



## **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**