

FARMINGDALE BASEBALL LEAGUE INC.

**CONSTITUTION
AND
BY - LAWS**

AS AMENDED THROUGH October 6 , 2015

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ARTICLE I: NAME

1.1 This organization shall be known as **FARMINGDALE BASEBALL LEAGUE INC.**

ARTICLE II: OBJECTIVE

2.1 The objective of FARMINGDALE BASEBALL LEAGUE INC. shall be to implant in the boys and girls of the community the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage and reverence so they may be finer, stronger, and happier boys and girls who will develop into good, clean, healthy men and women.

2.2 This objective will be achieved by organizing, financing, and supervising the operation of baseball and softball leagues in the area included within the boundaries of the FARMINGDALE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT and neighboring adjacent communities as defined by FARMINGDALE YOUTH COUNCIL, and thereby providing supervised competitive baseball and softball games. In furtherance of this objective, this organization will assure the supervisors bear in mind that the attainment of exceptional skill or the winning of games is secondary, and that the molding of future men and women are of prime importance.

ARTICLE III: SUBSIDIARY ORGANIZATIONS

3.1 At the time of adoption of this revised Constitution FARMINGDALE BASEBALL LEAGUE INC. (hereinafter referred to as the "ASSOCIATION"), may sponsor and/or organize the following leagues:

- a. FARMINGDALE ROOKIE LEAGUE
- b. FARMINGDALE GIRLS FARM LEAGUE
- c. FARMINGDALE A LEAGUE
- d. FARMINGDALE AA LEAGUE
- e. FARMINGDALE GIRLS JUNIOR LEAGUE
- f. FARMINGDALE AAA LEAGUE
- g. FARMINGDALE BOYS JUNIOR LEAGUE
- h. FARMINGDALE BOYS MINOR LEAGUE
- i. FARMINGDALE BOYS SENIOR LEAGUE
- j. FARMINGDALE BOYS MAJOR LEAGUE
- k. FARMINGDALE GIRLS SENIOR LEAGUE.

- 3.2** At the time of adoption of this revised Constitution the ASSOCIATION may sponsor teams to play in the following leagues:
- a. BABE RUTH LEAGUE
 - b. CONNIE MACK LEAGUE
 - c. STAN MUSIAL LEAGUE
 - d. National Junior Baseball League
 - e. Federation of Amateur Baseball Leagues
 - f. Amateur Softball Association
- 3.3** Additional leagues and teams may be formed, at the discretion of the Executive Board, as the need arises and as the resources become available. Any teams or leagues formed after the effective date of this revised Constitution will be subject to and governed by the provisions of this Constitution.
- 3.4** Any league formed, or to be formed, by the ASSOCIATION, shall have its own Director and Assistant Directors, as herein provided, and will conduct their own operations, subject to the rules of the ASSOCIATION as set forth herein, and within the financial support provided by the Association.
- 3.5** All leagues, present and future, will fulfill the requirements of any franchising agent under whose franchise baseball or softball games are conducted, with the approval of the Executive Board.
- 3.6** The operating personnel of each league shall consist of a Director, a maximum of three (3) Assistant Directors, a Manager for each team and Coaches for each team. The President may approve an exception to allow Co-Directors or additional Assistant Directors at his/her discretion, with concurrence of the Executive Board.
- 3.6.1 The operating personnel of each league, at a regular league meeting after the league season ends will nominate and elect the Director and Assistant Directors for the league for the following year. To be eligible to vote, league personnel must have participated for at least seventy-five (75%) percent of the season in that particular league. In the event that the Director of a league fails to call a meeting by October 1st immediately following the season, the Executive Board may convene a meeting of the operating personnel of a league for the purpose of nominating and electing a Director and Assistant Directors for that league for the following year. If a Director and/or Assistant Director(s) have not been elected at the conclusion of said meeting, the President may appoint a Director, and/or Assistant Director(s), with concurrence of majority of Executive Board.
- 3.7** The FARMINGDALE BASEBALL AUXILIARY has been formed by the ASSOCIATION for the purpose of raising funds for the ASSOCIATION and performing services for the betterment of the leagues and teams formed by the

ASSOCIATION. The FARMINGDALE BASEBALL AUXILIARY shall have its own meetings and its own officers, and will report to the ASSOCIATION at the regular monthly ASSOCIATION meetings. The FARMINGDALE BASEBALL AUXILIARY will conduct its own operations, subject to the rules of the ASSOCIATION as set forth herein.

THE EXISTENCE AND THE OPERATIONS OF THE FARMINGDALE BASEBALL AUXILIARY HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED AS OF OCTOBER 24, 1994. THEY MAY BE RE-COMMENCED BY THE DECISION OF THE PRESIDENT WITH A CONCURRENCE OF A MAJORITY OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

- 3.8** Neither any league or team, present or future, nor the FARMINGDALE BASEBALL AUXILIARY shall establish any separate accounts, savings or checking, or otherwise, with any financial institution. All financial transactions of the ASSOCIATION and its subsidiary organizations shall be handled by the Treasurer of the ASSOCIATION, subject to the rules of the ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE IV: AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS

- 4.1** The FARMINGDALE YOUTH COUNCIL INC., a local organization concerned with youth welfare in general, has been instrumental in the development of baseball and softball and youth sports in Farmingdale, and contributes to the operating budget of the ASSOCIATION annually. Accordingly, as long as public funds are contributed to the ASSOCIATION by the FARMINGDALE YOUTH COUNCIL INC., the latter organization will be entitled to an accounting of funds expended by the ASSOCIATION, which were received by the ASSOCIATION through FARMINGDALE YOUTH COUNCIL.

ARTICLE V: AMENDMENTS AND REVISIONS

- 5.1** Amendment to, and revisions of, the Constitution must be approved by two-thirds of the members of the Executive Committee present at a meeting duly called specifically for this purpose, where a quorum is present as herein provided. At least seven (7) days written notice of said meeting must be given to all members of the Executive Committee by the Secretary of the ASSOCIATION. Said notice shall be accompanied by a copy of the proposed amendment or revision. Any amendment or revision so approved shall become effective immediately, unless specifically stated otherwise in said amendment or revision.
- 5.2** Upon the approval of any amendment or revision to this Constitution, the Constitution shall be re-printed to reflect the amendment or revision, including the effective date of the amendment or revision.

5.3 Since its original adoption by the ASSOCIATION, this Constitution has been amended or revised as follows:

AMENDED JANUARY 17, 1956
AMENDED NOVEMBER 20, 1956
AMENDED APRIL 16, 1963
REVISED OCTOBER 16, 1963
REVISED DECEMBER 7, 1966
REVISED OCTOBER 7, 1975
REVISED JULY 5, 1977
REVISED DECEMBER 2, 1980
REVISED JANUARY 5, 1981
REVISED JANUARY 5, 1988
REVISED JANUARY 2, 1990
REVISED SEPTEMBER 1991
REVISED FEBRUARY 4, 1992
REVISED SEPTEMBER 1, 1992
REVISED NOVEMBER 1, 1994
REVISED NOVEMBER 7, 1995
REVISED DECEMBER 5, 1995
REVISED FEBRUARY 6, 2007
REVISED DECEMBER 7, 2010
REVISED NOVEMBER 5, 2013
REVISED OCTOBER 6, 2015

ARTICLE VI: DISTRIBUTION OF CONSTITUTION

6.1 Each member of the Executive Committee of the ASSOCIATION shall be furnished with a copy of the Constitution. A copy of the Constitution and By-Laws shall be maintained at the office of the ASSOCIATION and posted on the official ASSOCIATION website (www.fdalebaseball.com), available for inspection.

BY-LAWS OF FARMINGDALE BASEBALL LEAGUE INC

ARTICLE I: GOVERNMENT

- 1.1 The general management of the affairs of the ASSOCIATION shall be vested in the Executive Board, who will be elected as provided in the By-Laws.
- 1.2 The elected officers of the ASSOCIATION will consist of a President, First Vice President, Second Vice Presidents (not more than four (4)), Secretary and Treasurer. There shall at all times be an HONORARY VICE PRESIDENT, EUGENE LYENDECKER (IN MEMORIAM). The number of Second Vice Presidents shall be four (4) unless changed for a specific year by a vote of at least two-thirds of the members present at an ASSOCIATION meeting.
- 1.3 The President will be a member, ex-officio, of all committees.
- 1.4 In all instances in the Constitution and these By-Laws the words "Executive Board" will refer to the elected officers of the FARMINGDALE BASEBALL LEAGUE INC.

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP

- 2.1 Membership in FARMINGDALE BASEBALL LEAGUE INC. will be composed of the following:
 - (1) All Directors, Assistant Directors, Managers and Coaches of all leagues of the ASSOCIATION, who were in office at the close of the last prior baseball and softball season as certified each year by the League Directors, until January 1 at which time the Directors, Assistant Directors, Managers and coaches for the coming season, as they are known, shall be the members of the ASSOCIATION.
 - (2) The Executive Board of the ASSOCIATION, and those appointed in conformity with these By-Laws.
- 2.2 The Executive Committee will consist of all members of the EXECUTIVE BOARD AND:
 - (1) The Director and Assistant Directors of each existing League;
 - (2) The Chairperson of the Protest Committee;
 - (3) The Chairperson of the Rules Committee;

- (4) The Chairperson and the Assistant Chairperson of the Fundraising & Sponsorship Committee;
- (5) The Chairperson and the Assistant Chairperson of the Auxiliary **(WHEN AND IF THIS COMMITTEE IS RE-INSTATED)**;
- (6) The Chairperson of the Awards Committee;
- (7) The Chairpersons of the Parade Day, Baseball Day, and Picture Day Committees;
- (8) The Chairperson of the Clinics Committee;
- (9) The Chairperson of the Field Permits and Maintenance Committee;
- (10) The Chairperson of the Concession Stand Committee;
- (11) The Chairperson of the Shack & Equipment Committee;
- (12) The respective Chairpersons of such other Committees as appointed by the President of FARMINGDALE BASEBALL LEAGUE INC.

2.3 Additional Membership Provisions:

- (1) Members will not be required to pay dues;
- (2) Membership in the ASSOCIATION may be terminated by two-thirds vote of the Executive Committee members present at a meeting called for that purpose, upon ten (10) days written notice to the person whose membership is being challenged, after said person has been given an opportunity to be heard at that meeting. Membership may be terminated by such vote for any of the following reasons:
 - (a) Failure to live up to the objectives as set forth in Article II of the Constitution;
 - (b) Failure to comply with the Constitution and accompanying By-Laws and all Rules and Regulations adopted by this ASSOCIATION;
 - (c) Members whose conduct becomes detrimental to the welfare and best interests of the ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE III: MEETINGS

- 3.1** (A) Meetings of the ASSOCIATION will be held on the first Tuesday of each month. Such meetings shall commence at 8:00 PM during the months of October through March, and shall commence at 8:30 PM during the months of April through September, unless directed otherwise by the President of the ASSOCIATION. Notice of the time and place of these meetings will be mailed and/or emailed to each Executive Committee member at least five (5) days in advance by the Secretary of the ASSOCIATION.
- (B) Attendance at monthly ASSOCIATION meetings is mandatory for all members of the Executive Committee, unless excused by the President, Secretary or any member of the Executive Board. All monthly ASSOCIATION meetings are open to the members of the ASSOCIATION and to the general public.
- 3.2** Special Meetings of members may be called by the President at any time on his/her own initiative or by the President/Secretary, upon request of five (5) members to such officer made in writing. Notice of the meeting will be mailed and emailed to each member at least seven (7) days previous to the meeting and at such special meetings there will only be considered such business as is specified in the notice of said meeting.
- 3.3** At all meetings of the ASSOCIATION, either regular or special, eleven (11) members of the Executive Committee in good standing will constitute a quorum.
- 3.4** Each member of the Executive Committee who is in good standing pursuant to Article 7 section 7.3 hereof will have the privilege of casting one (1) vote on all ASSOCIATION matters without regard to the number of positions that member holds within the Association. Said vote shall be exercised in person or may be exercised by another member of the Executive Committee holding a proxy signed by the absent member of the Executive Committee valid for that meeting.
- 3.5** If a quorum is not present the presiding officer will adjourn the meeting to a day and hour fixed by him/her.
- 3.6** At all meetings of the ASSOCIATION the order of business will be as follows:
- (A) Distribution and reading of minutes of immediate prior meeting for the information and approval;
- (B) Distribution and reading of Financial Report for information;
- (C) Reports of League Directors;

- (D) Reports of Committees;
- (E) Old Business
- (F) New Business, including Correspondence; and
- (G) Adjournment.

ARTICLE IV: ELECTION OF OFFICERS

4.1 The Executive Board of the ASSOCIATION will be elected by the Executive Committee. The Officers of the FARMINGDALE BASEBALL LEAGUE INC. will be elected to a two (2) year term of office. The eight (8) elected positions of the Executive Board will be divided into two (2) groups of four (4) officers, the election of which shall be staggered as follows:

- (A) In even-numbered years, elections will be held for the positions of President, Two (2) Second Vice-Presidents and the Treasurer; and
- (B) In odd-numbered years, elections will be held for the positions of First Vice-President, Two Second Vice-Presidents and the Recording Secretary.

4.2 The President will appoint a Nominating Committee of three members of the Executive Committee, including a Chairperson for that Committee at the July meeting. It shall be the function of the Nominating Committee to inquire of incumbent officers if they wish to run again and to poll all members of the Executive Committee who are eligible for election in accordance with Section 7.1 of these By-Laws as to their desire to run or not. The Nominating Committee shall then formulate a slate for the positions being voted on that year. The slate shall be provided at the August meeting, at which time the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee shall receive nominations from the floor. By motion, the Executive Committee may move to close nominations at the August meeting or may move to keep nominations open for the September meeting. Any nominations from the floor must be seconded, and accepted by the nominated member. At the September meeting, after all the Nominations have been closed, it shall be the responsibility of the Nominating Committee to conduct a secret ballot for the open positions, allowing to vote only those members certified by the Secretary as eligible to vote. In order to be eligible to vote, a person must be a member in good standing, as defined in Article 7.3 of the By-Laws. A member of the Executive Board who is not running for election shall certify the vote and the results shall be announced by the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee. Elected Officers will take office at the conclusion of the September meeting.

ARTICLE V: VACANCIES IN OFFICE

- 5.1** If a vacancy occurs among the officers of the Executive Board, and more than one year remains in the term of said office, the offices will be filled, for the balance of the unexpired term, by a special election to be held in accordance with the provisions of Section 5.2 of this Article. If there is less than one year remaining in the term of office, said vacancy will be filled for the balance of the unexpired term, by an appointment made by the President with the concurrence of the majority of the Executive Board.
- 5.2** The Special Election to fill a vacancy on the Executive Board will be conducted as follows: The President after being notified that a vacancy exists will notify the Executive Committee of said vacancy at the next Executive Committee meeting; at which time the President shall also appoint a member of the Executive Committee to nominate an eligible candidate for election to fill the unexpired term. The nomination will be announced and the election held at the next Executive Committee meeting.
- 5.3** Should any member of the Executive Board be absent from three (3) consecutive monthly ASSOCIATION meetings without being excused by the Secretary or President, that member's seat on the Board may be declared vacant and the President may forthwith move to fill the vacancy in accordance with the provisions of this Article.

ARTICLE VI: DUTIES OF OFFICERS

- 6.1** The President will preside at all meetings of the ASSOCIATION, see that all rules and policies are understood and observed, will appoint such committee(s) as he/she and the ASSOCIATION will consider necessary and will also have the authority to abolish any committee(s) that fails to function properly.
- 6.2** The First vice-president will preside in the absence of the President, carry out designated assignments of the President and is a member ex-officio of all committees when so requested by the President. In the event the office of the President becomes vacant, the First vice-president will automatically become President.
- 6.3** The Second Vice-Presidents will carry out designated assignments of the President and in the absence of the President and First Vice-President, will preside at meetings.
- 6.4** The Secretary will record minutes of all meetings of the ASSOCIATION, will keep a roll call of members, conduct all general correspondence and perform such duties as assigned by the President.

- 6.5** The Treasurer will collect and receive all monies received by the ASSOCIATION and deposit them in designated accounts within ten (10) days, and will pay all bills authorized and shall keep accurate records of the financial transactions of the ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE VII: QUALIFICATIONS FOR EXECUTIVE BOARD

- 7.1** In order to qualify for election to the Executive Board, a member of the ASSOCIATION must be a member in good standing as defined in Section 7.3 of the Article, and must be either:
- (A) A current member of the Executive Board; or
 - (B) A current member of the Executive Committee who has served on the Executive Committee at least one and a half (1 1/2) years immediately preceding the election.
- 7.2** In order to qualify for election to the position of President, a member of the ASSOCIATION must be a member in good standing as defined in Section 7.3 of this Article, and must be a member of the Executive Board at the time of the election.
- 7.3** For purpose of the Constitution and By-Laws of the ASSOCIATION, a member in good standing shall be defined as:
- (A) A member of the Executive Committee who shall have attended seven (7) of the previous eleven (11) monthly meetings of the ASSOCIATION for the period beginning October after the election for membership on the Executive Board held in September, through August of the following year ;
 - (B) In the event any member of the Executive Committee does not attend seven (7) of the eleven (11) meetings as provided for herein section 7.3(A), said member may nonetheless be approved by the Executive Board, by majority approval, to be in good standing.

ARTICLE VIII: SUSPENSION

- 8.1** The power to suspend a member of the ASSOCIATION shall be vested in the following:
- (A) The President of FARMINGDALE BASEBALL LEAGUE INC.;
 - (B) The First Vice-President of FARMINGDALE BASEBALL LEAGUE INC.;

(C) League Directors within their own league; and

(D) League Assistant Directors within their own league.

8.2 Members of the ASSOCIATION shall be liable to be suspended for any violation of the Constitution, By-Laws, Universal Rules and any other rules and regulations adopted by this ASSOCIATION.

8.3 The procedure for suspension shall be as follows:

(A) Any of the individuals set forth in Section 8.1 of this Article may initiate the suspension procedure by notifying an individual, either orally or in writing, that they have been suspended;

(B) Within twenty-four (24) hours of the suspension, a written complaint, signed by one of the Officers or Directors set forth in Section 8.1 of this Article, must be submitted to the President or First Vice-President of FARMINGDALE BASEBALL LEAGUE INC. In the event that the suspending officer is the President the report must be submitted to the First Vice-President and in the event the suspending officer is the First Vice-President the report must be submitted to the President.

(C) Thereafter, within forty-eight (48) hours after receipt of the signed, written complaint, the President or First Vice-President of FARMINGDALE BASEBALL LEAGUE INC must appoint and convene a Committee of five (5), consisting of the President or First Vice-President of FARMINGDALE BASEBALL LEAGUE INC., one other Board member and three (3) League Directors or Assistant Directors of the respective leagues, in the absence of league directors. The Suspending Officer cannot serve on the Committee. League Directors and Assistant Directors whose leagues are involved are not eligible to serve on the Committee. An additional forty-eight (48) hours will be allocated in the event of an intervening holiday.

(D) The individual who has been suspended must be notified of the date, time and place of the meeting and the specific charge or charges for which the individual is being suspended. The suspended individual has the right to attend this meeting and may bring witnesses to testify in his/her behalf.

(E) Full minutes of the meeting must be kept by the Secretary of FARMINGDALE BASEBALL LEAGUE INC.

(F) Upon completion of all presentations the Committee must immediately meet in executive session and render its decision. An Agreement of a majority of those on the Committee shall be sufficient to form a decision.

(G) If the suspension is upheld the members of the Committee will impose

such penalties as they feel are justified. All decisions rendered by this Committee are final.

ARTICLE IX: LIQUIDATION

- 9.1** If the FARMINGDALE BASEBALL LEAGUE INC. is dissolved for any reason whatsoever, the net assets on hand of the organization will be turned over to the FARMINGDALE YOUTH COUNCIL INC., from whom a portion of its funds are received, to be used by the Youth Council to further youth sports in Farmingdale.