

La Vega Baseball and Softball Association

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I – NAME

This organization shall be known as the La Vega Baseball and Softball Association, hereinafter referred to as “LVBSA .”

ARTICLE II – OBJECTIVE

Section 1

The objective of LVBSA shall be to implant firmly in the children of the community the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage, and respect for authority, so that they may be well adjusted, stronger, and happier children and so that they will grow to be good, decent, healthy and trustworthy citizens.

Section 2

To achieve this objective LVBSA will provide a supervised program under the Rules and Regulations of Texas Teenage Baseball and Softball. All Directors, Officers and Members shall bear in mind that the attainment of exceptional athletic skills or the winning of games is secondary, and that molding the future citizens is the prime importance. In accordance with Section 501-(c)-(3) of the Federal Internal Revenue Code, LVBSA shall operate exclusively as a non-profit recreational organization providing a supervised program of competitive baseball and softball games. No part of the net earnings shall insure to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual, no substantial part of the activities of which is carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and which does not participate in or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1

Eligibility: Any person sincerely interested in active participation to affect the objective of LVBSA may apply to become a member. The Secretary shall maintain the role of membership to qualify voting members.

Section 2

Players

(A) **Player Member:** Any player candidate meeting the requirements of TTA and who resides within the authorized boundaries of the La Vega School District or surrounding community where no TTA Affiliate is available shall be eligible to compete for participation, but shall have no rights, duties or obligations in the management of LVBSA .

Section 3
Coaches

All coaches must submit and pass a background check to volunteer and coach at LVBSA. No practices, parent meetings, or games should be played until background checks are completed. VERITY is the name of our ordering system that we will use to manage the background checks.

The following offenses prohibit an individual from participating:

Any charge, conviction, no contest plea or guilty plea, or admission to any crime involving or against a minor.

If an individual involved with a league, or any activity of LVBSA program, is under investigation for any type of child abuse, or has a pending charge against, or involving, a minor, they must be suspended until the outcome of the investigation or pending charges are complete and the allegations are resolved.

Anything not listed that might be detrimental to LVBSA or our youth participating.

Should there be an alert on a coach's background that should not allow him/her to coach, you will be notified immediately by a board member.

Section 4
Suspension or Termination

(A) Membership may be terminated by resignation or action of the Board of Directors.

(B) The Board of Directors, by two-thirds vote of those present at any duly constituted meeting, shall have the authority to discipline, suspend and/or terminate the membership of any Member of any class when the conduct of such person is considered detrimental to the best interests of LVBSA . The Member involved shall be notified of such a meeting, informed of the general nature of the charges, and given an opportunity to appear at the meeting to answer such charges.

(C) Any Board Member who is unable to attend a scheduled meeting is to notify another Board Member that they cannot attend. Three (3) unexcused absences could result in termination of their Board position.

ARTICLE IV – MEETINGS

Section 1
Year End Meeting

The Annual Meeting of Members of LVBSA shall be held in the first week of October in each year.

Section 2

Special Meeting

Special Meetings may be called by the Board of Directors or by the Secretary or President at their discretion.

Section 3

Voting

Only Board Members, excluding the president, shall be entitled to vote at any annual or specially called meeting of LVBSA . The President shall vote only if the board members end in a tie.

ARTICLE V – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1

Board and Number

The management of the property and the affairs of LVBSA shall be vested in the Board of Directors. The Directors shall upon election immediately enter upon the performance of their duties and shall continue in office until their resignation; termination or their successors shall have been elected. To be elected or nominated to the Executive Board a person must have been on the Board of Directors for a minimum of one year.

Section 2

Term of Office

The Board of Directors can serve as long as they would like or the conduct of such a person is considered detrimental to the best interests of LVBSA .

Section 3

Vacancies

If any vacancy occurs on the Board of Directors, by death, resignation or otherwise, it may be filled by a majority vote of the remaining Directors at any regular or specially called meeting of the Board of Directors

ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS, DUTIES, POWERS

Section 1

Officers

The Executive Board Officers of the LVBSA shall consist of a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Player Agent, and Regular Board Members. The Board of Directors may appoint such other Officers as it may deem necessary or desirable and may prescribe the powers and duties of each and may fill any vacancy which may occur in any office.

Section 2

President

The President shall:

- (A) Conduct the affairs of the LVBSA and execute the policies established by the Board of Directors.
- (B) Present a report on the condition of LVBSA at the annual meeting of the Regular Members.
- (C) Communicate to the Board of Directors, such matters as deemed appropriate, and make such suggestions as may tend to promote the welfare of the Local League.
- (D) Be responsible for the conduct of LVBSA in conformity to the policies, principles and Rules and Regulations as set forth by LVBSA .
- (E) Investigate complaints, irregularities and conditions detrimental to LVBSA and report thereon to the Board as circumstances warrant.
- (F) Work as the liaison between the City of Bellmead and LVBSA and report thereon to the Board as circumstances warrant.

Secretary

The Secretary shall:

- (A) Be responsible for recording the activities of LVBSA and maintaining appropriate files, mailing lists and necessary records.
- (B) Perform such duties as are herein specifically set forth, in addition to such other duties as are customarily incident to the office of Secretary or as may be assigned by the Board of Directors.
- (C) Maintain a list of Regular Members, Directors and Committee Members and give notice of all meetings of LVBSA and the Board of Directors.
- (D) Keep the minutes of the meetings of the Members and Board of Directors and cause them to be recorded in a book kept for that purpose.

- (E) Conduct all correspondence not otherwise specifically delegated in connection with said meetings and shall be responsible for carrying out all orders, votes and resolutions not otherwise committed.
- (F) Notify Directors, Officers, and Committee Members of their election or appointment.
- (G) Responsible for publicity concerning annual meetings, registration etc.
- (H) Prepare and submit team rosters to Texas Teen-Age
- (I) Promptly reschedule all missed or rain-out games

Section 5

Treasurer

The Treasurer shall:

- (A) Be responsible for the financial activities of the LVBSA by maintaining the checkbook and deposits, paying league debts timely, paying and tracking umpires pay, handling disbursements/deposits of money for concession stand, receiving/depositing all money associated with registration, fundraisers and sponsorship.

- (B) At the Annual Meeting of Regular Members and Board of Directors, provide a year-end profit/loss statement and an itemized income/expense statement. These statements should coincide with the Local Leagues fiscal year (10/01 thru 09/30).
- (C) Compile information necessary (Balance sheet, checkbook register, itemized income/expense statement, profit/loss statement, and list of all equipment purchases for the filing of LVBSA Income Tax Return. Deliver and communicate with a tax professional. LVBSA 's Tax Return must be postmarked no later than February 15th annually.
- (D) Using the detailed records kept on each umpire, file the necessary 1099-MISC income and 1096 Transmittal forms from the IRS for any paid umpire receiving \$600.00 or more during the current calendar year. These forms must be postmarked no later than January 31st.
- (E) Maintain files on the above-mentioned records according to the LVBSA fiscal year.
- (F) Conduct regular and usual correspondence dealing with the Local Leagues financial matters such as those involving suppliers and vendors.
- (G) Prepare and present to the Board for approval an annual budget for expenditures.
- H) Will oversee all paperwork concerning injured player(s) or participant(s).
- (I) To ensure that the paperwork on the injured parties are sent in to the insurance company.

Section 6

Player Agent

The Player Agent shall:

- (A) Receive and review applications for player candidates and check school/residence and age eligibility for his/her Division.
- (B) Conduct the player draft and all other player selections or transactions with the Local League.

Section 7

Vice President

- (A) Assist in the player draft
- (B) Be responsible for all activities associated with the fields This includes regular maintenance of the grounds and playing service.
- (C) Schedule regular workdays to improve/repair division facilities.
- (D) Be responsible for ensuring that all the playing fields and areas in and around the baseball fields are safe and free from dangers.

ARTICLE VIII – MANAGERS, COACHES and UMPIRE ASSOCIATION

Section 1

Team Managers and Coaches shall be approved annually and are required to do a background check. Team Managers and Coaches shall be responsible for the drafting of their teams and their actions on the field.

Section 2

The Secretary, with approval of the Board of Directors, shall select an Umpire Association annually. The Director of the Umpire Association shall be responsible for their assignments and for their actions on the field. The Board reserves the right to bar any umpire within the Association deemed unsatisfactory.

ARTICLE IX – AFFILIATION

Section 1

Rules and Regulations

The Official Playing Rules and Regulations as published by Texas Teen-Age Baseball and Softball Association shall be binding on LVBSA .

ARTICLE X – FINANCIAL AND ACCOUNTING

Section 1

The Board shall not permit the contribution of funds or property to individual teams but shall solicit some for the common treasury of the Local League, thereby to discourage favoritism among teams and to endeavor to equalize the benefit of LVBSA .

Section 2

No Director, Officer or Member of LVBSA shall receive directly or indirectly any salary, compensation or emolument from tLVBSA for services rendered as Director, Officer or Member unless those services fall outside of the regular duties as prescribed earlier.

The Board must approve any services rendered to LVBSA by a regular member for compensation and must also approve the type/amount of compensation. Such service and compensation shall be kept as public record and available for audit by any member of LVBSA .

Section 3

The Fiscal Year of the LVBSA shall begin on the first day of October and end on the last day of September.

Section 4

Distribution of Property Upon Dissolution: Upon dissolution of the LVBSA and after all outstanding debts and claims have been satisfied, the Members shall distribute the property of the LVBSA to such other organizations maintaining an objective similar to that set forth herein, which are or may be entitled to exemption under section 501-(c)-(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or any future corresponding provisions.

ARTICLE XI – AMENDMENTS

This Constitution and By-Laws may be amended, repealed or altered in whole or part by a majority vote at any duly organized meeting of the Board Members provided notice of the proposed change is included in the notice of such meeting.

This Constitution was approved by the Regular Membership on 10/2/22. Revised 4/24/23.