

# Ellensburg Youth Baseball and Softball

## Constitution and By-Laws

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### **I. Name**

The league shall be known as “Ellensburg Youth Baseball and Softball”, hereinafter referred to as the “League” or “EYBS”, a member of Babe Ruth Baseball, Inc. The League has been established as a non-profit corporation under the laws of the State of Washington.

### **II. Objective**

The objective of the League shall be to implant basic baseball and/or softball fundamentals firmly in the children of the community including, but not limited to, the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage, and respect for authority, so that they may be well adjusted, stronger and happier children and will grow to be good, decent, healthy, and trustworthy citizens.

To achieve this objective the League will provide a supervised program under the Rules and Regulations of Babe Ruth Baseball, Inc. All Directors, Officers, and Members shall bear in mind that the attainment of exceptional athletic skill or the winning of games is secondary, and the molding of future citizens is of prime importance. In accordance with Section 501-(c)-(3) of the Federal Internal Revenue Code, the League shall operate exclusively as a non-profit educational organization providing a supervised program of competitive baseball and softball games. No part of the new earnings shall inure to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual.

### **III. Membership**

Any parents or guardians of active players, active team or division sponsors, or active volunteer adult leaders shall be considered members of the League. For purposes of this provision, “active” shall mean actual participation during the prior season. Membership is restricted to those who are at least eighteen (18) years of age and excludes anyone who may have been specifically banned from the League by its Board of Directors.

Membership may be terminated by resignation or action of the Board of Directors as follows:

The Board of Directors, by a two-thirds vote of those present at any duly constituted Board meeting, shall have the authority to discipline or suspend or terminate the membership of any Member of any class, including managers and coaches, when the conduct of such person is considered detrimental to the best interest of the League and/or Babe Ruth baseball. The Member involved shall be notified of such meeting, informed of the general nature of the charges and given an opportunity to appear at the meeting to answer such charges.

The Board of Directors shall in the case of a Player Member, give notice to the manager of the team of which the player is a Player Member. Said manager shall appear, in the capacity of an advisor, with the player before the Board of Directors or a duly appointed committee of the Board of Directors. The player's parent(s) or legal guardian(s) may also be present. The Board of Directors shall have full power to suspend or revoke such player's right to future participation by two-thirds vote of those present at any duly constituted meeting (quorum is required).

#### **IV. Policies of League**

##### **A. Welfare of Young People**

It shall be the policy of the League to conduct its activities so that the physical and moral welfare of the young people for whose benefit it is organized shall remain paramount and all matters of policy shall be determined on that basis. Any and all decisions made by the Board of Directors will err on the side of the players.

##### **B. Conflict of Interest**

No person who is a member of or who is employed by or who is any way connected with the League shall receive any personal financial benefit therefore beyond the reasonable value of services in carrying out the purpose for which the League has been organized.

**C. Sponsors and Advertising**

1. In order to secure suitable and adequate financial backing to carry out the purpose of the League, it shall be the policy of the League to permit only such sponsorship as is consistent with the purpose for which the League is organized and to select sponsors who are interested in the League solely or principally as a means of contributing to the welfare of young people.

2. It shall be the policy of the League to prohibit any direct advertising of alcoholic beverage or tobacco products in connection with the League or any of its programs. It shall further be the policy of the League to prohibit the use or consumption of alcoholic, tobacco or any prohibited substance during any League function including, without limitation, games.

**D. Coaches & Players**

All League coaches and players shall promote and maintain good sportsmanship at all times, including at all League practices, games and any additional League functions. Coaches shall comply with the NYSCA (National Youth Sports Coaches Association) coaches and parents' code of ethics and any additional League rules set down by the Board.

Coaches will be required to get certification. Coaches shall treat all league officials and umpires with courtesy and respect. Players and parents of players are expected to treat all coaches, League officials and umpires with courtesy and respect. Coaches, players, and parents will NOT challenge judgment calls of any league umpire at any time.

Umpires may immediately eject any coach, player or parent for such unsportsmanlike behavior without warning, and/or the umpire being harassed or verbally abused throughout or after a game. Umpires may file a formal complaint to the Chief Umpire. If warranted, that specific coach, player, or parent will be suspended for the next game. The suspension must be approved by the Board via impromptu meeting (by phone or email).

**E. Disciplinary Guidelines**

Enforcement of playing rules at League games shall be the sole responsibility of the umpire(s) who have been assigned to the game. Enforcement of additional League conduct rules shall be the joint responsibility of the Division Coordinators, umpires assigned to that game, any Board members present at the game and any other League

officials who have been given authority by the Board. For any incidents regarding a player, the Division Coordinator shall inform and consult with the necessary parties.

Violations of conduct rules for coaches and players include (but are not limited to) the following:

- Fighting;
- Foul language;
- Derogatory remarks made to the umpires, coaches, or League officials;
- Improper decorum in the dugouts or on the fields;
- Cheating or fraud of any kind;
- Destruction of league or city property;
- Continue use of improper equipment or wearing of any improper uniform after being warned;
- Malicious conduct of any kind; and
- Violation of guidelines of General Conduct.

Thus, if a coach, player, or fan is ejected from a game for any of the aforementioned violations, he/she must leave the playing field immediately (A coach or fan can only return to the park to pick up a player once the game is completed). Failure to act accordingly will result in the forfeiture of the game and suspension from the league for the rest of the season. Additionally, the league may pursue criminal trespass charges if the police are required to remove someone from the park.

In addition to the ejection from the game, the coach, player and/or fan will receive the following suspension and penalties:

1. 1<sup>st</sup> offense: suspension for the next team game.
2. 2<sup>nd</sup> offense: suspension for one calendar week.
3. 3<sup>rd</sup> offense: suspension for the remainder of the season.
4. 4<sup>th</sup> offense: lifetime expulsion from all EYBS leagues.

If the offense occurs in the last game of the season, the proscribed suspension will be effective for the following season or the next season that the violator participates in.

These penalties are automatic and do not require a ruling by a league official or a vote by the board. The coach, parent, or player may appeal to the league President. After investigating the facts and circumstances

surrounding the misconduct, the league President may overrule the proscribed suspension or continue with the necessary penalty. The President's decision can not be appealed.

**V. Annual and Special Membership Meetings**

There shall be an annual membership meeting in September or October of each year, the time and place shall be determined by the Board of Directors. Notice of such meeting shall be made upon at least ten (10) calendar days notice, the manner of such notice to be determined by the Board of Directors in their sole discretion. Such notice, subject to Board approval, may be in the form of direct mailing, or such public media such as newspaper, television, radio, Internet, etc.

The Board of Directors may call special membership meetings from time-to-time with notice as provided by Washington law.

Only those persons who are members of the League (see "Membership" above) and personally present at a membership meeting shall be eligible to vote at that meeting; there shall be no proxy voting. A majority of those present and eligible to vote at a membership meeting shall be required to conduct business, including the election of Board members. There shall not be any quorum requirements for a membership meeting, either annual or special.

A Board member must introduce any items for the membership meeting agenda.

The membership shall receive at an annual meeting of the Members of EYBS called by the Board of Directors a report verified by the President and Treasurer, or by a majority of the Directors, showing the whole amount of real and personal property owned by the league, where located, and where and how invested, the amount and nature of the property acquired during the year immediately preceding, the date of the report and the manner of the acquisition; the amount applied, appropriated or expended during the year immediately preceding such date, and the purposes, objects or persons to or for which such applications, appropriations or expenditures have been made. Said report shall be filed with the records of EYBS and an abstract of the report interred in the minutes of the annual meeting.

## **VI. Board of Directors**

The Board of Directors of the League, hereinafter referred to as the “Board”, shall be drawn from existing members of the league and elected by the membership at annual meeting for the terms and in the manner provided for as follows:

The Board shall consist of not less than one (1), nor more than twenty five (25) persons. The term for each Board member selected at the annual meeting is one (1) year. All members of the Board shall be eligible for reelection.

The prior Board shall determine, immediately prior to the annual membership meeting, the total size of the Board for the following year.

A quorum for the conducting of all business, except as specifically otherwise set forth herein, shall be at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the Board.

The Board, in its discretion, may remove any Board member upon the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Board sitting at the time such issue is brought before the Board for vote. For purposes of removing a Board member, the quorum required to conduct such business shall be increased from fifty-one percent (51%) to sixty-six and two-thirds (66.66%).

The Board may fill any vacancies on the Board at any regular Board meeting by a majority vote thereof.

At its first meeting following the annual membership meeting, the Board shall elect its executive officers for that year. These officers shall include the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Players Agents for boys and girls, Public Affairs/Information Officer, Fundraising Coordinator, and Concessions Coordinator. Those Board members not elected as officers shall assume at least one of the following responsibilities: umpire coordinator, field coordinator, equipment coordinator, and tournament coordinator. Only Board officers vote.

The Board shall meet at least quarterly or as often as needed to handle league business. The time and place for such meetings shall be determined by the President and shall be made known to all members of the Board upon at least 1-day’s notice, oral, telephonic or written. Any member may attend a Board meeting; however, membership

participation shall be at the discretion of the Board. Furthermore, the Board may convene in the executive session to discuss or resolve such matters, which the Board, in its discretion, believes, should be handled confidentially. Board members may carry written proxies for non-attending Board members for specific votes.

The Board shall have full authority and discretion to make all policies, set budgets, and implement the on-going business of the League consistent with the bylaws. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Board shall have the power to:

- Purchase or otherwise acquire for the League any property, right or privilege which the League is authorized to acquire, by the price of consideration and upon such terms as the Board may deem appropriate;
- Appoint, remove or suspend subordinate agents or volunteers and to determine their duties and fix their salaries, if any;
- Determine the composition of a sub-committee to deal with the particulars of the Babe Ruth tournament teams (if any);
- Determine who shall be authorized on behalf of the League to sign bills, notices, receipts, acceptances, endorsements, checks, releases, contracts, and any other instruments. Without any further action by the Board, the President and Vice President are so authorized.
- Delegate any of the powers of the Board to any agent of the League with an powers as the Board may see fit to grant;
- Suspend, discharge, bar or otherwise discipline any member, manager, coach, player, parent, league official, umpire as well as other related people as needed without refund whose conduct is considered detrimental to the best interests of the League (see Disciplinary Guidelines below);
- Set registration fees and award scholarships;
- Generally do all such lawful acts and take actions as may be necessary and proper.

Roberts Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings of all meeting, except when in conflict with the Constitution and By-Laws of the League.

**VII. Financial Policy**

The Board shall decide all matters pertaining to the finances of the league, bearing the responsibility to conduct the financial affairs of the league in a prudent business-like manner. The Board shall institute policy relative to the preparation and acceptance of annual budget, and periodic and annual presentation of financial reports, and an annual audit of the books of the League.

No officer shall be permitted to expend, on any particular item or task, more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) without prior Board approval.

**VIII. Duties of Officers**

The League shall have the following:

**A. The President shall:**

- Preside at all meetings of the Board and the League;
- Serve as the Chief Executive Officer of the League;
- Represent the League at any meetings of other organizations, including the City of Ellensburg;
- Present a report of the condition of the League at the annual meeting;
- Be responsible for registering teams with Babe Ruth Baseball and any additional coordination with the Babe Ruth organization;
- Delegate tasks to others and make sure everyone is on top of their task;
- Perform such other duties as are normally associated with the Office of President;
- Transmit all records and correspondence to any person elected to succeed him/her in that office.
- May manage or coach.

**B. The Vice President shall:**

- Perform such duties as may be assigned by the President;
- Otherwise assist the President in the performances of his/her duties;
- Preside or represent the League at any meeting in the absence of the President;
- Perform the duties of sponsor coordinator (see below for list of duties);

- Transmit all records and correspondence to any person elected to succeed him/her in that office.
- May manage or coach

**C. The Secretary shall:**

- Have custody of the Articles, Bylaws, minutes and all other records of the League, except financial records;
- Keep an accurate record of the meetings and other activities of the League and the Board;
- Be responsible for all correspondence on behalf of the League;
- Transmit all records and correspondence to any person elected to succeed him/her in that office;
- May manage or coach.

**D. The Treasurer shall:**

- Receive and disburse all funds with the approval of the Board;
- Keep an accurate account of all funds received and disbursed for the League;
- Submit a financial report at all regular meetings and at such other times as may be requested by the President;
- Compile an annual report of the League finances;
- Transmit all records and correspondence to any person elected to succeed him/her in that office;
- May manage or coach.

**E. The Player Agent shall:**

- Supervise the annual registration of all players, tryout sessions and distribution of players among League teams;
- Assist the Division Coordinators with the drafting and assigning of players (does the Division Coordinator job – see below for list of duties);
- Assist the Scheduling Coordinator with the scheduling of game schedules (does the Scheduling Coordinator job – see below for list of duties);
- Represent any players and/or parents in disputes with coaches or other League officials;
- Be accessible to players and parents to answer questions and provide information;

- Act as Division Coordinator and Equipment Coordinator if the positions are not filled;
- Transmit all records and correspondence to any person elected to succeed him/her in that office.
- May manage or coach.

**F. The Public relations/League Information Officer shall:**

- Distributes important information on league activities to the public, league members, and the media;
- Serves as primary contact person for EYBS to optimize distributing information to league members and to Babe Ruth Baseball;
- Transmit all records and correspondence to any person elected to succeed him/her in that office.
- Manage the league's official home page;
- Ensure league rosters are maintained on site;
- Ensure that league news and scores are updated on a regular basis;
- Collect, post and distribute important information on League activities including dissemination of fund-raising and sponsor activities to Babe Ruth Baseball, District, public, league members and media;
- May manage or coach.

**G. Division Coordinators shall (part of player agent):**

- Determine the number of teams for their division;
- Determine and assign coaches for the teams in their division;
- Assign players to teams;
- Assist the Player Agent in planning and holding tryout session;
- Conduct the draft of players;
- Write EYBS rule amendments for their division;
- Holds meetings with coaches at appropriate times before and during the season;
- Distribute the following items to coaches at appropriate times: equipment, roster, rule books, season schedules, pictures, trophies, and any forms or flyers as directed by the Board;
- Monitor games during the season;

- Be empowered to suspend any player, coach, or parent for one (1) game for conduct considered by the coordinator to be detrimental to the League, and recommend further disciplinary action to the Board if considered necessary (see Disciplinary Guidelines);
- Arrange tournament teams, including travel arrangements, if such teams are determined by the Board;
- This job falls under Player Agent;
- Transmit all records and correspondence to any person elected to succeed him/her in that office.
- May manage or coach.

**H. The Sponsor Coordinator shall (part of Vice President):**

- Obtain and Coordinate sponsor assignments with teams;
- Distribute sponsor plaques to division coordinators or directly to sponsors;
- Maintain records of sponsor's name, address, phone numbers, etc.;
- Keep track of sponsor logos, uniform colors, teams or divisions they sponsored and any other special needs;
- The job falls under the Vice President;
- Transmit all records and correspondence to any person elected to succeed him/her in that office.
- May manage or coach.

**I. The Umpire Coordinator shall:**

- Obtain suitable umpires for the League as directed by the Board;
- Schedule and hold training sessions for the umpires;
- Assign umpires for all League games;
- Arrange for paychecks to the umpires;
- Consider all complaints relative to umpires and make suitable recommendations to the Board.

**J. The Field Coordinator shall:**

- Attend all required city meetings and work to obtain fields as directed by the Board;
- Coordinate any required installations of fences or equipment sheds at the fields;
- Work with the City of Ellensburg to obtain any required lighting for all League games;

- Arrange for the field preparation for all League games;
- May manage or coach.

**K. The Equipment Coordinator shall:**

- Empty and clean all equipment bags, and take an inventory of the equipment during the off-season;
- Obtain any required new equipment as directed by the Board;
- Provide equipment as required for the players tryout sessions;
- Fill and distribute equipment bags for each division to the division coordinators;
- Distribute balls as required for all League games to the division coordinators;
- Collect all equipment at the end of the season;
- May manage or coach.

**L. The Scheduling Coordinator shall (part of player agent):**

- Write and distribute schedules for all League games as directed by the Board;
- This job falls under Player Agent;
- May manage or coach.

**M. The Vendor Coordinator shall (part of vice president):**

- Assist the Sponsor Coordinator in determining sponsors, names and uniform colors for each team;
- Coordinate the ordering of uniforms from the uniform vendor as directed by the Board;
- Pick up uniforms from the uniform vendor and distribute them to the division coordinators;
- Work with the teams and the uniform vendor to correct uniform problems;
- Coordinate the Opening Day picture schedule with the picture vendor and the Scheduling Coordinator;
- Coordinate the ordering and distributing of all all-star shirts and trophies as directed by the Board;
- May manage or coach

**N. Concession Coordinator:**

- Purchase, price, stock and deal with equipment and vendors for concessions at park.
- Do banking for concession account and report to the board.

**O. The Tournament Director:**

- Any duties will be defined by the Board on a tournament by tournament basis.

**IX. Fiscal Year**

The fiscal year of the Corporation shall be fixed by the Board of Directors from time to time, subject to applicable law. The initial fiscal year shall end on October 1<sup>st</sup>. The President of the Board will present a fiscal report to the annual membership meeting in September or October.

**X. Affiliation**

Charter. EYBS shall annually apply for charter from Babe Ruth Baseball/Softball Inc. and shall do all things necessary to obtain and maintain such charter.

EYBS shall devote its entire energies to the activities authorized by such charter and it shall not be affiliated with any other program or organization or operate any other program.

Rules and Regulations. The official Playing Rules and Regulations as published by Babe Ruth League, Inc. Trenton, New Jersey, shall be binding on EYBS.

Local League Rules. The local league rules of EYBS shall be adopted by the Board of Directors at a meeting to be held not less than one month previous to the first scheduled game of the season, but shall in no way conflict with the Rules and Regulations of Babe Ruth, Inc. (see Exhibits).

**XI. Financial and Accounting**

The Board of Directors shall decide all matters pertaining to the finances of the EYBS and it shall place all income including Auxiliary funds, in a common league treasury, directing the expenditure of same in such a manner as will give no individual or team an advantage over those in competition with such individual or team.

The Board shall not permit the contribution of funds or property to individual teams but shall solicit same for the common treasury of EYBS, thereby to discourage favoritism among teams and to endeavor to equalize the benefits of EYBS.

The Board shall not permit the solicitation of funds in the names of EYBS unless all of the funds so raised be placed in EYBS treasury.

The Board shall not permit the disbursement of EYBS funds for other than the conduct of league activities in accordance with the rules and policies of Babe Ruth Baseball, Inc.

No Director, Officer or member of the Ellensburg Youth Baseball/Softball League (EYBS) shall receive, directly or indirectly any salary, compensation, loan, or emolument from Ellensburg Youth Baseball/Softball League (EYBS) for services rendered as Director, Officer or Member.

All moneys received including Auxiliary Funds, shall be deposited to the credit of EYBS in a bank account approved by the Board and all disbursement shall be made by check or credit card. All checks shall be signed by the Board Treasurer and such other officer or officers or person or persons as the Board of Directors shall determine.

League bank accounts and distribution of funds shall be audited by an independent auditor every time the Treasurer Officer is replaced or at the discretion of the President of the Board.

## **XII. Amendments**

These Bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of the League members at the membership meeting providing a quorum of board members is present. The Constitution and Bylaws, which includes by reference Exhibits A to D, may be amended, repealed or altered in whole or in part by a two-thirds (2/3) vote at any duly organized meeting of the Members provided notice of the proposed changes is included in the notice of such meeting.

## **XIII. Indemnity**

**A.** Any person made a party to any action, suit or proceeding, by reason of the fact that he, his testator orientate representative is or was a Director, Governing Board member, officer, or employee of the Corporation, or of any corporation in which he served as such at the request of the Corporation, shall be indemnified by the Corporation against reasonable expenses, including such attorney's fees actually and necessarily incurred by him in connection with the defense of such action, suit, or proceeding, or in connection with any appeal therein, except in relation to matters as to which it shall be adjudged in such action, suit, or proceeding, or in connection with any appeal therein that such officer, Director, Governing Board member or employee is liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of his duties.

**B.** The foregoing right of indemnification shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which any officer or Director, Governing Board member, or employee may be entitled apart from the very provisions of this section.

**C.** The amount of indemnity to which any officer, Director, or Governing Board member may be entitled shall be fixed by the Board of Directors, except that in any case where there is no such disinterested majority of the Board available, the amount shall be fixed by arbitration pursuant to the then existing rules of the America Arbitration Association.

**XIV. Discrimination Not Permitted**

In rendering its functions and in exercising its purposes, the corporation shall not practice or permit discrimination on the basis of sex, age, race, national origin, religion, physical handicap, or disability.

**XV. Manager/Coach Selection**

**A.** All coaches will be approved by the Board. The process of determining coaches will be:

- Returning Coach
- Assistant Coach
- Coach moving up from a different age division
- New Coach

Note: Head Coach will pick their Assistant Coach

**B.** The Board has the right to review each coach applicant yearly and consider things like; knowledge of the game, skill development, sportsmanship, fair play, dedication, discipline, communication and general attitude towards kids, parents, umpires and opposing teams/coaches.

**C.** Background checks that return with derogatory information is considered as disqualifying. Any felony sex offenses and/or major felony offenses are automatic disqualification from consideration as manager, coach, team mom/dad etc. Misdemeanor offenses are considered on a case by case basis. Type of crime may be a consideration. Time since the crime was recorded is a consideration.

## **Exhibit “A” – League Age General Rules**

The League shall make every effort to emphasize Babe Ruth Baseball/Softball, Inc. rules and procedures whenever possible.

League age – age of player as of April 30<sup>th</sup> of the current playing year.

### **Boys & Girls:**

League age 5 – 6 year first year player must play T-ball.

### **Boys:**

League age 7 years old must play in Rookie Division or lower.

Any player with a league age of 8 usually plays in Rookie Division. An advanced player aged 8 can try out for Minor Division. Any player aged 9 years old is required to try out for the Minor Division. Any player not drafted by a Minor Division team returns to the Rookie Division and is placed on their last season’s team. Any 9 year old player new to the league, if not drafted to a Minor Division Team, will be placed on a Rookie Division Team.

Any player with the league age of 10 years old will be allowed to stay on their last season’s Minor team or enter the Major Division Draft. If player is not drafted by a Major Division team, player will return to last season’s Minor Division team. If a league age 10 year old player did not play last year he will be required to try out for either a Minor or Major team. If player tries out for the Major Division and is not drafted by a team he will be placed in the Minor Division draft. Any 10 year old not drafted by the 3<sup>rd</sup> round in the Major league will automatically return to their Minor league team.

Any player with the league age of 11 - 12 years old (not on a last season Major roster) is required to try out for the Major Division. If a league age 11 year old player is not drafted by a Major team the player will return to their last season’s Minor team. New players with a league of 11 years old, if not drafted by a Major team, will be placed in the Minor Division Draft. All 12 year olds will be placed on a Major division team.

Note: After the first night of try outs players may be asked to move up to the next Major try out or down to the next Minor try out.

## **Girls:**

1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> grades must register for the Rookie Division or lower. The Girls Rookie Division will be optional depending on numbers.

3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> grades can play girls Minor Division. Any player that makes the 10U All Star team the prior season can try out for the Major Division the next season.

5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> grades will play Girls Major Division. If the player turns 13 before 12/31 of the previous calendar year they are not eligible for the 12U All Star team.

### **Exhibit “B” – Local Game Rules Unique to Ellensburg**

**Game time limit** – 2 hour game limit. Games begin at 6:00 pm weekly and a variety of times on weekends. A new inning begins immediately after the third out of the previous inning not the first pitch of the new inning.

Games must start and finish with a minimum of 8 players to count the game as a league game. Teams are allowed 15 additional minutes from designated starting time to field a minimum of 8 players. If 8 players cannot be fielded in this time frame, it is a forfeited game.

**Batting line-up** - It is required that teams bat their entire roster. Late players may be added to the bottom of the line up if the team has not yet batted through. Exception: If the game is started with less than 10 players, late players are added to bring the line-up to 10.

**Field** - Home team is responsible for setting up the field – dragging field, putting bases out, lining field, setting up pitching machine and replacing all equipment to the storage shed. Fields must be dragged after games and practices.

**Thrown bat:** Please make sure you emphasize the importance of not throwing bats after a swing. If a bat is thrown by a batter, umpire will give 1 warning to both teams at the same time. If bat is thrown again by any player the umpire will call the batter out. Ball is dead, time is out, and runners return to bases they occupied when ball was hit.

**Base Coach:** Base coaches must be team coaches and/or parent volunteers.

## **Batting Cage Rules**

- Players never pitch to players.
- Coaches never hit to players inside the cage.
- No more than one player in the cage at a time with a coach while batting.
- Players in the cage MUST wear batting helmets.
- No one under the age of 18 pitches to a player.

## **Boys**

At the Minor boys level each ½ inning of play consists of three outs, ten runs or batting through the roster. At the Major league boys level each ½ inning is three outs or ten runs.

Every player in Major and Minor league must play 3 innings in the field unless injured or sick. Exceptions apply if game is shortened by 10 run rule or weather conditions.

Large strike zone exists in all leagues.

Any pitcher that hits three batters during a game is automatically replaced as a pitcher immediately after the third hit batter reaches first base and time is called.

**Pitching Requirements:** In an attempt to reduce arm fatigue and injury at a young age, the league has switched from innings pitched to pitches thrown. This pitch count rule was implemented by the Little League Baseball Association in 2007. The table below will be used and enforced by coaches and board members during league play (including double headers and city tournament play).

Boys Division	Pitches Allowed per day
Minors (10 years old and under)	75
Majors (11-12 year olds)	85

- If a player pitches 61 or 75/85 pitches in a day, then three (3) calendar days of rest must be observed.

- If a player pitches 41 – 60 pitches in a day, then two (2) calendar days of rest must be observed.
- If a player pitches 21 – 40 pitches in a day, then one (1) calendar day of rest must be observed.
- If a player pitches 1 – 20 pitches in a day, then no calendar days of rest is required before pitching again

The pitcher must be removed from the game when they reach the allowed pitch count for that day; regardless of the situation.

Saturday double header days use tournament rules. However, if the last assignment of the pitcher on Saturday is more than 3 innings the pitcher must be off two calendar days.

The 10 run rule takes effect after the fourth inning.

### **T-Ball Rules**

**Field:** Home team sets up the field and tears down the field.

**Game time limit:** Game time is one hour.

**Play:** Outs are “honored” but teams do not stop batting through the order. If batter hits the ball and is thrown out at first then batter retires to dugout but play continues until all players have batted.

**Equipment:** T-ball equipment stays at the fields at all times. Coaches may use all equipment for practice on a first come first serve basis. No coach, assistant coach, or parent may take equipment home without written permission from the board.

**Helmets:** All batters will wear a batting helmet and all pitchers and catchers must wear a helmet with face guard in the field.

**Bases:** Bases must be moved in 10 feet from the mark on the field. (50’)

**Pitching:** Coaches will start to underhand soft toss pitch to players. After 3 missed pitches player will hit off a tee.

## Rookie Baseball Rules

**Field:** Home team is responsible for putting bases and machines out and putting away.

**Game Time Limit:** 1.5 hours or 6 innings, whichever comes first. The start of a new inning begins when the third out is called or last batter in the line-up finishes running in the bottom half of the previous inning.

**Pitching Machine:** Pitching machine speed for games is set at 40 – 42 mph. Set machine for average height of players. Move shorter players back in the box and taller players forward in the box. Please, do not adjust machine for every batter.

Coaches pitch or feed machine to their own team.

Coaches need to use common sense on rainy days with the pitching machines. Coaches may have to switch to coach pitch if balls are too wet.

If players are repeatedly successful hitting off the pitching machine, then coaches are encouraged to pitch to their players in preparation for facing live pitching in the Minor League Division.

### **Equipment:**

Catchers must wear all protective equipment behind the plate.

Boys must wear an athletic cup when participating.

### **Rules:**

A team bats until they have three outs or have hit through the line-up.

Bunting is allowed.

Each batter gets a maximum of five pitches. If the 5<sup>th</sup> pitch is a foul ball, pitching continues until the ball is missed or put into fair territory. No walks.

Every player on team bats and plays in the field.

Defense – each team has two pitchers and four plus outfielders along with a normal defense. Please place your more skilled players at the pitching positions. Better safe than sorry. Pitchers need to pay attention. For safety reasons, no player plays in front of the pitching machine.

No stealing. No leading off. Runner gets one base on overthrow.

When the defense gets the ball to the infield please stop runners.

Game is umpired by coaches and volunteers in the field.

### **Girls Rookie Rules**

**Equipment:** Batting helmets with faceguards must be worn by all batters. An 11" yellow softball will be used. Catchers must wear all protective equipment behind the plate.

**Field:** Home team is responsible for setting up and putting away bases.

**Game Time Limit:** 1.5 hours or 6 innings, whichever comes first. The start of a new inning begins when the third out is called or last batter in the line-up finishes running in the bottom half of the previous inning.

**Coach Pitch:** Coaches pitch to their own team. Each batter is allowed 5 pitches. If 5<sup>th</sup> pitch is fouled off, batter continues until ball is missed or put into fair territory. No walks.

#### **Rules:**

A team bats until they have three outs or have hit through the line-up.

Bunting is not allowed.

Every player on team bats and plays in the field.

Defense – each team has one pitcher and four plus outfielders along with a normal defense. Please place your more skilled players at the pitching position. Better safe than sorry. Pitchers need to pay attention.

No stealing. No leading off. Runner gets one base on overthrow.

When the defense gets the ball to the infield please stop runners.

Game is umpired by coaches and volunteers in the field.

### **Girls Minor Rules**

**Equipment:** Batting helmets with face guards must be worn by all batters. An 11" yellow softball is used.

**Pitching Machine:** For games pitching machine speed will be set between 38 to 40 mph. Set machine for average height players and move the hitter back or forward not the machine up and down. Machine can always be used for practices at any time. After each pitch the ball is thrown back to the pitcher, not collected at home plate. Each batter is only allowed five pitches. If 5<sup>th</sup> pitch is fouled off, batter continues until ball is missed or put into fair territory.

**Stealing:** Runners can leave the base as soon as the ball crosses the plate to steal 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> base. Stealing home is not permitted. If the catcher makes a play at 3<sup>rd</sup> for a base runner, that runner may not run home.

**Sliding:** If there appears that there is going to be a close play at any base, except 1<sup>st</sup> base, a player must slide. The umpire will give 1 warning to both teams at the same time per game. If there is another close play at any base without a slide, player will be called out at the judgment of the umpire.

**Bunting:** Bunting is allowed. If batter bunts foul on 5<sup>th</sup> pitch they are out.

**Players on Defense:** Teams may field 10 players.

**Inning of Play:** Each ½ inning of play consists of three (3) outs or batting through roster (which ever occurs first). If you have batted through your roster, the last “out” will be made by:

- A) A force play or caught ball for 3<sup>rd</sup> out.
- B) Defensive player(s) returning ball to catcher who must touch home plate.

### **Girls Major Rules**

**Equipment:** Batting helmets with face guards must be worn by all batters. 12” yellow softball used.

**Stealing:** Runners can leave the base as soon as the ball leaves the pitchers hand. Stealing home is permitted.

**Sliding:** If there appears that there is going to be a close play at any base a player must slide. The umpire will give 1 warning to both teams at the same time per game. If there is another close play at any base without a slide, player will be called out at the judgment of the umpire.

**Pitcher:** Both feet in contact with pitching rubber prior to pitch. Pitcher can only step forward. Pitching distance is 40’. No pitching limits for pitchers.

**Third Strike Rule:** There will be a third strike rule in effect. Batter may run to 1<sup>st</sup> base on a dropped 3<sup>rd</sup> strike if there are fewer than 2 outs and 1<sup>st</sup> base is not occupied at the time of the pitch. Batter may also run anytime there are 2 outs.

**Bunting:** Bunting is allowed. If batter bunts foul on 3<sup>rd</sup> strike they are out.

**PLAYERS ON DEFENSE:** Teams may field 9 players.

**RUN LIMIT (mercy rule):**

**15 in the 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**12 in the 4<sup>th</sup>**

**10 in the 5<sup>th</sup>**

### **Exhibit “C” – Local Draft Process/Procedures**

Note: It is inappropriate for managers and coaches to discuss the position a player was selected in the draft with anyone outside the draft room. Such behavior shall be considered misconduct and will likely jeopardize that individual’s future affiliation with the League.

Only the manager and one assistant manager may attend the draft.

Team draft selections are balanced with bonus selections (sandwich picks) based on the number of players needed.

Prior to the draft, the Player Agent or Director of the Major League prepares a list of eligible players, identified by tryout number, for the draft. Players must try out to be eligible for the draft and are drafted by tryout numbers.

Player registration forms and rosters are provided to team managers at the conclusion of the draft.

Expansion teams shall have the first draft selections in each round and a “bonus” draft selection after each round except final round. If the draft does not have enough rounds, bonus selections shall be awarded by Player Agent or Director of the Major League after the 4<sup>th</sup> round.

Reduction of teams. Players from a team being disbanded are available to existing teams in a pre-draft round to be completed prior to the regular draft. Teams select in the same order as the regular draft until all players from the reduction team are selected. Regular draft begins with the first (1<sup>st</sup>) selection of the first round as described herein.

#### **Boys Draft:**

Mandatory for all 11 year old boys and 12 year old boys that either did not play baseball last year, or who played Minor League last year.

Mandatory for all 9 year old boys and 10 year old boys that did not play baseball last year, as well as 10 year old boys that played Rookie League last year.

Try outs are just what the word implies – try outs. Only the more skilled players are selected to advance to the next league. Those not drafted by

coaches return to their last year's team where they can have more fun and improve their skills with much more opportunity to play. Poor performance during the try outs will result in not being drafted to the next level. All players do not mature at the same or equal rate. While the board attempts to keep players with their peer group, ultimately we want them to be successful.

Boys not drafted up receive a call from a member of the EYBS board informing them they will remain on their own team.

Players eligible for the Minor and Major League draft must have participated in the League regular season tryouts (fielding, catching, throwing, hitting, and running).

Returning Major League players, once acquired, are the property of the team making the acquisition for the duration of their Major League career. They need not try out.

Draft order is determined by the previous year's league standings. First place team picks last, last place team picks first.

Every team drafts in the first round and the final round.

Number of draft selections plus returning players equals 12 players.

The Major League draft is conducted prior to the Minor League draft.

Maximum number of 12 year olds on a Major team is eight.

No 9 year olds are allowed in the Majors.

All 10 year olds must be selected by the 3<sup>rd</sup> round of the Major League draft or they return to their Minor League team.

### **Girls Draft:**

Try outs are just what the word implies – try outs.

Any player not currently placed on a Major team that is in 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> grades must try out for the Girls Major Division.

If the Girls Major Division has insufficient numbers by six or fewer players to field at least four teams, 4<sup>th</sup> grade girls will have the option to try out. Players will be notified of the number needed to fill these roster positions in advance of any try out. All 4<sup>th</sup> grade girls may try out, but the league will only draft the number of girls needed to fill these roster positions.

Any player who played 10U All Stars prior to current season is eligible to play Girls Majors. They will attend the tryouts with the other girls eligible and be drafted to a team.

Draft order is determined by previous year's league record.

Number of draft selections plus returning players equals 12 players. If league is short on numbers we may have 11 per team or 13 and will be decided by the Player Agent prior to draft.

## **Boys and Girls**

### **Options**

Manager's options – manager children are automatically drafted by the Dad/Mom's team. All coaches must come to a consensus on the round the child must be drafted via a silent vote.

Sibling option – If one sibling is already the “property” of a team only that team is entitled to draft the other sibling in the draft.

If two or more siblings become candidates for the draft then once the first brother/sister is drafted to a team the manager automatically takes the other brother/sister on the next round.

### **Trades**

All trades shall be made through and only with the approval of the Player Agent or President.

All trades must be made for player for player only.

Trades must be completed in the draft room. Exception to this timing rule requires the Player Agent or President approval.

The Player Agent and President must monitor and is responsible to prevent attempts by managers and/or parents to manipulate the draft system and thereby create an imbalance within the league.

## **Exhibit “D” – All Star Selection Process**

*Note: All players selected to the all-star roster MUST commit to play all tournaments, regional tournaments and the World Series tournament or they will not be eligible to play. Unique circumstances may be considered by the Board.*

All coaches must have taken the Babe Ruth Coaching on Line to be eligible.

### **Boys:**

All-star teams selected:

Boys 9U – one team (Optional)

Boys 10U – two teams

Boys 11U – one team

Boys 12U – one team

Coaches and board members select the all-star teams. Coaches will be reminded to observe and notify Player Agent of kids that have possible all-star talent throughout the season. Meeting will be held in May to select the all-stars.

9U will play at least one tournament. 10U teams will play at least two tournaments. Teams are designated tournament teams.

11U all-star team will consist of 12 to 15 eleven year olds in the Major League.

12U all-star team will consist of 12 to 15 twelve year olds in the Major League.

Coaches for the all-star teams are selected by the league board with input from the league coaches.

### **Procedures:**

A white board is present in the front of the room. Each team gets one vote. Head coaches, one at time, nominates the players off his team that he feels deserves to play on the specific age all-star team. Each head coach designates the players he nominates as players for the left side of the board. Players on the left side of the board are considered by the head coach as “shoe in” nominations. Players listed on the right side of the board are considered “possible”.

After all head coaches nominations are complete the left side of the board is discussed. Coaches come to a consensus of the players listed by way of anonymous vote. Names may move to the opposite side. Once discussion is complete the number of players on the left side is totaled. If the number is less than 12 then coaches nominate players for discussion on the right side of the

board. The intent of the discussion is to again come to a consensus of which players to move over to the left side. Once 12 to 15 players are on the left side the discussion is over. The team is considered selected. All players below number 12 are rank ordered.

**Girls:**

All-star teams selected:

Girls 10U – one team

Girls 12U – one team

Coaches and board members select the all-star teams. Coaches will be reminded to observe and notify Player Agent of kids that have possible all-star talent throughout the season. Meeting will be held in May to select the all-stars.

Managers will be determined by the EYBS Board and once they are chosen they can choose their coach/assistant coach. Decision will be made after the all-star teams are decided. Number of Tournaments:

**10U**

- 2 tournaments – selected by Player Agent.
- Babe Ruth State Tournament – if team places in top 2 they move onto Regionals
- Babe Ruth Regional Tournament

**12U**

- 3 tournaments – selected by Player Agent
- Babe Ruth State Tournament – if team places in top 2 they move onto Regionals
- Babe Ruth Regional Tournament – if team places #1 they move onto World Series
- World Series

**Procedures:**

A white board is present in the front of the room. Each Major team gets one vote. Head coaches, one at time, nominates the players off his team that he feels deserves to play on the specific age all-star team. Each head coach designates the players he nominates as players for the left side of the board.

Players on the left side of the board are considered by the head coach as “shoe in” nominations. Players listed on the right side of the board are considered “possible”.

After all head coaches nominations are complete the left side of the board is discussed. Coaches come to a consensus of the players listed by way of anonymous vote. Names may move to the opposite side. Once discussion is complete the number of players on the left side is totaled. If the number is less than 12 then Major and Minor coaches nominate players for discussion on the right side of the board. These players are invited to try-out with the 10U coaches. Coaches will make final decision on team members