



AZLE BASEBALL & SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION, INC.
CONSTITUTION
A Non-Profit Corporation

ARTICLE I — NAME

The organization shall be known as the Azle Baseball & Softball Association, Inc. (“ABSA”).

ARTICLE II — OBJECTIVE

The objective of ABSA is to instill in the children of the community the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage, teamwork, and respect for authority. These values aim to help children become well-adjusted, strong, and responsible citizens.

To achieve this objective, ABSA shall provide a supervised baseball and softball program under the Rules and Regulations of PONY International Baseball and Softball. Winning is secondary to character development.

In accordance with Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, ABSA operates exclusively as a nonprofit educational organization. No part of its net earnings shall benefit any private shareholder or individual. ABSA shall not engage in political campaigning or substantial lobbying activities.

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ARTICLE III — GOVERNMENT

The league shall be governed by the President and the Board of Directors, consisting of no fewer than twelve (12) members.

Annual elections occur at a time designated by the Board (generally in May). Newly elected Directors begin their term on August 1. The President shall appoint a Nominating Committee at least fifteen (15) days before the annual election.

Only volunteer adults, parents, or legal guardians age eighteen (18) or older, In Good Standing, may run for the Board. A Director’s standing may be evaluated based on past disciplinary matters.

All volunteer adults, parents, or guardians age eighteen (18) or older, In Good Standing, may vote in the annual election.

Each candidate will select the Board position they wish to run for.

The President may appoint committees as needed for efficient league operations. All league policy decisions require a majority vote of Directors present at a duly constituted meeting.

Any person seeking the office of President or Vice-President must have served on the Board the prior season.

ARTICLE IV — MEETINGS

Annual Meeting: Held around the second week of August for reporting and installation of the new Board. League rules, regulations, and policies are available upon request.

Regular Meetings: Held monthly in the off-season and weekly (or as needed) during the regular season. Meetings are open to the public.

Special Meetings: May be called by the President or upon written request of three (3) Directors.

Closed Meetings: Restricted to current Directors for confidential matters. Guests may be permitted when appropriate.

Agenda: Items must be submitted to the President and Secretary at least 48 hours before a meeting.

Notice: Directors shall receive notice at least two (2) days prior unless waived.

Attendance: A Director who misses two (2) consecutive meetings without excuse may be replaced by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board. The Director shall receive written notice of removal. Directors must notify the President when an absence is necessary.

ARTICLE V — MANAGERS, COACHES & UMPIRES

Team Managers shall be appointed annually by the President and approved by the Board. Managers are responsible for team selection and conduct.

Any Manager or Coach who leaves ABSA to participate in a competitive program may be subject to a one-year probation before returning, unless waived by the Executive Board.

Coaches are selected by Managers and approved by the Board.

Umpires are appointed by the President upon recommendation of the Umpire-in-Chief and approved by the Board.

ARTICLE VI — AFFILIATION

ABSA shall annually apply for a charter with PONY International Baseball and Softball.

The official PONY rules and regulations are binding on ABSA.

Local rules may be adopted by the Board provided they do not conflict with PONY regulations.

ARTICLE VII — FINANCIAL POLICIES

The Board of Directors shall oversee all league finances. All income must be deposited into a common league treasury. No team or individual may receive direct financial advantage.

The Board may solicit funds only for league-wide purposes.

No funds may be solicited using the PONY name unless deposited into the league treasury.

League funds may only be used for league operations consistent with nonprofit standards and PONY regulations. All disbursements shall be made by check or electronic transfer. Checks require one signature, and amounts over \$10,000 require dual signatures.

No Director, Officer, or Member may receive compensation for services rendered.

All funds shall be deposited at the league's designated financial institution.

The fiscal year runs October 1 – September 30. A budget must be approved by August 31.

Dissolution: Upon dissolution and after debts are paid, remaining assets shall be distributed to another 501(c)(3) organization with similar objectives.

ARTICLE VIII — EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The President may appoint an Executive Committee of three (3) to eight (8) Directors, subject to Board approval. The President must be a member of the Committee.

The Executive Committee shall advise and assist the Officers but may not override Board authority.

A majority constitutes a quorum; actions require a majority vote of those present.

ARTICLE IX — AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended by majority vote at any duly organized meeting, provided proposed amendments are included in the meeting notice.

APPROVAL & ADOPTION

This Constitution of the Azle Baseball & Softball Association, Inc. is adopted by the Executive Officers and Board of Directors on this date.