

CONSTITUTION
ADIRONDACK CHAPTER BASEBALL UMPIRES
GLENS FALLS, NEW YORK

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ARTICLE I
Name and Objective

Section 1: This Association shall be known as The Adirondack Baseball Umpires Association, Glens Falls, New York. This Association shall be a chapter member of the New York State Baseball Umpires Association, Inc. and recognized there-in as the Adirondack District Chapter. This Association shall be recognized as the A.C.B.U.A.

Section 2: The objective of this Association shall be:

- to sponsor and promote a program that will recruit and train candidates that will become potential umpires
- to adopt and employ a standard system of officiating for all Association umpires; to determine and apply a uniform interpretation of Official Rules
- to make available, efficient service and provide certified umpires for all classifications of baseball competition
- to promote sportsmanship and stimulate improved relationships between the umpires and those whom this Association serves
- to enhance the conduct, the welfare, the interests, and the integrity of its members and to preserve the compensation warranted for the caliber of services rendered by this Association.

Section 3: This Association cannot be dissolved while nine (9) members, in good standing, object to its dissolution and this section cannot be altered, amended, or rescinded.

ARTICLE II
Territorial Sites

The region assigned to *this* Chapter shall be located within the boundaries as established of this Chapter under The New York State Baseball Umpires Association, Inc. It shall at least include the territory that extends over the adjoining counties of Warren, Washington, and parts of Saratoga and Rensselaer. This Chapter shall be the only organization under N.Y.S.B.U.A., Inc.

ARTICLE III

Section 1: There shall be two (2) classifications of membership: Active and Inactive. The Status of a member in Active membership shall be by ranks of Candidate, Associate, Probationary Certified, and Certified. The rank of is determined on the basis of qualification.

A. Candidate Status: The first year of active service in this Association shall be served in Candidate Status. To qualify as a Candidate, the candidate must attend a majority of the umpire training classes and mechanics' clinics. He/she must also take the annual Part II National Federation Rules examination along with other association members.

He will be at Candidate Status and can actively officiate during the entire first season as a Candidate Official under the sole direction of this Association. When the Membership Committee has determined that the CANDIDATE Umpire has made the kind of progress that this Association desires of a first year official, he will qualify to take the New York State Baseball Umpires Association, Inc. written rules exam given annually in the spring.

B. Associate Status: After having demonstrated one year of satisfactory performance, the successful Probationary umpire shall be classified as an Associate Umpire. He shall retain the Associate classification during his second full year of membership with this Association. While under this status, the Associate member shall have all the rights and privileges of this Association for the certified members except that of holding office.

1. The Associate members shall retain the same member-in-good-standing status
2. Shall comply with all Association Rules and Regulations
3. Shall meet the same annual requirements as prescribed for the Certified member
4. The progress of the Associate member shall be observed and reviewed by the

Membership Committee. At the conclusion of the **third** year of Associate status, the Membership Committee shall give final approval before the successful Associate member will be granted **Probationary Certified**.

5. Associate members may become a varsity official in **three** years by fulfilling the following requirements:

a) in each of the first **three** years in the organization, he/she officiates a minimum of 12 organized baseball games (ages 14 and over) **in addition** to his/her **sub-varsity** high school schedule.

b) Each year receives at least five (5) evaluations from a certified umpire and/or a certified baseball coach. These evaluations should be sent directly to the association.

c) All points or differences dealing with validity of league evaluation procedures, and policies mentioned above, will be decided by the Executive Committee with information from the Membership Committee and persons involved

d) Achieve a minimum score of eighty-five percent (85%) on the National Federation Part II baseball rules exam taken under closed book conditions.

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C. Certified Status: The highest membership rank attainable in this Association shall be that

as an active official and given evidence of being a credit to this Association while being under the status of Probationary and Associate classifications shall become a certified umpire. The certified umpire shall be granted all the privileges and benefits established by this Association and reserved in its Constitution and By-laws.

Section 2: Inactive Membership is the status granted to a member who, after having served this Association for three (3) or five (5) years or more of consecutive active membership, finds that he cannot actively officiate for an indefinite period of time. Inactive membership is to be granted on the presumption that Active Membership can be restored upon request and approval of the Executive Committee without being required to qualify as a new member. A member on Inactive Status must pay dues as required in the By-Laws, must attend the compulsory meetings and be granted the same privileges reserved for Active Members except the Inactive Member cannot umpire unless requested to do so by the Association in an emergency and cannot be elected to an office in this Association.

Section 3: Application for Membership in this Association must be submitted to the Chairman of the Membership Committee on the official Association application form accepted for the written examination on Official Baseball Rules will be required to pay their annual dues on the day of the examination. The fee of the applicant failing the written exam shall be retained in the Association's treasury.

Section 4: The Executive Committee will review and approve all applications received from certified umpires seeking a transfer membership to this Association. Such application must be submitted in writing on the official Association form for "Application for Transfer Membership" and must include the credentials specified in this application. Only applicants able to provide bona fide documentation and proof of having a current active status in professional umpiring rank or with a recognized certified umpire's chapter shall be considered for transfer under this section.

Any requests for a transfer membership to this Association from an applicant having less than three (3) full years of active officiating or claiming a status rank of other than certified shall be reviewed by the Executive Committee. If considered for either a Probationary or Associate status, the Executive Committee will determine the specific rank under which the transfer is to be accepted.

Section 5: Dual Membership Members of ACCBUA wishing to belong to another New York State Baseball Umpires Association chapter while maintaining membership in ACCBUA may do so provided they maintain their membership dues.

ARTICLE IV

Officers and their Election

Section 1: The officers of this Association shall be: president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer. The President shall appoint a Sergeant-at-Arms and a Membership Chairman.

The officers shall be elected by a secret ballot vote at the bi-annual Business Meeting and shall serve a term of two-years after such election.

Section 2: The Executive Committee shall be comprised of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, immediate past president, membership chairman, and interpreter. The term of office for this committee shall coincide with the terms of office listed in Section 1.

Section 3. The newly elected officers shall assume their duties as prescribed in the by-laws immediately after the annual Business Meeting and shall retain office until the conclusion of the Business Meeting following the next bi-annual election.

ARTICLE V

Meetings

Section 1: Each year there will be ONE mandatory interpretation meeting and ONE mandatory business meeting. The President shall select the dates for these meetings and list them in the annual Association Business program. Active and Inactive members **MUST** attend the Business Meeting. Active members must attend at least ONE of the interpretation meetings.

Section 2: The President may call a Special Meeting for the general membership or the Executive Committee provided he provides a written advance notice of at least seven (7) days to each member. The President shall be compelled to call a Special Membership Meeting when presented with a petition signed by two (2) or more members of the Executive Committee. He shall call these meetings within seven (7) days after receiving such petitions and he must submit a written advance notice of at least seven (7) days to each active member.

ARTICLE VI

By Laws

Section 1: The By-Laws for the administration of this Association shall be made by a majority vote of the Executive Committee and shall be ratified by a majority vote of a quorum present at a regular membership meeting.

Section 2: The By-Laws shall not be suspended except by a two-thirds vote (2/3) vote of a quorum present at a regular membership meeting.

ARTICLE VII

Amendments

An amendment to this Constitution or its By-Laws may be proposed either by the Executive Committee or the general membership. The proposed amendment may be introduced at any regular meeting provided it has the support of a majority (51%) of the members present, and shall be recorded in the minutes of that meeting and shall be read for the first time at the end of the meeting in which it was proposed.

The proposed amendment shall be submitted in writing to each member at least four (4) days in advance of the date of the next regular or special meeting. The second reading of the proposed amendment shall be made at the meeting immediately following the meeting in which the amendment was proposed and first read after which a membership vote will be taken for adoption. Three-quarters ($3/4$) majority vote of the quorum present at the regular or special meeting shall be required to carry the amendment to the Constitution and a two-thirds ($2/3$) shall be required of a similar quorum shall be required for amending the By-Laws.