

Bylaws of the Aloha Vintage Base Ball Association (AVBBA)

A Hawai'i Nonprofit Corporation

Article I: Name

The name of the organization shall be the Aloha Vintage Base Ball Association (AVBBA).

Article II: Purpose

This nonprofit organization exists to promote educational, recreational, and historical appreciation through the re-creation of 19th-century base ball. The league provides opportunities for community engagement, historical reenactment, and cultural education centered around the rules, customs, and spirit of the 1880s.

Article III: Membership

Section 1: Classes of Membership

AVBBA shall have two classes of members:

- Participating Members: Individuals actively involved in the league's games, events, or other programming (e.g., players, managers).
- Supporting Members: Individuals who support the mission of AVBBA through financial contributions or volunteer service.

Section 2: Eligibility and Non-Voting Status

Any resident of the State of Hawai'i may become a member. Participating members must be at least 18 years of age and in good physical condition. Applicants may be evaluated for safety, but not for playing ability alone. Membership shall not constitute voting membership under Hawai'i Revised Statutes §414D. Governance rests with the Board of Directors.

Section 3: Dues and Requirements

Dues shall be assessed annually by the Board. Additional contributions may be requested for uniforms, equipment, and travel. All participating members must have a historically appropriate uniform and glove, approved by the President. Financial hardship cases may be reviewed individually.

Section 4: Code of Conduct

Members must uphold AVBBA's standards of respect, sportsmanship, and historical representation. The Board may suspend or remove members for conduct harmful to the league. No member shall be denied participation based on age, race, gender, or sexual orientation.

Article IV: Conduct and Field Etiquette

Section 1:

All members must conduct themselves in a respectful and orderly manner. Formal charges may be brought in writing, and the Board will vote on the member's standing. A majority vote is required for dismissal. The member will have an opportunity to respond.

Section 2:

Proper decorum is expected at all AVBBA events. No spitting, profanity, alcohol, or betting is allowed during games. Violations may result in fines (\$5–\$10 per occurrence) and disciplinary review.

Section 3:

Umpires have full authority over on-field calls. Only team captains or managers may address disputes with the umpire.

Article V: Liability

All participants must sign a waiver and provide evidence of insurance coverage before playing. Participants acknowledge the risks associated with historical reenactment using period-style equipment. AVBBA will strive to maintain safe gear but assumes no liability for injuries resulting from voluntary participation.

Article VI: Officers and Duties

President – Leads AVBBA; presides over meetings; appoints committees.

Vice President – Supports the President; coordinates special events; assumes duties if needed.

Treasurer – Manages finances; prepares budgets and financial reports.

Secretary – Maintains records; handles correspondence and minutes.

Outreach & Education Chair – Promotes the league; works with schools and partners; manages publicity.

Vacancies are filled by majority Board vote.

Article VII: Board of Directors

The Board consists of the officers listed in Article VI. It governs all AVBBA matters, including finances, planning, and rule enforcement. Directors serve one-year renewable terms and are expected to attend all meetings.

Article VIII: Meetings

Board meetings may be called by the President or a majority of officers. All league participants may attend upon request, but only Board members may vote.

Board meetings may be conducted by telephone or video conference. Voting may occur electronically, provided all members have access and adequate notice.

Article IX: Elections

Officer elections shall be held annually in November. Nominations may be submitted by any current Board member. Voting may occur in person or electronically. New officers assume their roles on January 1st.

Article X: Amendments to Bylaws

Bylaw changes require a majority vote of the full Board of Directors. Proposed amendments must be submitted in writing at least one week prior to a scheduled vote.

Article XI: Financial Policies

Section 1:

The fiscal year is January 1 – December 31.

Section 2:

The Treasurer shall present an annual budget for Board approval by January.

Section 3:

In case of dissolution, all assets shall go to a recognized 501(c)(3) nonprofit with a similar mission, as approved by the Board.

Article XII: Conflict of Interest

All board members must disclose any personal, professional, or financial interest in matters before the Board. AVBBA shall maintain a written Conflict of Interest Policy in accordance with IRS guidance.

Article XIII: Non-Discrimination Policy

AVBBA does not discriminate based on race, color, religion, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, age, national origin, disability, marital status, or military status in any of its activities or operations.

Article XIV: Indemnification

To the fullest extent permitted by law, AVBBA shall indemnify and hold harmless its directors, officers, and volunteers against any liability incurred in connection with their good faith service on behalf of the organization, except in cases of gross negligence or willful misconduct.

Board Resolution to Adopt Bylaws

The undersigned, being all of the initial directors of the Aloha Vintage Base Ball Association (AVBBA), a Hawai'i nonprofit corporation, do hereby adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has reviewed the proposed Bylaws of the Aloha Vintage Base Ball Association;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bylaws presented to the Board of Directors are hereby adopted as the official Bylaws of the Aloha Vintage Base Ball Association, effective immediately.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Corporation is authorized and directed to insert this resolution into the official minutes and maintain a copy of the adopted Bylaws with the corporate records.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2025.

Signature of President

Printed Name

Signature of Secretary

Printed Name

Acknowledgment and Approval of Bylaws

We, the undersigned officers and directors of the Aloha Vintage Base Ball Association, hereby acknowledge that we have received, reviewed, and approved the Bylaws adopted by resolution on the date indicated below.

Date of Adoption: _____

Signature

Printed Name and Title

Signature

Printed Name and Title

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