



BASEBALL BEAUMONT CHAPTER BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I – PRESIDENT

The President shall preside at all Chapter meetings, and or, meetings of 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.

a. The President shall appoint a minimum of three (3) regular members in good standing to an Audit Committee at the first meeting of the season for the purpose of auditing the financial records. This committee will give the Association an audit report on or before the 3rd meeting in January. This report will be included in the minutes.

b. In the event of a resignation, or an unforeseen vacancy, of a member of the Executive Board, the President may appoint a member with four (4) or more years of continuous membership, and in good standing, to fill that vacancy, for the remainder of the current term. This appointment must be approved by the Executive Board with a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote.

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 the Public Relation Director, as directed by the Board of Directors.

a. In the event of a resignation, or an unforeseen vacancy of the President, the First Vice President shall fill the position of President for the remainder of the current term.

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.

a. The Second Vice-President shall serve as the Recording Secretary, by recording and maintaining the minutes of the chapter and Board of Directors meetings. The Second Vice President shall make available, the record of previous meeting minutes.

ARTICLE IV – SECRETARY

The Secretary shall maintain scheduling of umpires, preserve and archive all records, and maintain necessary printing and publications ordered by the Chapter.

a. The Secretary shall maintain service record for each member, including member qualification, umpire activities, past and present, and any details relative to any member's record.

b. The Secretary should appoint an assistant/s at any time he deems necessary, who is a member in good standing and meets the requirements of Article IV of the Constitution to assist in secretarial duties.

c. The Secretary shall receive \$25.00 (twenty-five dollars) per active member.

d. The Secretary shall receive \$50.00 (fifty dollars) for every school the TASO Baseball Beaumont Chapter services.

e. The secretarial assistant/s shall be a non-compensated position.

ARTICLE V – TREASURER

a. The Treasurer shall maintain a record of collection of fees and dues authorized by the Chapter.

b. The Treasurer shall submit a written report by the first and last meeting of each season. The Treasurer will also submit a report at the second meeting of each month the Association meets for the review by members. The Treasurer shall submit the financial records to the audit committee on or before the first meeting of the upcoming year for the purpose of auditing the financial records.

- c. The Treasure shall make deposits within ten (10) days of receipt and pay invoices within thirty (30) days.
- d. The Treasure shall pay scholarships to the recipients University, College, or Trade School within fourteen (14) days of the recipient's notification letter from his/her University, College, or Trade School.

ARTICLE VI – DIRECTOR OF TRAINING

- a. The Director of Training term of office shall be two (2) years. The Board of Directors will elect the Director of Training upon verification of the requirements outlined by Article IV of the Constitution.
- b. The Director of Training must be in good standing at all times during their tenure as Director of Training.
- c. The Director of Training shall have four (4) years of continuous membership, and be a member in good standing, prior to, and upon the appointment as Director of Training.

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.
- c. In the event a representative is unable to perform his/her duties, or becomes a member not in good standing, members in good standing, shall elect another qualified member to fill the vacated position for the remainder of the current term.

ARTICLE VIII – MEMBERSHIP

- a. 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. New TASO membership applicants, male or female, shall be eighteen (18) years of age or older, register with the state website and pay any state mandated TASO fees. New TASO Beaumont membership applicants shall complete required local registration and pay all mandated fees.
- c. Local TASO membership dues shall be paid in full for the next season, prior to adjournment of the last regular meeting of the current season. A ten-dollar fee (\$10.00) will be assessed one (1) time for local dues not paid on time.
 - 1. A minimum of three (3) scrimmages must be worked to be in good standing.
- 2. Members may qualify for local chapter dues credit as follows:
 - a. Must be one of the two officials assigned to the scrimmage.
 - b. Must officiate four (4) scrimmages, meeting the requirements to receive a twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) credit.
 - c. Must officiate five (5) or more scrimmages, meeting the requirements to receive a fifty dollars (\$50.00) credit.
 - d. Local dues must be paid on or before the last meeting of the season to receive the chapter dues credits.
- d. Any member paying state dues after the state's deadline will be charged a late fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) by the state.
- e. The following requirements must be met for promotion:
 - 1. The annual rules and mechanics examination must be taken and the minimum requirements met.
 - 2. TASO will establish the promotion requirements.
- f. All members of the Beaumont Chapter shall be members of the Texas Association of Sports Officials.
- g. No member of the TASO Beaumont Chapter shall have joint membership in another TASO Baseball Chapter. No member shall officiate a game not assigned by a TASO game assigner. No member shall officiate a game with an official who has not been assigned by a TASO game assigner.
- h. 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.
- i. Members of this Chapter, who officiate any off-season program baseball game/s, shall come under the jurisdiction of this Chapter.

ARTICLE IX – CONDUCT

- a. The Board of Directors shall investigate and examine any member who is accused of misconduct, adhering to the TASO due process policy. If the accused misconduct is determined to be a violation of any TASO policy, the Constitution and/or the By-Laws, the Board of Directors shall impose the reasonable and necessary penalty believed to rectify the member's actions.
- b. Prior to action by the Board of Directors a written report of the umpire's misbehavior shall be submitted to an

Executive Board member within five (5) days of the incident.

c. Only TASO members who were involved/witnessed the incident or a school official involved/witnessed the incident may file an incident report.

d. A TASO member who is found guilty of consuming an alcoholic beverage/s prior to, during, or after an assignment 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.

f. No member shall use, or consume, tobacco products during chapter meetings.

No receptacles containing tobacco waste shall be brought into the meeting location.

Members are encouraged to leave tobacco products outside the meeting facility when possible.

Penalty:

1st offense shall require the member to immediately dispose of the tobacco product or receptacle.

2nd or subsequent infractions shall result in disciplinary actions by the board of directors.

g. No member shall attend a chapter meeting after having consumed alcoholic beverages prior to the meeting.

h. No member shall attend a chapter meeting while intoxicated. The accepted definition of intoxication shall be as defined in the Texas Penal Code

Texas Penal Code,

TITLE 10, CHAPTER 49, Sec. 49.01. DEFINITIONS.

(2) "Intoxicated" means:

(A) not having the normal use of mental or physical faculties by reason of the introduction of alcohol, a controlled substance, a drug, a dangerous drug, a combination of two or more of those substances, or any other substance into the body;

Penalty:

Violations shall subject the member to immediate dismissal from the meeting, and disciplinary actions by 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 compliance with Article VIII(c). If an official is not a member for three or more consecutive years, the member may be accepted back by TASO through the Beaumont Chapter into the classification the member was previously in at the time the official's membership lapsed.

b. Local membership dues for the following season shall be paid to the Chapter Treasurer at any time during the current year, on or before the adjournment of the last regular meeting of the season.

c. State dues will be the amount set by TASO for that year. State dues shall be paid according to TASO procedures.

d. Local dues for membership will be the amount set by the local association for that year.

e. Any member who neglects to pay all required dues and/or fees imposed by the Board of Directors by the deadline, shall not be assigned to any games until dues and/or fees have been paid in full.

f. The Secretary should notify each member of record, at least two (2) weeks prior to the deadline of payment for local dues.

ARTICLE XI – UNIFORMS

The TASO Beaumont Chapter shall adopt and enforce the uniform policy, as specified by the State Association.

ARTICLE XII – OFFICIATING PROCEDURE

a. All members of this Chapter shall conform to the mechanics and procedures established by the Board of Directors and Training Committee.

b. Each member shall conform to the mandated travel and game fees as outlined by the University Interscholastic League (UIL), 1204 policy.

ARTICLE XIII – INSURANCE

Members of the Texas Association of Sports Officials, who are members in good standing, are covered by TASO insurance in the event of an accident. Furthermore, in order to qualify for insurance coverage provided by TASO in the event of an accident, the member must have been assigned to officiate the respective game by the TASO Baseball Beaumont authorized assigner.

ARTICLE XIV – MEETINGS

- a.** The Board of Directors shall schedule the meetings of the TASO Baseball Beaumont Chapter.
- b.** The Board of Directors shall secure a location to convene the meetings each year.
- c.** Special meetings shall convene at the request of the President or any member of the Board of Directors.
- d.** Members who are unable to attend a regular meeting shall notify a member of the current Executive Board of Directors. Based on the excuse given shall have the authority to excuse said member from the respective meeting. No other person shall be allowed to report for the member except the member himself. Violation may result in the umpire forfeiting all games for up to a one (1) week period.
- e.** Upon written request, the member may request a Board meeting to review the respective case.
- f.** Members shall attend at least seventy (70) percent of the Chapters regular meetings for the respective year. Members in violation of this section may not be eligible to officiate varsity games the following season.
- g.** Members shall attend at least seventy (70) percent of the Chapters regular meetings, or be excused by an Executive Board member, before the selection of officials for District play. Failure to fulfill this obligation may result in the member's name not being placed before the coaches for selection for that season.

ARTICLE XV – COMMITTEES

The President shall possess the authority to appoint any committee, as long as the committee operates in the best interest of the Chapter.

ARTICLE XVI – VOTE AND QUORUM

- a.** One-third (1/3) of the membership shall be physically present at a regular meeting or special meeting to constitute a quorum.
- b.** Members in good standing with the chapter and state shall be the only members permitted to vote.
- c.** Absentee voting will be permitted at the two (2) regular meetings prior to the last meeting of the season. When a member wishes to vote absentee, he shall secure a ballot from the Secretary, make his selection and then return the ballot to the Secretary before the respective meeting is adjourned. The Secretary shall maintain care, custody and control of the absentee ballots, un-opened until the appointed election committee receives the ballots at the last regular meeting of the election year.
- d.** For the purpose of election of Executive Officers only, if a quorum of membership is not physically present at the last meeting of the season, when the election of Executive Officers is held, a quorum of one-third (1/3) of the members shall be determined by absentee votes, properly cast with the Secretary as outlined above, plus any members physically present who has not voted absentee.

ARTICLE XVII – ADMINISTRATIVE

- a.** In accordance with TASO Baseball Beaumont Code of Ethics. 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, and, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, be assessed a penalty, as prescribed by said Board of Directors.
- b.** Any member that is assessed a fine, for any violation under the laws of this Constitution, or its by-laws, shall pay said fine prior to the next regular meeting or forfeit the remainder of their baseball schedule for the current season, and rights to any 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 chooses this option, 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 games for a two (2) year period, following reinstatement.
- e.** TASO members involved in or witnessing an incident where a state report is required shall notify the chapter

secretary, or chapter president, within twenty-four (24) hours of the incident. TASO members shall provide a written report to the state within seventy-two (72) hours of the incident.

f. State Convention Expenditures shall be paid accordingly: Expenses for President and Secretary one (1) 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, chaired by the Director of Training, established for the training and screening 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 approved by the Board of Directors.

c. The Director of Training shall provide an outline of yearly training to all members of the training committee 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: February, 2018