

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE TOP OF OHIO UMPIRES ASSOCIATION

MISSION

The mission of this organization shall be to recruit and develop baseball and softball umpires in the Bellefontaine and surrounding areas.

MEMBERSHIP

Any person passing the OHSAA State Test for umpires shall be accepted to membership. The membership dues shall be set by the Top of Ohio Umpire Association, these dues shall be paid to the secretary-treasurer by the fourth (4th) meeting, a late fee of \$15.00 plus dues will be payable after the fourth (4th) meeting. Non-payment of late fees and dues will result in suspension of each official from OHSAA. All paid up members, active or in-active shall have the right to vote.

Any member in good standing who enters the service may keep in good standing by rules set forth by OHSAA. (Inactive) Membership may be terminated at any time by writing the secretary.

OFFICERS

The officers shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, Baseball Rules Interpreter and Softball Rules Interpreter. They shall comprise the executive committee. Each officer shall be elected and hold office until a successor has been elected. Officers will be elected at the fourth (4th) meeting of the year. All nominations shall be by acclamation and any other member in good

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standing may run for any office. Officers shall be voted upon individually giving members nominating rights to other offices. Officers shall be elected by a majority vote, but must be present on the election night.

OFFICER RESPONSIBILITIES

PRESIDENT:

The President shall preside at all meetings, and shall perform all executive duties that are not assigned to any of the other officers. They shall appoint an election committee of three regular members at the first meeting, they shall be in charge of securing names for said officers, and reporting back to the president with these candidates' names to be nominated and voted upon. This should be completed by the third (3rd) meeting with elections completed at the fourth (4th) meeting.

Vice-President:

The Vice-President shall assume the responsibilities of the President in their absence. The Vice-President shall also be the chair of the audit committee, which shall consist of two other members. This committee shall audit the books of the association and report back to the association by the fourth (4th) meeting the results of said audit.

Secretary-Treasurer:

The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep all records of the Association. Record, receive and disperse all money and give a report of receipts and disbursements at each regular meeting.

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Baseball & Softball Rules Interpreter:

The rules interpreters shall preside over and conduct all rules, meetings, schools and clinics for their respective sports. The rules interpreters shall also attend all protest meetings involving umpires. They shall also attend the state rules interpreter meeting and attendance at that meeting shall be paid for by the association.

MEETINGS

All meetings of the year shall be set by the secretary in conjunction with OHSAA by – laws. All members are required to attend one State Rules Meeting to be set by OHSAA at different locations. Members are also required to attend a minimum of four (4) meetings by the last date set by the association for that year.

Only those members who show proof to the executive committee of work hindrance or school attendance may be excused from meetings.

RULES FOR UMPIRES

Members of this organization shall be of good character. Neat appearance and loyal to each other at all times and abide by all codes set forth by OHSAA in their Handbook and Handbook for Officials that are updated and sent to all officials in good standing each year.

Members must work all games which they hold contracts for. When an umpire commits themselves to a game it is their obligation to cover that particular

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game(s). Disciplinary action up to and including suspension are possible from OHSAA. It is the duty of each umpire to know the rules of their sport and the OHSAA. Any member violating the law of this constitution or the rules of OHSAA shall be brought before the executive committee for possible disciplinary action.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Roll Call

Reading of Minutes of the last meeting

Reading of Communications

Reports of Committees

Unfinished Business of table discussion

New Business

Discussion period (Rules)

Adjournment

This constitution may be amended after three reading by two-thirds of the membership present at the fourth (4th) meeting of the year.

UNIFORMS

All umpires of this association shall wear a standard uniform as set forth by the OHSAA. Each umpire must have their required equipment. Umpires uniforms must be neat and clean at all games.