

As of 8/05/2005

BY-LAWS
OF THE SLIDELL BANTAM BASEBALL
ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I
NAME AND OBJECTIVES

SECTION I

The name of this organization shall be known as the Slidell Bantam Baseball Association (SBBA), the "Association".

SECTION II

The objectives of the Slidell Bantam Baseball Association are: To further baseball, teach sportsmanship, and to bring clean fun and sports to the youth of the greater Slidell area.

ARTICLE II
BY-LAWS

SECTION I

These By-Laws shall govern, and when rules of order are not covered, revert to Robert's Rules of Order.

ARTICLE III
FISCAL YEAR

SECTION I

For the purpose of reporting all finances, property value and the assets as well as planning the budget of the Slidell Bantam Baseball Association, the fiscal year shall begin on August 1 of each year and end on July 31 of the following year.

ARTICLE IV
MEMBERSHIP

SECTION I

The "Association" shall be composed of the following:

A. There shall be one class of members, namely, active members. Active members shall include adults who have applied for membership and paid the annual membership fee and shall include the applicants designated on the registration application who pay the annual dues. Membership shall be open, regardless of race, religion or national origin.

B. Membership may be evidenced by such documentation as may be deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors.

C. The amount of the membership fee shall be established annually by the Board of Directors. The procedure for application for membership and the procedure for collection of the membership fee shall be established by the Board of Directors.

D. Each active member shall be entitled to one vote in the election of directors and in other matters for which a vote of the membership is taken.

E. Membership rights shall not be transferable by assignment or sale, or by inheritance or testament upon the death of the owner and no rights of ownership belonging to any former owner shall inure to any assignee, vendee, donee, heir or legatee.

ARTICLE V ASSOCIATION
MANAGEMENT

SECTION I - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Elected Directors of the "Association" are the BOARD OF DIRECTORS and shall consist of the President, Vice-President Operations, Vice-President Senior Boys, Vice-President Junior Boys, Vice-President Girls, Secretary, Player-Personnel Boys, Player-Personnel Girls, Treasurer, Two Equipment Managers, Field Manager, Tournament Director, All-Star Coordinator and the Umpire Coordinator. These Directors shall serve for a period of one (1) year.

SECTION II - ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The election of the Board of Directors shall take place in August of each year following the completion of the regular season of play. The term of the newly elected directors shall begin on November 1 of each year and end on October 31 the following year.

The newly elected Board of Directors shall work harmoniously with the outgoing Board of Directors from their election in August until the transfer of offices on November 1.

In the event of the vacancy or absence of the President, the order or succession shall be:

1. Vice-President Operations shall succeed the President.
2. In the absence or vacancy of the Vice-President Operations, the Secretary shall succeed the President.
3. In the absence or vacancy of both of the above, the Treasurer shall succeed the President.

In the event of the vacancy of any other elected Board position, the President shall appoint a temporary Director to fill the vacancy until such time as an election can be held. The election shall be held as soon as practicable.

SECTION III - COMMISSIONERS

The Senior Vice-President Boys, Junior Vice-President Boys and Vice-President Girls will appoint commissioners for each league within the "Association" subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VI MEETINGS

SECTION I - MEETINGS

A simple majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum of any Board of Directors meeting.

SECTION II - MEMBERSHIP

A general membership meeting will be scheduled by the President through public notice to its members and shall be the first meeting of the year. Such meeting shall be held for the purpose of approving the capital expenditures budget, discussing any proposed By-Law changes, and any other such business as may be deemed necessary. No more than (1) membership meeting shall be held in one (1) calendar day.

Members present at any membership meeting shall constitute a quorum for such meeting.

The President shall appoint a Sergeant of Arms to maintain law and order at all membership meetings and to count the votes. Any member who attends a meeting and creates a disturbance, or becomes unruly, shall lose voice and his right to vote at said meeting. Where necessary to maintain order, the member may be evicted from the meeting by order of the President, subject to the challenge of the membership. Flagrant or persistent violation of this Section by any member shall be conduct unbecoming an Association member.

Each active member of the "Association", in good standing, shall have the right to nominate, vote, hold elected office, express opinions on all subjects before the "Association", express views, arguments, and opinions on all matters and business considered at membership meetings.

Each member shall have the right to meet and assemble freely with other members and generally participate in the activities of the "Association" in a responsive manner.

Each member shall be obligated to conduct himself/herself in the highest respect while in the presence of the children of the Slidell Bantam Baseball Association. Any person exercising the rights and privileges of a member shall not take any irresponsible action which would tend to jeopardize, destroy or be detrimental to the objectives of the "Association".

Violation or abuse of these rights and privileges of membership or engaging in conduct prohibited by this Article shall be considered conduct unbecoming an "Association" member. The violating member will be disciplined or membership withdrawn by the Board of Directors, subject to appeal by the membership.

SECTION III - SPECIAL

There shall be at least two (2) meetings each year subsequent to the general membership meeting and prior to the beginning of the season which shall be special meetings set aside for (1) the drafting of players and (2) adoption of SBBA playing rules. The special meeting for the adoption of SBBA playing rules shall be restricted to coaches, assistant coach of record, members of the Board of Directors and the Advisory Board Members of the Slidell Bantam Baseball Association as well as the Commissioners from the previous season.

Any other special meetings as deemed necessary may be called by the President through public notice.

ARTICLE VII POWERS OF THE ADMINISTRATION

SECTION I

The Board of Directors shall be the highest authority of the "Association", and shall be empowered to act on behalf of the "Association". The Board of Directors will approve the budget prior to its implementation each fiscal year. Subsequent changes must be approved by the Board. Major capital expenditures must have the approval of the membership and the associations' lending institution.

SECTION II

Between meetings of the Board of Directors, the President shall be empowered to act on behalf of and take action permitted by the Board of Directors subject to subsequent approval by the Board of Directors.

SECTION III

The Board of Directors shall remove any coach that is not complying with the objectives of the "Association".

SECTION IV

There will be no alcoholic beverages allowed at SBBA athletic events when children are involved.

ARTICLE VIII
COMMITTEES

SECTION I

The "Association" shall have the following standing committees appointed by the President. Each shall consist of not less than (3) members, the Chairman to be designated by the President. The President may appoint additional committees as required.

- A. By-Laws Committee
- B. Rules Committee
- C. Concession Committee
- D. Protest Committee

SECTION II

The members of these standing committees shall be responsible to the President for the activity and function of the committee.

SECTION III

The President is an Ex-Officio member of all committees.

ARTICLE IX
FINANCES

SECTION I

Any full or part-time custodial or concession help will be employed at the discretion of the President, subject to approval by the Board of Directors.

SECTION II

The President shall authorize the purchase of supplies and equipment for the "Association" within the limits established by the budget as approved by the Board of Directors. This authority may be delegated by the President to other members of the Board of Directors, but only within their specific areas of responsibility.

SECTION III

All "Association" Directors and all other "Association" personnel or volunteers shall at the completion of their duties, turn over all papers, documents, funds, or other property to the properly constituted "Association" Director.

SECTION IV

Two (2) signatures shall be required on all checks written against all "Association" accounts. By vote of the Board of Directors, checks under \$500.00 may be signed by the Treasurer. The Treasurer must sign all checks. The President and any other designated by him will be authorized as the second signature.

SECTION V

The President, Treasurer, and any other authorized to disburse "Association" funds, will be bonded at the expense of the "Association".

SECTION VI

The Treasurer shall maintain a double entry set of books based on the fiscal year ending July 31 and is responsible for all tax filings for that year. Books will be turned over to the subsequent Treasurer on November 1 following the close of the fiscal year.

ARTICLE X ORDER OF
BUSINESS

SECTION I

SBBA meetings will be called to order in the following manner:

"I now declare this meeting of the Slidell Bantam Baseball Association open for the transaction of such business as may properly come before it".

- A. Roll Call of Officers
- B. Reading of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting
- C. Report of the Treasurer
- D. Reports of Officers and Committees
- E. Communication and Bills
- F. Unfinished Business
- G. New Business
- H. Closing

ARTICLE XI SBBA
ADVISORY BOARD

SECTION I - OBJECTIVE

The Advisory Board shall consist of any member who has served in any year as President of the Board of Directors as well as any member who has served five years on the Board of Directors. This Advisory Board may also include professional advisors as determined by the Board of Directors (i.e., attorney, accountant, insurance advisor).

The purpose of this Advisory Board is to provide assistance and advice to the SBBA Board of Directors based on the vast experience of the members of this Advisory Board. Any member of the Advisory Board is allowed to attend the regular Board of Directors' meetings and shall have a voice at those meetings.

They will not be allowed to cast a vote on any matter. The Advisory Board may meet at any time regardless of the presence of the SBBA Board of Directors. The Advisory Board will have full membership privileges.