

**BY-LAWS OF TINLEY PARK YOUTH BASEBALL, INC  
TINLEY PARK, ILLINOIS  
2007 REVISION EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 14, 2007**

**ARTICLE 1. NAME**

The name of this Association shall be TINLEY PARK YOUTH BASEBALL, INC. The nickname of this Association shall be the BULLDOGS.

**ARTICLE 2. PURPOSES**

The purposes of the TINLEY PARK YOUTH BASEBALL, INC. are:

SECTION 1. To provide a quality baseball program for boys and girls, under good leadership in a wholesome atmosphere of community participation and competition.

SECTION 2. To provide and raise funds through money-making events and registration fees for uniforms, equipment and any other necessities for the efficient operation of this organization.

SECTION 3. To offer coaching seminars and clinics and provide information containing the teaching of good sportsmanship and baseball skills to youth.

**ARTICLE 3. MEMBERSHIP/VOTING**

SECTION 1. Any person interested in this organization who is willing to uphold it's policies and subscribe to these bylaws may become a member by attending a minimum of six (6) regular monthly association meetings between July 1<sup>st</sup> and June 20<sup>th</sup> of each subsequent year. A member in good standing has a right to vote in the election of board members. All other matters will be decided by members of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2. All board members shall have the right to vote on all issues that come before the Board of Directors of the Association.

SECTION 3. Notwithstanding the above, any person in attendance at any regular monthly meeting, whether a member or not, shall have the right to voice an opinion on any issue even though they may not have the right to vote.

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**ARTICLE 4. OFFICERS AND THEIR ELECTION**

SECTION 1:

- A. Officers of this Association shall be Commissioner and Vice-Commissioner; Presidents and Vice-Presidents of the Colt/Palomino, Pony, Bronco, Mustang, Pinto, T-Ball and Softball Leagues; Secretary, Treasurer, Equipment Manager, Concession Manager, Director of Travel Baseball, Director of Fund Raising, Field Maintenance Supervisor, Director of Umpires and Director of Player Development.
- B. Officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the members of this Association at the July regular monthly meeting by secret ballot. However, if there is but one nominee for any office, it shall be in order that the Secretary cast the elective ballot of the Association for that nominee.
- C. Officers shall assume their official duties on August 1<sup>st</sup> for a one year term ending on July 31<sup>st</sup>.

SECTION 2. All members shall be entitled to run for any office of the Association. A member who desires to run for office shall so advise the commissioner prior to or at the July regular monthly meeting. Nominations from the floor shall also be accepted at the July meeting prior to voting. Only those persons who are members of the association and who have consented to serve if elected, shall have ballots cast in their name.

SECTION 3. A vacancy occurring in any office but Commissioner, shall be filled for the unexpired term by a nominee elected by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board of Directors. In case of a vacancy in the office of Commissioner, the Vice-Commissioner shall serve the remainder of the unexpired term.

In the event that the Vice-Commissioner fails to act as Commissioner, one of the seven (7) League Presidents, chosen by majority secret ballot of the membership shall assume the duties of the Commissioner for the remainder of the unexpired term. In the event that no League President consents to act as Commissioner, then nominations shall be taken from the remaining Board Members. All resignations of office must be submitted in writing to the Secretary of the Association.

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**ARTICLE 5. DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

SECTION 1. The Commissioner shall preside at all meetings of the Association, shall perform other duties as assigned to him or her by the Association and shall coordinate the work of the officers and committees created by the Board of Directors and/or the Commissioner.

SECTION 2. The Vice-Commissioner shall act as an aid to the Commissioner and shall perform the duties of the Commissioner in the temporary absence of, or inability of the Commissioner to serve.

SECTION 3. The secretary shall record the minutes of all meetings of the Association and record members attendance at regular monthly meeting and perform such duties as delegated by the Commissioner and Board of Directors.

SECTION 4. The Treasurer shall receive all monies of the Association, shall keep an accurate record of the receipts and expenditures, and shall pay out local funds in accordance with the approved budget as authorized by the Association. The Treasurer shall present a financial statement at every meeting of the Association and at other times when requested by the Board of Directors and shall make a full report at the annual meeting.

The Treasurers' accounts shall be examined by an auditing committee of not less than three (3) members, who, satisfied that the Treasurer's annual report is correct, shall sign a statement of that fact at the end of the report and present the report at the annual meeting in September. The Board of Directors shall appoint the auditing committee in June.

SECTION 5. The Equipment Manager is to maintain, purchase and inventory all equipment necessary to provide a safe baseball program, provide a budget and at least two (2) quotes every even numbered year directly to the Commissioner. These quotes are to be presented at the December meeting of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 6. Each League President shall conduct team drafts, prepare league playing schedules, league rules and do all necessary acts to administer their respective leagues. The Vice-President of each league shall assist the League President and act a President in the event of the temporary absence or resignation of the President.

SECTION 7. The Director of Travel Baseball will coordinate the travel team activities as directed by the Commissioner.

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SECTION 8. The Director of Fundraising will coordinate all fundraising plans with the Commissioner, including obtaining sponsors and planning fundraising activities and events.

SECTION 9. The Field Maintenance Supervisor will coordinate all field maintenance with the Commissioner and League Presidents, as well as other maintenance activities requested by the league.

SECTION 10. Director of Umpires. The Director of Umpires will coordinate all umpire game scheduling for regular season, playoffs and tournaments.

SECTION 11. Director of Player Development. The Director of Player Development will coordinate all baseball camps, including developing skill sets for each league and travel team. In addition, the position will coordinate with the Commissioner in securing camp locations and logistics associated with the camps as well as other related activities requested by the league.

**ARTICLE 6. MEETINGS**

SECTION 1. Regular meetings of the Association shall be held on the second Wednesday of each month at 8:00 p.m. unless changed by the Association or Board of Directors. No less than one (1) days notice shall be given of a change.

SECTION 2. Special meeting may be called by the Association or Board of Directors one (1) days notice having been given.

SECTION 3. The annual meeting shall be in July.

SECTION 4. Twelve (12) board members shall constitute a quorum for the Association.

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**ARTICLE 7. BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

SECTION 1. The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers of the Association. The members of the Board of Directors shall serve for one (1) year concurrent with their term of office.

SECTION 2. The duties of the Board of Directors shall be:

- A. To create standing committee chairpersons.
- B. To approve the plans of work of the standing committee.
- C. To appoint an auditing committee in June, before the annual meeting, to audit the Treasurer's accounts.
- D. To prepare and submit to the Association for approval a budget for the fiscal year.
- E. Any expenditures over \$300.00 not listed and disclosed in the budget must be approved by the majority of the Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE 8. PROCEDURE**

Roberts Rules of Order shall preside in all meetings.

**ARTICLE 9. AMENDMENTS**

These by-laws may be amended at the November regular meeting of the Association by a two-thirds (2/3rds) vote of the board members present and voting provided notice of the proposed amendment change was given at the previous monthly meeting in October. A proposed revised set of by-laws as substitute for these by-laws may be submitted at the October meeting for voting at the November meeting only if two-thirds (2/3rds) of the board members present and voting at the October meeting approve of submitting the revised by-laws for vote.

**ARTICLE 10. LEAGUE RULES**

Any league rule change shall go before the Board of Directors for approval and no league rule change shall be instituted without approval of the Board of Directors.