

BY-LAWS

**FOR THE REGULATION, EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED
BY STATUTE OR ITS ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION, OF**

BLOSSOM VALLEY PONY BASEBALL LEAGUE, INC.

RESTATED October, 2005

ARTICLE I: Name

This organization shall be known as the Blossom Valley PONY Baseball, Inc., referred to herein as BVPB. It is a member of PONY Baseball, Inc., of Washington, Pennsylvania.

ARTICLE II: Objective

The objective of BVPB is to instill in youth good sportsmanship, honesty, respect, loyalty, and courage, so that he/She develop into good citizens. This objective will be reached by providing a supervised baseball program. While BVPB encourages the attainment of exceptional athletic skill and the winning of games, the primary goal is to develop good citizens.

ARTICLE III: Management and Election of Officers

The management of the affairs of BVPB shall be delegated to the Board of Directors, consisting of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Player Agent and other voting members, voted in by members of the league. The other members shall be the Division directors, Chief umpire, Safety director, Snack Shack director, Fields director, Equipment director, Purchasing agent, Tournament director, Club team director, Auditor, Event coordinator, Fundraising director, Correspondence secretary, Newsletter editor, PR director, Merchandise coordinator, Webmaster, Coaching director, and Team parent coordinator.

The league membership shall vote in a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, each of who shall serve for a term of one (1) year, but may be eligible for reelection. Each board member shall be elected by the league membership effective on the first of September of each colander year. The President shall appoint all unfilled positions that are approved by the board by a simple majority.

All records of or concerning BVPB shall be kept in the BVPB's secretary's or treasurer's office and shall at all times be open to inspection by any board member of BVPB.

The election of the board of directors will take place by the end of regular season (by the end of May) each year. Nominations will be accepted by the Nomination committee up to May 15th. A majority vote shall be necessary to elect. All Directors shall take office at the September meeting. Vacancies may be filled by a simple majority vote of the remaining directors at any regular or special meeting called for that purpose. Vacancy of office shall be declared by a simple majority for any member of the board of directors who misses two (2) consecutive meetings without a valid excuse.

The Board of Directors shall have the power and responsibilities:

- a. To determine what individuals are eligible as coaches and other volunteers.
- b. To impose and enforce penalties for any violation of the By-Laws.
- c. To remove from office, or bar from this organization, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, any member of the Board of Directors, coach or other volunteer, who, by neglect of duty, or by other conduct that tends to impair his or her usefulness as a member of the board, or as a coach or volunteer, or who is otherwise detrimental to the objectives, programs or ideals of BVPB.
- d. To collect the funds of BVPB and to expend the same.
- e. To call regular and special meetings, and to fix the time and place for holding all meetings not fixed by these by-laws.
- f. To otherwise run BVPB as it sees fit.
- g. Prepare a written summary, highlighting the previous year's activities and schedules, by the end of their tenure (August).
- h. No board member may be paid for any league duties.
- i. Any board member who misses two or more unexcused, consecutive Board meetings will forfeit his/her right to vote at the next scheduled meeting He/She attend

ARTICLE IV: Meetings of the Corporation

The annual meeting of BVPB shall be held on the third Thursday of October in each year. Regular meetings will be held on the first and third Thursday of each month during the regular season (January – June), and only the first Thursday of the month rest of the year, unless otherwise directed by the President.

1. The voting board member positions shall be: Vice-president, secretary, treasurer, player agent, all division directors, purchasing agent, equipment director, auditor, chief umpire, safety director, event coordinator, field director, fundraising director, newsletter editor, merchandise coordinator, snack shack director, webmaster, coaching director, team parent coordinator, PR director and tournament director. At all meetings of BVPB, a quorum shall consist of at least thirty percent (30%) of the voting board. Each board member shall have one vote. However, if a position is shared by more than one person, there shall be only one vote per position.
2. At the meetings of this corporation the following shall be the order of business:
 - a. Reading, corrections and adoption of minutes.
 - b. Election of Board of Directors (annual meeting only-September).
 - c. Secretary's report.
 - d. Treasurer's report.
 - e. Reports of Division directors.
 - f. Reports of umpire director.
 - g. Unfinished business.
 - h. New business.
 - i. Resolutions and Orders.
 - j. Adjournment.
3. Any action shall be passed by a majority vote of the Board members, except where these By-Laws require a two-thirds (2/3) vote

4. All meetings of the corporation shall be conducted in accordance with the rules of order as contained in "Robert's Rules of Order"

ARTICLE V: Officers (Executive Board)

Each board member shall be elected at the annual meeting, or otherwise appointed by the President and approved by the board. All executive board members must be Insured and bonded.

Section 1. President:

President may order meetings of the Board of Directors where and when he or she shall deem necessary; shall preside at all meetings of said Board, and generally shall perform such other duties as appertain to the office of President.

The President shall preside at all board meetings and have the authority to call special meetings at his/her discretion. He/She shall also appoint all committees not provided for in his/her constitution and shall be an ad-hoc member of all committees. Be entitled to sign all warrants of the treasury of BVPB league. See that the rules and regulations of PONY Baseball, Inc., are enforced. Shall not vote except to break a tie. The President cannot manage a team within the league.

Section 2. Vice-President:

The Vice-President shall have the power to perform the duties of the President in his or her absence or inability to act and the Secretary shall have the power to perform the duties in the absence of both the President and the Vice-President. He/She shall head the scholarship and hardship committee. Shall be responsible for mentorship and PCA programs. The Vice-President shall assume the role of any un-filled or vacated position until a replacement can be voted in. Be entitled to sign all warrants of the treasury of BVPB.

Will serve as Commissioner of Fall Ball: The Vice president will organize and direct the activities of the Fall Ball program: He/She will work with the Player Agent and Division Director to conduct registration, place players on teams, and develop game and practice schedules. He/She will work with Equipment Director and Purchasing Agent to order and distribute equipment and uniforms. He/She will work with the Chief Umpire to schedule umpires. He/She will present a written forecast of projected costs and profits for board approval, and provide a season-end report showing actual expenditures. Any purchase must be approved by a simple majority vote.

Section 3. Secretary

The Secretary shall be responsible for the records of the corporation and shall conduct all official correspondence, issue notices of all meetings of this corporation, and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Articles and By-Laws of this corporation and by the Board of Directors. He/She shall arrange a facility for Board meetings. Minutes of the previous meeting will be distributed to all board members no less than 5 days prior to the next scheduled meeting. All said duties shall be done in the manner prescribed by the board. Be entitled to sign all warrants of the treasury of BVPB.

Section 4. Treasurer

The Treasurer shall keep records of the monies of this corporation and shall pay all bills arising in the ordinary course of business. At each board meeting, the Treasurer shall submit to the board a written financial statement itemizing all income received and the source of each item, and all

expenditures made. A mandatory treasurer's report shall be provided to all board members at the first meeting of every month. Be entitled to sign all warrants of the treasury of BVPB.

Section 5. Player Agent

The Player agent shall record all player transactions and maintain accurate up-to-date records. He/She must check resident and age eligibility and review applications for all players. He/She will set-up and run try-outs for both regular season, fall ball and club ball. He/She will conduct a player draft and prepare and maintain any division waiting lists. He/She is also responsible for the production and distribution of registration forms for regular season and Fall Ball. He/She will check resident and age eligibility and review applications for all players. Player Agent shall not manage or coach on the same regular season team as the assistant Player Agent. He/She shall make available copies of registration forms and birth certificates to managers (regular season team) and manager's coaches or business managers of select teams (Memorial, all-stars, club teams).

Section 6. Vacated position

In the case of death, removal, withdrawal or inability to fill a position of any officer of the corporation, the President, with the approval of thirty percent (30%) of the Board of Directors, is empowered to appoint his or her successor until the next annual meeting of the corporation. During the interim the Vice-President shall fill the vacated officer's position.

Except as set forth herein, no board member of this corporation shall be authorized to incur any obligation or to make any disbursement on behalf of the corporation unless authorized by the board.

ARTICLE VI: Board Members

Section 1. Division Directors:

Plans, organizes, and supervises the operation of division play, from the application stage through regular and post-season play. Responsible to the Player Agent for the evaluation, selection, and approval of Managers and Coaches for each team, and ensure that He/She complies with division policy and procedures. Supervises try-outs and drafts, develops practice and game schedules, conducts regular managers meetings, co-ordinates the post season All Star manager and player selection process, and enforces league rules. Reviews each team's scorebook for playing time compliance. Acts as the division representative to the Board of Directors, and liaison to other staff functions. Acts as protest committee and rules committee member on an as-required basis. Shall not manage, coach or umpire within the division he/she directs (except Shetland and Colt/Palomino).

Section 2. Purchasing Agent:

The purchasing agent is responsible for purchase and maintenance of all league equipment. He/She must submit a minimum of two (2) estimates to the board when available. He/She shall present a written forecast of projected equipment/uniform costs for board approval, and provide an end of the year report showing actual expenditures. All purchases must be approved by a simple majority vote.

Section 3. Equipment Director(s):

The Equipment Director shall work with the Purchasing Agent and shall form a committee with all the Division Directors to be responsible for the distribution and collection of uniforms and equipment. He/She shall issue equipment to teams at the outset of the season, maintain accountability for such, and receives it back again at the close of the season. He/She shall regularly inspect the equipment and make decisions on the replacement of worn, damaged, and lost equipment.

Section 4. Assistant Player Agent:

Assistant player agent shall assist the player agent in running try-outs and performing the draft. Shall aid in maintaining database of players and ensures the information is assimilated to the executive committee and the newsletter editor. Shall not have voting privileges.

Section 5: Auditor:

The Auditor shall coordinate the development of department budgets at the beginning of the fiscal year. He/She shall work with the Treasurer to monitor and report budget performance for each department throughout the year. He/She has the authority to review any and all of the league's records at any time during the season. He/She shall review the league books and attach a statement of its findings to the Annual Financial Statement.

He/She will head the Budget Committee to develop budgets for the following year.

Section 6: Chief Umpire

The Chief Umpire is responsible for the supervision of umpires and/or the umpire association. He/She is responsible for rule interpretation to the Decisions Committee.

If Chief Umpire has umpired any games, he/she shall not be paid. He/She cannot participate in a decision in which he/she has a personal involvement, i.e., any team within his/her division or any division in which he/she has a child. Work with Divisions Directors to obtain schedule so He/She can develop an umpiring schedule. Validate umpire association billing prior to submission to the league for payment. All umpire fees must be approved by a simple majority vote.

Section 7: Safety Director

The Safety Director shall establish safety policies and procedures for player and adult personnel. He/She will provide periodic inspection of playing facilities and equipment. He/She will immediately notify Field Director and/or managers of any hazards. He/She should provide pamphlets on first aid and emergencies and develop safety information for newsletters and the website. He/She will investigate accidents and recommend corrective measures. He/She shall provide insurance claims and assistance when possible. He/She shall maintain insurance policies.

Section 8: Events Coordinator(s)

The Event Coordinator will arrange and coordinate all events for Opening Day. He/She will arrange a league "Parents Night Out" and any other board event, as applicable

Section 9: Field Director and Assistant Field Director

The Field Director shall be responsible for the procurement and maintenance of all fields, buildings and related equipment. He/She shall present a written forecast of projected maintenance/improvement costs for board approval, and provide a year-end report showing actual expenditures. Field allocations must be approved by a simple majority vote. He/She will maintain a field budget (checking account) and provide a written financial statement to the board on a monthly basis. He/She shall form a group of field associates that will be in charge of specific fields and/or areas. He/She will develop a schedule for all fields for mowing and maintenance. He/She shall also coordinate with all Division Directors on setting up multiple fieldwork days.

Section 10: Fundraising Director

The Fundraising Director shall be responsible for all scheduled fundraising events. He/She shall present a written forecast of projected fundraising costs and profits for the board's approval, and provide a year-end report showing actual expenditures. Any purchase must be approved by a simple majority vote.

Section 11: Correspondence Secretary:

The Correspondence secretary shall conduct all sponsor correspondence for the league. In the absence of the Recording Secretary, shall perform his/her duties. He/She shall maintain a sponsor list and purchase all sponsor plaques and contributor certificates. All purchases must be approved by simple majority vote. Shall prepare a nomination list for board positions with the job descriptions included and prepare the final draft of the ballot to be mailed in the June newsletter. The Correspondence Secretary is also responsible for Public Relations. He/She shall be responsible for obtaining sponsors and e responsible for publicizing sign-ups for spring and Fall Ball. He/She should research potential corporate sponsorships. He/She shall head the Scholarship Committee

Section 12: Newsletter Editor

The Newsletter Editor shall develop and edit a regular newsletter and ensure deadlines for newsletter are met. He/She shall work with the player agent to ensure that He/She obtain, maintain and update a current mailing list. He/She shall be responsible for mailing the newsletter. He/She shall have the right to an editor's column. He/She must keep financial records for the newsletter

Section 13: Merchandise Coordinator

The Merchandise coordinator shall present BVPB merchandise and ideas to the board for approval. He/She will order merchandise and organize the sales of all merchandise. He/She must present a written forecast of projected costs and profits for board approval, and provide a year-end report showing actual expenditures. Any purchase must be approved by a simple majority vote.

Section 14: Snack Shack Director

The Director of snack shacks is responsible for scheduling snack shack helpers and setting up assistant Snack Shack Coordinators. He/She must keep a daily log of snack shack receipts and present a monthly financial report at every general board meeting. All major purchases must be pre-approved by a simple majority vote. He/She must present annual financial report at the September meeting. He/She will start the snack shack with a minimum checkbook balance of \$5,000. Any money in excess of \$5,000 shall be turned over to the league Treasurer. He/She also has responsibility for scheduling all Snack Shack Coordinators to open/close the snack shack.

Section 15: Webmaster

The Webmaster shall maintain league website and update information as necessary and/or act as liaison between board and independent contractor hired for purposes of maintaining website. He/She website should be maintained and kept as up to date as possible.

Section 16: Coaching Director

The coaching director shall arrange for and schedule pre-season coach's clinic. One should be designed for Shetland coaches and one for Pinto and above. He/She will investigate complaints

about coaches and managers and providing coaching guidance where necessary. He/She should prepare and distribute coaching questionnaire during last third of season; collects and evaluates responses; provides feedback to coaches and managers; provides information to board for use in future manager/coach selection.

Section 17: Team Parent Coordinator

The Team Parent Division Coordinator shall be responsible for scheduling and coordinating a team parent meeting to distribute league information. He/She is responsible for setting up and scheduling pictures on Opening Day. He/She is responsible for getting trophies ordered and distributed to the teams. He/She must work with the Fundraising Coordinator.

Section 18: Team Parent Division Coordinators

The Team Parent Division Coordinators are the assistants to Team Parent Coordinator at division level. He/She is responsible for contacting individual team parents once teams have been formed and give notification of pre-season team parent meeting. He/She shall attend team parent meeting, assist with distribution of team packets to all team parents within assigned division. He/She will act as liaison between each team in assigned division and the Team Parent Coordinator to distribute and notify teams of events and information throughout the season. He/She is responsible for collecting fundraising monies from each team within assigned division.

Section 19. Tournament Director (if applicable)

He/She shall organize Memorial Day Tournament and All Star tournaments to be held at BVPB fields, including prepare and distribute invitations to other leagues to participate; prepare work assignments for tournaments; and work with other board members to arrange for field preparation, trophies and awards, umpires, snack shack and other support as necessary. He/She will also be responsible for organizing BVPB teams for all memorial and All-Star tournaments held outside of BVPB fields.

Section 20. Public Relations Director

He/She shall responsible for obtaining sponsors. He/She shall be responsible for publicizing sign-ups for spring and fall ball. They shall research and obtain corporate sponsors.

Section 21. Club team Director

Shall organize and set number of club teams for each and all divisions. Shall set tournament schedule and arrange field practice times for all club teams. Shall facilitate communication between regular season manager and club team manager.

ARTICLE VII: Managers and Coaches

1. Each team shall have one manager. Managers shall be approved by the Board.
2. Up to a total of two (2) coaches per team may be selected by each manager, but the selections must be approved by the Board before the coaches are permitted to work with the players. See section VIII.

ARTICLE VIII: Membership

1. Any player meeting the requirements as to age and residence as set forth in the Official Rules and Regulations for PONY League Baseball shall be eligible for participation.

2. The board shall have the authority to suspend, discharge or otherwise discipline any manager, coach, player, umpire or other person whose conduct is considered detrimental to the best interests of the league.
3. The board shall have the authority to perform background checks on all managers, coaches or individuals that have direct contact with the players.
4. All teams and board members shall be insured by the league. All teams shall be given a statement of Insurance. This must be maintained with each team at all times. All claims must be submitted to the Safety officer and Insurance provider.

ARTICLE IX: Rules

The Official Rules and Regulations for PONY Baseball, Inc., as issued each year through the Office of the Commissioner, shall be adopted by the board at a meeting to be held prior to the first regularly scheduled game of each season to govern the playing of all games. The President can set a committee that can amend the rules each year. The amended rule(s) must pass board approval with a majority vote.

ARTICLE X: Certificate of Membership

The league shall apply each year for a "Certificate of Membership" as provided in the Official Rules and Regulations for PONY Baseball, Inc.

ARTICLE XI: Amendments

These By-Laws may be altered, amended, or repealed, at any meeting of the Board of Directors of the corporation by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of board members represented and voting, provided there is a quorum, or by a mail vote in which a ballot shall be submitted to all board members of this corporation and a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the board members shall be passing. Before a vote is taken on any proposed amendment, by mail vote or at a meeting, said proposed amendment must have been submitted, in writing, to the board.

ARTICLE XII: Exempt Activities

Notwithstanding any other provision of these By-Laws, no member, director, officer, employee or representative of this corporation shall take any action or carry on any activity by or on behalf of this corporation not permitted to be taken or carried on by an organization exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and its Regulations as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended, or by any organization contributions to which are deductible under Section 1709c)(2) of such Code and the Regulations as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended.

ARTICLE XIII: Hardship and scholarships

Section 1: Hardships

The purpose of the hardship rule is to provide due process for families facing long or short-term financial difficulties that affect their ability to meet established league fees. BVPB Board of Directors has established the following procedure for filing requests for exemption of registration fees associated with participation in Blossom Valley Pony Baseball. Request for evaluation as a hardship case must be done in writing. Such cases must be made to the player agent and

presented, evaluated and approved/declined by the executive board of directors. All requests must be made at time of registration and must be approved/declined no later than 10 days from the end of the registration period. Hardship provisions recommended by the executive board of directors will include a deferred payment schedule or a work schedule (snack shack, field work, etc.) appropriate to the fees owed. The fees for the work schedule will be an hourly rate based on the current league snack shack "buy out" rate. Due to financial constraints BVPB board of directors cannot approve more than 1% of the total league participants.

Section 2: Scholarships

Two scholarships per fiscal year will be awarded (1st and 2nd place). Award amounts will be reviewed each September and will not exceed 5% of the balance of the general funds carried over from the previous fiscal year. The board shall take into consideration the overall fiscal health of the league before approving funds for the fiscal year.

Scholarship recipients will be eligible to receive their scholarships immediately upon graduation from an accredited high school. The scholarship may be used to attend a school selected by the student providing it is state accredited and above the high school level. The Treasurer of Blossom Valley Pony Baseball will make disbursement from the general fund, to the student, at the beginning of the student's first semester. The student must provide proof of attendance.

Criteria for selection

1) High school senior, 2) Number of years he/she participated in Blossom Valley Pony Baseball, 3) Additional contributions to the league (all-stars, umpiring, etc), 4) High school and community activities, any special academic, leadership, jobs or extra curricular and athletic activities in which they have been involved. 5) Typed essay explaining in what ways their participation in Blossom Valley Pony Baseball has been beneficial to them and the community.

ARTICLE XIV: Financial Policy

1. The Board of Directors shall decide all financial matters of the League, bearing the responsibility to conduct the financial affairs in a sound business-like manner consistent with its non-profit status.
2. To equalize the benefits of the League for all participating members, league solicitation of funds shall be solely for the operation of the league. Financial, or like kind contributions solicited by individuals or teams not approved by the BVPB Board of Directors shall be forbidden. An individual team can accumulate 50% of team sponsor money for the third and subsequent individual team sponsors.
3. The Board of Directors shall not permit the solicitation of funds in the name of BVPB, unless all the funds so raised are placed in the BVPB Treasury.
4. The Board of Directors shall not permit the disbursement of BVPB funds for other than the conduct of League activities in accordance with the rules and policies of PONY Baseball, Inc., and all associated non-profit organizational requirements.
5. All monies received, including Booster Funds, shall be deposited to the credit of BVPB in the bank of the Board of Director 's choosing. All disbursements shall be made by check. The Treasurer shall sign all checks and such other Officer or Officers or person or persons as the Board of Directors shall determine.
6. The Leagues fiscal year shall begin on the first day of September, and shall end on the last day of August. The Board of Directors shall direct the preparation and acceptance of an annual budget, and periodic and annual presentation of reports, and an annual audit of the books of the League.

ARTICLE XV: Executive Committee

1. The Executive Committee (Executive Board) shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Player Agent.
2. The Executive Committee shall direct the general policies of the Board of Directors, and shall meet as required to develop such plans.
3. The Executive Committee shall be responsible to enact and enforce League Discipline as required for members, who are ejected from games, or in violation of League Rules, Regulations, Code of Conduct, etc.
4. The Executive Committee shall be responsible for resolving personnel actions involving complaints from any members.

ARTICLE XVI: Standing Committees

1. The following standing committees shall be formed: Rules, Protest, Training,
2. Long Range Planning, Policies and Procedures, and Finance.
3. The Rules Committee shall consist of the Player Agent, as chair, Division Representatives, Chief Umpire, and any other board member with approval from the executive committee. This Committee will annually, in the fall, review the existing League Rules & Regulations for correctness, consistency, and applicability to current League goals. Recommend this Committee will consider changes from any League member. The Board of Directors will vote upon the Rules Committee recommendations, with Rules changes requiring a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board present.
4. The Protest Committee will consist of the Player Agent, Chief Umpire, and at least two (2) of the Division Representatives. This committee will meet when directed by the League President to decide any formally filed game protests.
5. The Coaching Committee will be composed of the Coaching Director, as chair, the Player Agent, and interested Division Representatives, and 2-4 league members selected by the Training Director. This Committee is charged with the responsibility for developing and implementing training for managers, coaches, and players, consistent with individual Divisional philosophies and PONY rules and regulations.
6. The Long Range Planning Committee will consist of a Committee chair appointed by the President, and a Committee selected by the Committee chair, and approved by the Board of Directors. This Committee is will serve to identify long-term League goals and objectives, and will submit goals to the Board of Directors for approval.
7. The Policies and Procedures Committee will consist of the Secretary, as chairman, and such other Board members as are interested. This Committee is responsible for the documentation, and updating, of the administration process of the League, including Rules and Regulations, the Constitution, League By-Laws, and the individual board member Policies and Procedures manuals.
8. The Finance Committee will consist of the Treasure, the Budget Director, and other members as determined by the Treasurer. This Committee will act to develop and implement the long-term financial requirements to support the long-term operational goals of the Long Range Planning Committee, as approved by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XVII: Special Committees

The President may appoint special Committees for such special purposes as deemed necessary. Committee duties and responsibilities are to be outlined at the time of the appointment and such committees shall be dissolved at the annual meeting following Appointment, but may be reappointed at any time following the annual meeting.

ARTICLE XVIII: Matters not otherwise covered

The Board of Directors shall decide all matters involving the interpretation or application of any provision of the Articles or By-Laws of the corporation, as well as all matters not otherwise provided for therein.

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify:

1. That I am the duly elected and acting Secretary of Blossom Valley PONY Baseball, Inc., a California corporation; and
2. That the foregoing By-Laws, comprising eight (8) pages, including this page, constitute the By-Laws of said corporation as duly adopted by two-thirds (2/3) of the board members after a mail vote, pursuant to Article XI, in June, 2004.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of said corporation this day of, 2005.

_____, *Secretary*
