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OF THE
SUNCOAST UMPIRES ASSOCIATION
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ARTICLE I - QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1 Persons requesting membership in this Association must be at least eighteen (18) years of age and interested in officiating baseball.
- Section 2 An applicant must apply to the Secretary of the Association, fill out an application, attend the next scheduled SUA sponsored field clinic, held bi-annually in September and January prior to assignment by the booking agent, and pass the following requirements:
- A. A satisfactory record of health and character.
 - B. Pass written, oral, or other examinations as required.
 - C. Be a member in good standing with FHSAA or provide proof of required insurance.
 - C.1. A member in good standing will: register with FHSAA, attend the rules clinics, take the rules exam, and clear a Level II background screening under Florida's Jessica Lunsford act.
 - D. Must have access to both the SUA website and a valid e-mail address.
- Section 3 Any official who desires to officiate at any level of high school baseball must be a member in good standing of the Florida High School Activities Association (FHSAA).
- A. A member in good standing will; register with FHSAA, attend the rules clinic and take the exam.

ARTICLE II - DISCIPLINE OF MEMBERS

- Section 1 Grounds for discipline shall be the failure to comply with established rules and regulations as set forth in the Constitution, By-laws, or Policies and Procedures, delinquency in paying dues, or conduct contrary or detrimental to the best interests of the Association or baseball.
- Section 2 Any member subject to disciplinary action shall have the right of appeal to the board of directors. Further, if they desire, they may appeal a second time to grievance committee, whose action shall be final.
- Section 3 No member expelled or under suspension shall be able to accept assignments or officiate as a member of the Association until the Board of Directors reinstates him.
- Section 4 Any member - directly or indirectly soliciting games from a coach, school, organization, or the SUA Booking Agent - may be suspended for the remainder of the year. All assignments shall be returned to the Booking Agent and all fees, dues, and assessments paid to the Association by the member shall be forfeited.

ARTICLE III - FEES AND DUES

- Section 1 Annual membership dues for the Association shall be determined on a year-to-year basis by the Board of Directors.
- Section 2 Dues and Fees to FHSAA are payable directly to that organization before receiving certification to officiate high school games.
- Section 3 Association dues are payable to Suncoast Umpires Association and shall be delivered to the Association Treasurer not later than July 1st.
- Section 4 All income in the form of fees for booking services and membership dues shall be deposited into the General Budget Account of the Association.

ARTICLE IV - ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

- Section 1 Members of the Association must attend a minimum of (5) five meetings of the Association.
- Section 2 Recognized meetings are those meetings authorized and scheduled by the Association.

Section 3 New members are encouraged to voluntarily officiate scrimmage games before assignment to regular-season games.

ARTICLE V - VOTING MEMBER QUALIFICATIONS

Section 1 A voting member is one who has complied with all rules of the Association with regard to fines, fees, dues, and meeting attendance.

Section 2 Proxy votes will not be considered at any election.

ARTICLE VI - RULES OF PROCEDURE

Section 1 A quorum for the conduct of Association business shall be five (5) members of the Board of Directors.

Section 2 A quorum at any Association membership meeting shall consist of members in good standing in attendance.

ARTICLE VII - RULES/MECHANICS MEETINGS

Section 1 Rules and/or Mechanics sessions shall be conducted for a minimum of twenty-five (25) minutes prior to each regular Association meeting. Attendance rosters shall be turned in to the Secretary.

ARTICLE VIII - CANCELLATION OF GAMES

Section 1 No member shall cancel any game assignment except by contacting (by direct voice contact) the Booking Agent prior to the game. (See Policy and Procedures 12.4)

ARTICLE IX - FINAL INTERPRETATION

Section 1 Final interpretation of the Constitution, By-laws, and Policies & Procedures shall rest with the Board of Directors.

Section 2 In any case of conflict between the Constitution/By-Laws and Policies & Procedures, the Constitution/By-Laws shall prevail.

ARTICLE X – AMENDMENTS

Section 1 These By-laws may be amended at any regularly-scheduled meeting by two-thirds vote of the duly accredited members present, provided that notice in writing has been given at least fourteen (14) days in advance of such meeting and that the amendment has the approval of the Board of Directors.

Section 2 The nullification or rescission of any Article or Section of the Constitution or By-laws shall not abrogate the remainder of the document.

Recorded by: _____
Secretary