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Constitution of  
**TNT Baseball Association**

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## **Article 1. Association**

1. The Association shall be carried on without the purpose of gain for its members, and any profits or other accretions to the corporation shall be used for promoting its objectives.

## **Article 2. Mission Statement**

The mission of the TNT Baseball Association is to ensure that all members of the TNTBA are committed to the promotion, education and enjoyment of the game of baseball.

Working co-operatively within our organization and with business, education and special groups, we will endeavour to conduct ourselves in the manner of which will benefit the entire TNTBA and the game of baseball, particularly the youth of our community.

1. To promote and encourage children of all ages in and around the Association boundaries to play, learn and be involved in minor league baseball.
2. To advocate teamwork, cooperation, athleticism, fair play and fun
3. To provide a safe and hospitable environment in which to play
4. To encourage parental participation in coaching, umpiring, volunteering, and/or organizing
5. To encourage the goodwill and involvement of the wider community

## **Article 3. Member of YSBA, OBA, SOBA**

YSBA (York Simcoe Baseball Association)

OBA (Ontario Baseball Association)

SOBA (Select Ontario Baseball Association)

1. Within the TNTBA geography there are a number of centers that belong to the SSMBA. Each house league program and all of its Executive, Coaches, Umpires, Players, and Volunteers are obligated, bound and have adopted the constitution and by-laws that govern the SSMBA
2. Within the TNTBA's Rep/Select program all of its Executive, Coaches, Players, and Volunteers are obligated, bound and have adopted the constitution and by-laws that govern the YSBA, the OBA, and SOBA
3. These above obligations however do not limit or preclude the TNTBA from adopting or including different or additional statutes (into the TNTBA constitution) as long as these statutes have no effect on (SSMBA, OBA, YSBA, SOBA) by laws and/or their constitutions. The TNTBA Board of Directors will have the power to rule on any conflict between Associations statutes or if there is a lack of clarity on a specific situation

#### **Article 4. Executive and Board of Directors**

1. The general management of the club shall be vested in a Board of Directors consisting of at minimum: President, Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar and one Board Member from each House League Association within the TNTBA Territory. All of the Executive Board positions shall be elected for no longer than 4 year terms at the Annual General Meeting. The President and Vice-president shall be elected in even numbered years and the Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar shall be elected in odd numbered years.

##### Executive:

President,  
Vice President,  
Secretary  
Treasurer,  
Registrar,

##### Remaining Board of Directors:

Past President, most recent President  
Director of Rep, appointed and approved by BOD  
Director of Select, appointed and approved by BOD  
Umpire in Chief, appointed and approved by BOD  
Convenor, appointed and approved by BOD  
Director of Player Development, appointed and approved by BOD  
Equipment/Uniform Manager, appointed and approved by BOD  
Director of Sponsorship & Fundraising, appointed and approved by BOD  
Director of Social Media, appointed and approved by BOD  
1 Board Member from each House League Association (if applicable)- Alliston, Tottenham, Everett and any others if applicable  
Up to 4 Directors at Large appointed and approved by BOD

1. Each Board Member shall have one (1) vote. If a Board Member holds 2 positions (example one Executive position and their Association position), they are entitled to two (2) votes.
2. The Board of Directors shall control and monitor programs as directed by the constitution and its bylaws, policies and procedures.
3. The Board of Directors shall appoint a committee to hear and make determinations with regard to protests and suspensions
4. Members of the Board of Directors are required to attend the Board meetings. These meetings are a professional forum requiring those present to conduct themselves appropriately and exercise the duties of their office responsibly, honestly, and diligently. Any Member acting in a manner which disregards these values will be given
  - a) On first offence a verbal warning from the President
  - b) On second offence a written warning from the President that they are now on probation
  - c) On third offence the President will ask for a vote to be taken by **ALL** Board Members for removal of Board Member in question. This vote can only be carried by 2/3 Majority vote in favour of removal. The accused Board Member will be allowed a verbal final appeal prior to the vote.

5. Any member who is absent from 3 consecutive meetings without, in the opinion of the Board of Directors, a valid reason will be removed from office by vote as described in Article 3 - Point 4 c.
6. Vacancies in elected offices occurring between Annual Meetings may be filled by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors.
7. The Board of Directors shall also have the power to deal with cases that are not otherwise provided or covered by the Constitution or Policy & Procedures manual.
8. To join the Board of Directors, an applicant must be nominated by a Board Member and this nomination must be seconded by a different board member at the Annual Meeting. If multiple candidates are nominated and seconded, then open voting to all members will take place at the Annual Meeting by the raising of hands.
9. All Directors must be a minimum of eighteen (18) years of age.
10. No Person may run for President, Vice-President or Treasurer until they have served on the Executive for at least one (1) complete year.

#### **Article 5. Duties of the Board of Directors**

To promote the healthy functioning of the Association Board, authority is shared among its Board Members. This authority is relegated to the specific job description of each Board Member. The purpose of the Board is to govern all Association activities both on and off the playing field.

A detailed list of duties for each board position can be found in the Appendix of the TNTBA Policies & Procedures

The geographical boundaries will be reviewed after the 2020 season.

#### **Article 6. Meetings**

1. The Executive shall meet in person at least 4 times per year. Meeting shall enable the Association to discuss actions and monitor progress to date and to consider future developments.
2. All Members of the Executive shall be given at least ten (10) days notice of when an Executive meeting is due to take place, unless it is deemed as an emergency.
3. Quorum (50% +1 of the total number of Directors), for a meeting of the Executive it shall be those members representing a majority of votes eligible to be cast at the meeting
4. It shall be the responsibility of the President to chair all meetings or the Vice-President or Past President in his/her absence
5. Minutes must be taken at all meetings and those minutes should be accessible to any Member in good standing of the Association.
6. The Association can call a Special General Meeting when required with at least ten (10) days notice.
7. Each Executive Member and each Association Member shall have one vote.
8. The President will only vote in the case of a tie or for the election of Directors.

## **Annual General Meeting Guidelines**

1. In a normal operating year, the Annual Meeting of the Association shall be held between the period of Oct 1 – Oct 15
2. The Association membership shall receive at least 15 days' notice of the date/time/location of the AGM by way of Social Media, tntbaseball.ca website and general email.
3. Order of business for the Annual Meeting
  - a. Confirming Quorum - (50%+1 of voting Board of Director positions)
  - b. President Address
  - c. Reading of the minutes of the last annual general meeting or any specific meeting during the year
  - d. Secretary Report
  - e. Treasurer & Auditor (if applicable) Report
  - f. Registrar Report
  - g. Update from each Board Member as follows
    - i. Director of Rep
    - ii. Director of Select
    - iii. Convenor
    - iv. Umpire in Chief
    - v. Director of Player Development
    - vi. Equipment/Uniform Manager
    - vii. Director of Sponsorship, Fundraising
    - viii. Director of Social Media
  - h. Correspondence
  - i. Committee Reports (if applicable)
  - j. Disciplinary Reports (if applicable)
  - k. Consideration of Reports
  - l. Amendments- Notice of Motions
  - m. General Business - provided by advance notice
  - n. Election of Board of Directors
  - o. Annual Meeting site for the following year

## **Rules of Order of Annual Meeting**

The following are the regulations that govern the Association during the time of business and shall be disposed of in the following order:

1. Each Member of the Association in good standing will be granted 1 vote per membership - a player member must be over 18 years of age in order to vote, if the player is less than 18 years of age, the guardian will be granted 1 vote - only 1 vote either made by the player member or their appointed guardian will be counted.
2. No motion shall be received unless properly moved and seconded and said motion shall not be opened for discussion until so stated by the presiding officer
3. No member of the Board of Directors shall speak twice on the same subject without the permission of the chair, unless in explanation, or the mover in reply
4. A member desiring to speak or submit a motion shall rise and remain standing and respectfully address the chair, and shall confine his/her remarks to the question and shall not be interrupted unless upon a point of order
5. No Amendment to a motion shall be in order after an Amendment to the

#### Amendment

6. When a motion is under debate, no motion shall be entertained except to lay on the table, or amend and these motions shall take precedence in the order named
7. Amendment, which entirely changes the subject to the original motion shall not be entertained as an Amendment or substituted for motion under debate
8. After the motion has been stated by the Presiding Officer it becomes the property of the Association but may be withdrawn at any time previous to amendment, unless objected to by a board member
9. There shall be one debate upon any question after it has been put by the presiding officer
10. When a vote is called, it shall be taken by each member holding up his/her right hand. The Presiding Officer shall declare the vote on all questions and should his/her declaration be disputed, he/she may require the delegates voting "yea" or "nay" to rise and stand until the number voting for the affirmative and the negative be counted by him/her (if requested a vote by ballots will be considered).

#### **Article 7. Amendments**

1. An Amendment or alteration of the Constitution must be made at an Annual Meeting or a Special General Meeting and must be agreed by at least two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast in order to carry. Notice of any property alteration or amendment must be filed with the Secretary in writing one month prior to the Annual meeting. Only a TNTBA Board Member in good standing may propose an amendment.
2. A regulation may be proposed for the Annual Meeting for an experiment that differs from the Constitution or the Policy & Procedure Manual. This experiment may be put into effect for no more than 2 years. The resolution would be accepted by majority vote at the Annual General Meeting and would be subject to annual review by the Board of Directors. Any subsequent reference in the Constitution or Policy & Procedure manual that are contrary to the experiment are suspended while the experiment is in progress.
3. Dissolution of the Association must be conveyed to the Secretary formally in writing in advance of the AGM

#### **Article 8. General**

The Constitution, Bylaws and Policy & Procedure Manual of this Association as shown in this document are intended as a general guide and cannot specifically cover each situation that may arise. Therefore, the President in regular or special meetings, with a quorum of the Board of Directors, will have the authority to interpret and decide to the best of their judgment with regard to all these circumstances or any specific case, any matter pertaining to any or all clauses contained herein and that their decision shall be final. The President shall appoint an advisory committee composed of the Past President and other Members to advise upon matters presented to them by Board Members.