NBBA/Nubson Team Grant Policy March 9, 2015

Purpose

The purpose of the NBBA/Nubson Team Grant is to provide some additional financial support to member teams of the NBBA.

This support is in accordance with the fund's original creators, the Nubson family, and conforms to the stated goals of the NBBA in its by-laws.

Grant Committee and Funding

1. The grant committee will be made up of the NBBA president, the NBBA treasurer, the NBBA secretary, and one board member at large.

2. The grant program will be funded primarily from the Nubson fund, which is administered by the NBBA treasurer.

3. The amount available for grants in any given year will be determined as follows: \$3000, or five percent of the value of the Nubson fund (as reported to the board at the spring board meeting for that year), whichever is greater.

- 4. The available money will be divided in to as many \$1000 chunks as possible, with any leftover money being returned to the Nubson fund.
- 5. In addition to the above, the grant fund may also contain other moneys if they are specifically allocated to the grant program, by the NBBA by-laws or policies.
- 6. The total grant amount for a given year, determined by the rules in section 3, will be used both for regular yearly grants, and for the tri-annual correction grants. In a year when correction grants are to be payed, they will be payed first, and normal grants will come out of the amount remaining.

Grant Dates and Team Eligibility

- 1. The number of available team grants, and the grant amount of \$1000, will be prominently published on the home page of the NBBA website in coordination with the scheduled NBBA spring Board meeting.
- 2. Team grant entries will be accepted *no later than* the 1st of March of each calendar year.
- 3. Team grants will be announced and awarded (checks in the mail) after the spring board meeting.
- 4. Only teams that have paid their NBBA team registration fee (currently \$25), and have attended at least one World Series tournament in the past three years will be eligible to enter the grant selection process for the given calendar year.
- 5. Any team receiving a team grant will be ineligible to receive one for the next two calendar years.
- 6. A team that receives a team grant and does not attend the World Series in the same year will be ineligible to receive a team grant for the next three calendar years.

7. If it is determined that a team is creating fraudulent team entries, to enhance their chances of obtaining a grant, on the first offense the team will be warned and removed from the grant selection process for the current year. On a second offense, the offending team will be banned from the grant program for a minimum of five years.

Grant Selection Process

1. The NBBA/Nubson team grant program will be a lottery-based award system. At the spring board meeting, the grant committee will gather all eligible team names and a random drawing will be performed to match the number of available grants to a randomly selected eligible team.

If the number of grants exceeds the number of eligible teams, the extra grants will be returned to the Nubson fund.

- 2. Grant recipients will be notified, and the grant selection results will also be posted on the NBBA website.
- 3. Every three years, starting in 2015, the past list of eligible teams will be examined. Any team that has been eligible for the last three years and has not received a grant, will be automatically awarded a \$1000 "Correction" grant, prior to the normal grant drawing process for the given year. Their name will also be removed from the drawing process for the given year--two grants to a single team in a single year is not permitted. The correction process will be conducted every three years, starting in 2015.

Amending this policy

1. This policy must be made freely available, and must be reviewed by the grant committee, at least once every two years.

2. Amendments must be submitted to the grant committee.

3. Amendment submissions approved by the grant committee must be voted on by the NBBA board at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

4. Amendments must obtain a two-thirds majority vote of the board members in attendance, in order to pass.

5. Amendments take affect immediately upon approval by the NBBA board.

For questions regarding the policy contact by email the Nubson Committee at nubson@nbba.org