

**MINNESOTA BASEBALL ASSOCIATION
2026 BID/AGREEMENT FOR HOSTING
MBA STATE TOURNAMENT**

THIS AGREEMENT (“Agreement”) is dated 01/01 2026 by and between the following:

- 1: New Prague Orioles Inc., as the primary obligor, and the City of New Prague as the facility owner

each known as a “Host Site” and collectively referred to as the “Host Sites”; and,

the Minnesota Baseball Association, Inc.,, a Minnesota nonprofit corporation (referred to hereinafter as “MBA”).

THE PARTIES AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

- 1 Scope and Description. The Parties desire to set forth various provisions, terms and obligations regarding the hosting of the annual Minnesota Baseball Association State Tournament as detailed in this Agreement.
- 2 Contributions. The Host Sites are to contribute financially to the venture as documented below for the duration of the joint venture, to ensure its success:
 - a The Host Sites shall pay the sum of \$0.00 to MBA to help defer costs of umpiring during the state tournament. Such amount shall be paid at the discretion of the board based on the attendance of the tournament. The board reserves the right to adjust this fee.
 - b Each Host Site shall provide field access, lights, stands, parking and associated areas and service at no cost to the MBA, on the standards and terms set forth in this Agreement.
 - c During the tournament, each Host Site shall assist in coordinating with the MBA nightly deposit arrangements must be made with a local, federally insured depository institution.
 - d First aid and ambulance services shall be provided by each Host Site.
 - e Security and police services as reasonably appropriate shall be provided by each Host Site.
 - f Host Sites shall provide & fund adequate housing for the MBA State Delegation of 12 rooms per night during the duration of hosting the state tournament. The number of rooms provided may be reduced at the state board's discretion.
 - g A secured space for administrative office purposes, appropriately heated or cooled, large enough to accommodate 8-10 individuals, to be located near the entrance to each Host Site ballpark. Such site and accommodation must be approved by MBA. Each area must have access to adequate electricity and

reliable wi-fi internet access of at least 50 mbps. A supply of non-alcoholic beverages will be provided in the board trailer for the state board members.

- h. The maintenance of the field and playing conditions shall be the responsibility of each Host Site, and each site shall have adequate labor and personnel on hand to maintain the playing field in championship condition.
 - i. Host Sites shall each provide game support staff, stadium maintenance and staffing as per MBA guidelines and instructions.
 - j. Each Host Site shall provide nearby off-site committee office locations as needed by the MBA during the Tournament.
 - k. Hosts agree to cover the costs of 30 individual state champion plaques for class A, B and C. Hosts agree to pay for 15 all tournament plaques for all classes. The board reserves the right to reduce or eliminate these fees based on the success of the tournament.
 - l. Hosts agree to implement a fourth site to host 8 games during the first weekend of the state tournament in order to cover field demands for the state tournament format. This fourth site will be ready to host additional games the following two weekends per state board request as the need arises.
 - m. The MBA will provide 80 dozen baseballs for the state tournament without cost to the host sites. The baseball brand and specifications will be at the discretion of the board and will be the property of the host sites at the conclusion of the state tournament. Additional balls needed will be at the cost of the host sites.
 - n. The MBA will sponsor a player of the game and provide tee-shirts at no cost to the host sites. The host sites will pick the player and do a post game interview on the playing field immediately following the game and present the player with the shirt. This promotion will be sponsored solely by the MBA.
- 3 Site and Stadium Criteria. Each Host Site shall provide the following:

- a. The Americans with Disabilities Act, which went into effect January 26, 1992, requires that public establishments offer equal access and services to people who are physically and mentally disabled. The facility must agree that it will be in compliance with all applicable cities, state or federal regulations concerning access and seating for people with disabilities.
- b. Each stadium must be clean and accessible. Playing surface must be safe and of championship caliber. The facility must be available from 6 a.m. Wednesday preceding the competition through the conclusion of the championship game for the purpose of preparing for; practicing for and conducting the competition.
- c. The stadium shall be enclosed so admission can be charged. No one is allowed to enter without a ticket. The MBA shall set standards for access and ticket policies, and each Host Site shall coordinate security and ticket entry in compliance with such standards.

- d. In addition to MBA regulations, the playing areas shall have the following minimum requirements:
 - i. Dugouts with water available.
 - ii. Dugouts capable of accommodating a minimum of twenty-five uniformed personnel.
 - iii. Lighted scoreboard capable of posting team town names and inning by inning score.
 - iv. One ton of diamond dry or comparable product on hand at the site.
 - v. Adequate field preparation resources available (e.g., tarp, additional drying agents, personnel) to maximize play of the field in case of inclement weather, at the direction of MBA staff, and sufficient grounds crew personnel to prepare the field for play within 15 minutes.

- e. The stadium areas shall have the following requirements:
 - i. Stadium seating for a minimum capacity of 750 individuals.
 - ii. Appropriate concessions areas and space for merchandising.
 - iii. A First Aid station and ambulance staging area
 - iv. Appropriate Parking areas for participants and spectators, including:
 - 1. A reserved parking lot for board members (5 spaces at each site).
 - 2. Appropriate parking for media and video production services, with the recommendation of 250 linear feet for parking, immediately adjacent and accessible to the stadium.
 - v. Areas for banners, advertising, and other informational postings provided by the MBA, in such locations as is deemed appropriate by the MBA.
 - vi. Appropriate delivery area for concessions and other logistics which does not interfere with ticket sales or crowd movement.
 - vii. Acceptable designated shelter area within walking distance for players and fans in case of emergency evacuation for weather or other security purposes.

- f. Each Host Site shall further provide a press booth with the following requirements:
 - i. A booth and enclosed table space capable of seating at least 5 individuals in addition to game management staff provided by each Host Site, and made available exclusively for the MBA, its video and web production staff, and any other official partners of the MBA.
 - ii. Such booth shall have reliable electrical access for all such seats, and further have reliable wi-fi internet access of at least 50 mbps.

- 4. City and Area Criteria. Each Host Site shall provide the following:
 - a. Adequate lodging for participants and spectators located within 30 miles of each ballpark.
 - b. List of local dining establishments, including days and hours of service and reasonable directions and distance from each ballpark.

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 - d. Appropriate directional signs to the ballpark in and around the city as needed per the MBA direction and approval.
 - e. A liability policy of at least \$1 million dollars that lists the MBA as an additional insured. This policy shall be provided by all host sites with a signed copy of this document.
- 5 Conduct. The following terms are applicable to preparation and operation of the tournament:
- a. Prior to the tournament
 - i. A Chairperson and/or co-chairperson to be appointed by Host Sites by July 1 of the year prior to the tournament. This person shall be available 1 ½ hours prior to the first game of each session and also available throughout the session.
 - ii. The MBA will be provided a full list of committees by the Host Sites at a July meeting to be held in the host's town the year of the tournament. The MBA shall review facilities at that time.
 - iii. Each site shall be inspected by the MBA approximately one year prior to hosting the tournament. Upon inspection the MBA may provide written requirements to be signed by one (1) local representative and one (1) MBA board member. Unless otherwise waived by the State Board, such requirements must be completed by July 1 of tournament year or the State Board reserves the right to move sites or award no further tournaments to the Host Site.
 - iv. The State Board shall, at a date in July of the tournament year, inspect the tournament sites (ballparks and lodging) at each Host Site. The Host Sites shall provide one night lodging for each board member for such inspections.
 - b. During the tournament
 - i. A team host for each team will be at the ballpark 1 ½ hours prior to the scheduled game time and act as liaison between teams and the tournament staff.
 - ii. At least two (2) ticket selling windows will be available and properly located. Windows are to be staffed by the Host Site 1 ½ hours before scheduled game times by competent ticket sellers and ticket takers.
 - iii. There will be a separate pass gate properly located and staffed by the Host Site 1 ½ hours before scheduled game time. This gate will be under supervision of the MBA.
 - iv. Sufficient police protection will be available during tournament and after all ball games, and appropriate security provided by the MBA on site throughout the tournament.
 - v. The MBA and its authorized directors shall have the power to adjust matters at any time which they deem to be in the best interest of baseball or the tournament.
 - vi. MBA reserves the right to display approved banners/signage for official sponsors. The Host Site shall not permit any local sponsor exclusive signage which would have the effect of limiting any MBA Official Sponsor.

- vii. The MBA and its authorized Directors will have the final decision on playing conditions on all fields during the state tournament.
 - viii. MBA shall have complete charge of scheduling of games and postponements, media rights, passes, ticket sales supervision, trophies, and award honors
- 6 Baseball. All game conduct, eligibility, scheduling, and playing rules shall be under the exclusive and sole jurisdiction of the MBA. The MBA board reserves the right to adjust the tournament format and scheduling as it sees fit without consent of any Host Site.
 - 7 Compensation and Receipts. The MBA shall receive all proceeds of tickets and any other receipts pursuant to written compensation agreements. The MBA owns all video and media licensing and credentialing. Each Host Site shall receive any parking, merchandising, program booklet advertising and sales (subject to MBA required advertising components to such booklet), and concessions revenues collected thereto.
 - 8 Insurance. Each Host Site will procure a Commercial General Liability (CGL) Insurance policy on an occurrence form for Bodily Injury and Property Damage, including Products Liability (including completed-operations coverage), coverage for contractual liability, independent contractors, and personal and advertising injury. Coverage cannot exclude liability arising from athletic participation, spectators, alcohol, or food-borne illness, with minimum limits of \$1,000,000. The MBA shall be listed as additional named insured. Host Site shall provide a Certificate of Insurance to the MBA Secretary with this signed document.
 - 9 Deposit. Each Host Site shall provide a \$1,000.00 deposit with this signed document for each host site as certification that all requirements will be in order by the tournament. If all requirements are in order, at the sole discretion of the MBA, each Host Site deposit will be refunded. Any unmet requirements may be deducted in the amount the MBA deems reasonably appropriate, in its sole discretion.
 - 10 Special Promotions. The Host Sites may initiate special promotions for the tournament. All promotional expenses will be the obligation of the Host Sites, unless agreed in writing by the MBA.
 - 11 Indemnification. Except as to the City of New Prague, which shall be subject to the limits of Minn. Stat. Chapter 466 and other applicable law, each party shall at its own expense indemnify and hold harmless, and at the other party's request defend such party its affiliates, subsidiaries, successors and assigns officers, directors, employees, sublicensees, and agents from and against any and all claims, losses, liabilities, damages, demand, settlements, loss, expenses and costs (including attorneys' fees and court costs) which arise directly or indirectly out of or relate to (a) any breach of this Agreement, or (b) the gross negligence or willful misconduct of a party's employees or agents. Each Host Site shall specifically indemnify the MBA as against any claim regarding the condition of the stadium, playing surface, parking area, security, medical care, or other items provided by the Host Site pursuant to this Agreement.
 - 12 Default. Failure to meet requirements and criteria contained in this Agreement may result

in losing the right to host the state tournament at the MBA's discretion, without notice or warning to the Host Site. MBA reserves all rights to withdraw host rights at any time and without notice or warning for failure to comply with any terms of this agreement without compensation or offset to a Host Site legal or financial liability to the MBA.

- 3 Assignment. Neither party shall assign or transfer his or her rights or duties under this Agreement without the express written consent of the other party. Any transfer or assignment made without the consent of the other party shall not relieve the transferor or the assignor of his or her duties or obligations under this agreement.
- 4 Miscellaneous. This is the entire agreement between the parties with regard to the subject matter hereto. No oral modification is permitted. This Agreement is governed under the laws of Minnesota. This agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts. Any provision hereof adjudged illegal or unenforceable shall not affect the legality or enforceability of any other provision hereof.

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SIGNATURE PAGES TO FOLLOW

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Host Site of New Prague has executed this agreement effective as of the date above.

Facility Owner:

City of New Prague, a Minnesota municipal corporation
Representative Signature:

By: (print name) _____
Title: (title) _____

By: (print name) _____
Title: (title) _____

LOCAL COMMITTEE- New Prague State Baseball

By: (print name) _____

Title: (title) _____

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Minnesota Baseball Association, Inc., a Minnesota nonprofit corporation has executed this agreement effective as of the date above.

MBA
MINNESOTA BASEBALL ASSOCIATION, INC.,
a Minnesota nonprofit corporation

Sig:
By: Mark Forsman
Title: President

Sig:
By: Mike Nagel
Title: Treasurer