

**BY LAWS OF
SOUTH JEFFCO SPORTS ASSOCIATION**



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ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of the organization shall be THE COLUMBINE SPORTS ASSOCIATION, INC, D.B.A. SOUTH JEFFCO SPORTS ASSOCIATION (The Association).

ARTICLE II – ADDRESS

The REGISTERED PLACE OF BUSINESS OF THE ASSOCIATION shall be 6657 W. Ottawa Ave D-2, Littleton, Colorado 80128, or such other place as the Board of Directors shall designate.

ARTICLE III – OBJECT

SECTION 1: The object of The Association shall be to provide organized athletic programs for the benefit of young people, i.e., ages four (4) through seventeen (17) residing in geographic areas defined by league play, generally Southern Jefferson County.

The geographic area covered, as defined by a combination of the sport affiliations is: Bowles and Sheridan west to Tiny Town, south to County Line east to Platte Canyon, north to Bowles. Boundaries of the high schools that we serve that are outside of the aforementioned limits also apply.

SECTION 2: Sports programs within The Association may be affiliated with and/or maintain a relationship with a governing league or association. By way of example, these

leagues or associations may include Jefferson County Junior Baseball League (JCJBL), Jeffco Midget Football Association (JMFA), and the like. As such, each sports program of The Association shall comply with the applicable rules and regulations of such governing league or association, to the extent such compliance is not in direct conflict with these By Laws.

Baseball – Baseball shall be affiliated with the Jefferson County Junior Baseball League (JCJBL).

High School Baseball – High School Baseball programs shall be affiliated with the Colorado Baseball League

Football – Tackle Football shall be affiliated with the Jefferson County Midget Football Association Incorporated (JMFA).

Flag Football – Flag Football currently has no outside affiliation and these By Laws shall be amended to reflect any such outside affiliation, if it should so affiliate.

Softball – Softball shall be affiliated with the Girls Softball League of Jefferson County (GSLJC).

Basketball – Basketball shall be affiliated with the Jefferson County Basketball Conference and the Gold Crown Foundation.

Rugby – To be determined, affiliation and these By Laws shall be amended to reflect any such outside affiliation, if it should so affiliate.

SECTION 3: Each sport within The Association shall have and maintain its own independent By Laws which shall not conflict with any of the By Laws set forth herein. Further, each individual sport's By Laws shall incorporate the rules and regulations of the applicable governing league or association.

ARTICLE IV – FISCAL POWERS

SECTION 1: The Association is and shall be operated as a charitable, non-profit, tax-exempt corporation under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. In the event of dissolution, The Association shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all the liabilities of The Association, dispose of all the assets of The Association exclusively for the purpose of The Association in such a manner, or to such organization or organizations organized exclusively for non-profit athletic programs for the benefit of young people residing in the geographic area defined in Article III, Section (1). Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction in Jefferson County exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

SECTION 2: Checking accounts shall be established for the purpose of depositing and disbursing monies. Checks may be signed either by the Treasurer, President or Vice President, however all checks over \$500 require two (2) signatures. The Association may maintain the following accounts; one checking for operating, one capital account, and one interest bearing savings account as described in Section 4, below. The general account is used to fund the office operating expenses, and used to run daily operations. The capital fund will be used to accumulate monies to be used for capital improvements voted ~~for~~ on by the board of directors. In addition, The Association may maintain a separate bank account for managing and maintaining a hardship scholarship fund if The Association receives a donation or grant in excess of \$2,500, specifically designated by the donor, grantor or The Board for use in funding such scholarship.

SECTION 3: Routine disbursements and disbursements included within approved budgets may be made by the Treasurer. Special disbursement not included within approved budgets shall require the approval of the Executive Board. Directors shall either use Purchase Orders indicating their approval for payment or submit a signed copy of an invoice before payment is made. Each sport will make transfers within ten (10) days of the start of the respective seasons to cover their portion of operational expenses.

SECTION 4: The Executive Board reserves the right to establish an interest bearing savings account for The Association. Funds may be deposited to and drawn from with the savings account with the approval of the Executive Board.

SECTION 5: The Director of each sport shall be required to establish and present to the Board for approval, a budget for their sport, within 3 months prior to their sport registration, and after approval by the Board, make expenditures within their budget necessary to conduct the business of that sport. The Treasurer of The Association shall provide a uniform budget template which shall be used by each Director. The budgets will be voted upon in the regular Board Meeting in the month following a complete presentation of said budget. Any expenditure not accounted for within the budget shall be handled by individual fund raisers per the sport affected.

SECTION 6: All equipment purchases and other acquisitions shall be governed by The Association's *Spending and Purchasing Policy* as set forth in Appendix I, Section 1.

SECTION 7: All other debts shall be incurred only through approval of the Executive Board.

SECTION 8: The Executive Board shall be required to establish a budget for the administrative fund. The administrative fund will include all income and expenses that are necessary to maintain The Association, such as office rent, telephone, utilities, copier use, credit card discount charges, bank fees, postage, office staff and insurance. The budget shall be presented for approval at the November meeting and voted upon at the following meeting each year to be in place at the start of the new year. Disbursements included within the approved budget may be made by the Treasurer.

ARTICLE V – MEMBERSHIP

Membership in The Association is to include adults who have paid registration fees for at least one sport in the past 12 months and the child for whom those registration fees had been paid has participated in or are currently participating in a sport sponsored by The Association in the previous 12 months. A member can also be an adult who is currently participating in a coaching or administrative capacity for The Association and who is approved by the Executive Board. Members are granted specific voting rights as described in Article VII, Section 1. Members will be allowed to vote after attending two board meetings within the past six (6) months. Each member family will be granted one vote. Failure to abide by The Association By Laws may result in loss of membership. A 2/3 vote of the board members in attendance shall be required.

ARTICLE VI-SCHOLARSHIPS

The Association shall establish and maintain a need-based scholarship fund for members who exhibit, through a formal application process, the need for such assistance. Scholarships of The Association shall be used to pay for registration fees and other reasonable and necessary expenses of participation. The Association shall maintain clear application policies and applications shall be approved a vote of two members of the Executive Board and the Office Manager, or majority vote of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VII – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors (the Board) shall be the administrative body of The Association. The Board shall be comprised of up to sixteen (16) offices, as follows: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Immediate Past President and Office Manager. In addition, each sport shall be represented by 2 voting members, the primary director and either (a) an assistant director, if one exists, or (b) in the case of separate sub-directors, then one sub-director shall be either appointed by the director annually, or voted on annually by all sub-directors in that sport. All Directors are responsible for: ensuring legal and ethical integrity, effective planning, public outreach and financial oversight.

Each office, with the exception of the President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary may have an assistant, who will, in matters of deliberation, have an equal voice; however, the Director is responsible for the activities assigned to the specific office, where the assistant will assist in normal disposition and assume responsibility in the absence of the Director. Officers and Directors shall be elected to the Board by the general membership of The Association at the regular meeting held during the month of October when such terms are set to expire. A majority vote of membership present at the regular October meeting shall be required to elect each candidate to a specific office. Each Officer and Director shall be elected to serve for a term of two (2) years or until successors are elected with a maximum of 3 consecutive terms in any one office; and their terms of office shall begin at the close of the regular meeting at which they are elected, with the exception of the Director of Basketball who shall be elected in April, but whose term will run from May

1 through April 30, and the Directors of Football / and Flag Football who shall be elected in December, but whose term will run from January 1 through December 31. The Executive Board will have staggering term expirations with the offices of President and Secretary expiring in odd years and Vice President and Treasurer in even years.

The offices of the Executive Board and associated duties are as follows:

- A. PRESIDENT – shall create monthly agendas, call to order and preside over all regular meetings of membership and at all meetings of the Executive Board. The President shall have authority to create committees necessary to oversee and guide activities of The Association. The President shall be responsible for proper execution of duties by each member of the Board, with such duties determined in accordance with these By Laws. The President shall sign, in conjunction with other duly authorized directors, contracts or other instruments as specifically authorized by the Board, except in cases where such signature is expressly delegated by the Board or the By Laws to some other member of the Board. The President shall be responsible for overseeing the basic running of The Association office. The President shall be the Public Information Officer for The Association and will have all contacts with the media.

- B. VICE PRESIDENT – shall perform the duties of the office of President in the absence of, or resignation, or inability to act, by the President. When so acting, the Vice President shall be entitled to exercise all of the powers and be subject to all the restrictions conferred on the office of the President by these By Laws. The Vice President shall oversee the conduct of coaches, conduct of the parents, and spectators through the office responsible for that sport. The Vice President will be the chair of and appoint members to the Sports Review Board. The Vice President will make recommendations to the executive board, post-hearing, as to any action The Sports Review Board deems necessary. The Vice President shall also be responsible for the oversight of all tournaments conducted by The Association as well as coordinating and overseeing activities of all independent contractors.

- C. SECRETARY – shall be responsible for notifying Directors of regular and Special Board meetings, and posting notice of such meetings. The Secretary shall record minutes of all membership meetings, keep a list of all Board members, track member and director attendance, and special meetings and publish as directed by the Board. These minutes shall be filed in a permanent historical file and shall be available for review at least two (2) days prior to the next Board Meeting for approval by the Board shall post the minutes at the SJSJ Office . The Secretary shall also be responsible for assuring execution and retention of Board of Director Codes of Conduct from each Director as described elsewhere herein. The Secretary shall also generate other correspondence as necessary and maintain a file of these documents with retention period established by the Board. The

Secretary shall be responsible for ensuring that the By Laws are kept current and shall serve as chair of the By Laws committee. The By Laws committee shall be appointed by the Board annually to coordinate any revisions of the By Laws. The Secretary shall distribute copies of the By Laws to new directors and any SJSA member upon request. The Secretary shall assure that the most recent By Laws of The Association are available and uploaded to The Association website.

- D. TREASURER – shall work in conjunction with the staff bookkeeper who will receive, deposit, and disburse as approved by the Board (defined elsewhere herein), all monies for The Association. The Treasurer shall be responsible for ensuring all state and federal informational tax forms are completed and filed in a timely manner. The Treasurer shall account for all fiscal matters and publish information for use by the Board in a form recommended by the Treasurer and approved by the Board. The Treasurer shall report to the Board at each meeting regarding the status of the SJSA funds and shall advise and make recommendations to the Board concerning all financial matters, but shall not have authority to bind the Board or The Association. At each regular monthly meeting of the Board, the Treasurer shall provide each Board member with a current balance sheet, income statement and general journal for The Association. Additionally, each Board Member shall be provided a summary page showing the net cash flow for each sport and each Director shall receive a detailed breakdown of their sport. All checks over \$500 shall require two (2) signatures. The Treasurer will sit on the Financial Oversight Committee and ensure said Committee’s recommendations are accurately and effectively presented to the Board. The fiscal year for The Association shall end at twelve (12) midnight on December 31st of each calendar year.

The offices of the President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary shall comprise the Executive Board. The Executive Board has the ability to interpret these By Laws, provided such interpretation is fair, reasonable and in the best interests of The Association. In any case where the Executive Board issues an interpretation of any provision of these By Laws, such interpretation shall be in the form of an Interpretive Memorandum, with such document being made and maintained as an official document of The Association. Interpretive Memorandums shall be binding on any subsequent interpretations of the provisions at issue.

Other members of the Board of Directors and associated duties: in addition to being responsible for maintaining its own books or records as a back up to the office’s books and briefing The Board of their activities at each regularly scheduled meeting are as follows:

- 1) PRIMARY DIRECTOR OF BASEBALL - shall be responsible for the effective administration of the entire program which includes: coaching assignments, team structure, assignment of practice and playing facilities, individual sport website content and periodic updating, being responsive to

member needs and inquiries, and equipment requirements and replacement. The Director shall oversee the individual baseball directorships and coordinate baseball budgets for approval. The Director shall adhere to the approved budget and shall be an advocate for SJSA in the community.

- 2) PRIMARY DIRECTOR OF FOOTBALL – shall be responsible for the effective administration of the entire program which includes: coaching assignments, team structure, assignment of practice and playing facilities, individual sport website content and periodic updating, being responsive to member needs and inquiries, and equipment requirements and replacement. The Director shall oversee the individual football directorships and coordinate football budgets for approval. The Director shall adhere to the approved budget and shall be an advocate for SJSA in the community.
- 3) PRIMARY DIRECTOR OF BASKETBALL – shall be responsible for the effective administration of the entire program which includes: coaching assignments, team structure, assignment of practice and playing facilities, individual sport website content and periodic updating, being responsive to member needs and inquiries, and equipment requirements and replacement. The Director shall oversee the individual basketball directorships and coordinate basketball budgets for approval. The Director shall adhere to the approved budget and shall be an advocate for SJSA in the community.
- 4) PRIMARY DIRECTOR OF SOFTBALL – shall be responsible for the effective administration of the entire program which includes: coaching assignments, team structure, assignment of practice and playing facilities, individual sport website content and periodic updating, being responsive to member needs and inquiries, and equipment requirements and replacement. The Director shall oversee the individual basketball directorships and coordinate basketball budgets for approval. The Director shall adhere to the approved budget and shall be an advocate for SJSA in the community.
- 5) CHEER DIRECTOR – shall be responsible for the effective administration of the entire program which includes: coaching assignments, scheduling, team structure, assignment of practice and performance facilities, being responsive to member needs and inquiries, and equipment requirements and replacement. The Director shall adhere to the approved budget and shall be an advocate for SJSA in the community.
- 6) OFFICE MANAGER – the overall coordination, communication and organization of the association. Working under the direction of the President, Vice President and volunteer board of directors to ensure SJSA sports is run and operates per the rules and guidelines of published By Laws and individual sports rules. Duties include: supervising the part time employees, open office and run daily operation, insure e-mails and phone messages are returned and/or coordinated with the appropriate league

official or sports director, compile checks and cash received and prepare bank deposit, communicate concerns to the appropriate Director and/or Executive Board member, develop and implement scholarship program, individual sport website content and periodic updating, being responsive to member needs and inquiries, coordinate volunteer and community service activities, assist and coordinate sports registration processing of fees, ensure proper required paperwork is filed: file birth certificates, utility bills, etc, review all documentations for accuracy

Other Directors of the Association and associated duties are as follows, each Assistant Director will also be a member of the Board of Directors, if one exists, or in the case of separate sub-directors, then one sub-director shall be either appointed by the director annually, or voted on annually by all sub-directors in that sport:

- a) BASEBALL DIRECTOR - HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL – shall be responsible for the effective administration of the entire program which includes: coaching assignments, team structure, assignment of practice and playing facilities, being responsive to member needs and inquiries, and equipment requirements and replacement. The Director shall adhere to the approved budget and shall be an advocate for SJSA in the community.
- b) BASEBALL DIRECTOR MAJORS BASEBALL-shall be responsible for the effective administration of the entire program which includes: coaching assignments, team structure, assignment of practice and playing facilities, being responsive to member needs and inquiries, and equipment requirements and replacement. The Director shall adhere to the approved budget and shall be an advocate for SJSA in the community.
- c) BASEBALL DIRECTOR - CHATFIELD BASEBALL – shall be responsible for the effective administration of the entire program which includes: coaching assignments, team structure, assignment of practice and playing facilities, being responsive to member needs and inquiries, and equipment requirements and replacement. The Director shall adhere to the approved budget and shall be an advocate for SJSA in the community.
- d) BASEBALL DIRECTOR - COLUMBINE BASEBALL – shall be responsible for the effective administration of the entire program which includes: coaching assignments, team structure, assignment of practice and playing facilities, being responsive to member needs and inquiries, and equipment requirements and replacement. The Director shall adhere to the approved budget and shall be an advocate for SJSA in the community.
- e) BASEBALL DIRECTOR – MIDGET BASEBALL – shall be responsible for the effective administration of the entire program which includes: coaching assignments, team structure, assignment of practice and playing facilities, being responsive to member needs and inquiries, and equipment

requirements and replacement. The Director shall adhere to the approved budget and shall be an advocate for SJSA in the community.

- f) Appointed Representative to JCJBL – The Director of Baseball shall appoint a representative to the Jefferson County Junior Baseball League.
- g) FALL BASEBALL DIRECTOR – shall be responsible for the effective administration of the entire program which includes: coaching assignments, team structure, assignment of practice and playing facilities, being responsive to member needs and inquiries, and equipment requirements and replacement. The Director shall adhere to the approved budget and shall be an advocate for SJSA in the community.
- h) DIRECTOR OF COMPETITIVE SOFTBALL – shall be responsible for the effective administration of the entire program which includes: coaching assignments, team structure, assignment of practice and playing facilities, individual sport website content and periodic updating, being responsive to member needs and inquiries, and equipment requirements and replacement. The Director shall adhere to the approved budget and shall be an advocate for SJSA in the community.
- i) Appointed Representative to GSLJC - the Director of Competitive Softball shall appoint a representative to the Girls Softball League of Jefferson County.
- j) DIRECTOR OF RECREATIONAL SOFTBALL – shall be responsible for the effective administration of the entire program which includes: coaching assignments, team structure, assignment of practice and playing facilities, individual sport website content and periodic updating, being responsive to member needs and inquiries, and equipment requirements and replacement. The Director shall adhere to the approved budget and shall be an advocate for SJSA in the community.
- k) Appointed DIRECTOR OF FLAG FOOTBALL - shall be responsible for the effective administration of the entire program which includes: coaching assignments, team structure, assignment of practice and playing facilities, being responsive to member needs and inquiries, and equipment requirements and replacement. The Director shall adhere to the approved budget and shall be an advocate for SJSA in the community.
- l) DIRECTOR OF BOYS COMPETITIVE BASKETBALL – shall be responsible for the effective administration of the entire program which includes: coaching assignments, team structure, assignment of practice and playing facilities, individual sport website content and periodic updating, being responsive to member needs and inquiries, and equipment

requirements and replacement. The Director shall adhere to the approved budget and shall be an advocate for SJSA in the community.

- m) DIRECTOR OF BOYS RECREATIONAL BASKETBALL – shall be responsible for the effective administration of the entire program which includes: coaching assignments, team structure, assignment of practice and playing facilities, being responsive to member needs and inquiries, and equipment requirements and replacement. The Director shall adhere to the approved budget and shall be an advocate for SJSA in the community.
- n) DIRECTOR OF GIRLS COMPETITIVE BASKETBALL – shall be responsible for the effective administration of the entire program which includes: coaching assignments, team structure, assignment of practice and playing facilities, being responsive to member needs and inquiries, and equipment requirements and replacement. The Director shall adhere to the approved budget and shall be an advocate for SJSA in the community.
- o) DIRECTOR OF GIRLS RECREATIONAL BASKETBALL – shall be responsible for the effective administration of the entire program which includes: coaching assignments, team structure, assignment of practice and playing facilities, being responsive to member needs and inquiries, and equipment requirements and replacement. The Director shall adhere to the approved budget and shall be an advocate for SJSA in the community.
- p) FACILITIES MANAGER - The Manager shall coordinate facilities usage for fields, report to the Office Manager and be an advocate for SJSA in the community.
- q) RUGBY DIRECTOR – shall, for the 2010-2011 calendar year, be a non-voting director of The Association. At any time after the 2011 SJSA Rugby season, this position may become a full Director of The Association, upon motion and vote by the Board.

Any Director of The Association may be removed from his or her office for cause by a three-fourths vote of the Board, providing the Director has been given a written statement as to the reason(s) why such action is being contemplated at least 15 days prior to a vote of the Board, and the Director is permitted to address such statement before a vote is taken. The Director shall be excused from the room for the vote.

Any member of the Board not in attendance at three consecutive (3) meetings, or four (4) total meetings in any 12 month period, without due cause or adequate representation, shall be removed from the Board upon motion by any member of the Board. The exception shall be made for those Directors that have Association games on nights that conflict with the board meetings. In such cases, the Director shall notify the Board in advance of such conflict, and shall use her/his best efforts to send an

adequate representative who shall also carry a vote by proxy for any Board votes. Should any member of the Board be removed under this provision, a replacement member will be appointed by the President to serve out the remainder of the term. In the event a Director or Assistant position is otherwise vacated, the President shall appoint a member to serve the remainder of the term. Each Director will be responsible to the Board for maintaining positive relationships with vendors, other associations, accreditation agencies (USSSA, Gold Crown, etc.) and service providers (Foothills Parks and Recreation, Jefferson County Schools, etc.).

Each Director shall sign and deliver to the Secretary a Code of Conduct, included as APPENDIX I – SECTION III.

Each Executive Board Member as well as Primary Directors for each sport will receive free registration for one child for all sports played within The Association. All other Directors are eligible for one child to receive one free registration for one child played within The Association. If any Executive Board member or Primary Director has no children currently enrolled in South Jeffco they are entitled to one free sport registration which they may donate as a scholarship or assign to a child of their choice.

ARTICLE VIII – MEETINGS

SECTION 1: The regular meetings of The Association shall be held on the second Tuesday of each month unless otherwise ordered by the Board. In all meetings called by an authorized officer of The Association Board, Roberts Rules of Order, current edition, Parliamentary Procedure shall be followed, if not set forth by Association By Laws. These By Laws, as the controlling document for The Association, shall control in any conflict with procedures set forth within Roberts Rules of Order. Any member of The Association may attend the meetings to present items to the Board relating to the agenda, or for issues previously approved by the President and put on the agenda. Members may vote in the election of Officers, Directors and amendments to the By Laws as described in Article XI - Voting Rights. The President only will have a vote, which may be exercised only in the event of a tie.

SECTION 2: Special meetings of the Board can be called at anytime either by an agreement at a regular meeting, or by written or verbal notification to the Board members from the President. The purpose of the meeting shall be stated in the notice and only that business stated by the notice may be transacted. At least three (3) days notice shall be given for said meetings, except in cases of extreme emergency.

SECTION 3: QUORUM: For the purpose of deliberative assembly, a quorum is achieved when a majority (more than 50%) of primary Directors and Executive Officers are present. If a Director of a sport is not present, an Assistant Director may sit in for them for the purpose of achieving a quorum in order to conduct business and may cast a vote for and on behalf the Primary Director.

SECTION 4: Electronic communication – In consideration for the need to conduct business in a timely and urgent manner, it shall be the discretion of the Executive Board of The Association to put forth motions in e-mail for the purpose of discussion and vote when it is necessary to make a decision or take action that is deemed necessary and in the best interest of The Association and would be detrimental to The Association if action is delayed to the next scheduled board meeting. All discussions and votes taken via e-mail shall be added to the minutes of The Association and any results shall constitute a lawful action of the Board.

SECTION 5: Resolutions - The Association recognizes that temporary action is sometimes necessary and in the best interest of the association, as such The Association may make resolutions to amend the By Laws by targeted resolution for a finite period of time set forth in said resolution.

ARTICLE IX – COMMITTEES

SECTION 1: Sports Review Committee - This Committee shall convene as needed throughout the year. The Sports Review Committee will be made up of up to five (5) representatives, one representative from Baseball, Basketball, Football and Softball and one Executive Board Member, the Board Vice President. The Vice President shall serve as the chair of this committee.

- a. In those cases involving a complaint or grievance resulting from the action(s) of a particular player/coach/Association Officer, the Sports Review Committee shall not render a final decision without offering and providing the charged individual with the opportunity to present his/her views and position to the Board. This shall be accomplished at a special Review Board meeting.
- b. All requests for confidentiality shall be honored by the Sports Review Committee.
- c. A written record shall be kept for each Sports Review Committee action. This shall include, but not limited to, all written materials submitted to the Board, minutes of special meetings, written documentation of the action taken, and copies of all letters, memoranda, etc., written as a result of an action. These records shall be maintained in a special file available to succeeding Sports Review Committees.
- d. Each decision reached by the Sports Review Committee is final and not subject to an appeal process.
- e. The Sports Review Committee shall maintain a master list of members who have received any disciplinary action, along with a detail and disposition of the action taken (suspension, probation, removal, etc.). This master list shall be readily accessible to members of the Board and reviewed regularly.

SECTION 2: Financial Oversight Committee – This Committee shall convene at the charge of, and be appointed by, the Board President. This panel of at least 4 members, one of whom shall be the Treasurer, shall review the financials of The Association at least quarterly, ensure adequate budgetary processes and review the findings of the external audit. The Committee is granted the authority to hire an external auditor to review The Association’s financial statements each year.

SECTION 3: Committees, standing or special, shall be appointed by the President as he/she shall, from time to time, deem necessary to carry on the work of The Association. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.

ARTICLE X– AMENDMENT OF BY LAWS

These By Laws can be amended at any regular meeting of the Board by a two-thirds vote of the general members present, providing that a quorum has been met, providing that the amendment has been submitted in writing no later than the previous regular meeting.

ARTICLE XI – CODE OF CONDUCT

SECTION 1: Conduct of Players, Coaches and Spectators – Consumption of alcoholic beverages by spectators, coaches, players and parents while attending, observing or participating in Association practices, scrimmages, or games is not allowed. No smoking, profane language, abusive behavior, or consumption of alcoholic beverage will be allowed on the bench or on the playing field. Violation can result in suspension of the player or coach, or banning the offending parent(s) from The Association’s facilities. A coach shall not consume any alcoholic beverage in the vicinity of The Association activity (defined as the general park or facility in which games are being played) while wearing a shirt and/or jacket identifying him or her as an Association coach. This includes the time immediately before and after the games of his or her teams and the time he spends as a spectator to other games. Any flagrant act of unsportsmanlike conduct on the playing field or as a spectator may be cause of cancellation of a player’s eligibility, suspension of a coach, or banning the offending person(s) from The Association’s facilities.

SECTION 2: Misconduct Implications for parents and players: - Each Primary Director shall insure that each parent and player signs, and shall maintain on file, a code of conduct which shall include all items set forth in this Article. Any violation of the code of conduct listed above and signed by each parent and player can result in suspension of the player and/or parent. Any flagrant act of unsportsmanlike conduct on the playing field or as a spectator or an act deemed to be counter productive to The Association, such as degrading or slanderous comments made toward The Association, may result in suspension or revocation of a player’s eligibility in that sport, or in all sports offered by The Association.

SECTION 3: Conflict Resolution and Grievance Procedures: All comments, questions and grievances of parents regarding coaching, players, or the team shall be directed first to

the party with whom the grievance is held. The next step would be to take the matter to the Sport Director of that specific sport. The Director will act as a liaison between the parent and the coach or adversarial parties and pass all comments, questions and grievances on to the opposing party. If the grievance is directed to a coach, that coach shall take corrective action as he or she deems appropriate. If speaking with the Director or head coach does not resolve the issue to the satisfaction of the parent, the parent or Director may then contact the Executive Board Vice President who is the chair of the Sports Review Board. At the discretion of the Vice President, the Sports Review Board may be called into action to rule on a grievance and pass down any applicable penalties or sanction. The decision of the Sports Review Board will be final and no further appeals will be heard.

SECTION 4: Reasonableness of fees paid to tournament directors and staff: Tournament Directors and their staff shall be Independent Contracts. Tournament Directors shall be allowed to earn up to \$42.50 per team that enters the tournament. Tournament staff should be paid within a reasonable range, with the suggested hourly rate between \$7.50 - \$10.00.

SECTION 5: Each Board Member will sign a Code of Conduct that will apply for the duration of their term in office. A Board Member's voting rights shall commence only upon the execution of this Code of Conduct and delivery of it to the Secretary. *See Appendix I – Section III.*

ARTICLE XII – PARLIMENTARY AUTHORITY

Roberts Rules of Order are adopted by The Association to govern all cases to which they are applicable. When deemed necessary, the Executive Board may evoke the ability to depart from said Rules to efficiently and fairly conduct business. These departure provisions will have a limited life and shall apply specifically to the issues at hand. In cases of conflict, procedures set forth in the By Laws shall control and supercede said Rules.

ARTICLE XIII – VOTING RIGHTS

Each Executive Board Member, Director, and Member shall cast one (1) vote on each motion. In the event of a tie, the President shall cast the tie-breaking vote.

The following majorities shall be required to approve motions regarding the categories of business listed, provided a voting quorum is obtained:

1. Amendments to the By Laws – 2/3rds of all eligible voting members present.
2. Election of Officers / Directors – majority vote of the members present at the meeting.
3. General Business – majority vote of the eligible members present at the meeting. Except as otherwise provided herein, no voting by mail or email shall be allowed but Assistant Directors have the authority to vote in absence of the Director they

represent, and a voting member may assign his/her vote by proxy to another Board Member.

APPENDIX I – SECTION 1
SPENDING AND PURCHASING POLICY

The following spending and purchasing policy has been established by The Association. This policy is to be followed in spending funds for the activities that are operated by The Association. Any deviation from this policy must be approved by the Board of Directors.

1. Sponsored Sports Expenditures: The Director of each sport is required under Article IV, Section 5 of the By Laws to submit, for approval by the Board, a yearly budget for their sport. Once this budget is approved, it is the basis for spending funds on behalf of the sport. If the budget includes the purchase of items of new equipment or uniforms in excess of \$2,000.00 the Director or his/her designated representative must solicit at least three (3) quotes for consideration. Once a bid is accepted, a signed purchase order will be submitted with a copy to the Treasurer.

2. Special Need Expenditures: There are needs that are not covered under the budget of a specific sport. Included are fund raising activities, clinics, tournaments, and overall Association capital expenditures. Budgets for these items must be submitted and approved by the Board. If any one (1) item on the budget is \$2,000.00 or greater the Board can required bids. The budget for these items will be submitted by the person responsible for the event or by the Director of the sport affected.

3. Administrative Costs: Administrative costs are defined as the costs necessary to maintain The Association such as telephone, utilities, postage, copier expenses, insurance and costs incurred by the Executive Board. The Treasurer shall be authorized to pay for all the routine costs and report them to the Board on a monthly basis. Unusual costs shall only be paid after authorization by the Board.

APPENDIX I – SECTION 2 FUND RAISING POLICY

Teams may find useful our tax exempt status. They may have any vendor call and request our tax ID number as they may be exempt from sales tax. The number will not be given out to individual members except in cases where the need is demonstrated. Teams raising funds and having them matched by a business for tax exempt reasons may purchase against the matching funds by submitting invoices to the treasurer for reimbursement, but may not be cut a check directly for the amount. The Association conducts fund raising activities on behalf of, and for the benefit of, it's membership. Such fund raising activities are normally undertaken in connection with a specific capital improvement project or major acquisition designed to benefit a broad segment of the membership, which cannot be financed from normal operating funds. It is not the intent of The Association to endorse, sanction or sponsor fundraising activities which benefit an individual team or a narrow special interest group within The Association but to leave the responsibility of appropriateness to the Director of each sport. Each team should communicate their fundraising programs to their Director to ensure the overall integrity of the program is consistent with the mission of The Association and is an appropriate representation of youth sports. In the event of corporate sponsorship or business that match funds and will only write checks to the non-profit entity (The Association), the team would then need to submit invoices to The Association for payment. A check would not be written directly back to the team unless they provided paid invoices as proof of acceptable expenditure. The Association does support fund raising which benefits all members of an individual sport (i.e. Basketball, Football, etc.)

Failure to comply with the policy stated herein by any Head Coach, Assistant Coach, or Team Manager shall be cause for the following actions to be taken:

1. The immediate suspension of the individuals involved from all Associations sponsored activities.
2. A full hearing and review by The Association's Sports Review Board.
3. Individuals found to willfully violate this policy may be suspended indefinitely from coaching in The Association sponsored sports. The length of suspension shall be determined by the Sports Review Board based on their findings.

APPENDIX I – SECTION III
SJSA CODE OF CONDUCT FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

- 1.) I accept my nomination / appointment for Director / Officer with the understanding that I will make every effort to complete the term of office with the goal of improving the association for current and future members.
- 2.) I will uphold the responsibilities of my position as a Director / Officer as established by The Association By Laws and policies.
- 3.) I will consistently maintain fair, equitable, and professional conduct toward my fellow Board Members and the general membership.
- 4.) I will offer to resign if I am not longer a SJSA member.
- 5.) I will refrain from participating in resolution of conflicts as a Director / Officer when a family member is involved.
- 6.) I understand that I will interact with other members on at least three levels – as a parent, as an acquaintance and as a Board Member. Therefore, I understand that it is incumbent on me to clarify to others when I am speaking as a Board Member.
- 7.) I shall refrain from activities that might appear as a conflict of interest with the operation and advancement of the association. If such a situation arises, I shall inform the Board of a potential conflict of interest and abide by the direction given by the Board.
- 8.) I understand that I am responsible for: ensuring legal and ethical integrity, effective planning, public outreach and financial oversight.
- 9.) I shall follow the spirit of our mission statement and our four guiding principles:
 - a. We are here for the kids
 - b. We must be civic minded
 - c. We must be fiscally responsible
 - d. It is imperative to improve the organization for future generations

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