

# **GRIMSBY AMATEUR BASEBALL ASSOCIATION BY-LAWS**

## **BY-LAW 1: LEAGUE ORGANIZATION**

- a) Grimsby Amateur Ball Association herein as referred to GBL shall be the primary unit of the organization.
- b) GBL shall enter travel teams into the Niagara District Baseball Association at any age classification as determined by the Executive and Directors.
- c) GBL shall establish and manage house league teams at any age classification as determined by the Executive and Directors.

## **BY-LAW 2: CLASSIFICATION OF LEAGUES**

***\*\*Age determined by birth year and interlock (Softball divisions may change based on registration) all age groups listed on the Grimsby baseball website.***

A player must play in his/her age classification, any exceptions must be passed by a majority at a GBL Executive & Directors meeting. All requests must be submitted in writing and passed by a majority of the Executive. In the case of Sr. T-ball and Minor Rookie ball, a player may play in either division dependent on their experience and level of comfort.

## **BY-LAW 3: HOUSE LEAGUE PLAYOFFS**

Playoff structures for all house league age classifications - Junior Rookie Ball through Bantam, inclusive - will be at the discretion of the respective House League Convenor.

## **BY-LAW 4: PLAYER ELIGIBILITY**

All GBL players engaged in travel team competition in the Niagara District Baseball Association must complete an Ontario Baseball Association (OBA) player registration form on or before the date requested by the OBA. Any player, without executive approval, travel team or GBL house league, found guilty of playing in a league for which he/she is too old shall be suspended for a period not to exceed 12 (twelve) months from the date of the charge being laid. Any team found guilty of knowingly using a player over the legal age or not registered with the GBL shall forfeit all games in which the player participated. The Convenor is considered responsible for the eligibility of his age group.

## **BY-LAW 5: COACHING SELECTION**

The coaching staff for the following season must be screened and approved by the GBL Board of Executives and Directors. If there are two or more applicants for any one coaching positions, then an interview process will take place shortly after applications are received. Once the interviews are completed, the Board will convene to discuss the results and vote on the outcome.

Every Coach must have a police check and vulnerable screening prior to the commencement of the season. GBL reserves the right to conduct interviews with ANY potential Coaches.

#### **BY-LAW 6: SUSPENSIONS AND EXPULSIONS**

Any team, player, Coach, Manager, or member of the Association that fails to abide by the Constitution, By-laws, rules and regulations or requests of the GBL Executive and Directors may be suspended or expelled. If the President feels justified, he may indefinitely suspend any person or team. The suspended individual or team has the right to ask for a hearing before a Disciplinary Committee. Hearing to be held within 15 days from the requested date. The GBL President will appoint at least 3 members from the present Executive to the Disciplinary Committee. No member appointed should be directly involved with disciplined individual. The committee should have a recommendation to the GBL Executive at their next scheduled meeting. The Executive has the final say on all discipline. For an individual or team to be expelled it must pass by majority of all GBL Executive and Directors.

#### **BY-LAW 7: PROTESTS**

All protests pertaining to games played in the GBL must be submitted in writing within 24 (twenty-four) hours after the completion of the disputed game. A copy of the protest must be in the hands of the GBL Vice-President. The Vice-President shall then call a meeting, composed of all Hardball Convenors, 2 members of the Executive Board, including the UIC and chaired by the Vice-President of GBL, at the earliest possible time. Any decisions of the committee are final. Any protest based on an umpire's judgement will not be allowed. *Softball Games may Not be Protested.*

#### **BY-LAW 8: SPECIAL GAMES**

Permission must be obtained from the House League Convenor for all games other than official GBL games. Special games for travel teams, other than GBL or NDBA sanctioned, must be approved by the GBL Executive and Directors and the NDBA.

#### **BY-LAW 9: PLAYER TRANSACTIONS**

All players moving to a lower or higher age category must have the approval of the GBL Executive and Directors. Player trades within a House League division must be approved by the Convenor.

Softball Players may be traded at the discretion of the convenor, and for the sole purpose of equal ability teams, up to 30 days from their first played game.

#### **BY-LAW 10: ADMISSIONS**

No admission shall be charged for any games or activities unless written permission is obtained from the GBL executive and directors. Voluntary contributions are permitted.

### **BY-LAW 11: FUNDRAISING**

Teams under the jurisdiction of GBL shall not raise funds through any form of public subscription or without the permission of the GBL Executive and Directors. Funds raised must be secured through GBL and distributed by the Executive Board.

### **BY-LAW 12: PLAYER RELEASES**

The boundaries of the GRIMSBY HOBO's/Grimsby Rep Ball shall be the boundaries of GBL designated by NDBA.

The release policy for Rep League players shall be set by the By-Laws of Grimsby Amateur Baseball Association and Governed by the GBL Executive Board. Players requesting a release from the GBL must submit in writing a letter to the Executive of the GBL. **A decision will be made at the next scheduled meeting.**

### **BY-LAW 13: OUT OF TOWN PLAYERS**

A) Any out of town player(s) wishing to try out for a travel team must be registered with GBL. The player(s) name will be brought to the GBL Executive for discussion regarding the number of players trying out for each group. The Executive will decide on an individual team basis whether to allow any out of town players on the GBL team.

B) Out of Town Players are required to have a release prior to participating in any GBL Rep activities.

C) An out of town player that has played in GBL, the previous year is eligible to play on any GBL team.

D) An out of town player coming from an organization that does not field a travel team for his/her age division is eligible to play on a GBL travel team for his/her age division.

E) In all cases, the out of town player eligibility must be accordance with the OBA and NDBA rules and by-laws.

F) The Executive reserves the right to override the above provisions where there is a shortage of Grimsby players trying out for a particular age group.

### **BY-LAW 14: OBA's**

Players registering with a Non-OBA sanctioned Baseball Organization prior to the Completion of OBA's, become ineligible to play in any OBA tournaments.

### **BY-LAW 15: VACANCIES, BOARD OF DIRECTORS and CONVENORS**

The Executive Board reserves the right to add and fill or remove positions on the Board of Directors and Convenors, to suit the needs of Grimsby Amateur Ball Association. Vacancies on the Board of Directors, however caused, may, so long as a quorum of Directors remain, be filled

by the Directors from among qualified candidates, if they shall see fit to do so, otherwise, such vacancy shall be filled at the next annual meeting of the members.

#### **BY-LAW 16: OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

GBL Executive and Directors may appoint “other committee members” to assist the Executive Group and perform tasks for the league. These Committee members will be classified as Class B members if they are not appointed to an Executive or Directors position.

#### **BY-LAW 17: MEMBERSHIP**

GBL membership is classified as either a Class A member or a Class B member as defined in the Revenue Canada Article of incorporation document. Class A members are defined as the Executive Committee and Directors and shall consist of no less than 5 members. Class A members are required to attend monthly meetings and will have a vote at these meetings and at the AGM. Class B members are defined as Convenors and the General membership in good standing and will have a vote at the AGM.

#### **BY-LAW 18: NAME FOR MARKETING**

Grimsby Amateur Ball Association reserves the right to use the name “GRIMSBY BASEBALL LEAGUE” for the purpose of marketing. The legal name for the association will remain Grimsby Amateur Ball Association. Grimsby Amateur Ball Association may also be referred to as GBL.

#### **BY-LAW 19: REGISTRATION COMPLETION**

A registration is not considered to be final & accepted until the registration fee has been paid in full. All Rep Fees and Registration Paid in full no later than the end of January. House League paid in full no later than the end of April.

*Any registration with an outstanding balance as of May 31 will either not be placed on a team or will not be allowed to play/practice until the remaining balance has been paid in full this applies to both House League and Rep Baseball.*

#### **BY-LAW 20: BOARD SPENDING**

The norm is every expense is to be put before the board for approval. Also, all Bills, Monies owing etc. must be Board approved before being paid.