CONSTITUTION OF THE AMERICAN BASEBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION (A Tax-Exempt Unincorporated Association)

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of this organization shall be the "American Baseball Coaches Association".

ARTICLE II

Purpose

The purposes of the American Baseball Coaches Association include:

- 1. To promote excellence in the coaching of baseball.
- 2. To promote all aspects of the game of amateur baseball.
- 3. To promote the game of baseball, especially within the mission of educational institutions.
- 4. To foster national and international amateur sports competition in the sport of baseball.
- 5. To promote and develop leadership in baseball within educational institutions and in the various amateur baseball organizations.
- 6. To assist in the educational development of amateur baseball coaches.
- 7. To assist in the growth and development of baseball in cooperation with organizations with similar goals.
- 8. To disseminate educational baseball information to members and allied groups as necessary.
- 9. To engage in baseball-related activities as determined by the represented membership.
- 10. To accomplish the foregoing for educational, non-profit purposes in accordance with the Internal Revenue Code(s) 501(c)(3).

ARTICLE III

Membership

Individuals who are actively coaching (including assistant coaches), former coaches and other
individuals who are actively engaged in promoting amateur baseball, as well as anyone
involved with the sport of baseball, shall be qualified to become members of this Association in
accordance with the terms of the Bylaws.

2. All individuals in good standing shall have the privileges of full membership. Members in good standing are those who have paid their membership dues for the current year. Any persons attending meetings, clinics or conventions must be members in good standing.

ARTICLE IV

Management

- 1. The Board of Directors shall establish general policy, direct the business and affairs of the Association, be responsible for Constitution/Bylaw Amendments, and in general, govern the Association.
- 2. The membership of the Board of Directors shall consist of:

a. <u>Voting Members</u>

- (1) Past Presidents who are actively coaching amateur baseball as a vocation. This group will be updated each year.
- (2) Past Presidents who have attended two of the last three Board of Directors Meetings.
- (3) The President of the Association.
- (4) The First, Second, Third and Fourth Vice-Presidents of the Association.
- (5) Four (4) members of the Executive Committee from among three (3) of the Divisional Chairs as well as the Chair of the Diversity in Baseball Committee. The three Divisional Chairs will be elected by the Executive Committee as detailed in the Bylaws.

b. Non-voting Members

- (1) All former Presidents of the Association who have not attended two of the last three Board of Directors meetings. These members may attend any Board of Directors meetings and serve on the Board as advisory members.
- (2) The Executive Director, who will serve as Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Directors.
- 3. All members of the Board of Directors must be active members and maintain current membership status in the Association.
- 4. One-half of the voting Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.
- 5. The business and affairs of the Association shall be directed by the Board of Directors, with recommendations from the Executive Committee, as provided by the Bylaws. The administration of such business and affairs will be performed by the Executive Director.
- The officers of the Association shall consist of, in addition to the Chair of the Board, President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Third Vice-President and Fourth Vice-President.

An Executive Committee, as constituted in the Bylaws, will review affairs and business of the Association, and forward recommendations to the Board of Directors.

- 7. The Fourth Vice-President shall be elected from among the members of the Association and advance to the next higher office in accordance with provisions of the Bylaws.
- 8. The Executive Director will administer all business and affairs of the Association with direction and supervision of the Board of Directors. The Executive Director will serve as Secretary-Treasurer for all meetings of the Board of Directors, Executive Committee and General Membership.
- 9. A Standing Committee, as provided in the Bylaws, will direct the affairs of the Association, as needed, between regular meetings of the Board of Directors. This includes financial items not previously approved as part of the annual budget by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V

General Meetings

A general membership meeting may be called by the President upon approval of the Board of Directors. Requests for such meetings may be made by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VI

Bylaws

The Association may adopt or amend Bylaws not inconsistent with this Constitution and which provide the basic rules for management or governance of the Association. Such Bylaws and Amendments shall be adopted by a majority of the voting Board of Directors. Such Bylaws and Amendments may be recommended to the Board of Directors by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VII

Limitations

1. The Association is not organized for profit. No part of its net earnings shall inure to the benefit of any private individual, except that the Association shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article II hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the Association shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence governmental or political legislation, and the Association shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Constitution, the Association shall only carry on activities permitted by an organization exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or such corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

2. Upon dissolution of the Association and the winding up of its affairs, the assets of the Association shall be distributed by the voting Board of Directors to an appropriate baseball source or educational organization which would then qualify as a tax-exempt organization under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code 501(c)(3) and its regulations as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended.

ARTICLE VIII

Amendments

This Constitution may be amended by a majority of the voting Board of Directors, following appropriate deliverance of such proposed changes to the Board of Directors not later than three weeks prior to the meeting at which the amendment(s) will be voted upon. If a voting Board member cannot be present at an upcoming meeting, for valid reasons accepted by the Chair, a signed mail vote regarding such proposed amendments may be accepted by the Chair.

BYLAWS OF THE AMERICAN BASEBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I

- **Section 1**. Each individual seeking membership in the Association shall make application on a form prepared by the Association. The application shall be accompanied by the applicable membership fee and shall be subject to acceptance of the Association.
- **Section 2**. All members shall pay an annual membership fee in U. S. funds. The amount of the annual membership fee shall be fixed by the voting Board of Directors.
- **Section 3**. A member who has completed thirty-five (35) years of membership in the American Baseball Coaches Association will be awarded a <u>Lifetime Membership</u>. The privileges of Lifetime Membership shall include free annual membership for as long as the individual wishes, on a yearly basis. Appropriate recognition may also be given at the annual convention.
- **Section 4**. The membership year shall be September 1 through August 31, and the Association's fiscal year shall be May 1 through April 30.
- <u>Section 5</u>. A general meeting of the membership may be called by the President upon approval by the voting Board of Directors. A general meeting, if called, would be held during the annual convention. A simple majority vote of those members present at such meeting shall be sufficient to transact business, unless a different voting percentage is called for by the Constitution or Bylaws.
- **Section 6**. Termination for cause of the membership of any member (other than for failure to pay fees) may be recommended by any member of the Executive Committee. Upon the member having been advised of the reasons for the proposed termination, afforded an opportunity to be heard and cause being shown, the membership may be canceled by a two-thirds vote of the Executive Committee and approval of the voting Board of Directors. Any member whose membership has been canceled for cause as provided herein may, either in person or through a member of the Association, submit a written appeal to the Board of Directors for reinstatement.
- **Section 7**. Any member delinquent for one year in the payment of membership fees shall be dropped from the roll of membership.

ARTICLE II

Board of Directors

- **Section 1**. The Board of Directors shall meet a minimum of three times a year as determined by the Standing Committee. A normal sequence would allow two meetings at the annual convention following Executive Committee meetings, so that recommendations by the Executive Committee may be acted upon at such meetings. A meeting of the Board shall also be conducted during the first weekend of the NCAA Division I College World Series at the site of the championship.
- **Section 2**. A Chair of the Board of Directors will be elected from among Past Presidents serving on the Board. The Chair of the Board of Directors shall serve a three-year term and is eligible to be reelected for one additional three-year term.

Section 3. Terms of the four members of the voting Board elected from the Executive Committee will coincide with their terms on the Executive Committee.

Section 4. Notice of meetings of the Board of Directors shall be given to each Director by the Executive Director, or as the Board or Standing Committee may otherwise direct. No failure in delivery of such notices shall invalidate the meeting or any of the proceedings taken thereat.

Section 5. The voting Board of Directors shall:

- a. Establish policy and principles of conducting the affairs of the Association. These policies and principles are administered by the Executive Director.
- b. Act on Constitution and Bylaws revisions.
- c. Adopt proposed budgets and oversee the financial affairs of the Association.
- d. Employ an Executive Director and any assistants or other personnel necessary to efficiently conduct the business of the Association.

Section 6. A Standing Committee shall act on behalf of, and represent the voting Board of Directors between regularly scheduled meetings. The Standing Committee shall insure Board meetings take place as provided in the Constitution and Bylaws and may call other meetings as deemed necessary. The Standing Committee shall evaluate the Executive Director and staff annually. The Standing Committee shall direct various committees and subcommittees and assist in planning Board meetings. The Standing Committee shall consist of:

- a. The Chair of the Board of Directors shall be the Chair of the Standing Committee.
- b. Three (3) additional Past Presidents from the Board of Directors.
- c. Current President, First Vice President, and Second Vice President of the Association.

NOTE: The voting Board of Directors shall vote for their representatives to the Standing Committee. The term of the Past Presidents on the Standing Committee will be for three years (unless the elected member no longer serves as a member of the voting Board of Directors), and is eligible to be reelected for one additional three-year term.

ARTICLE III

Executive Committee

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall consist of all elected officers of the Association, the Executive Director, the immediate Past President, the division chairs elected from each of the following Divisions: NCAA I, NCAA II, NCAA III, NAIA, Junior College, High School, Travel Baseball and Youth Baseball, and the Chair of the ABCA Diversity in Baseball Committee.

Section 2. All such persons shall serve as members of the Executive Committee for a term equal to the time they serve in one of the above capacities or until their respective successors have been elected and shall have qualified. Any vacancy resulting from termination as an officer, Division Chair

or immediate Past President shall be filled by the person succeeding in that position. Any such member shall then hold office for the balance of the term of his predecessor and until the election and qualification of his successor.

<u>Section 3</u>. The Executive Committee shall meet a minimum of two times a year as determined by the Standing Committee. A normal sequence would allow two meetings at the annual convention to precede the Board of Directors meetings, so that recommendations may be forwarded to the Board for action. Another meeting(s) may be called by the Standing Committee of the Board during the course of the year. Meetings by telephone conference may be called by the President.

Section 4. Additional meetings of the Executive Committee to conduct business by conference call, or other means of communication, may be called by the President throughout the year as appropriate.

Section 5. For the transaction of business, a quorum shall consist of a majority of the members of the Executive Committee, and the acts of a majority of the members of the Executive Committee present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the acts of the Committee, except as may be otherwise specifically provided by the Constitution or by these Bylaws.

Section 6. The Executive Committee shall:

- a. Elect three (3) members from the Divisional Chairs to serve on the voting Board of Directors. Terms on the Board of Directors will coincide with terms as Divisional Chairs on the Executive Committee.
- b. Review the business and affairs of the Association and its committees in accordance with the policies of the Association and the Board of Directors.
- c. Recommend to the Board of Directors various business items and policies for action by the Board, in accordance with the purposes of the Association.
- d. Appoint a Sergeant-at-Arms who shall assist with meetings during the convention. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall be responsible for supervising admittance to selected meetings, convention functions, banquets and social events. The Sergeant-at-Arms may appoint and recruit assistance as needed.

ARTICLE IV

Officers

Section 1. All individuals who presently hold an office shall automatically advance to the next higher office in the order said officer positions are listed in Article IV, 6. of the Constitution at the conclusion of the annual convention at which these amended Bylaws are adopted by the membership and shall hold office until the conclusion of the next annual convention or until his or her successor shall have been elected and shall have qualified. At the same annual convention as these amended Bylaws are adopted, the Fourth Vice President, having been previously elected by the members by mail vote, will assume the duties of that office. Thereafter, each year at the conclusion of the annual convention, each officer shall automatically move up to the next higher office and shall serve in that office for a term of one year; the Fourth Vice President, elected by a mail vote of the membership prior to the convention, shall assume the duties of that office until the conclusion of the next annual convention.

Section 2. A Nominating Committee, consisting of the immediate three Past Presidents, shall nominate individuals to hold the position of Fourth Vice President and to nominate individuals to hold other officer positions that become vacant by virtue of the fact that officers have moved up to fill vacancies which occurred in a higher office during the preceding year. The most recent past President shall chair the Nominating Committee. Other nominations may be submitted. All ABCA officers shall be active amateur baseball coaches.

Section 3. The voting for Fourth Vice President will be conducted by mail vote, with the ballots being mailed to all members by the Executive Director in sufficient time to allow for the return and tabulation thereof at least three weeks before the commencement of the annual convention.

Section 4. In case any office becomes vacant by death, resignation, retirement, disqualification, or any other cause, the Standing Committee of the Board of Directors may appoint an officer to fill such vacancy; the officer so appointed shall hold office until the next annual convention when the officers, including officers so appointed, automatically move up and assume their new officer positions. In the case of a vacancy for any cause in the office of President, or in the case of disability of the President, the First Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President until a successor is chosen. If the membership in the Association of any elected officer shall for any reason terminate, the office shall automatically become vacant. If an officer leaves his coaching position, he has one year to secure another amateur baseball coaching position or he may be replaced as an ABCA officer.

ARTICLE V

Duties of Officers

Section 1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the members and the Executive Committee. He shall supervise the affairs of the Association and shall be an ex-officio member of all committees. He shall appoint the chairs of all committees unless these Bylaws otherwise provide. He may act on behalf of the Executive Committee in approving the Association's representative(s) to other organizations. Upon completion of his term as president, he shall serve an additional year on the Executive Committee and as Chair of the Nominating Committee.

Section 2. The First Vice-President shall perform the duties and exercise the powers of the President at the request of the President or in the event of the President's absence or disability. The First Vice-President shall make all appointments to committees and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Executive Committee.

Section 3. The Second Vice-President shall serve as chair of the Coaching Clinic Committee and be responsible for the selection and organization of all clinic sessions at the annual convention.

Section 4. The Third Vice-President will coordinate with the Second Vice-President in the organization of the clinic sessions at the annual convention.

Section 5. The Fourth Vice-President shall supervise the Honors Luncheon and Hall of Fame/Coach of the Year Banquet at the annual convention.

Section 6. A book of particulars shall be maintained on the specific duties of each officer.

Section 7. The Secretary-Treasurer (who shall be the individual holding the position of Executive Director) shall keep the minutes and records of the Association, the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee and shall receive and record all funds of the Association.

ARTICLE VI

Duties of the Staff

Section 1. The Executive Director (ED) shall be responsible for the operation of the Association's office and shall be assisted in all phases of these duties by the Assistant to the Executive Director. The ED is the official spokesperson for the Association.

Section 2. The other Association staff positions will be approved by the Board of Directors and will be selected by the Executive Director. The staff will assist the Executive Director with all Association business including correspondence, convention planning, preparing publications and website materials, working with sponsors and exhibitors, legislative and informational research, meeting planning, recording all financial transactions and tracking membership. Staff members shall receive remuneration as approved by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VII

Divisions

Section 1. There shall be eight divisions within the Association consisting of NCAA Division I, NCAA Division II, Division III, NAIA Division, Junior College Division, High School Division, Youth Division and Travel Baseball Division. The membership of each Division shall consist of those individuals who are affiliated with the schools and colleges in each Division or with Youth Baseball activities.

NOTE: The Pacific Association Division, consisting of the CCCAA and the NWAC, was added as a separate division for purposes of All-Region, All-American and Gold Glove team recognition, as well as All-Region and National Coach of the Year recognition. The PAD is not a member of the Executive Committee.

<u>Section 2</u>. Each division shall elect its own chair and vice-chair to serve for terms of three years. These chairs may be elected for one additional three-year term, but may only serve for six consecutive years. Following the term(s), the individual may, after three additional years have elapsed, be elected for one additional three-year term, after which, he may no longer serve in that position. The Chair of each division shall serve on the Executive Committee.

Section 3. The divisions may meet at the time of the annual convention or at other times.

Section 4. Each division is subject to and must report on all activities to the Association's Executive Committee.

Section 5. The purpose and function of each division is to have communication between members with like interests to plan and implement educational programs concerning matters of interest to each division.

ARTICLE VIII

Committees

Section 1. The Committees described below may have representatives of the various divisions of the Association as authorized by the Standing Committee and Officers.

<u>Section 2</u>. Committee members shall be appointed by the First Vice-President to serve for terms of three years with some noted exceptions, and such members may be appointed for one additional three-year term. After three years have elapsed, a former member of a committee may again be appointed for an additional three-year term, following which the individual may not serve further on that committee. However, terms of the following committee members may be extended by the First Vice-President as appropriate: Exhibitors Committee, Professional-Amateur Liaison Committee, Legislative Issues Committee, Hall of Fame Committee and All-America Committees.

Section 3. Whenever necessary to adjust the membership of any Committee so that vacancies will occur in the proper sequence, members may be appointed for less than full terms.

Section 4. If a committee member misses two consecutive meetings, he will automatically be removed from the Committee unless valid reasons are presented and approved by the Committee Chair.

Section 5. The Chair of each Committee shall be appointed by the President for a term of three years except the Chair of the Nominating Committee each year shall be the immediate Past President of the Association.

Section 6. The Committees, with their respective duties, shall be constituted as follows:

a. NCAA Division I All-America and Coach of the Year, whose members shall be selected only from members of the NCAA Division I. This committee has no term limits.

<u>Duties</u>: Establish and carry out procedures for selecting both All-Region and All-America Teams. Responsible for determining regional and national Divisional I Coach of the Year and national Division I Player of the Year.

b. NCAA Division II All-America and Coach of the Year, whose members shall be selected only from members of the NCAA Division II. This committee has no term limits.

<u>Duties</u>: Establish and carry out procedures for selecting both All-Region and All-America Teams. Responsible for determining regional and national Division II Coach of the Year and national Division II Player of the Year.

c. NCAA Division III All-America and Coach of the Year, whose members shall be selected only from members of the NCAA Division III.

<u>Duties</u>: Establish and carry out procedures for selecting both All-Region and All-America Teams. Responsible for determining regional and national Division III Coach of the Year and national Division III Player of the Year.

d. NAIA All-America and Coach of the Year, whose members shall be selected only from members of the NAIA Division.

<u>Duties</u>: Establish and carry out procedures for selecting both NAIA All-America Team and Coach of the Year and National NAIA Player of the Year.

e. NJCAA All-America and Coach of the Year, whose members shall be selected only from NJCAA members.

<u>Duties</u>: Establish and carry out procedures for selecting All-Region and All-America Teams. Responsible for determining regional and national NJCAA Coach of the Year and national NJCAA Player of the Year.

f. High School Division All-America and Coach of the Year, whose members shall be selected only from members of the High School Division.

<u>Duties</u>: Establish and carry out procedures for selecting All-District and All-America Teams, as well as All-District and High School Coach of the Year, Player of the Year in each district and national Player of the Year.

g. Hall of Fame Committee, whose members shall consist of six NCAA Division I coaches, two coaches each from NCAA Division II and III, NAIA, NJCAA and High School, one coach from Youth, plus the chair of the Hall of Fame Veterans Committee. Membership shall consist of approximately 80% Hall of Fame members, with the remainder of the members with a minimum 15-years membership in the association. This committee has no term limits.

<u>Duties</u>: Establish and affect procedures for both electing and inducting members into the ABCA Hall of Fame and recommending Meritorious Service Award recipients. The Committee has the responsibility of obtaining nominees and evaluating their credentials. The Committee's nominees for induction shall be sent to the Standing Committee of the Board of Directors for review and shall be voted on by the voting Board of Directors.

h. Hall of Fame Veterans Committee, whose chair will serve on the Hall of Fame Committee.

<u>Duties</u>: Evaluate long time members who may have been overlooked in previous years for Hall of Fame candidacy and make recommendations of such members to the Hall of Fame Committee.

i. Lefty Gomez Award.

<u>Duties</u>: Select the recipient of the annual Lefty Gomez Award. The Gomez Award honors those who have made exceptional contributions to amateur baseball at any level.

j. Legislative Issues.

<u>Duties</u>: To keep abreast of current legislation from various organizations that affect baseball at any level. These duties would include, but are not restricted to, evaluating current legislation, develop proposed legislation and direct action regarding legislation, subject to approval of the Board or Standing Committee.

k. Exhibitors Committee.

<u>Duties</u>: Advise and assist sporting goods manufacturers and others who exhibit products at the ABCA annual convention.

l. Nominating Committee, which shall consist of the three most recent Past Presidents of the Association. The immediate Past President shall serve as Chair.

<u>Duties</u>: The primary responsibility shall be to nominate qualified candidates to serve as officers in the Association.

m. Playing Rules/College.

<u>Duties</u>: Interpret collegiate rules involving all divisions and develop rule consistency. The Committee also may receive recommended rule revisions from individuals, conferences, etc., and shall strive to serve as an effective liaison with the respective division baseball committees.

n. Playing Rules/High School.

<u>Duties</u>: Interpret high school rules and develop rule consistency. The committee may recommend rule revisions from individuals, conferences, etc., and shall strive to serve as an effective liaison with the NFHS Rules Committee.

o. Professional-Amateur Relations.

<u>Duties</u>: Provide personal contact with front office personnel at each major league franchise and with associated minor league offices.

p. Research.

<u>Duties</u>: Encourage interest among Association members relative to initiating baseball research projects. The Committee also shall evaluate applications for baseball research grant funds in order to determine specific awards. All recommended research projects shall be submitted in written proposals to the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors for approval.

q. Summer League.

<u>Duties</u>: Evaluate and encourage the promotion of summer league baseball for college players.

r. Clinic Committee.

<u>Duties</u>: To assist the Second and Third Vice Presidents with the conducting of the convention clinics.

s. Ethics in Coaching Award Committee.

<u>Duties</u>: Obtain nominees, evaluate credentials, and make selections of candidates for the ABCA Ethics in Coaching Award.

Section 7. The Association may establish other Committees for any purpose and provide for their appointment, tenure and duties.

ARTICLE IX

Payment for Certain Expenses

Section 1. The policy of the Association regarding payment for members' travel, lodging, meeting expenses and other expenses shall be:

- a. <u>Convention</u>. Eligible Board of Directors members and ABCA Officers shall have the following expenses covered at the convention:
 - (1) Coach air travel or equivalent, which must be at the direction and through the agent of the Association. If a Board member chooses to drive to meeting(s), he will be reimbursed at the Federal IRS mileage rate up to the cost of a plane ticket.
 - (2) Standard room rate, plus tax, for the number of days required to attend the convention. Based on one board member per room, unless the board member prefers to share a room.
 - (3) One complimentary ticket for the Hall of Fame/Coach of the Year Banquet and the Honors Luncheon.

The Clinic Committee Chair and the Chair of the Exhibitors Committee, shall receive lodging expenses.

For Board members, scheduled meetings at the convention, including divisional meetings, must be attended to qualify for room reimbursement. This payment is not intended for any member whose expenses are paid by another organization or institution. Full expenses for these members at the convention will not be borne by the Association.

- b. <u>Meeting at College World Series</u>. Eligible Board of Directors members shall have the following expenses covered at the CWS:
 - (1) Coach air travel or equivalent, which must be at the direction and through the agent of the Association.
 - (2) Standard room rate, plus tax, for three nights only. Based on one board member per room, unless the board member prefers to share a room.
 - (3) One CWS game ticket for each game during the first two days of the tournament.
- c. If meeting(s) of the Executive Committee are called by the Standing Committee at times other than at the convention, expenses will be paid by the Association as outlined in b. above.
- d. The Executive Director, or designee, shall have expenses paid by the Association when representing the Association. The Executive Director will attend and conduct meetings as appropriate and necessary to conduct the affairs of the Association.
- e. The President and Chair of the Board, or their designees, shall have expenses paid by the Association when representing the Association.

- f. The Committees responsible for selection of ABCA All-America Teams will have certain expenses paid by the Association as follows:
 - (1) The Standing Committee will determine, based on payments of sponsors, expenses to be paid to the various All-America Committees for these selections.
 - (2) Expenses, if paid, will be based on Section 1, b. (1), (2), and (3).
 - (3) Any member who has expenses paid by another organization shall not have expenses paid by the Association.
- g. Expenses paid by the Association for other committee meetings or special representation at various gatherings will be at the approval of the voting Board of Directors or Standing Committee. These requests may be made by the Chair of the Board, the President or the Executive Director.
- h. There shall be no free or honorary memberships except as noted in the Bylaws for Lifetime Members. There shall be no free convention registration.

ARTICLE X

Affiliation

This Association shall be affiliated with the National Collegiate Athletic Association, with USA Baseball and with other organizations as the Voting Board of Directors deems appropriate.

ARTICLE XI

Amendments

These Bylaws may be amended by a majority of the voting Board of Directors. The Executive Committee may review any proposed amendments as they wish and forward recommended action to the Board. Proposed amendments must be delivered to the Board of Directors not later than three weeks prior to the meeting the amendment(s) will be voted upon. If a voting Board member cannot be present at an upcoming meeting for valid reasons accepted by the Chair, a signed mail vote regarding such proposed amendment(s) may be accepted by the Chair.

Constitution and By-laws of the American Baseball Coaches Association as amended in 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2001, 2008, 2014, 2016, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2024.