

2021 North Stars Interior Pony Baseball Constitution

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Your league constitution should contain a clause that your corporation will carry on a program of baseball in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of PONY Baseball, Inc., a nonprofit corporation organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

The constitution should also contain a clause that in the event it fails to abide by the Rules and Regulations of PONY Baseball Inc., it shall, at the request of PONY Baseball Inc., cease to use the name of PONY Baseball Inc. and the registered trade mark names and emblems of PONY Baseball leagues.

Constitutions and bylaws, amendments and revisions should be submitted to PONY Headquarters for review. Leagues will be advised of any element that appears to be in conflict with the Rules and Regulations of PONY Baseball.

Once completed, a copy of the constitution and bylaws of the league should be sent to PONY Headquarters. Here the documents can be placed on file and will be available to the league in the future. Often, due to personnel changes, the new officers cannot locate a copy of the league constitution and bylaws, and if the documents have been submitted to PONY Baseball copies of them may be obtained upon request.

Basically, it can be said that the constitution is the fundamental or principle law of your corporation. Bylaws are an agreement of the members of the corporation for the regulation of internal affairs or for dealings of the corporation with other parties.

This constitution is provided as a guide for the writing of your league constitution. Variance in state laws will require some deviation, as will other conditions peculiar to a specific community or organization.

The league bylaws should encompass the specifics, form a set of regulations as to how the league will select and approve managers, coaches and other personnel; the system of player distribution among the teams of the league; specific policy regarding receipt and disbursement of league funds and purchasing policies; the handling of a game protest; responsibility for field maintenance and the handling of uniforms and equipment and tournament team selection.

ARTICLE I - NAME

The league (organization or corporation) shall be known as North Star Interior Pony Baseball, hereinafter referred to as "NSPL" a nonprofit corporation organized under the laws of (Alaska) and an affiliate of PONY Baseball, Inc. a non-profit Pennsylvania corporation. The principal office is located at: 1166 Ivy Dr, Fairbanks AK 99709.

ARTICLE II - STATEMENT OF POLICY

1) It shall be the policy of NSPL to conduct its activities so that the physical and moral welfare of the young people for whose benefit it is organized shall remain paramount and all matters of policy shall be determined on that basis.

2) No person who is a member of, or who is employed by, or who is in any way connected with NSPL shall receive any personal financial benefit beyond the reasonable value of his or her services in carrying out the purpose for which NSPL has been organized. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

3) In order to secure suitable and adequate financial backing to carry out the purpose of NSPL, it shall be the policy of NSPL to permit only such sponsorship as is consistent with the purpose for which NSPL is organized and to select sponsors who are interested in NSPL solely or principally as a means of contributing to the welfare of young people.

4) It shall be the policy of NSPL to prohibit any direct advertising of alcoholic beverages or tobacco products in connection with NSPL or any of its programs.

ARTICLE III - PURPOSE

1) The purpose of NSPL shall be to organize and supervise the playing of baseball under specialized rules and regulations, to secure suitable and adequate financial backing for these purposes, and to own, lease or otherwise provide suitable playing facilities and equipment for these purposes.

The corporation is organized and operated exclusively for charitable, religious, educational and scientific purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

1) Volunteer adult leaders, parents or guardians of players, team sponsors and other financial contributors, managers, coaches and other interested adults shall be eligible for membership. NSPL may wish to more specifically define those who are eligible for membership in NSPL organization, and thus have the right to vote at annual meetings. Membership may include parents of any child registered in NSPL, managers and coaches of teams in NSPL, all elected officers and members of the Board of Directors, Committee people, and others.

ARTICLE V - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1) The Board of Directors shall be those persons elected by the members of NSPL at the annual meeting for the terms and/or in the manner provided for in the bylaws of NSPL.

2) In recognition of the general powers of the Board of Directors exercised by virtue of their office, they shall have the power: to purchase or otherwise acquire for NSPL any property, right or privilege which NSPL is authorized to acquire by NSPL membership, at such price or consideration and upon such terms as the Board of Directors may deem expedient and as is approved by vote of the league membership; to appoint or remove or suspend subordinate agents or volunteers and to determine their duties; to determine who shall be authorized, on behalf of NSPL, to sign bills, notices, receipts, acceptances, endorsements, checks, releases, contracts, and any other instruments; to delegate any of the powers of the

Board of Directors to any standing committee, special committee or any officer or agent of NSPL, with any powers as the Board of Directors may see fit to grant and to generally do all such lawful acts and take actions as may be necessary and proper.

ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS

The officers of NSPL shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Player Agent.

ARTICLE VII - GOVERNMENT

1) The government of NSPL shall be under the direct supervision of the officers and the Board of Directors.

2) All rules governing the playing of baseball, the legality of players and related questions shall be in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of PONY Baseball, Inc., with such modifications adopted by the Board of Directors of NSPL and approved by PONY Baseball, Inc.

ARTICLE VIII - BYLAWS

Any bylaws, not consistent with this Constitution, embodying additional provisions for the government of the Corporation, shall be adopted and may be amended by the membership of NSPL.

ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended only by a majority vote of NSPL membership at an annual meeting of NSPL membership, or a special meeting of the League membership called for that purpose.