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Membership shall be open to all persons not less than four years of age residing within the municipal boundary of Dollard-des-Ormeaux, unless otherwise authorized by the Executive Board. Members must register annually with DABA.

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Members of legal age, who are playing on a Junior team, shall also be considered Voting Members.

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Membership may also be withdrawn by resignation.

ARTICLE V – DUES

SECTION 1 – Fixing

Dues for members may be fixed at such amounts as the Executive Board shall determine prior to the beginning of any membership period.

SECTION 2 – Non-payment

Although payment will be requested at the time of registration, members who fail to pay their fixed dues within thirty (30) days from the time the same become due, may by vote of the Executive Board, be dropped from the rolls and shall forfeit all rights and privileges of membership.

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Elections for the positions on the Executive Board shall take place at the Annual General Meeting.

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SECTION 3 – Meeting Rules

The Executive Board shall meet together immediately following the AGM, and then four times during the year, **at the following approximate dates: December 15, March 23, June 8 and September 15** or at such **other** times as is deemed necessary by the Executive Board Members. The Quorum shall consist of more than fifty percent (50%) of the voting Board Members.

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Notice of all General Meetings shall be emailed to all members of DABA and posted on DABA's Web site, at least twenty-eight (28) days in advance of the meeting. The agenda and a copy of constitutional amendments to be put to the General Meeting for approval (if any) will be available with the email and/or on the Web site.

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SECTION 1 – Nominating Committee

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SECTION 2 – Procedure

The Nominating Committee shall place in nomination candidates for all positions on the Executive Board. Further nominations may be made by any member at the Annual General Meeting, providing the nominee expresses or has expressed willingness to serve if elected, and providing said nominations have been presented to the nominating committee, in writing, at least twenty-one (21) days in advance of the Annual General Meeting.

The nomination committee shall present the proposed slate 10 days prior to the scheduled date of AGM to the Executive Board via email and to the membership of the association through publication on the website and other social platforms such as Facebook.

Any candidate not selected by the nominating committee has the right to inform the said committee within 72 hours (3 days) of their intention in writing to run for election for the position for which they had applied.

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Nominees for President must be residents of Dollard-des-Ormeaux.

ARTICLE IX – ELECTION RULES

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No one member shall be elected to more than one Executive Position.

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Each Executive Board Member shall be elected for a two (2) year term, renewable.

The terms of the President, **Secretary**, Treasurer, Vice-President Administration, Vice-President Intercity, Scheduler, **Director of Player Development** and Member at Large # 1 expire in even years.

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All voting will be by written ballot. Each Voting Member of DABA who is present has one vote. A simple majority shall carry all votes.

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Amendments to this constitution may only be adopted at a General Meeting, by show of hands.

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All candidates for contested positions who satisfy Article VIII shall have their name appear on the ballot.

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ARTICLE XII – RULES AND REGULATIONS

The official playing “Rules and Regulations” as published by **Little League Baseball Inc., Williamsport, Pennsylvania, and/or** Federated Quebec shall be binding on DABA, except for DABA by-laws. Where there are apparent conflicts with **official Little League rules**, Federated Quebec, and DABA by-laws governing the same situation, DABA by-laws shall prevail.

ARTICLES XIII – BY-LAWS

SECTION 1 – Adoption

The By-laws of DABA shall form an integral part of the management of DABA’s affairs, but shall not be incorporated in the constitution. By-laws may be adopted by a simple majority at an Executive Board meeting, provided they are not in conflict with this constitution.

SECTION 2 – Updating

By-laws shall include all DABA house rules either not specifically covered by Little League and Federation rules or that contravene the official rules. At the end of the baseball season, it shall be the responsibility of the secretary to update the by-laws by incorporating the rule changes that have been adopted at each of the age categories.

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SECTION 4 – Filing

The By-laws of DABA shall be filed with the City of Dollard-des-Ormeaux. Annually, at the end of the season, all changes to the by-laws adopted during the course of the Executive Board meetings shall be summarized and updated for the official records.

ARTICLE XIV – Franchises

In the case where DABA has a Junior AA franchise in Federated Quebec Baseball, a qualified General Manager shall be appointed by and report to the Executive Board.

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