



North Ridgeville Baseball League, Inc.

Bylaws

Article I. Name

- a. The name of this organization shall be the North Ridgeville Baseball League, Inc.

Article II. Purpose

- a. The purpose of this league is to promote athletics and good sportsmanship for the youth of North Ridgeville

Article III. Membership

- a. Membership is open to any person interested in promoting athletics for the youth of North Ridgeville.

Article IV. Election of Officers

- a. The election of officers of this league shall consist of a President, one (1) Vice President, one (1) Secretary, one (1) Treasurer, a Baseball Personnel Director, Softball Personnel Director, Head Umpire, Sponsor Director, Booster Director, Concession Director, Baseball Development Director, and Softball Development Director.
- b. To be eligible for election to President, candidate must fulfill one of the following requirements:
 - i. *Be a current board member and have served on the Executive Board for at least a full two (2) year term.*
 - ii. *Be a current board member or Trustee and have served two full two (2) year terms on the Board of Directors or a Trustee for four (4) years. Service as a member of the Board of Directors and Trustee may be combined for this purpose.*
 - iii. *Be a current board member or Trustee and have served one full two (2) year term on the Board of Directors or a Trustee for two (2) years and have been a coach in the North Ridgeville Baseball League for a minimum of four (4) years. Service as a member of the Board of Directors and Trustee may be combined for this purpose.*
- c. Past President shall be the person that immediately precedes the current president and holds the position for one year or as needed. The term of the past president can be extended beyond one year if deemed necessary by the board. The past president acts as an advisor but does not have a vote.
- d. The League Treasurer shall be the only Treasurer for the organization.
- e. Maintenance Director is a hired position, thus not a voting member of the Executive Board or Board of Directors.
- f. The Head Umpire is a hired position, thus not a voting member of the Executive Board or Board of Directors.
- g. The regular September meeting will be the annual meeting for the election of officers. Newly elected officers shall assume their duties in October. All officers shall serve for a term of two (2) years.
- h. Election of officers will be staggered by one (1) year. The President, Secretary, Baseball Personnel Director, Softball Development Director and Sponsor Director elections occur in odd numbered years. The Vice President, Treasurer, Softball Personnel Director, Booster Director, Concession Director and Baseball Development Director elections occur in even numbered years.





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- i. League Trustees are appointees of the Executive Board, who will assist the Executive Board and Board of Directors as needed. Trustee appointments are for one year. Trustees are encouraged to attend all board and coaches' meetings but are not required to do so and hold are not voting positions. Trustees can be removed at any time by a board vote.
- j. Any member not in good standing may not hold any coaching or board position.

Article V. Voting Powers

- a. Voting membership shall consist of all elected officers, Trustees, all Managers, Assistant Managers, Rostered Coaches or Committee member, recognized by the Board as a member in good standing.
- b. Voting powers for Past President and Trustees do not include voting power on Executive Board decisions.
- c. Voting privileges will cease when the member is no longer active.
- d. In order to exercise your voting privilege, you must have personally attended the meeting the previous month, unless a valid reason is accepted by the President.

Article VI. Member in Good Standing

- a. Anyone who meets the mission and purpose of the North Ridgeville Baseball League that is defined by Ohio Hot Stove Baseball, Inc., Lorain County Hot Stove, or the North Ridgeville Baseball League Charter.

Article VII. Member Not in Good Standing

- a. Anyone who takes actions detrimental to the operation or purpose of the North Ridgeville Baseball League shall be considered a member NOT IN GOOD STANDING and shall forfeit all privileges of a member in good standing.
- b. The Executive Board shall develop and maintain a list of all individuals NOT in good standing.
- c. Before a member is placed in the list, the Executive Board prior to action being taken will notify him or her. The individual has the right to an appeal.
- d. Any member suspended or banned by any associated governing body is considered as a member not in good standing and will forfeit any rights enjoyed by a member in good standing.

Article VIII. Meetings

- a. Regular meetings shall be held on the first Wednesday of each month.
- b. A seven (7) day advance notice shall be given for any special meetings.
- c. A quorum of five (5) with at least two (2) being Executive Board members shall constitute a quorum for this organization.
- d. All meetings have a time limit of 1.5 hours. To extend the meeting, a motion must be made, or the meeting will adjourn at the time limit.

Article IX. Selection of Managers

- a. Managers shall be elected upon review of the Executive Board. Guidelines listed in the Standing Rules shall be followed.

Article X. Expenditures

- a. Any expenditure above \$100 must have the approval of the President. All capital improvements must be approved by a majority board vote.

Article XI. Auditing of Books

- a. A committee of three (3) shall be appointed by the Executive Board to audit the books sometime during the month of December. The report is given by the January meeting.





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Article XII. Special Board Powers

- a. The North Ridgeville Baseball League, Inc. Board shall have the power to clarify any rules and make decisions in an emergency situation that is not covered by the Bylaws or the Standing Rules by a majority vote.

Article XIII. Five Member Committee

- a. A Committee of five (5) will be appointed by the President to handle all complaints against any Manager or Coach and take disciplinary action, if any. In the event a complaint against a committee member or a committee member is unable to fulfill their duty, the President or Vice President will temporarily replace the member on the committee. Complaints are to be brought to the attention of the respective Personnel Director within 24 hours after the incident, prior to being submitted to the committee.
- b. A member cannot serve on the committee more than one (1) year. All decisions of this committee will be submitted to the Executive Board in writing.
- c. Committee Guidelines
 - i. *This committee will not handle any complaint not brought before the Personnel Director first.*
 - ii. *All complaints submitted to the committee must be legibly written or typed. List all witnesses if applicable.*
 - iii. *If Rules i. and ii. Are not adhered to, the complaint will be rejected.*
 - iv. *The committee will decide after hearing both versions of the complaint. The decision will be given as a recommendation to the Executive Board in writing.*
 - v. *If a committee member files a complaint or a complaint against a committee member, the President or the Vice President will take that member's place on the committee.*
 - vi. *All complaints shall be handled as soon as possible.*
 - vii. *The 24-hour rule for complaints pertains only to the playing season.*
 - viii. *All decisions made by this committee may be appealed to the Executive Board.*
 - ix. *In the event a decision cannot be reached by the committee, the complaint will revert to Article XII in the North Ridgeville Baseball League Bylaws.*
 - x. *Rules may be added or amended by the committee at any time with a majority vote.*

Article XIV. Amendments

- a. Amendments must be in writing and turned into the Secretary by or at the September meeting. A committee shall be appointed to review all Bylaws as well as any proposed changes before the November meeting. A copy of all proposed amendments will be available prior to the review. The final recommendations of the committee will be presented at the November meeting for vote by all in attendance.

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