

ARKANSAS DIAMOND YOUTH BASEBALL/SOFTBALL

CONSTITUTION

As of March 1, 2025

Article I- Name

This organization shall be known as Arkansas Diamond Youth Baseball and Arkansas Diamond Youth Softball, hereafter referred to as Arkansas DYB/DYS.

Article II- Purpose

The purpose of the organization is to provide a youth baseball and softball program in the state of Arkansas as a member DYB, Inc.

Article III- Membership

1. All leagues in the State of Arkansas, which hold a valid franchise with DYB, Inc. are considered a member of Arkansas DYB/DYS.
2. Membership is considered valid on the date the league franchise renewal is confirmed by DYB, Inc. Membership is terminated on April 1 each year if a league has not been renewed. Membership shall be restored after April 1 if the league renews their franchise and meets all requirements of DYB, Inc.

Article IV- Officers and Directors

1. The officers and directors of this organization shall be as follows: The State Director, Assistant State Director, District Directors, National Directors, and the Secretary/Treasurer.
2. The qualifications for membership, duties of the officers and directors, and regulations as they may be necessary and proper for conduct of the business and affairs of the Board shall be provided for in the Bylaws.

Article V- The Board of Directors

1. The officers and directors shall constitute the Board of Directors and act as an administrative body for all franchised DYB/DYS leagues in Arkansas.
2. The Board of Directors shall act in an advisory capacity to the State Director; shall entertain and cause to be thoroughly investigated written complaints against DYB/DYS within the State of Arkansas and shall take what action it may deem advisable.

3. The Board of Directors shall have full power to adopt all regulations to govern the Board's deliberations so long as they comply with the rules, policies, intent and regulations of DYB, Inc.
4. The Board of Directors may divide the state into two or more geographical districts as necessary. Upon division into districts, District Director positions will be filled.
5. The Directors may establish as many committees as they deem necessary and may appoint members of the Board to serve thereon.
6. For voting purposes, members of the State Board of Directors will not be allowed to represent a local league at any State, District, or any other territory meeting.

Article VI- Qualifications, Method of Election and Term of Office

1. To hold the office of State Director, National Director, Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant State Director or District Director, one must have been associated with Arkansas DYB/DYS for at least two years. The Board of Directors must approve of any exceptions.
2. All directors of Arkansas DYB/DYS must have a background check on file with the DYB Commissioner's Office.
3. The State Director and National Directors shall be elected by the franchised leagues within the State of Arkansas. The nomination and election will be conducted by the President of DYB, Inc. in accordance with DYB, Inc. Bylaws. Term of office and filling of vacancies of these positions shall be in accordance with DYB, Inc. Bylaws.
4. The Assistant State Directors shall be appointed by the State Director with approval of the Board of Directors.
5. District Directors shall be elected by the franchised leagues within the geographical district. Each league shall have one vote.
 - a. Term of office is three (3) years with terms starting on January 1 following the election.
 - b. The election will be conducted by the State Director.
 - c. Nominations must be received via email no later than November 1st in the election year. Nominations will only be accepted from a local league official who is registered on the league franchise form.
 - d. Once nominations are closed, the State Director will send ballots out within two weeks and allow at least two weeks for the ballot to be returned.
 - e. Vacancies will be filled by the State Director with approval of the Board of Directors. In the event no one is nominated for a position, that position

shall be considered vacant and shall be appointed by the State Director with approval of the Board of Directors. Individuals who are appointed to fill a vacant position shall serve the remainder of the term.

6. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be appointed by the State Director with approval of the Board of Directors. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be held by one individual who will carry out the duties of both positions. The offices of the Secretary and Treasurer may also be held by one of the National Directors.
7. The State Director shall have the authority to remove any of the appointed positions with the approval of the Board of Directors.

Article VII- Meetings and Procedures

1. An annual meeting of Arkansas DYB/DYS shall be held. Each league and each director shall have one vote on any matter voted on at the annual meeting.
2. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the State Director or by a majority of the members of the Board of Directors. With unanimous consent, such meetings may be held without notice.
3. Meetings of the Board of Directors may be held in person or through electronic means.
4. A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum to transact any business. A majority of those voting shall constitute an affirmative vote of the Board. Each officer shall be entitled to one vote and the vote of the majority of the Board at any meeting at which there is a quorum shall be sufficient to transact business.

Article VIII- Bylaws

Bylaws of the organization shall be established and amended by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the votes cast by the Board of Directors present at any meeting, or at any special meeting, provided copies of the proposed changes have been e-mailed to each Director at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting at which the vote is to be taken.

Article IX- Amendments to the Constitution

The Constitution may be amended at any meeting by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the votes cast by the Board of Directors present provided the copies of the amendment shall have been e-mailed to each Director at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting at which the vote is to be taken.

