



# St. Anthony Boosters Baseball By-Laws

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These By-Laws are hereby established by the St. Anthony Boosters Baseball board of directors. Any and all prior agreements, resolutions, practices, policies, rules, and regulations relating to this organization, to the extent inconsistent with this document or the by-laws of the St. Anthony Village Sports Boosters, Inc, (hereinafter called "SASB") are hereby superseded.

## Article I. Name and Standing

- A. Name.** This organization will be known as St. Anthony Boosters Baseball, hereinafter called "SABB."
- B. Standing.** SABB is and will at all times be a nonprofit, community service organization under the by-laws and policies of the SASB until such time SASB becomes insolvent, terminates, or in any way ceases to function as SASB.

## Article II. Purpose, Eligibility and Scope of Activities

- A. Purpose.** The purpose of the SABB is to provide an opportunity for boys and girls to play the game of baseball, with emphasis on sportsmanship, fundamentals and teamwork, and to provide a favorable atmosphere to fully develop each boy and girl who participates in SABB baseball activities.
- B. Eligibility.** It is the intent of the SABB to confine its eligibility for participation to boys and girls who meet the eligibility rules of the SABB. Children kindergarten through grade nine are generally eligible to participate in SASB activities.
- C. Activities.** The SABB annually sponsors a T-Ball, Coach Pitch, In-House, and a Traveling Program, as well as other activities in accordance with its purpose, but within the purpose established by the SASB By-Laws.

## Article III. Membership

- A. Purpose.** The purpose of the membership of the SABB is to annually elect the SABB's Board of Directors.
- B. Members.** The membership of the SABB includes the following:
1. All persons that are elected to membership by an affirmative 2/3 vote of SABB members eligible to vote.
  2. All persons whose signature appears on a SABB Baseball registration form.
  3. All Current Board Members of SABB



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- C. Term.** Individuals will hold membership for a period of one (1) year from the date of signed registration or the date of the annual meeting. There is no limit on the number of terms served. Individuals will be elected at the annual meeting of the membership.
- D. Voting Eligibility.** Members must attend four (4) SABB Board of Director meetings during the previous year (January to December 31) to be eligible to vote for board membership and issues presented to the board of directors at board meetings. All members of the SABB Board are eligible to vote at all meetings.
- E. Removal.** Any member may be removed by vote of two-thirds of all SABB Directors entitled to vote.
- F. Annual Meeting.** The annual meeting of the SABB membership will be held in January of each year. The Board of Directors will be elected at the annual meeting. Notice of the time and place of the annual meeting will be posted on the Boosters Baseball website at least ten (10) days, but not more than sixty (60) days prior to the meeting. The annual meeting of the SABB shall not conflict with, in regards to the time and location, the Annual Meeting of the SASB.
- G. Special Meetings.** Special meetings will be held in accordance to the SABB By-laws, and shall not conflict with, in regards to the time or location, the Annual Meeting or Special Meeting of the SASB.
- H. Quorum.** At all meetings of the membership, including annual and special, a majority of all SABB Board members will constitute a quorum. If a quorum is not present, the presiding officer may adjourn the meeting to a day and time fixed by the presiding officer, providing it does not conflict with, in regards to time and location, any meeting, annual, special, or otherwise, held by the SABB.
- I. Order of Business.** In the event of a dispute, Robert's Rule of Order shall govern the order of business.

### Article IV. Board of Directors

- A. Purpose.** The SABB Board of Directors will provide general management of the affairs, and property of the baseball program of the SABB.
- B. Number.** The number of Directors will not be more than fifteen (15) and not less than five (5).
- C. Election.** The SABB Board of Directors will be elected at the annual meeting of the membership. Each member present that meets the voting eligibility as defined in Article III, Section D will be entitled to one vote, non-cumulative, for each director to be elected and the candidate receiving the most votes cast for a given seat will be elected.



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- D. Term.** Directors will hold membership for one (1) year or until new Directors are elected to fill that seat, or until death, resignation, or until a change in the number of directors eliminates that position.
- E. Removal.** Any Director may be removed from the SABB Board by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the SABB Board of Directors.
- F. Resignation.** Any Director may resign by filing a written notice with the Secretary of the SABB Board of Directors, one month prior to the last day of service as a board member.
- G. Vacancies.** If a vacancy occurs among the SABB Board of Directors, the vacancy may be filled by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Board of Directors.
- H. Meetings.** Meetings of the SABB Board of Directors will be held at least on a monthly basis from January 1 to July 31, and more frequently if, in the judgment of the President, or any 1/3 Directors of the SABB Board of Directors, more meetings are necessary to conduct the business of the SABB, provided that the meetings of the SABB do not conflict with, in regards to time and location, any meeting, annual, special, or otherwise, held by the SASB.
- 1. Quorum.** At all meetings of the SABB Board of Directors, a majority of Directors will constitute a quorum. If a quorum is not present, the presiding officer may adjourn the meeting to a day and time fixed by the presiding officer, providing the meeting does not conflict in regards to time and location with any meeting, annual, special, or otherwise, held by the SABB.
  - 2. Order of Business.** In the event of a dispute, Robert's Rule of Order shall govern the order of business conducted by the SABB President of the Board of Directors or other presiding office.
  - 3. Voting.** Directors are entitled to one vote, non-cumulative, per issue presented to the SABB Board of Directors.
  - 4. Notice.** Each Director will be notified, by any means appropriate, of the time and place for each meeting of the Board of Directors at least seven (7) days prior to such meetings.
  - 5. Open Meetings.** Attendance at all meetings of the SABB Board of Directors will be open to all SABB members, general public, and others with notice to and approval by the President or 1/3 of SABB Directors.
- I. Duties and Powers.** The SABB Board of Directors will have the power and duty to carry out such policies and procedures as are reasonable or necessary to accomplish these objectives.



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- J. Appointment of Committees.** The SABB Board of Directors will appoint members to any standing or other committee.

### Article V. Committees

- A. Types.** The SABB Board of Directors may appoint any standing committees and such other committees it deems necessary.
- B. Members.** The appointment of members to standing or other committees will not be limited to the SABB Board of Directors, but at least one Director will chair each committee, The SABB Baseball Commissioner(s) are to be included as members of each committee, but do not need to serve on each committee.
- C. Number.** The minimum number to serve on a committee is two (2) and no more than fifteen (15).
- D. Term.** Each member of a committee shall continue as such until the next annual meeting of the members and until his or her successor is appointed, unless the committee or such member ceases to qualify as a member, or until the purpose of the committee is accomplished.
- E. Resignation.** Any committee member may resign by filing a written notice with the Secretary of the SABB one month prior to the last day of service as a committee member.
- F. Vacancy.** If a vacancy occurs among the committees, the vacancy may be filled by a SABB Baseball Commissioner, until such time the vacancy is filled by a permanent member of the board or other approved member.

### Article VI. Officers

- A. Election.** The SABB Board of Directors will elect from their number a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer Representative. Officers will be elected at the Meeting of the SABB Board of Directors that is held immediately following the annual meeting of the membership.
- B. Term.** Officers elected will hold offices for one (1) year or until new officers are elected.
- C. Vacancies.** If a vacancy occurs among the officers, the vacancy will be filled by an affirmative vote of a majority of the SABB Board of Directors for the unexpired term.
- D. Duties.** The duties of the officers are as follows:



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1. **President.** The President will preside at all meetings of the membership and the SABB Board of Directors, and will appoint such committee members as he or she or the SABB Board of Directors considers expedient or necessary.
  2. **Vice President.** In the absence of the President, the Vice President will perform the President's duties.
  3. **Secretary.** The Secretary will keep the minutes of all meetings of the membership and of the SABB Board of Directors, and will present such minutes at the next meeting for approval. The Secretary will deliver notices for meetings of the membership and the SABB Board of Directors in accordance with these by-laws. In the absence of the President and Vice President, the Secretary will perform the President's duties.
  4. **Treasurer Representative.** The Treasurer Representative will work closely with the SASB Treasurer, and will have charge of preparing a budget for approval to the SASB Board of Directors for all monies and receipts to run the SABB Baseball Program. The Treasurer Representative will report the financial status of the SABB Baseball Program to the SABB Board of Directors at each meeting. In the absence of the President, Vice President and Secretary, the Treasurer Representative will perform the President's Duties.
- E. **Resignation.** Any officer may resign by filing a written notice with the Secretary of the SABB Board of Directors, one month prior to the last day of service as a board member.

## Article VII. T-Ball and Coach/Machine Pitch Program

- A. **Purpose.** The purpose of the SABB Pre-Baseball program is an instructional program designed to introduce Pre-Kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade boys and girls to the game of baseball.
- B. **Teams.** The T-Ball and Coach Pitch Program provides for both boys and girls teams according to age's four (4) to eight (8). The Baseball Commissioner(s) along with the SABB Board of Directors will annually determine the number of teams to sponsor based on the following:
1. The number of registrants.
  2. The availability of facilities and funds to operate such facilities
  3. Availability of acceptable coaches.
- C. **Coaches.** The SABB will provide one head coach and one assistant coach per team. The head coach must be Certified by the SABB and abide by the policies and procedures of the SABB.



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### Article VIII. In-House Program

- A. Purpose.** The purpose of the In-House Program is to provide an opportunity for boys and girls to learn the game of baseball, with emphasis on sportsmanship, fundamentals and teamwork.
- B. Teams.** The In-House Program provides for boys teams according to school grades three (3) through eight (8). The Baseball Commissioner(s) along with the SABB Board of Directors will annually determine the number of teams to sponsor based on the following:
1. The number of registrants.
  2. The availability of facilities and funds to operate such facilities
  3. Availability of acceptable coaches.
- C. Player Limitation.** Boys and girls not meeting the eligibility requirements as defined in Article II, Section B, may participate in the In-House program only if their participation does not prevent participation of a boy or girl that does qualify to participate under the SABB By-Laws.
1. No player may play on any two (2) SABB Baseball teams concurrently, regardless of residency, enrollment, or location.
- D. Coaches.** The SABB will provide one head coach per team. The head coach must be Certified by the SABB and abide by the policies and procedures of the SABB.

### IX. Traveling Program

- A. Purpose.** The purpose of the Traveling Program is to provide an opportunity for boys to learn the game of baseball, with emphasis on sportsmanship, fundamentals and team work. The Traveling Program provides for more competition than which is available in the In-House Program.
- B. Teams.** The Traveling Program intends to provide boys teams in school grades five (5) through eight (8) and may provide a team for grade four (4). The Baseball Commissioner(s) along with the SABB Board of Directors will annually determine the number of teams to sponsor. There will be one team per grade level, except upon recommendation of the Traveling Program Selection (TPS) Committee to the SABB Board of Directors that there are enough players of equal or similar skill to support more than one (1) team in the same grade.
- C. Players.** Participants not meeting the eligibility requirements as defined in Article II section B of this document may participate in the Traveling Program. The following eligibility requirements will apply to all Traveling Program Players:
1. Players not residing in, or enrolled in, schools within the district boundaries may participate in the SABB Traveling Program only if the player is needed to complete a team roster provided that: **a)** the player does not impede on, or



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take away from, the participation of an eligible player that otherwise would have made a team; **or b)** a try-out is deemed unnecessary by the Selection Committee due to lack of participation **and** there are at least ten (10) players.

2. No player may play on any two (2) SABB Baseball teams concurrently, regardless of residency, enrollment, or location.
3. No player may play above his or her grade level unless necessary to complete a roster for a team at higher grade level for the playing season. The player must score in the top 4 of their tryout sessions in order to be eligible for playing up.
4. No player may play below his or her grade level.
5. Any roster change to the team selected by the TPS Committee must be approved by the SABB Board of Directors and the SABB President. Use of an unauthorized and/or un-rostered player or players in any baseball contest, league, tournament or otherwise, will result in immediate action by SASB and SABB.

**D. Team Selection:** Traveling Teams will be selected by the TPS Committee in accordance to the Traveling Team Tryout Policy and Procedures. (See Traveling Team Tryout Policy and Procedures)

**E. Limit on Baseball Season.** The period in which a team may participate as a member of the SABB and SABB Traveling Baseball Program in tournaments or league games will be limited to the first day of traveling team tryouts, and the later of the MYAS State Tournament and the MSF State Tournament.

### Article X. Equipment

**A. Use.** The SABB recognizes that for some, baseball has become a year round activity. To help meet those goals, use of equipment has been divided into "in season use" and "off season use"

1. **In Season Use.** Each team sponsored by the SASB and SABB during the season as defined in Article VIII, Section E, will be granted use of the following items:
  1. A baseball team bag including bats, catcher's equipment and batting helmets.
  2. Uniforms
  3. Medical/First Aid Kit(s)
  4. One (1) Scorebook
  5. Other equipment deemed necessary by the SASB and/or SABB.



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- 2. Off-Season Use.** Teams may use SABB baseball equipment and represent a SABB team beyond the baseball season as defined in Article VIII, Section E, under the following conditions:
  - a. A minimum of two-thirds (2/3) of the rostered players from the in- season team are rostered on the off-season team.
  - b. Any addition of players to fill the remainder of the team will follow the SABB rules for long term substitute players.
  - c. Coaches, parents, and players abide by all SASB and SABB rules as they would during in-season baseball.
  
- 3. Equipment Purchase.** Each Commissioner and SABB Board Member will have the authorization to purchase equipment deemed necessary for the baseball program to function under the following conditions:
  - a. Without prior approval of up to one hundred dollars (\$100). Request for final approval and reimbursement (if applicable) for such purchase must be presented at the first SABB monthly meeting following the date of purchase.
  - b. At a maximum of 25% above the pre-approved purchase amount. Request for final approval and reimbursement (if applicable) for such purchase must be presented at the first SABB monthly meeting following the date of purchase.

### **Article XI. Compensation**

No Member, Director, Officer, Coach, or Player, will receive any salary or compensation for services rendered to SABB as a member, director, officer, coach, or player. However, nothing in the foregoing will limit a member, director, officer, coach, or player from serving in a position for which the SABB would normally provide compensation (i.e. referees).

### **Article XII. Other Rules**

Any portion of this document which violates any provisions of the laws of the State of Minnesota, or of the United States, or any rules, regulations, or by-laws of the Minnesota State High School League or SASB, either now or hereafter will be null and void without force or effect.

If any provision of this document or the application of any such provision under any circumstances is held invalid, it will not affect any other provisions of this document or the application of such provision under other circumstances. SABB reserves the right to amend any provision of these By-Laws as necessary to comply with State or federal laws, or the rules and regulations of the Minnesota State High School League or the SASB.



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## **Article XIV. Amendments**

These By-laws may be amended only by a two-thirds majority vote of the SABB Board of Directors.