CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS WARRIORS BASEBALL BOOSTER CLUB JAMES MARTIN HIGH SCHOOL ARLINGTON, TEXAS

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this organization shall be Warriors Baseball Booster Club (CLUB). The registered office of CLUB shall be in the city of Arlington, County of Tarrant, State of Texas

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

SECTION A. Mission

The CLUB is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Its primary mission is to promote community and parental involvement in support of the James W. Martin High School Baseball program.

SECTION B. Objectives

The objectives of the CLUB include:

- 1. Providing support to the coaching staff to develop competitive baseball teams.
- 2. Enhancing the image of the baseball team and its players within the school and community.
- 3. Encouraging active community participation in CLUB activities.
- 4. Supporting the baseball program through volunteerism and fundraising efforts.

Section C. Nonprofit Status

The CLUB shall operate as a nonprofit organization, exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. It shall be nonpartisan, noncommercial, and nonsectarian. No part of the net earnings shall benefit of any private individual.

Section D. Compliance

The CLUB shall comply with all applicable policies and regulations of the Arlington Independent School District (AISD), the University Interscholastic League (UIL), and federal and state laws governing booster clubs.

ARTICLE III. FINANCES

Section A. Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the Club shall begin on June 1 and end on May 31 of the following year.

Section B. Funds Management

- 1. All income, dues, donations, grants, and gifts shall be accepted as authorized by the Board of Directors.
- 2. All funds shall be deposited promptly into the CLUB's designated bank accounts.
- 3. Disbursements shall be made in accordance with the approved budget and require authorization by the Board.
- 4. All checks and financial instruments shall require the signatures of both the Treasurer and the President.

Section C. Budget

An annual budget outlining projected income and expenditures shall be prepared by the Treasurer and approved by the Board each fiscal year. In an emergency, the President is authorized to expend up to \$250 without prior Executive Committee approval.

Section D. Asset Ownership

All property and assets acquired by the CLUB shall be held in the name of the CLUB.

ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP

Section A. Eligibility

Membership is open to individuals and businesses that support the objectives of the CLUB. Membership shall not be denied based on race, color, creed, national origin, or any other protected status.

Section B. Classes of Membership

The Board may establish membership categories as deemed appropriate including but not limited to:

- 1. Rookie
- 2. Majors
- 3. Hall of Fame

Section C. Dues

Annual dues for each membership category shall be determined by the Executive Committee prior to the start of the school year. Dues are non-refundable.

Section D. Voting Rights

Paid members in good standing who are at least 18 years old and not currently enrolled at James W. Martin High School shall be allowed to participate in CLUB activites and have voting rights in CLUB matters.

Section E. Term of Membership

Membership shall be for a term of one (1) year.

Section F. Termination of Membership

Membership may be suspended and/or terminated under any of the following conditions:

- 1. Failure to pay dues within thirty (30) days of the due date.
- 2. Conduct detrimental to the CLUB, as determined by the Board, after providing the member with at least fifteen (15) days' notice and an opportunity to be heard.
- 3. Failure to meet membership eligibility requirements.

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS

Section A: Composition

The Executive Committee shall consist of the following elected officers:

- 1. President
- 2. First Vice President
- 3. Second Vice President
- 4. Secretary
- 5. Treasurer

Section B: Duties

- 1. President: Presides over all meetings of the general membership and Board of Directors; appoints committees; serves as an ex-officio member of all committees; presents organizational structure to board of directors; provides current bylaws to the Principal annually.
- 2. First Vice President: Assumes the duties of the President in their absence; chairs fundraising activities; informs the administration of all fundraising activities; performs other duties as assigned by the President.
- 3. Second Vice President: Oversees game day operations for home games; performs other duties as assigned by the President.
- 4. Secretary: Records and reports minutes of all meetings; maintains organizational records;; tracks meeting attendance; handles correspondence and notifications; notifies administration of meetings; files minutes and monthly finanical statements with the Principal.

Treasurer: Receives and deposits all funds; maintains accurate financial records; disburses funds as authorized; presents financial statements at meetings;; keeps a membership roster with contact information; ensures audit is conducted at end of term.

Section C: Elections and Terms

- 1. Officers are elected by a simple majority of the Board of Directors present at a meeting held on or before April 30th.
- 2. The Board serves as the nominating committee for new officers.

- 3. Each officer serves a one-year term from June 1 to May 31.
- 4. Vacancies are filled by Board appointment for the remainder of the term.
- 5. No individual may hold the same office for more than three (3) consecutive terms.
- 6. Officers may be removed by a two-thirds majority vote of the membership if deemed in the best interest of the CLUB.
- 7. All Board candidates must be approved by the Head Baseball Coach before nomination.

Section D: Compensation

All officers and Board members serve voluntarily and receive no compensation.

Section E: Resignation

An officer may resign at any time by providing written notice to the Board of Directors. The resignation is effective upon receipt unless a later date is specified.

ARTICLE VI. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section A: Composition

The Board of Directors comprises:

- Elected officers
- 2. A member of the coaching staff (ex-officio, non-voting)
- 3. An alumni representative appointed by the President (non-voting), who may be a former student or Booster Club member

Section B: Meetings

The Board shall meet at least six times during the school year.

Section C: Quorum

A simple majority of Board members constitutes a quorum.

ARTICLE VII. MEETINGS

Section A: General Meetings

General membership meetings are held at times and locations determined by the Board.

Section B: Frequency

A minimum of five (5) regular meetings shall occur between August and May.

Section C: Quorum and Voting

Members present at any meeting constitute a quorum. Decisions require a majority vote.

Section D: Special Meetings

Special meetings may be called by the President or a majority of the Board.

Section E: Parliamentary Authority

Robert's Rules of Order govern meeting procedures unless otherwise specified.

ARTICLE VIII. OPERATING LIMITATIONS

- 1. No part of the organization's net earnings benefits members, officers, or private individuals.
- 2. The organization shall not engage in political campaigns or attempt to influence legislation.
- 3. Activities must align with the purposes permitted for tax-exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- 4. Funds raised are used for projects not typically funded by the Arlington Independent School District (AISD).
- 5. All activities must comply with AISD policies.

ARTICLE IX. ACTIVITIES

Section A: Approval

All Club activities require approval from AISD or the Principal, including:

- 1. Use of school facilities
- 2. Fundraising events
- 3. Donations to the district

Section B: Fundraising

Fundraising activities must be filed with AISD through Martin High School and approved by the Head Baseball Coach and Principal.

Section C: Prohibited Actions

The Club shall not:

- 1. Use school facilities without approval
- 2. Interfere with coaching decisions, personnel issues, scheduling of contests or school policies
- 3. Direct AISD employees in their duties
- 4. Establish discretionary or petty cash funds for coaches
- 5. Provide gifts exceeding UIL limits (\$500) to coaches
- 6. Give awards or gifts to students without administrative approval
- 7. Donate equipment valued at \$500 or more without prior approval

8. Employ or compensate individuals (consultants, trainers, clinicians, paraprofessionals) for player activities without proper authorization

Section D: Scholarships

- 1. Scholarships up to \$500 may be awarded annually per published AISD procedures.
- 2. Scholarships are held for one (1) year and one (1) semester upon graduation
- 3. Recipents must have a least one parent as a paid booster club member for all four (4) high school years at Martin High School.
- 4. Receipents must be in good standing and on team roster for duration of elgibility of all four years.

ARTICLE X. INDEMNIFICATION

To the extent permitted by the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act, the CLUB shall indemnify any person who serves or has served as a director, officer, or agent of the CLUB against expenses and liabilities whether civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative, incurred in connection with any proceeding arising from their role, provided they acted in good faith and in a manner reasonably believed to be in the CLUB's best interest. This indemnification extends to heirs, executors, and administrators and is not exclusive of other rights to which such individuals may be entitled.

ARTICLE XI. AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of members present at any meeting, provided the amendment has been submitted in writing and filed with the Secretary.

Amendments must be presented at a previous membership meeting or emailed to members at least five days prior to the meeting.

ARTICLE XII. DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of the organization, all assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or a corresponding section of any future federal tax code. Such purposes may include donations to Martin High School, the Arlington Independent School District, or another qualified nonprofit organization as determined by the Board of Directors. No part of the assets shall be distributed to any member, officer, or private individual.

I, the undersigned, being the Secretary of the Warriors Baseball Booster Club, hereby certify that the foregoing are the Bylaws of the said CLUB as accepted and approved by the Booster Club Membership, the 19th day of August, 2025.

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