

MESQUITE BASEBALL

INCORPORATED

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Article I NAME

This organization shall be known as Mesquite Baseball, Incorporated. This will be abbreviated MBI in the remainder of this document.

Article II OBJECTIVE

Section 1 - The objective of MBI shall be to provide organized baseball for our youth in order to prepare our youth to be better citizens of the community by learning good sportsmanship, teamwork, loyalty, honesty, courage, and reverence.

Section 2 – The objective of MBI will be achieved by providing baseball games on a scheduled, competitive basis. The supervising personnel shall always remember that the winning of games and the promotion of greater athletic abilities are secondary to the molding of character and the building of our youth to become the leaders of tomorrow.

Article III MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 – Any youth meeting the age requirements of MBI is eligible for membership and may participate as a player in MBI.

Section 2– Any adult is eligible for membership and may participate as a manager, coach or elected official of MBI unless such adult is under suspension or has been removed under Article VI. Section 4.

Article IV ORGANIZATION AND GOVERNMENT

Section 1 – The overall government of MBI will be under the supervision of the Executive Board. The Executive Board will consist of: President, Executive Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Parliamentarian, VP of Major Leagues, VP of Minor Leagues, VP of Instructional Leagues, and six League Commissioners (one for each age group league: 13U/14U League, 11U/12U League, 9U/10U League, 7U/8U League, 5U/6U League and 4U League). The President of the Board will have the authority to appoint a Vice President of Administrative Duties who will have fully voting privileges. If the Executive Board retains the services of a CPA, the office of Treasurer shall be eliminated.

Section 2 – The operation of the leagues will be under the supervision of MBI.

Article V ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 1 – The election of the Executive Board members may be conducted one of two ways, at the discretion of the Executive Board. If the board chooses to conduct the election via the League's official web site, then notices announcing the acceptance of applications for candidacy shall be posted prominently at all major MBI fields, and on the league web site. Applications for candidacy shall be available via the league web site. Individuals may apply for candidacy for only ONE Executive Board position. Only board members currently serving or former board members will be permitted to apply for the positions of President, Executive Vice President, VP of Major Leagues, VP of Minor Leagues or VP of Instructional Leagues. Online application process shall be no less than 2 weeks in duration, during the month of May. Immediately upon

conclusion of the online application process, unique voting PIN's shall be *e-mailed* to every MBI manager and current board member, along with instructions on how to vote securely via the league web site. The online voting process shall be held in late May or early June, and last no less than 7 full days. All ballots received on the league web site shall be printed and sealed by the webmaster upon completion of the voting period. Ballots shall be unsealed and tabulated during a regular MBI Board meeting no later than June 20. Voting results shall be tabulated and compiled for posting onto the league web site. As an alternative, the election may be conducted "in-person", during the month of June. Notice of such meeting shall be given at least one week in advance. Current sitting board members and current year Spring managers will be eligible to vote in the election. If a sitting board member is also a current manager, he/she will be able to cast one vote as a board member and one vote as a team manager for each team where he/she is listed as the team manager.

Section 2 – The officers of the Executive Board will be nominated by and elected by majority vote of all the current-year spring managers and current sitting Executive Board Members.

Section 3 – No more than one member of the Executive Board, who is eligible to sign a check on behalf of MBI, can be from the same household.

Section 4 – The term of office for all Executive Board officers shall be from August 1 to July 31.

Section 5 – In the event of death, resignation, or inability to perform the duties of office for any reason, of any League Commissioner, the Executive Board, by majority vote of the entire board, shall be empowered to select a replacement to complete the term of such officer. Any member of the Executive Board holding the position of President, Executive Vice President or any Vice President position may be replaced with only a current or former board member.

Section 6 – Any Executive Board officer who fails to attend three or more consecutive Executive Board meetings without valid cause, may be replaced in accordance with Article V, Section 5.

Article VI THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1 – The Executive Board shall meet as needed. Two-thirds of the members of the Executive Board must be present at any meeting to constitute a quorum.

Section 2 – The Executive Board shall be solely responsible for negotiations with the City of Mesquite or any other entity to secure adequate facilities for practices and the playing of games and the equitable allocation of facilities to the various leagues.

Section 3 - The Executive Board shall be solely responsible for contracting an umpire organization or umpires to provide officials for all games under the auspices of MBI.

Section 4 - The Executive Board shall have the authority to suspend, remove, or otherwise discipline any member, manager, coach, team mom, player, official, or other person whose conduct is considered detrimental to the best interests of MBI. Such action shall be by majority vote (secret ballot) of the entire Executive Board. For example, if there are 14 Executive Board

members it shall take a minimum of 8 votes to remove a member regardless of the number of Executive Board members present.

Section 4a – The Executive Board shall have the authority to refuse membership in MBI and/or exclude from participation in MBI league play or MBI-hosted tournaments anyone whose past MBI baseball-related behavior has been disruptive or been unbecoming to an individual who is in a position of adult leadership of youth. An example of such unacceptable behavior is (but not limited to) on-field disrespect for umpires, coaches or league officials where such disrespect detracts from MBI's emphasis on fostering good sportsmanship.

Section 5 - The Executive Board will approve all committees and committee chairmen.

Section 6 - The Executive Board shall have final approval of all managers and coaches.

Article VII DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1 – The President shall preside at all meetings of MBI and of the Executive Board, shall be the Chief Executive Officer of MBI, shall be an ex-officio member of all committees, and shall perform such other duties as are normally associated with the office of President.

Section 2 – The Executive 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 3 – The Secretary shall have custody of the records of MBI, and shall keep an accurate record of the meetings of the Executive Board and of MBI. The Secretary shall be responsible for the correspondence on behalf of MBI, and shall transmit all records and correspondence to any person elected to succeed him or her in that office.

Section 4 – The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all funds with the approval of the Executive Board, and shall keep an accurate account of all funds received and disbursed for MBI. The Treasurer shall submit a financial report at least monthly and at other times as may be requested by the President or any other Executive Board member. The Treasurer shall compile an annual report of MBI finances, and shall transmit all financial records to any person elected to succeed him or her in that office. If the Executive Board retains the services of a CPA, the CPA shall perform the duties of the Treasurer.

Section 4a – The Parliamentarian shall be responsible for ensuring that all meetings of the Executive Board and MBI are held in accordance with the by-laws. The Parliamentarian shall rule on all points of order, shall have custody of the by-laws and playing rules, and shall transmit the by-law's and Playing Rules to any person elected to succeed him or her in that office. The Parliamentarian will chair the by-laws and Rules Committees.

Section 4b – The VP of Major Leagues shall represent the interests of and coordinated the operations of the 13U – 18U Leagues. His/her duties are resolving conflicts, ensuring optimum playing field utilization, ensuring that the leagues under his/her supervision are operated in accordance with the MBI Playing Rules and any other duties as assigned by the Executive Board.

Section 4c – The VP of Minor Leagues shall represent the interests of and coordinated the operations of the 9U – 12U Leagues. His/her duties are resolving conflicts, ensuring optimum playing field utilization, ensuring that the leagues under his/her supervision are operated in accordance with the MBI Playing Rules and any other duties as assigned by the Executive Board.

Section 4d – The VP of Instructional Leagues shall represent the interests of and coordinated the operations of the 4U - 8U Leagues, plus Blast ball, if applicable. His/her duties are resolving conflicts, ensuring optimum playing field utilization, ensuring that the leagues under his/her supervision are operated in accordance with the MBI Playing Rules and any other duties as assigned by the Executive Board.

~~Section 4e – The League Commissioner of the 16U and 18U leagues shall represent the managers of the teams in these leagues on the Executive Board. He/she shall chair all meetings of these leagues, shall administer the player pool for these leagues and shall oversee the general operation of these leagues. Position eliminated.~~

Section 4f – The League Commissioner of the 13U/14U league shall represent the managers of the teams in this league on the Executive Board. He/she shall chair all meetings of this league, shall administer the player pool for this league and shall oversee the general operation of this league.

Section 4g – The League Commissioner of the 11U/12U league shall represent the managers of the teams in this league on the Executive Board. He/she shall chair all meetings of this league, shall administer the player pool for this league and shall oversee the general operation of this league.

Section 4h – The League Commissioner of the 9U/10U league shall represent the managers of the teams in this league on the Executive Board. He/she shall chair all meetings of this league, shall administer the player pool for this league and shall oversee the general operation of this league.

Section 4i – The League Commissioner of the 7U/8U league shall represent the managers of the teams in this league on the Executive Board. He/she shall chair all meetings of this league, shall administer the player pool for this league and shall oversee the general operation of this league.

Section 4j – The League Commissioner of the 5U/6U league shall represent the managers of the teams in this league on the Executive Board. He/she shall chair all meetings of this league, shall administer the player pool for this league and shall oversee the general operation of this league.

Section 4k – The League Commissioner of the 4U league shall represent the managers of the teams in this league on the Executive Board. He/she shall chair all meetings of this league, shall administer the player pool for this league and shall oversee the general operation of this league.

Section 5 – The President shall appoint a current Vice President to be responsible for the recruiting and training of workers for the concession stands, and shall report to the President.

Article VIII COMMITTEES

Section 1 – The Rules Committee shall be chaired by the Parliamentarian and shall have a minimum of three members appointed and approved by the Executive Board. The Rules Committee shall be responsible for the drafting of any proposed changes in the MBI league rules and the submission of it to the Executive Board for approval.

Section 2 – The Tournament Committee shall consist of a chairman appointed by the Executive Board and a member from each league. The Tournament Committee shall be responsible for organizing, promoting, and coordinating any tournaments to be hosted by MBI as approved by the Executive Board. The Tournament Committee also acts as a clearinghouse for information on tournaments being hosted by other area organizations.

Section 3 – The Executive Board shall form any other committees deemed necessary to carry out the objectives of MBI.

Article IX MANAGERS AND COACHES

Section 1 – The Executive Board shall approve all Managers and Coaches.

Section 2 – All persons wishing to manage a team in MBI (including returning managers) and meeting the requirements set forth in Article III shall submit a MBI *background check* to the Commissioner of the League of interest on or before the date designated prior to the start of the season and be approved.

Section 3 – The manager of each team will select the team's coaches. All coaches and Team Mom(s) will submit a MBI background check to the manager of their team. The manager will submit the background checks to the Commissioner of the League on or before the date designated before the start of the season for approval by the Executive Board.

Section 4 – The manager will be solely responsible for the conduct of their coaches, fans and teams.

Section 5 – All Managers and Coaches may be required to attend a city or MBI sponsored COACHING CLINIC on baseball before they can manage or coach in MBI.

Section 6 – During the course of the entire baseball season, each Manager (during his/her term of management) shall be solely responsible for any and all team expenditures.

Section 7 – All participants, by participating in MBI, agree to be held to the by-laws and rules of MBI.

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Article X FINANCIAL POLICY

Section 1 – The Executive Board shall decide all matters pertaining to the finances of MBI and shall place all income in a common treasury, directing the expenditures of same in such manner as will give no favoritism to any team or individual.

Section 2 – The Executive Board shall permit the contribution of funds to any team upon approval of the Executive Board.

Section 3 – All checks drawn on the MBI account will require two signatures from among the following Executive Board members: President, Executive Vice President, VP of Major Leagues, VP of Minor Leagues or VP of Instructional Leagues. If the Executive Board retains the services of a CPA, the Parliamentarian shall take the place of the Treasurer. Under no circumstances shall the two signatures on any check be from persons from the same household.

Article XI RULES

Section 1 – The rules used to govern local league play will be those published by Major League Baseball, with local amendments being addressed in the official MBI Rule Book.

Section 2 – The Executive Board shall be responsible for approval of all playing rules used in MBI.

Article XII ADOPTION AND AMENDMENTS

Section 1 – These by-laws shall be adopted upon a majority vote of the Boards of the predecessor organization (Mesquite Baseball Association and North Mesquite Baseball Association).

Section 2 – After adoption, these by-laws and any section thereof may be amended or revoked by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the entire Executive Board.

Article XIII ROBERT RULES

Section 1 – The rules contained in the most current edition of “Roberts Rules of Order” shall govern all meetings at MBI.