

# **Blackland Baseball/Softball Association**

## **BYLAWS**

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#### ARTICLE 1

This organization shall be known as BLACKLAND BASEBALL/SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION.

#### ARTICLE 2

This association was established as a NON-PROFIT organization to give the youth of central Texas the opportunity to participate in the organized sports of baseball and softball.

The objective of this organization is to teach the youth the meaning of teamwork, good sportsmanship, fair competition, and goal achievement. The organization hopes to instill discipline, self-control, and respect for rules and authority in each child that participates in the program.

#### ARTICLE 3 – ADMINISTRATION

The governing body of this organization shall be known as the BOARD OF DIRECTORS. The BOARD OF DIRECTORS shall consist of (3) elected officers (President, Vice President, Secretary) and one director from each town that is appointed by said town. Other appointments or committees may be made by majority vote.

#### ARTICLE 4 - TERM OF ADMINISTRATION

Each member of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS shall serve a (2) year term. Each member shall be eligible for re-appointment the end of their expired term. The Board of Directors is voted on by one town representative from each respective affiliate.

Each Town representative is appointed by their local affiliate and shall serve a (1) year term.

#### ARTICLE 5 - OFFICERS

Officers of this organization shall consist of the following:

##### **A. PRESIDENT**

Duties:

1. Preside over all meetings of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
2. Appoint committees as deemed necessary.
3. See that all appointed members and officers are properly maintaining their assigned duties.
4. To be the President, you must have served as an officer or executive board member of one of the affiliate towns for one term.

##### **B. VICE-PRESIDENT**

Duties:

1. Fill in for the President when deemed necessary.
2. Assume all duties of the President in case of absence.
3. To be the Vice President, you must have served as an officer or executive board member of one of the affiliate towns for one term.

##### **C. SECRETARY**

Duties:

1. Record all minutes and maintain a copy of each on file.
2. Type all necessary correspondence.

3. See that each officer and board member receive a copy of all printed information pertaining to the operation of this organization.
4. Correspond with the Little League regarding any rule changes or paperwork that needs to be handled.
5. Oversee all media relations i.e. Website, Facebook, etc.
6. To be the Secretary, you must have served as an officer or executive board member of one of the affiliate towns for one term.

#### ARTICLE 6 – BOARD MEMBERS

Additional board members shall include one representative from each affiliate town.

#### ARTICLE 7 - AFFILIATION

Blackland Baseball/Softball Association is an independent organization.

Rulesets and policies are used in the following order:

1. Blackland Baseball/Softball Association Ground Rules
2. Texas Teenage Association Rule Book
3. a) USA Softball Rule book for Softball  
b) NFHS Baseball Rules

#### ARTICLE 8 – VACATED POSITIONS

Any position on the BOARD OF DIRECTORS vacated during the term shall be filled by majority vote of the Board.

#### ARTICLE 9 – RULE CHANGES

Any rule change or addition must be approved by a majority vote of the Board present at that time.

#### ARTICLE 10 - BOUNDARY

Children may play baseball/softball in the league where they go to school or the town where they reside. If there is no Blackland Baseball/Softball affiliate in the town, it is considered a “Grey” area, and these children can choose whichever affiliate they wish to play in. However, once those in a “grey” area

choose an affiliate, they may not switch affiliates unless they (1) physically move to a different affiliate, (2) attend school in a different affiliate or (3) are formally released by their current affiliate board to do so.

#### ARTICLE 11 – PLAYERS PLAYING “DOWN”

Any player that does not meet league age eligibility may play “down” with board approval. These are approved by the board on a case-by-case basis. The parents of said player “playing down” need to be informed that if the team advances to playoffs, their child will not be eligible to participate and is ineligible for All-Star selection at the end of the year. BBSA board has to be aware of the situation and said player is not put on the “official roster”. Children with special needs, that are playing “down”, should be given every opportunity to play their 12 consecutive outs just as any other player.

#### ARTICLE 12 - SCOREKEEPING

The official scorebook for the Blackland Baseball/Softball League is to be kept by the HOME team of the game being played. When the game is complete, the book must be signed by the umpire and a coach

from both teams. Each town included in the Blackland Baseball/Softball League must keep an official scorebook at a designated location that is easily accessible by the teams playing. A separate scorebook should be kept for each league in each town. (Example-T-Ball Boys, T-Ball Girls, Midget Girls, Midget Boys, Freshman Girls, Freshman Boys) If available, the scoreboard should be utilized. **A separate scorebook (score sheet) shall be kept by home team for pitch count for 10u Boys and up.**

#### ARTICLE 13 - RESULTS

A representative from each town included in the Blackland Baseball/Softball League must report to the appointed board representative weekly the scores of all games to played so an official win loss record can be maintained throughout the season to determine league champions.

#### ARTICLE 14 -SCHEDULING

The board of directors will appoint the league's scheduler each season. A scheduling committee made up of one representative from each town will review and approve the schedules once complete. Once the schedules have been approved, the schedule is official. Changes to the official schedule may be made for the following reasons: school and religious functions not recognized prior to scheduling, inclement weather and other reasons not mentioned but approved by majority vote amongst the board. **2 teams in same town may re-schedule a game amongst themselves, if no other team is affected.**

Games will be played on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday. Generally, Wednesdays and Saturdays will be used for make-up games.

#### ARTICLE 15 – TOWNS

Towns included in this affiliation: Bartlett, Jarrell, Florence, Granger, and Holland. Members may be added or removed with a majority vote of affiliates.

