

# WEST COAST FANTASY BASEBALL ASSOCIATION (WCFBA)

## BYLAWS

March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025

### I. NAME

- A. The name of this corporation is West Coast Fantasy Baseball Association (WCFBA). It is organized as an IRS 501(c) (7) Recreational Entity.
- B. Should WCFBA choose to change its name, it may do so with the majority approval of the Board of Directors after notifying the membership of the proposed name change (including the proposed new name) and the date and time of the meeting at which the name change will be decided by the Board of Directors. Such notice (by email or regular mail) must be to all members of WCFBA forty-five (45) days prior to such meeting. The Board of Directors shall receive and consider all submitted input from the membership before voting on the name change.

### II. PURPOSE & EVENTS

- A. The specific purpose of WCFBA is to provide its members the chance to play amateur baseball and to further fellowship among its members. There are no incentives to win, except the joy of playing baseball. WCFBA operates solely through volunteer efforts. WCFBA uses modified baseball rules to acknowledge:
  - a. Safety of its players is a primary concern
  - b. Participants generally are not highly skilled ball players
  - c. Games are played out of fun of playing the game and being with friends. There are no incentives to win, except the joy of playing baseball. WCFBA operates solely through volunteer efforts.
- B. The primary annual activities of the WCFBA shall be to organize a league for its members' participation (the League) and to organize tournaments or participate in tournaments organized by other groups so that members may play against members of similar other organizations (Tournaments), collectively a Season.

### III. MEMBERSHIP

- A. NON-DISCRIMINATION: No individual shall be prevented from being a member of WCFBA based on their race, color, religion or sex.
- B. QUALIFICATION: To qualify as a member, an individual (a person not an entity formed as a result of a legal process) must:
  - a. Have attended a Fantasy Baseball Camp associated with a major league baseball club OR
  - b. Be invited by a member in good standing and then approved for participation by the Board OR
  - c. Be a former major league baseball player or coach OR
  - d. Be an instructor or coach at a Fantasy Baseball Camp associated with a major league baseball club.
  - e. Age restrictions
    - i. Be age 25 or over at the time of registration for an event.
    - ii. 25-year-old to 28-year-old restricted to playing all outfield and catcher positions.
    - iii. Ineligible to pitch in League Games until reaching the age of 30.

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C. **GOOD STANDING:** A member is in good standing upon having paid the fees and having current forms on file under Section III.E and has been a paid participant in League or [WCFBA](#) [Sponsored activities](#) within the last five years and not otherwise been determined to be ineligible by the Board of Directors based on the guidelines set forth throughout these Bylaws. A member suspended for any infraction of rules during League or Tournament play will lose their good standing until the suspension period expires.

D. **RENEWAL:** Members renew their involvement each year by signing up to participate in the Season and paying applicable participation fees. Should a member not pay and play in one year and wish to participate in a subsequent year, they may as long as they meet the registration requirements **III E.**

E. **ELIGIBILITY TO PLAY:** Individuals may participate in baseball games arranged by WCFBA only if they meet the requirements listed in subsections A & B below. Once A & B have been met, members may participate in League or Tournament games arranged by WCFBA, after meeting the following requirements

- a. **FORMS:** Certain forms are required to be on file with the League prior to participating in WCFBA Season events
  - i. A signed injury and liability release waiver.
  - ii. Acknowledgement of the Code of Conduct
  - iii. A player profile with an email Point of Contact
  - iv. Emergency Contact Information
- b. Payment of required fees prior to each event

F. **MEMBERSHIP ROSTER:** A member in Good Standing will be maintained on the membership roster and receive email notification of WCFBA Events and News.

G. **MEMBER BENEFITS:** The benefits associated with being a member of WCFBA include, but are not limited to:

- a. Eligible to participate in all WCFBA Events.
- b. Propose changes to WCFBA
- c. Be eligible to serve on the Board of Directors or its committees
- d. Vote on matters regarding the WCFBA
- e. Serve as
  - i. League Commissioner
  - ii. Team Manager
  - iii. Pool Player Coordinator
  - iv. Field Coordinator
  - v. Tournament Director
  - vi. WCFBA Tournament Coordinator
  - vii. Information Technology Administrator
  - viii. Special events chair (e.g. Banquets approved by the WCFBA)
  - ix. Other positions identified by the Board of Directors.
  - x. **Emergency substitute umpires if no contracted umpires are available due to injury or exigent circumstances**

H. **MEMBER DISCIPLINE.** Violations by participants of these BYLAWS described in Section **XII** can result in a disciplinary action determined by the Directors.

- a. Upon notification by the League Commissioner or a Tournament Director to the Board of Directors of an alleged violation of a provision described in BYLAWS Section **XII**, the following steps will occur:
  - i. A Director will be appointed to investigate and recommend to the Board if further action is required.
  - ii. If The Majority of the Board approves further action, the Appointed Director will

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- schedule a confidential hearing time date and place.
- iii. the Appointed Director will notify the individual of the specific violation alleged to have occurred and the confidential hearing time date and place.
- iv. The Confidential Hearing will take place with the following in attendance:
  - 1. The Alleged Violator
  - 2. The Commissioner or Director making the allegation.
  - 3. Presided by the Appointed Director.
- v. Both sides will present their evidence, and the Appointed Director will arrange with a quorum of the Board of Directors.
- vi. The Appointed Director will present their findings and make a recommendation:
  - 1. A violation did not occur, no further action
  - 2. A violation did occur recommending a warning in writing to the violator that further violations can result in suspensions from WCFBA Events.
  - 3. A violation did occur requiring a one game suspension in League Play.
  - 4. A violation did occur requiring a suspension for one year from WCFBA Events.
  - 5. Termination of the violator's WCFBA Membership.
- vii. The Disciplinary Committee will determine what action to take.

b. After the Hearing the Appointed Director

- i. Will notify the Board in a Confidential Meeting of the Action or No Action to be taken.
- ii. Notify Violator of the Action or No Action to be taken.

c. The Violator can request an appeal of the Action to the entire Board at a Confidential Meeting before the Next Scheduled Board Meeting. The Violator will abide by the Action taken until the Appeal is conducted.

## IV. GOVERNANCE

- A. BOARD OF DIRECTORS: The Board of Directors (the Board) is comprised of seven (7) individuals willing to volunteer their time and effort elected by the membership.
- B. BOARD ELIGIBILITY: Any WCFBA member in good standing, as defined in Section III, is eligible to serve on the Board of Directors. Board of Director members whose terms have lapsed are eligible for re-election immediately.
- C. OFFICERS & COMMISSIONER: The Officers of WCFBA Board of Directors will be selected from among the members of the Board of Directors. The Commissioner and each Tournament Director will be appointed by the Board
- D. The Officers will be a President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary who are authorized to transact business on behalf of the WCFBA and will have the following duties:
  - a. PRESIDENT: Responsible for the day-to-day activities and long-term planning of the WCFBA. The President will chair all Board meetings.
  - b. TREASURER: The Treasurer is responsible for WCFBA finances and statutory reporting requirements.
  - c. SECRETARY:
    - i. The Secretary arranges Board meetings
    - ii. Documents and publishes minutes of Board meetings and general membership meetings
    - iii. Supervises all elections.
  - d. WCFBA LEAGUE COMMISSIONER:

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- i. The Commissioner is responsible for the day-to-day activities and long-term forecasting and planning of WCFBA LEAGUE

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- ii. The Board-appointed Commissioner shall be a member in good standing and willing to volunteer their time and effort.
- iii. The Commissioner may or may not also be a member of the Board but will have no vote on Board matters unless he/she is also a member of the Board.
- iv. The Commissioner reports to the Board and serves at the pleasure of the Board. The Board shall specify the extent to which the Commissioner may transact business on behalf of the WCFBA.
- f. WCFBA TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR
  - i. The Tournament Director is responsible for the day-to-day activities and long-term forecasting and planning of their approved tournament.
  - ii. The Board-appointed Tournament Director shall be a member in good standing and willing to volunteer their time and effort.
  - iii. The Tournament Director may or may not also be a member of the Board but will have no vote on Board matters unless he/she is also a member of the Board.
  - iv. The Tournament Director reports to the Board and serves at the pleasure of the Board. The Board shall specify the extent to which the Tournament Director may transact business on behalf of the WCFBA.
  - v. Tournament Directors shall seek approval of the Commissioner prior to obligating the WCFBA to any Tournament obligations.

## E. ELECTION TO THE BOARD:

- a. Each Board Member is elected to serve a three-year term.
- b. There are three classes of Board Members.
  - i. Class One has one year of service remaining.
  - ii. Class Two has two years remaining.
  - iii. Class Three has Three remaining
- c. Members status will be noted in the First Board Meeting each year after the annual election.
- d. The current Board Secretary will start the Election Process on the First Tuesday of November to complete the Election by the second Tuesday of January.
  - i. First Tuesday November call for candidates.
  - ii. First Tuesday December begin voting.
  - iii. First Tuesday in January election complete (Closing shifts 48 hours if First Tuesday in January is January 1<sup>st</sup>.)
  - iv. Second Tuesday in January Election Results Publicized.

## F. BOARD MEMBER REPLACEMENT:

In the event a Board of Directors member is unable to carry out their duties on the Board, the Board of Directors may replace them. Replacement Board members will serve out the remaining term of the Board member Class they replace and are eligible for re-election.

## G. BOARD MEETINGS:

- a. The Board of Directors shall first meet within one week of the publication of the Election Results.
- b. Future meetings of the Board of Directors shall be facilitated by the Secretary who will arrange Board meetings based on the availability of the members.
- c. Meetings of the general membership should be arranged with at least thirty calendar day advance notice.
- d. If a disciplinary meeting is required, the Secretary shall set the meeting within ten days of notification by the President
- e. Remote Meeting Technology (e.g. ZOOM) can be used for all meetings except the Annual

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January Meeting.

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H. COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD: The Board shall be empowered to appoint any committees and chairpersons it deems necessary. Such power shall not allow the Board to transfer all its responsibilities to any committee or committee chairperson.

I. STAFF: The Board may from time to time, create staff positions to carry out specific duties on behalf of the WCFBA. No staff position will be paid any wages or other remuneration. Staff members need not be members of WCFBA and will serve at the pleasure of the Board as long as the Board desires.

J. QUORUMS:

- a. Board of Directors: Five members of the Board represent a quorum of the Board of Directors. A quorum is necessary for Board decisions, of which a simple majority of those present is needed for approval of decisions.
- b. General Meeting: Given this is a volunteer organization; no quorum applies to meetings of the membership. Matters put to a vote by the membership shall be based on simple majority vote of those voting.
- c. Committees: Committees have a quorum upon a majority of committee members being present.
- d. Disciplinary Meetings: Three members of the Board, which includes the Board President, represent a quorum of the Board of Directors for Disciplinary Meetings.

K. MODIFICATION OF THESE BYLAWS: These Bylaws may be modified prospectively only pursuant to the following:

- a. By a vote of the majority of the Board for changes it deems minor or to clarify these Bylaws.
- b. Modifications of the Bylaws may be initiated by any member in good standing by presenting the Board a petition, which specifies the specific modification and signed by 25% of the members in good standing.
- c. Modifications of Bylaws that are approved take effect immediately upon their approval.

## V. FINANCES

A. FINANCIAL OBJECTIVE: All fees and payments are strictly to cover the costs of WCFBA. The financial objective of WCFBA is to break even in the long term and annually as much as possible. If a year may appear to run a deficit, members may be assessed for additional funds. If a year may appear to run an excess, fees for subsequent activities in the year shall be reduced. If there is an excess for the year, it is carried over to offset the costs of the next year.

B. ANNUAL BUDGET. All fees and payments are based on analysis of expected costs associated with any given Season as reflected in an Annual Budget presented by the Treasurer at the First Meeting each year and approved by the Directors at that meeting. This requires input of the League Commissioner and Tournament Directors.

C. COSTS: Costs of each Season primarily consist of the following:

- a. Liability insurance
- b. Financial Administration.
- c. Field rentals
- d. Umpires (under third party contracts)
- e. Baseballs
- f. Helmets and other equipment the Board deems necessary for member's safety and enjoyment.
- g. Concession rentals during tournaments
- h. Banquets at Tournaments
- i. Technology Support

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- j. Annual League Recognition Banquet
- k. Other supplies appropriate required for WCFBA
- l. Statutory filing requirements

## D. INCOME:

- a. WCFBA will generate income through participation fees in WCFBA sponsored events.
- b. WCFBA Tournaments
  - i. Collecting signups and participation fees.
  - ii. WCFBA will collect and remit 100% of such fees to facilitate Tournament Directors financing their event

## E. FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE:

The Treasurer shall be responsible for monitoring the financial condition of WCFBA during the year. Should the financial outlook for the year, at any time during the year, indicate a shortfall or excess of funds for the year, the Treasurer shall bring that to the attention of the Board and Commissioner so that timely corrective action may be taken.

## F. ACCOUNTING PERIOD AND METHODOLOGY:

WCFBA shall have an annual year from January 1 to December 31 and report using the cash basis of accounting.

## G. BANK ACCOUNTS:

- a. The Treasurer shall operate the WCFBA Bank Account.
  - i. Checking (with maximum of two DEBIT/Cards)
  - ii. Savings
  - iii. PAYPAL connection
- b. The Board shall establish policy of who may have access to use of the DEBIT Cards.

## H. INSURANCE:

WCFBA will arrange for required Liability Insurance.

- a. Facility Use Insurance
- b. Directors Liability Insurance
- c. Alcohol usage Insurance when required
- d. WCFBA does not provide individual medical insurance. Members must provide their own Medical Insurance in order to participate.

## I. PERMANENT FACILITIES:

- a. WCFBA does not currently have any permanent facilities, neither office nor playing fields.
- b. Should the need or opportunity present itself for such facilities, this would be considered a major change to WCFBA.
- c. The costs associated with such facilities and the implications to annual Dues & Fees would similarly be a matter of discussion with the membership.
- d. Board must submit the proposed plan for a vote of the membership. 51% of the Membership shall approve the plan before it can be implemented.

## J. FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES(FRA):

WCFBA may become involved in raising funds for the benefit of itself or other organizations as follows:

- a. For the Benefit of WCFBA. Prior to any such fund-raising activity, the Board shall obtain legal advice to protect itself, the WCFBA and members from violating statutes that would unintentionally adversely affect the non-profit tax-exempt status of WCFBA.
- b. The FRA must be approved by a majority vote of the Directors after submitting the FRA to the membership for comment and additional input.
- c. For the Benefit of Others.
  - i. WCFBA anticipates it may hold fund raising activities, such as raffles, during its Season or at Tournament Banquets in order to raise funds for non-profit organizations associated with WCFBA activities or non-profit organizations as approved by the Board.
  - ii. Examples of such activities include, but are not limited to, non-profit

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organizations from which WCFBA rents baseball fields.

- iii. Raffled prizes are expected to be donated by WCFBA members.

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- iv. All proceeds from raffle tickets will be passed on to the named benefiting non-profit organization.

## VI. DUES & FEES

### A. MEMBERSHIP FEE

- a. There are no Periodic Membership Fees.
- b. The Board shall review and change the need for membership fees as it deems necessary.

### B. LEAGUE FEES: The Commissioner and Treasurer shall determine League fees (for Full-Time & Pool players) based on forecasted costs and participation for the League for the year. The League fees will be announced prior to the commencement of the League draft.

### C. TOURNAMENT FEES:

- a. Each Tournament run by WCFBA will have its own fee as determined by each of the Tournament Directors based on forecasted expenses of the Tournament and approved by the Board of Directors.
- b. Such fees must be paid with each participant's application to play in any Tournament by the deadline set by the Tournament Chair.
- c. WCFBA anticipates invitations to play in tournaments organized by non-WCFBA groups. Those other groups will determine the fees to participate and WCFBA will facilitate collection and remittance of such fees to that other organization.

### D. TAX IMPLICATIONS TO PARTICIPANTS: Fees paid to WCFBA are not tax deductible.

## VII. RECORDS AND REPORTS

### A. FINANCIAL RECORDS: The Treasurer shall be responsible for maintaining reasonable financial records of WCFBA that reflect all activities of the organization.

- a. The various activities of WCFBA, such as the League and each Tournament hosted by WCFBA shall be reflected in the financial records.
- b. At the option of the Treasurer, each such event may be accounted for as if a separate fund, but the financial records shall reflect the total of all activities.
- c. A Financial Report shall be available at each Meeting of the Directors and a Financial Report will be submitted within fifteen days of the completion of the annual WCFBA League

### B. FINANCIAL RECORD RETENTION:

- a. Receipts for payments of all activities shall be turned into the Treasurer
- b. Records shall be retained by the Treasurer for a period as required by statute.

### C. PUBLIC ACCESS TO WCFBA RECORDS: Pursuant to the requirements of non-profit organizations, the following records will be published for public access via the organization's website using commonly available document software formats

- a. Annual Information Return (i.e. Form 990 or 990EZ) with all schedules and attachments or other supporting documentation filed with the IRS for each of the last three years.
- b. Application for Tax Exempt Status (i.e. Form 1024) accompanied by all statements and supporting documentation filed with such form, plus correspondence from the IRS concerning the application.
- c. Any other documents or filings the Board deem necessary to be in compliance with statutes governing non-profit corporations.

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- d. In addition to making these documents available via the website, WCFBA shall make public on its website an address by which inquiries for such documents can be made.

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## VIII. LEAGUE STRUCTURE

- a. Minutes: The Secretary shall retain minutes of each Board meeting. Such records shall be retained as required by statute.

### B. LEAGUE:

- a. It is anticipated the League will function from March into October each year, generally playing once each weekend, but not necessarily every weekend.
- b. The Board shall set the League schedule based on field availability, anticipated Tournaments and other considerations deemed appropriate.

### C. TEAMS:

- a. At the start of each annual League, the Commissioner shall establish teams to participate in the League and select the managers of the teams.
- b. Since an objective of WCFBA is to foster fellowship among members, the number of teams established should ideally result in more roster positions than Full-Time player sign-ups, making room for Pool players to participate on each team for each game.

### D. INVITED OTHER TEAMS:

To enhance the WCFBA objectives, the Board may invite other similar organizations to participate in the League. The Board of Directors will determine the requirements for the invited teams(s) in order to participate.

### E. TYPES OF PLAYERS (Full-Time & Pool):

As indicated previously in these Bylaws, there are two classes of League players as defined herein:

- a. Full-Time: These are members that sign up before the annual League begins with the intent to play in all or substantially all games during the League season.
  - i. These players will be drafted to teams and be regular members of their respective team.
  - ii. They will be eligible to play in all of their team's scheduled games.
- b. Pool: These are members unable to commit to be available for the vast majority of the League season and will sign up for individual dates or games as their schedules permit.
  - i. Pool players are not guaranteed a spot on a roster on any given week.
  - ii. Pool player assignments shall generally be based on a first to sign up basis.
  - iii. Full-Time players are eligible to sign up for Pool player positions and are generally eligible to play once all Pool players signing up for the week are placed on a roster.
  - iv. Full-Time players seeking to play as a Pool player may be given preference over Pool players based on limitations set forth by a Pool player and after giving consideration to the particular needs of a team seeking players to fill voids for missing Full-Time players

### F. DRAFTING AND POOL PLAYER ASSIGNMENT:

- a. League: The Commissioner shall set the date of the annual draft session with sufficient notice to all managers so they may plan to attend the draft. The Commissioner shall set up a draft process with the objective of the draft resulting in teams of substantially equal talent.
- b. The Pool Player Coordinator (a member in good standing appointed by the Commissioner) should assign pool players with as comparable skills as possible to Full-Time players unable to play in that game. Players are responsible for notifying the Pool Player Coordinator each week their team plays using their Team Page on the WCFBA Website.
- c. All Pool Players will play not later than the day they play.

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## G. MANAGER RESPONSIBILITIES:

- a. Managers shall have as their main objective that players are safe while having fun playing and positive experiences when they play.
- b. Managers are also responsible for having rosters and defensive position assignments prepared prior to each game so there is no confusion and resulting delay in the game.

## H. PLAYER RESPONSIBILITIES:

- a. Players are obligated to play within the rules as set forth by the League and should always keep in mind the objectives of WCFBA.
- b. Should Full-Time players fail to notify the League of their game availability status prior to each game, they may not be allowed to play in that game.
- c. Provide/arrange for their own Medical Insurance. WCFBA does not provide Medical Insurance for events.

## I. UNIFORMS:

The League requires players to wear complete uniforms similar to those worn by major league baseball teams as chosen by the Board. Uniforms must include pants, shirts, leggings or socks, and a baseball cap. Uniforms must reflect one of the following:

- a. Major League or Minor League Teams.
- b. Historically accurate teams (e.g. San Francisco Seals)
- c. Organized Teams Approved by the Commissioner.

## J. GAME TIME:

Games will have a set time limit in order to control League costs of field rentals and fees paid to umpires. The Commissioner will establish game time limitations and the procedures to follow should a game be halted due to the time limit. Players should arrive at the Field of Play ready to play at least 45 minutes prior to game time to assist as necessary field set-up and personal “warm-up” to prepare for play.

## K. DRESSING AND UNDRESSING:

Dressing and undressing in the parking lots is discouraged and not permitted as required by rented facilities. Participants are expected to use rest rooms, locker rooms or, as a last resort, dugouts, if such need arises.

## IX. TEAM ADMINISTRATION - LEAGUE

### A. MANAGERS:

Managers are responsible for organizing their players so that all Full-Time and Pool players have a reasonable chance to play.

- a. Pool players should not be considered subordinate members of a team's roster.
- b. Managers are responsible for knowing the rules of the League and for ensuring that all their team members are similarly familiar with the rules.
- c. Managers are also responsible for making sure the game proceeds without foreseeable delays, as the League desires to maximize playing time despite any game time limitations.

### B. DEFENSIVE PLAYING TIME:

Generally, rosters will have more than nine participants.

Managers should ensure that all members of a roster get reasonably equivalent playing time, regardless of being a Full-Time or Pool player. Specialty positions, such as pitcher, catcher, or shortstop, may require that some players get more playing time than others.

### C. FREE SUBSTITUTION:

Managers may rotate players in and out of the defense as they see fit. Once a player has played defense, he may sit out for any portion of the game and return to the game in any position the manager approves, within the rules set forth by the League.

### D. BATTING ORDER:

All members of a team's roster shall bat in the order set forth by the manager for any given game. The batting order is continuous and follows the same sequence throughout the game, unless a player becomes unable to continue to hit, in which case that position shall be skipped, but no out shall be recorded as a result of that player not being able to hit.

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## **X. TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE**

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- A. ORGANIZATION: The Directors will appoint a Tournament Director for each Tournament sanctioned by the WCFBA.
- B. PLANNING: Each Tournament will generally involve a three-day weekend at various locations throughout California or other states. Each Tournament Director may solicit help from the WCFBA members in good standing. Everyone participating in Tournament organization does so as a volunteer with no benefits, other than expecting to be able to play in the Tournament upon payment of the Tournament fee.
- C. RESPONSIBILITIES OF TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS: The responsibilities of each Tournament Director shall be arranged between that person and the Board of Directors and includes (not limited to or obligated to be)
  - a. Field rental
  - b. Hotel arrangements
  - c. Event banquet
  - d. Cost forecast
  - e. Establishing participant fees, etc.
  - f. Tournament Director is responsible to provide the Treasurer an accounting of the Tournament with sufficient information that the Treasurer can reasonably (in the opinion of the Treasurer) reflect the financial aspects of the Tournament in WCFBA financial records.
  - g. The Tournament Director will use the WCFBA Tournament Coordinator to facilitate WCFBA participation in the event, but the Tournament Director maintains overall responsibility for management of the event.
- D. PARTICIPATION: The Tournament Director shall announce the Tournament to the general membership of WCFBA and the other organizations asked to participate with sufficient time for players to respond to sign up for the Tournament.
  - a. There shall be a deadline for signups; after which subsequent applications may be put on a waiting list or returned by the Tournament Director but should not be accepted with priority over an individual that met the deadline requirements.
  - b. Signup for a Tournament requires an individual submit whatever signup form is required by the Tournament Director participation fee, and (if needed) any other paperwork necessary for the event (such as liability waiver for that Tournament's facility).
- E. TEAMS: Once the Tournament Director has received complete applications for WCFBA participants, teams shall be assigned for the event.
  - a. The Tournament Director along with the WCFBA Tournament Coordinator shall assign WCFBA players to WCFBA teams in the Tournament with the objective of fielding teams of substantially equal talent.
  - b. The League Commissioner or his designated representative will review the Team assignments before announcement and publication on the WCFBA Website.
  - c. Anyone not assigned to a team shall have their applications fees returned to them.
- F. INVITED OTHER ORGANIZATIONS: The Tournament Director shall coordinate participation by the other organizations and arrange for the collection of Tournament fees from those organizations.
  - a. Those organizations should be made aware of the objective of the event (to be safe while have fun playing baseball and fostering fellowship) and encourage those organizations to bring teams with equalized talent among its teams attending the event.
  - b. Participants from such other organizations will be required to possess the information in Section III. E. As with WFCBA members, the Board shall have the right to consider any participant ineligible to participate in Tournaments for failing to meet the guidelines in these Bylaws.

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G. TOURNAMENT RULES: The Tournament Director shall recommend, and the Board of Directors approve rules for each Tournament. Generally, team administration and game rules should be similar to those of the League (see Sections VIII & XI).

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## XI. PUBLIC AT WCFBA EVENTS

- A. GUESTS: Guests of participants in League games or Tournaments and passersby are generally welcome to watch the games. They will be subject to the same rules of the facility and event and the same sanctions as the participating players.
- B. COST OF ADMISSION: Guests wishing to watch games during the Season are welcome to do so at no charge, unless required by the facility for payment to the facility.

## XII. GAME RULES

- A. RULES SET BY: The Commissioner shall set the rules for the League and the Board of Directors shall approve rules for WCFBA sanctioned Tournaments. Section **XII** Rules are subject Disciplinary Provisions of Section **III H**.
- B. TYPES OF RULES: The current rules of Major League Baseball will be used with various exceptions. The following are the type of exceptions to be considered (but not limited to these):
  - a. Modifications to minimize injury that might come from aggressive players (intentional collisions, decoy moves, sliding).
  - b. Demonstration of aggressiveness, poor sportsmanship, anger, abusive or foul language, and tempers shall not be tolerated.
  - c. Appropriate safety equipment is required to be worn by participants (batting helmets, catcher's gear, etc.).
  - d. Advancement by base runners (base stealing and passed balls) may be limited or modified.
  - e. Actions by Pitchers (pick off attempts, intentional walks, balks, limitations of innings pitched) may be limited or modified.  
Pinch or Courtesy runners may be allowed in variation to MLB rules.
- C. ON-FIELD CONDUCT: WCFBA is a recreational league, and as such, all players are required to adhere to the principles of good sportsmanship.
  - a. Players engaging in abusive language or displays of anger which may endanger the safety of other players are subject to ejection at the discretion of the umpires, and subject to suspension at the discretion of the Board.
  - b. Fighting will absolutely not be tolerated under any circumstances. Any players engaged in fighting at a WCFBA event before, during or after a game will immediately be ejected from a game, will be required to leave the playing field and the ballpark, and will be subject to a mandatory suspension to be determined by the Board based on the League Commissioner or Tournament Director's recommendation in accordance with Section **III H**.
  - c. There will be no exceptions to this portion of the rule.
  - d. This rule will apply not only to the baseball field itself, but to all surfaces and structures that are a part of the complex in which the field is located.
- K. ALCOHOL.
  - a. At WCFBA League rented facilities, no alcoholic beverages, and no drinking of such beverages, is permitted on the fields, surfaces, and structures upon which WCFBA plays baseball. This includes parking lots, picnic areas, gymnasiums, recreation buildings, unless authorized by the Rented Facility Owner. Failure to comply with

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this rule will be cause for suspension for one year from WCFBA Events.

- b. WCFBA Directors, the League Commissioner, and Tournament Directors are responsible for insurance of compliance with all Alcohol Rules and Civil Codes at the

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Event.

L. NO SMOKING: There is no smoking at WCFBA Events.

## **XIII. DISSOLUTION**

Should WCFBA ever dissolve, the Board shall arrange for the orderly cessation of activities, fulfillment or settlement of any remaining obligations and the distribution of any remaining assets. Pursuant to the WCFBA Articles of Incorporation as approved by the Secretary of State and required by the IRS for tax-exempt organizations, distribution of any remaining assets shall be to any qualifying non-profit organization(s). The Board shall select the qualified organization(s) from among those which are designated for the support of teaching and / or playing baseball among adults or children.

## **XIV EFFECTIVE DATE**

These Bylaws shall be effective immediately upon the incorporation of the WCFBA and upon approval of subsequent changes as required by these BYLAWS.