

**BY-LAWS**

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AMATEUR BASEBALL ASSOCIATION  
(SCABA)**

**ARTICLE I  
NAME AND PURPOSE**

**Section 1:** Name – The name of this organization shall be the Southern California Amateur Baseball Association - (SCABA)

**Section 2:** Purpose –This organization is formed for the purpose of becoming an Association of the American Amateur Baseball Congress and through this association promote, promulgate and perpetuate amateur baseball in Southern California through a permanent organization encouraging the formation of baseball leagues and baseball competition at all ages without regard to the participant’s race, religion, or sex.

**ARTICLE II  
GEOGRAPHICAL AREA**

The SCABA member leagues participating in the SCABA shall be in California and south of a line extending from five miles north of the city limits of San Luis Obispo to a point five miles north of the city limits of Fresno and then at a right angle to the California/Nevada state line.

**ARTICLE III  
LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP**

**Section 1:** Membership – To be considered a member of the SCABA, the following criterion must be met:

- 1) Teams and leagues shall reside in the geographical area of the SCABA.
- 2) A league shall consist of a minimum of four teams.
- 3) When forming a new league, no teams shall be recruited from existing leagues in the organization. New teams are defined as teams/managers/coaches that have not been registered with any existing league affiliated with the SCABA in the past two years.
  - a. Exception A: The team that is forming the new league may be an existing team in the organization.
  - b. Exception B: A team from an existing league may request to transfer leagues:
    - i. A hardship waiver shall be presented to the State President stating the reason for the transfer.

- ii. Approval or rejection of the request will be at the discretion of a committee chosen by the State President.
  1. The committee will consist of: State President, State Vice President, Division Director, and League Presidents of the affected division from the affected Section.
- 4) All managers, coaches, and league officials shall be approved by a simple majority of the General Board of Directors per their Sections
- 5) The new league shall have a Constitution and By-Laws that will be approved by the General Board of Directors.

**Section 2:** Membership Division – Members shall be divided into seven divisions according to age in the following manner:

1. Roberto Clemente Division – 8 years old and under
2. Willie Mays Division – 10 years old and under
3. Pee Wee Reese Division – 12 years old and under
4. Sandy Koufax Division – 14 years old and under
5. Mickey Mantle Division – 16 years old and under
6. Connie Mack Division – 18 years old and under
7. Stan Musial Division – Unlimited age (see red, white and blue book for player eligibility)

*Note 1: In the Clemente, Mays, Reese, and Koufax Divisions, playoff allocation (post league play) shall be as follows – each registered league shall receive one team for every four teams registered with the SCABA by the required registration deadline for each division.*

*Note 2: In the Mantle and Mack Divisions, playoff allocation (post league play) shall be as follows – each league registered with the SCABA by the required registration deadline shall receive, at a minimum, one team in a post league play tournament sanctioned by the SCABA. All other post league tournament playoff bids are at the discretion of the Division Directors and the approval of the State President based on the following:*

- I. *Number of teams registered*
- II. *Strength of league*
- III. *Field and time constraints*

**Section 3:** League Organization – As stated in Section 2, each league shall be responsible for adopting a Constitution and By-Laws by the conduct of its operations and for the election of a representative to attend SCABA meetings.

**Section 4:** Annual Membership Meeting – The Annual Membership Meeting of the League Representatives shall be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of September, at a time and place within the SCABA geographical area as selected by the General Board of Directors. A

notice of the time and place of the Annual Membership Meeting as well as the proposed agenda shall be mailed to each League President on or before fifteen days prior to the scheduled meeting.

**Section 5:** Annual Meeting Quorum and Voting – No specific number of representatives need be present to constitute a quorum for resolution to be adopted at the Annual Meeting, with exception to these By-Laws, which shall be approved by a majority vote of those present members of the Executive Board of Directors.

**Section 6:** Proxy – There shall be no proxy vote. Additionally, proxy representation shall not be permitted at the Annual Membership Meeting.

#### **ARTICLE IV** **PLAYING RULES**

**Section 1:** Local Rules – Each league shall determine its own playing rules, league tournament procedures, and selection of its team representative to the SCABA sponsored post league tournaments or ABCC sponsored tournament, when applicable (host of a regional tournament). In addition to the foregoing, there shall be two SCABA Vice-Presidents. A Vice-President shall be elected to the Northern Section and a Vice-President for Southern Section. The Vice-Presidents shall be the sole authority in its section subject to any suspensions and protests where appeals have occurred as described below in Sections 2 and 3 herein.

**Section 2:** Suspensions and Protests – Each league shall set up an appellate procedure to review suspensions and protests. This procedure shall include reasonable notice (at least three (3) days unless a game is scheduled before the date and then such reasonable notice as is possible) of the reason for the suspension or the grounds for the protest, the possible penalty, and the time and place of the meeting.

**Section 3:** Appeals to SCABA – Suspensions may be appealed to the Vice-President of that section where the suspension originated. The Vice-President, upon receipt of the appeal, shall appoint a panel of two (2) members from the General Board of Directors to serve as the Appellate Board with the Vice-President sharing said Board. The appellant shall post and submit a \$200 bond with each appeal request, which will be returned to appellant if appeal is upheld, or forfeited if appeal is denied. That Board shall give reasonable time and notice to the appellant on the time and place of the hearing, and shall give the appellant reasonable time at the hearing to present his or her appeal. Decisions on any appeal concerning suspensions or protests shall be made by a majority of the Appellate Board. A ruling on the appeal shall be sent to the appellant and to the President of the State Association within seven (7) days of the hearing date. If the Vice-President's Appellate Board is appealed, jurisdiction will fall to the Association President for final disposition.

**Section 4:** SCABA Tournament – An SCABA sponsored tournament shall be conducted and games played in accordance with the American Amateur Baseball Congress Official Handbook as it is from time to time adopted and in effect. (*See Article III, Section 2 for tournament allocation.*)

State tournaments shall be divided between Northern Section and Southern Section. Northern Section shall have their separate state tournament, as shall Southern Section.

In the Northern Section, the Tournament Director shall be the Northern Section Vice-President. In the Southern Section, the Tournament Director shall be the Southern Section Vice-President. – Each Vice-President shall have the power to appoint a tournament director and have exclusive dominion and control over the administration of their state tournament.

During the years where Regional Tournaments are awarded by National Offices of AABC, the Vice-President shall be the Tournament Director of the section where the tournament is awarded. The Vice-President shall have the power to appoint a tournament director and have exclusive dominion and control over the administration of their Regional tournament.

## ARTICLE V EXECUTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Section 1:** Conduct of Business – The property and lawful business of the SCABA shall be held and managed by its Executive Board of Directors, who shall exercise all the powers of the organization.

Executive Board of Directors- The Executive Board of Directors shall consist of 5 members. President, 2 Vice Presidents (Northern and Southern Section) and 2 at Large - (1 Southern and 1 Northern). The Vice Presidents and Members at Large will be nominated and voted upon by the Division Directors of each section. The President of the SCABA will be nominated and elected by the Executive Board of Directors. The Executive Board of Directors shall be members of the General Board of Directors. The Executive Board of Directors shall have the power to hold meetings that only include the Executive Board. The Executive Board of Directors shall have the power to appoint a Secretary and -Treasurer. They will hold no voting rights on the Executive Board or General Board of Directors.

**Section 2:** General Board of Directors – The General Board of Directors shall consist of the Division Directors representing each Section, Southern and Northern,, each of whom is an elected representative for each of the age divisions.

**Section 3:** Election and Appointment of Division Directors –Division Directors shall be elected at the Annual Membership Meeting that is held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in September of each year. Each eligible league of every division shall only vote for a

Director of their respective division per section. In the absent of a Division Director, the Executive Board of Directors shall have the right to appoint a Divisional Director at it's discretion.

**Section 4:** Successive Terms – There shall be no term limitations for any of the members of the Executive or General Board of Directors. Length of terms for Association is 2 years for the President, 2 years for Members at Large, and 3 years for Vice Presidents.

**Section 5:** Removal from Office – A Director may be removed from office by the unanimous vote of the remaining members of the General Board of Directors.

**Section 6:** Meetings – Meetings of the General Board of Directors shall be held within the geographical boundaries of the SCABA. Meeting times and frequency shall be at the discretion of the majority of Directors. Any subject not on the agenda shall not be resolved without the consent of all members of the General Board of Directors.

**Section 7:** Annual Meeting – The Annual Meeting of the General Board of Directors shall coincide with the Annual Membership Meeting, which is held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of September.

**Section 8:** Quorum – Six members of the General Board of Directors, at a properly called meeting of the Board of Directors, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but all acts of the Board shall require a majority vote of the Directors (not a majority vote of the members present at such meeting). In the event all of the Directors shall individually or collectively consent in writing to any action, such action shall be as valid as if authorized at a meeting of the Board of Directors.

**Section 9:** Compensation – Members of the General Board of Directors shall receive no compensation for their services as a member of the Board of Directors or of any appointed special committee deemed necessary by the Board.

**Section 10:** Proxy – There shall be no proxy votes or proxy representation permitted at any General Board of Directors meetings.

## **ARTICLE VI** **COMMITTEES**

The Executive Board of Directors, by resolution, duly appointed, may designate and appoint one or more standing or special committees, each of which shall consist of three or more Directors. Said committees (to the extent provided in such resolution or these By-Laws) shall have such powers and duties as granted to them by these By-Laws or by the Executive Board. The President of the Executive Board of Directors shall appoint committee chairpersons, except as is otherwise expressly provided by these By-Laws or by resolution adopted by a majority of the Directors. Each committee shall select its own

secretary. Committee Minutes shall be submitted to the Executive Board of Directors for information, discussion, and action.

## **ARTICLE VII** **DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

**Section 1:** President – The President of the Corporation shall serve as the Chief Executive Officer and shall have the powers and duties as are vested in the President by the Executive Board of Directors. The President of the Corporation shall preside at General and Executive Board Meetings as well as the Annual Membership Meeting.

**Section 2:** Vice-President – The Vice-Presidents shall perform such duties as the Executive Board of Directors may prescribe and shall also, in the absence or disability of the President, perform his/her duties and exercise his/her powers as prescribed by the Board of Directors.

In addition to the foregoing assigned duties for the Vice-President, the Vice-President is also granted broad powers in order to administrate tournaments and oversee appeals of issues that may arise from time to time as described herein above in Article IV, Sections 1, 2, 3, and 4. The Vice-President of each section shall also have the power to appoint Directors to oversee each division of participation to the approval of the President of State Association.

**Section 3:** Secretary – The Secretary shall attend meetings of the Executive and General Board of Directors, and record the Minutes of the meeting, as well as keep safe custody of all Minutes of these meetings. The Secretary shall give, or cause to be given, notice of meetings of the Executive and General Board of Directors and the Annual Membership Meeting and perform any other duties as may be prescribed by the Executive Board of Directors.

**Section 4:** Treasurer – The Treasurer shall have the responsibility for the supervision of the funds and securities of the SCABA and shall keep a full and accurate account of receipts and disbursements in a manner that can be audited by the Executive Board of Directors at any time. The Treasurer shall render to the President and the Executive Board of Directors at each meeting an accounting of the financial transactions and conditions of each Division in the SCABA, which shall include, but is not limited to, any income or expenses as well as a balance sheet for the Association. The Treasurer may not delegate any of his/her duties, powers or authorities without the specific approval of the Executive Board of Directors.

**Section 5: Members at Large** – The Members at Large shall perform duties as needed and directed by the Executive Board of Directors. They hold all voting and administrative privileges

**Section 6:** Assistant Secretary and Treasurer – If at any time the Secretary or Treasurer is absent or incapacitated, the Board of Directors may appoint an Assistant Secretary or an Assistant Treasurer to assume the duties of the Secretary or Treasurer as stated in Article VII, Sections 3 and 4.

**ARTICLE VIII**  
**DUES**

The Executive Board of Directors shall assess annual dues upon the League Members in an amount to be set at the Annual Meeting. The Divisional Directors shall be responsible for the collection of the SCABA state dues as well as the AABC national dues. The Divisional Director shall be responsible for remitting dues to the national office as well as remitting dues to the Executive Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE IX**  
**BONDS**

The Executive Board of Directors may require any officer or agent to give bond for the faithful discharge of such person's duties and for the protection of SCABA in such sum and with such surety or sureties as the Board may deem advisable.

**ARTICLE X**  
**CHECKS AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS**

**Section 1:** Checks – All checks, drafts, or demands for money in excess of \$300.00 issued by the SCABA shall be signed by two (2) or more Officers who shall be designated by the Executive Board of Directors. Checks, drafts, or demands for money issued by the SCABA in an amount less than \$300.00 may be signed by the Treasurer.

Checks, drafts, or demands for money issued by a Sectional Vice-Presidents in excess of \$300.00 shall be signed by the Sectional Vice President and the Treasurer, or such other Officer as designated by the Executive Board of Directors. Checks, drafts, or demands for money issued by a Sectional Vice-Presidents in an amount less than \$300.00 may be signed by the Sectional Vice-President.

**Section 2:** Documents – The Executive Board of Directors shall, in each instance, designate the officers and agents who shall have the authority to execute any contract, conveyance or other instrument on behalf of the SCABA, or may ratify or confirm any such execution.

