



# Manitoba Premier Baseball League

## Constitution

### **ARTICLE I – NAME:**

1. The organization shall be known as the Manitoba Premier Baseball League (herein after referred to as the PBL).

### **ARTICLE II - OBJECTIVES:**

1. To promote and deliver high-performance baseball in Manitoba in 3 categories (18U, 15U and 13U).
2. To create and administer an annual schedule of regular season games, and playoff games, to determine the Tier 1 and 2 representatives at Baseball Manitoba's AAA Provincial Championships.

### **ARTICLE III - GOVERNANCE:**

1. The PBL shall be governed by a Board of Directors, a President elected by the membership and an Executive, as defined in Article III, paragraph 6 herein, and elected by the membership, or appointed by the President. The Executive is directly responsible to the President and may be dismissed by the president.
2. Members of the Board of Directors shall be constructed as described here:
  - a. President
  - b. Vice President
  - c. Secretary/Treasurer
  - d. Umpire in Chief
  - e. 4 Directors at Large (at least one from Zone 1 and one from 2)
  - f. 1 Baseball Manitoba Staff (non-voting)
3. The Executive Committee will consist of the President, the Vice-President and the Secretary/Treasurer.

4. The Executive Committee shall appoint the Baseball Manitoba Staff person, in consultation with the Executive Director of Baseball Manitoba.
5. The duties of each position on the Board of Directors, as described in the By-Laws herein, shall be such duties as are common to the position described, plus any other duties as the President may, in his absolute discretion, determine.

#### **ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP:**

1. Membership in the PBL shall be for the regional association. Each Baseball Manitoba Region, with a team in the PBL, shall be considered a member and carry one (1) vote at the AGM or Special Meeting.
2. All applications for league membership must be received by the PBL prior to February 1st in the year of intended play in the PBL for consideration and ratification by the Board of Directors at the annual meeting.
3. Membership applications shall contain sufficient evidence of financial responsibility, adequate organizational strength, suitable playing fields and the ability to attract and keep competent players. All new applications for membership shall be accompanied by a bond in the financial amount of the previous season's fees. This bond shall be returned if membership is not accepted.
4. New members must receive minimum approval of 51% of the Board of Directors at the PBL annual meeting for admission to the PBL. Membership application not received prior to February 1st in the year of intended play in the PBL must receive the unanimous consent of the Board of Directors for entry into the PBL.
5. Any region, within Baseball Manitoba, not currently a member of the PBL may apply for membership in the league. Such membership application must indicate a willingness to play 100% of the league schedule of games.
6. An existing PBL member may only have their membership terminated by a unanimous vote of the remaining members of the Board of Directors at the PBL annual meeting or at a meeting called for the specific purpose of terminating the membership of the PBL member.
7. Regions that have not participated in the PBL, in the past three (3) years, must apply for reinstatement.

#### **ARTICLE V - MEETINGS:**

1. The Annual General Meeting of the PBL shall be called by the President and held between February 15th and March 15th in each year, provided however, that 30 days notice shall be given to the PBL members. Where possible, the AGM shall be an in-person meeting.
2. The President shall call other meetings of the Board of Directors, and the Executive, as deemed necessary and when requested to do so by a minimum 51% vote of the Board of Directors.
3. The order of business at the Annual General Meeting shall be:
  - a. Call to order
  - b. Roll call of accredited Directors or their representatives

- c. Reading of the minutes from the previous meeting
  - d. Business arising from the minutes of the previous meeting
  - e. President's report
  - f. Financial report
  - g. Umpire-in-Chief's report
  - h. Communications Director's report
  - i. Any committee report as requested by the President
  - j. Resolutions and Constitutional amendments
  - k. New business
  - l. Election and installation of President
  - m. Adjournment
4. A quorum at any PBL meeting shall be the number of eligible voting Directors that equals at least 50% of the number of members in the PBL.
  5. Any reference in this Constitution to majority votes, two-thirds votes, and unanimous votes shall refer to the number of eligible voting Directors present at each PBL meeting except where specified herein. Voting delegates must be in attendance to vote.
  6. Failure of a league member to send a representative to the Annual General Meeting, or any Special Meeting called by the President, shall result in a two-hundred dollar (\$200.00) fine.

#### **ARTICLE VI - FINANCIAL POLICY:**

1. The signing officers for the PBL for any contracts, bank drafts, cheques or any other legal instrument or document shall be the same signing authorities as Baseball Manitoba.
2. All monies of the PBL shall be held at any accredited financial institution, and under the same financial policies as approved by Baseball Manitoba.
3. All financial transactions shall be conducted by Baseball Manitoba and approved by any member of the Executive Committee.

#### **ARTICLE VII - BY-LAWS:**

1. The Board of Directors may pass By-laws at any PBL meeting. Such By-laws shall regulate any facet of the operation of the PBL according to this constitution, shall not be contrary to this constitution and shall relate to the objectives of the PBL as stated in Article II herein.
2. Changes to any By-law shall generally occur at the annual meeting of the PBL and shall require a two-thirds majority vote of the Board of Directors to be approved. Changes to any By-law at any other meeting of the PBL shall require a unanimous vote of the Board of Directors to be approved.

#### **ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENTS:**

1. This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors at the PBL Annual General Meeting provided the members received notice of the proposed amendments a minimum of 30 days in advance of the meeting.

**ENACTED-THIS 15th DAY OF MARCH 2026, BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MANITOBA PREMIER BASEBALL LEAGUE**

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President – Dave Adamson

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Secretary/Treasurer – Aaron Tycoles



# Manitoba Premier Baseball League

## By-Laws

### **ARTICLE I - RULES:**

1. The rules of the PBL shall be the rules of Baseball Canada (BC) and Baseball Manitoba (BM), unless otherwise stated in an official rules document, and may be amended by the Board of Directors.
2. The PBL shall create and operate under a separate rules document which shall be reviewed, updated and shared annually with it's members.
3. Baseball Manitoba pitch-count rules are to be in effect for all PBL regular season, playoff, exhibition, and tournament games.

### **ARTICLE II- PLAYER AGE LIMITS AND REGISTRATION:**

1. All Players must be registered with Baseball Manitoba, and their local association, by April 15 of the current playing season.
2. All Coaches and Managers must be registered with Baseball Manitoba, and their local association, by May 15 of the current playing season.
3. The age groups for the PBL shall be:
  - a. 13U (as defined by Baseball Manitoba)
  - b. 15U (as defined by Baseball Manitoba)

- c. 18U (as defined by Baseball Manitoba)
4. No player may be rostered for two teams in the PBL in the same season without a release from the original team and permission of the President.
5. Any player added to a roster after June 15th must first be approved in writing by Baseball Manitoba. To accommodate the pitch-count tracking, interim rosters must be submitted to BM by May 1st of the current season.

### **ARTICLE III- RELEASES AND PLAYER ADVANCEMENT**

1. All players must follow Baseball Manitoba's Transfer and Release Policy.
2. Players may age advance, as per Baseball Manitoba Rules.

### **ARTICLE IV - PLAYING FIELDS:**

1. All PBL playing fields must be approved by the Board of Directors prior to the playing season.
2. All playing fields shall be properly lined prior to each game. The responsibility of the playing field is with the home team. Failure to do so shall result in a \$200 fine per instance.

### **ARTICLE V – LEAGUE CHAMPIONS AND SEEDING**

1. League Champions for 15U and 18U will be determined by the regular season standings.
2. There will be 2 League Champions for 13U, Zone 1 and Zone 2.
  - a. Zone 2 will be determined by the highest regular season standings in Zone 2 vs. Zone 2 games only
  - b. The Zone 1 Champion will be determined by conducting playoffs, as determined in the rules document.
3. Seeding for 15U and 18U Tier 1 and Tier 2 Provincials will be determined by the regular season standings. The top 6 teams will attend Tier 1 Provincials, and the rest of the teams will attend Tier 2 Provincials, to a maximum of 6.
4. Seeding for 13U Tier 1 and Tier 2 Provincials will be determined by:
  - a. Zone 2 – regular season standings in Zone 2 vs Zone 2 games. The top 3 teams will attend Teir 1 Provincials, and the remaining teams will attend Tier 2 Provincials. The teams will be ranked in the order they are in the standings.
  - b. Zone 1 – the Zone 1 playoffs will determine the seeding for Provincials – the top 3 teams will attend Tier 1 Provincials, and the remaining teams will attend Tier 2 Provincials. The teams will be ranked in the order they are in the playoff standings.

### **ARTICLE VI - COACHES, MANAGERS AND UMPIRES:**

1. Only coaches registered with BM and approved by the PBL may participate in any PBL game.

2. All umpires and coaches must be in uniform to appear on the playing field including the dugouts during any PBL game.
3. All member teams are required to have coaches with the minimum certification requirements as described in the current BM handbook for the member team to play in the PBL.
4. Only umpires approved by the Umpire in Chief, or, in their absence, by the Board of Directors, may officiate an PBL game.
5. All umpires assigned to PBL games shall be Level 2 or 3 umpires who have received their certification under the training program authorized and established by BM.
6. All umpires in the PBL shall be assigned by the PBL Umpire- in-Chief or an assignor appointed by them and approved by the Board of Directors.
7. Umpire fees, and/or mileage fees will be negotiated and established each year prior to the start of the season.

#### **ARTICLE VII - FEES:**

1. The fee structure of the PBL shall be reviewed, established and approved by the Board of Directors each year.
2. Fees must be paid by members on or before June 1 of each year.

#### **ARTICLE VIII - POSTPONED GAMES**

1. Postponed games during the regular season must be rescheduled by the teams involved in consultation with the Umpire-in-Chief, within a period of seven (7) days. Baseball Manitoba may reschedule the postponed game if it is not scheduled within seven (7) days. The home team of the postponed game shall be responsible to initiate the rescheduling of the postponed game.
2. In all circumstances, the decision of the President regarding the dates, time and location of the rescheduled games shall be final.

#### **ARTICLE IX-GAME RESULTS AND STATISTICS:**

1. Scorekeeping must be done on Gamechanger for all PBL games.
2. Scores must be posted to the PBL website within 24 hours of the end of the game.
3. The Baseball Manitoba Pitch Count App must be used for all games.

#### **ARTICLE X - EQUIPMENT:**

1. Helmets with two ear protection must be worn by all players while batting and base running.
2. A catcher must wear a protective helmet with facemask when catching in a game or when in the crouch position during any time when warming up a pitcher.

3. The official baseball of the PBL shall be the official baseball of Baseball Manitoba.

### **ARTICLE XIII – DIRECTOR ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

1. President
  - a. The President shall serve as the Chairman of the Board of Directors.
  - b. The President, or the President’s designate, shall serve as the PBL representative on the Board of Directors of Baseball Manitoba (BM) as permitted by Article 5.21 of the BM Constitution.
  - c. The President has the authority to appoint all necessary committees and arbitrate any disputes of the League’s Committees.
  - d. The President shall act in the best interests of the PBL, shall chair all Board of Directors meetings and shall only have the right to vote to break a tie.
  - e. The President shall be responsible for resolution of all protests of PBL games and shall also be the final appeal from any decision of any member of the Board of Directors made during the performance of their duties.
2. Vice-President
  - a. The Vice-President shall fulfill the duties of President, in their absence.
  - b. The Vice-President shall support and execute duties assigned by the President.
3. Secretary/Treasurer
  - a. Oversee the proper documentation of all agendas, meeting notes and resolutions on the PBL
  - b. Oversee all financial transactions and documents of the PBL.
  - c. Provides an annual financial report to the membership, which is prepared by Baseball Manitoba.
4. Umpire in Chief
  - a. Oversee the recruitment, assignment and supervision of all PBL umpires.
  - b. Oversee the payment of all PBL umpires
5. Directors at Large (4)
  - a. Assist the Executive in all facets of the PBL
6. Baseball Manitoba Staff (non-voting)
  - a. Organize, record all meetings of the PBL
  - b. Produce and distribute all meeting notes of the PBL to it’s members
  - c. Execute all financial transactions for the PBL
  - d. Keep and produce financial records for the PBL

### **ARTICLE XIII – DIRECTOR’S TERMS:**

1. The terms of all Board of Director positions shall be 2 years.
2. Following the initial election of all officers, each position will be up for election in the following order:
  - a. In the odd years, the positions of Vice-President, Umpire in Chief and two (2) Directors at Large will be up for election.

- b. In the even years, the President, Secretary/Treasurer and two (2) Directors at Large will be up for election.

**ARTICLE XIV – AMENDMENT:**

1. These By-laws may be amended as per Article VII of the PBL Constitution.

**ENACTED THIS 15th DAY OF March 2026, BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
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**Manitoba Premier Baseball League**

Active Associations:

- Brandon Marlins
- Bonivital Blacksox
- Carillon Sultans
- Interlake Orioles
- Midwest All-Stars
- North Winnipeg Pirates
- Oildome
- Pembina Hills
- Red River Valley Pioneers/Elmwood Giants
- South Central
- West Winnipeg A's
- Winnipeg South Wolves

Eligible and inactive Associations:

- Parkland
- Northern Manitoba
- Northwest Ontario