

COLONIAL BASEBALL SUMMER LEAGUE

Articles of Organization - 2026 Season

Article I. Name

The name of the organization shall be Colonial Baseball Summer League, hereinafter referred to as the League.

Article II. Purpose

The League is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, and amateur sports purposes, including but not limited to:

1. Providing a safe, organized, and developmentally appropriate summer baseball program for youth players ages 9 through 12.
2. Promoting skill development, sportsmanship, teamwork, respect for umpires and opponents, and enjoyment of the game.
3. Offering opportunities for participation at multiple competitive levels, including A and B teams, to support both player development and appropriate competition.
4. Coordinating summer baseball opportunities among participating towns while recognizing that each town program may maintain and enforce its own local rules, regulations, player policies, and administrative requirements, to the extent those local provisions do not conflict with League-wide rules or safety standards.
5. Supporting families and communities through a well-governed, inclusive, and transparent baseball program.

Article III. Principal Office

The principal office of the League shall be located at 81 Fearing Road, Hingham, MA, or at such other location as the Board of Directors may determine.

Article IV. Nonprofit Character

The League shall be organized and operated as a nonprofit organization under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. No part of the net earnings of the League shall inure to the benefit of any director, officer, coach, or private individual, except that the League may pay reasonable compensation for services actually rendered and reimburse approved expenses.

Article V. Members

The League may have members as defined in the bylaws. Membership classes, rights, voting privileges, and responsibilities shall be established in the bylaws.

Article VI. Board of Directors

The affairs of the League shall be governed by a Board of Directors. The number, qualifications, election, terms, powers, and duties of directors shall be set forth in the bylaws.

Article VII. Officers

The officers of the League shall include, at minimum, a President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary, with such additional officers as the bylaws may provide.

Article VIII. Youth Protection and Safety

The League shall adopt and maintain policies intended to protect the health, safety, and welfare of players, including but not limited to:

1. Codes of conduct for coaches, parents, players, and spectators.
2. Procedures for reporting safety concerns, misconduct, and violations of League policy.
3. Rules regarding medical release information, emergency contacts, and injury response.

Article IX. Bylaws and League Rules

The League may adopt bylaws, General League Rules, Game Rules, codes of conduct, and other policies to govern its internal affairs, operations, competitions, and participants, provided such documents are consistent with these Articles of Organization and applicable law.

Article X. Dissolution

Upon dissolution of the League, any remaining assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, if applicable, or to another nonprofit amateur youth sports or charitable organization serving a similar purpose, as determined by the Board and in accordance with applicable law.

Article XI. Incorporator

The name and address of the incorporator shall be:

Daniel Clark

Hingham, MA

Article XII. Effective Date

These Articles of Organization shall become effective upon filing or on such later effective date as may be stated in the filing accepted by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

