

BYLAWS OF THE BRONTE LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

These Bylaws are hereby established by the Bronte Little League Baseball Association through its Board of Directors. Any and all prior agreements, resolutions, practices, policies, rules or regulations relating to this organization, to the extent inconsistent with these Bylaws, are hereby superseded.

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ARTICLE I

NAME OF ORGANIZATION

The name of this organization is Bronte Little League Baseball or also known as BLLB Association.

STANDING

Bronte Little League Baseball is and will at all times be a nonprofit, community service organization under the bylaws and policies of the BLLB until such time BLLB terminates, or in any way ceases to function as BLLB.

MISSION STATEMENT BLLB exists to teach and promote the game of baseball in an environment that fosters competition and individual development, instills the importance of being part of a team, readies players for team sports, and enhances the enjoyment of youth baseball players in the BLLB community consistent with the goals below.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE, ELIGIBILITY AND SCOPE OF PLAY

BLLB organizes T-Ball and baseball teams for youth living in the Bronte, TX area and surrounding Coke County communities. Our goal is to create a comprehensive, community-based program to support the development of players across a wide range of participation levels. Our ultimate vision is to foster consistent teams at the youth level to support community involvement.

TEAMS AND LEVELS

BLLB teams play under the Big Country Baseball Affiliate under the Texas Teenage Baseball/Softball Association.

The final number and level of teams offered will be decided by the BLLB Board on an annual basis and will be determined by registration numbers. All BLLB teams will play league games vs. surrounding communities, within the Big Country Baseball Affiliate.

ARTICLE III

LOCATION

The principal location of all BLLB, at which the general business of the organization will be transacted and where the records of the organization will be kept, shall be at such location in Bronte, TX or Coke County as may be fixed from time to time based on the Board of Directors of BLLB.

ARTICLE IV

MEMBERSHIP

The general membership of BLLB shall consist of parents/guardians/coaches of the BLLB or surrounding Coke County areas. Rules may be established by the Board to determine who will be recognized to vote, upon what matters, and how voting rights are determined.

ARTICLE V

MEETING OF MEMBERS

Section 1. Place of Meetings. Meetings shall be held in Bronte, TX or surrounding Coke County areas deemed suitable places as designated by the Board of Directors from time to time.

Section 2. Regular Meetings. Regular meetings of BLLB shall be held at least once per year as determined by the Board of Directors which shall set the specific date and time for each regular meeting. The members shall transact such business of BLLB as may properly come before them.

Section 3. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the membership may be called by the Board of Directors or shall be called by the President as directed by a resolution adopted by a majority of the Board of Directors or upon a written request signed by at least fifty percent (50%) of the voting BLLB board members. The notice of any special meeting shall state the time, the place, and the purpose of such meeting. No business shall be transacted at the special meeting except as stipulated in the notice.

Section 4. Presiding Officer. The President of the Board of Directors of BLLB shall be the presiding officer of all meetings of the membership. In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall preside. In the absence of both persons, the members may elect a President Pro Tem for that one meeting.

Section 5. Notice of Meetings. It shall be the duty of either the President or any BLLB board member to give a notice of each regular, or special meeting stating the purpose thereof, as well as the time and place where the meeting is to be held. The notices of regular meetings shall be sent so as to be received at least two (2) working calendar days prior to such meeting. Notice of special meetings shall be sent at least two (2) working calendar days prior to such meeting.

ARTICLE VI

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Number and Eligibility. The Board of Directors of BLLB shall consist of five (5) voting officers and such additional non-voting members as the Board shall determine from time to time. The voting positions of the Board of Directors shall be the following Officer positions: (1) President, (2) Vice President, (3) Secretary, (4) Treasurer, and (5) Member.

To be eligible to serve as a member of the Board the individual must be a member of the BLLB general membership and live in Coke County or surrounding areas.

Each Board of Directors position shall be a two year elected position as determined by an anonymous ballot and vote among current Board Officers and those in the membership eligible to vote (per Article IV) who appear at the regularly scheduled annual Board meeting for the purpose of electing Board members. The presiding voting members of the current Board shall tally the votes at the Board election and promptly announce the results.

Section 2. Governing Powers. The Board of Directors shall have all the powers and duties necessary or appropriate for the overall direction of BLLB. They may engage in such acts and do such things as are not prohibited by a law or these bylaws.

Section 3. Election and Term of Office. Board members shall hold office until the completion of their two year term at which time the Board member may choose to run for another two-year term at his or her election. There shall be no limit on the number of terms a Board member can serve.

Section 4. Vacancies. Vacancies in the Board of Directors caused by any reason other than the removal of a Director under Section 5 below, shall be filled by a vote of the majority of the remaining voting members of the Board of Directors, at either a regular or called special meeting.

Section 5. Removal of Board Members. At any regular or duly called special meeting of the general membership, any one or more of the Board Members may be removed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership or by a majority vote of the Officers on the Board. A successive Board Member may then be elected by a majority of the Officers on the Board to fill the vacancy immediately following. Any Board Member whose removal has been proposed shall be given at least (2) working days notice of the intent to take such action and an opportunity to be heard at this meeting.

Section 6. Compensation. No compensation shall be paid to directors for their services to BLLB. Board members may be reimbursed for actual expenses incurred by them in the performance of special duties provided such expenses were authorized by the Board for the benefit of BLLB.

Section 7. Regular Meetings. Regular meetings of the BLLB Board of Directors may be held at such time and place as shall be determined from time to time by the BLLB Board. The Board of Directors shall meet at least 1 (one) time each year.

Section 8. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President of the Board upon at least two (2) working days' notice to each Board Member. This notice shall be given personally or by mail, by e-mail or telephone. The notice shall state the place, time and the purpose of the meeting.

ARTICLE VII

COMMITTEES

Section 1. Establishing Committees. The Board of Directors may establish committees having authority of the Board in the management of the business of BLLB. Committees are subject at all times to the direction and control of the Board.

Section 2. Term of Office. Each member of a committee shall continue as such for the duration of the playing year, unless the committee shall be sooner terminated, or unless such member is removed from such committee, or unless such member shall cease to qualify as a member thereof or resign. Committees shall be voted, decided and appointed annually.

ARTICLE VIII

FISCAL MANAGEMENT

Section 1. Books and Accounts. Books and accounts of BLLB shall be kept under the direction of the Treasurer of BLLB.

Section 2. Loans. No loans shall be contracted on behalf of BLLB nor evidence of indebtedness shall be issued in its name unless authorized by resolution of the Board of Directors. Such authority shall be confined to specific instances.

Section 4. Deposits. All funds of BLLB not otherwise employed shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of BLLB in such bank or banks or other depositories as the Board of Directors may elect.

Section 5. Conflict of Interest. The Board shall not enter into any contract or transaction with (a) one or more of its directors, (b) a director of a related organization or (c) an organization in or of which a director of BLLB is a director, officer or legal representative, or in some other way has a material financial interest unless:

- 1) That interest is disclosed or known to the Board of Directors,
- 2) The Board approves, authorizes or ratifies the action in good faith,
- 3) The approval is by a majority of directors (not counting the interested director),
- 4) At a meeting where a quorum is present (not counting the interested director).

The interested director may be present for discussion to answer questions, but may not advocate for the action to be taken and must leave the room while a vote is taken. The minutes of all actions taken on such matters shall clearly reflect that these requirements have been met.

Section 6. Checks, Drafts, Etc. All checks, drafts and other orders for payment of funds will be signed by such Officers or such other persons as the Board of Directors shall designate in its approved financial policies.

Section 7. Indemnity. BLLB shall indemnify and hold harmless any Director from any suit, damage, claim, judgment or liability arising out of, or asserted to arise out of conduct of such person in his or her capacity as a Director except in cases involving willful misconduct. Indemnification provided under this section shall comply with and follow the requirements as provided by statute. The Association shall have the power to purchase or procure insurance for such purposes.

Section 8. Examination by Directors. Every director of BLLB shall have a right to examine, in person or by agent or attorney, at any reasonable time or times, and at the place or places where usually kept, all books and records of BLLB and make extracts or copies thereof.

ARTICLE IX

Amendment

Both the Board of Directors and the members shall have the power to amend the Articles of Incorporation and these bylaws. Subject to restrictions imposed by statute, the Board may amend the articles and bylaws by adopting a resolution setting forth the amendment, providing written notice of the proposed amendments at least 2 working calendar days prior to a duly called meeting. Such amendment shall require an affirmative vote of a majority of the Officers of the Board at a duly constituted meeting.

ARTICLE X

COACHES

Section 1: Determination of coaches. All coaches will be determined by and approved by the BLLB Board prior to the season. The board reserves the right to remove any coach, at any time, for violation of the "BLLB Coaching Code of Conduct" contract with a majority vote. The BLLB reserves the right to select a replacement coach at any time during the season.

Section 2: Evaluation of coaches. All coaches will be subject to a completed, and cleared background check administered by a company, law enforcement agency, or business the board has voted on, and deemed appropriate. The BLLB Board reserves the right to prohibit an individual from coaching based on their background check. Background checks shall be completed, and coaches shall be notified prior to any (physical) contact with players or parents. No adult shall be on the field for a baseball game, unless they have been background checked, attended coaches meeting, and have signed the "BLLB Coaching Code of Conduct" contract.

TEAM PLACEMENT

The BLLB board reserves the right to determine team placement of youth players, on an annual basis, before games shall start for the season. The board reserves the right to make any changes or rules based on team placement.

The foregoing Bylaws of the Bronte Little League and Baseball Association were adopted on the 15th day of January in the 2024 year, by majority action of the BLLB Board of Directors.