

**Silicon Valley Baseball Association**  
**BY LAWS**  
(Amended 7/30/2015)

**ARTICLE 1 – NAME & OFFICES**

Silicon Valley Baseball Association is located in the greater San Jose area, in Northern California the Capital of the Silicon Valley. The name of this organization is Silicon Valley Baseball Association, hereinafter referred to as “SVBA”. This Association is organized under the Fictitious Business name of Silicon Valley Baseball Association, in the County of Santa Clara, CA, as an unincorporated association other than a partnership formed by two or more persons, registered on DATE: 10/18/01.

Unincorporated Association is defined as:

Voluntary group of persons, without a charter, formed by mutual consent for the purpose of promoting common enterprise or prosecuting common objective. Local 4076, United Steel Workers Union of America v. United Steelworkers of America, AFL-CIO, D.C.Pa., 327 F. Supp. 1400, 1402. An organization composed of a body of persons united with a charter for the prosecution of a common enterprise.

The Principal Address for this Association is 5916 Smoky Quartz Loop, San Jose, CA 95123, located in Santa Clara County. The primary phone number of the Association shall be (408) 242-8046.

**ARTICLE 2 – PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES**

The Primary purpose of this Association is dedicated to providing an environment where players can have fun playing the game; contribute to the continuing development of player’s self-esteem confidence and motivation. It is our goal to strengthen fundamental baseball knowledge, skills and playing ability; to provide an opportunity to acquire advanced skills, increase physical fitness; to provide and promote an amateur, competitive program, which will emphasize and encourage principles of good sportsmanship, fair play, personal responsibility, team awareness, fellowship, cooperation and self-discipline; to gain exposure to the highest quality standards of baseball coaching; to develop wholesome, meaningful and lasting friendships; to gain valuable life experiences as a result of team travel and tournament play; to expand player awareness of the benefits of top competition and an opportunity to showcase their talents.

### ARTICLE 3 – AFFILIATION

The Association shall at all times maintain itself as an active member, in good standing, of the United States Specialty Sport Association (USSSA); Pacific Coast Region 13, as prescribed by the rules of the said organization. This organization shall however, not be obligated to be accountable to USSSA or any other organization at any time financially or contractually and shall reserve the right to terminate its relationship with said organization at any time.

### ARTICLE 4 – PLAYER MEMBERSHIP

Race, sex, religion, or national origin shall not restrict membership in the Association. In order for a player to be a member they shall be required to fill out proper release forms and player applications forms. Parents/guardians agree to meet all the fee's and financial obligations or be approved for financial assistance through the SVBA. No player shall be denied membership due to their inability's to pay fees should they meet all other requirements.

### ARTICLE 5 - BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND TEAM MANAGEMENT

The Board of Directors shall consist of a President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and members at large. The primary function of this board is to assist each team in training, tournaments, technical issues, special events, funds raisers, insurance, facility permits and any other activities requested by each team manager.

Management of each team consists of a Team Manager, and up to three (3) Coaches. Each team is independently managed and all decisions made by each team manager are final as it relates to team policy and no member of this organization shall undermine the decisions made by each team manager. Each team management shall work in cooperation with each team and the Board for the best interest of all those involved with SVBA.

### Article 6 – FINANCIAL POLICY

The Board of Directors shall decide all financial matters of the League, bearing the responsibility to conduct the financial affairs in a sound business-like manner consistent with its non-profit status.

The Board of Directors shall not permit the disbursement of SVBA funds for other than the conduct of League activities in accordance with the rules and policies of SVBA, and all associated non-profit organizational requirements.

Financial books for the Association will be available at ALL times to the members. All monies spent will be supported by receipts. All monies will be expensed on each team and for league general purposes. Each team will keep a balance sheet of expenses due to the league for their team. The Silicon Valley Baseball Association is committed to showing a balance budget at the conclusion of each fiscal year. No member of this board shall be financially compensated for performing their duties as a member of this organization. No profit is required or desired for this program.

All monies received shall be deposited to the credit of SVBA in the bank of the Board of Directors choosing. All disbursements shall be made by check. All checks shall be signed by the Treasurer, President or persons as the Board of Directors shall determine.

#### ARTICLE – 7 INSURANCE

Each family is required to supply their Player with Medical Insurance in case of injury. The Silicon Valley Baseball Association is not responsible for Medical Insurance as a primary carrier, due to injury.

Each Team will carry Insurance as a Secondary Insurance, solely for the purpose of protecting the Team with Third Party liability and property coverage. Third party is anyone not affiliated with the TEAM.

#### ARTICLE-8 SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The President may appoint special Committees for such special purposes as deemed necessary. Committee duties and responsibilities are to be outlined at the time of the appointment and such committees shall be dissolved annually once they have met the goals & objectives of the Committee in which they were formed in the league's fiscal year.

#### ARTICLE –9 DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of the organization, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provisions for the payments of all liabilities of the organization, distribute all assets of the organization exclusively for the purpose of the organization, to such other organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, or youth

sports purposes as shown at the time to qualify as an organization or organizations described in Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended.

#### ARTICLE -10 ADOPTION

These By-Laws, at the time they are presented for ratification, shall be adopted by a simple majority of the members in attendance.

#### ARTICLE- 11 AMENDMENTS

The Silicon Valley Baseball Association Board recognizes the need to revisit and review the above said Articles for amendments and additions. Article “Eleven” allows for the Board to alter, amend, suspend, repeal, the By Laws of this Organization.

#### ARTICLE –12 ROBERTS RULES

The rules contained in the current edition of “Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised” shall govern the organization in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the By-Laws and any special rules of order the organization shall adopt.

I, Joe Devine, Secretary of Silicon Valley Baseball Association, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, correct and complete copy of the amended By-Laws adopted by the Board of Directors of the Silicon Valley Baseball Association at the meeting held on January 4, 2012 at which a quorum was present.

Signed by:

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David McPherson, President

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Scott Laurence, Vice President

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Dennis Castro, Secretary

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Suzanne Adaysh, Treasurer