

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
OF THE
SUNBURST BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

(Effective April 10, 2010)

CONSTITUTION

Article IA – Name:

The name of this Association shall be The Sunburst Baseball League

Article IB

The league shall be registered under the provisions of the societies Act of Alberta (Corporate Access# 50345256). The Operating Year will be Feb 01 – Jan 31 each year and the Fiscal Year Jan 01 – Dec 31 each year.

Article II – Objectives:

The objective of the league shall be:

- a) To conduct a regular schedule of league games.
- b) To conduct a series of play-off league games.
- c) To have league teams participate in Provincial Play-offs and if possible in Western Canadian and Canadian National Play-offs.
- d) To always promote and improve the game of baseball and good sportsmanship.

Article III – Executive and Directors:

- a) The executive shall be composed of a President, a Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer and shall be elected at the annual general meeting held each fall.
- b) A commissioner will be appointed by the President and ratified by the Directors.
- c) Directors shall be each team's manager or such other person as the team may appoint. In the event a Director cannot attend a meeting they may appoint a representative in their absence. Directors shall be registered in the Business Corporation Act Annual Return.

Article IV – Membership:

- a) Application for entry into the league shall be voted on by the Directors and executive with two-thirds (2/3) majority vote. (No application for entry will be accepted after the initial schedule draft)
- b) Any membership remaining inactive for more the one year shall relinquish the privilege of membership.
- c) New teams, Associations and Individuals will be accepted in the league on a one-year probationary period, after which time they will be reassessed with respect to league commitments. Membership may be rejected at any time for just cause at a general/annual meeting called by the President providing a quorum is available and the majority votes in favor of the membership termination.
- d) Teams granted a leave of absence shall not be granted voting privileges and will be considered a non-active member.

Article V - Funds:

- a) The Secretary/Treasurer shall deposit all funds received in a Chartered Bank to the credit of the league and withdrawal shall be by cheque requiring the signature of any two of the following: Secretary/Treasurer and either the President or Vice-President.
- b) All active teams in the league shall post a \$500.00 Performance Bond which may be confiscated or part thereof by vote of the Directors. This bond may be refunded at the end of the season upon application approved by the Executive or remain for the next season. The Performance Bond must maintain a balance of \$100.00, if below that level, must be replenished to \$500.00 within one week notice from Directors or then be suspended by a majority vote by the Directors.
- c) Funds raised for a particular purpose will be applied after all expenses concerned have been paid. Any other funds become property of the league.
- d) The League Executive is responsible for all disbursements in event of league dissolution. (Includes active members only)

Article VI - Meeting:

- a) There shall be a minimum of two general meeting per year, one of which shall be held within 60 days of the completion of the Fiscal year and one post season.
- b) The annual and/or general meeting or special meetings shall be called by the President or the Vice-President in the absence of the President.
- c) A special meeting may be called by 50% of the voting membership so signifying in writing to the President within 2 weeks of receiving the letter.
- d) A quorum of each annual, general or special meeting shall be two-thirds (2/3) of the voting Directors.

Article VII – Insurance and Responsibilities:

- a) It will be the Team/Associations responsibility to register with Baseball Alberta.
- b) It will be Team/Associations responsibility to provide property and public liability insurance.
- c) Member Teams shall be responsible for the payment of umpire fees for each individual game.

Article VIII – Amendment of Constitution:

Any article of the constitution may be amended only by a notice of motion properly presented to the Executive two full weeks prior to any general meeting and voted upon by two-thirds (2/3) vote of a quorum of voting members.

BY-LAWS

The following By-Laws become a part of the Constitution and may be changed only by a properly called general meeting and passed by two-third (2/3) of the voting members.

- 1) LEAGUE GAMES:
 - a. The President will ensure that a schedule is drawn up and adhered to.
 - b. The president will ensure that the semi-final and final games are played as determined by the Members and Executive.
- 2) ROSTERS:
 - a. Each roster must consist of a minimum of 15 and a maximum of 25 players.
 - b. Team rosters must be submitted to the league President by 1st game of every year. Once a player has played one game with a selected team, that player must be released by that selected team to play for any other Sunburst League team in that year.
 - c. Players shall be registered annually by Baseball Alberta and a copy of the said registration provided to the President of the Sunburst Baseball League by July 8th of each year. (Allow one week for mail delivery)
 - d. Rosters only effect league play and league play-offs.
- 3) Baseball Alberta play-offs will take precedence over the Sunburst League.
- 4) The Grievance Committee shall consist of a least three members chosen at the direction of the President. The Grievance Committee shall not consist of any party involved in the grievance appeal. Appeals may be made to the League Commissioner and his decision will be final.

- 5) Sunburst League will be played in accordance with Baseball Canada.
- 6) Courtesy runner is permitted for a catcher, with 2 outs and must be a player who has not participated in the game.
- 7) Designated hitters are allowed.
- 8) No person out of uniform shall be permitted on the bench. Scorekeepers and batboys are the only exceptions. Umpires to use discretion.
- 9) All base coached must be in uniform.
- 10) Only one (1) manager, identified at the start of the game shall be permitted to appeal a ruling.
- 11) Two warm-up areas specified shall be the only place a player may warm up during the game.
- 12) Baseballs shall be as determined prior to each playing year.
- 13) The League shall adopt the non-professional level of scorekeeping as outlined by Baseball Canada.
- 14) MERY RULE:
 - a. 7 Inning Game – A team leading by 10 or more runs after five complete innings shall be declared the automatic winner.
 - b. 9 Inning Game – A team leading by 8 or more runs after seven complete innings shall be declared the automatic winner.

PENALTIES AND FINES

- 1) Failure to field 9 players which are on a team's roster by game time will result in a \$100.00 fine.

15 minute grace will be allowed before forfeiture of game

Games forfeited:

1st Offence - \$100.00

2nd Offence - \$200.00

3rd Offence – Team suspended for duration of season. Team must reapply the following year to gain re-entry into the league.

- 2) Fine for umpire not showing up – game fee. Team involved shall report these situations to the League President.
- 3) Participant Ejections:
 - a. All ejections must be reported to the Sunburst League President within 48 hours of ejection.

For every ejection, umpire must stipulate on game sheet whether offence was flagrant or non-flagrant.

a) Non-Flagrant

3rd Offence – \$50.00

4th Offence – \$100.00

5th Offence – Season Suspension

b) Flagrant

Player is automatically suspended for 72 hours. The incident is reported to the President who establishes a Grievance Committee who decides if it is flagrant or not. If it is not, then part a) shall apply. If it is flagrant, the Grievance Committee shall stipulate a fine and/or suspension within 72 hours.

4) Tampering with league rules and by-laws - \$100.00 fine.

5) Failure to attend a properly called Sunburst League meeting - \$50.00