



Belle River Minor Baseball Association
P.O. Box 132
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BYLAWS

SECTION 1: ANNUAL MEETING The Annual Meeting shall be held in October of each year. The Annual Meeting shall include the following agenda items:

- 1- Opening
- 2- Introduction of Current Officers
- 3- Reading of Minutes from previous Annual Meeting
- 4- Business arising out of Annual Meeting Minutes
- 5- Reading of Minutes from previous General Meeting
- 6- Business arising out of General Meeting Minutes
- 7- Correspondence
- 8- Reports of Executive Officers & Committees where applicable
- 9- Old Business
- 10- Nomination and election of Officers
- 11- Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws
- 12- New business
- 13- Adjournment

SECTION 2: GENERAL MEETINGS

- 1- Executive meetings shall be held monthly on a regular schedule. Time and location shall be at the discretion of the President. General meetings shall follow each Executive meeting and shall deal with any business of interest to all members.
- 2- Additional Special Meetings must be called if a request is received by the President bearing the signatures of three or more General Members in good standing.

SECTION 3: QUORUM

- 1- A quorum for all Executive meetings shall be at least 50% plus one (1). The President has no vote. The President votes only to break a tie.

SECTION 4: ELECTIONS

- 1- Elections shall be done by democratic policies.
- 2- Voting shall be done by secret ballot only.
- 3- All officers to be elected must be present or have sent a written consent to the nomination chairperson for the Annual Meeting.
- 4- No proxy votes will be allowed.
- 5- For the required positions of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and six (6) Directors, elected positions shall be for a two (2) year term.
- 6- Elections will be held each year for the specified position of the Executive. Odd Years: Elections to be held for the positions of the President, Treasurer and three (3) Directors. Even Years: Elections to be held for the positions of Vice-President, Secretary and three (3) Directors.



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7- If an elected position is vacated before the full two (2) year term is completed, this position will be filled until the originally specified election year for that position.

8- All Director positions, including positions created under the "2 members of the same immediate family" shall serve 2 year terms.

10- No two immediate family members, shall both hold an executive position – President, Vice-President, Treasurer or Secretary.

SECTION 5: REGISTRATION AND TOURNAMENT FEES

1- Registration fees for all players will be set on the decision of the Executive. Travel players will pay an additional fee as decided upon by the Board each year.

2- No registrations will be accepted after March 31st of each year. Exceptions will be at the decision of the Executive.

3- Each travel team shall be given up to a set entry fee, as determined by the Executive, for the registration of said team into a tournament. The fee shall be set by the Executive.

4- BRMBA will pay up to \$200.00 Canadian funds maximum per season per house league or select team for tournament fees.

5- Coaches are allowed to have their children and one (1) more child, chosen by the coaches, to be on their team before the draft, all other children must be chosen in the draft held before each season.

SECTION 6: SUSPENSIONS & EXPULSIONS

1- Any player or member of this Association violating the Constitution or Bylaws, or refusing to abide by the decisions of a general meeting may be expelled or suspended by decision of the Executive.

2- Any member or player may be suspended by the Executive for knowingly:

- a. permitting betting or improper conduct by players or officers at association games;
- b. permitting the consumption of alcohol or drugs by players or officers at association games;
- c. having in the line-up any disqualified or ineligible players.

3- All ejections must be reported to the appropriate BRMBA Convenor. More than one (1) ejection will result in an appearance before the BRMBA Disciplinary Committee.

SECTION 7: RULES AND INTERPRETATION

1- The Executive shall act as a tribunal for the interpretation of playing rules during the current baseball season. The tribunal shall render a decision or cause a hearing to be called within seventy-two (72) hours of receiving an official notice. The decision of the tribunal shall be final.

SECTION 8: GAMES

1- Weather shall be its own factor for game cancellation. If it is raining or too wet to play, there will automatically be no game and notification is required to the Umpire In Chief and diamond ground crew in divisions where applicable.

2- It shall be the responsibility of the home team to notify the Umpire In Chief of the new time and date so that umpires will be made available, and also to notify the diamond crew of the rescheduled game, in divisions where applicable.

3- It shall be the responsibility of the home team to notify the scheduling chairperson of any game rescheduled in all division.



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4- Heat may be a factor for game cancellations as per Environment Canada's website.

SECTION 9: UMPIRES

- 1- Umpires must maintain control of the game at all times.
- 2- Designated team official or spectator interference will not be tolerated with umpire calls.
- 3- If a person's conduct has become detrimental to the game, on the discretion of the umpire(s), the umpire has the right to stop the game and NOT continue until that person has control of himself/herself again. If this person does not cease, the umpire can ask the person to leave the park. If this person does not comply, the umpire can eject players at random. Everyone will be made aware of this rule.
- 4- A report will be made by the Umpire In Chief who in turn will contact the President or Vice-President immediately for either a meeting or a ruling on the situation. All parties will have a chance to present their case.
- 5- Umpire fees are to be set by the current Executive. In the case of travel games, the Executive's decision on umpire fees set will be in line with the current Ontario Baseball Association guidelines. Carded umpires shall receive an additional \$1.50 above the applicable rate.

SECTION 10: DESIGNATED TEAM OFFICIALS

- 1- The designated team official will be responsible for all paperwork involved with the team, contracts, game cards, game changes. The designated team official shall also be responsible for giving out all applicable handouts to their team.
- 2- All designated team officials are urged to attend one-third (1/3) of all monthly Association meetings which is a total of four (4) meetings per year.
- 3- All designated team officials are under the jurisdiction of the umpires and are subject to penalties.
- 4- All designated team officials will be selected yearly by the Executive Committee. Travel Coaches will be selected for each division prior to the official commencement of the season for Affiliates within the Sun Parlour Baseball Association, that being the second Friday after Labour Day in the calendar year prior to the season. Travel Coaches may be selected by Letters of Intent or Interview by the Executive Committee, schedule to be determined by the Travel Convenor.
- 5- Designated team officials will be responsible for all training of the ball players on their team and will work together with all other designated team officials involved with their team. Training is to teach all players on the team baseball skills and good sportsmanship.
- 6- All designated team officials will report back to the Board on their feelings and ideas on how the season went and things that can be done to improve the division in which they are a part.
- 7- Designated travel team officials cannot pull players without permission from that player's designated team official. Borrowed players may not be used in the starting line-up unless necessary to at the discretion of the designated team official.
- 8- Designated team officials are responsible for the care and maintenance of all equipment entrusted to them by BRMBA.
- 9- No Manager, Coach, Parent or member of any Belle River Minor Baseball team shall develop a logo, or otherwise represent a product (t-shirt, jacket, stickers and all other paraphernalia, swag or souvenirs), their place of business, their website or any other form of publication as that of Belle River Minor Baseball Association, in whole or in part, without the express written consent of the Belle River Minor Baseball Association's Board of Directors.



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10- No Manager, Coach, Parent or member of any Belle River Minor Baseball team shall enter into negotiations, place purchase orders, arrange for purchases or receive purchases without the express written consent of the Belle River Minor Baseball Association's Board of Directors.

11- No Manager, Coach, Parent or member of any Belle River Minor Baseball team shall arrange a tournament, offer invitation to a tournament, organize or conduct a tournament without first submitting a detailed proposal and budget to the Belle River Minor Baseball Association's Board of Directors no less than sixteen (16) weeks in advance of the intended start date of the proposed tournament and having received written approval no less than twelve (12) weeks before the start date of the tournament.

12- All Coaches, Assistant Coaches, Trainers and Managers must have a coaching application and police reference check completed and approved by the Belle River Minor Baseball Association's Board of Directors prior to assuming the responsibilities of their position.

13- No individual may be a member of the coaching staff of more than one team, in any capacity (Coach, Assistant Coach, Trainer, Manager) without having completed one police reference check and receiving the express approval of the BRMBA Board of Directors.

SECTION 11: CONVENORS

1- Convenors are responsible for all teams in their division and must attend all Association meeting throughout the baseball season in order to keep the Board abreast of any and all problems that may come up during the season. If unable to attend these meetings, a Convenor must submit a written report or send a person with all pertinent information to be in attendance in their place.

2- Convenors are responsible for calling all designated team officials in their division with any information that will be called to them by the proper persons.

3- Handouts will be given to all the Convenors and it is their responsibility to see that each team receives enough to go around.

4- Convenors will be responsible to advise the Board on who is champion at the end of the playing year.

5- Convenors will be responsible for bringing protests to the Board.

SECTION 12: REGULATORY COMMITTEE

1- Disciplinary Board will consist of 3 members. They are responsible to deal with any infractions to Constitution and Bylaws of BRMBA upon receiving a written complaint signed by 3 members in good standing.

2- This Committee will meet with persons involved as soon as possible and report to the Board the situation and any disciplinary actions recommended.

SECTION 13: GAME LENGTH

1- Regulation rules shall apply to all games.

2- All evening games MUST NOT exceed 10:30pm, no matter what the inning. If the 10:30pm curfew is reached in a house league game and the inning is not complete, the game will revert to the last complete inning, providing it constitutes a legal game played.

3- All house league teams will play baseball according to the game rules set upon by the Convenor, Coaches and Executive each year. A copy of these rules will be turned in to the Board for approval before any games are played, and these rules will be adhered to throughout the playing season unless otherwise agreed to by the Executive.



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SECTION 14: PLAYERS

- 1- Players are not permitted to play on both house league and travel teams. Special situations will be decided by the Executive.
- 2- All players must show up at the diamond in full uniform, including uniform shirt, baseball pants and baseball hat. No shorts are allowed.
- 3- No steel spikes are allowed in any house league game. It is STRICTLY FORBIDDEN.
- 4- All players, girls and boys, must wear proper athletic support. We, the Association, will not be responsible for injury which occurs due to the fact that the player did not wear his 'jock' or her 'jill'.
- 5- If a player wants to play out of his or her division, it must be approved by the Executive.
- 6- T-ball players must reach the age of four (4) during the calendar year to be eligible to play.
- 7- Travel Teams and Select Teams must be comprised of 75% or greater (plus or minus one player for percentage point) content of players from within the BRMBA boundaries as defined by the Ontario Baseball Association. The 75% does not include players from outside of the BRMBA boundary where there is no equivalent Travel Program or Select Program offered, active, or inactive for any reason.
- 9- Every request for a tryout and permanent release will be dealt with on an individual basis

SECTION 15: PROTESTS

- 1- Protests are to be turned in to the division Convenor who in turn will see to it that they are brought to the Board of this Association.
- 2- Protests must be in writing and brought to the Association within forty-eight (48) hours of the disturbance.
- 3- The Board will decide when and where a protest meeting will be held.
- 4- Results of the protest meeting will be sent out by the Chairperson of the Protest Committee.
- 5- Each party involved in the protest will be given an opportunity to speak on their own behalf.
- 6- All decisions handed down by the Board will be final, and further discussion of such protest will not be heard.

SECTION 16: SCHEDULES

- 1- No designated team official will assume a diamond is theirs without first clearing it with the proper person in charge of assigning diamond time.
- 2- Under all circumstances, games take precedence of practices.

SECTION 17: DECLARATION

- 1- All playing rules regarding the House League Divisions to be completed and voted upon before April 1st of the applicable season. If no BRMBA rule is in place regarding an event or situation, next official rule to be located within the OBA Constitution. If rule is not therein located, default would be the Official Rules of Baseball.
- 2- All playing rules regarding the Travel Division will follow the OBA Constitution, and then default to the 'Official Rules of Baseball.
- 3- All playing rules regarding the Select Division to be completed and voted upon before April 1st of the applicable season if they differ from the SOBA Constitution. Default after BRMBA playing rules will be the SOBA Constitution, then the OBA Constitution, then the Official Rules of Baseball.



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SECTION 18: FINANCIAL

- 1- All financial and monetary situations shall be the decision of the Executive Committee.
- 2- Each Belle River Minor Baseball Board of Directors (BRMBA- BOD) approved Travel Team shall have and maintain their own Team Bank Account. All BRMBA Registration Fees will be collected and retained by the BRMBA-BOD. All player Travel Fees will be collected and retained by the respective travel team. All Travel Team funds will be managed in the Travel Team Bank account at BRMBA-BOD appointed Financial Institution. All team funds shall be retained with the appointed financial institution in the team account, no funds are to be retained outside of the Travel Team Account. All Travel Team Accounts will have dual signing authority of members from the respective travel team. A Travel Team Manager shall be appointed who is responsible for managing a Travel Teams Financial Account. During the baseball season monthly financial statements will be provided to the travel team by the Team Manager. Travel Team Managers are required to complete and retain the financial forms as described in the "Travel Financial Forms (revXXX)" where "xxx" is the latest revision level.
- 3- Any sponsorship dollars raised on behalf of Belle River Minor Baseball will go directly to the Board of Directors who will be responsible for all recording, accounting, purchasing and dispensation of any dollars.
- 4- Any fundraising from teams remaining Oct. 31st will be put in the BRMBA General account.
- 5- Financial reports from fundraising or other functions MUST be e-mailed to Board of Directors within 7 days of events completion. Funds for non-Travel Team Events are to be turned into the Treasurer within 7 days of event. Funds for Travel Team Events are to be recorded and deposited into Team Bank Account within 7 days of event.
- 6- Pre-Approved fundraisers are BOTTLE DRIVE, TAG DAYS, CAR WASH, and PASTA DINNERS. Any other fundraisers must be brought to the fundraising committee for approval.

OTHER OFFICERS

As determined by the Board, other directors will be appointed to any new position that may arise in order to fulfill the aims and objection of the Association

NO MEMBER OF THE BELLE RIVER MINOR BASEBALL ASSOCIATION WILL, IN ANY WAY, SHOW A PERSONAL PROFIT OR GAIN FROM THEIR SEAT ON THIS BOARD.