

# **2019 Constitution and By-Laws**

## **of the**

# **CENTRAL PENN MIDGET BASEBALL LEAGUE**

Dauphin County, Pennsylvania

## **PREAMBLE**

We do declare ourselves an organization for the mutual improvement of sports, particularly baseball, for youth up to the age of 12 years, in concepts of sportsmanship, fair play and physical growth.

## **CONSTITUTION**

### **Article One**

#### **LEAGUE NAME**

This Organization shall be known by the name as Central Penn Midget Baseball League, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania.

### **Article Two**

#### **LEAGUE OFFICERS**

The officers of the organization shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and League Agent, ranked in that order. None of the officers shall be a head coach of any team in the league. The President shall not be an active coach of any team in the League.

### **Article Three**

#### **DUTIES OF THE LEAGUE OFFICERS**

**SECTION 1.** It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the League. He shall appoint all standing committees that may be deemed necessary. All standing committees shall consist of at least two members. He shall, with the Treasurer, sign all written contracts or other financial obligations of the Central Penn Midget Baseball League, authorized by the membership. He shall be a member ex-officio of all standing committees.

**SECTION 2.** In the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall perform his duties. The Vice-President shall perform such other duties as may be designated by the President.

**SECTION 3.** The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the Central Penn Midget Baseball League. He shall prepare correspondence and inform the membership of League meetings. He shall perform such other duties as may be designated by the President.

**SECTION 4.** The Treasurer shall receive all monies for the League and deposit it to the credit of the Central Penn Midget Baseball League, in approved depositories. He shall, with the President, sign all written contracts of the League authorized by the membership. He shall perform such other duties as may be designated by the President. He shall pay all approved bills, keep proper accounts of receipts and expenditures and make any required reports.

**SECTION 5.** The League Agent shall assure receipt of the rosters of all League members including those teams affiliated with the League for insurance purposes only. He shall also maintain the official League rosters, provide each head coach with a player roster of all requested roster revisions and maintain official team standings and playing record. He shall perform such other duties as may be designated by the President.

**SECTION 6.** Committees will report to the membership at regular meetings.

#### **Article Four**

#### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**SECTION 1.** Elections will be held at the second regular meeting of each year. The second meeting will be held before March 1st. The term of each officer shall be for one year or until he is duly succeeded.

**SECTION 2.** At the first meeting of the year, the President shall appoint a nominating committee who shall contact each member for nominees and report at the following meeting. Nominations may be made from the floor at the second meeting.

**SECTION 3.** All persons nominated by the committee must have given their consent to serve if elected. All persons nominated from the floor must be present at the meeting in which they are nominated and must consent to serve if elected.

**SECTION 4.** If more than one person is nominated for a given office, election shall be by written ballot. A Plurality of votes cast will be sufficient for election. In case of a tie, a run-off election will be held between the tied contestants.

**SECTION 5.** If for any reason, one of the officers of the League resigns before his term of office has been completed, the President shall appoint someone to the vacant office to complete the expired term. If the President should resign before completing his term, the remaining presiding officer shall appoint someone to complete the term.

**SECTION 6.** A favorable vote by two-thirds of the legal voting membership shall be sufficient to remove any officer from the office he is holding.

## Article Five

### MEMBERSHIP

**SECTION 1.** The term "member" means an organization that sponsors teams in the League. The term "team" means an individual playing unit participating in the League play.

**SECTION 2.** To remain in good standing, a member must abide by the constitution and by-laws of the League, shall not bring discredit to the League, shall not be more than four months in arrears in payments due the League, and shall not have had any teams that forfeited more than three games in any one season. Forfeits due to ineligible players do not apply.

### BY-LAWS

#### Article One

##### MEETINGS

**SECTION 1.** The Central Penn Midget Baseball League shall hold its meetings, unless otherwise so ordered, at the call of the President, with the exact date for each succeeding meeting, the time and place also to be determined by the President.

**SECTION 2.** At the request of the President, special meetings may be called when extremely urgent or important matters are to be discussed which couldn't be deferred until the next meeting.

**SECTION 3.** Occasional social affairs may be arranged to promote the well being of the organization.

**SECTION 4.** Three members can call a meeting provided that all those eligible to vote are appropriately notified 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

**SECTION 5.** A \$5 fine will be assessed against any member not properly represented at any regular or special League business meeting. The fines will be paid at the beginning of the following League year and all fines shall go to the League treasury.

**SECTION 6.** Attendance at meetings is limited to a total of one (1) representative for each team plus two (2) other representatives from the same membership, exclusive of officers. Any special situation or problems requiring the attendance of more than the above shall be referred to the President or Secretary for approval and inclusion of the item on the meeting agenda.

#### Article Two

##### DUES

**SECTION 1.** There shall be no dues solicited from the membership except the annual entrance fees as determined at the beginning of each session by the membership, or as otherwise approved by the membership.

## Article Three

### FUNDS

**SECTION 1.** Once each year, the President shall select a group of not less than two from the membership of the Central Penn Midget Baseball League to perform an annual audit of the funds. This audit will be accomplished during the last month of the tenure of the President and will be presented to the newly elected officers each year.

**SECTION 2.** A Treasurer's report will be recorded at the regular meetings of the League.

**SECTION 3.** A member not in good standing is automatically expelled from the League unless they can show good cause to the contrary.

**SECTION 4.** Applications for membership in the League must be in writing and submitted at a meeting of the League. A favorable vote by a Two-thirds majority of the eligible voters is required for admission.

**SECTION 5.** Each new applicant for membership must be equipped to field teams as prescribed under the rules of play. Playing facilities must be approved to meet the schedule as determined by the League.

## Article Four

### VOTING MEMBERS

**SECTION 1.** Each officer exclusive of the President shall have one vote, and each member shall have one vote. The President shall cast a vote only in the event of a tie.

## Article Five

### AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

**SECTION 1.** Every proposed alteration, amendment, or addition to this Constitution and By-Laws hereunto annexed must be presented to each Association and all four League Officers, in writing, at the first League meeting of the year. It may be adopted by approval of two-thirds of the eligible voting membership present at the meeting following its proposal and discussion.

## Article Six

### QUORUM

**SECTION 1.** A majority of the eligible voting membership shall constitute a quorum. No business shall be transacted without a quorum.

## Article Seven

## RULES OF ORDER

**SECTION 1.** The President, or in his absence, the Vice-President, shall take the chair at the hour previously designated for convening the meeting. In the absence of both officers, the Secretary, Treasurer or League Agent, shall preside in that order.

**SECTION 2.** After the meeting has been called to order, no member shall interrupt the proceedings without the permission of the presiding officer.

**SECTION 3.** "Robert's Rules of Order" will govern procedures for all meetings.

**SECTION 4.** Every officer, on leaving his office, shall give to his successor, all papers, documents, books and monies belonging to the LPWH Midget Baseball League.

## Article Eight

### RULES OF PLAY

**SECTION 1.** Official Little League baseball rules shall apply except as herein noted. One copy of the current Little League rulebook will be supplied by the League to each team that is a member in good standing of the League.

**SECTION 2.** Each member will field major teams (10,11 & 12 year olds) based upon the following formula:

Number of 11 & 12 year old sign ups: if total is at least 9, one major team is required, if total is at least 24 two major teams are required and if total is at least 36 three major teams are required. For associations with two (2) major teams an equal number of 12 year olds per team to within one(1) and associations with more than two (2) major teams an equal number of 12 year olds per team all within two (2).

ie:	<u># of 12 yr olds-Compliant</u>	<u># of 12 yr olds-Non-Compliant</u>
Assoc A-Team 1	7	8
Team 2	6	5
Assoc B-Team 1	7	8
Team 2	6	6
Team 3	5	4

- Each member will determine the number of minor teams (8, 9, 10, 11 & 12 year olds) they field.
- The Central Penn Midget Baseball League requires all member associations to re-draft annually and attempt to divide talent equally among teams.

**SECTION 3.** A game shall be declared a forfeit if one team has fewer than nine (9) uniformed players ready for play thirty (30) minutes after the scheduled starting time. Any team declared loser by a forfeit should pay any umpires' fees. Forfeits due to ineligible players do not apply. All scheduled games must be played unless cancelled by mutual agreement of the opposing coaches and approved by the League President or League Agent.

**SECTION 4.** Home team shall have five (5) days to reschedule rained out, postponed or

tie games. This date must be mutually acceptable to both teams. These games shall be played before the next scheduled meeting of the two teams. If the game cannot be rescheduled by the opposing coaches or played within the above time period, or if the game has a bearing on the League championship, the President or League Agent may be notified by any concerned team. The President or League Agent shall decide the time and place the game shall be played. His decision shall be binding and final. The original home team shall supply baseballs and pay umpires.

**SECTION 5.** The umpire-in-chief shall be from the League approved umpires association, if available. If a paid umpire is present at the regularly scheduled League game and is calling the game, he must call the game with no additional help on the bases. In the event an umpire from the League approved umpires association does not appear at the game or is incapacitated during the course of the game, at any point within the game when the score is tied, the game may be played or continued with an umpire being selected who is mutually acceptable to both teams; or the game may be rescheduled at the option of the opposing coaches. If an umpire becomes incapacitated during a game, prior to the game becoming a legal game, the entire game shall be replayed from the beginning. If an umpire becomes incapacitated during a game after the game has become a legal game, the score shall stand as a legal game.

**SECTION 6.** In the event an umpire does not appear for a game, both coaches shall select one or two candidates, mutually acceptable to both coaches, from the spectators to officiate the game. Every effort must be made to play the game at the time scheduled.

**SECTION 7.** The home team shall be the official scorer and shall report the score of the game to the League Agent by phone call within three (3) hours after completion of the game. The home team must notify the League Agent of any rescheduled games.

**SECTION 8.** Baseballs for all League games shall be as approved by the League. The home team shall supply at least one new and one "like new" ball for each game.

**SECTION 9.** There shall be a League entry fee as determined at the beginning of each season by the League Treasurer. All fees, monies, and insurance must be paid within thirty (30) days receipt of invoice. Failure to comply will result in a 10% surcharge to total charge.

**SECTION 10.** Each member shall be required to maintain proper insurance through the League. It is mandatory that all members carry liability insurance on their fields. Proof of insurance shall be furnished to the League.

**SECTION 11.** There shall be a maximum of eighteen (18) and a minimum of twelve (12) players on all major teams. The roster may consist of any combination of 8, 9, 10, 11 or 12 year olds. The major team may roster up to four (4) minor rostered alternate players at any one time. These players shall only be rostered on one (1) major team and be eligible for major team play only under the following circumstances:

1. No conflicting minor game scheduled.
2. The minor rostered player must have a minimum of one (1) time at bat and play at least six (6) outs in the field if there are nine (9) or ten (10) regular major roster players present at the start of the game. A minor rostered player may not start the game if there are nine (9) or ten (10) regular major roster players present at the start of the game. If less than

- nine (9) regular major roster players are present, the minor rostered player may play the entire game if necessary.
3. If there are more than ten (10) regular major roster players present for the game, a minor rostered player cannot play.
  4. Under no conditions may a minor rostered player pitch in a major game.

**SECTION 12.** Each team shall prepare a roster indicating names, addresses and birth dates of each player. Two (2) copies of this roster together with birth certificates; if required shall be submitted to the League Agent and one (1) copy to the League President at specified meeting. One copy of the roster shall be prepared also for each of the other teams in the League and distributed at the same meeting. No player shall be allowed to play unless his name appears on the copy of the roster present in the League files.

**SECTION 13.** The League Agent shall be notified of any roster changes and approve it before any players shall be eligible to play. No changes in rosters will be permitted after the third scheduled game in any year except in an emergency and as approved by the League Agent. Changes to the roster, subject to the approval of the League Agent, may be made anytime prior to the fourth scheduled game. Each team will establish the number of players to be carried on their roster prior to the first game and indicate the number at the first submission of their roster.

**SECTION 14.** The League shall determine each member Association's respective boundaries. In cases of dispute between adjacent territories, the League shall arbitrate a settlement. Any out of League territory player is eligible to participate for any Member Organization. Once an out of League territory player is rostered on a major or minor team, the sponsoring member organization will thereafter be considered this player's home Association. A player residing within the approved boundaries of a League member other than the one for which he is registered must have the approval of both member organizations. In cases where a Central Penn Midget Baseball member Association has closed their registration, and that same Association has additional players wishing to sign-up, they may waive any or all of those players to other Central Penn Midget Baseball member Associations. Such a waiver requires mutual written agreement between both the losing and gaining Associations. Individual member Associations may set their own criteria for approving and/or denying waiver requests. In the event a member Association denies a request for waiver, the player and/or his parent(s) may request arbitration by the League Officers, whose decision shall be final. If a player changes residence after having appeared on a team roster the previous year, and moves outside his original member team's boundaries, he may elect to continue with his original Central Penn Midget Baseball League member until his midget league eligibility is completed.

**SECTION 15.** Players whose names appear on Central Penn Midget Baseball League rosters as of the date of the fourth scheduled game and are subsequently removed for any reason, may not be returned to the Central Penn Midget Baseball League at any time during the current playing season except in extreme emergency and as approved by the League Agent. Any player removed because of injury or moving may be replaced on his League team's roster with the League Agent's approval.

**SECTION 16. Pitching:**

**Major League:**

**a. For all games played prior to the Monday of the week that May 15<sup>th</sup> falls in:**

(1) The manager must remove the current pitcher when he/she reaches a total of 70 pitches for the game, if pitcher reaches 70 pitches while facing a batter, pitcher may continue to pitch until the current batter reaches base or is put out.

(2) If pitcher throws 35 or less total pitches in a game, pitcher must rest a minimum of 1 full day before pitching again.

(3) If pitcher throws more than 35 total pitches in a game, pitcher must rest a minimum of 2 full days before pitching again.

**b. For all games played beginning Monday the week that May 15<sup>th</sup> falls in and after:**

(1) The manager must remove the current pitcher when he/she reaches a total of 90 pitches for the game, if pitcher reaches 90 pitches while facing a batter, pitcher may continue to pitch until the current batter reaches base or is put out.

(2) If pitcher throws 45 or less total pitches in a game, pitcher must rest a minimum of 1 full day before pitching again.

(3) If pitcher throws more than 45 total pitches in a game, pitcher must rest a minimum of 2 full days before pitching again.

c. Each team must designate an official scorekeeper/pitch recorder before each game. The home team scorekeeper/pitch recorder will determine final count when settling any discrepancies in pitch count if an agreeable count cannot be determined. It is required for scorekeepers to exchange pitch counts upon completion of each inning.

d. Any violation of any part of Section 16, may result in protest to the Central Penn Midget Baseball League Board of Directors for penalty of violation to be determined after review.

e. Each Manager is responsible for adding game pitchers and final pitch counts in ink to team's seasonal pitching chart at completion of each game and have opposing manager sign and date. Manager must carry chart to each game and upon request present to opposing manager for review.

**Minor League:**

a. Eight (8), nine (9) & ten (10) year old pitchers are limited to a total of six (6) innings in a calendar week, and a maximum of three (3) innings in any one game.

- b. The total of all eleven (11) year old pitchers are limited to a total of two (2) innings per game and may not pitch after the fourth (4) inning in any game. One (1) pitch constitutes an inning.
- c. All pitchers must pitch from 46 feet.
- d. Twelve (12) year old players may not pitch in the Minor League.
- e. All Minor level pitchers shall have one (1) full day rest after pitching between one (1) and three (3) innings in a game. If three or more games are played in a week, they are permitted a total 9 innings during the week (rest requirements apply). Eleven (11) year old pitchers still must adhere to pitching rule Section 16.b.
- f. Each Manager is responsible for adding game pitchers and final innings pitched in ink to team's seasonal pitching chart at completion of each game and have opposing manager sign and date. Manager must carry chart to each game and upon request present to opposing manager for review.

**SECTION 17.** Each team is allowed to have three (3) coaches and a scorekeeper as listed on the official roster. Two (2) coaches are allowed on the field as base coaches. They are not permitted to change coaching boxes during any one inning. The other coach and the scorekeeper are confined to the dugout area. In the event that there should be only one coach appear for a game, one substitute (not listed on roster) may be selected by the head coach (making a total of two). Similarly, if no listed coaches are available, two substitutes may be selected. The opposing coaches shall be so informed in either case.

**SECTION 18.** The League will provide two umpires for championship games. If the home association of playoff games would like to use a second umpire, it must be done through a request to the League Agent and be responsible for payment of that umpire. The League will also set game dates and obtain neutral fields. The host Association will operate and retain all profits from the concession stand. The "Home" team is responsible for umpire fees.

**SECTION 19.** League play for major and minor Leagues (including championship play) shall be decided upon on an annual basis at Central Penn Midget League meetings. April 1 is set as a permanent deadline for setting both league and championship play dates.

**SECTION 20.** "Tournament Teams" - At a time and place determined by the League President, preferably prior to the last regularly scheduled League game, a League meeting shall be called to select the Tournament Teams which shall consist of a maximum of thirteen (13) players. At the meeting each head coach shall give what, in his/her opinion, is an honest appraisal of his/her nominations for all that team's nominations, after which the head coaches of each team shall vote for 13 players, by secret ballot. The 13 players receiving the most votes shall be elected to the Tournament Team. After which voting will be conducted for additional tournament teams in the same manner from remaining nominations. Each member organization must have at least one player representative on the Tournament Teams. The head coach shall be the head coach of the League

Champions and shall select his assistants. Participants to be restricted to League rostered players.

**SECTION 21.** Tie games will be replayed from point of stoppage.

**SECTION 22.** Balks will **not** be enforced during all league games.

**SECTION 23.** Playing time:

**Major** - All rostered uniformed players must bat once and play six outs in the field per six inning game. A starter may **not** re-enter the game until said starter's substitute player has fulfilled his/her obligation of batting once (1) and playing six (6) defensive outs. Once the substitute has fulfilled obligation, starter may re-enter game at any spot in the lineup.

**Minor** - All rostered uniformed players present must bat once and play six outs in the field per six inning game, and be included in a "continuous batting order" determined by the number of rostered uniformed players present at the start of the game of the team with the lesser number of players. Players not in the continuous batting order can be substituted into the game and take the place in the batting order of the player he/she substituted for. Starter may re-enter game only after sub fulfills playing requirements.

<b>ie:</b>	<b><u>Example 1</u></b>	<b><u>Example 2</u></b>
Team A players present	12	9
Team B players present	10	13
Continuous batting order	10	9

**SECTION 24. OPTIONAL:** The use of the Extra Hitter (EH) in the offensive lineup is allowed, if declared before the start of the game, subject to the following conditions:

1 - The EH may be placed into any spot (1 thru 10) in the batting order before the game begins.

2 - When the EH enters the game as defensive player to satisfy the six-out must play rule, he must remain in the same spot in the batting order.

3 - When the EH enters the game as a defensive player, the defensive player replaced by the EH, becomes the new EH and must remain in his same spot in the batting order.

4 - Once the starting EH and the defensive player he replaces have satisfied the playing rule, they may be substituted for, per the substitution rule.

5 - If at any time a position in the batting order is vacant, that position is an automatic out.

**SECTION 25.** When a manager, coach or player is ejected from a game, they shall leave the field immediately and take no further part in that game. They may not sit in the stands and may not be recalled. The penalty

for being ejected from a game will be an automatic one game suspension. The penalty will be enforced at the next game following the ejection. All ejections must be reported to the League Agent immediately following the game.

**SECTION 26.** Bats must be within specifications. All bats shall be checked before each game for splinters and/or dents. Splintered and/or dented bats CANNOT be used. All wooden or aluminum bats must be stamped "Little League Approved." Any player using an illegal bat will be automatically called out for that time at bat.

**SECTION 27.** Any member association allowing rostered players to participate for a non-League team (traveling teams), should direct those players and coaches to use discretion as to playing and pitching time.

**SECTION 28.** All associations are required to have in place a "Coaches, Players and Parents - Code of Conduct" for each season.

**SECTION 29.** The dropped third (3rd) strike rule will **not** be enforced during all league and playoff games.

**SECTION 30.** Minor level courtesy runner allowed for catchers only, with two (2) outs, by the player who made the last out.

## Article Nine

### TOURNAMENTS

**SECTION 1.** The League encourages and supports the selection of Tournament Teams.

**SECTION 2.** No player will be eligible for Central Penn Midget Baseball sanctioned tournament teams if he/she plays for another tournament team entered in the same tournament.

**SECTION 3.** No Member Organization may enter their players in any tournament during the Central Penn Midget Baseball playing season, including play-offs, without League approval.

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