BLUE MOUNTAIN LEAGUE

BY-LAWS

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**ARTICLE ONE: NAME**

**101:** This organization shall be known as the Blue Mountain Baseball League, Inc., and shall be governed by the Official Baseball Playing Rules, with such exceptions or additions as may be determined by the Directors of Operation.

**ARTICLE TWO: PURPOSE**

**201:** The purpose of this league shall be to promote, govern and conduct amateur baseball, and generally generate good fellowship, social intercourse, and good membership among its members.

**202:** As this is an amateur League, no player shall receive remuneration of any nature whatsoever for his membership on any team, nor for taking part in any game.

**203:** No company, corporation, partnership, team, individual, or organization shall give, nor offer to give, any player remuneration, directly or indirectly, for membership on any team, nor for taking part in any game.

**ARTICLE THREE: MEMBERSHIP**

**301:** The membership of the league shall not consist of more than (12) twelve teams.

**302:** Membership in the league shall consist of teams duly elected by a majority vote of the Directors of Operation present at the October meeting. \*Members shall hold their franchises in perpetuity, unless they withdraw from the League, either voluntarily or involuntarily, subject this Constitution and By-Laws.

**303:** Each team shall post a franchise fee annually with the Secretary-Treasurer in such amount as the Directors of Operation shall determine. In addition to the franchise fee, each team shall also post a banquet fee, minimum ticket price for the All-Star
Game, minimum ticket price for the banquet tickets, Umpire Assignor fee and such other annual fees as determined by the Directors of Operation. \*These fees shall be payable 1/3 at the January meeting, 1/3 at the February meeting, and 1/3 at the March meeting. \*\*Teams will be assessed a 20% surcharge if not paid by the March meeting, on any overdue amounts for each meeting payment is due and not paid in full.

**304:** In the event of disbandment of the League, all teams holding a franchise at the time of disbandment shall vote on the disposition of all monies held in the League treasury.

**305:** Member teams of the League shall inform the Officers and the Directors of Operation not later than the October meeting as to their intention to field a team during the next season, or the team shall be immediately expelled from the League. A team so expelled may apply for membership as a new team at the January meeting.

**306:** Applications for membership in the League shall be made in writing prior to the October meeting, and shall be acted upon by the Directors of Operation at the October meeting.

1. Acceptance or rejection of the applications of new team(s) shall be by a majority vote of the Directors of Operation present.
2. Should the Directors of Operation vote to accept the applying team, said acceptance shall be placed on probation for a period one (1) year. At the end of the year, the Directors of Operation, excluding the applicant, shall vote whether to retain the applicant. \*If the vote is to retain, the applicant shall hold their franchise as outlined in section 302, *supra*. \*\* If the vote is not to retain, the applicant may reapply for admission to the league following the period of one (1) year from the date of the vote not to retain.
3. Upon acceptance of an applicant, said applicant shall post with the Secretary-Treasurer the following sums:
4. The franchise fee, which is non-refundable;
5. The banquet fee, which is non-refundable;
6. The umpire assignor’s fee, which is non-refundable;
7. The All-Star game minimum ticket price, which is non-refundable;
8. The banquet minimum ticket price, which is non-refundable;
9. An application fee of $75.00, which is non-refundable;
10. A “good-faith” deposit of $100.00, which is refundable.
11. Disposition of the “good-faith” deposit: Upon vote not to retain the team, the deposit shall be refunded to the team. Upon a vote to retain the team, the deposit shall be refunded to the team. Upon a vote to retain the team, the deposit may be refunded to the team, or the team may credit the deposit toward fees owed for the next season.

**307:** Each team shall submit to the Secretary-Treasurer, in writing, the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of their Manager, Representative, and (2) alternate representatives not later than the March meeting. New team(s) shall submit this information at the time of their acceptance into the League.

**ARTICLE FOUR: DIRECTORS OF OPERATION**

**401:** Each team in the League shall have one (1) vote on the Directors of Operation, which may be exercised only by the manager, representative or alternate representatives of that team, unless notice has been given to the Officers of the League prior to the meeting that another person will be representing the team at the meeting.

**402:** The manager of each member team, the representative and alternates of each member team, shall be entitled to attend all meetings of the League.

**403:** The officers of the League shall advise the Directors of Operation on all matters concerning the business of the League.

**404:** The powers, duties, and responsibilities of the Directors of Operation are as follows. They shall have power to:

1. Nominate and elect the Officers of the League;
2. Approve or disapprove the Appointees of the President;
3. Determine the franchise fee, banquet fee, and all other fees to be paid, annually or otherwise, by the League or its members;
4. Determine the honorariums for the Officers and Appointees of the League;
5. Determine the umpire fees for officiating of League games;
6. Accept or reject applications for membership in the League;
7. Adopt and revise the Constitution and By-Laws of the League;
8. Adopt exceptions, additions, modifications, and deletions to the Official Rules for use in the League;
9. Adopt a schedule of games for the League;
10. Determine the format for post-season play for the League;
11. Select the All-Star team or teams for the League;
12. Select the award winners for the League, subject to ARTICLE TWELVE;
13. Perform such other powers, duties, and responsibilities as are elsewhere outlined in the Constitution and By-Laws of the League.

**ARTICLE FIVE: OFFICERS AND APPOINTEES**

**501:** The officers of the League shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, and a Secretary-Treasurer. The Secretary-Treasurer may be a combined position, or two separate positions. The officers shall be elected at the October meeting, and their term of office shall commence with the January meeting following their election, and shall continue until their successor has been elected and assumes office.

**502:** The powers, duties and responsibilities of the **President** are as follows. He shall:

1. Preside at all meetings;
2. Administer and interpret the League’s Constitution and By-Laws;
3. Make schedule changes and adjustments when necessary;
4. Have jurisdiction to rule on any point not specifically covered by the Constitution and By-Laws;
5. Appoint an auditing Committee for the purpose of auditing the League’s financial records;
6. Appoint a Nominating Committee at the August meeting for the purpose of selecting nominees for the officers of the League;
7. Appoint a By-Law at the October meeting for the purpose of examining the League’s Constitution and By-Laws and to suggest such amendments, additions, revisions, and warranted;
8. Appoint a baseball committee for the purpose of overseeing the welfare of the League;
9. Appoint such other committees as heels are necessary and desirable;
10. Sit on all committees as an ex-officio member;
11. Certify the player rosters, subject to ARTICLE EIGHT;
12. Appoint, subject to approval of the Directors of Operation, an Umpire Assignor, Solicitor, Statistician, Director of Publicity, League Historian, and Appeal Board;
13. Have the authority to suspend players upon case shown and to levy fines, subject to ARTICLE SIX;
14. Recommend that a team or individual be placed on probation, subject to ARTICLE SIX;
15. Call subject meetings, or change regularly scheduled meetings, subject to ARTICLE SEVEN;
16. Have the authority to perform such other powers, duties, and responsibilities as are elsewhere outlined in the Constitution and By-Laws.

**503:** The powers, duties and responsibilities of the **Vice-President** are as follows. He shall:

1. Act in the capacity of the President, with all of the powers of the President, during the President’s absence;
2. Arrange a schedule of game for the League, subject to the approval of the League’s Directors of Operation;
3. Compile the rosters of players eligible to compete in League games, subject to the certification of the President;
4. Have the authority to perform such other powers, duties, and responsibilities as are outlined elsewhere in the Constitution and By-Laws.

**504:** The powers, duties, and responsibilities of the **Secretary-Treasurer** are as follows. He shall:

1. Keep a record of all minutes of all League meetings;
2. Keep a record of attendance at all League meetings;
3. Attend to League’s correspondence;
4. Notify the officers, Appointees, and Directors of Operation of all League meetings;
5. Maintain accurate records of the League’s finances;
6. Have the authority to perform such other powers, duties and responsibilities as are elsewhere outlined in the Constitution and By-Laws.

**505:** The appointees of the League shall be appointed by the President, subject to the approval of the Directors of Operation, at the January meeting. Appointees shall not be considered officers of the League.

**506:** The appointees, and their powers, duties, and responsibilities are as follows:

1. The Solicitor shall serve as legal counsel to the League.
2. The Umpire Assignor shall serve pursuant to ARTICLE NINE of the Constitution and By-Laws.
3. The Statistician shall compile individual and team records and statistics.
4. The Director of Publicity shall attend to publicizing the League, its teams, and individual players in the various media.
5. The Historian shall maintain the records of the League, including, but not limited to: statistics, minutes of meetings, correspondence, copies of By-Laws, and other such information and memorabilia pertaining to the League.
6. The Baseball Committee shall hear all appeals subject to ARTICLE SIX.

**507:** A commissioner shall be elected by the Directors of Operation at the January meeting. He shall not be considered an officer of the League. His powers and duties shall be to settle all formal baseball-related protests, act as chairman of the appeals board, and any other matters submitted to him by the President.

**508:** The Directors of Operation may determine not to fill all of the positions of Officers and Appointees.

**509:** Honorariums for the League’s Officers and Appointees shall be as follows:

1. Officers: President: $500.00; Vice-President: $300.00; Secretary: $200.00; Treasurer: $200.00
2. Commissioner: as determined by the Directors of Operation.
3. Solicitor: as necessary.
4. Umpire Assignor: $60.00 per team.
5. Statistician: $12.50 per team, plus ½ of all team fines for late reporting of score sheets.
6. Director of Publicity: $100.00 per annum.
7. Historian: reasonable and necessary expenses, as submitted and approved, not to exceed $100.00 per annum.
8. Director of Marketing: $100.00 per annum.
9. Webmaster: $ per annum.