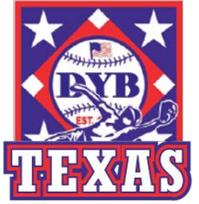




Texas Diamond Baseball/Softball, Inc.



Constitution & Bylaws

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Article I Name

This organization shall be known as Texas Diamond Baseball/Softball, Inc.

Article II Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be to provide a baseball program for the youth of the State of Texas, twelve years of age and under, and promote the growth of the physical, mental, social, and spiritual welfare of all its participants.

Texas Diamond Baseball/Softball is fully committed to equal opportunity and abides by all applicable federal, state, and local laws pertaining to nondiscrimination and fair practices.

Article III Districts

The leagues franchised within the State of Texas shall be divided into districts as determined by the State Board of Directors.

Article IV Officers and Directors

- (a) The officers of this organization shall be the President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The position of President and Treasurer may be held by the same person.
- (b) The State Director shall serve as President of the organization.
- (c) The President shall have the power to appoint the Secretary, Treasurer and Assistant State Directors. The President shall have the power to remove any of the appointed positions with approval of the board.
- (d) The Board of Directors shall consist of the President, Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant State Director(s), District Directors, and National Board Members.
- (e) All members of the Board of Directors present shall be entitled to one vote on all matters.

Article V Elections and Terms of Office

Director Qualifications

- (1) To hold the office of State Director, National Director, Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant State Director, or District Director, one must have been associated with Diamond Baseball/Softball, Inc., for a period of at least two years. The State Board of Directors must approve exceptions.
- (2) All Texas directors and assistant directors shall have a background check on record in the National Commissioner's office.

National and State Directors

- (1) The State Director and National Directors shall be elected according to the National DYB, Inc. Bylaws Section 2. Election and Term of Office.
- (2) Nominations for the State Director position shall be made by any league in the state.
- (3) Nominations for the three National Director positions shall be made by leagues located only within the respective North, Central and South geographical regions pursuant to Article II, Section 2 (c) of the DYB National Bylaws.
- (4) The North Region shall be comprised of leagues in districts 1, 3, & 5; the Central Region shall be comprised of leagues in Districts 4 and 9; and the South Region shall be comprised of leagues in districts 2, 6, and 7.
- (5) Nominees seeking to fill a vacant National Director position in the North, Central or South Region or challenge an elected or appointed incumbent National Director, must reside in a district in the Region they seek to represent unless there are no nominees from the region with a vacancy.
- (6) National Director vacancies may be filled by the remaining Texas National Board members with such appointments to be effective until the next regular or special election within the state pursuant to Article II, Section 2 (q) of the DYB National Bylaws.
- (7) The remaining Texas National Board members may appoint a National Director who does not reside in the vacant National Director's region if no acceptable, qualified candidates are willing to serve from within the respective region.
- (8) All appointed National Board members shall be deemed incumbent Board Members, and if they desire to continue to serve, may be nominated for any regular or special election by notifying the President of DYB, Inc. pursuant to Article II, Section 2 (f) of the DYB National Bylaws.
- (9) If a vacancy in the State Director's position occurs due to death, resignation, disqualification or removal from office, or the State Director announces his retirement, the Texas DYB Board of Directors shall appoint an interim State Director to serve until the next regular or special election is held to fill the current unexpired term of the State Director position.

District Directors

- (1) District Directors shall be elected by the affiliated leagues of their respective districts for a term of four years.
- (2) The elections of the District Directors will be held at the District Meetings held prior to March 1 of the year the District Directors are up for re-election.
- (3) Leagues within the respective districts that were in good standing on the date of the meeting will be entitled to vote. Each league in good standing will be entitled to cast one vote. League eligibility will be determined by the District Director based on records maintained by the National Office.
- (3) A National Board Member or other designated official shall be appointed by the State Director to conduct the election.
- (4) The incumbent District Director shall automatically be a nominee for re-election to his/her office unless he/she declines. Other nominees shall be nominated from the floor. The nominee must be present to accept the nomination.
- (5) The vote will be by paper ballot in contested elections.
- (6) District Directors will take office immediately after their election.
- (7) District directors may appoint Assistant District Directors. These persons must be approved by the State Director and have successfully passed a background check on file in the National Commissioner's office.
- (8) To hold the office of the District Director or Assistant District Director, one shall live within the boundaries of the district to which he/she seeks office. In emergency situations a temporary District Director may be appointed by the State Director until a District Director living in the boundaries of the district can be found.
- (9) Should a District Director's office become vacant due to death, resignation, retirement, disqualification or removal, the State Director shall appoint an interim District Director:
 - a) Replace the vacancy with the Assistant District Director or a qualified person from that district to fill out the un-expired term or,
 - b) Hold a special election for the purpose of electing a new District Director to fill out the unexpired term.

Article VI The Board of Directors

- (1) The Board of Directors shall act in an advisory capacity to the State Director. They shall entertain and cause to be thoroughly investigated written complaints against DYB, Inc. within the State of Texas and shall take whatever action they deem advisable.
- (2) The Board of Directors shall have full power to adopt all regulations to govern their deliberations in accordance with the Texas Constitution and Bylaws which are not in conflict with the National Constitution and Bylaws or the rules and regulations of DYB, Inc.
- (3) The conduct of any board member of Texas Diamond Baseball/Softball, Inc., will be beyond reproach. Misconduct of any kind believed to be detrimental to the good name of Texas Diamond Baseball/ Softball, Inc., will not be tolerated. Upon the request of three members of the Board of Directors, the State Director shall appoint a five-member Ethics Committee to investigate and collect the facts of the member who has been named. The State Director may or may not be a member of this committee. After the investigation, a meeting of the Board will be called by the State Director or senior National Director for the purpose of listening to the Ethics Committee report and dealing with any such situation. A notice to all members will be sent by U. S. mail or e- mail seven days prior to the called meeting stating the purpose of the meeting. When it is determined by vote of two-thirds of the members of the Board voting and present that any member has been guilty of misconduct of any kind believed to be detrimental or embarrassing to Texas Diamond Baseball/Softball Inc., this individual may be removed from office and barred from further participation in this organization.
- (4) Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the State Director or by a majority of the voting members of the Board. Each member entitled to vote shall be notified at least seven (7) days prior to the date of such meetings.

Article VII Committees

- (a) The State Director shall have the authority to appoint committees, as necessary.
- (b) Executive Committee – The State Director, National Directors, Assistant State Director(s), Treasurer and Secretary should serve as an Executive Committee. This committee shall make decisions in the best interests of the organization and such decisions shall be subject to review and approval of the Texas Board at its next regularly scheduled or special meeting. The Executive Committee shall be charged with recommending the official calendar for board approval, approving the annual budget, and developing long-range strategic plans for the organization. The State Director shall serve as Chair of the Executive Committee. The committee shall meet as deemed necessary by the Chair or any three members of the committee, but a minimum of one meeting per year shall be held, unless emergency conditions are declared creating the need for additional meetings. Minutes of all Executive Committee meetings shall be recorded by the Secretary and submitted by mail and email to each member of the Board of Directors no later than two weeks following each meeting of the committee.

Article VIII General

The qualifications for membership and duties of the officers and directors and the regulations as may be deemed necessary and proper for conducting the business and affairs of the Board shall be provided for in the Texas Bylaws.

Article IX Amendments

The Constitution may be amended by an affirmative vote of three-fourths of the votes cast by the Board of Directors at any meeting when the place, time and date of the meeting is delivered by U. S. Mail and e-mail to each member at least seven days prior to said meeting.

BYLAWS

Article I The President

The State Director shall serve as President of Texas Diamond Baseball/Softball, Inc. The State Director's duties shall be those duties outlined in the Constitution and Bylaws of DYB, Inc.

Article II The Secretary

The Secretary shall keep minutes of all meetings of the Board of Directors and shall be assigned other duties as may be deemed necessary by the Board of Directors.

Article III Treasurer

The Treasurer shall maintain all financial records of Texas Diamond Baseball/Softball, Inc., prepare financial statements and otherwise supervise the deposit and disbursement of Texas Diamond Baseball/Softball, Inc. funds. The Treasurer will prepare a financial statement annually for review by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall make all records available for inspection by the Board of Directors necessary for them to approve the financial statements of Texas Diamond Baseball/Softball, Inc.

Article IV Assistant State Directors

The Assistant State Directors shall perform duties as assigned to him by the State Director.

Article V The District Directors

The District Director's duties shall be those duties outlined in the Bylaws of DYB, Inc. Each District Director may appoint an Assistant District Director(s) to assist him in performing his duties.

Article VI The National Directors

The National Directors' duties shall be those duties outlined in the Bylaws of DYB, Inc. and those duties specified by the State Director in the Texas State Operations Manual.

Article VII Meetings

The Board of Directors shall meet on an annual basis known as the fall meeting at a time and place to be determined by the State Director with the approval of the Board of Directors.

Article VIII Finances

(a) The Board of Directors shall determine state franchise fees which may be assessed in addition to those of Dixie Youth Baseball, Inc. Each league will be assessed the state franchise fee to be paid in conjunction with submitting the annual franchise application.

(b) The Executive Committee shall approve the annual budget and submit it to the Board of Directors for approval. The Board of Directors shall approve the annual financial statements.

Article IX State/Regional Tournaments

The Board of Directors shall adopt guidelines and requirements for the Texas Diamond Baseball/Softball, Inc., State and Regional tournaments. Only tournaments sanctioned by this Board of Directors shall be conducted under the supervision of Texas Diamond Baseball/Softball, Inc. Tournaments shall be conducted in accordance with the Texas State Operations Manual.

Article X

District Tournaments

- (a) Sub-district/district tournaments must be offered to all eligible leagues on a rotating basis provided the league facilities meet the Diamond Baseball/Softball tournament specifications.
- (b) The District Directors shall meet with representatives of each league within each district to determine requirements for the Sub-District and District Tournaments.
- (c) It will be the responsibility of each District Director to notify the State Director of the dates and sites of each level of tournament play within the district.
- (d) District teams advancing to the regional, state and World Series tournaments will be responsible for their own expenses to and from the Tournament sites. At a minimum, the state will provide the World Series teams with money to purchase shirts with TEXAS printed on fronts.
- (e) Tournament host requirements:
- (1) Pay the District Director a \$300 tournament fee per tournament. Fee for a tournament with five teams or less shall not exceed \$200.
 - (2) District Directors shall share a portion of the tournament fees with the Assistant District Directors to help with travel expenses.
 - (3) Each district tournament shall contribute to the DYB Scholarship Fund. The amount contributed shall be determined by the majority vote of the leagues in each district.
 - (4) District tournaments must be *started and* completed by the date set by the State Board of Directors.

Article XI

Division I & Division II Criteria

- (a) To qualify for Division II play, a league must have franchised nine (9) or less total teams in 12U, 10U and 8U divisions for the prior year.
- (b) Multi-league franchises are not eligible to participate in Division II play under any circumstances.
- (c) A Division II league which is reclassified to Division I may submit a written request to the State Director stating justification to participate in Division II tournament play for the current year. Any request must state good and substantial reasons to justify participation in Division II tournament play.
- (d) After reviewing the request, the State Director will forward to the Texas Executive Committee for review with his comments.
- (e) *On a case-by-case basis*, the Texas Executive Committee is authorized to adjust the Division I status of a league to Division II.

Article XII

Awards

Any official serving as a District Director, State Director, National Director, or any combination thereof for a period of five (5) years will receive an award and an honorary lifetime membership in Texas Diamond Baseball/Softball, Inc. Any additional awards should be made in five (5) year increments.

Article XIII

Proxy Votes

There shall be no proxy votes allowed at any Board Meeting.

Article XIV

Amendments

Amendments to these Bylaws may be adopted by a three-fourths vote of the members of the Board of Directors of Texas Diamond Baseball/Softball, Inc., at any meeting or at any special meeting when the place, time and date of the meeting is delivered by U. S. Mail or e-mail to each member at least seven days prior to said meeting.