



The Boosters Association

The Boosters Association is an integral part of our program. They help us with purchasing uniforms and equipment, and tournament fees. It is our expectation that parents of all players will participate in this important and vital arm of the program. This participation can come in the form of time or monetary support. The Boosters conduct a variety of fundraisers and either type of help is always welcome.

Article I: Name

1. The name of this Association shall be "Bethel Park Slow Pitch Association". (BPSPA)

Article II: Purpose

1. The Associations primary purpose is to support Bethel Park School District Girls' Slow Pitch Softball teams, grades nine through Varsity, in all activities related to the duties of their sport.
2. The Association will also register and support Fall Ball for the Bethel Park slow pitch girls from grades first through eighth grade on Elementary, Middle School and Junior High teams that will play with the WPISL during the fall season.
3. The Association shall promote player participation in community service to enhance the image of girls Slow Pitch Softball within the community and to provide positive experiences for Bethel Park players.
4. The Association shall support and cooperate with all squad coaches insofar as this cooperation does not interfere with school or team policy.
5. The Association shall abide by the Bethel Park School District rules, regulations, policies and guidelines for Booster Organizations and coordinate activities and fundraising events through Student Activities organizations if fundraising on campus.

Article III: Membership

1. Membership in this Association shall be open to all persons or families with a daughter playing with BPSPA.
2. Membership dues are annual per family and shall be set by vote of the membership at the Annual Meeting.
3. Voting privileges (for bylaw approval and board elections) are extended to each family (one vote per registered family) upon payment of the dues to the Booster Association. The coaches are ex officio members with full rights of membership.
4. Any player voluntarily withdrawing or permanently removed for disciplinary or academic reasons from her respective team prior to the conclusion of the season shall not be eligible for attendance at the end-of-year banquet nor be reimbursed for dues or fundraising participation. Any request for special consideration shall be reviewed on a case by case basis by the Executive Board and a recommendation made to the membership.

Article IV: Meetings

1. Regular meetings shall be conducted monthly (except December, January, February, March, June, and July, unless needed) at a time and place designated by the Executive Board and announced at the Annual Meeting of the Association year. (Room 1100 High School)
2. The Association year is defined to begin the August 1 through July 31 of the following year. The August meeting shall be designated as the annual meeting.
3. Membership meetings shall be held the following months with selected months designated for special purposes: April (Nomination), May (Elections), August (Annual Meeting and committee sign-ups), and October (Banquet)

Article V: Executive Board

1. The Executive Board of this Association shall be composed of the Officers and the head girls' Slow Pitch Softball coach (Varsity and Junior Varsity coach), ex officio.
2. Executive meetings may be called at the discretion of the President or by a majority of the members of the board.
3. The duties of the Executive Board shall be to transact necessary business organization meetings and other business as may be referred to it by the Association; to pass on the plans of work of committee chairmen; to establish an organization budget; and to present a report at the regular meetings of the Association.
4. When necessary the Executive Board will vote on items that pertain to the Organization and the vote shall pass or fail based on majority rule.
5. A transition meeting of the out-going and in-coming Executive Boards will be held following the May election meeting and prior to the August Annual Meeting.
6. The out-going Executive Board shall appoint the President and Vice President.

Article VI: Officers and Their Election

1. The Officers of this Association shall be a President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer.
2. Two additional Directors will be added. Their role will be to Chair the Concession Stand Committee and Registration Committee.
3. A Nominating committee shall be formed consisting of three members in March: one from the Executive Board and two from the membership. This committee shall make nominations for each of the officers of the Association and shall present these nominations to the membership at the April meeting. Additional nominations for any or all of the offices shall be made from the floor at the April meeting.
4. The nominee for President shall have been a member of the Executive Board for at least one year, excluding the first year the Board is formed.
5. No position may be filled by the same person for more than two consecutive terms, excluding the terms served in the inaugural season as it was not a full calendar year.
6. All candidates must have consented to serve before nominations are filled.
7. At the May meeting of the Association, the officers shall be elected and shall be by ballot. Officers shall be installed at the May meeting and serve for a term of one year or until their successors shall have been duly elected.
8. In the case of a permanent vacancy in the office of President during the Association year, the Vice President shall become President. In case of a vacancy in the office of Vice President, Recording Secretary, or Treasurer, the Executive Board shall fill such vacancy through appointment.
9. All members of the Board must maintain active status. If any Board member is absent for three (3) consecutive meetings, the member may be dismissed from the Board by a majority vote of the Board.

Article VII: Duties of Officers

1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association and Executive Board; shall appoint the chairman of all committees and shall be a member ex officio of all committees except the nominating committee; shall act for this Association in the presentation of all awards made by this organization; shall serve as liaison with the Athletic Office; and shall perform all other duties usually pertaining to the office. The President shall be in charge of the Banquet Committee.
2. The Vice-president shall act as an aide to the President and shall perform the duties of the president in the absence of that office. The Vice President shall be in charge of the nominating committee and Registration.
3. The Recording Secretary shall keep a correct record of all meetings of the Association and of the Executive Board. All records shall be open to members of this Association at any time. The Recording Secretary will be in charge of the By Laws Committee.
4. The Treasurer shall normally receive and have the custody of all monies of the Association, depositing the same in such depository as shall be selected by the Executive Board. The Treasurer shall make all disbursements and keep a correct account of all receipts and the disbursements and shall make a report at the regular meetings, a full report at the annual meeting and at other times when requested by the Executive Board. In the absence of the Treasurer, the President shall perform the duties of the Treasurer's office.

Article VII: Appointing of Coaches – JV and Varsity

1. The Board will collect all applications from interested parties.
2. The Board shall interview all applicants, vote, and "hire" a coach based on a majority decision.
3. Head coaches for the JV and Varsity teams can not be parents. Parents can be Assistant Coaches and will be selected by the Head Coach.

Article VIII: Finances

1. The fiscal year of the Association shall begin August 1 and shall expire one year later on July 31.
2. The books of the Association shall be completed and balanced by July 20 and a written report shall be submitted and read at the August meeting.
3. All approved receipts for payment of expenses must be submitted by the June meeting along with a Petty Cash Reimbursement Form.
4. All checks shall require the signature of two Executive Board Members, one of which must be the Treasurer.
5. The Executive Board shall develop a budget for the forthcoming year.
6. Committee chairmen shall request budget approval for the event by the Executive Board prior to making expenditures.
7. Committees handling funds shall keep a record of all receipts and disbursements and shall make a final written report to the Association along with a Petty Cash Reimbursement Form.
8. Booster activities shall be conducted within the confines of the annual budget approved by the executive committee.
9. Upon dissolution of the Association, all funds shall be donated to the designated primary charity of the Association (2010 – selected the BPGSA). This charity shall be confirmed and/or changed each year at the Annual Meeting of the Association and recorded in the August minutes of the Association.

Article IX: Committees

1. There shall be several standing committees, chaired by officers of the organization, as specified under the duties of the officers. The committees are identified in the meeting agenda.
2. Additional committees shall be identified, and chairmen and volunteers selected, at the August meeting of the Association.

Article X: Parliamentary Authority

1. The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order, Revised, shall govern this Association in all cases in which they do not conflict with the By-laws of this Association.

Article XI: Amendments

1. On approval of the membership, these By-laws replace any previous Association By-laws or Constitution or other governing documents, and are in effect as of the 2010 Season and will remain in effect until updated by the Executive Board, if needed.
2. These By-laws may be amended at any regular or special meetings of the Association by a plurality vote of two-thirds of the membership that is in attendance provided that the proposed amendment shall have been submitted in writing to the Recording Secretary prior to the scheduled meeting.