

MYBSA Board Election Guidelines (08/2012)

Board Eligibility

Board Member Eligibility – Only ***Vested Members*** of the MYBSA are eligible to serve on the Board. By definition, *Vested Members* are all recent (having served within the past 2 seasons) managers, coaches, assistant coaches, sponsors, Board members, Board committee members or any other person who has actively volunteered their time for the benefit of the MYBSA.

Board Term – All Board terms will last for two (2) years. With the maximum number of board members being 20 (twenty), the available open positions on the board will vary annually depending on expiring terms or resignations of the previous Board. The difference between the total number of board positions that are available (twenty) and the number of returning board members whose terms have not expired, determines the number of board positions that are open for election that year. If a Board member resigns during the year, that position will be left vacant until the next season's board election.

Nominations – Only ***Vested Members*** are eligible to be nominated. Eligible candidates can either be nominated by other members or themselves. Nominations must be emailed to the MYBSA or delivered, in writing, to the Park office. Nominations will be accepted up to 10 days prior to the election. Nominations are not by officer position, only general Board seats. Newly elected and returning Board members will meet in October to choose officers. The Election Committee will verify that all nominees are meet eligibility requirements.

Pre-Election Procedures

Election Committee - The Election Committee will be in charge of Board elections. The committee will be formed in July prior to the election. The committee will comprise of the current MYBA President, MYBSA Vice President, and Board Secretary. The current MYBSA President shall serve as the committee chairperson. If he/she is unable to perform the required duties, then the President may appoint someone to serve in his/her absence. The Election Committee Chairperson shall have the option of appointing additional Board members to the committee.

Announcement of Elections - A written notice of the Board elections (Annual Meeting) will be delivered to all members, at least 10 days before the election. The notice shall include the date, time and location of the election and the number of open Board seats. Notification will be sent via email unless an alternate process has been approved by the Board in advance of the Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting and elections should take place the third week of September.

Voter Eligibility – Anyone member affiliated with the MYBSA over the past two years (i.e. Regular Member, family member or guardian of player) who is considered in good standing and at least 18 years of age is eligible to vote.

Election Day Procedures

The following guidelines should be followed during Board Elections.

- Prior to election, The Election Committee will prepare the official election ballot. The Committee will ensure that all nominees are eligible. Each ballot must identify the following: Alphabetic list of all eligible nominees, name of voting member and qualifying criteria used to substantiate voter's eligibility. Any ballot that does not include this information will be disqualified.
- Each eligible voting member in attendance receives one ballot. The Election Committee shall insure that all voting members at the general election are eligible to vote.
- Voters will chose up to 20 names of eligible candidates to serve on the Board.
- Nominees receiving the greatest amount of votes, up to a maximum of 20, will be chosen as new Board members. Any ties for the 20th position will also be placed on the Board.
- Completed ballots will be collected by the Election Committee. The committee will tabulate the votes. An independent MYBSA affiliate member in attendance shall be selected from attendees to assist with the vote count and verify the results. All ballots will be counted at least twice to insure accuracy. All ballots will be retained and made available for review following the election for one month following the election.
- Once the ballots are counted twice and verified, the Election Chairperson will announce the results immediately. Current Board members in attendance will vote to accept the election results, certifying election.
- Election results will be posted on the MYBSA website, reflecting Board member name and date of election. An email notice will sent to the general membership announcing the results as soon as possible.
- Any candidate may protest the results of any election by mailing a written protest to the President. The written protest must be post marked within seven (7) days following the election.
- Upon receipt of a protest, the President shall schedule a meeting of the MYBSA Executive Board to occur within twenty-one (21) days of the date of election. Each candidate for the position under protest shall be invited to the meeting of the Executive Board and shall be afforded an opportunity to address the Board. The Executive Board shall, by majority vote, either: Affirm the results of the election; or Reject the results of the election in which event another Election shall occur at the next scheduled league meeting. The Executive Board may only reject the results of the election on the Following grounds: A violation of the election procedure; or Fraud in the election process.