurer shall subject the Association's accounts to examination as the Board may order.
- Section J -** Any Executive officer can sign legal documents on behalf of the Association.
- Section K -** Commissioners are assigned for each grade level by the chair of the House League Committee. The Commissioners shall have responsibilities in the following areas:
- Organization
 - (a) Appoint coaches for teams in their grade level with assistance from the Registration Committee.
 - (b) The commissioners shall make recommendations to the House League Committee in schedule development including playoffs and playing rules changes.
 - 1. The commissioner has the authority to rule on rules interpretation. Any coach may appeal in writing, the commissioner's decisions, to the Board.
 - 2. Conduct a minimum of one Coaches meeting for each league they preside over.

BY-LAW VI – Playing Rules

- Section A -** Rule addendums to the Minnesota State High School rules are defined and maintained by the House committee and are made available to Umpires, Coaches, Players and Parents.
- Section B -** Changes to the rules are recommended by the House League committee and presented to the Board members for review and approval. Rule changes are approved if they receive a majority vote of Board members present at the meeting.

BY-LAW VII – Committees

- Section A -** There shall be the following standing committees: Adaptive League, Appreciation Dinner, Coaches/Player Clinics, Concessions, Equipment, Fall League, Fields, Fundraiser, House League, Judiciary, Newsletter, Photos, Registration, Sponsors/Uniforms, Traveling, Umpires, and Web; members appointed by the President.
- Section B -** The President shall have the power to appoint other such committees as necessary.
- Section C -** The President shall be an ex-officio member of each committee.
- Section D -** Committee members shall be appointed for the administrative year or such shorter time as the President may direct.

BY-LAW VIII – Non-Discrimination Statement

- Section A -** RYBA prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of age, race, sex, religion, color, national origin or disability. RYBA will provide an environment where each player is treated fairly, with respect, and in a positive and supportive manner.

BY-LAW IX – Amendment of By-Laws

Section A - The By-Laws may be amended by 3/5 vote of the Board present at a meeting provided that a copy of such proposed amendment shall have been presented electronically to the Board members at least seven days earlier.

Revision History:

Date	Description
1979	Last known revision
January 21, 2007	Proposed Amendment
February 10, 2007	Updated with feedback from Board members review
March 11, 2007	Amended after review and unanimous vote at February 21, 2007 board meeting, word “electronically” removed from By-Law IX, Section A.