



## **BASEBALL BEAUMONT CHAPTER BY-LAWS**

### **ARTICLE I – PRESIDENT**

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Chapter or the Board of Directors. The President shall conduct all negotiations on behalf of the Chapter in conjunction with the Board of Directors and shall make every possible effort to further the policies adopted by the Chapter. The President shall appoint three (3) members to an Audit Committee before the beginning of the regular season for the purpose of auditing the books. This committee will give the Association a report at the First regular meeting of the upcoming season and this report will be included in the minutes.

### **ARTICLE II – FIRST VICE PRESIDENT**

The First Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in the Presidents absence or inability to act. The first Vice-President shall serve as Sports Information Director as directed by the Board of Directors.

### **ARTICLE III – SECOND VICE PRESIDENT**

The Second Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President and the First Vice-President in their absence or inability to act.

The Second Vice-President shall serve as the Recording Secretary. Record and keep the minutes of the chapter and Board of Directors meetings.

### **ARTICLE IV – SECRETARY**

The Secretary shall send notices of assignment of umpires, preserve and archive all records, and have charge of necessary printing and publications ordered by the Chapter.

- a. The Secretary shall keep a service record on each member, embracing qualification, umpire's activities, past and present, and all details relative to any member's record as an umpire.
- b. The Secretary may appoint an assistant at such time as he deems necessary.
- c. The Secretary shall receive \$20.00 (twenty dollars) per active member.
- d. The Secretary shall also receive \$40.00 (forty dollars) for every school that the Beaumont Chapter Services.

### **ARTICLE V – TREASURER**

- a. The Treasurer shall have charge of collection of all fees and dues authorized by the Chapter.
- b. The Treasurer will give a report the first and last meeting of each year. The Treasurer will also give a report the 2nd meeting of each month the Association meets for the consent of the members. The Treasurer shall turn over the books to the audit committee before the first meeting of the upcoming year for the purpose of auditing the books.
- c. Make deposits of money within ten (10) days of receipt, Pay invoices within thirty (30) days.
- d. Pay Scholarships to the recipients University, Collage, or Trade School within fourteen (14) days of the recipients notification letter from his/her University, Collage, or Trade School.

### **ARTICLE VI – DIRECTOR OF TRAINING**

- a. The Director of Trainers term of office shall be two (2) years. The Board of Directors will elect him.
- b. The Director of Training must be in good standing at all times during his appointment being in the Certified or Approved Classification.
- c. The Director of Training must have four (4) years of continuous membership.

## **ARTICLE VII – BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- a. The Board of Directors shall act in an advisory capacity to the President.
- b. The Board of Directors shall have full power to adopt all regulations to govern its own deliberations.

## **ARTICLE VIII – MEMBERSHIP**

- a. The members shall be classified according to the requirements established by The Texas Association of Sports Officials-Baseball, State Board of Directors. Only members classified as Certified or Approved with four (4) or more completed consecutive years of membership may hold elective office of President, 1st or 2nd Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer.
- b. Applicants, male or female, must be eighteen (18) years of age or older. Applications must be accompanied by a fee of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) New Member Application. Along with the required Local dues.
- c. Dues will be paid in advance for the next year by the close of the last regular meeting each year. Ten dollars (\$10.00) will be assessed one (1) time for local dues not paid on time for one (1) year. Anyone paying after May 31st will be charged a reinstatement fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) plus the amount of the state and local dues. So any official who is out for one (1) season or more will owe the amount of the state and local dues plus ten dollars (\$10.00).
- d. The following requirements must be met for promotion:
  - 1. The annual rules and mechanics examination must be taken and the minimum requirements met.
  - 2. State Association will establish promotion requirements.
- e. All members of the Beaumont Chapter must be members of the Texas Association of Sports Officials.
- f. No member of the Beaumont Chapter shall have joint membership in another Chapter. No member shall work any game not assigned by the Secretary. No member shall work a game with an umpire who has not been assigned by the Secretary or his representative.
- g. All members in good standings may retain their membership by keeping their dues current with the standards outlined in Article X of the by-laws.
- h. Any member of this Chapter, who works any kind of off season program baseball games, shall come under the jurisdiction of this Chapter.

## **ARTICLE IX – CONDUCT**

- a. The Board of Directors shall question any member who is accused of misconduct and if misconduct is found to be valid, the Board of Directors shall impose whatever penalty they feel will rectify the umpire's actions.
- b. Before the Board of Directors can take action, it shall be necessary that a written report of the umpire's misbehavior be placed in the hands of any Board member within Seventy-Two (72) hours after the conclusion of the game in question.
- c. Only members of the Chapter in attendance at the game or a school official involved in the game may file a report.
- d. Any member who shall be found guilty of using alcoholic beverages while in uniform shall be expelled from the Chapter and all rights forfeited.
- e. Any Officer or Board member that does not fulfill their duty can be removed from their position by a Two-Thirds (2/3) vote from the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE X –REGISTRATION AND DUES**

- a. The Texas Association of Sports Officials-Baseball, State Board of Directors shall determine the membership year. Expired memberships may be reinstated by the procedure VIII. (c). If a member drops out for three or more years, the member may be accepted through the Beaumont Chapter into the classification the member was in at the time he dropped out.
- b. Local membership dues for the following year shall be paid to the Chapter Treasurer at any time during the current year on or before the last regular meeting of the year.
- c. State dues will be in the amount set by the State Association for that year. State dues will be paid by TASO State Associations procedures.
- d. Local dues for membership will be the amount set by the local association for that year.
- e. Any member who fails to pay all required dues or fees imposed by the Board of Directors by the deadline shall not have their names placed for assignment of any games.
- f. The Secretary at least two (2) weeks prior to the deadline of paying State and Local dues must notify each member of record.

## **ARTICLE XI – UNIFORMS**

The Beaumont Chapter will adopt and enforce the uniform policy, which is prescribed by the State Association.

## **ARTICLE XII – OFFICIATING PROCEDURE**

- a. All members of this Chapter shall conform to the mechanics and procedures prescribed by the Board of Directors.
- b. Each member shall conform exactly to the standard fees and travel currently by the University Interscholastic League (UIL) 1204 policy.

## **ARTICLE XIII – INSURANCE**

Membership in the Texas Association of Sports Officials will privilege members to be covered by TASO insurance, you must be a member of good standing at the time of the accident/incident and the game assignment must come from the TASO Chapter authorized assigner.

## **ARTICLE XIV – MEETINGS**

- a. The Board of Directors shall schedule the meetings of the Chapter.
- b. The Board of Directors shall secure a place to hold the meetings each year.
- c. Special meetings shall be held at the call of the President or any member of the Board of Directors.
- d. Any member who is unable to attend a regular meeting must notify a member of the current Board of Directors. And on the basis of the excuse given shall have the authority to excuse said member from the meeting in question. No other person shall be allowed to report for the member, except the member himself. Penalty for failure to notify a Board member, the umpire in question may forfeit all games for a one- (1) week period.
- e. If a member so desires, he may request a Board meeting to review his case.
- f. A member must attend at least seventy-five (75) per cent of the Chapter's regular meetings for the current year or his/her name may not be placed before the coaches for selection the following year.
- g. A member must attend at least seventy-five (75) percent of the Chapter's regular meetings before the selection of officials for District play or be excused by a Board member. Failure to fulfill this obligation may result in the member's name not being placed before the coaches for selection in the current year.

## **ARTICLE XV – COMMITTEES**

The President shall have the authority to appoint any committee the President sees fit, as long as said committee is in the best interest of the Chapter.

## **ARTICLE XVI – VOTE AND QUORUM**

- a. One-third (1/3) of the membership must be present at a regular meeting or special called meeting to constitute a quorum.
- b. Only members in good standings may vote.
- c. Absentee voting will be permitted at the two- (2) regular meetings prior to the last meeting of the year. When a member wishes to vote absentee, he shall secure a ballot from the Secretary and make his selection, then return the ballot to the Secretary before the close of the meeting that night. The Secretary shall hold all absentee ballots unopened until the committee appointed to count ballots at the last regular meeting of the election year has been appointed.
- d. For the purpose of election of officers only, if a quorum of members is not present at the last meeting of the year, when election of officers is held; a quorum of 1/3 of the members can be determined by absentee votes, properly cast with the secretary, plus any members present who have not voted absentee.

## **ARTICLE XVII – ADMINISTRATIVE**

- a. Any member who violates the provisions of the Constitution and its by-laws, or who fails to cooperate with the Board of Directors in maintaining the purpose of this organization, shall after written notice and hearing in accordance with Southwest Officials Association's Code of Ethics. At the discretion of the Board of Directors be assessed a penalty by prescribed by said Board of Directors.
- b. If any member should receive a fine for any violation under the laws of this Constitution or its by-laws; the member shall pay said fine prior to the next regular meeting or forfeit the remainder of the baseball schedule for the current season and rights to play-off games.

- c.** If any official having accepted a schedule of assigned games and fails to comply with regulations set forth under the procedures outlined by this Chapter prior to the forthcoming season, may forfeit games for up to a period of two (2) weeks and be subject to a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).
- d.** Any member who has been assessed a fine under item (c) of this Article may elect to sit out the remainder of the current season in lieu of the fine. If the member does so, however, the member shall pay a reinstatement fee of twenty-five (\$25.00), plus dues, etc. In accordance with the membership regulations said member shall also forfeit all play-off game for two (2) years, following reinstatement.
- e.** All umpires that are involved in a game where the ejection of a coach or assistant coach has occurred must notify the chapter secretary within twenty four (24) hours and provide a written report within seventy-two (72) hours. If the chapter secretary is not available the report must be submitted to an officer of the chapter. The written report can be a copy of the report sent to state.
- f.** State Convention Expenditures shall be paid accordingly: Expenses for President and Secretary one hotel room, gas receipts for two (2) vehicles and the State rate a day per diem for each the President and Secretary.

#### **ARTICLE XVIII – TRAINING**

- a.** There shall be a committee headed up by Director of Training established for the training and screening of members and of prospective members.
- b.** The members of this committee shall consist of thirteen (13) members, eleven (11) of which are members of the Board of Directors and two (2) from the regular membership.
- c.** The duties of the Director of Training shall be to provide and implement a training program consistent with the needs and direction of the chapter.
- d.** The Training Committee shall implement a program for rating and screening all members.
- e.** The Training Committee shall also provide a screening program for prospective members and set minimum standards for admission to the chapter.
- f.** The minimum standards set by the Committee shall be binding on all members throughout their membership. Each member will be required to meet the minimum standards required by the Committee in order to be assigned any games.
- g.** The decision to fail a member shall be made by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the Training Committee.

**Amended December, 2014**



# BASEBALL BEAUMONT CHAPTER CONSTITUTION

## **ARTICLE I – ORGANIZATION**

This organization shall be known as the Texas Association of Sports Officials-Baseball-Beaumont Chapter.

## **ARTICLE II – PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Association shall be the promotion of the welfare of the game of baseball by:

- a. The development and maintenance of a membership consisting of experienced and capable baseball umpires, whose integrity is above reproach and who are actively engaged each year in officiating games.
- b. Fostering a high standard of ethics, encouraging fair play, sportsmanship, closer cooperation and better understanding among officials, athletic representatives, coaches, players, and press.

## **ARTICLE III – BOUNDARIES**

The State Association will dictate the geographical area of the Chapter and the District.

## **ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS – BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The officers of the Chapter shall consist of:

- a. One (1) President, two (2) Vice-Presidents, one (1) Secretary, one (1) Treasurer and one (1) Director of training. The Officer elections will be set for the last chapter meeting on odd numbered years. Only members classified as Certified or Approved with four (4) or more completed consecutive years of membership may hold elective office of President, 1st or 2nd Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer.
- b. Vice-Presidents shall be known as First and Second Vice-Presidents.
- c. The Board of Directors shall consist of eleven (11) members, six (6) officers and five (5) representatives. The five- (5) representatives to be duly elected for a two-year term by members in good standing. The representative elections will be set for the first chapter meeting on even numbered years. Only members with four (4) or more completed consecutive years of membership may run and hold elective office of representative. If a representative is unable to perform his/her duties or becomes a member not in good standing, members in good standing shall elect another member to fulfill the said representative's term.
- d. The Board of Directors will elect the Director of Training.

## **ARTICLE V – ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

- a. The Officers shall be elected for two (2) year terms.
- b. The Secretary shall be responsible for having ballots printed and ready for voting not later than three (3) meetings from the last regular meeting.
- c. The President will appoint a nominating committee of six (6) members.
- d. The President will appoint a committee to count the ballots. This committee will consist of six (6) members not holding office at the time election.

## **ARTICLE VI – GENERAL**

- a. The qualifications for membership, the duties of the officers and directors, and such regulation as may be necessary and proper for the conduct of business and affairs of the Association shall be provided for in the by-laws, such by-laws serving as an addendum to the Constitution.

**ARTICLE VII – AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION**

The Articles of the Constitution may be changed by the following procedure:

- a. A proposed amendment shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary at any time prior to a regular meeting.
- b. When a proposed amendment is to be submitted for action by the membership, it shall be read at the next three- (3) regular meetings before a vote may be taken to accept or reject said amendment.
- c. When such proposed amendment is presented to the membership of the local Chapter for action, it shall become a part of the Constitution if approved by a simple majority of members present.

**ARTICLE VIII – BY-LAWS**

A set of By-Laws shall be established to run the chapter. These By-laws shall be consistent with the Constitution. The Board of Directors shall be responsible for passing laws, which will be in the best interest of the chapter. Changes in the By-Laws shall be passed by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the Board of Directors, after which these laws shall become binding on all members. Should the membership take exception to a law, it can be repealed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the entire membership. The vote to repeal shall be by referendum and shall be binding on the Board of Directors. Any member may submit a By-Law change for consideration by the Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE IX – RULES OF ORDER**

Robert’s Rules of Order shall govern the conduct of all regular and special meetings of the Beaumont Chapter.

**ARTICLE X – EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Constitution and by-laws shall become effective January 1, 1995 on approval of the existing membership.

**Amended: March, 2007**