

Florida Diamond Youth Baseball/Softball

Constitution

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ARTICLE I

Name and Purpose

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be FLORIDA DIAMOND YOUTH BASEBALL/SOFTBALL

Section 2. The exclusive purpose of this organization shall be for the establishment, administration and guidance of baseball/softball programs franchised by DYB, INC., which are located within the State of Florida.

Section 3. This organization shall have the further responsibility of overseeing all tournaments played by teams within its jurisdiction.

Section 4. This constitution and its by-laws shall in no way conflict with the aims and purposes of the National DIAMOND YOUTH BASEBALL/SOFTBALL Rules and By-laws.

ARTICLE II

Membership

Section 1. Members of the organization shall be representatives of youth baseball/softball leagues, which hold a franchise in good standing with DIAMOND YOUTH BASEBALL/ SOFTBALL lie within the juristic limits of the state of Florida and meet all other State and National Diamond Youth Baseball/ Softball requirements.

ARTICLE III

Districts

Section 1. The State shall be divided into districts according to geographical location. The division shall be made at the annual state meeting of the franchised leagues.

Section 2. Each district shall be under the direction of a District Director who shall maintain a current map showing league boundaries in his/her district and a current roster of league contacts.

ARTICLE IV

Officers and Directors

Section 1. The Officers and Directors of this organization shall be the National Directors, State Director, and District Directors of Florida.

Section 2. The State Director may also act as Treasurer of the organization and shall maintain complete financial records.

Section 3. Each elected or appointed member of the Board of Directors shall be entitled to one vote on all matters before the Board.

Section 4. The Board of Directors, as referred to herein, shall also be known as the Advisory Board.

Section 5. The State Director may appoint an assistant State Director and/or Secretary if such positions are deemed necessary. The Advisory Board must approve such appointments and term of such positions shall be at the pleasure of the State Director.

ARTICLE V

Elections

Section 1. The State Director shall be elected by the franchised leagues of the State of Florida as prescribed in the National DYB INC. Constitution and By-laws.

Section 2. To hold the office of State Director, one must have been actively associated with Florida DIAMOND YOUTH BASEBALL/SOFTBALL for no less than two (2) years, meet all of the qualifications set forth by DYB INC. and submit a letter to the President of DYB INC. acknowledging a willingness to serve.

Section 3. The State Director shall take office on such date as mandated by the Board of Directors of DYB INC.

Section 4. The District Director shall be elected for a term not to exceed three (3) years, prior to, or at the State Meeting by the voting members present from that district. He/She shall serve for a term of one (1) to three (3) years but will be eligible for re-election on successive terms.

Section 5. All vacancies of District Directors un-expired terms will be filled by appointment by the State Director.

Section 6. All vacancies by members from Florida on the National Board or the office of State Director will be filled by the remaining members of the National Board in Florida. Such appointment to be effective until the next regular or special election.

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ARTICLE VI

Voting

Section 1. In order to vote at any regular or special meetings on any business of this organization, a league must be in good standing with Florida Diamond Youth Baseball/Softball and must have been franchised the preceding year. New leagues joining Florida Diamond Youth Baseball/Softball will be eligible to vote if they have filed a franchise with the State Director and paid all fees due prior to the State Meeting.

Section 2. All leagues shall have one (1) vote and the member of said league so designated with the voting authority shall cast said vote in person.

Section 3. It shall be determined at the beginning of any meeting who is representing each league as the voting member.

ARTICLE VII

Advisory Board

Section 1. The Advisory Board shall consist of the National Directors, State Director, and the District Directors from the State of Florida.

Section 2. This Board shall assist the State Director in the performance of his duties and assure equitable representation for each district according to its affiliated leagues.

Section 3. The State Director shall serve as Chairman and preside over all meetings of the board.

Section 4. This Board shall have the further power to entertain and cause to thoroughly investigate, any written complaints against DIAMOND YOUTH BASEBALL/SOFTBALL or any DIAMOND YOUTH BASEBALL/SOFTBALL OFFICIAL, within the State of Florida, and take whatever action it may deem advisable.

Section 5. This Board shall have the further power to prohibit any person whose conduct reflects unfavorably on DIAMOND YOUTH BASEBALL/SOFTBALL from participating in any DIAMOND YOUTH BASEBALL/SOFTBALL program in the State of Florida.

Section 6. Meetings of the Board shall be called by the State Director at such time and place as he may designate, or upon written request by a majority of Board members.

Section 7. Notice of Board meetings are to be emailed to all members of the Board at least seven (7) days in advance of such meetings.

Section 8. The Board may establish as many committees as they deem necessary and may appoint members to serve on such committees.

Section 9. A quorum for the transaction of business at any regular or special meetings of the Advisory Board shall consist of one more than half of the voting members of the Board, unless otherwise especially provided for, but a majority of those present at any regular or special meeting shall have the authority to adjourn the meeting to a future time.

Section 10. All members shall serve without compensation.

ARTICLE VIII

State Meeting

Section 1. A State Meeting for Florida DIAMOND YOUTH BASEBALL/ SOFTBALL and its affiliated leagues will be held the first Saturday and Sunday (if necessary) in February of each year.

Section 2. Location of the State Meeting shall be determined by the State Director and must be approved by the Advisory Board.

ARTICLE IX

Finance

Section 1. The State Director/Treasurer shall be responsible to the advisory Board for all income and expenses, always keeping a complete record.

Section 2. All monies collected on behalf of Florida DIAMOND YOUTH BASEBALL/SOFTBALL shall be deposited in a federally insured bank account and such account shall have on file two (2) signatures for the purpose of withdrawing funds; however, only one (1) signature shall be required for transactions.

Section 3. All Directors shall serve without compensation, but they shall be reimbursed for all reasonable expenses.

Section 4. The Advisory Board, with the approval of the leagues, shall determine such means as is necessary to raise additional funds to be placed in the State Treasury.

Section 5. Any league bidding for any of the State Tournaments shall post with the State Director, a monetary amount, (to be determined by the Advisory Board and so stated in the bid requirements) as a show of good faith, at the time the bid is presented. In the event the bidder is not awarded the Tournament, said amount will be returned.

ARTICLE X

Tournaments

Section 1. The State shall end its baseball/softball program each year with tournaments to determine State Champions in the T-BALL, AA, AAA, Ozone and Softball Divisions.

Section 2. Each District shall conduct a tournament or series of tournaments to determine a team for representation in the Regional or State Tournaments.

Section 3. Each District Tournament winner shall be responsible for its own transportation to and from the Regional or State Tournament site. Whenever it is possible, the District Tournament host should assist in these expenses.

Section 4. The district tournaments shall be under the supervision of the District Director and the state tournaments shall be under the supervision of the State Director. Said Directors may assign the supervision to someone else. Tournament Directors should be assisted by any Florida DIAMOND YOUTH BASEBALL / SOFTBALL Officials in attendance.

Section 5. The AA State Tournament shall be conducted in accordance with the official Dimond Youth Baseball rules and regulations

Section 6. The AA, AAA, Ozone and Softball State Champions shall represent Florida in the Diamond Youth World Series.

Section 7. All tournaments shall be conducted in accordance with Official DIAMOND YOUTH BASEBALL/SOFTBALL. rules and regulations. EXCEPTION: T-BALL division may play by rules approved by the District and State Director provided all DIAMOND YOUTH BASEBALL/SOFTBALL safety rules are followed.

Section 8. The State tournament host(s) shall be decided on a bid basis. Bids are to be voted on at the State Meeting by the leagues in attendance. All bids must be presented in writing to the State Director no later than such deadline as determined by the Advisory Board and so stated in the bid requirements.

Section 9. Before final approval is given, The State Director or his representative shall meet with the bidding host committee to be assured that the host has the facilities, backing and “know-how” to promote a successful tournament.

Section 10. The Runner-up in the voting shall be designated as the alternate in the event the selected site cannot or does not meet all the requirements. The alternate then shall become eligible to host the State tournament.

Section 11. The State Champions shall be responsible for all travel expenses to and from the Diamond Youth World Series site.

Section 12. State tournament champions shall be responsible for acquiring uniforms to be worn during play at the World Series.

- Uniforms worn by Florida teams in the World Series must be the colors of the Florida Marlins or the Tampa Bay Rays.
- Any team refusing to abide by this uniform rule shall not be allowed to participate in the World Series.

Section 13. Necessary minimum requirements to host a state tournament shall be approved by the Advisory Board. However, minimum requirements regarding lighting and field dimensions may never be less than those printed in the current edition of The Official Rule Guide of DYB/DYS. Requirements may be obtained from the State Director upon request.

ARTICLE XI

Amendments

Section 1. This Constitution may be amended by a majority vote of the leagues in attendance at the State Meeting provided that copies of said proposed amendments shall have been mailed to each franchised league at least thirty (30) days prior to the date set for voting on said amendments.

Section 2. Amendments may also be made at the State Meeting by waiver of above said notice. A two-thirds ($2/3$) vote of the leagues in attendance shall be required to obtain such waiver.

Section 3. The Advisory Board must approve proposed amendments. If any proposed amendment is rejected by the Advisory Board, such rejection may be overruled by a three-fourths ($3/4$) vote of the leagues in attendance at the State Meeting.

Section 4. These Constitution and By-Laws will be filed with The DYB Inc. President upon any changes with revised date included.