

***Articles of Organization***

***Article 1. Name***

This organization shall be known as the ***Emmorton Baseball Program***. It shall be referred to herein as “EBP” and “the League.”

***Article 2. Purpose***

The EBP has several purposes:

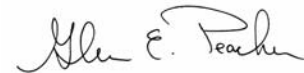
1. To provide an opportunity to educate children on all aspects of amateur baseball.
2. To educate children about good sportsmanship and provide them with a forum to express good sportsmanship.
3. To provide a family friendly amateur athletic program to the general community.
4. To educate children about the positive effects of athletics and to foster a positive attitude towards athletics.

***Article 3. By-Laws***

The By-Laws of the EBP are attached hereto.

***Article 4. Adoption***

The Articles of Organization and attached By-Laws have been hereby adopted by the Board of the EBP on: 1<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2009.



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Glenn E. Peacher  
President

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Vice-President

***The By Laws of the Emmorton Baseball Program***

***Article 1. Membership***

***Section 1. Eligibility for Membership***

- A. Any person, registering a child and paying a registration fee (unless such fee has been specifically waived by the Board) for a child's participation within the EBP, shall be a registered member in good standing. This membership is only for the child's parent(s) or legal guardian(s) and is not transferable to any other person.
- B. In addition, any head coach, assistant coach or Board Member within the EBP, who meets the condition noted in Article 1, Section 1.A above, shall be considered in good standing.
- C. The term of membership shall be valid from February 1st of a year until January 31st of the succeeding year. This membership is only valid upon full payment of league fees. No member shall be considered in good standing if he or she owes money to the league.

***Section 2. Rights of Membership***

- A. Registered members in good standing have the right to petition, in writing, the Board for any issue that needs to be addressed.
- B. Registered members in good standing shall be eligible to stand for election to the Board as well as vote for the election of Board members.

***Section 3. Responsibility of Membership***

Registered members must be in good standing and willing to volunteer within the EBP to make this a model league. Serving on committees, coaching, providing field maintenance, being a team parent and a positive role model are examples of such responsibilities.

***Article II. Officers***

***Section 1. Power of the Board***

The management of all affairs and business of the EBP shall be vested in the EBP Board of Directors. It shall be herein referred to as the Board. The Board shall consist of twelve (12) members from within the EBP. All Board members and other appointed officers serve without compensation.

***Section 2. Positions on the Board***

1. President
2. Vice President
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer
5. Director of Equipment
6. Travel Coordinator
7. Member-at-Large
8. T-Ball/Clinic Commissioner
9. 7/8 Division Commissioner
10. 9/10 Division Commissioner
11. 11/12 Division Commissioner
12. 13/15 Division Commissioner

***Section 3. Board Responsibilities***

**President**

1. Oversees the general operation of the League.
2. Represents EBP at all Emmorton Recreation Council Meetings.
3. Shall have the responsibility for ensuring the adherence to the Bylaws, and General Rules of Play.
4. Shall be a voting member of the Board of Directors and of all committees, and the President shall issue the final ruling in cases of a tie vote. (may not delegate this responsibility).
5. Shall appoint committees as deemed necessary.
6. Shall be designated as co-signer of all League vouchers.

7. Shall present to the Board for its approval all purchases and payments over \$2,500.
8. Shall preside at all Board, General Membership, and other League meetings.
9. Shall prepare agenda for all League meetings.
10. Shall be responsible for sponsorships and associated benefits including preparing a donation letter and communication with sponsors
11. Shall be responsible for turning over complete and up-to-date records to his/her replacement should he/she resign or at the end of his/her term of office.

**Vice President**

1. Shall assume the duties of the Presidency in their absence.
2. Shall be responsible for handling all coaching complaints or issues.
3. Shall perform any duties prescribed by the President.
4. Shall be responsible for reviewing /updating league playing rules as needed.

**Secretary**

1. Shall record the minutes and attendance for all Board of Director and Executive Board meetings and provide copies of those minutes to the Board at the next regularly scheduled meeting.
2. Shall record the minutes and attendance at the General Membership and Special Meetings.
3. Shall notify Board Members, EBP Membership -of all Board meetings and specify meeting dates and times.
4. Shall keep all the necessary records, current mailing list and correspondence of the League affairs.
5. Shall notify the EBP Membership and/or Board of Directors of meetings and specify meeting dates and times.
6. Shall keep phone lists and e-mail lists current
7. Shall keep all necessary records of board activities.
8. .Shall organize all registrations including obtaining permission from various locations.
9. Shall coordinate advertising of registration

**Treasurer**

1. Shall assist in maintaining a complete and up-to-date roster of players and payments.
2. Shall provide a financial report at monthly board meetings.

3. Shall be responsible for turning over complete and up-to-date records to his/her replacement should he/she resign or at the end of his/her term of office.
4. Shall be a co-signer on all League vouchers.
5. Shall provide appropriate receipts and bills on a timely basis to the Treasurer of the Emmorton Recreation Council when submitting vouchers for payment
6. Shall maintain financial records and balances with the treasurer of the Emmorton Recreation Council.

### **Travel Coordinator**

1. Shall serve as the representative of the EBP with various travel leagues as well as serve as the representative for all the EBP travel coaches at Board meetings.
2. Shall compile a list of coaches who wish to be considered for travel coach positions; interview such candidates and make recommendations to the board for each of the respective age brackets on or before October 1<sup>st</sup>.
3. Shall coordinate with the Secretary the advertising of travel tryouts as well as securing an appropriate site for tryouts
4. Shall be responsible for the distribution of all appropriate information to the travel coaches and hold regular travel coaches meetings to ensure they are distributing and communicating all information to players and/or parents.
5. Shall handle any player or coach issues relating to travel baseball including, but not limited to, any disciplinary action against players, parents and coaches. Any disciplinary action must be reported to the Board on a timely basis.

### **Director of Equipment**

1. Shall ensure equipment is safe and clean before distribution.
2. Shall handle all equipment issues.
3. Shall maintain an inventory of equipment and submit said inventory to the board annually.
4. Shall handle the distribution and collection of equipment.
5. Shall make annual recommendations to Board of Directors for equipment needs no later then December 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Member-at-Large**

1. Assist in Policy formations of the EBP.
2. Accept special assignments from the President.

### **Age-Bracket Commissioners**

1. Shall recruit, review and approve all coaching requests within their age brackets.
2. Shall oversee the coaches of their respective age bracket

3. Shall serve as a representative for their age bracket at all Board meetings.
4. Shall be responsible for any Coaches' meetings within their age bracket.
5. Shall oversee the distribution of information to all Coaches within their age bracket
6. Shall make sure coaches are distributing all information to team and/or parents on a timely basis.
7. Shall be responsible for player, parent and coach behavior within their age brackets and shall handle all issues within a timely manner.

#### ***Section 4. Elections***

All board members shall serve for a period of one year. Elections shall be held at a General Membership meeting in June.

In the event an office becomes vacant, the Board, by majority vote, shall appoint a replacement for the remainder of the term.

Elections to office will be by majority vote of those registered members present at the June General Membership Meeting. Members must be present at the June General Membership meeting – there will be no voting allowed by proxy or representation.

In the event of a tie, the run off election of the top two candidates will be held immediately.

Officers will take office on September 1<sup>st</sup> following the June general membership meeting and their term will expire on August 31<sup>st</sup> of the succeeding year.

#### ***Section 5. Removal from Office***

Any member of the Board of Directors can be removed from office by two-thirds majority vote of the other Board members. Officers may be removed before their term is up for the following two reasons:

1. Malfeasance in office.
2. Failure to perform duties.

### ***Article III. Meetings***

#### ***Section 1. Meeting Dates***

General Membership meetings will be held once a month at a time and place decided by the Board. The meetings will be held in a public place and are open to all members of the EBP. The President, or Vice president serving in the absence of the President, can call additional meetings as needed. The membership shall be notified of these meetings on the website by identifying the date, time, location and agenda.

Work Sessions will be held as needed.

### ***Section 2. Meeting Procedures***

Meetings will follow a general order of business and will be governed by Roberts Rule of Order. The agenda will be set as follows:

1. Call to order
2. Reading and approval of the minutes from the previous meeting.
3. Officer Reports
4. Old Business
5. New Business
6. Closing

### ***Article IV. Amendments***

These bylaws are meant to be a living document. Proposed amendments or addition to these bylaws may be offered by a member in good standing and must be presented in writing to the membership for consideration. Action on proposed amendments or additions will be tabled for a period of thirty (30) days. During such time, notification of the potential by-law change shall be given to all members in good standing. Action on the proposed amendment or addition will be taken at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the general membership. Proposed amendments or additions require a minimum of a three fourths majority vote of the membership present.

### ***Article V. Players Divisions and Seasons***

This League will be split into five different divisions. Divisions will be set by age only. For purposes of determining the appropriate age division, a player must be within the age divisions by April 30th of the current baseball season.

At the specific request of their parent or legal guardian, players will be allowed to play up no more then one age division. Such request does not require prior approval.

Unless there is a compelling and documented reason, players will not be allowed to play down an age division. Any requests to play down an age division are subject to review and approval by both of the appropriate the age bracket commissioners. Such approval must be documented for liability purposes.

The age divisions are as follows:

T-Ball and Clinic	Rookie
Ages 7-8	Single A
Ages 9-10	Double A

Ages 11-12	Triple A
Ages 13-15	Major

There are two separate and distinct seasons within the EBP. Players will be required to register for each season separately.

The first season will be known as the Spring Season and will begin no earlier than April 1<sup>st</sup> and run until the middle of June. Players will be required to play in the respective age divisions as noted above.

The second season will be known as the Fall Season and will begin no earlier than August 1<sup>st</sup>. In the Fall Season, players will be required to play in the age division they would normally play in the following Spring Season.

#### **Article VI Colors**

Green and Gold lettering with Black and White uniforms are the official colors of the Emmorton Baseball Travel Program. Any deviations are subject to EBP Board approval.

#### **Article VII - Dissolution**

Upon the dissolution of this organization, all funds and physical assets shall be automatically transferred to the General Fund of the Emmorton Recreation Council.