

BY-LAWS

NEW LONDON YOUTH BASEBALL, INC.

(A Not-For-Profit Organization)

Revised On 12 / 27 / 08

ARTICLE I : ORGANIZATION

1. The name of the organization shall be New London Youth Baseball, Inc.
2. The organization shall have no seal.
3. The organization may by major majority vote of its voting board members change the name. (Major majority in this case means no less than 66%)

ARTICLE II : PURPOSES

This organization is formed for competitive recreational purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code

ARTICLE III : MISSION STATEMENT

New London Youth Baseball is an organization dedicated to teaching all youth that participate, the game of baseball. We will make all efforts to do so in a way as to promote their on field development. New London Youth Baseball is baseball first and foremost with the commitment to make all participants better players. While baseball is indeed a form of recreation, New London Youth Baseball's main objective is to give our participants a better understanding of the game and to teach the game of baseball in a competitive manner while emphasizing sportsmanship and teamwork. **(All rules, regulations and conduct by members, coaches, players, parents and others involved in New London Youth Baseball will be based upon and judged according to New London Youth Baseball's Mission Statement)**

ARTICLE IV : RULES, REGULATIONS, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

All rules, regulations, policies and procedures of New London Youth Baseball are governed within the framework of the organizations Mission Statement and may be changed with a major majority vote by the organizations voting members. (A major majority in this case means no less than 66%)

ARTICLE V : MEMBERSHIP

Membership in this organization shall be open to all adults who have children participating in New London Youth Baseball or who reside within the school district of New London.

ARTICLE VI: MEETINGS

The annual membership meeting of this organization will be as appointed by the presiding President at a selected location, selected date and time. This annual meeting will be held no later than January 1st of the New Year.

All current members will be notified by the presiding President or by a presiding officer appointed by such President no later than 10 calendar days before said meeting. The manner in which this is done is at the discretion of the presiding President and or his/her appointee.

Regular meetings of this organization shall be monthly on a regular basis with no fewer than 60 calendar days between these meetings and no fewer than 9 regular meetings in any one calendar year starting on the 1st of January of the New Year and ending the 31st of December of said year.

The presence of not less than 50% of the voting membership shall constitute a quorum and shall be necessary to conduct the business of this organization. A lesser percentage may adjourn the meeting for a period of not more than two weeks from the original scheduled date. The President or an officer appointee shall cause a notice of this scheduled meeting to those voting members who were not present at the originally scheduled meeting.

Special meetings of this organization may be called at the discretion of the President. A notice of such meeting shall be given to all voting members or those interested parties no less than 5 calendar days in advance of said meeting. The method in which notification is made is at the discretion of the President or his officer appointee.

No other business but that specified by the President shall take place during such meeting without a major majority vote of this organizations voting members. (Major majority in this case means no less than 66%)

ARTICLE VII : VOTING

At all meetings, except for the election of officers, all votes shall be by voice. For the election of officers, ballots shall be provided and there shall not appear any place on such ballot that might tend to indicate the person who cast such ballot.

All voting members shall possess one vote. The presiding President has no vote but may at his/her discretion vote to break any 50% deadlocks on any agreed upon voted issue.

ARTICLE VIII : ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Roll Call
2. Reading of the Minutes of the preceding meeting
3. Reports of Committees
4. Reports of Officers
5. Old and or Unfinished Business
6. New Business
7. Adjournments

ARTICLE IX: Voting Board Members

The business of this organization shall be managed by voting board members which includes the voting eligible officers. This organization must maintain a minimum of 8 voting members but may not exceed 20 voting members. At least half of the voting members must reside in the New London School District and be citizens of the United States of America.

Voting board members shall be active while attending a major majority of scheduled meetings (Major Majority in this case means no less than 66%), and be appointed to a committee by the presiding President or be made a voting member by a majority vote of all officers excluding the President who has only deadlock vote breaking privileges. As stated in Article VII, voting eligible members shall have one vote.

Any voting member may at anytime have his voting privileges revoked by a majority vote of the officers excluding the President who has only deadlock vote breaking privileges. The officers of the board will decide how long any decision to revoke members voting privileges will last and this decision needs a majority vote of the officers. The President is solely responsible to call a meeting of the officers to discuss the possibilities of revoking members' privileges.

No board member shall miss three or more regularly scheduled meetings in a calendar year. If this occurs, said member will be suspended from the board for the remainder of the calendar year and would be eligible for reinstatement the following year by a major majority vote of eligible voting board members. (A major majority in this case means no less than 66%) Special circumstances may apply and will be taken into consideration.

ARTICLE X: OFFICERS

PRESIDENT: Term is three years during any one term. The President shall be voted in by a majority vote of the voting eligible members. The President shall reside at all board meetings. He/she shall present at each annual meeting of the organization an annual report of the work of the organization. He/she shall appoint all committees. He/she shall see all books, reports and see that all certificates required by law are properly kept and filed. He/she shall be one of the officers who may sign the checks or drafts of the organization. He/she shall have such powers as may be reasonably construed as belonging to the chief executive of any organization.

VICE PRESIDENT: Term is two years during any one term. The Vice-President shall be voted in by a majority of the voting eligible members. The Vice President is second only to the President in terms of any Presidential responsibilities. As appointed by the President, the Vice President may head up committees or make organizational decisions based on Presidential instruction, appointment or unavoidable absence. The Vice President is obligated to fulfill all Presidential duties in the unavoidable or chosen absence of the President.

CO-TREASURERS: Term is two years during any one term. The Co-Treasurers shall be voted in by a majority of the voting eligible members. They shall have the care and custody of all monies belonging to the organization and shall be solely responsible for such monies or securities of the organization.

One or the other or both must have check or draft signing abilities in the organization. No special fund may be set aside that shall make it unnecessary for the Treasurers to sign the checks issued upon it. One or both shall render at stated periods a written account of the finances of the organization and such report shall be physically affixed to the minutes of the voting board members of such meeting. They shall exercise all duties incident to the office of treasurer.

SECRETARY: Term is two years during any one term. The Secretary shall be voted in by a majority of the voting eligible members. The Secretary shall keep the minutes and records of the organization in appropriate books. It shall be his/her duty to file any certificate required by any statute, federal or state. He/she shall if appointed by the President serve all notices to members of the organization. The Secretary shall be the official custodian of the records and seal (If applicable). He/she shall present to the voting eligible members at any meetings any communication addressed to him/her as Secretary of this organization. He/she shall attend to all correspondence of the organization and shall exercise all duties incident to the office of Secretary.

No officer of this organization shall for any reason because of his office receive any salary or compensation. Nothing herein shall be construed to prevent an officer or voting member for receiving any compensation from the organization for duties other than as a voting board member or officer.

The President shall at his discretion appoint certain duties to officers not listed within these By-Laws.

ARTICLE XI: COMMITTEES

All committees of this organization shall be appointed by the President either by direct appointment or a presidential volunteer call. All committees must then be voted in by a majority vote of the voting eligible board members. All committees must have no less than two voting board members on said committees.

ARTICLE XII: COACHES / PARENTS - LEVELS OF PLAY LEAGUES - TOURNAMENT TEAMS

COACHES / PARENTS: All coaches and parents will follow the rules, regulations, policies and procedures voted on and approved by a majority vote of the voting eligible board members of this organization. All rules, regulations, policies and procedures will be put in effect using the organizations Mission Statement as a guideline. Any rules, regulations, policies and procedures can be altered and or changed by a major majority vote of the voting eligible board members. (A major majority in this case means no less than 66%)

Level One: (Ages 5-12 / City League) Is for the league player where all kids will play and the basic fundamentals will be installed starting at the lowest levels with a much more relaxed atmosphere to give our youngest players a chance to get accustomed to the game. As our youth move up from league to league, expectations will grow and the emphasis will be on stressing the importance of knowing the game, quality play and the importance of practice time not only on the field but on a players free time in order to progress in the development of their skills. Level One is less about wins and losses and more about learning to fully understand the game and what it takes to become a better teammate and a better player, yet stressing the importance in having pride in ones effort with the hope to be competitive in a very demanding sport.

Level Two: (Ages 7-15 / Traveling Tournament / Traveling League) Is for the more advanced player where being competitive and representing your team and organization in a competitive manner will come first. Tournament or traveling baseball is about dedication, discipline and commitment by all involved in order to put as competitive of a team on the field as possible. This type of ball is not for all players and there is no guarantee of playing time (Of course individual tournament rules regarding playing time will apply) or that a player signing up for level two type ball will even make the team (In this case any fees would be returned). Level One ball is for all who choose to play, while Level Two ball is a privilege earned by skill, quality of play and the hard work it takes to become a Level Two type player. The New London Youth Baseball board reserves the right from season to season to have tryouts, practices or any other criteria needed to field Level Two type players for tournament/traveling baseball teams in order to represent our city and organization where putting a competitive team on the field comes first.

LEAGUES: All leagues will be organized and created using the organizations Mission Statement as a guideline. Any league rules, regulations, policies and procedures can be altered or changed by a major majority vote of the voting eligible board members. (A major majority in this case means no less than 66%)

TOURNAMENT TEAMS: All Tournament teams will be organized and created using the organizations Mission Statement as a guideline. Any league rules, regulations, policies and procedures can be altered or changed by a major majority vote of the voting eligible board members. (A major majority in this case means no less than 66%)

ARTICLE XIII: LEAGUE AND TOURNAMENT COMMISSIONERS

This organization shall appoint by majority vote, a Commissioner for each of the following leagues.

Level One: Pee Wee / Coach Pitch, American and National. **Level Two:** Pony / Babe Ruth. This organization at its discretion shall appoint and approve by majority vote of the voting eligible board members a separate commissioner for any or all of the following leagues Pee Wee, Coach Pitch, Pony and Babe Ruth if deemed necessary.

This organization shall appoint by majority vote of the voting eligible board members Co-Tournament Team Commissioners: **Level Two** (Ages 7-12). The voting eligible board members shall decide what duties and tasks the Co-Commissioners will be responsible for. These duties and tasks must be approved by a majority vote of the voting eligible board members.

All Commissioners will have duties appointed by the voting eligible board members and approved by a majority vote of the voting eligible board members.

ARTICLE XIV: AMMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be altered, amended, repealed or added to by a major majority vote of the voting eligible league members. (Major majority in this case means no less than 66%)

BY-LAWS ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2009.

, President

, Secretary