

SAN MARCOS YOUTH BASEBALL BYLAWS NOVEMBER 2025

San Marcos Youth Baseball, hereinafter referred to as SMYB, incorporated August 31, 1977 under the laws of the State of California as a non-profit corporation; a member of PONY Baseball, INC., Washington, Pennsylvania.

These bylaws have been adopted pursuant to the PONY Baseball, Inc. rules and regulations and are subject to future policies that may be adopted by PONY Baseball, Inc.

ARTICLE 1 OBJECTIVE

(a) SMYB provides a safe, positive and fun environment for youth baseball in San Marcos, California and surrounding areas, focusing on individual development and life lessons of working together as a team.

(b) The league shall operate as a volunteer organization and will instill in its participants the ideals of sportsmanship, teamwork and success. The program shall include competitive games, supervised by adults, with emphasis on learning, skill improvement and equal participation.

ARTICLE 2 MEMBERSHIP

(a) All youths meeting the age requirements as set forth in the Rules and Regulations of PONY Baseball, Inc. are eligible to participate in SMYB. These youths shall be ineligible to participate in other PONY Baseball, Inc., programs in other communities.

(b) In accordance with PONY baseball Southwest Region requirements, players must reside in San Diego County. SMYB will comply with San Marcos Parks and Recreation Memorandum of Use for the percentage of players that must reside in San Marcos boundaries.

ARTICLE 3 GOVERNMENT

(a) The operation of the SMYB league shall be under the direct control of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall consist of an Executive Board and an Appointed Board. The Executive Board, consisting of a President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, will serve two-year terms, from August 1st of the year the position is elected through July 31st of two years following.

(b) In order to be eligible for any Executive Board position, members must have a minimum participation of one year as an appointed or elected member in good standing. If no eligible or willing candidate exists, the members of the current Executive Board shall be eligible to nominate individuals for election to the Executive Board. Elections for Executive Board positions shall be conducted on a rotating basis. The positions of President, 2nd Vice President and Secretary shall be voted upon during even numbered years (ex. 2016, 2018, etc.). The positions of 1st Vice President and Treasurer shall be voted upon during odd numbered years (ex. 2015, 2017, etc.). Current Executive Board members who wish to run for election to a different position must first resign from their current position before becoming eligible for the newly desired position. Their resignation is to be considered contingent upon their election to the newly desired position.

(c) Appointed Board, consisting of any number of individuals deemed appropriate by the members of the Executive Board of Directors, shall be established. Members of the Executive Board shall be

eligible to nominate individuals for Appointed Board positions, and individuals nominated for Appointed Board positions are subject to approval by a majority vote of the Executive Board members. Appointed Board member positions shall consist of, but not be limited to:

- Umpire Director(s)
- Pony Division Director(s)
- Bronco Division Director(s)
- Mustang Division Director(s)
- Pinto Division Director(s)
- Shetland Division Director(s)
- Stallion and Travel Division Director(s)
- Team Parent Director(s)
- Uniform Director(s)
- Sponsorship Director(s)
- Tournament Director(s)
- Photo and Award Director(s)
- Field Maintenance and Equipment Director(s)
- Concessions Director(s)
- Schedule Director(s)
- Registration Director(s)
- Communications Director(s)
- Safety and Compliance Director(s)

The term of an Appointed Board Member shall be one year, running from August 1 to July 31.

(d) If a vacancy occurs during the current term of an Executive Board member, the position shall be filled upon nomination by any member of the Executive Board and approval by the Board of Directors. Vacancies occurring during the current term of an Appointed Board member shall be filled subsequent to the nomination of an individual by any member of the Executive or Appointed Board, subject to the approval by the Board of Directors.

(e) All matters concerning the operation of SMYB shall be decided by a simple majority vote of the Board of Directors, with the President voting only in the event of a tie. The enactment, modification or deletion of any SMYB By-Law is addressed in Article 16(a).

(f) Members of the Executive Board may be removed from office upon the completion of a successful Recall Election conducted by the Communications Director subsequent to the receipt of documentation from any member of the Board of Directors detailing conduct by the affected Executive Board Member which is determined by a Conduct Committee not to be in the best interest of SMYB and appropriate for recall. The Conduct Committee should be convened within 72 hours of receiving allegations of misconduct by an Executive Board Member. If deemed appropriate, a Recall

Election shall be conducted within 2 weeks of the Conduct Committee meeting. A Recall Election shall be considered successful if the recall initiative receives a simple majority of votes cast by parents or guardians of currently registered SMYB players.

(g) In the event an Executive Board or Appointed Board member fails to attend meetings as specified in Article 6(c), the board member shall be deemed to have abandoned their position on the Board of Directors and shall be subject to removal from office by a simple majority vote of the remaining members of the Board of Directors.

(h) Any Appointed Board Member may be removed from office by either (1) a decision of a Conduct Committee convened after receiving documented allegations that the affected member acted against the best interests of SMYB, or (2) a simple majority vote of the remaining Board of Directors members if evidence is presented that the affected Appointed Board Member has failed to perform their duties satisfactorily.

(i) On or before July 31st, a meeting between the current Executive Board members and Executive Board members-elect shall take place to facilitate an orderly exchange of all materials and documents necessary for the newly elected Executive Board members to begin and maintain a successful new baseball season. This meeting should also include both the current Appointed Board Members, in addition to any individual who desires consideration for appointment to an Appointed Board Member position for the Board of Directors whose term will begin on August 1.

ARTICLE 4 ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

(a) President: It shall be the duty of the President to ensure the league is managed in accordance with the appropriate rules, regulations and SMYB Bylaws. The President shall preside at all meetings of the organization. The President shall appoint, based on nomination and approval by the members of the Executive Board, members of the Appointed Board. The President shall propose a budget and itinerary for the term of his/her office. The President shall maintain membership in good standing with the Youth Sports Council. The President shall also have the authority to perform such other duties not inconsistent with the Articles of Incorporation and SMYB Bylaws. The President, or his/her designate, shall represent SMYB in negotiations with organizations or individuals desiring business transactions with SMYB. The President shall vote only as specified in Article 3(e), with the exception of Article 16(a).

(b) First Vice-President: The First Vice-President shall also be the Chairman of the Protest Committee as well as the Conduct Committee. This individual will oversee the management of the Bronco and Pony divisions. The First Vice President is also required to attend all meetings related to player selection or drafting within these divisions. Additionally, the First Vice President shall plan and organize all evaluation events, including, but not limited to fall and spring recreational seasons and All-Star tryouts. The First Vice-President shall perform other duties that may be assigned by the President or the Board of Directors. It shall be the duty of the First Vice-President to perform the duties of the President in the event of the President's absence.

(c) Second Vice-President: It shall be the duty of the Second Vice-President to manage the Financial Policies of SMYB, including fundraisers and the purchase of equipment and uniforms. This individual will oversee the management of the Foal, Shetland, Pinto, and Mustang divisions. The Second Vice-President will also be responsible for the All-Star program, including communicating with Pony Baseball representatives. The Second Vice-President shall represent SMYB in the event the President or First Vice-President is unable to do so. (division directors, stallion, snack bar, equipment/fields)

(d) Secretary: It shall be the duty of the Secretary to prepare and maintain a record of the proceedings of all meetings of the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall present the minutes of the previous meeting of the Board of Directors to the members of the Board of Directors at each subsequent Board meeting. The Secretary shall send out the agenda prior to the next meeting of the Board of Directors, as well as secure the meeting location. The Secretary shall also perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President of the Board of Directors, and shall represent SMYB in the event the President, First Vice-President, or Second Vice-President are unable to do so.

(e) Treasurer: The Treasurer shall collect and manage all funds received by SMYB, and at the direction of the Board of Directors, disperse the funds of the organization for payment of matters related to the management of the organization and other approved purposes. The Treasurer shall prepare and maintain complete financial records for SMYB and report the financial status of the organization to the members of the Board of Directors at each meeting of the Board. Upon request, the Treasurer shall present a yearly budget to be approved by the Executive Board. Prior to August 31st, the Treasurer shall present the financial records and reports of the organization to an appropriate individual for an independent audit. The Treasurer shall represent SMYB in the event the President, First Vice President, Second Vice-President or Secretary is unable to do so.

APPOINTED BOARD MEMBERS

(f) Umpire Director(s): The Umpire Director shall be responsible for the acquisition of qualified umpires for the Pony, Bronco, Mustang and Pinto Divisions. When umpires are provided to the league based on a contract with an independent organization(s), the Umpire Director(s) shall be responsible for the negotiation of the appropriate contract or agreement and shall present the agreement to the Board of Directors for approval prior to the commencement of the season. The Umpire Director shall serve as the liaison between SMYB and the independent umpire organization(s) to ensure qualified umpires are provided the league. The Umpire Director(s) shall also be responsible for providing the umpire organization(s) with accurate game schedules to ensure that umpire coverage is allocated appropriately.

The Umpire Director(s) will ensure that prompt payment for services is made by the Treasurer to any independent umpire organization(s) utilized, and shall be responsible for the reconciliation of any billing disputes with the organization(s). The Umpire Director(s) shall also provide the Treasurer with the information necessary to provide prompt payment of Junior Umpires.

The Umpire Director(s) may also assume the duties of scheduling all league games, including

play-offs and Championship games, and games which require rescheduling. The Umpire Director(s) shall also perform other functions as prescribed by the President or the Executive Board of Directors.

(g) Division Directors: Division Directors shall be responsible for all matters pertaining to the operation of their respective division under the guidance and supervision of the assigned Vice President. Division Directors shall conduct mandatory evaluations, in collaboration with First Vice-President, and player drafts in those divisions determined appropriate by SMYB Bylaws. Division Directors, in conjunction with the Equipment/Field Maintenance Director and the managers in their league of responsibility, will be responsible for the condition of their assigned playing fields, bases and base lines. Division Directors will not be allowed to manage, coach, or be an assistant manager or coach, of any team within the division for which they have responsibility.

The Division Director shall be responsible for all matters related to the collection and documentation of statistics for each league game played in their division, if standings are maintained for said division. The Division Director shall ensure the managers of their division are aware of their responsibility to provide an Official Scorekeeper for each league game in which they are the home team. He/she shall also be responsible for the training of Official Scorekeepers to record the necessary and appropriate statistics during each game in their division. The Division Director will ensure that all game scores are updated on the league's website, and that scores and team standings are current and correct. Subsequent to the review of the official scoring record, the Division Director(s) or his/her designate shall immediately notify the appropriate Vice President of any infractions of the division playing rules, including pitching infractions based on Pony Baseball, Inc. Rules and Regulations or SMYB Bylaws, and minimum inning standards for players.

The Division Director shall also perform other functions as prescribed by the President or the Executive Board of Directors.

(h) Sponsorship Director(s): The Sponsorship Director(s) shall be responsible for all matters related to team sponsorship. The Sponsorship Director(s) shall seek acceptable sponsors for all teams in the league, work with team managers to assist with sponsor registration, and perform the necessary duties associated with those responsibilities, including fulfillment of sponsor benefits as advertised by SMYB, the assignment of sponsors to teams and the collection of sponsorship fees for transfer to the Treasurer. The Sponsorship Director(s) shall also perform other functions as prescribed by the President or the Board of Directors.

(i) Concessions Directors: The Concessions Director shall be responsible for all matters related to the management of snack bars or concession activities maintained or operated by SMYB. The Concessions Director shall ensure those concession activities operated by SMYB, or for SMYB by an independent organization(s), are fiscally sound and for the benefit of the league.

Staffing of concession activities and the inventory necessary to operate a successful program are also the responsibility of the Concessions Director. The Director shall be responsible for funds collected by SMYB during concession activities and shall maintain those funds for transfer to the Treasurer or other approved individual or organization.

A quarterly accounting of all concession activities shall be prepared by the Concessions Director and presented to the Board of Directors. An accounting of the complete current season's concession activities shall also be prepared and presented to the Board of Directors prior to August 31st..

(j) Field Maintenance and Equipment Director: The Field Maintenance and Equipment Director shall be responsible for the acquisition, inventory and condition of all equipment and supplies necessary for baseball operations. The Director shall be responsible for overseeing the conditions of all fields utilized by SMYB, with permission/direction from the city. He/she is tasked with ensuring that all managers and coaches are trained in the proper way to maintain and prepare fields for use for both practices and games and how to maintain them between events. The Director shall distribute the necessary and appropriate equipment and supplies as required. At the direction of the Board of Directors, the Field Maintenance and Equipment Director shall purchase equipment and supplies necessary for the baseball operations of the league. Prior to July 1, the Fields and Equipment Director will prepare a budget for the fiscal year and present to the Executive Board for approval. Recurring annual expenses that exceed or are not included in the approved budget require Board approval. The Field Maintenance and Equipment Director shall also perform other functions as prescribed by the President or Executive Board of Directors.

(k) Uniform Director: The Uniform Director shall be responsible for all matters related to baseball uniforms utilized by SMYB. The Uniform Director shall be responsible for the acquisition, inventory and distribution of baseball uniforms and related supplies. At the direction of the Board of Directors, the Uniform Director may purchase baseball uniforms and related supplies from any vendor(s) who represents the best interests of the league. Prior to July 1, the Uniform Director will prepare a budget for the fiscal year and present it to the Executive Board for approval. Recurring annual expenses that exceed or are not included in the approved budget require Board approval. The Uniform Director shall also perform other functions as prescribed by the President or the Executive Board of Directors.

This individual shall also be responsible for the inventory, ordering, and maintaining of league merchandise/apparel. Merchandise purchases should be included in the annual budget. Recurring annual expenses that exceed or are not included in the approved budget require Executive Board approval.

(l) Schedule Director(s): The Schedule Director(s) shall be responsible for scheduling and/or use coordination of the fields utilized by SMYB during the baseball season. The Schedule Director(s) and/or Umpire Director shall also schedule league, make-up and post season games sanctioned by SMYB. The Schedule Director(s) shall also ensure that Division Directors and/or affected team managers are advised of changes to original game schedules published at the beginning of the season (i.e., rain-outs, post season games). The Schedule Director shall also be responsible for the field light schedule. The Schedule Director(s) shall also perform other functions as prescribed by the President or the Executive Board of Directors.

(m) Team Parent Director(s): The Team Parent Director(s) shall be responsible for communicating with all Team Parents within all divisions. This individual shall convene a meeting at the start of the spring season and ensure that all Team Parents know their role and responsibilities. During the season, the Team Parent Director(s) shall act as a liaison between the Board and the Team Parents. When applicable the Team Parent Director(s) will assist with special events. Prior to July 1, the Team Parent Director(s) will prepare a budget for the fiscal year and present to the Executive Board for approval. The Team Parent Director(s) shall also perform other functions as prescribed by the President or the Executive Board of Directors.

(n) Communications Director(s): The Communications Director(s) shall be responsible for updating the SMYB Website with current events, schedules and other necessary information. This individual will also be responsible for conducting annual elections of the Executive Board of Directors. The Elections Director(s) shall have the sole responsibility of overseeing the voting and counting of ballots as is described in Article 7. He/she shall ensure that SMYB Board of Director contact information and necessary forms and handouts are accessible to the general population. The Communications Director(s) shall also aide in communication to the League as necessary. The Communications Director(s) shall also perform other functions as prescribed by the President or the Executive Board of Directors.

(o) Tournament Director(s): The Tournament Director(s) shall oversee all League wide events as well as coordinate any Tournaments being hosted by SMYB. This individual will work with the Communications Director(s) and if necessary the Division Director(s) to publicize upcoming events and tournaments. The Director(s) shall make game schedules and maintain accurate scores and standings during tournament play as well as perform any other duties necessary to ensure the safety of players and organization to tournament play. The Tournament Director shall also perform other functions as prescribed by the President or the Executive Board of Directors.

(p) Photo and Awards Director(s): The Photo and Awards Director(s) shall be responsible for organizing and scheduling photos for the Spring season, and coordinating awards, which may include trophies and/or rings for the Spring season and any additional awards needed for tournaments. This individual works closely with the Team Parent Director(s) to communicate information regarding photos, as well as the Scheduling Director(s) to coordinate scheduling.

(q) Registration Director(s): The Registration Director(s) shall oversee all aspects of registration for both recreation league play as well as Travel and Stallion league play. This individual will communicate with league members regarding when and how to register for play. The Registration Director(s) will work with each Division Director to ensure that all player information is communicated and distributed to managers in advance of player evaluations and player draft. The Registration Director(s) shall work with the Communications Director(s) to ensure that all player information is current and accurate in SMYB's online player directory. He/she shall also work with the Treasurer and 2nd Vice President to ensure that player fees are paid in advance of the start of play during both the spring and fall seasons. The Registration Director(s) shall also perform other functions as prescribed by the President or the Executive Board of Directors.

(r) Safety and Compliance Director: The Safety and Compliance Director is responsible for overseeing the safety protocols, risk management practices, and adherence to legal and organizational standards within SMYB. This individual ensures a safe environment for players, coaches, and volunteers, while ensuring compliance with local, state, and national regulations. The Safety and Compliance Director works to prevent accidents and injuries, implement safety measures, and educate staff, parents, and volunteers on best practices for maintaining a secure environment. The Safety and Compliance Director shall also perform other functions as prescribed by the President or the Executive Board of Directors.

(s) In the event the responsibilities of any member of the Board of Directors are not specifically documented in this section, the individual appointed or elected shall perform his/her duties in a responsible manner and in the best interest of SMYB. At the direction of the Executive Board of Directors, Appointed Board members whose duties are not specifically documented may negotiate with independent vendors for services associated with their appointed position, subject to approval by the Board of Directors. When necessary, they may also collect funds due to SMYB for activities related to their position, to be transferred to the Treasurer. They shall also provide the Board of Directors with an accounting of their monetary activities at the conclusion of their designated activity(s).

ARTICLE 5 FINANCIAL POLICIES

(a) The Executive Board of Directors shall decide all matters pertaining to the finances of SMYB. As a general practice, all funds shall be placed in a common treasury, directing the expenditures of the same in a manner that will give no individual or team an advantage or favor, except as written in the SMYB Bylaws.

(b) All fees charged for registration, sponsorship, protest, deposits, etc., will be set by the Executive Board of Directors at least one month prior to the first day of registration, in accordance with the budget adopted for the current term of the Board of Directors.

(c) The Board of Directors shall provide financial assistance to individuals whose financial situation precludes the expenditure of funds for the registration of a child or children to participate in the league. The 2nd Vice President shall be authorized to approve the amount of assistance provided by SMYB based upon the documented need presented. Information regarding the approval of financial assistance shall be presented to the Executive Board in Executive Session. The Treasurer, or designated member of the Executive Board of Directors, shall provide the Board of Directors with information regarding the number of individuals who receive assistance and the amount expended; however, the identity of those who receive the assistance will remain confidential among the Executive Board.

(d) In return for financial assistance, the 2nd Vice President, or designated Executive Board member, may request that the individual(s), to whom assistance is granted, provide mutually agreed upon

services to SMYB for that season. In the event the individual is willing to participate, a written agreement shall be executed to document the terms.

(e) Any person, organization or business which owes SMYB funds will not be allowed to participate in SMYB activities until such funds are paid or discharged by the Board of Directors.

(f) Individuals who collect funds for SMYB shall securely maintain those funds pending their expeditious transfer to the Treasurer. A written accounting of the funds collected shall be provided to the Treasurer upon transfer. Currency totals should be documented in writing with 2-person verification, when possible. A complete accounting of the monetary activities shall be provided to the Board of Directors at the conclusion of their activity.

(g) All personal expenditures for league related expenses over \$100 for which reimbursement is expected from the league shall be approved by at least 2 members of the Executive Board of Directors prior to reimbursement. Receipts must be submitted for all personal expenditure reimbursement requests. Recurring annual expenses that exceed or are not included in the approved budget require Executive Board approval.

(h) No individual may authorize, amend, and/or cancel any contract on behalf of SMYB without the approval of the Executive Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 6 MEETINGS

(a) Meetings of the Board of Directors shall occur at regularly scheduled intervals determined by the members of the Executive Board of Directors. Additional meetings, as necessary, may be called by the President, or upon written request of at least two (2) members of the Executive Board of Directors or four (4) members of the Appointed Board of Directors. Board members shall be notified of additional meetings at least seven (7) days before the scheduled date, and notification may be delivered via telephone or e-mail. A meeting(s) of the members of the Executive Board of Directors shall be held prior to July 1st of each year for the purpose of establishing an itinerary for the league, approval of individuals nominated for Appointed Board positions, and other matters necessary for the administration of SMYB. Executive Board meetings need not be formal; however, minutes will be kept.

(b) Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be conducted in the following manner

1. Call to order by the President or successive Executive Board Member in the event of the President's absence;
2. Presentation of the minutes of the previous meeting;
3. Old business;
4. New Business.

(c) Attendance at meetings of the Board of Directors is mandatory for all Executive and Appointed Board members. Any Executive or Appointed Board member failing to attend two or more consecutive regularly scheduled or additional meetings without proper excuse will be deemed to have abandoned their office and may be subject to removal from the Board of Directors.

(d) Minutes of meetings will be sent to all members of the Board of Directors within 1 week of the meeting's occurrence.

ARTICLE 7 ELECTIONS

(a) Annual elections for members of the Executive Board of Directors, any Recall Election(s) deemed necessary and demands for a recount of ballots submitted shall be supervised by the Communications Director.

(b) The annual election for members of the Executive Board of Directors shall be conducted by the Communications Director. The date of the election shall be chosen by the Board of Directors prior to Opening Day of every Spring Season. Notification of the election date, time and procedures will be posted on the league's website and also communicated to all league members via email.

(c) Voting will take place online, and will be open from the start of the first scheduled game until 11:59 PM that night. It is the responsibility of the Communications Director to obtain the current members list from the Registration Director in advance of the elections taking place. Each parent or guardian of a child currently registered to play in SMYB may cast one (1) vote, with a total of no more than two votes per family, no matter how many children they have playing in the league. The ballots submitted online shall be counted and verified under the supervision of the Communications Director, with the results of the election provided to the Board of Directors at the earliest convenience of the Communications Director. The results of the election may then be posted and the winners notified.

Notices requesting nominations for members of the Executive Board of Directors shall be posted or distributed at least three weeks before the election date. Nominations must be submitted to the Communications Director no later than one week before the election date. Call for nominations shall be posted on the league's website and also communicated to all league members via email. Anyone nominated for an Executive Board position will be notified by the Communications Director prior to the election. Nominees have the option to either accept or decline any nomination they receive. All members seeking a position on the Executive Board will be given the opportunity to write a short paragraph of approximately 50-100 words outlining their experience and why they are seeking the position. These statements will be made available to all voting members.

(d) Any Recall Election directed by a Conduct Committee shall be conducted under the supervision of the Communications Director within two (2) weeks of the action by the Conduct Committee. Notices of the Recall Election shall be posted on the league's website for a minimum of seven (7) days; with

the Recall Election conducted beginning on the Saturday following the seventh day Recall notices are posted and concluding at the end of that week of play. The Recall Election voting will take place online, and will be open from the start of the first scheduled game until 11:59 PM that night. It is the responsibility of the Communications Director to obtain the current members list from the Registration Director in advance of the elections taking place. Each parent or guardian of a child currently registered to play in SMYB may cast one (1) vote, with a total of no more than two votes per family, no matter how many children they have playing in the league. The ballots submitted online shall be counted under the supervision of the Communications Director, with the results and all materials associated with the election provided to the Board of Directors at the first meeting of the Board of Directors after the election. The results of the election may then be posted, and if the Recall is successful, the affected member(s) removed from office.

(e) All demands for a recount of ballots submitted during an election shall be submitted to a member of the Executive Board of Directors within 1 week of the receipt of the Election results by the Board of Directors. Any recount deemed necessary shall then be conducted under the supervision of the Communications Director and at least one member of the Executive Board of Directors. In the event the result of any election(s) is changed as the result of a recount, the Communications Director shall request a Special Meeting of the Board of Directors to announce the result(s) and provide the Board with the appropriate materials.

ARTICLE 8 PROTEST COMMITTEE

(a) A Protest Committee shall be convened subsequent to the receipt of a protest submitted and should occur prior to the next scheduled game of the teams involved. The Protest Committee shall consist of the First Vice-President as Chairperson, the Umpire Director and four (4) Division Directors to be selected by the Chairperson. The Umpire Director, a non-voting member of the committee, shall present the basis of the protest and read the applicable rules. The Division Director of the division involved shall represent the managers of the teams, present the facts involved, and will not vote. The remaining Division Directors will cast votes, and in the event of a tie, the Chairperson, being a non-voting member, will cast the deciding vote. All decisions of the Protest Committee will be final. In the event the First Vice President is involved either directly or indirectly by virtue of managing or coaching or having a child within the same division of the protesting situation, the President will designate a different board member to act as the Chairperson.

ARTICLE 9 MANAGERS AND COACHES

(a) Managers and Coaches for all leagues and divisions shall apply for their positions and be approved by the Board of Directors. Managers will be responsible for the players on their team during SMYB functions on and off the playing field, and all practice sessions, from the time the Manager tells the ball players to report, until they are picked up by their parent(s) or designated individual. Managers and Coaches shall manage their teams in a manner consistent with applicable Major League Baseball Rules and Regulations, PONY Baseball, Inc. Rules and Regulations and SMYB

Bylaws. Any approved Coach may assist the Manager on the playing field. In the event of the Manager's absence, one of the approved Coaches assumes responsibility of the Manager's duties. All on field adults (18 years and older) must submit to and pass a background check and LiveScan before being permitted to participate in league activities.

(b) No one may manage a team in more than one league during a season, with the exception of a secondary team in Shetland leagues. Approved Managers may manage one team in the Shetland leagues and another in another league during the same season. Managers and Coaches may be a Coach of an additional team in another league during the same season. If there are no willing Managers to manage all of the teams in a season, the Board of Directors may grant approval for a Manager to manage more than one team.

ARTICLE 10 TEAMS AND DIVISIONS

10.1 DEFINITION OF DIVISIONS AND GUIDELINES

(a) SMYB shall be divided into various divisions pursuant to PONY Baseball guidelines and regulations. Each division shall be governed by its own set of guidelines and rules, in compliance with Official Baseball Rules and Pony Baseball Rules. These guidelines are to remain separate from the bylaws and are perpetual. Any section may be amended or repealed by the appropriate Division Director, Umpire Director, and the Vice-President in charge of said division.

10.2 SHETLAND DIVISION

(a) The Shetland Division will consist of players whose ages align with PONY Baseball age guidelines. Teams shall be chosen based on geographic locations. Players eligible for team selection shall be from among those who completed all required registration procedures and paid all required registration fees. In the event the number of eligible players is insufficient to form the appropriate number of equal teams, additional players may be selected from the waiting list if applicable pursuant to the procedure documented. Prior to the selection of players, and subject to approval by the Executive Board of Directors, the Shetland Division Director(s) shall determine the number of players per team as well as the number of teams in each division.

(b) The league will be non-competitive with no scores kept. There will be no division play-offs. Each player will receive a participation award, to be determined by the Photo and Awards Director prior to the beginning of the season.

(c) Play in the Shetland Division shall be governed by the rules and guidelines set forth in the Shetland Division Guidelines document.

10.3 PINTO DIVISION

(a) The Pinto Division will consist of players whose ages align with PONY Baseball age guidelines. Teams will be formed via draft with all Team Managers, and will consist of no more than 13 players, pursuant to PONY Baseball rules. Players eligible to be drafted shall be from among those who participated in the

evaluations. All other players unable to attend evaluations will be assigned to a team according to the SMYB Draft Guidelines. In the event the number of eligible players is insufficient to form the appropriate number of equal teams, additional players may be selected from the waiting list if applicable pursuant to the procedure documented. Prior to the draft of players, and subject to approval by the Executive Board of Directors, the Pinto Division Director(s) shall determine the number of players per team as well as the number of teams in each division.

(b) Pinto Division shall be competitive, with game scores and team standings maintained.

(c) Play in the Pinto Division shall be governed by the rules and guidelines set forth in the Pinto Division Guidelines document.

10.4 MUSTANG DIVISION

(a) The Mustang Division will consist of players whose ages align with PONY Baseball age guidelines. Teams will be formed via draft with all Team Managers, and will consist of no more than 12 players, pursuant to PONY Baseball rules. Players eligible to be drafted shall be from among those who participated in the evaluations. All other players unable to attend evaluations will be assigned to a team according to the SMYB Draft Guidelines. In the event the number of eligible players is insufficient to form the appropriate number of equal teams, additional players may be selected from the waiting list if applicable pursuant to the procedure documented. Prior to the draft of players, and subject to approval by the Executive Board of Directors, the Mustang Division Director(s) shall determine the number of players per team as well as the number of teams in each division.

(b) The Mustang Division shall be competitive, with game scores and team standings maintained. No metal cleats will be allowed during league play or post-season league play.

(c) Play in the Mustang Division shall be governed by the rules and guidelines set forth in the Mustang Division Guidelines document.

10.5 BRONCO DIVISION

(a) The Bronco Division will consist of players whose ages align with PONY Baseball age guidelines. Teams will be formed via draft with all Team Managers, and will consist of no more than 12 players, pursuant to PONY Baseball rules. Players eligible to be drafted shall be from among those who participated in the evaluations. All other players unable to attend evaluations will be assigned to a team according to the SMYB Draft Guidelines. In the event the number of eligible players is insufficient to form the appropriate number of equal teams, additional players may be selected from the waiting list if applicable pursuant to the procedure documented. Prior to the draft of players, and subject to approval by the Executive Board of Directors, the Bronco Division Director(s) shall determine the number of players per team as well as the number of teams in each division.

(b) The Bronco Division shall be competitive, with game scores and team standings maintained. No metal cleats will be allowed during league play or post-season league play.

(c) Play in the Bronco Division shall be governed by the rules and guidelines set forth in the Bronco Division Guidelines document.

10.6 PONY DIVISION

(a) The Pony Division will consist of players whose ages align with PONY Baseball age guidelines. Teams will be formed via draft with all Team Managers, and will consist of no more than 12 players, pursuant to PONY Baseball rules. Players eligible to be drafted shall be from among those who participated in the evaluations. All other players unable to attend evaluations will be assigned to a team according to the SMYB Draft Guidelines. In the event the number of eligible players is insufficient to form the appropriate number of equal teams, additional players may be selected from the waiting list if applicable pursuant to the procedure documented. Prior to the draft of players, and subject to approval by the Executive Board of Directors, the Pony Division Director(s) shall determine the number of players per team as well as the number of teams in the Pony Division.

(b) The Pony Division shall be competitive, with game scores and team standings maintained.

(c) Inter-League play with other PONY Baseball, Inc. affiliated organizations may occur upon the approval of the Executive Board of Directors. In the event inter-league play is approved, games will be conducted pursuant to rules and guidelines approved by the Executive Board of Directors. Games played by SMYB Pony Division teams during inter-league competition will not affect the SMYB league standings, however, innings pitched apply toward weekly inning maximum and the 40-hour rest rule will apply.

(d) Play in the Pony Division shall be governed by the rules and guidelines set forth in the Pony Division Guidelines document.

10.7 PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

(a) All players must be registered to play in the current season, and absent of an approved scholarship or financial aid agreement, have the appropriate fees paid prior to participating in any on-field SMYB baseball function.

10.8 WAIT LIST

(a) A Wait List shall be administered by the Registration Director along with the Division Director(s) for all divisions league. The Wait List shall consist of player candidates who fail to register or pay the appropriate registration fee to SMYB prior to the final registration date determined and publicized for the current season; or player candidates whose parent or guardian fails to complete the terms of a scholarship or financial assistance agreement which calls for the completion of the agreement prior to the selection of teams for the current season.

(b) The Wait List shall be utilized to supplement the number of players on a team should an unequal number of eligible player candidates be available for selection, or for the replacement of players who

are unable to play due to injury, voluntary removal from the league, or for disciplinary suspension or removal from the league.

(c) Individuals on the Wait List shall be listed in order of their application to play. Players on the Wait List will not be charged League fees until they are permanently placed on a team.

10.9 PLAYER SELECTION

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(a) All players are encouraged to attend a player evaluation to ensure equitable team drafting. The Team manager's child/children shall be protected along with the child/children of 1 Assistant Coach. In order for a player to be protected, that player must attend evaluations, unless approved by the Managers. Each protected player will try-out and take the place of one (1) draft choice. The protected player's draft round will be determined by a committee consisting of the Player Director(s) and the division managers. Each committee member will vote on the draft round for each protected player, except their own protected player(s). The average draft round will be determined and the protected player(s) selected in that round by the affected manager.

(b) Each division will conduct their own draft independent of each other, according to the SMYB Draft Guidelines. After a random draw to determine the order of selection, the draft shall be conducted in an alternating order with each manager selecting one player per round, i.e., the first manager through the last manager will select a player to complete a round, and last manager through the first manager will select a player to complete the following round. The draft will continue in this fashion until the all division teams have been selected.

(c) Every effort shall be made to place siblings on the same team, with each sibling selected in their rated round. Siblings will be rated by all managers. Once one sibling has been drafted, the remaining sibling(s) will be drafted in his or her rated round. If the siblings were rated equally or the second sibling was rated higher, he or she will be drafted in the next round.

10.10 PLAYOFFS

(a) Playoff and Division Championship formats shall be determined by the Division Director and Scheduling Director prior to the start of the season and provided to the team managers. In case of a tie between teams eligible to advance to the playoffs, the following regular season play factors shall be used to determine the team to advance: (1) head to head competition (2) head to head run differential (3) Win-Loss record versus top three finishing opponents (4) run differential total (5) coin toss.

(b) The Division Director(s) for each division shall seed the teams according to the year end final regular season standings, with the highest ranking team playing the lowest ranking team, the second highest team playing the second lowest ranking team, and so forth. The teams shall be reseeded at the end of each playoff round. The higher ranking seed shall always play the lower ranking team. If there are any "byes" in the bracket, they shall be awarded to the highest ranking teams. Playoffs for each division will be determined by the Division Directors and Guidelines based on division size.

(c) Games are to be played by official PONY Rules. During playoffs, the top seeded team shall be home.

10.11 ALL STARS

(a) The Executive Board of Directors will determine how many teams will be sent to postseason PONY Baseball All Star Tournaments by the start of the first game of the Spring season.

(b) The selection process for All Star managers as well as the selection process for All Star team members is determined by the 2nd Vice-President prior to opening day of the Spring season.

ARTICLE 11 OFFICIAL SCORING

(a) It shall be the responsibility of the home team for all Divisions except Shetland (i.e. Pinto, Mustang, Bronco, Pony) to provide an Official Scorer for each of their games.

(b) The Official Scorer shall record the appropriate statistics for their game of responsibility in the official scoring book provided by SMYB.

(c) The necessary statistics shall include the names of the players both playing and absent; the names of the pitchers utilized and the number of innings each pitched; and the final score. In the event the game is suspended, the Official Scorer shall ensure the official scoring book documents the time and reason for the suspension of the game; the inning in which it was suspended; the line-up and/or position of the players on the field at the time; and the score of the game.

(d) In the event a game is protested, the Official Scorer shall document the reason for the protest; the manager (s) who lodged the protest and the inning in which the protest was made in the official scoring book.

(e) The Official Scorer shall be as unbiased as possible and should refrain from showing favoritism. The Official Scorer shall also not delay or attempt to stop the game to question Official Umpire rulings.

(f) Failure of the home team to ensure an official scoring book and scorekeeper data forms are maintained in a proper fashion will result in the visiting team obtaining home field status for the game.

(g) Winning percentage is defined as Games won divided by games played. In the event of a tie game, one-half (.5) win and one-half (.5) loss will be awarded. In case of a tie in determining the highest winning percentage team of a division, the winning team will be determined by the following regular season play factors; (1) head to head competition (2) head to head run differential (3) Win-Loss record versus top three finishing opponents (4) run differential total (5) coin toss.

(h) The official scoring book for the Pinto through Pony League games shall be used to determine the number of innings played by a player, unless the information documented in the scoring book is shown to be invalid. In this event, information from the visiting team scoring book, managers, coaches, players and/or parents may be utilized to determine a player's participation in a game.

ARTICLE 12 GAME SCHEDULING

(a) Practice and game schedules will be constructed immediately following the Division drafts.

(b) During the spring season games will take place on Saturdays. Teams in the Pinto, Mustang, Bronco, and Pony divisions may also have games during the week. Every effort will be made not to schedule games during the Spring Break and Memorial Day weeks, however, uncontrollable circumstances, such as weather, may make it necessary to schedule make-up games during Spring Break.

(c) During the fall season league games will take place on Sunday afternoons. There will be no weeknight games on the regular schedule. However, uncontrollable circumstances, such as weather, may make it necessary to schedule make-up games during the week.

ARTICLE 13 EQUIPMENT

(a) Each manager shall sign a statement of responsibility for all equipment received and is required to return the equipment in a clean condition. Each Manager will be required to issue SMYB a deposit, amount determined by the Executive Board, at the time of equipment distribution. The manager shall be financially responsible for the replacement or repair of any SMYB equipment which is damaged as the result of misuse or neglect and any SMYB issued equipment which is not returned. All equipment issued to the manager must be returned to the Equipment Director or designated within thirty (30) days of his/her team's final SMYB affiliated game. In the event the equipment is not returned in the required condition, within the specified time, the manager assumes financial responsibility for the replacement of the issued equipment and their deposit check will be forfeited to the league. Any amount due above and beyond the deposited amount will be billed to said manager.

Anyone wishing to borrow or use SMYB equipment shall have the approval of the Board of Directors and will sign a statement releasing SMYB from any liabilities or association with their organization. Further, they will provide insurance for all participants and will return the SMYB equipment in good condition or assume the responsibility for the repair or replacement of the item(s).

(b) SMYB will furnish a uniform shirt and baseball cap to all players for use during the season. All players will be responsible to provide their own uniform pants. Uniform pants must be a standard uniform color that will be worn by all players on teams in the Pinto, Mustang, Bronco and Pony Leagues. Pants must be either white or a color which matches the furnished uniform jersey. Uniforms provided by the league, including SMYB provided baseball hats, must be worn on the playing field during league and post season league play. A penalty for non compliance may be

established by the Board of Directors or Conduct Committee.

(c) During league games, the umpire shall have the authority to reject the use of any bat and remove it from play. All helmets shall be NOCSAE approved. All baseball bats should comply with Pony Baseball Standards.

(d) All players will be expected to follow the most current PONY Baseball mandated guidelines related to bat size and composition.

ARTICLE 14 CONDUCT

(a) Grievous individual misconduct on the part of spectators, adult leaders of players and players during SMYB sanctioned activities on or off the field may result in disciplinary action as determined by a Conduct Committee. Grievous individual misconduct may include, but not be limited to: the use of alcoholic beverages and/or controlled substances, publicly audible use of foul, abusive or inappropriate language, physically assaultive or combative behavior, including fighting, and the intentional throwing of equipment in a manner which could cause injury. Infractions by spectators may result in the removal of their child or children from further league play for the remainder of the season.

(b) There will be no consumption of alcoholic beverages or use of controlled substances at any reserved youth baseball site while any part of the site is being used by youth baseball. The sites shall include the entire park areas and all surrounding parking lots. Team managers shall be responsible for their personal conduct, the conduct of their assistants and team members, and the conduct of their team member's parents/family members. Any violation of this rule may cause the offending team to forfeit their next game. A second offense by the same person could, by action of a Conduct Committee or Board of Directors, result in the removal of said person and/or ballplayer from the league.

(c) A Conduct Committee may be convened subsequent to the receipt of documented information regarding conduct by any individual directly affiliated with SMYB which is not in the best interest of the league or in violation of documented conduct rules. Individuals directly affiliated with the league may include members of the Board of Directors, adult leaders or supervisors of players, umpires, players and the parents/family members of players. The Conduct Committee should be convened to address documented situations which require immediate attention. The Conduct Committee should be convened when possible within 72 hours of the receipt of written documentation of any situation appropriate for the committee's attention by a member of the Executive Board of Directors.

The Conduct Committee shall consist of three (3) persons from the following Board positions: First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Umpire Director, as established by the President or his/her designate. Conduct Committee members may also be assigned by the Executive Board. The highest ranking member of the committee shall serve as the Chairperson. None of the aforementioned individuals may participate as a member of a Conduct Committee if personally involved in the situation to be addressed.

Any meeting of a Conduct Committee shall be open to members of the league or persons affiliated with the league. The format shall be as follows:

1. Call to order by the Chairperson.
2. Presentation of information regarding the alleged improper conduct which necessitated the meeting of the Conduct Committee. The presentation of the information supporting the allegations may be made by witnesses or via the presentation of signed statements or letters from individuals who observed the incident(s).
3. The individual(s) whose conduct necessitated the meeting of the Conduct Committee shall be given the opportunity to specifically address the allegations and present witnesses, signed written statements or letters specifically addressing the allegations.
4. Character information regarding the individual(s) involved may be presented but shall be limited to a maximum of 5 minutes per speaker or signed letter. The Conduct Committee Chairperson shall retain the privilege to determine when character information may become cumulative and cease the acceptance of such information.
5. Based on the information presented, the members of the Conduct Committee shall determine if the allegations of improper conduct are sustained and shall determine the appropriate sanctions.
6. Sanctions assessed by the Conduct Committee shall be binding and enacted immediately.

Any person affected by a decision of the Conduct Committee may appeal the sanctions enacted to the Board of Directors and address the Board at its next scheduled meeting. Any request for review by the Board of Directors shall be submitted in writing by the affected individual(s). Pending the review, the sanctions enacted by the Conduct Committee shall be enforced.

ARTICLE 15 AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) COMPLIANCE AND ACCOMMODATIONS

(a) SMYB is committed to providing an inclusive environment where all children have the opportunity to participate in baseball, regardless of ability. SMYB does not discriminate against any participant, volunteer, or spectator on the basis of disability.

(b) SMYB will provide reasonable accommodations to children with disabilities so they can participate in league activities, provided the accommodation does not pose a direct threat to the safety of others and does not fundamentally alter the nature of the program. Examples of accommodations may include: modified rules or equipment, purposeful team or coach placement, use of assistive devices, or additional on-field support (such as a buddy). All disability-related information will be kept confidential and only shared with Board Members or volunteers involved in providing the accommodation.

(c) Parents or guardians seeking an accommodation for their child must submit a request to their player's division director by email or in person. The request should include the child's name and division, description of the condition (diagnosis not required), and specific requested accommodations if they have any. Requests should be submitted before season evaluation.

The Executive Board will review the request in consultation with the Division Director(s) and, if necessary, external advisors (e.g., special education professionals). The family will receive a response within 5 business days. If the request is granted, SMYB will coordinate implementation with the coach and relevant volunteers. If SMYB is unable to accommodate a request, the family will receive an explanation and may suggest alternatives, such as LCYO Champions Division.

ARTICLE 16 AMENDMENTS

(a) These bylaws are perpetual. Any section may be amended or repealed by at least two thirds (2/3) vote of the Appointed Board of Directors, and at least a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Executive Board of Directors, providing that a written notice of such proposal shall be delivered via email to each member of the Board of Directors at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting at which the proposed changes shall be submitted to a vote.

(b) Any supplemental rules, not in violation of these bylaws, shall require only a majority of the Board of Directors as documented in Article 3(e).

ARTICLE 17 DISSOLUTION

(a) When determined necessary by the President and upon approval by a 2/3 vote of the Executive Board and Appointed Board, San Marcos Youth Baseball shall be dissolved and the following actions taken:

1. All available documents pertaining to the administration of the league shall be provided to both PONY Baseball Inc. for record purposes and to the City of San Marcos, Community Services Department for reference.
2. All current and outstanding financial obligations shall be satisfied and all remaining funds under the control of San Marcos Youth Baseball shall be presented to the City of San Marcos, Community Services Department, designated for use in funding other youth baseball sports programs.
3. Any other action, including but not limited to; merger with an existing PONY affiliated youth baseball league; merger with an existing youth baseball league not affiliated with PONY Baseball Inc; or cancellation of affiliation with PONY Baseball Inc. shall be approved by a 2/3 vote of the Executive and Appointed boards.

Dissolution: Upon determination by the Board of Directors that the league should dissolve and discontinue its operations, any remaining funds shall be distributed evenly to the current participants in a manner consistent with refunds.