

COLONIAL BASEBALL SUMMER LEAGUE

Bylaws - 2026 Season

Article I. Purpose

Section 1. Purpose

The League exists to organize and administer a youth summer baseball program for players ages 9 through 12, with a focus on player development, sportsmanship, fair play, community participation, and appropriate competition. The League is intended to serve town-based summer travel teams and to provide a League framework that works alongside participating towns' own rules and regulations.

Section 2. Guiding Principles

The League shall operate under the following principles:

1. Player development comes before winning.
2. Safety is the first priority.
3. Teams should be formed and managed in a fair and transparent manner.
4. Adults shall model respectful behavior at all times.
5. A and B team structures should create meaningful opportunities for all eligible players.

Article II. Membership

Section 1. Membership Categories

The League may have the following membership categories:

- Voting Members: Current Board members and such other persons as the Board may designate.
- Non-Voting Participants: Coaches, assistant coaches, volunteers, parents or legal guardians of registered players, and players.

Section 2. Good Standing

A member shall remain in good standing by complying with League policies, payment obligations, codes of conduct, and any volunteer or administrative requirements adopted by the Board.

Section 3. Suspension of Membership Privileges

The Board may suspend or revoke membership privileges for conduct detrimental to the League, including abusive behavior, code-of-conduct violations, nonpayment, falsification of records, or repeated disregard of League rules.

Article III. Board of Directors

Section 1. Authority

The Board of Directors shall manage the business, property, policies, finances, and affairs of the League.

Section 2. Composition

The Board shall consist of 4 directors during the League's initial years:

- President

- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Secretary

Section 3. Eligibility

Directors shall be adults in good standing with the League. The Board may adopt conflict-of-interest rules governing service by coaches, parents, or others with direct team affiliations.

Section 4. Election and Term

Directors shall be elected by the voting membership or appointed as provided by the Board's election procedures. Standard term length shall be two years, unless otherwise established by the League. Directors may serve consecutive terms.

Section 5. Vacancies

Any vacancy on the Board may be filled by majority vote of the remaining directors until the next annual election.

Section 6. Removal

A director may be removed, with or without cause, by a two-thirds vote of the Board or by the voting membership under procedures adopted by the League.

Article IV. Officers

Section 1. Officers

The officers of the League shall be:

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Secretary

Section 2. Duties of the President

The President shall:

1. Preside at League and Board meetings.
2. Provide overall leadership and oversight.
3. Serve as the League's primary representative.
4. Ensure that Board actions and League policies are implemented.
5. Appoint committees and coordinators, subject to Board approval where required.

Section 3. Duties of the Vice President

The Vice President shall:

1. Assist the President.
2. Perform the duties of the President in the President's absence.
3. Oversee special projects or operations as assigned.

Section 4. Duties of the Treasurer

The Treasurer shall:

1. Maintain accurate financial records.
2. Receive and deposit League funds.

3. Pay approved expenses.
4. Present regular financial reports to the Board.
5. Prepare an annual budget and year-end summary.
6. Ensure appropriate financial controls are maintained.

Section 5. Duties of the Secretary

The Secretary shall:

1. Keep minutes of all Board and membership meetings.
2. Maintain League records.
3. Provide notice of meetings.
4. Retain governing documents and official correspondence.

Article V. Meetings

Section 1. Annual Meeting

An annual meeting shall be held at a time designated by the Board for elections, reports, and other business.

Section 2. Regular Board Meetings

The Board shall meet as needed to conduct League business. Meetings may be held in person or electronically.

Section 3. Special Meetings

Special meetings may be called by the President or by a specified number of directors established by Board policy.

Section 4. Quorum

A majority of directors then in office shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 5. Voting

Unless otherwise provided in these bylaws, actions of the Board shall be approved by a majority vote of directors present at a meeting where a quorum exists.

Article VI. League Rules and Policies

Section 1. League Rules

The Board may adopt, interpret, clarify, suspend, or amend League rules and policies, including General League Rules and Game Rules, when necessary to address safety, fairness, scheduling, competitive balance, discipline, or operational issues.

Section 2. Rule Priority

The Articles of Organization and these Bylaws control the League's governance. Board-approved General League Rules and Game Rules control League operations and game play, provided they are consistent with the Articles of Organization and these Bylaws. Where League rules are silent, standard baseball rules or other rules identified by the Board may be used as a reference.

Article VII. Codes of Conduct

Section 1. General Standard

All participants and spectators shall conduct themselves in a respectful and sportsmanlike manner.

Section 2. Prohibited Conduct

Prohibited conduct includes:

1. Abuse of umpires, players, coaches, volunteers, or spectators.
2. Harassment, intimidation, bullying, or discrimination.
3. Profanity directed at others.
4. Throwing equipment in anger.
5. Disruptive or unsafe sideline behavior.
6. Use of alcohol, illegal drugs, or tobacco products in prohibited areas or during League events.

Section 3. Discipline

Violations may result in warning, removal from a game or event, suspension, or additional discipline imposed by the Board.

Article VIII. Finances

Section 1. Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the League shall be determined by the Board.

Section 2. Budget

The Board shall adopt an annual or seasonal budget.

Section 3. Banking and Disbursements

League funds shall be deposited in accounts approved by the Board. Expenditures shall be made only for League purposes and under financial controls established by the Board.

Section 4. Checks and Approvals

The Board shall establish approval thresholds, signatory authority, reimbursement procedures, and documentation requirements.

Section 5. Fees and Scholarships

The Board may set registration fees and may provide scholarships, fee waivers, or financial assistance consistent with League policy and available funds.

Article IX. Insurance, Risk Management, and Safety

The League shall maintain appropriate insurance coverage as determined by the Board. The League shall adopt safety procedures addressing first aid, emergency response, weather, field conditions, equipment, and injury reporting.

Article X. Dispute Resolution and Discipline

Section 1. Informal Resolution

The League encourages concerns to be resolved informally when appropriate.

Section 2. Formal Complaints

Complaints involving player placement, coach conduct, rules violations, or misconduct shall be submitted to the Board or its designee.

Section 3. Hearing and Decision

The Board may review the matter, gather information, and issue a decision. The Board may delegate initial review to a committee, but final authority remains with the Board unless otherwise stated.

Section 4. Progressive Discipline

Discipline may include verbal warning, written warning, probation, suspension, forfeiture, removal from an event, or removal from League participation.

Article XI. Conflict of Interest

Board members and officers shall disclose actual or potential conflicts of interest. Any director with a conflict shall refrain from voting on the matter unless permitted under an adopted conflict-of-interest policy and applicable law.

Article XII. Amendments

These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Board or by such other procedure as the League adopts, provided notice of the proposed amendment is given in advance.

