# West Bridgewater Youth Athletic Association, Inc. (WBYAA)

## **Constitution and Bylaws**

(Restated – January 2011 with Amendments through October 2019)

#### CONSTITUTION

#### **ARTICLE I**

#### NAME

**1.a.** The Corporation shall be known as the West Bridgewater Youth Athletic Association, Inc. (WBYAA).

**1.b.** WBYAA shall be the recognized abbreviation of the organization and may only be used in association with the organization unless the Board of Directors grants specific permission.

#### **ARTICLE II**

#### PURPOSES AND OBJECTIVES

**2.a.** The Corporation is formed for civic purposes.

**2.a.1.** Said Corporation is organized exclusively for educational purposes that qualify it as an exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

**2.b.** This Corporation is formed for the purpose of providing an opportunity for athletic participation for the youth of the community.

**2.c.** The objective of the Corporation shall be to instill in the youth of West Bridgewater ideals of honesty, loyalty, confidence, self-respect and good sportsmanship so that they may be physically and morally better prepared to contribute constructively to their community.

**2.d.** These objectives will be achieved by providing supervised training and participation in competitive sports and games. The Coaches shall bear in mind that the attainment of exceptional athletic skill or the winning of games is secondary to the molding of future citizens, which is the prime objective.

**2.e.** No profit shall inure any individual member of the Corporation.

**2.e.1.** No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its Members, Officers, Directors or other private persons, except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article III hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from Federal Income tax

under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

**2.f.** The Corporation, in being a youth-oriented organization, recognizes that adult volunteers are essential to the well being and future of the organization. The Corporation will not condone any acts, manners or other behavior of an inappropriate or sexual nature against any youth participant of the organization. For a period of not less than once every three years, the organization will conduct a review of all individuals within the organization through public agencies to ensure the well being of the participants.

**2.g.** The President shall work closely with the Commissioners and or Division Coordinators of each sport to ensure that all Coaches and Named Assistant Coaches are CORI approved at a minimum of once every three years, in conformity with state regulations.

#### **ARTICLE III**

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

**3.a.** Any boy or girl meeting the requirements as to age and residence in the Town of West Bridgewater shall be eligible to participate in the WBYAA when he or she has completed the necessary registration forms and subject to the conditions set forth in such forms.

**3.a.1** Age eligible children attending West Bridgewater Schools through the school choice program will be allowed to participate in WBYAA sports, if requested. Additionally, age eligible siblings of those participating children may also participate regardless of school choice status. Continuation of non-enrolled sibling eligibility beyond participation of enrolled child is given at the discretion of the Board of Directors. All participants must adhere to the same rules and regulations as stated in the Bylaws and must show proof of school choice participation. (i.e. a report card, progress report or some other form of official documentation of participation in our school system).

**3.b.** Anyone 18 years of age or older who wishes to become a Voting Member of the WBYAA may do so by participating in maintaining the organization to the satisfaction of the Board of Directors.

**3.b.1** For clarity, "satisfaction of the Board of Directors" is achieved by a measurable level of volunteering in support of the WBYAA mission. For example, current member of Board of Directors, "registered" Coaches and Named Assistant Coaches of team sports during the previous fiscal year (November-October), or noticeable hours (>10) in support of fund raising activities or at the complex (fields, snack shack) beyond those required as the parent of a participant on a team or tournament team. Individuals wishing to vote in the annual election must verify their eligibility under this clause one week prior to the election with the Nomination Committee.

**3.c. WBYAA Code of Conduct:** It is expected that all Members of the WBYAA exhibit good sportsmanship. The WBYAA has adopted a zero tolerance policy prohibiting the abuse by word or action toward officials or participants by players, coaches or spectators at all games. This policy shall be stringently enforced. Good sportsmanship shall be defined as one who takes; a defeat without complaining, a win without gloating, treats opponents with fairness, courtesy and respect. Any conduct not reflective of this shall be deemed inappropriate conduct. Any and all inappropriate conduct reported to the WBYAA Executive Board shall be investigated. Inappropriate conduct will be penalized from a minimum penalty of a one game suspension up to an expulsion of not more than five years. The person so expelled shall have to reapply to the WBYAA Executive Board for admittance back into the WBYAA. A specific Coaches Code of Conduct has been outlined in the WBYAA House Rules and Regulations.

**3.c.1** Any Member not conforming to the WBYAA Code of Conduct outlined above will be called before the Executive Board for a hearing. Any disciplinary review or grievances heard by and/or acted on by the Executive Board must first give all parties the option to present their views. All parties must be notified and be present at the review unless they have declined participation or the Executive Board has determined the issue will best be served by separate reviews.

**3.c.2** Members of the Board of Directors, shall upon evidence of misconduct of any boy or girl, notify the Coach of the team or his representative, of which he or she is a member within twenty-four hours of the act. Said Coach shall appear in the capacity of an advisor with the youth and his/her parents before the Executive Board, which shall have full power to suspend or revoke such youth's right to future participation in the league.

**3.c.3.** No Member of the WBYAA shall be expelled or suspended by vote of less than a majority vote, of the Executive Board.

**3.c.4.** If a Board Member misses 4 (four) consecutive Board of Directors meetings during the course of the fiscal year (November – October), the Executive Board may hold a vote to expel that member from the Board.

**3.c.5.** Any Member of the WBYAA who has been reprimanded, suspended or expelled by the Executive Board shall have the right to appeal to the full Board of Directors. The decision to uphold or repeal the ruling of the Executive Board, by majority vote, by the full Board of Directors shall be considered final, and no more reviews will be heard.

**3.d.** The President shall appoint from the Board of Directors, a Registrar who will keep the records of Member participation and assist the Commissioners of Sports to coordinate sign-ups of players of all sports.

#### **ARTICLE IV**

#### **MEETINGS and DISSOLUTION**

**4.a.** A meeting of the Board of Directors shall be conducted monthly, generally on the 4th Wednesday, for the reading of reports and routine functioning of the Corporation. The regular monthly meeting in October of each year shall be designated as the Annual Election Meeting, and the election of Officers



and Directors as specified under Article V must take place at this meeting. Additional meetings may be called by the President anytime, or upon written request of at least ten members of the Board of Directors.

**4.b.** Notice of all meetings, including meeting time, date, and place shall be communicated to the Board of Directors via e-mail and web page calendar.

**4.c.** Ten members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum of that body, provided that the President or Vice President is included among those present for Board of Director meeting only.

**4.d.** Each member of the Board of Directors shall be entitled to one vote except that in case of tie; the President can cast a vote to break such tie. Voting conducted other than during a regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors shall be prohibited.

**4.d.1** A member of the Board of Directors shall lose their right to vote if they have not attended at least two of the previous three meetings.

**4.d.2** For purposes of paragraph 4.d, a special meeting can be a physical in-person meeting or when appropriate, as determined by the Office of the President, a virtual meeting utilizing internet based voting tools or conference call.

**4.e.** The Annual Election Meeting in October will be a pizza party. Cost will be incurred by the WBYAA. Under no circumstances are alcoholic beverages, at ANY meetings associated with the WBYAA, reimbursed by the Corporation.

**4.f** Upon dissolution of the Corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the Corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the Corporation exclusively for the purposes of the Corporation in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of Trustees shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the Corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

#### ARTICLE V

#### **OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

**5.a.** <sup>1</sup>The Annual Election Meeting shall take place each October at the regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting (see Article IV, paragraph 4.a.). Eligible Voting Members present at the meeting shall elect to the Board of Directors the following:

Officers of the Corporation PRESIDENT VICE PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER

<u>Directors</u> EQUIPMENT MANAGER SNACK-BAR CHAIRPERSON COMMISSIONER of SPORTS (1 per sport)

- 1- BASEBALL
- 1- SOFTBALL
- 1- T-BALL
- 1- BOYS BASKETBALL
- 1- GIRLS BASKETBALL
- 1- FALL SOCCER
- 1- SPRING SOCCER
- 1- DOME SOCCER

Not more than TWENTY FIVE (25) DIRECTORS AT LARGE

**5.a.1** Appointment of an Officer or Director by the President after the general election must be ratified by a majority vote of the Board of Directors at the next monthly meeting.

**5.b.** Included on the Board of Directors, in addition to the above elected members will be the Presidential Advisor, which may be filled by the Past President, if available and willing to serve.

**5.c.** All Officers and Directors shall be chosen by written ballot and a plurality of ballots cast shall be eligible for election to that office.

**5.d.** All Officers and Directors elected at the Annual Election Meeting shall serve for one-year terms and are eligible for re-election.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Added Dome soccer on 4/27/2014 to 5a

**5.e.** Whenever a vacancy shall occur in an elective office by death, resignation, removal or otherwise, the Board of Directors shall elect from among the active membership of this Corporation a qualified member voted on by the Board of Directors.

**5.f.** An Executive Board will be comprised of not more than eighteen members: the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Presidential Advisor, the eight (8) Commissioners and up to five Directors at Large. An additional Director at Large can be elected should the Presidential Advisor choose not to serve. <sup>2</sup>

**5.g.** The Presidential Advisor position as mentioned in 5.b. will hold a seat on the Executive Board. The Past President will hold this position for a one-year term, renewable each year as approved by the Board of Directors.

**5.h.** At the Annual Election Meeting, all newly elected Officers and Directors will be sworn in using Article II, paragraphs 2.c. and 2.d. as their Purpose and Objective for being an elected official of the WBYAA.

**5.i.** All Officers and Directors must submit a completed CORI form prior to their official appointment to their position.

**5.j.** Every two years, the President shall file an application for renewal of CORI access certification with the *Criminal History Systems Board*. This application designates an individual from the WBYAA access to the responses from the Criminal History Board. Information obtained from the CORI shall not be disseminated for any purpose other than for the protection of the participants of the WBYAA. The Executive Board shall assign a qualified individual within the Board of Directors to be the CORI Officer.

## **ARTICLE VI**

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**6.a.** A Board of Directors is hereby established, the members of which shall be all the Officers and Directors as designated in Article V, paragraph 5.a. and 5.b. The President shall serve as Chairman of the Board. The Board of Directors shall meet at the call of the President as outlined in Article IV.

**6.b.** The Board of Directors shall have management supervision over and be responsible for the conduct of the affairs of the Corporation including all appropriations. They shall exercise such powers as may be delegated to them by the Constitution and Bylaws.

**6.c.** Any member of the Board of Directors not conforming to the WBYAA Constitution, Bylaws, House Rules and Regulations and Individual Sports Rules will be called before the Executive Board.

 $<sup>^2</sup>$  5.f amended on 4/27/2014 to accommodate Dome Soccer commissioner on the eboard.

#### ARTICLE VII

### FINANCIAL POLICY

**7.a.** The Board of Directors shall decide all matters pertaining to the finances of the Corporation and it shall place all income in a common treasury directing the expenditure of same with the approval of the Finance Committee in such manner as will give no individual or team an advantage over any other.

**7.b**. The President is responsible for all purchases for the Corporation. Any purchases of \$500.00 or more must be reviewed first by the Finance Committee and then approved by the majority vote of the Board of Directors.

**7.c.** Unsolicited bequeaths donations, gifts and contributions may be accepted by a vote of the Board of Directors and upon such acceptance becomes the property of the Corporation. Any monies received shall be placed in a common treasury and any expenditures of it shall be under the direction of the Board of Directors, unless a specific restriction on the use of the contribution is so indicated.

**7.d.** The President or Treasurer shall draw and sign necessary checks in payment of Corporation expenditures.

**7.e.** Every Voting Member of the Corporation shall be entitled to examine the books and records with advanced notification to the Board of Directors and Treasurer. The Board of Directors shall be responsible for requiring an annual audit of the Corporation's books once the revenues of the Corporation reach the required amount set by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

**7.f.** No additional fee or expense may be charged to any WBYAA Member without the approval of the Executive Board.

**7.g.** In the event the West Bridgewater Youth Athletic Association should dissolve, all cash and/or equipment and assets would be turned over to the Town of West Bridgewater or to a succeeding public organization. Buildings automatically go the Town of West Bridgewater.

**7.h.** A Scholarship Fund shall be established (WBYAA Scholarship Fund). With funds from specific fund raising events targeted for said fund. Amounts to be distributed based on point system determined by the Scholarship Committee and voted on by the Board of Directors.

**7.i.** When the Board of Directors approves an organizational or financial expenditure, by a plurality vote, and no action is taken within a WBYAA fiscal year, the expenditure becomes null and void.

**7.j.** No expenditures may be made for purposes that will not directly benefit the WBYAA. The WBYAA will not make financial donations including purchase of advertisements or sponsorships not related directly to WBYAA operations.

**7.k.** Additional funds cannot be committed to projects when they will bring the Treasury below an average of three months operating expenses. To assure the liquidity of the WBYAA, a goal to maintain a balance no lower than three months operating expenses should be the objective (3 month's expenses are 25% of the annual expenses).

#### **ARTICLE VIII**

## **AMENDMENTS**

**8.a.** An amendment, alteration, change, or revision of this Constitution must be proposed in writing prior to a regular meeting of the Board of Directors.

**8.b.** Any amendment, alteration, change or revision shall be discussed at one meeting and voted upon at the very next meeting.

**8.c.** The plurality of members present and voting of the Board of Directors shall be necessary to affirm any proposed amendment, alteration, change, or revision and the provision by such affirmation shall not be retroactive with reference to any action which may be pending at the time the new provisions legally become forceful.

**8.d.** None of the above action shall take effect until it has been approved by Commissioners of Corporations, if required.

**8.e.** Executive Board has the emergency power to suspend or alter a rule for one playing season or a maximum 60-day period.

**8.f.** All rule changes are to be submitted to the President by 12:00 P.M. on the Saturday before the scheduled rule change meeting.

**8.g.** All amendments (additions, deletions or modifications) to the Constitution, Bylaws, House Rules and Regulations and Individual Sports Rules (collectively known as Governing Documents) must be footnoted and include the date of the amendment. In the case of deletions, the rule must be noted as such and moved to a footnote for future reference. Copies of previous year's versions of the Governing Documents must be maintained on file for 5 years. Once it is deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors, the Governing Documents can be restated, and the record of amendments will remain in the previous version.

#### **ARTICLE IX**

#### **EQUIPMENT**

**9.a.** Each team Coach through the Commissioner of Sport shall no later than one week following the completion of his/her regular season turn the equipment into the Equipment Manager. All Coaches are responsible for all property in their charge. Failure to comply may result in loss of seniority as determined by the Executive Board. The Equipment Manager is to turn in, to the President, a list of any violators after a two- (2) week period.

**9.b.** The Equipment Manager is responsible for all sports equipment and shall present an inventory of it no later than the Annual Election Meeting in October to the Board of Directors.

**9.c.** All league equipment is the responsibility of the Commissioners of Sports and must be returned to the Equipment Manager no later than two weeks after completion of a season.

9.d. Post season equipment rules will apply as outlined in Item 9.a.

#### ARTICLE X

#### **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**10.a.** The official House Rules and Regulations and Individual Sports Rules set forth and accepted by the Board of Directors shall be binding to all Members of the Corporation. Amendments to those rules and regulations may be invoked as specified in Article VIII.

**10.b.** The Governing Documents of the WBYAA shall be made available on the web page.

**10.c.** Any team that participates in a league outside of the WBYAA and uses resources of the WBYAA will be required to abide by the WBYAA rules in conjunction with the other leagues rules as they pertain to coaching and participation. WBYAA rules cannot alter other leagues rules where it would require the other league to get involved in the implementation of our rules.

## BYLAWS

### **CHAPTER I**

#### **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

#### 1. ORDER OF BUSINESS

- **1.1.** The following order of business shall be observed at all regular meetings of the Association.
  - a. Call to Order
  - b. Minutes of Preceding Meeting
  - ${\bf c.} \ {\bf Report} \ {\bf of} \ {\bf the} \ {\bf Secretary}$
  - **d.** Report of the Treasurer
  - e. Report of Standing and Ad Interim Committees
  - f. Unfinished Business
  - g. New Business
  - h. Installation of Officers (October Meeting)
  - i. Adjournment

#### **1.2. CHANGES IN ORDER OF BUSINESS**

The Order of Business may be changed at the discretion of the President unless objection is made thereto by a majority of the members present.

## CHAPTER II

## **ELECTION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

#### **2.1 ELECTION:**

The ballot for the election of Officers and Directors shall take place at the October Meeting.

#### 2.2 NOMINATION COMMITTEE:

On or before the first day of September the President shall appoint a Nomination Chairman and up to six Members from the active membership of the Corporation. The Nomination Committee shall prepare a slate of Officers and Directors offering one or more candidates for each elective office and present this slate to the Board of Directors before the first of October.

#### **CHAPTER III**

#### **DUTIES OF ELECTIVE OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

#### **3.1 PRESIDENT**

The President, as Chairman of the Board, shall preside over and coordinate activities of the Board of Directors and perform such duties as assigned to him by the Constitution and Bylaws. The President shall oversee all activities conducted by the Commissioners of Sports including setting registration dates for sports, oversight of all drafts, procurement of facilities, approve schedules, coordinate Opening Day, set dates for seasons, and approve Division Coordinators.

#### **3.2 VICE PRESIDENT**

In case of the death, absence or inability of the President to perform the functions of his office, the Vice President shall assume his prerogative and duties for all purposes. The Vice President will assist the President in his duties.

#### **3.3 SECRETARY**

The Secretary shall prepare and maintain a true record of all proceedings and other matters which may come before the Board of Directors or the Corporation, issues all authorized notices to the Board of Directors.

## **3.4 TREASURER**

The Treasurer shall take charge of all funds and securities of the Corporation and deposit in the name of the Corporation in a depository approved by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall pay the bills while conforming to the Constitution and Bylaws under Article VII, paragraph 7.d. The Treasurer shall be prepared to report to the Board of Directors at any time a true statement of its financial status indicated by the books and records. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the annual tax return filings of Federal Form 990, "Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax" and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Attorney General Form PC, Division of Public Charities Form". These returns are due four and one half months after the fiscal year end date of October 31st. (Due date March 15th for the subsequent fiscal year end).

#### **3.5 DIRECTORS AT LARGE**

The duties and responsibilities of the Directors At Large shall be those provided by the Constitution and Bylaws.

## **3.6 COMMISSIONERS OF SPORTS**

The Commissioners of Sports are the chairperson of the committee for their respective sport. The responsibilities of the Commissioners of Sports shall include: monitor and report misconduct of Members and Coaches to the Executive Board, coordinate registration, conduct draft of teams, conduct rules meeting with coaches, prepare practice and game schedules, appoint Division Coordinators, facilitate all-star balloting, collect evaluation of players at the end of the season and coordinate the committee members in meeting their responsibilities. Committee responsibilities are outlined in Chapter IV.

#### **3.7 SNACK-BAR CHAIRPERSON**

The Snack-Bar Chairperson is an elected position to manage the Snack Shack Committee which is responsible for the management of the snack shack, including maintaining and securing inventory, ensuring cleanliness, recommendation of menu and pricing.

#### **3.8 PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR**

The Presidential Advisor shall function as a consultant to the Office of the President regarding matters of the organization.

#### **3.9 EQUIPMENT MANAGER**

The Equipment Manager is an elected position responsible for the inventory of all sports and the issuing and receiving of it.

#### **3.10 CORI OFFICER**

The CORI Officer, appointed by the President, will be identified to the *Criminal History Systems Board* as being responsible for filing and reviewing requests for background checks. This position requires the appointed individual to obtain and maintain the required certifications.

#### **3.11 REGISTRAR**

The Registrar, appointed by the President, will keep the records of Member participation and assist the Commissioners of Sports to coordinate sign-ups of players of all sports.

#### **3.12 EXECUTIVE BOARD**

- **a**. Act on complaints, grievances, or protests, etc.
- **b**. Preside over violations and disciplinary action of the Code of Conduct.
- c. Approve all schedules and field assignments.
- d. Quorum of seven; majority rules.
- e. Act on any emergency rule change under Article VIII, paragraph 8.d.

**f**. Business conducted by the Executive Board not pertaining to confidential personal individual issues will be reported to the Board of Directors at the next meeting.

#### **CHAPTER IV**

#### STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

#### 4. STANDING COMMITTEES

**4.1. FINANCE COMMITTEE** 

4.2. SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

**4.3. FUND RAISING COMMITTEE** 

**4.4. AWARDS COMMITTEE** 

4.5. WEB SITE COMMITTEE

4.6. LETTER WRITING COMMITTEE

4.7. FIELD DAY COMMITTEE

4.8. BASEBALL INVITATIONAL TOURNEMENT COMMITTEE

4.9. SOFTBALL INVITATIONAL TOURNEMENT COMMITTEE

4.10.COMPLEX IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

#### **4.11.RULES COMMITTEE**

#### **4.12.SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**4.13.INDIVIDUAL SPORTS COMMITTEES** 

- 4.13.1. Boys Basketball
- 4.13.2. Girls Basketball
- 4.13.3. Baseball
- 4.13.4. Softball

4.13.5. T-Ball

4.13.6. Spring Soccer

#### 4.13.7. Fall Soccer

#### 4.13.8. Dome Soccer

**4.13.9.** For each Individual Sports Committee, the following positions have been created.

#### 4.13.9.1. DIVISION COORDINATORS

Div<sup>3</sup>ision Coordinators are responsible for the conduct of participants and adults in their respective division, and for the maintenance and collection of equipment. The number of Division Coordinators shall be at the discretion of the Commissioner.

#### 4.14. SPECIAL COMMITTEES APPOINTED

The President shall establish and constitute such special or ad interim committees as the Board of Directors of the Corporation shall from time to time direct.

#### **CHAPTER V**

#### **AMENDMENTS**

#### 5. AMENDMENTS

Any amendment, alteration, changes or revision of these Bylaws shall be proposed and legislated under the same procedure as specified in Article VIII of the Constitution.

#### **CHAPTER VI**

#### **RULES OF ORDER**

#### 6. RULES OF ORDER

Robert's Rules of Parliamentary Procedure shall govern the proceedings of all meetings except where otherwise provided herein.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>4.13.8 added on 4/27/2014

#### **CHAPTER VII**

#### **DEFINITIONS**

(Unless specifically stated, any references to Articles or Chapters in the following definitions means those included in this Constitution and Bylaws document)

Annual Election Meeting: See Article IV, paragraphs 4.a and 4.e.

Board of Directors: See Article VI.

Chairman of the Board: The President.

**Coach**: An adult volunteer meeting the requirements outlined in House Rules and Regulation Section 6, who accepts the responsibility to instruct and manage a Team as the "Head Coach" in accordance with the Purpose and Objectives of the WBYAA outline in Article II, paragraphs 2.b, 2.c. and 2.d.

Coaches Code of Conduct: See Article III, paragraph 3.c.

**Commissioner(s) of Sports**: The elected position responsible for all matters pertaining to sport, subject to Board of Directors oversight. See Article V and Chapter III, paragraph 3.6.

**Commissioners of Corporations**: The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Corporations Division led by the Secretary of State.

Constitution and Bylaws: Represents this document.

**CORI**: Criminal record information background checks performed by the Criminal History Systems Board (the CHSB), a Massachusetts state agency authorized to provide CORI to certified agencies.

Corporation: Refers to the WBYAA.

**Director**(s): The elected positions participating in the management of the WBYAA, See Article V.

Director at Large: An elected Director of the Corporation, see Article V and Chapter III, paragraph 3.5.

Division Coordinators: See Chapter IV, paragraph 4.13.8.1.

**Equipment Manager**: An elected Director of the Corporation, see Article V and Chapter III, paragraph 3.9.

Executive Board: See Article V, paragraph 5.f. and Chapter III, paragraph 3.12.

Finance Committee: See Chapter IV, paragraph 4.2.

Governing Documents: See Article VIII, paragraph 8.g.

**Member**: A Member is any child, or parent or legal guardian thereof, meeting the membership requirements outlined in Article III.

**Named Assistant Coach**: Adult volunteer meeting the requirements outlined in House Rules and Regulation Section 6.9, who accepts the responsibility to assist the Coach in instructing and managing a Team in accordance with the Purpose and Objectives of the WBYAA.

Nomination Committee: See Chapter II, paragraph 2.2.

Officer(s): The elected positions of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. See Article V.

Office of the President: The collective body of the four Officer positions.

**Opening Day**: The first day of the Baseball, Softball and T-Ball season which includes special events such as a parade, opening ceremony, and field day games.

Past President: The most recent exiting President.

President: An elected Officer of the Corporation, see Article V and Chapter III, paragraph 3.1.

**Presidential Advisor**: An advisory position on the Board of Directors and Executive Board with voting rights, see Article V and Chapter III, paragraph 3.8.

Registrar: See Article III, paragraph 3.d.

Secretary: An elected Officer of the Corporation, see Article V and Chapter III, paragraph 3.3.

Scholarship Committee: See Chapter IV, paragraph 4.3.

Scholarship Fund: See Article VII, paragraph 7.h.

**Snack-Bar Chairperson:** An elected Director of the Corporation, see Article V and Chapter III, paragraph 3.7.

Team: A group of registered children participating in WBYAA sponsored sports leagues.

Treasurer: An elected Officer of the Corporation, see Article V and Chapter III, paragraph 3.4.

Vice-President: An elected Officer of the Corporation, see Article V and Chapter III, paragraph 3.2.

Voting Member: See Article III, paragraph 3b.

**WBYAA**: See Article I, paragraph 1b.

#### **END OF DOCUMENT**