

EAST VALLEY YOUTH BASEBALL & SOFTBALL BY-LAWS

(Amended and approved March 2024)

ARTICLE I - - NAME

This non-profit corporation shall be known as EAST VALLEY YOUTH BASEBALL & SOFTBALL, INC. hereinafter referred to as the "League."

ARTICLE II - - STATEMENT OF POLICY

SECTION 1 - - It shall be the policy of the League to conduct its activities so that the 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 - - This League has been organized for the purpose of educating and developing young people by encouraging their interest and participation in baseball/softball. The goal of this League is to provide a healthy baseball/softball experience for youth and to encourage the growth of the sport. Though everyone engaged in sporting competition should have a desire to win, this desire should not be pursued in this organization to the detriment of participation, sportsmanship, and fair play.

SECTION 3 - - In order to secure suitable and adequate financial backing to carry out the purpose of the League, it shall be the policy of the League to permit only such sponsorship as is consistent with the purpose for which the League is organized and to select sponsors who are interested in the League solely or principally as a means of contributing to the welfare of the young people.

SECTION 4 - - It shall be the policy of the League to prohibit any direct advertising of alcoholic beverages or tobacco products in connection with the League or any of its programs.

ARTICLE III - - PURPOSE

SECTION 1 - -The purpose of the League shall be to organize and supervise the playing of baseball/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.

SECTION 2 - - In accordance with Section 501(c)(3) of the Federal Internal Revenue Code, the League shall operate exclusively as a non-profit educational organization providing a supervised program of competitive baseball/softball games. No part of the net earnings shall inure to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual; no substantial part of the activities of which is carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and which does not participate in or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

ARTICLE IV - - MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1 - - Any person sincerely interested in active participation to achieve the objectives of the League may apply to become a member. The Board of Directors shall make every reasonable effort to provide membership applications to all interested parties and shall not restrict or in any way inhibit such parties from completing and returning membership applications to the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2 - - There shall be the following classes of members:

- a) Player Members. Any player candidate meeting the requirements of the League shall be eligible to compete for participation but shall have no rights, duties, or obligations in the management or in the property of the League.
- b) Regular Members. Generally, parents and other adult relatives of the player members form the bulk of the Regular Membership. However, any person actively interested in furthering the objectives of the League may become a Regular Member upon approval by a majority vote of all Directors present at any duly held meeting of the Board of Directors. A membership application, which in the case of parents or guardians of Player Members may be the League Registration form, will be collected and collated by the Secretary or other designated Board Member who will then prepare and present a list to the Board for approval of such applicants as have applied since the last Board Meeting. The Secretary shall maintain the roll of membership to qualify voting members. Only Regular Members in good standing are eligible to vote at the annual meeting. All Officers, Board Members, Committee Members, Managers, and other elected officials must be active Regular Members in good standing.
- c) Honorary Members. Any person may be elected as Honorary Member by the unanimous vote of all Directors present at any duly held meeting of the Board of Directors but shall have no rights, duties, or obligations in the management or in the property of the League.
- d) Sustaining Members. Any person not a Regular Member who makes a financial or other contribution to the League may be elected as a Sustaining Member by a majority vote of all Directors present at any duly held meeting of the Board of Directors but shall have no rights, duties or obligations in the management or in the property of the League.
- e) As used hereinafter, the word "Member" shall mean a Regular Member unless otherwise stated.

SECTION 3 - - Members, whether Regular or Player, shall not be required to be affiliated with another organization or group to qualify as members of the League. Regular Members should not be actively engaged in the promotion and/or operation of any other baseball program that presents conflict to the goals of the League as determined by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 4 - - Membership may be terminated by resignation or by action of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors, by two-thirds vote of those present at any duly constituted meeting, shall have the authority to discipline or suspend or terminate the membership of any Member of any class when the conduct of such person is considered detrimental to the best interests of the League. The Member involved shall be notified of such meeting, informed of the general nature of the charges, and given an opportunity to appear at the meeting to answer such charges.

The Board of Directors shall, in the case of a Player Member, give notice to the manager of the team of which the player is a member. Said manager shall appear, in the capacity of an advisor, with the player before a duly

appointed committee of the Board of Directors, which shall have full power to suspend or revoke such player's right to future participation.

SECTION 5- Each Member, in good standing with the league, shall be entitled to one vote on each matter submitted to a vote of the League membership.

ARTICLE V - - DUES AND FEES

SECTION 1 - - Dues for Regular Members may be fixed at such amounts as the Board of Directors shall determine prior to the beginning of any membership period.

SECTION 2 - - Members who fail to pay their fixed dues within thirty (30) days from the time the same become due may by vote of the Board be dropped from the rolls and shall forfeit all rights and privileges of membership.

SECTION 3 - - A reasonable player participation fee may be assessed as an obligation to assure the operational continuity of the League. This fee may be fixed at such amounts as the Board of Directors shall determine prior to the beginning of any enrollment period.

ARTICLE VI - - MEETINGS

SECTION 1 - - Annual Meeting – The membership of the League (as described in Article IV) shall hold an annual meeting for the purpose of transacting any lawful business of the membership as determined by the President of the league. The meeting shall be in the months of May or June at the place and time of this Annual Meeting, which shall be determined by the Board of Directors. Notice of time and place of such annual meeting shall be made known to the Membership of the League through publication and/or individual electronic mailings, not less than ten (10) days prior to the date of the meeting.

SECTION 2 - - Special meetings of the League Membership may be called by the President, or by majority vote of the Board of Directors, or upon written request to the Secretary by not less than fifteen (15) Members of the League. Notice of time and place of the special meeting of the League Membership shall be made known to the Membership of the League not less than five (5) days prior to the date of the meeting. No business other than that specified in the notice of the meeting shall be transacted at any special meeting of the Members.

SECTION 3 - - Only Regular Members shall be entitled to vote at any meeting of the League. A majority of eligible Members present or represented by absentee ballot shall be required for election and questions brought to vote.

SECTION 4 - - The presence in person or representation by absentee ballot of not less than ten percent (10%) of eligible Members shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any special or annual meetings of the League.

SECTION 5 - - For the expressed purpose of accommodating a Regular Member in good standing who cannot be in attendance at a meeting of the League, an absentee ballot may be requested and obtained from the Secretary of the League. The absentee ballot shall be properly completed, signed, and returned in a sealed envelope to the

Secretary prior to the date of the meeting. The Secretary shall present all absentee ballots to the President on the date of the meeting prior to the conduct of the meeting business.

SECTION 6 - - The rules contained in the most current edition of “Robert’s Rules of Order” shall govern the proceedings of all meetings in all cases in which they are applicable and not inconsistent with these By-Laws and any special rules of order the League shall adopt.

SECTION 7 - - Board of Director meetings are considered closed meetings. Any member who wishes to address the Board of Directors will need to send a request to the board to be put on the agenda. The request needs to contain the subject of the matter wishing to be brought forth. The board will notify the members of the date and time to attend in order to present their matter. At the meeting, the member will be given an allotted amount of time to present the subject matter and will be dismissed after the allotted time.

ARTICLE VII - - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1 - - The management of the property and affairs of the League shall be vested in the Board of Directors. The number of Directors shall be not less than three (3) nor more than seven (7). However, an action to decrease the number of Directors may only take place to eliminate a vacancy existing by reason of death, resignation, or removal of a director. Each member shall be responsible for a specific position and duties.

SECTION 2 - - Qualifications of the Board of Directors – Nominees for positions on the Board of Directors must have established an interest and commitment to the purposes of the league and must have expertise/experience in areas relevant to the needs of the league.

SECTION 3 - - The Board of Directors shall consist of, at minimum, a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Additional Directors shall be elected from among members by the Board of Directors. The total number of Directors shall be determined by resolution of the board of Directors, but in no event shall be less than three (3) or more than (7). The number of league managers on the board may not exceed the minority total of board members. The number of Directors may be increased or decreased from time to time by a majority vote of the Directors in office. However, an action to decrease the number of Directors may only take place to eliminate a vacancy existing by reason of death, resignation, or removal of a director. Each Director shall have one vote to cast concerning actionable matters before the Board of Directors.

SECTION 4 - - Notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary contained herein, each Director and/or Officer shall hold office until it is determined his/her successor should be elected by the Board of Directors, or until his/her earlier death, resignation, or removal.

SECTION 5 - - Any vacancy in an office, however occurring, including a vacancy resulting enlargement of the Board, shall be filled by a vote of a majority of the Directors then in office.

SECTION 6 - - Any Director and /or Officer may be removed with cause by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors, provided there is a quorum of the total number of directors present at the meeting at which such action is taken.

SECTION 7 - - If any vacancy occurs in the Board of Directors, by death, resignation, or otherwise, it may be filled by a majority vote of the remaining Directors at any regular meeting or at any special meeting called for that purpose.

SECTION 8 - -Regular, or Special Meetings of the Board of Directors shall take place at a location set forth by the President. Regular meetings shall take place at a minimum every other month. Special meetings may be called at any time by the President or by any three (3) Directors by written notice given to each Director at least ten (10) days in advance of the proposed meeting date. Such notice time may be shortened in the event of exigent circumstances however, the goal should be to maximize the attendance of Directors of Special Meetings. Minutes shall be kept at all meetings of the Board of Directors and preserved for posterity.

In the case of special meetings, such notice shall include the purpose of the meeting and no matters not so stated may be acted upon at the meeting.

Fifty percent (50%) (rounded up) plus one member of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

SECTION 9- - The Board of Directors shall have the power to appoint such standing committees as it shall determine appropriate and to delegate such powers to them as the Board shall deem advisable and which it may properly delegate.

The Board may adopt such rules and regulations for the conduct of its meetings and the management of the League as it may deem proper.

The Board shall have the power by two-thirds vote of those present at any regular or special meetings to discipline, suspend or remove any Director or Officer or Committee Member of the League in accordance with the procedure set forth in Article IV, Section 4.

SECTION 10 - - The Board of Directors, or its authorized agent(s), shall have the authority to suspend, discharge or otherwise discipline any player, manager, coach, umpire, league officer, or other person whose conduct is in violation of the Rules and Regulations of the League and/or is considered detrimental to the best interests of the League, in accordance with these By-Laws and the Rules adopted by the League. Persons subjected to such discipline shall have the right to a hearing before the League officers regarding the allegations of their improper conduct. In the event of such a hearing involving a player or other person under the age of 18, that person's parent(s) or guardian(s) shall be invited to attend.

Persons, youth, or adult, who refuse to comply with the Rules adopted by the League may be considered for disciplinary action.

Recognizing the difficulty of establishing specific penalties of a variety of potential violations of acceptable conduct, the following penalties are available to the Board of Directors which may impose the one(s) which match(es) the severity of the offense(s).

1. Warning: The offending person is to be advised, in writing, of the offense and further advised that repetition of the offense shall result in a more severe penalty.

2. Suspension: The offending person is to be advised, in writing, that he or she has been suspended from all League activity for a specific number of games or days.
3. Dismissal: The offending person is to be advised, in writing, that he or she has been dismissed from all League activity for the remainder of the current season or year.
4. Barred: The offending person is to be advised, in writing, that he or she has been barred from present and future participation in the League – permanently or for a specific number of years.
5. Conditional Participation: The offending person is to be advised, in writing, that he or she will only be permitted to participate in League activity on the terms and conditions as set forth by the Board of Directors, or its agent(s). Such terms and conditions of participation shall be set forth in the written advisement. Conditions of participation in League activities may be imposed in addition to any of the penalties provided for in this Article upon any offending person.

ARTICLE VIII - - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

SECTION 1 - - The Board of Directors shall act as an Executive Committee that shall consist of not less than three (3), one of whom shall be the President of the League.

SECTION 2 - - The Executive Committee shall advise and assist the Officers of the League in all matters concerning its interests and the management of its affairs and shall have such other powers as may be delegated to it by the Board.

SECTION 3 - - At any meeting of the Executive Committee, a majority of the total number of its members then in office shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and the act of a majority present at any meeting at which there is a quorum shall be the act of the Committee.

ARTICLE IX - - OTHER COMMITTEES

The Board of Directors may appoint other committees to assist the Officers of the League in the management of its affairs in accordance with its By-Laws.

ARTICLE X - - OFFICERS, DUTIES AND POWERS

SECTION 1 - - The Officers of the League shall consist of a President, one or more Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, and other such officers as may be elected by the Board of Directors in accordance with the needs of the league. Any two or more offices may be held by the same person upon approval of a majority of the Board of Directors. However, each Officer, regardless of the number of offices held, shall be entitled to only one vote at meetings of the Board of Directors. The President's vote shall only be cast in the event of a tie.

SECTION 2 - - The President shall preside at all meetings of the League Membership and at all meetings of the Board of Directors, shall serve as the Chief Executive Officer of the League, shall be an ex-officio member of all standing and special committees, and shall perform such other duties as are normally associated with the office of President.

SECTION 3 - - The Vice President shall perform such duties as may be assigned by the President, shall otherwise assist the President in the performance of the President's duties, and shall preside at meetings in the absence of the President.

SECTION 4 - - The Secretary shall have custody of the By-Laws, and all other records of the League, shall keep an accurate record of the meetings and other activities of the League and of the Board of Directors, shall be responsible for all correspondence, not otherwise specifically delegated, on behalf of the League, and shall transmit all records and correspondence to any person elected to succeed him or her in that office.

SECTION 5 - - The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all funds with the approval of the Board of Directors, shall keep an accurate account of all funds received and disbursed for the League, shall submit a financial report at all regular meetings and at such other times as may be requested by the President, shall compile an annual report of League finances, shall provide the books of the League and such other documents as may be requested for an annual audit, and shall transmit all financial records to any person elected to succeed him or her in that office

Article XI- Auxiliary Positions

SECTIONN 1 - - The board may establish Auxiliary positions which do not have power or authority to make the decisions of the league. The position is to help with the overseeing of the programs in the league. All Auxiliary positions are subject to change should the Board of Directors deem it appropriate. Any member of the league may apply for an empty position annually. Applications are available in the league office "The Gear Box." The Board of Directors will review applications at the end of Spring Season of each year to determine which applicant, if any, is qualified for the position. The applicant will be notified within 30 days of the end of the Spring season each year of the board's decision.

The following are Auxiliary Positions

1. Division Commissioner
2. Division Player's Agent
3. Field/Facility Coordinator
4. Field Manager
5. Field Equipment Coordinator
6. Tournament Team/All Star Commissioner
7. Scheduler
8. Uniform Coordinator
9. Team Equipment Coordinator
10. Team Parent Coordinator
11. Awards/Pins
12. Spirit Wear
13. Photo/Yearbook Coordinator
14. Web Master/Social Media Coordinator
15. Sponsorship/Fundraising Coordinator

ARTICLE XI - - MANAGERS, COACHES AND UMPIRES

SECTION 1 - - Team Managers and Coaches shall be appointed annually by the Executive Committee, subject to the Board of Directors' approval. Managers shall be responsible for the selection of their teams and for the actions of their teams on the field.

SECTION 2 - - Subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, umpires shall be appointed annually by the Executive Committee who shall be responsible for their assignments and for their actions on the field.

SECTION 3 - - While holding such office, the President may manage or coach a League team, subject to the approval of the majority of the standing Board of Directors. The President may manage travel or tournament teams that play other leagues.

ARTICLE XII - - AFFILIATION

SECTION 1 - - The League may annually apply for a charter from a youth baseball organization that best fits the needs of the League and Community and shall do all things necessary to obtain and maintain such charter. Or, the League may choose an independent status and have no affiliation to a national body.

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 the chartered organization, with such modifications adopted by the Board of Directors of the League.

SECTION 3 - - The local rules of this League shall be adopted by a majority of Directors present at a meeting to be held not less than one week prior to the first scheduled game of the season. The local rules so adopted shall be in written form and distributed to the managers and coaches before the first game of the season. Any proposed changes to the local rules after such adoption must be made for subsequent seasons.

ARTICLE XIII - - FINANCIAL AND ACCOUNTING

SECTION 1 - - The Board of Directors shall decide all matters pertaining to the finances of the League, bearing the responsibility to conduct the financial affairs of the League in a sound business-like manner, directing the expenditure of same in such manner as will give no individual or team an advantage over those in competition with such individual or team.

SECTION 2 - - The Board shall not permit the contribution of funds or property to individual teams but shall solicit funds or property for the common use of the League, and thereby discourage favoritism among teams and to endeavor to equalize the benefits to the League.

SECTION 3 - - The Board shall not permit the solicitation of funds in the name of the League unless all of the funds so raised be placed in the League treasury.

SECTION 4 - - The Board shall not permit the disbursement of League funds for other than the conduct of League activities in accordance with the rules and policies of East Valley Youth Baseball & Softball, Inc.

SECTION 5 - - No Director, Officer, or Member of the League shall receive, directly or indirectly, any salary, compensation, or emolument from the League for services rendered as Director, Officer, or Member.

SECTION 6 - - All moneys received shall be deposited to the credit of the League in a local bank or savings and loan and all disbursements over \$50.00 shall be made by check. All checks shall be signed by the League Treasurer and, when the check amount is over \$500.00, such other officer or officers or person or persons as the Board of Directors shall determine.

SECTION 7 - - The fiscal year of the League shall begin on the first day of August and shall end on the last day of July. The Board of Directors shall institute policy relative to the preparation and acceptance of an annual budget, a periodic and annual presentation of financial reports, and an annual audit of the books of the League.

SECTION 8 - - Upon dissolution of the League and after all outstanding debts and claims have been satisfied, the Members shall direct the remaining property of the League to another entity that maintains the same objectives as set forth herein, which is entitled to exception under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or any future corresponding provision.


ARTICLE XIV - - AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be amended, repealed, or altered in whole by the Board of Directors and will be made available to the membership.


Certificate

The undersigned, Board of Directors of East Valley Baseball & Softball League, a California not¹³ profit, hereby verify that the attached hereto is a true copy of the Bylaws of said league duly adopted by said organization by the Board of Directors and said Bylaws will now be in effect. These Bylaws expressly supersede any previous Bylaws of the league.

Dated: March 28, 2024



Frank Miceli, President



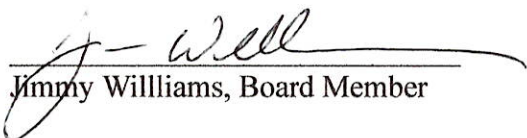
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