

**MARLBOROUGH YOUTH ATHLETIC LEAGUE**

**CHARTER OF BY-LAWS**

**November 3, 1994**

THE CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION IS AMENDED AND  
RESTATED BY THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION

The classes, rights, privileges, qualifications, obligations, and the manner of election or appointment of members are changed FROM those stated in the Amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation, dated March 21, 1980, TO "There shall be two classes of members: 1) voting and 2) non-voting. Voting members shall be League officers, Committee Chairpersons, Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners of the various Sports Divisions, Coaches and Assistant Coaches, the Umpire Coordinator and the Referee Coordinator. Non-voting members shall be all other persons participating in the activities and operation of the corporation. Voting members shall be elected or appointed as specifically set forth in the corporation BY-LAWS. The obligations of the voting members in conducting the affairs of the corporation are set forth in the BY-LAWS of the corporation.

## CHARTER OF BY-LAWS

### MARLBOROUGH YOUTH ATHLETIC LEAGUE, INCORPORATED (AS REVISED SEPTEMBER 19, 1991)

#### ARTICLE I - NAME AND LOCATION

The name of this organization shall be the Marlborough Youth Athletic League, Incorporated, and shall be located within the Town of Marlborough, Connecticut.

#### ARTICLE II - OBJECTIVES

The objective of this organization shall be to provide a program of organized sports activities for the youth of Marlborough. The program shall consist of free instruction, and facilities for playing various sports. As a program dedicated to the service of youth, the League has been established for purposes of fostering wholesome community participation through knowledge of principles of teamwork, fair play, enjoyment, good citizenship and good sportsmanship in organized sports. The organization exists for the sole purpose of serving the youth of Marlborough.

#### ARTICLE III - OFFICERS

SECTION A The Officers of this organization shall consist of a (1) President, (2) First Vice-President, (3) Second Vice-President, (4) Secretary and (5) Treasurer, and shall henceforth be referred to as the Executive Board.

SECTION B The Officers shall be elected, by proper majority vote of the membership, for a one-year term.

SECTION C If, during his/her term of office, the President shall become unavailable for service in that office, the First Vice-President shall serve as President for the unexpired term, or until a new President is elected. If the First Vice-President serves as President for the unexpired term, the Executive Board will appoint a replacement to serve as First Vice-President for the unexpired term, or until a special election is held.

ARTICLE IV - DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

SECTION A The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the League and shall have general executive management of its affairs. The President shall call and preside over all general meetings. The President shall be notified in advance of all meetings of the organization, receive a copy of all minutes of each meeting and shall act as an ex-officio member of all committees.

SECTION B The First Vice-President shall be the Assistant Executive Officer of the League and shall preside over all meetings that the President is unable to attend. He/She shall act as League representative and liaison to all meetings/committees, internal and external, that the League President should designate as appropriate.

SECTION C The Second Vice-President shall act as an aid to the President. This office shall be responsible for overseeing fund raising projects and/or special projects taken on by the League (e.g. Scholarship Fund, facility improvements, etc) and coordinate registration.

SECTION D The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceeding of each meeting. The Secretary shall, under the direction of the President, carry on the correspondence of the organization (e.g. providing notice of general and special meetings).

SECTION E The Treasurer shall act as receiver and custodian of all funds of the organization and shall make all payments from those funds as authorized by the President. The Treasurer shall keep an itemized record of receipts and expenditures and shall make a report to the membership at the business meetings as the President may direct. The Treasurer shall provide, in writing, a financial statement outlining income and expenditures once per year at the September meeting.

ARTICLE V - ELECTIONS AND TERM OF OFFICERS

SECTION A Elections shall be held annually, in the month of September, to coincide with the annual meeting of all sports divisions.

SECTION B The term of officers shall normally be from October first through September thirty-first of the following year.

SECTION C In the event of an emergency, the President, or the person acting thereas under the terms of ARTICLE III, SECTION C, or at least five (5) voting members, may call a special meeting of the membership for the purpose of electing new officers. Notice of such emergency elections must be given to all members at least ten (10) days in advance of the time of the special meeting and submitted for publication within the local newspaper the week prior to said meeting.

SECTION D A nomination committee shall be established preceding the September election. This committee shall consist of two (2) voting members and two (2) members-at-large, who have indicated an interest in serving on this committee, with the Second Vice-President as chairperson.

## ARTICLE VI - SPORTS DIVISIONS

### SECTION A INTRODUCTION

1. The League shall be comprised of several Sports Divisions, one division for each different sport conducted. SUBSECTION B to this ARTICLE pertains to Baseball and SUBSECTION C pertains to Basketball. Additional sports divisions shall only be accorded full division status upon appropriate amendment to these by-laws by a two-thirds (2/3) vote at a meeting at which a quorum is present as specified in ARTICLE XI hereof.

2. Any youth may participate in sports activities conducted by the Corporation provided that the youth a) is a resident of Marlborough, b) meets the age requirements for a particular sport, c) is physically able to participate, and 4) has written permission from a parent or guardian.

3. Notwithstanding the provisions of SUBSECTION A-2 hereof, the League may permit players or teams from other towns to participate in sports activities conducted by the League as deemed appropriate.

4. The age requirements set forth in SECTIONS B and C below are meant to be guidelines of general applicability. Exceptions and/or modifications may be made to accommodate special needs (e.g. handicaps, unique skill levels, etc) and/or official athletic league requirements (e.g. Babe Ruth League requirements, etc).

5. There shall be a Commissioner for each sports division and such Deputy Commissioners as may be necessary for the organization and operation of each sports division. Responsibilities of the Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners shall include the registration and evaluation of eligible youth, recruitment of coaches, umpires, referees and groundskeepers, overseeing the team selection process, scheduling of games and post-season tournament play, coordination and communication among the various coaches, and such other duties as may be necessary to ensure the efficient functioning of that division. Some of the duties of the Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners may be delegated to committees appointed or elected pursuant to ARTICLE VII hereof. The Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners shall be appointed by a majority vote of the Executive Board. The Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners shall be voting members of the League and shall serve for a one year term.

SECTION B BASEBALL - The Baseball Division may be composed of such sections as may be necessary to serve the needs of the youth of Marlborough. The sections may include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. INSTRUCTIONAL LEAGUE SECTION: This section is generally for youths in kindergarten through second grade. Second graders may be selected to fill Minor League team rosters depending on age, skill level and parental permission.
2. MINOR LEAGUE SECTION: This section is generally for youths in third and fourth grades. Fourth graders may be selected to fill Major League team rosters depending on age, skill level and parental permission. Youths in the fifth grade, depending on their skill level, may be required to play within this section.
3. MAJOR LEAGUE SECTION: This section is generally for youths in the fifth and sixth grades. Because of official league rules and regulations governing organized baseball (e.g. Babe Ruth League rules, etc) youths who will have reached their thirteenth birthday on or before August first of that playing year, may not be eligible play in this section.
4. SENIOR LEAGUE SECTION: This section is generally for youths between the ages of thirteen and eighteen and may be comprised of various leagues (e.g. Pony League, Babe Ruth League, American Legion, etc). The age limits of the players within this section shall be generally governed by the official rules and regulations of that league.
5. GIRLS LEAGUE SECTION: This section is generally for youths between the ages of twelve and eighteen and may be comprised of various leagues (e.g. slow pitch, fast pitch, etc). The age limits of the players within this section shall be generally governed by the official rules and regulations of that league.

SECTION C BASKETBALL - The Basketball Division may be composed of such sections as may be necessary to serve the needs of the youth of Marlborough. The sections may include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. INSTRUCTIONAL LEAGUE SECTION: This section is generally for youths in kindergarten through second grade. Second graders may be selected to fill Minor League team rosters depending on age, skill level and parental permission.
2. MINOR LEAGUE SECTION: This section is generally for youths in third and fourth grades. Fourth graders may be selected to fill Major League team rosters depending on age, skill level and parental permission.
3. MAJOR LEAGUE SECTION: This section is generally for youths in the fifth and sixth grades. Youths who have not reached their thirteenth birthday by April first of the playing year, may be eligible to play in the Major League Section.

4. SENIOR LEAGUE SECTION: This section is generally for youths in the seventh through ninth grades. Within this section there may be various sub-sections depending upon the total number of registrants. Additional sub-sections within this section may be established for youths between the ages of fifteen and eighteen depending upon the interest of eligible youths and the availability of coaches and gym facilities.

5. GIRLS LEAGUE SECTION: This section is generally for youths in the third through ninth grades. Within this section there may be various sub-sections depending upon the total number of registrants.

#### ARTICLE VII - COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

SECTION A Committees may be established as necessary to assist in carrying out the various functions and affairs of the League. Committee Chairpersons shall be appointed by majority vote of the Executive Board. Committee Chairpersons shall be voting members of the League and shall report to the President, or his/her designee, on the actions and/or recommendations of the Committees.

SECTION B UMPIRE COORDINATOR: The Umpire Coordinator shall assist in the recruitment of umpires and shall be responsible for the assignment and instruction of umpires. The Umpire Coordinator shall be appointed by a majority vote of the Executive Board and shall be a voting member. All Umpires who are at least eighteen years of age shall be voting members of the League.

SECTION C REFEREE COORDINATOR: The Referee Coordinator shall assist in the recruitment of referees and shall be responsible for the assignment and instruction of referees. The Referee Coordinator shall be appointed by a majority vote of the Executive Board and shall be a voting member. All Referees who are at least eighteen years of age shall be voting members of the League.

SECTION D COACHES AND ASSISTANT COACHES: It is recognized that volunteers are the backbone of the League's programs, and efforts should be made to attract and recruit Coaches and Assistant Coaches. Every reasonable effort shall be made by the Executive Board to assign coaching volunteers to coaching positions. The Executive Board will oversee that coaching will be in the best interest of the players. Each team shall be represented by a Coach and an Assistant Coach who shall be voting members of the League.

ARTICLE VIII - MEMBERS

SECTION A Voting members shall be League officers, Committee Chairpersons, Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners of the various Sports Divisions, Coaches and Assistant Coaches, the Umpire Coordinator and the Referee Coordinator. Issues which have impact on the overall operation of the League shall generally be decided by a majority vote of the Voting Membership at meetings at which a quorum is present. Issues which relate to the operation of a specific sports division and have minimal impact on the overall business of the League (e.g. game schedules, team selection procedures, special rules of play, etc) may generally be discussed and determined by the respective division Commissioner(s) and Coaches. The President shall be informed of actions taken at meetings of the Coaches and/or Commissioners.

SECTION B Non-voting members shall be all other interested individuals of Marlborough who wish to attend general meetings and/or participate in League programs. General meetings of the League are open to all members of community who are encouraged to participate in League activities and voice their opinions. Members-at-Large may vote only in elections for League Officers. Their vote shall have equal weight with that of any voting member in such elections.

ARTICLE IX - MEETINGS

There shall be at least three general meetings held annually. One meeting shall be held prior to the commencement of the baseball season and one meeting prior to the commencement of basketball season. The third meeting shall be held in September and will include the election of the Executive Board. Other meetings may be called by the President at his/her discretion, or, the President shall call a special meeting at the request of at least five voting members. Each voting member shall be notified orally or in writing of all such meeting dates at least seven days in advance of such meeting. Reasonable efforts shall also be made to notify parents of active players and other persons who participate in League programs.

ARTICLE X - INSURANCE

Accident insurance shall be carried on all registrants in the League. The registration fee for participants shall be fixed as to partially cover the cost of such insurance. In all respects, the League shall exist as a non-stock and non-profit organization. All insurance policies shall be reviewed annually by the Executive Board to ensure that the coverage is adequate.

ARTICLE XI - QUORUM

A quorum shall consist of thirty (30) percent of the Voting Membership. A quorum shall be necessary to transact League business. These BY-LAWS may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote at a meeting of the Organization, provided that a quorum is present and that each Voting Member of the League has been informed of such proposed BY-LAW revision at least seven (7) days before the meeting.