

**GREATER RT. 50 League By-Laws**  
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**December 21, 2005**

**Article I – Members**

Section 1 – The Current Members are Avella Athletics Inc, Cecil Township Youth Athletic Association, Chartiers-Houston Athletic Association and Hickory Baseball Association.

- A. New members: New members must be voted on by the current Member Associations and pass vote by a super majority.
- B. Probationary members: Any New Member Association will be on probation for a period of one full year. They may attend and participate in meetings etc. but will have no vote. At the end of the probationary year the member associations will Vote to either accept or reject a Probationary Association.
- C. The Board of directors may set limitations on numbers of Member Associations or on distances from the Center of the current League, with the best interests of the Overall League

Section 2 – Registration shall be deemed completed upon submission of a signed completed registration form along with the appropriate fees and acceptance of same by a member of the Board of Directors.

**Article II - Meetings and Voting**

Section 1 - There shall be a monthly meeting of the Members of the League at such place and time as shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

Notice of time and place of such monthly meeting shall be given through publication and/or individual mailings to the Members, not less than 10 days prior to the date of the meeting.

**Article III - Election of Officers**

Section 1 - Prior to the December meeting, a Nominating Committee consisting of three members of the Board of Directors shall be appointed by the President to nominate officers for the following term. Voting for such officers shall take place at the annual meeting unless prior to such meeting and in the notice for such meeting the Board of Directors provides otherwise. Only Members with three or more years of membership in the League are eligible to be nominated as officers.

Section 2 - The term of office for all officers shall be for two years beginning January 1 following the election; provided, however, that the first term of office for the Vice-President - and the Treasurer beginning January 1, 2006 shall be for one year; all terms of office for such officers after such initial one-year shall be for two years. This will be done to only replace two members of the existing board for continuity between Boards. (President and Secretary) (V.P. and Treasurer)

Section 3 - All officers shall be eligible for re-election; provided, however, that no person shall serve in the same office for more than two consecutive terms.

Section 4 - In the event of the death, resignation, or inability to perform the duties of office for any reason by any officer, the Board of Directors shall elect a replacement for such officer.

Section 5 - At the December meeting of the Members of the League, the Board shall receive a report from the outgoing President showing the amount of property owned by the League; the amount of monies applied, appropriated or expended during the past spring and summer and the purposes, objects or persons to or for which such applications, appropriations or expenditures have been made; and the names and places of residence of the Members who have been admitted to membership in the League during the year. The report shall be entered in the minutes of the annual meeting.

#### **Article IV - Board of Directors**

Section 1 - The Board of Directors shall include:

Elected Board (two-year term):

No Member Assoc. may hold two positions

- President
- Vice President - Baseball
- Secretary
- Treasurer

Appointed Board (one-year term - appointed by the President of Each respective Member Assoc.):

- Avella Athletics Inc.
- Cecil Township Youth Athletic Association
- Chartiers Houston Athletic Association
- Hickory Baseball Association
- Burgettstown Area Youth Baseball (Probation until Jan 1, 2007)

Section 2 - The Board of Directors shall meet on a monthly basis at such time and place as determined by the President. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President, or by the Secretary, upon receipt of the written request of at least a majority of the Board of Directors. Six members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for transacting business at a meeting, provided that at least three of such members are from the elected Board. All actions of the Board shall be by majority vote of the Board members present.

Section 3 - The Board of Directors shall have the authority to suspend, discharge or otherwise discipline any manager, coach, player, League Official, umpire or other person whose conduct is considered detrimental to the best interests of the League.

Section 4 - The President shall, upon evidence of misconduct of any player or Coach member, notify the President of the member Assoc within 72 hours of the act. The President of the member Assoc shall appear with the player before the Board of Directors and at least three other members of the Board of Directors, for consideration of appropriate actions. The player's parents or guardian shall be advised of, and invited to attend such meeting.

Section 5 - Any adult (person 18 years of age or older) who is suspended, removed or otherwise disciplined by the Board of Directors shall have the right to appeal such action to the Board of Directors at a regular or special meeting called for that purpose.

#### **Article V - Financial Policy**

Section 1 - The Board of Directors shall decide all financial matters pertaining to the League, bearing the responsibility to conduct the financial affairs of the League in a sound, business-like manner.

Section 2 - To equalize the benefits of the League for all associations, solicitation of funds shall be for the treasury of the League and contributions to individuals or associations, in the name of the league shall be discouraged. However, funds collected for a specific activity which may primarily benefit an individual age group, league, particular field or activity (e.g., general/specific tournaments, traveling teams) may be segregated and used for the purpose intended as approved by the Board of Directors. As a condition for such Board approval, a budget showing, among other things, the proposed expenses of the specific activity shall be provided to the Board prior to collecting any funds and, following the activity, a reconciliation of the expenses and revenues shall be provided to the Board. Any revenue remaining following such activity shall be deposited in the League's treasury for the general use of the League.

Section 3 - The Board of Directors shall institute policy relative to the preparation and acceptance of an annual budget, and periodic and annual presentation of financial reports, and an annual review of the books of the League.

#### **Article VI - Duties of Officers**

Section 1 - The President shall preside at all meetings of the League 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 duties as are normally associated with the office of President. The President Shall not be entitled to vote unless a tie breaker is necessary.

Section 2 - 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, administer the activities of their respective groups, and shall preside at meetings in the absence of the President. The Vice President Shall not be entitled to vote, unless he is the only member present from his member assoc.

Section 3 - The Secretary shall have custody of the Constitution and 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 on behalf of the League, and shall transmit all records and correspondence to any person elected to succeed him or her in that office. The Secretary Shall not be entitled to vote, unless he is the only member present from his member association.

Section 4 - 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 prepare the budget, 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 documentation as requested to the Review Committee for the annual review, and shall transmit all financial records to any person elected to succeed him or her in that office. The Treasurer Shall not be entitled to vote, unless he is the only member present from his member assoc.

#### **Article VII - Appointed Board of Directors**

Section 1 - The Board of Directors shall Represent their respective associations and vote on their behalf at league meetings. Each member Association will have two assigned Board of

Directors and shall be entitled to one vote per member association. Interview and review the credentials and qualifications of all persons who apply for such positions in the League, and shall actively seek out a sufficient number of applicants to meet the needs of the League. Final selection of candidates proposed by the Board of Directors shall be subject to approval of the Officers.

### **Article VIII – Game Rules:**

Section 1 – All Game play rules will be governed by Pony Baseball rules unless otherwise stated in Special Game Play rules.

Section 2 – Special Game Play Rules have been Approved by the Board of directors and may be changed by a majority vote. Each Member Association Board member will be given a current copy prior to every Season.

### **Article IX - Special Committees**

Section 1 - Special Committees may be appointed by the President and approved by the Board of Directors for such special purposes and with such authority as deemed necessary and shall serve for such time as the President determines. Committee duties and responsibilities are to be outlined at the time of appointment.

### **Article X - Amendments**

Section 1 - These By-Laws may be amended by majority vote of the Members present at the annual meeting or a special meeting called for that purpose.

### **Article XI - Roberts Rules**

Section 1 - The rules contained in the most current edition of "Roberts Rules of Order" shall govern League meetings and meetings of the Board of Directors and League Committees 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 to facilitate the governing process of such League meetings.

### **Article XII - Determination of Team Player Rosters**

Section 1 - The method of selecting team player rosters shall be determined the respective Member Associations. Such method shall be based on an equal draft of talent concept (except T-Ball) to ensure the greatest amount of age and talent parity within the respective Member Association Teams at each age level.

Section 1a – “Stacking” of Teams will not be tolerated by the League. After two complaints by any coaches at any level the board will be convened to determine the legitimacy of the complaints. The Member association in question will be notified of any investigative actions and are welcome to appear at any meeting set forth to discuss such allegations. Penalties for “Stacking” teams may administered by the League Officers ranging from Fines to Playoff eligibility to the possible banishment of coaches.

### **Article XIII - Equipment**

Section 1 – ABSOLUTELY no jewelry is to be worn by players during the game. This includes earrings, rings, bracelets, necklaces, visible piercings and watches.

Section 2 – 2 ¾ inch barrel bats are permitted in all divisions

**Article XIV – Trophies and/or Awards**

Section 1 - Trophies and awards shall be selected and awarded as determined from time to time by the Board of Directors.