

2008 Constitution and By-Laws

Streetsboro Junior Baseball & Softball Organization, Inc.

Article 1. NAME

- Streetsboro Junior Baseball And Softball Organization, Incorporated

Article 2. PURPOSE

- The purpose of this program is to promote honesty, respect, athletics, and good sportsmanship for all the youth in Streetsboro and the surrounding communities.

Article 3. MEMBERSHIP

- Membership is open to any person interested in promoting athletics for the youth of Streetsboro and the surrounding communities. In order to be considered as a voting member, you must be in attendance at a minimum of three meetings per year.
- Members with money outstanding to the league are ineligible for voting privileges.

Article 4. OFFICERS

An Executive Board of Officers will manage the program. The Executive Officers shall be composed of:

- President
- Vice-President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Head Umpire
- Head Commissioner

Board positions shall be composed of:

- The Executive Board of Officers
 - Pee Wee Commissioner
 - Girls Intercity Commissioner
 - Coach's Pitch Commissioner
 - Minor Commissioner
 - Champion Commissioner
 - Boys Traveling Commissioner
 - Girls Traveling Commissioner
 - At least one Administrative Assistant
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- Residency requirements are as follows: President and Vice President must be current Streetsboro residents. Specifically, President and Vice President must reside in Streetsboro City corporation limits beginning February 1 through the November elections of the year that the position is held.
 - Any person owing outstanding monies from any previous year cannot run for office or hold board or officer positions.

Article 5. IMPEACHMENT

- An executive member can be impeached at any time by a 3/4 vote of the executive board only.

A. Duties Of The Officers

The **PRESIDENT** shall:

- Serve a two-year term unless impeached;
- Preside at all meetings at which he/she is present;
- Enforce all rules,
- Oversee all board members;
- Demonstrate effective people skills;
- Possess strong organizational skills; and
- Keep all league records for a seven year retention period.

The **VICE PRESIDENT** shall:

- Preside at meetings in the absence of the President;
- Assist the President in all areas of operations;
- Take over until the November election should there be an absence of the President for any reason; and
- Serve as Sponsorship Chair.

The **SECRETARY** shall:

- Handle correspondences;
- Keep and record minutes of all meetings;
- Assist in all areas of operations; and
- Assume the duties of Public Relations Coordinator

The **TREASURER** shall:

- Be in charge of accounts payable and receivable;
- Balance all accounts
- Keep full financial ledgers of league funds; and
- Demonstrate knowledge of bookkeeping practices.

The **HEAD COMMISSIONER** shall:

- Oversee all division commissioners
- Enforce all Inner City Rules; and
- Ensure all commissioners hold their organizational meetings.

The **HEAD UMPIRE** shall:

- Oversee and schedule all umpires; and
- Enforce all league rules.

B. Duties of Board Members

COMMISSIONERS will be elected to head each division of the league.

Commissioners shall:

- Attend all meetings,
- Have voting privileges regarding the rules and regulations, as stated in Article 3.
- Be responsible to organize a meeting before the start of the season to go over the rules,
- Keep managers informed of all events and schedule changes; and
- Enforce all league rules within their division.

C. The entire board shall be nominated and voted on at the November meeting with exception of the President, which is a 2 year term. Election will be by closed ballot unless the nominee is running unopposed. Nominees must be present or submit a letter stating their intent to accept a nomination one day prior to election. The officers shall be elected by a majority of the voting members at the November meeting. The President will appoint the Administrative Assistant(s).

D. In order to be nominated, elected, and serve as President, the candidates must meet residency requirements and have at least two current, complete and consecutive years of service as an SJB executive board member prior to the election.

E. The President and Vice President may coach, but may not manage a team. Commissioners may manage in any division other than the league they commission. This amendment does not pertain to the Champion or Traveling leagues.

F. Executive board members must attend at least 7 meetings per year.

Article 6: VOTING MEMBERS

A. All members as outlined in Article 3 are eligible to vote on any changes affecting playing rules.

B. All members as outlined in Article 3 are eligible to vote at the November elections.

Article 7. MEETINGS

The Streetsboro Junior Baseball and Softball Organization, Inc. shall meet for special meetings as needed. Special meetings to be held will be announced on league website.

A. The first regular meeting will be the January meeting, and the last regular meeting will be the November meeting.

B. All decisions of the league requiring the approval of the general membership shall be made by majority vote of the voting members present at the meeting wherein the question is voted upon (see Articles 3 and 5).

C. Four executive board members must be present in order to make a quorum. If less than four executive board members are present, discussion can take place, but a vote must be deferred until a quorum is present.

D. The Roberts Rules of Order shall govern meetings.

E. ORDER OF BUSINESS AT MEETINGS:

1. Call to Order
2. Reading of the Minutes from the Last Meeting/Secretary's Report
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Vice President's Report
5. Head Commissioner's Report
6. Head Umpire's Report
7. President's Report
8. Commissioner's Report
9. Old Business
9. New Business
10. Adjourn

Article 8. AMENDMENTS

The Constitution and By-laws of the Streetsboro Junior Baseball and Softball Organization, Inc. can be amended at the October meeting only. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the total present voting membership shall approve changes (See article 6).

Article 9. GENERAL OPERATING RULES AND PLAYING RULES

Any voting member may propose a rule change at any scheduled Streetsboro Junior Baseball and Softball Organization, Inc. meeting. All proposals will be referred to the Executive Board of Officers for review. After review by the board, it may be presented for approval by the voting membership at the regularly scheduled meeting in February. Changes to the rules will require an affirmative two-thirds (2/3) vote of the total membership present. Also, in an emergency, the board may present rule changes to be voted on at other than the February meeting.

Article 10. INDIVIDUAL LEAGUE PLAYING RULES

The board of officers may revise individual league playing rules when submitted in writing by individual managers and coaches of that league. Managers and coaches must vote before submitting the proposed change to the board. The vote must be a 2/3 majority. A list of managers and coaches voting must be submitted to indicate that a 2/3 majority has approved. Individual league playing rules will be reviewed and revised in the months of January and February.

Article 11. LEAGUE BOARD AUTHORITY

The executive board of officers shall have the authority to act in an emergency on all matters of conduct. Regarding enforcement of the rules that are not covered by the league rules, those actions must be in accordance with the Constitution and By-laws that govern the league.

Article 12. LEAGUE AUDITS

There shall be an accounting of the books each year between January 1st and May 15th by a Certified Public Accountant. The League will pay fees for this service. The Streetsboro Junior Baseball and Softball Organization, Inc. financial year will run from January through December.

Article 13. TRANSFER OF OFFICE

A special board meeting will be held within 10 days of the election if needed. This meeting shall include both outgoing and incoming members to transfer books and review board documents. Full cooperation is mandatory.

Article 14. INFRACTIONS AND PENALTIES

Infraction	* Minimum Consequence
Profanity	2 to 3 game suspension
Threatening	3-year suspension
Physical Contact	3-year suspension
Intimidation or Lack of Respect for Children	3-year suspension
Poor Sportsmanship	3-year suspension

*UP TO AND INCLUDING TERMINATION FROM THE LEAGUE

ANY INDIVIDUAL SUSPENDED DURING THE COURSE OF THE YEAR MAY NOT RECEIVE A TEAM IN THE FUTURE UNLESS APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Penalties apply to players, parents, spectators, managers, coaches and umpires.

Example: Multiple game suspensions may carry over from one season to the next using a rolling calendar. For example, a person suspended for 3 years in June will be reinstated in June of the calendar year three years from the time of suspension (not at the beginning of the season in the third year following suspension).

The Streetsboro Junior Baseball and Softball Organization, Inc. Executive Board may immediately act on infractions as seem fit and forward complaint to the Complaint Committee for a ruling.

Article 15: COMPLAINT COMMITTEE

The President will appoint a complaint committee. Any executive board member may step in for the absent member.

On a documented complaint only the Complaint Committee can hand out suspensions. Suspensions must be documented and retained on file by the league,

Any complaint must be submitted in writing within 24 hours of the incident in order to be considered.