

Eastern Women's Baseball Conference Bylaws

Article I

Name and Location

Section 1: The name of this organization shall be the Eastern Women's Baseball Conference, hereinafter referred to as "EWBC", principally located at:

5954 Bent Willow Drive
Alexandria, VA 22310.

Article II

Purpose

Section 1: The EWBC is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to providing opportunities for girls and women to play baseball, to fostering an appreciation among the general public for girls' and women's baseball, and to providing opportunities for the general public to participate in girls and women's baseball by managing, coaching, or instructing.

Article III

Government

Section 1: The league will be directed by a "Board of Directors" (BOD) and may consist of one representative from each team, a representative from the Tournament Team, and an additional number of persons not to exceed one less than the total number of teams in the League. Additional members should be independent of the league; for example, a banker, local politician, business owner, housewife or other noteworthy member of the community.

Section 2: The league will have the following individual officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Any one person may hold two officer positions simultaneously if no other suitable officer candidate is available.

Section 3: All officers must be approved by a simple majority vote of the Board at an annual election to be held in November. Elections of officers should be staggered so that the entire BOD is not replaced at one time. The term for each office shall be for two (2) years, renewable biannually by appropriate vote.

Section 4: To be eligible as an officer, the candidate must have served on the Board or as a committee chair during the year preceding the election.

Article IV

Voting

Section 1: Voting is limited to board members. Players' input in the voting process takes place through the team representatives and the Players Board representative.

Section 2: Each team is entitled to one vote only.

Section 3: The Players Board is entitled to one vote only.

Section 4: A designated alternate representative may vote in a Board member's absence if that representative is made known to the President via email or telephone prior to the meeting.

Section 5: The President votes (or may abstain) only in the event of a tie.

Section 6: In the event that the number of teams in the EWBC is reduced to less than the number of independent board members, voting privileges for the independent board members will be revoked.

Section 7: A quorum of 2/3 of board members is required to be in attendance for voting on any bylaw changes, or written proxy may be given to board members which provides for votes by 2/3 of board members. An email or telephone call, received by the President prior to the meeting shall be considered as valid for a written proxy.

Section 8: Voting by e-mail is allowed if the topic at hand cannot be held in abeyance for the next scheduled BOD meeting and provided that 2/3 of the board agrees that the issue is appropriate for email voting. Issues for email voting must be submitted through the President.

Article V

Meetings

Section 1: The Board will meet at least 6 times per year.

Section 2: The President will call the meetings and schedule the ensuing meeting at the conclusion of the present meeting.

Article VI

Duties of Officers, Managers, and Players

Section 1 - President

- a. Shall preside at all meetings of the EWBC.
- b. Shall oversee the board and the chairpersons of all committees.
- c. Shall ensure that the critical functions of the EWBC are carried out.
- d. Shall represent the EWBC at meetings pertaining to other EWBC matters, or appoint a designated representative, and shall report to the Board on all related issues.
- e. Shall be active in fund-raising activities, and in promoting the EWBC to raise the awareness of the community to the EWBC.

Section 2 - Vice President

- a. Shall oversee the chairpersons of all committees.
- b. Shall sit for the President and take over the President's functions at all meetings whenever the President is unable to attend.
- c. Shall be responsible for all Presidential functions should the President not be able to perform them.

Section 3 - Secretary

- a. Shall keep minutes of all meetings.
- b. Shall distribute the minutes of the meetings prior to the following meeting.
- c. Shall accumulate the votes for any elected office and then announce the totals to the League President not more than five days after the closing of the vote.

Section 4 - Treasurer

- a. Shall be responsible for the collection and dispersion of league funds.
- b. Shall keep proper financial records, ledger, receipts, vouchers and records of all transactions, preferably using standard computer software, such as Quicken , in accordance with GAP and EWBC financial rules and submit financial statements to the Board at each meeting.
- c. Shall submit an annual budget for approval by the Board, and shall not make any non-budgeted expenditures in excess of \$500.00 unless explicitly approved by the Board.

Section 5 - Arbiter

- a. Shall settle all disputes regarding alleged rule infractions, protests, and related controversies deemed appropriate by the President.
- b. Shall be appointed by the board.

c. Shall not be affiliated in any way with any EWBC team.

Section 6 - Team Managers

a. Shall be supportive and cooperate fully with all EWBC sponsored activities and promote these activities among his/her team members.

b. Shall be responsible for sportsmanship and promoting respect and goodwill toward EWBC officials, umpires, managers, and other players.

c. Shall be responsible for orderly conduct of their players on the bench and on the field.

d. Shall be responsible for adhering and enforcing the rules of the EWBC.

e. Shall obtain an Official Baseball rule book along with the EWBC rules.

f. Shall be responsible for reporting the score and statistics (if statistics are available), of the game to the EWBC President and to the EWBC statistician. These reports must be made within one (1) day of the end of the game.

g. Shall report any protests to the President within 24 hours of the game's end. Protests must be accompanied by a \$50 check (or cash), payable to the EWBC, and postmarked with a letter of protest to the League President. This check will be refunded only if the protest is upheld. If the League President believes that he/she cannot resolve the dispute due to personal interest, the matter will be turned over to the Arbiter for resolution in accordance with the rules and regulations of the EWBC with which he/she would be familiar.

h. Shall assign a team representative to attend all board meetings.

i. The Home Team Manager shall ensure that the field is ready for play.

Section 7 - Players/Teams

a. Shall conduct themselves in a manner which will reflect good sportsmanship, respect and goodwill toward EWBC officials, umpires, managers, teammates, spectators, and opposing players at all times.

b. Will complete and sign the annual "Player Registration/Waiver Form" prior to participating in any practice or game.

c. Teams must pay the team fee to the League in amounts specified each season and prior to the deadline(s) identified.

Section 8 - Official Scorers

a. Teams will seek to acquire an official scorer for each game played who will then submit the generated statistics to the League President within 48 hours after the game has ended. When this system is inaugurated, awards for leaders in various categories will be given at a league-wide function at the end of the current season or prior to the start of a new season.

Article VII

Committees

Committees shall be established by the Board for any material purpose.

Article VIII

Membership

If required, an annual registration fee and payment schedule for all teams shall be assessed in an amount determined by the Board prior to the start of each season. The complete fee, or the portion determined by the payment schedule, must be paid by the deadline(s) identified by the Board each year for a team to participate in any League game.

Article IX

Amendments & Replacements

Section 1: Proposed amendments to these Bylaws must be distributed to the Board at least one week before any vote is taken on such proposed amendments. Any amendment so proposed must be approved by a vote of no less than two thirds of the entire Board.

Section 2: Bylaws proposed to replace these Bylaws in their entirety must be distributed to the Board at least one week before any vote is taken on such proposed replacement Bylaws. Any Bylaws so proposed must be approved by a vote of no less than three quarters of the entire Board.

HISTORY:

Bylaws V.2 Adopted March 2008