

BRITISH COLUMBIA SENIOR AMATEUR BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

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ARTICLE 1 - NAME

The name of this organization shall be "BRITISH COLUMBIA SENIOR AMATEUR BASEBALL ASSOCIATION."

ARTICLE 2 - OBJECTIVES

- (a) To foster, promote and co-ordinate senior baseball and to assist in the development of minor baseball in the province of British Columbia.
- (b) To encourage good sportsmanship.
- (c) To affiliate with and abide by the laws and requirements of the BRITISH COLUMBIA AMATEUR BASEBALL ASSOCIATION.
- (d) To assist and supervise, where necessary, the holding of senior baseball championships.
- (e) To co-ordinate provincial winners of senior classification championships towards regional or national playdowns.
- (f) To act as arbitor in case of dispute between member teams and/or leagues. Where arbitration between teams and/or leagues, and the governing body, British Columbia Senior Amateur Baseball Association, fails to negotiate settlement of dispute, the final authority shall rest with the executive of the British Columbia Amateur Baseball Association.

ARTICLE 3-1 - MEMBERSHIP

- (a) Membership in the Association shall be available to all senior classification amateur baseball teams/leagues within the province of British Columbia. Senior classification shall herewith be stated to mean open age group. Open age group shall herewith be stated to mean that any player may play in the senior classification, provided that he has not, directly or indirectly, had cause to be registered as a playing member of any other age classification currently recognized by the British Columbia Amateur Baseball Association.

ARTICLE 3-2 - MANAGEMENT

The business of the Association shall be governed by an elected committee to be structured as follows:

- (a) A Commissioner and two (2) Vice-Commissioners, one of whom must be a member of the British Columbia Amateur Baseball Association Management Team, together with a Secretary and Treasurer.
- (b) The Commissioner and Committee shall be elected annually by members of the Association at the Annual General Meeting of the Association.
- (c) The Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held no later than November 30th in each year, on such a day and at such a time as the Committee shall determine.

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ARTICLE 3-3 - DUTIES OF COMMISSIONER

The Commissioner shall exercise general supervision and control of all business pertaining to the effective management of the British Columbia Senior Amateur Baseball Association.

He shall direct the Committee members to conduct such business as required, in a manner felt to be in the best interest of the Association. He may appoint special committees, when required, to consider and assist on questions felt to be important to the conduct of the Association.

He shall be in charge of all funds which apply to the proper conduct of the Association, subject to the duties of the Committee as set out below.

ARTICLE 3-4 - DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEE

The Committee shall assist the Commissioner with the conduct of all such business as required by the Commissioner, and deemed to be in the best interest of the Association.

The Treasurer shall supervise all financial transactions as initiated by the Committee and keep records of same.

ARTICLE 3-5 - VOTING

Each duly registered member League shall have one vote. A member League may officially delegate a person to vote for that League. The valid election of the Commissioner and Committee shall require a majority vote of those Leagues registered with the Association.

ARTICLE 3-6 - APPEALS

Any member may, with just cause, appeal a directive as issued by the Commissioner and/or Committee. The appeal must be received in writing by the Secretary, with a copy of same to the Commissioner and the Secretary of the B.C. Amateur Baseball Association. The Commissioner and the Committee shall rule on the dispute within ten (10) days from receipt of the written document. Should the ruling cause further disagreement, the dispute shall be put forth before the Management Team of the B.C. Amateur Baseball Association, whose decision will be binding on both parties involved.

ARTICLE 3-7 - DUES

- (a) The annual membership dues shall be determined by the membership at the Association's Annual General Meeting.
- (b) Such dues must be in the hands of the duly appointed director on or before May 15th of each year. Failure to pay dues as scheduled by the above date, may give cause for elimination of the delinquent league or team from consideration for play in Provincial, Regional or National play-offs.

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ARTICLE 3-8 – TEAM ROSTER

The individual league shall determine team rosters at league level.

ARTICLE 3-9 – PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

- | (a) Teams will be permitted to add players from their league for this level of play to a maximum roster of twenty-one (21).
- (b) The Western Canada tournament or National tournament host will be permitted to participate in the Provincial Championship in said hosting year.
- (c) At least one coach from each team represented at the Provincial tournament must have full Level I (technical, practical & theory) accreditation and be Level II (technical) certified.
- | (d) Wood bats only will be used in Provincial Championship competition.

ARTICLE 3-10 – WESTERN CANADA & NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Team rosters will conform to the rules and regulations as set forth by the Western Canada Baseball Association and/or the Canadian Federation of Amateur Baseball.

ARTICLE 3-11 – INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENTS/EXHIBITIONS

(Repealed, 2003 August 18)

ARTICLE 3-12 – PREMIER/SENIOR DIVISION DECLARATION

(Repealed, 1995 October 10)

ARTICLE 3-13 – INSURANCE

(Repealed, 1989 October 27)

ARTICLE 3-14 – LEAGUE PLAY

- (a) Player shall be a resident of Canada, or where it is deemed an advantage to the baseball program to use alien players or teams, such will be permitted on approval of the Senior Association executive body.
- (b) Rules regulating the participation of players from lower age divisions will be accepted as those set at the league level.
- (c) All players must be registered on team rosters by July 1st of each year. The Provincial Commissioner must receive registrations by July 15th. Failure to comply will result in team disqualification from all post-season activity.

ARTICLE 3-15 - PLAYER REGISTRATION ELIGIBILITY

- (a) Any player who registers and plays for a league team sanctioned by the Provincial Senior Association and prior to the B.C. Senior Finals of the same year, re-locates to another area of the province in which a sanctioned league is also active, may only register and play with any team in that league when the following conditions are served compliance:
- i) Must obtain a letter of release from the President of the league initiating the registration process;
 - ii) Copy of this release to be forwarded to Senior Association Commissioner for approval.
- (b) When approval is offered, participation by named player in the B.C. Senior Finals of that year will be with the league team last registered.

ARTICLE 3-16 - CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT PLAY

- (a) Shall conform to the rules and regulations as set forth by Western Canada Baseball Association and/or Canadian Federation of Amateur Baseball. Where conflict occurs between WCBA and CFAB rules, the higher body rules will hold precedence.
- (b) All players must have been residents of British Columbia as of June 1st of the year in which they wish to play and must have resided in Canada for one year.
- (c) Former professional players must have been re-instated as amateurs by the Canadian Federation of Amateur Baseball to be eligible for the Provincial, Western Canada or National championship play.

ARTICLE 4 - AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION

- (a) The objectives and by-laws of the B.C. Senior Amateur Baseball Association shall not be altered or repealed until approval by majority of the voting members present at the Annual General Meeting of the Association.
- (b) Notice of motion to make such changes shall first be forwarded in writing to the Commissioner and Committee at least (30) days prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting of the Association.
- (c) The membership of the Association must be notified in writing of all such notices of motion at least (14) days prior to the AGM.

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