

**EXECUTIVE ORDER 2005 - 07**  
(Supersedes Executive Order 94-4)

**Arizona Baseball and Softball Commission**

**WHEREAS**, baseball and softball offer tremendous economic and recreational opportunities for the people of Arizona and tourists who visit our state; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Arizona has initiated efforts to increase opportunities for professional baseball; and

**WHEREAS**, tremendous strides have been made to strengthen Cactus League Baseball with significant support of the teams, booster groups, city officials, stadium owners and operations, and the business community; and

**WHEREAS**, additional effort remains necessary to ensure with confidence that Major League Baseball spring training will be a major component of the Arizona professional sports scene through the next decade; and

**WHEREAS**, other opportunities exist to attract additional tourist revenue and increase recreational options for Arizonans by promoting professional, amateur and international baseball and softball events within Arizona;

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Janet Napolitano, governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State, hereby establish the **Arizona Baseball and Softball Commission** (the "Commission") and order as follows:

- 1) The Commission shall:
  - a. Provide the Governor with recommendations for expansion and maintenance of the Cactus League;
  - b. Work with Major League Baseball, its teams, local and regional governments and organizations to implement the recommendations; and
  - c. Make recommendations relating to the promotion and acquisition of other professional, amateur and international baseball and softball events within the state of Arizona.
- 2) The Commission shall consist of no more than 25 members, who shall be appointed by and serve without compensation at the pleasure of, the Governor. The members shall include at a minimum:

- a. One representative from the Tourism and Sports Authority (currently d/b/a the Arizona Sports and Tourism Authority);
  - b. Two representatives from Cactus League booster groups.
- 3) The Director of the Department of Commerce or designee, the Director of the Arizona Office of Tourism or designee, and the Director of the State Land Department or designee shall serve as ex-officio members of the Commission.
  - 4) The Governor shall designate a Chairperson from among the membership.
  - 5) The Chairperson shall appoint an Executive Committee to direct the day-to-day affairs of the Commission.
  - 6) The Chairperson may appoint from the membership or from outside the membership special sub-committees, as the need arises, to complete a special baseball or softball-related task.
  - 7) The Commission shall submit periodic status reports on its progress to the Governor.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.

  
**GOVERNOR**

**DONE** at the capitol in Phoenix this 23 day of February in the Year Two Thousand and Five and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Twenty-ninth.

**ATTEST:**

  
**SECRETARY OF STATE**

