

# Cape Cod Baseball Umpires Association

## Constitution

### **Article I - Purpose**

1.1 This association shall hereby be known as the Cape Cod Baseball Umpires Association (CCBUA).

1.2 Mission statement: The Cape Cod Baseball Umpires Association (CCBUA) is an organization dedicated to providing qualified, experienced baseball umpires for all levels of high school, amateur and youth baseball leagues. The organization is an affiliate of The Massachusetts Baseball Umpires Association (MBUA).

### **Article II – Officers and Executive Committee**

2.1 The officers of this association shall consist of: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Member at Large and the immediate Past President.

2.2 The Executive Board shall consist of six members; one of whom shall be the Immediate Past President and the five elected officers. A quorum of the Executive Board shall consist of three (3).

2.3 The term of office for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Member at Large shall be two years and shall run from July 1 thru June 30.

2.4 Officers may serve two consecutive terms in the same office. (four years). Officers after serving two consecutive terms may run for another office with the exception of the President who will automatically become a member of the Executive Board as Past President.

2.5 The nomination of officers in an election year shall be carried out at the second regular meeting of that year. Any active member may be nominated to run for office. A member can nominate himself or herself. A nominee must be present to be nominated. If the nominee is not present, a letter of proxy may serve as official notification of that nominee's intention. A member cannot be nominated for more than one office.

2.6 At the third meeting all nominees must be present and have an opportunity to present their qualifications to the membership.

2.7 Voting will take place via printed ballot. Two members (Election Committee) not running for office will collect and count the ballots in full public view. Those candidates receiving a plurality for each office shall be declared the winner. In case of a tie, a re-vote will occur between the tied candidates only until a winner is determined. Any candidate may request a re - count of the votes at the conclusion of the election.

2.8 For purpose of the election, no absentee ballots shall be accepted. Presence at the meeting is a requirement to vote.

2.9 Only Active members shall be eligible to vote.

2.10 If a vacancy occurs in the position of President, the order of succession shall be; Vice President, Member at Large, Secretary, Treasurer. The new President shall serve the remainder of the prior President's unexpired term.

2.11 If vacancies shall occur in the position of Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer or Member at Large, the Executive Board shall convene to appoint a replacement from the Active membership. Any member chosen to fill these vacancies shall serve the remainder of the unexpired term.

2.12 If the Executive Board deems that unusual circumstances exist, a special election committee may be called. The election committee shall be appointed by the Executive Board with the purpose of administrating the election process. Such election may be conducted by email ballot or other method deemed suitable by the Executive Board.

2.13 An Executive Board member may be removed from office when the Executive Board determines that just and sufficient cause exists. After review by the Executive Board, if the offense is found to be substantial, critical and justifiable in nature, the issue would then be forwarded to a Judiciary Committee appointed by the Executive Board. The Judiciary Committee shall then entertain charges against the officer and adapt a process at its discretion which is the best

interest of the CCBUA. After review by the Judiciary Committee and it is determined the offense justifies removal from the Executive Board, the facts will be presented to the Active members for discussion and vote. A quorum of the Active members is necessary to conduct a vote. A three fourths majority vote of the Active members present at that meeting shall be required for removal.

### **Article III – Membership**

3.1 All members shall be of reputable character.

3.2 Membership in the Association is open to any person who has attained the age of (18) eighteen years by June 1<sup>st</sup> of the year that he or she seeks membership.

3.3 Candidates for membership shall submit an application with the Secretary. Included with the application, the candidate shall submit the required instructional fee, membership fee covering the annual membership dues and any other expenses related to his or her initial certification.

3.4 A candidate for membership will be voted into the Association after submitting a proper application, attending the training classes provided by the Association and passing the written and field tests. Having these requirements met, The Executive Board shall present the new candidates to the membership for approval.

3.5 Voting requirements for new members – a two thirds vote of the voting quorum in attendance is required for membership.

3.6 An individual who belongs to another recognized MBUA Umpires Association shall present the MBUA transfer form in accordance with the MBUA Constitution. Upon review and following prescribed protocol, the Executive Board will evaluate and determine if the transferee meets the appropriate qualifications of the CCBUA and assign the individuals a status; Active, Honorary or Suspended membership.

3.7 Out of state transferees are required to attend prescribed training and testing procedures as determined by CCBUA.

3.8 The membership of the Association shall be in one of three categories.

A. Active Members: Active members are working umpires who receive game assignments, have passed their yearly exam, meet the attendance requirements, pay their dues timely, and have fulfilled all other Association requirements including but not limited to passing a background check and concussion training prescribed by the Executive Board.

B. Honorary Members: Members that are chosen by the Executive Board who are non-working umpires. They can participate in meetings, but have no voting privilege. This status exempts these members from their yearly dues requirement.

C. Suspended Member: Pursuant to By – Laws Article V, a suspended member is a member no longer to be found in “good standing”.

3.9 All requests for change of status shall be submitted in writing to the Executive Board for review and determination.

#### **Article IV - Amendments**

4.1 Amendments to the Constitution may be proposed by any active member of the Association. The proposed amendment shall be presented in writing to the Secretary at any regular business meeting or a special meeting called for that purpose and made part of the official record. The author of the proposed amendment shall obtain two additional signatures of active members in support of the proposed amendment.

4.2 Upon receipt of the proposed and properly endorsed amendment, the Secretary shall present its contents to the membership. At the next regularly scheduled meeting, a two – thirds vote of active members of the existing quorum shall be required to consider the amendment.

4.3 A three – fourths vote of the active members of the existing quorum shall be required to ratify the proposed amendment.

4.4 Notice of any proposed Constitutional amendment shall be published to the membership in a timely manner.

This document, in its entirety, adopted by vote of membership on 3/14/2016.