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PREAMBLE

It is the primary purpose of this organization to promote, direct and foster organized sports, especially baseball, among boys and girls under the age of twenty-one.

In the event of dissolution, the residual assets of the organization will be turned over to another organization, which is itself, exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the Federal State of South Carolina, or local government.

NOTE: The procedures outlined in this document are designed to work within the framework of all existing Dixie Youth Baseball rules. At no time will these procedures supersede standing Dixie Youth Baseball rules.

ARTICLE I: NAME, LOCATION AND OPERATION

1. The name of this corporation shall be Pineview Dixie Youth Baseball League.
2. Its offices will be in West Columbia, South Carolina.
3. Rules of Dixie Youth Baseball will be followed unless options are given, and changes are covered in the Bylaws or League Ground Rules.
4. To be eligible to play *Tball*, a child must be three (3) years old before August 1. All other leagues, except for PAL/Miracle League, shall be May 1 or as defined by DYB. All players must be “potty-trained”.

5. *Tball* players, parents and managers are to be considered a part of this League, abiding by the rules and regulations so deemed by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE II: DIRECTORS

1. The business and property of the corporation shall be managed herein called the Board of Directors. The Board can and/or will be changed at the annual meeting to assure equitable representation. All board positions will be for one-year terms. All of these members shall be voting members with the exception of the President.

The board consists of the following:

a) Executive Board Officers

- a. President
- b. Vice President of Strategic Planning
- c. Vice President of Operations
- d. Vice President of Finance
- e. Administrative Officer

b) Eight Board Members

- f. Canteen Manager
- g. Player Agent
- h. Coaches Agent
- i. Administrative Officer Assistant
- j. Maintenance Supervisor
- k. Maintenance Assistant
- l. General Board Member 1
- m. General Board Member 2

c) League Commissioners

- a. T-Ball
- b. Rookie Ball
- c. Coaches Pitch
- d. Minors
- e. Ozone

Any Board Member who resigns his/her position for any reason other than a family or medical emergency will not be eligible to serve for a period of two (2) years. A board member wishing to resign must turn in a written notice to be placed on file. The board will vote to accept a resignation letter. If a board member refuses to, or fails to, turn in a written resignation letter within ten (10) days, the board will vote to replace the member without the document and record it accordingly.

2. The Board will serve without compensation from Pineview Dixie Youth Baseball.
3. Election of the Board of shall be held at the Annual Meeting held after the regular season ends, but prior to Fall Season beginning. The parents and/or guardians of each player from the current season will have a vote toward each vacancy. Further, the managers, assistant coaches and Board Members will have one vote toward each vacancy. No one family shall have more than two votes at Annual Meeting, or one vote per regular board meeting. Only one member per household can serve on the Board as one of the Executive Board Officers of the Board of Directors.
 - Board members can't be a commissioner over a division in which you coach or have a registered player. The player agent and coach's agent will not be allowed to manage a team at Pineview but will be allowed to assistant coach. Any board member that is a manager or assistant/coach will NOT have a

say or vote on issues concerning coaches, parents, players, umpires, ground rules in the league in which they coach. Further, a board member may coach if he/she can devote the time needed, and it does not interfere with their board duties.

4. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President or the majority of the Board.
5. Efforts will be made to get in touch with all Board Members before each regular and/or special meeting. There must be a majority in attendance to transact business.
6. The Executive Board Officers (President, Vice President of Operations, Vice President of Strategic Planning, Vice President of Finance, and Administrative Officer) shall be the Nominating Committee for the Officers and Board Members for the following year and present them at the annual meeting for approval, but additional nominations may be made by a board member or parent/guardian of each player from the current season present.
7. A Board Member may be removed at any time by a majority vote of the full Board.
8. Vacancies on the Board shall be advertised on social media, emailed to registered accounts, etc. These vacancies can and/or will be filled for the unexpired term by the remaining Board Members.
 - If a person applies for a vacancy, there will be

an in-person interview with the Pineview Dixie Youth Baseball General Board within 14 days of submission.

9. The Board may establish as many committees as they deem necessary and may appoint members of the Board to serve thereon. The executive board will appoint a chairperson of each committee from the board. The committee chairperson may have up to three (3) additional positions choosing one (1) parent/guardian of a player from the current season or active approved volunteers to fill these positions that are not on the Board of Directors.
10. The President is not a voting member of the Board and shall vote only in the case of a tie. He/she shall preside over all meetings of the Board, will sign all written contracts of the Corporation and seek necessary coaches. In case of the disability of the President or vacancy of the office, the duties thereof shall be performed by the Vice President of Operations.
11. The Administrative Officer shall issue notice of all meetings of the Board, shall have charge of all corporate books, records, papers, and keep the minutes of all meetings of the Board of Directors and Executive Board Officers; shall be custodian of the corporate seal; shall attest with his/her signature and impress with the corporate seal, all written contracts of the corporation; and shall perform all such other duties incident to his/her office.
12. The Vice President of Finance shall have the custody of all money and securities of the Corporation and

shall give bond in such sum and with such sureties as the Board may require, conditioned upon the faithful performance of the duties of his/her office. He/She shall sign all checks, shall keep regular book(s) of account(s) and give a written physical or electronic (email) financial report at the annual meeting.

13. The League Commissioners shall be charged with enforcing the Ground Rules under which teams and leagues shall play. He/she shall be authorized to do all things necessary to discharge the duties of his/her office. He/she shall be authorized to perform such duties as may be placed upon him/her by the Board.

14. All disputes or protests shall be settled jointly by a representative group of the board which consists of the President, Vice President of Operations, and Commissioner from the respective league. Player Agent, and/or Coach Agent may also be involved in handling disputes as necessary. If the representative(s) is (are) a coach or parent of the team(s) with disputes or protests, then he/she cannot rule on the settlement. Another League Commissioner(s) shall be the representative in his/her place(s).

15. If a Board Member has missed three or more unexcused absences in a fiscal year, the Board Member shall be excused from duty. Unexcused absences include but are not limited to: failure to respond to a mandatory meeting, events, or other required duty of his/her Board position.

ARTICLE III: TEAM SELECTION

1. The corporation shall conclude its baseball season each year participating in such tournament play as prescribed by the franchising corporation.

 2. The method of selecting players in Rookie Ball, Coaches Pitch, Minor and Ozone Leagues will be as follows: The team that finished last shall select one player first, the next team shall select one player second, and so on down the line until each team has selected one player. After the first round, the team with the highest number of players will not have a draft pick until every team has the same number of players.
 - a. Sons/daughters, grandsons/granddaughters and siblings will be on the team when the manager takes over the team.
 - b. For the last round of the draft, the remaining picks (based on number of players remaining) will slide so the previous year's top finishing teams pick the remaining players (Example: There are 4 total teams, and you enter the last round of the draft and there are 2 remaining players. Draft order team #1 and #2 get skipped and team #3 picks next, followed by team #4.
 - c. In the event the previous spring season did not complete at least half of the originally scheduled games, draft order will be determined by hat draw.

 3. If a player assigned to a team is sent down to a
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lower age group (i.e., ozone to minors, minors to coach pitch), then that player comes back to the team that they were originally assigned to or drafted by in the next season.

4. When pulling a player from a lower league to fill an open roster position, the manager should not be penalized for a 1st round draft choice if that team has to go beyond the number of teams in the league to get a player.

5. Managers must be approved by the Pineview Board of Directors. Prior to the draft, teams with returning approved coaches will be assigned for the spring season as follows:

- a. Approved Managers returning to the same division will receive 1st consideration to keep their team from the previous Spring.
- b. If an approved Manager's child is already assigned to a team roster with the need for a manager, the approved manager will be assigned to their child's team as Manager.
- c. Managers will be assigned by commissioners/board to choose the best fit.

6. The manager can name 2 *assistants* prior to the draft in all leagues. The 2 *assistants* must be approved by the Pineview Board prior to the draft and must be a rostered coach for that season.

- a. A relative is a child, stepchild, grandchild, niece, nephew, or even adopted. This relationship must be

approved by the Pineview Board of Directors.

- b. Once approved the manager's child, relative to the manager and 2 assistant's children or relatives will be tied together until one of the players is no longer on the team.
- c. Once the players are no longer tied to each other then the manager will be allowed to name a new assistant and follow the same rules above.
- d. The players of the assistant coaches will count as the team's 2nd and 3rd round picks. If you only take 1 assistant, it will count as the 2nd round pick.
- e. An assistant's player must be draft eligible and not a currently rostered player.

ARTICLE IV: FINANCE

1. The sponsor's fee of an amount set by the Board shall be charged for each participating team; other means of raising revenues shall be left to the discretion of the Board.
2. A Board Member may be reimbursed for any expenses incurred by them in state or national tournament participation in performance of their office, if approved by the Board and receipts are provided.
3. Insurance coverage will be carried year-round to allow for Fall Ball.
4. A financial report from each Annual Meeting should be posted and updated monthly and available upon request from the Vice President of Finance.
5. All projects and associated costs or any non-recurring expenses totaling \$200 must be voted on and have a majority vote prior to purchases being made with Pineview funds. Expenses under \$200 must be approved by two executive board members, one being the president.
(Added August 5, 2018)
 - a. Prior to a vote on projects, a board member must be named as the project's lead person and a timeline of the completion of the project.
 - b. Projects/expenses that are approved by a majority vote are only valid for the term in which the vote occurred. If the approved project/expense has not started, or no cost has incurred in the current term, the project/expense will have to be voted on and approved in the term of the following Board.

6. Purchases made with Pineview funds must be “reasonable” and “necessary” for operation of the park within the community it serves. (Added August 5, 2018)
 - a. A purchase is considered “reasonable” if the nature of the goods or services to be acquired, and the amount involved reflect the action that a prudent person would have taken under the prevailing circumstances when the decision to incur the cost was made.
 - b. A purchase is considered “necessary” if it is needed to carry out the essential functions, cannot be avoided without adversely impacting Pineview’s operations, and to ensure the sustainability of Pineview.

ARTICLE V: LEAGUE BYLAWS

1. These Bylaws may be amended by a majority vote at the Annual meeting of the League, provided that the requested amendment language has been submitted in writing or by email to the Administrative Officer one week prior to the annual meeting. The requested amendment language will be posted on the league website at least one week prior to the annual meeting. Amendment language can be revised at the Annual Meeting to make language clearer or address minor clarifications.
2. The Bylaws and Ground Rules shall be accessible via the league website. (www.pineviewdyb.com)

ARTICLE VI: LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. League Championships shall be determined by a three (3) game playoff series between the winners of the first and second half winners if the League is playing two halves. The first half is complete when all teams have played each other an equal number of games and may not necessarily be one half (1/2) of the scheduled games. If two halves were not being played by a League and there is a tie for first place, then there will be a three (3) game playoff series between two teams or double elimination series for three (3) or more teams tied.

2. Each half winner will be determined by the best winning percentage per half and in case of a tie the head-to-head winner will preside as the first tiebreaker. If the teams were split, there would be a one game playoff to determine the winner of the half.

3. In a 3-way tie to determine the half winner, there will be a draw for the "Home" team, "Visitor" team and the "Bye". The "Home" team plays the "Visitor" team, and the "Bye" will play the winner of the "Home" vs. "Visitor" teams to determine the winner.

4. Regular season rules will be used to determine League Championships per DYB rule 2.00 Definition of Terms "Championship Games".

ARTICLE VII: ALL-STAR PROCESS

1. A list of all eligible players will be distributed to each team manager. An eligible player will be considered as any player who finishes regular season play as an active player in good standing with the league. A meeting will be scheduled by the commissioner of each league for the selection of All-Stars.

2. At the All-Star selection meeting, the managers will be assembled and issued instructions on how the selection process will be conducted. The following instructions will be provided to the managers at this time.

- a) A pre-prepared ballot containing the names of every eligible player will be distributed to each manager.
- b) Without the benefit of assistance from any other manager, each manager will select the designated number of players of his choice. The manager can only vote for players from other teams. At no time will a manager vote for an eligible player who has played for him during regular season play. The manager will then submit his/her choices as an open ballot to the commissioner for counting.
- c) A maximum time limit of 20 minutes will be allotted for this segment of the selection process.
- d) Any All-Star manager found to have disclosed any All-Star selections prior to

announcement at the closing ceremonies will have his coaching privileges revoked for a period of one (1) year.

NOTE: The designated number of players to be selected for this segment will be as follows for each league:

- Ozone League will select 15 players per division unless 6 teams then select 20 players.
- Minor League will select 15 players per division unless 6 teams then select 20 players.
- Coaches Pitch League will select 15 players per division unless 6 teams then select 20 players.
- Rookie Ball will select 15 players per division unless 6 teams select 20 players.

3. The commissioner and/or his designee will check off each manager as he/she submits their ballot. Upon receipt of all ballots, a count will be conducted. The 20/15 players receiving the most votes will be placed on the final ballot. (In the situation where two or more players received equal votes for the 20th/15th slot on the final ballot, the final ballot will be expanded to include every player with the same number of votes for the final slot.)

4. Once the final ballot is prepared, the managers will be reassembled and issued the following instructions on completing the final ballot.

- a) A ballot of the top 20/15 players will be submitted to each manager.

- b) Without the benefit of assistance from any other manager, each manager will select 10 players and will submit his/her choices as a closed ballot to the commissioner for counting.
- c) The manager will number his selection 1 through 10. The first choice will be designated with one, the second choice with two, etc.
- d) The maximum time limit of 15 minutes will be allotted for this segment of the selection process.

5. All-Star managers may choose to have a roster of 11 or 12 players and must announce it before the first-round vote. The commissioner will check off each manager as each ballot is received. Once all ballots are received, the commissioner will tally the final ballots. The 9 or 10 players receiving the most votes will be the first 9 or 10 players selected to the All-Stars. (If the manager has elected to take 12 players, however if the All-Star manager elects to take 11 it will be the first 9 players receiving the most votes.) In those instances where there is a tie for the last selection(s), those players will go onto a list and handed to managers to vote for how many spots remain in the top 10. This can be repeated until the 10 spots are filled.

6. Each All-Star team will have 11 or 12 players (managers decision), the final two spots will be chosen by the All-Star manager (with the help of All Star assistant managers) provided that the eligible players receive at least one vote in the 1st round of selections.

7. If an All-Star team drops a child, the All-Star manager has the option to pick any player that has received at least one vote. The Manager must inform the Player Agent and President of the league before contacting the new player. (This rule is in place to allow the All-Star manager to match the next player for the vacant position.)

8. The championship team Manager shall be the All-Star Manager for that league. Should the championship team Manager refuse or decide he/she is unable to manage the All-Star team, the Second place Manager shall be awarded the All-Star team. Assistant Coaches will not be considered for a manager position of an All-Star team.

- a) The All-Star manager shall decide who his/her assistant coaches shall be. Assistant coaches chosen are required to be rostered during regular season within the same National/American Franchise.
- b) Should the Manager require removal from the All-Star team, the replacement Manager shall be determined by the President, Vice-President of Operations, Coaches Agent and Commissioner for that league. Removal should only be considered as a last option and in situations where the manager is deemed a detriment to the team/league, has documented disciplinary issues, or other documented just cause or extreme situation. President or Vice President of Operations shall notify the team, Lexington

County Recreation and Aging Commission (LCRAC) and District 4 director of coach removal within 24 hours. A replacement Manager shall also be appointed within 24 hours.

9. All-Star teams may be eligible for funds provided by Pineview Dixie Youth Baseball League (Not funds raised from sponsorship or donations for said All-Star team) to help offset the lodging cost for the players when traveling to state, regional and/or World Series. These funds will be specifically designated for individual player expenses only. The All-Star allocation of funds from Pineview DYB will be distributed as follows for each level of competition:

- a. District 4 Tournament: There will be no funds allocated to the teams for this level of competition.
- b. SC State Tournament: The team parent/manager will receive \$1008/team. The amount will be distributed via cash or any virtual funds transfer method (i.e. PayPal/Cash App/Zelle/Venmo) as agreed upon to each player’s guardian for up to (4) days of play. The below amounts will be distributed based on the days of play which includes opening ceremonies:

Days of play	Amount
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1	\$21.00
2	\$42.00
3	\$63.00
4	\$84.00

(Example: if the team only competes for two days, the team will only receive \$42/player.)

- c. World Series Tournament: The team parent/manager will receive \$2016/team. The amount will be distributed via cash or any virtual funds transfer method (i.e., PayPal/Cash App/Zelle/Venmo) as agreed upon to each player’s guardian for up to (4) days of play. The below amounts will be distributed based on the days of play which includes opening ceremonies:

Days of play	Amount
1	\$42.00
2	\$84.00
3	\$126.00
4	\$168.00

(Example: if the team only competes for two days, the team will only receive \$84/player.)

- a. Any remaining funds will be returned to the Vice President of Finance. The team manager will be responsible for any missing funds. Receipts will be necessary for reimbursement by the league.

- b. The All-Star Manager is required to obtain receipts for any and all expenses related to the team and submit those receipts to the Vice President of Finance within two (2) weeks of the conclusion of the final All-Star game of the season.
- c. Other funds and/or expenses may be approved by the Board as deemed necessary. It is understood that each team must bear full financial responsibility of tournament play and funds will be provided if available.

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ADDENDUM A: MANAGER "BLACK-BALL" RULE

After a player, or their sibling, have played under a manager for a full season a player and his/her parents may request that the player be exempt from being drafted by that manager for the upcoming season due to a personality conflict or issue with the manager or coaching of the team.

Players will only be allowed to use the "Black-Ball" rule one time in their baseball career at Pineview. There will be no consideration for early/mid or late season of removing a player from one team to another.

"Black-Ball" request must be turned in at the time of registration by sending an email to pineviewdyb@gmail.com. Further, the "Black-Ball" is to be used against a manager and not a team. The blackball will only apply if blackballing a rostered manager.

Blackball of a manager will carry over to the All-Star team. If parents of a child have chosen to blackball a manager, then the child will be removed from the All-Star voting ballot to eliminate potential conflicts.

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ADDENDUM B: RETURNING MANAGERS

Returning managers shall receive 1st consideration for teams left vacant. No returning manager may have his/her team taken away without documented disciplinary action.

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ADDENDUM C: VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

Managers, Coaches, Board Members and volunteers that work closely with the children, including presence in dugout or “helping out” on the field during practice or game, must successfully pass a background check, and be approved to coach in accordance with Pineview Dixie Youth League and Lexington County Recreation and Aging Commission policies as applicable.

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ADDENDUM D: LATE REGISTRATION

Late registration applicants will be given to the President or Vice President of Operations to be placed in a hat. Managers who are in need of a player will draw a player from the hat. Drawings shall take place 1-2 times per week, with a minimum of 3 days between each drawing. After Opening Day, no late registrant shall be accepted unless special circumstances are granted by President, Vice President of Operations and League Commissioner.

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ADDENDUM E: BOARD MEETINGS

Parents of registered players shall be given the opportunity to address the board at any scheduled board meeting. Topics and background information shall be submitted to the Administrative Officer by the parent of an actively registered player at least three days prior to the meeting. The board shall make every effort to advertise the scheduled meeting at least one week prior to the scheduled meeting. No votes by the board, financial discussion, or topics outside what was submitted shall be discussed during this time of the board meeting. Once the topics are discussed, non-board members are dismissed, and the board meeting will continue. The purpose is to allow parents an opportunity to discuss decisions, gain clarity and voice any concerns of Pineview's operations.

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ADDENDUM F: FALL BALL RULES

Fall Ball rules shall be finalized and posted to www.pineviewdyb.com by the first Sunday in September prior to Labor Day.

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ADDENDUM G: SPRING RULES

Spring rules shall be finalized and given to Commissioners prior to the spring draft, with those rules being posted to www.pineviewdyb.com before the first official game of the Spring season. Commissioners will have a meeting with their league managers before the first game of the season to ensure all managers are clear on any new and/or changed rules.