

Southshore Adult Baseball League (SSABL)

Charter and Bylaws

ARTICLE I – NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1. Name

The name of this organization shall be the **Southshore Adult Baseball League (SSABL)**.

Section 2. Purpose

The purpose of the SSABL is to

1. Provide organized, competitive baseball for adult players in a safe, fair, and sportsmanlike environment.
 2. Promote camaraderie, fitness, and community involvement through adult baseball.
 3. Uphold the traditions and integrity of the game of baseball
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ARTICLE II – ORGANIZATION AND DIVISIONS

Section 1. Structure

The SSABL shall be organized as a recreational baseball league governed by an elected Board of Officers.

Section 2. Divisions

The league shall consist of the following divisions

1. **18 & Over Division**

- Open to players aged **18 years and older** as of **April 1** of the current season.
- **Eligibility restriction:** Players **may not be on the current roster of a collegiate baseball program** (NCAA, NAIA, NJCAA, or equivalent) during the league season

2. 38 & Over Division

- Open to players aged **38 years and older** as of **April 1** of the current season.
- Each team may roster up to **three (3) underage players** aged **35–37**, provided they turn **35 during the** current season.

ARTICLE III – OFFICERS AND GOVERNANCE

Section 1. Officers

The elected officers of the SSABL shall be:

- 1. Co-President (38 Over)**
- 2. Co-President (18 Over)**
- 3. Secretary/Treasurer**

Section 2. Duties of Officers

- 1. Co-President (38 Over)**
 - Presides over 38 Over league meetings.
 - Serves as the chief executive officer and official spokesperson of the league for the 38 Over league.
 - Oversees scheduling, discipline, and league operations for the 38 Over league.
 - Appoints committees as necessary for the 38 Over league.
 - Oversees 38 Over team compliance with eligibility, insurance, and league rules

- Coordinates 38 Over field scheduling as delegated

2. **Co-President (18 Over)**

- Presides over 18 Over league meetings.
- Serves as the chief executive officer and official spokesperson of the league for the 18 Over league
- Oversees scheduling, discipline, and league operations for the 18 Over league.
- Appoints committees as necessary for the 18 Over league.
- Oversees 18 Over league team compliance with eligibility, insurance, and league rules
- Coordinates 18 Over field scheduling as delegated.

3. **Secretary/Treasurer**

- Maintains league records, meeting minutes, and correspondence
- Manages league finances, collects fees, and disburses funds as authorized.
- Provides a financial report at each general meeting and at the close of the fiscal year.
- Coordinates umpire assignments as delegated.

Section 3. Board of Officers

- The three officers collectively form the **Board of Officers**, which governs league policy and rule enforcement.
- A quorum of two (2) officers shall be required to conduct official business.

Section 4. Elections

- Officers shall be elected annually by team managers at the fall meeting following the conclusion of the season.

- Each team in good standing shall have one vote per division.
 - Terms of office shall be for one (1) year, with re-election permitted.
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ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP AND TEAMS

Section 1. Team Membership

- Team membership is granted upon payment of annual league fees and approval by the Board of Officers.
- Teams must maintain good standing by adhering to league rules, paying fees promptly, and demonstrating sportsmanship.

Section 2. Player Eligibility

- All players must sign the official league waiver and register with the league prior to participation.
 - Players may not be on more than one team in the same division during the same season.
 - Proof of age and eligibility may be required by the league at any time.
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ARTICLE V – RULES OF PLAY

Section 1. Governing Rules

- The league shall follow the **Official Rules of Major League Baseball (MLB)**, with modifications as outlined in the SSABL Rules Addendum.

Section 2. League Schedule

- The regular season schedule shall be determined by the Board of Officers prior to Opening Day
- Make-up games will be scheduled at the discretion of the Board, in consultation with the team managers

Section 3. Playoffs

- A postseason playoff shall be held to determine a league champion in each division
- Seeding and format will be determined annually by the Board based on the number of participating teams

Section 4. Conduct and Discipline

- Unsportsmanlike conduct, fighting, use of profanity toward umpires or opponents, and use of illegal substances will not be tolerated
- The Board of Officers reserves the right to suspend or expel any player or team for misconduct.

ARTICLE VI – FEES AND FINANCES

Section 1. League Fees

- Each team shall pay an annual entry fee established by the Board prior to the start of the season.
- Fees shall cover field permits, umpires, baseballs, insurance, and league administration.

Section 2. Financial Oversight

- All funds shall be deposited in a league bank account requiring at least one officer's authorization for withdrawals
 - The Treasurer shall provide an annual financial statement to all team managers.
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ARTICLE VII – MEETINGS

Section 1. League Meetings

- There shall be at least two (2) general meetings per year
 1. **Preseason Meeting** – to review rules, eligibility, and schedules
 2. **Postseason Meeting** – to conduct elections and review league performance

Section 2. Special Meetings

- The President may call special meetings as necessary, or upon request by two (2) or more team managers

ARTICLE VIII – AMENDMENTS

- Amendments to this Charter and Bylaws may be proposed by any team manager in good standing
- Adoption requires a **two-thirds (2/3) majority vote** of team managers present at a scheduled meeting
- Amendments become effective immediately upon approval unless otherwise stated.

ARTICLE IX – DISSOLUTION

In the event of dissolution of the SSABL, any remaining funds or assets shall be donated to a youth baseball or sports organization within the Lake County community as determined by the Board of Officers.

Adopted this 14 day of DEC, 25 by the Board of Officers of the South Shore Adult Baseball League.

President (18 Over): 

President (38 Over):  JORGE ORTIZ

Secretary/Treasurer: 