



Lorain County Hot Stove



The Constitution Of Lorain County Hot Stove League 2024

Article I: Name

The name of this organization shall be the Lorain County Hot Stove League, Inc., a Charter member of the Ohio Hot Stove Baseball League, Inc.

Article II: Purpose

The purpose of this organization is to build character, citizenship, sportsmanship, and to teach basic fundamentals and general knowledge of the game of baseball and softball.

Article III: Membership and Voting

Section 1: The members of this organization shall be the Personnel Directors, as elected or appointed, from each local participating community and the Officers of this organization as defined herein.

Section 2: Voting and Voting Privileges.

- A. **Voting on Policy Changes or Elections** - Each local participating community through their Personnel Director or representative, in good standing as defined hereinafter, shall have one (1) vote, as shall each member of the Executive Board and Trustees as defined hereinafter, with the exception of the President, have one (1) vote.
- B. **Voting on Tournament Sites** - Each local participating community through their Personnel Director or representative, in good standing as defined hereinafter, shall have one (1) vote. A 70% quorum of local communities in good standing must be present. The Executive Board of this organization **shall** have a vote.
- C. **Voting Privileges** - Any local participating community whose representative has two (2) or more unexcused absences from regular or special meetings in one calendar year shall be considered **Not in Good Standing**, and shall lose all voting privileges for one (1) twelve (12) month period, which starts from the date of the last missed meeting. Attendance records shall be based on the Roll Call of each meeting. Only the President of this organization can grant an excused absence to a local community.
- D. **Roll Call or Ballot Vote** - At any time a member of this organization making a motion to be voted on, or the President of this organization may ask that the vote be a Roll Call or Ballot vote and the votes recorded as such.

Article IV: Officers

The officers of this baseball organization shall be a President, Vice President, four (4) Class Vice Presidents - one (1) each in charge of one (1) league classification. The officers of this softball organization shall be a 1st Vice President, five (5) Class Vice Presidents - one (1) each in charge of one (1) league classification; a Secretary, a Treasurer, a State Commissioner, and a Past President. Elections shall be held at the October meeting, providing a simple majority of voting members is present. Each officer shall hold their elected position for a period of three (3) years. The required officers shall be elected in this manner beginning in the year of 1970.

- ELECTED at the October 2021 meeting to serve during the years 2022, 2023, and 2024 – Class Vice



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President of G and State Commissioner, 1st Vice President, Softball Farm and Vice President Class D

- ELECTED at the October 2023 meeting to serve during the years 2024, 2025, and 2026 – President, Secretary, Vice President of Class Baseball Farm and Class I, Vice President Class A, Vice President Class C
- ELECTED at the October 2022 meeting to serve during the years 2023, 2024, and 2025 – Vice President, Treasurer, Class Vice President of HH/H, and Class Vice President of F, Vice President Class B.

The above named officers along with the Past President and the Head Umpire of Lorain County shall constitute the Executive Board. The President or 1st Vice President shall appoint someone to fill any vacancy that may arise in the organization, with the approval of the Executive Board.

Article V: Duties of Officers

Section 1: President and 1st Vice President

- Shall preside at all of the Organization's meetings when present.
- Shall break tie votes.
- Shall have the power to call special meetings when and where deemed necessary.
- Shall supervise the operations of the Organization and shall enforce all rules and regulations of the Organization.
- Shall at no time set aside any rule or regulation to benefit any individual or team, and shall render no decisions that are related to matters that shall be acted upon by the Executive Board or the general membership without their approval or knowledge.

Section 2: Vice President

- Shall carry out the duties pertaining to the office of the President whenever the President is absent or unable to perform such duties as outlined herein.
- Shall become President in the event the current President should resign or become incapacitated during his/her term of office.
- Shall have the power to call special meetings when and where deemed necessary with the approval of two (2) additional officers.
- Shall serve in any capacity deemed necessary by the President.

Section 3: Vice Presidents of Classes Farm, A, B, C, D, I, HH/H, G, F,

- Shall serve as the intermediary between the teams of his/her classification and the Executive Board.
- Shall have the power to call special meetings when and where deemed necessary with the approval of two (2) additional officers.
- Shall have the power to call a meeting of the managers and/or coaches of his/her classification at any time he/she deems necessary.
- Shall prepare the season game schedule of his/her classification.
- This order will be followed for the purpose of conducting a meeting or any other business deemed necessary in the absence of the President, Vice President and 1st Vice President: Vice President of: Class D, Class F, Class C, Class G, Class B, Class HH/H, Class A, Baseball Farm and Softball Farm.

Section 4: Secretary

- Shall record all minutes of all the Organization's meetings.
- Shall submit the minutes of each meeting at the next regular meeting.



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- C. Shall handle all correspondence and any other matters deemed necessary in the promotion of the Organization.
- D. Shall prepare and email notices to all local community representatives and officers.
- E. Shall keep a record of all teams, managers, and assistants.
- F. Shall assist the Treasurer in all duties deemed necessary by the members of the Executive Board.
- G. Shall receive \$2.00 per team for every team that the Organization handles for the current year.

Section 5: Treasurer

- A. Shall keep a record of all teams, managers, and assistants.
- B. Shall handle all financial matters of the Organization.
- C. Shall be bonded at the expense of the Organization.
- D. Shall record all income and expenses of the Organization during the current year and pay all current expenses as they occur, subject to the approval of the Executive Board.
- E. Shall give a complete financial report at each regular meeting.
- F. Shall at no time set aside any rule or regulation to benefit any individual or team, and shall render no decisions that are related to matters that shall be acted upon by the Executive Board or the general membership without their approval or knowledge.
- G. Shall receive \$2.00 per team for every team that the Organization handles for the current year.

Section 6: State Commissioner

- A. Shall report to the State Executive Committee any decisions made by the Organization.
- B. Shall report to the Organization any decisions made by State.
- C. Refer to the State Constitution for further duties.
- D. Shall receive mileage compensation when traveling out of the county for State meetings.

Section 7: Trustees

- A. Shall be nominated by any member of the Executive Committee and approved by a simple majority vote of the members present.
- B. Shall aid and assist members of the Executive Committee as determined based on the needs of the organization.
- C. There shall be no limit to the number of Trustees.
- D. Trustees shall serve a term of 12 months, beginning in October each year.

Section 8: Financial Commitment by Board Member

- A. No Board Member or Officer shall commit the Organization to anything financial or otherwise, without the approval of either the Executive Board or general membership. The Executive Board may only approve up to \$500.00 per commitment without general membership approval.
- B. State Officers from Lorain County Hot Stove shall receive current federal mileage rate compensation when traveling out of the county for State meetings. If State Officers and State Commissioner are traveling together, only one (1) driver will receive mileage compensation. State Officers must turn mileage report in to Treasurer annually.

Section 8: Board Member Removal

An Executive Board Member may be removed from office for failure to fulfill his/her duties as a Board Member as stated herein, by a vote of 2/3 (two-thirds) of the remaining Executive Board Members.



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Article VI: Meetings

Section 1: Meeting Times

- A. Meetings shall be held the third Sunday of the month starting in January and running through October, with no regular scheduled meetings in the months of April, July, August, November, and December, unless otherwise notified.
- B. Meetings held during the season – May through July shall be held at 7:00 PM but may be modified as needed.

Section 2: Quorum

A quorum shall consist of a simple majority, unless otherwise outlined.

Section 3: Order of Business

The order of business shall be as follows:

1. Calling the meeting to order - President or presiding officer
 - a. Calling the meeting to order – 1st Vice President
2. Reading of the minutes - Secretary
3. Report of the Treasurer - Treasurer
4. Roll Call of Officers and Local Communities - Secretary
5. Class Vice President Reports - Class Vice Presidents
6. Head Umpire Reports – Head Umpires
7. State Commissioner’s Report – State Commissioner
8. Old Business
9. New Business
10. Adjournment

Article VII: Committees

The standing committees for the Organization shall be as follows:

1. Umpires Committee consisting of the County Head Umpire and at least two (2) other members appointed by the President, for the purpose of scheduling and conducting umpire training clinics.
2. A Nominating Committee of three (3) shall be appointed by the President in September to review nominations and make recommendations at the October meeting.
3. An Auditing Committee of three (3) shall be appointed and audit the records of the Treasurer yearly. Said audit shall be completed and the report presented to the general membership by the February meeting.

Article VIII: Amendments

The Constitution or any section thereof may be amended or repealed by a 2/3 (two-thirds) vote of the voting members present, providing a copy of the proposed change(s) has been placed in the hands of the Personnel Director or representative of the local communities no less than one (1) month prior to the January meeting, at which time the voting will take place.

Adopted January 2024