



Bucks County Legends Baseball
Bucks County, Pennsylvania

Constitution and By-Laws
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Approved by the Board of Directors

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Article I: Organization

This organization shall be known as Bucks County Legends Baseball (BCLB). The colors of BCLB shall be Royal, Columbia Blue and White.

Article II: Objective

Bucks County Legends Baseball was established in 2010 with the goal of providing each of its members with a superior learning experience to develop as athletes and as young men.

Our club combines an experienced coaching staff with a structured teaching agenda that challenges the player/athlete while encouraging them to have fun and enjoy the game of baseball.

The select travel teams were developed to be in addition to any other in-house, school or church teams. Our club was designed for additional training on the fundamentals of baseball and to face the toughest competition at some of the finest facilities in the tri-state area. Reaching this level requires all players and parents to understand and share our goal.

Article III: Government

- A. The government of the BCLB shall be under the direct supervision of the Board of Directors.
- B. The Board of Directors shall be comprised of the following elected officers:

- President
- Vice President
- Director of Operations
- Director of Baseball
- Secretary
- Treasurers
- Team Advisory Representative – one per team

- C. All matters concerning interpretation of the By-Laws, policy and finance shall be decided by a majority vote of the officers attending a duly constituted meeting.
- D. The term of office for all officers shall be two years, beginning November 1st and ending October 31st. Officers in good standing with BCLB may run for re-election.
- E. If an officer vacancy occurs during term of office, the Board of Directors shall appoint a replacement to fulfill the remaining term. A seventy-five percent majority of the Board of Directors must be present to approve the replacement.
- F. The By-Laws may be amended by a majority vote of the general members present at a publicly announced meeting of the general members but no vote will be taken at that meeting. The proposed amendment(s) shall be voted on at the next publicly announced meeting.

Article IV: Player Registration

- A. No one shall participate in the baseball program unless he is eight (8) years old before May 1st of the year of participation. BCLB age is determined according to the participant's age on April 30th the current fiscal year/season.
- B. Any child meeting the requirements for age as set forth by BCLB shall be eligible for participation provided he is properly registered, per Item C., following.
- C. Registration shall consist of completing and signing all sections of the registration form, Code of Conduct and paying the registration fees as set forth by the Board of Directors. Any hardship cases for waiver of registration fees must be approved by the president.

Article V: Registration Fees

The Board of Directors shall establish annual membership dues for members and/or registration fees for each participant. Members shall be furnished a receipt for the dues and such receipt shall be evidence of membership rights in BCLB.

Article VI: Indemnity Agreement

Certificate of Parental approval (signature on registration form) granting their child to participate in all supervised games and practice sessions shall be obtained from the parent(s) or legal guardian of the member for each registration. A "Hold Harmless Clause" or "Indemnity Agreement" shall serve as a waiver for all responsibilities and claims against BCLB or any of its Directors or Members in the event of an accident, injury or death of their child or children as a result of the risks or hazards incidental to the conduct of the activities including transportation to and from such activities.

Article VII: Meetings and Elections

- A. A meeting of the general membership shall be held in January to provide the BCLB's financial status and organization for the upcoming season.
- B. The Board of Directors shall hold monthly meetings to manage the activities of BCLB.
- C. Additional meetings may be called by the President upon request. The President must call the meeting within two weeks.
- D. A majority vote of the Board of Directors shall govern on elections and administrative matters requiring a vote.
- E. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings of all meetings, except where they conflict with the By-Laws of BCLB.

Article VIII: General Rules and Regulations

- A. Once registered and playing on a BCLB team, a player shall be committed to BCLB Travel only. No one shall play travel for another team outside of BCLB.
- B. A quorum Board of Directors shall have the authority to suspend, discharge or otherwise discipline any manager, coach, player, general member or other person whose conduct is considered detrimental to the best interest of BCLB. No one shall be disciplined without the opportunity to know his/her alleged offense and to offer defense to the quorum Board of Directors.
- C. Officers shall, upon evidence of misconduct of any player, notify the manager of the team of which the player is a member within twenty-four (24) hours of hearing of the act. The manager shall appear in the capacity of an advisor with the player before the Board of Directors for the appropriate action.
- D. Any manager or coach ejected from a game by an umpire shall be brought before the Board of Directors for disciplinary action as soon as possible.
- E. A member of the Board of Directors may be removed from the Board for misconduct or nonperformance of duties. A seventy-five percent majority of the Board of Directors must be present to vote on the removal. The Board member shall have an opportunity to present a defense at the Board meeting at which the removal vote is to be taken.

Article IX: Financial Policy

- A. The revenue of BCLB shall be derived from registration fees, fundraising activities and donations.
- B. The Board of Directors shall decide all financial matters for BCLB. General policy will be to place all funds in a common operating account, with disbursement of funds from that account for the benefit of all BCLB teams.

Article X: Duties of Officers

- A. **President** – Provides leadership for BCLB; heads the Board of Directors and presides at meetings; ensures that By-Laws, policies and principles of BCLB are carried out; authorized to sign BCLB checks.
- B. **Vice President** – Shall in the absence of the President act as President of BCLB. The Vice President shall perform additional duties and exercise such authority as delegated by the President or assigned by the Board of Directors.
- C. **Director of Operations** – Shall direct all operational activities of BCLB; The Director of Operations shall perform additional duties and exercise such authority as delegated by the President or assigned by the Board of Directors.
- D. **Director of Baseball** – Serves as a communicator/facilitator between the Executive Board and the Team Advisory Representatives; implement rules, policies and procedures as established by the Board of Directors.

- E. **Secretary** – Responsible for recording all official BCLB meetings; ensures copies of minutes are available to all BCLB teams during the season; handles official BCLB correspondence.
- F. **Treasurer** – Serves as financial officer of BCLB; collects and disburses all BCLB funds; maintains checkbook; prepares budget reports; authorized to sign BCLB checks.
- G. **Team Advisory Representatives** –

Article XI: Managers and Coaches

- A. Managers of BCLB teams shall be approved by the Board of Directors prior to skills testing and/or tryouts. Managers shall be responsible for their teams conduct on and off the fields. Managers shall maintain a current “background” check and sign and return copy of BCLB Coaches Code of Conduct.
- B. After season tryouts, managers may select up to four coaches who will assist the manager in the training and direction of players. Coaching selections are subject to the following conditions:
 - 1. Selections must be submitted to the Board of Directors within one week after the tryouts for review.
 - 2. It is preferable that coaches be selected from parents of players from that team or be selected from qualified adults not having children on any BCLB team.
- C. Coaches are to conduct themselves and assure the conduct of their team members in a sportsmanlike manner, observe rules and regulations governing baseball, keeping in mind that he is representing BCLB.