

# CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS – RIVERTON BABE RUTH LEAGUE

## ARTICLE I: NAME

This organization will be known as Riverton Babe Ruth League, a Utah Non-Profit corporation. No player will be turned away because of race, religion, sex, or inability to play.

## ARTICLE II: OBJECTIVE

Riverton Babe Ruth League, a Utah Non-Profit Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

This Company will participate in the following activities:

The organization and instruction of youth baseball league, provided to everyone and not prohibited to anyone by ability, cost, race, religion or sex. The objective of the league is to implant firmly in the participants the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage and reverence, so that they may be stronger and happier boys/girls and will grow to be good healthy men/women.

The league shall be run by its Elect Board and by volunteer coaches. The activity will be conducted throughout the year. The league will play in Salt Lake County, UT.

## ARTICLE III: POLICIES

The following are basic policies of this league:

1. The league will operate according to the rules and regulations set forth by the Babe Ruth League, Inc.
  - 1a. All Bylaws and Rules are subject to change at the discretion of the elect board at any given time of the calendar year.
2. To achieve our objective by providing supervised competitive athletic games. The Managers and coaches shall bear in mind that the attainment of exceptional athletic skill or inning of games is secondary, and the molding of future men/women is of prime importance.
3. The board of directors shall have the authority to suspend any member or Manager whose conduct is considered detrimental to the best interest of the league.
4. The President, upon evidence of the misconduct of any boy/girl in relation to the league, shall, within 48 hours, notify the player agent and the Manager of the team of which the boy/girl is a member.
5. Said Manager or the player agent, or both, shall appear in the capacity of an advisor, with the boy/girl, before at least three appointed members of the Board of Directors within three days of act, for disciplinary action. Said disciplinary action will consist of:
  1. Warning
  2. Probation, or
  3. Expulsions
6. Any Manager, coach, fans, or team member ejected from a game by an umpire will be placed on a one-(1) game suspension, which shall be the next consecutive game. Managers and spectators that are ejected will not be allowed on the Riverton Baseball grounds, (13800 South 3600 West) for the next

consecutive game. If they are unable to attend the very next game, the first game back they will be required to miss the next game that they would be able to attend.

7. After ejection, players ejected will be required to be in attendance and will be required to sit the bench. If they are unable to attend the very next game, the first game back they will be required to sit the bench.
8. All protests must be turned in (Protest Form – In Snack Shack) to the elect board before the game ends. A resolution will be made by the board within 24 hours of the game's ending.
9. All teams are responsible to provide a cook for their scheduled barbeque day. Failure to provide a cook will result in a suspension of the coach for the next scheduled game. Should their barbeque time be changed because of a rainout or any other reason, they are responsible for their time when the games are re-scheduled. This by-law applies to all leagues Peewees through Babe Ruth.
10. Refund Policy
  1. Players are eligible to receive a full refund if request is made before the date of the tryout/draft.
  2. Requests made after the draft, but no later than 1 week following the draft will be eligible for a 50% refund.
  3. No Refunds will be given after 1 week following the draft.
  4. Appeals can be made to the elect board after that date.

#### **ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP**

1. Any boy/girl meeting the requirements as to age and residence set forth shall be eligible for a playing membership in the league. *Refer to Article XIV Item V for eligibility.*
2. Persons living within the league boundaries, which shall be the same as the boundaries dictated by the Cal Ripken Babe Ruth State Board, and having an active interest in the league may become members.

#### **ARTICLE V: GOVERNMENT**

1. The General Board, which consists of the elected officers and appointed general board members shall govern the league.
2. The Elect Board of Directors shall be elected bi-annually by the general board to specific officers as follows:
  1. President
  2. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Babe Ruth
  3. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Cal Ripken
  4. Secretary
  5. Treasurer
  6. Equipment Manager
  7. Snack Shack Manager
  8. Field Manager

The election of these officers will rotate every other year beginning in 2008. Members 1, 3, 5, 7 officers will be up for election in 2010 and 2, 4, 6, 8 in 2009 (8 was appointed in 2009 and will be up for election in 2011).

3. The elected officers shall appoint the General board members.

4. The officers of the General board may consist of Assistant Vice Presidents and Player Agents for the following age groups:

1. Tee Ball
2. Rookie 5
3. Rookie 6
4. Pee Wee
5. Minor
6. Major
7. 13 Year Old
8. 14-15 Year Old
9. 16-17 Year Old

The General Board officers may then attend the open session portion of the Board of Directors Meetings, but only the Elected Board of Directors may vote. There will be no proxy votes.

5. The elected President of the league shall also serve as Chairman of the Board. The elected President will not vote unless to break a tie.
6. All board members shall serve in their respective position for two (2) years, but may be eligible for reelection or appointment.
7. If a current board member resigns during their term, the established Executive board will vote on a replacement that will serve for the remainder of that term.
8. It is recommended that anyone running for an elected position have previous experience on the general board. Elect Board Members may appoint or nominate by vote anyone without experience at their discretion.

#### **ARTICLE VI: DUTIES OF OFFICERS BY ELECTION**

1. President: The President is the administrator of decisions made by the board of Directors. As the executive officer of the league, he/she will be responsible for seeing that all facets of the league organization are complete and functioning effectively.
2. Vice President: He/she shall perform the duties of the President in the President's absence for inability to act. He/she shall perform such other duties as assigned by the President of the Board of Directors.
3. Secretary: He/She shall record minutes of all Board of Directors meetings. He/she shall be responsible for all administrative duties as assigned by the President of the Board of Directors.
4. Treasurer: He/she shall keep complete financial records of the league and shall work closely with the President to insure sound financial policy and develop a budget for each season. He/she shall submit monthly financial statements to the Board of Directors.
5. Equipment Manager: Since equipment requires the major part of the league budget, the equipment Manager becomes a key officer in the league administration. He/she must determine the equipment needs of the league. He/she must be qualified to weigh quality and price in playing equipment and then present his purchase recommendation to the league Board of Directors. He/she must also supervise the maintenance of equipment this is in use. He/she also should keep a complete record of all equipment issue to each team.
6. Assistant Equipment Manager: Assists the Equipment Manager in the management of all equipment and uniforms with specific responsibility for the Babe Ruth Division.

7. **Snack Bar Manager:** Responsible for all daily operations of the snack bar. This includes scheduling of Board Members and paid workers, inventory, and keeping in line with all healthy code requirements.
8. **Assistant Snack Bar Manager:** Assists the Snack Bar Manager in all daily operations of the Snack Bars with specific responsibility for the Snack Bar on the Babe Ruth Field.
9. **Assistant Vice President/Player Agent:** He/she will handle registration of all players and certify their eligibility. They will maintain complete personnel records and team rosters including player changes, trades, options, etc. They will mediate personnel disputes. They will assist in the draft and tryouts. Refer to General Board Responsibilities. **(These positions are appointed by the Elect Board.)**
10. **Facilities Manager:** The facilities manager shall be responsible for the maintenance, preparation of fields and upkeep of league facilities not normally covered by the city.

## **ARTICLE VII: DUTIES OF MANAGERS**

Team Managers shall be appointed annually by the Board of Directors. Manager's conduct is explained in Article III. The Managers shall select members of their team and an assistant coach. They shall be responsible for league equipment issued to their team and for the training management of their team. Managers will also be required to complete the Coaching Certification course offered by Cal Ripken / Babe Ruth. This certification is good for life time and done at the expense to the Manager. Each Manager and their assistants (Coaches and Assistant Coaches) will be required to sign and hand in a copy of the Coaches Responsibility Agreement.

## **ARTICLE VIII: AMENDMENTS**

These bylaws may be amended at any Board of Directors meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present and that the amendment shall not conflict with Babe Ruth Baseball.

## **ARTICLE IX: STANDING COMMITTEES**

1. Committee's may be formed and Chair Person(s) will be appointed by the Elect Board as needed.

## **ARTICLE X: MEETINGS**

1. **League Meetings:** The annual meeting of the league members shall be conducted as part of the season's award presentations.
  - a. Meetings may be held at any point during the year as needed.
2. All league records (bylaws, minutes, financial documents, etc.) shall be turned over to the newly elected officers at the end of the fiscal year. (No later than August 31<sup>st</sup> - See Article XII)
3. At the end of the fiscal year the newly elected officers shall assume league responsibilities.
4. **Board of Directors Meetings:** A Board of Directors Meeting shall be held as soon after the annual meeting as possible in order to formulate plans and goals for the ensuing year.
5. The Elected Board of Directors in attendance shall constitute a quorum at any properly called meeting and a majority vote of those present shall govern with the exception of a bylaw amendment.
6. A Board of Directors meeting shall be held prior to the time tryouts is held for the main purpose of appointment of Managers as additional members of the Board of Directors.

7. With the appointment of, and acceptance by, Managers as additional members of the Board of Directors, the Board of Directors shall then be comprised of the Managers and the Board of Directors, as noted in Article VII.
8. An annual All-Star meeting will be held to determine All-Star Coaches, Tryouts, Uniforms, etc.

#### **ARTICLE XI: FINANCIAL POLICY**

1. Bi -Yearly audit will be conducted beginning the end of the fiscal year 2011.
2. Taxes will be filed yearly.
3. Yearly Budgets will be prepared.
4. The Board of Directors shall decide all matters pertaining to the finances of the league and it shall be the policy to place all income in a common league treasury, directing the expenditures of same in such a manner as to give no individual or team an advantage over others as to equipment, etc.
5. The Board of Directors shall discourage the contribution of funds to individuals or teams and solicit all funds for the common treasury of the league.
6. It shall be the policy of the league to accept bids, whenever possible, for the purchase of all goods and services.
7. No purchases are to be made without prior approval of the Board of Directors. Any equipment ordered without prior approval is subject to cancellation or payment to be made by the individual placing the order.
8. Emergency purchase of \$500 or more must have a vote of at least three board members.
9. Accounts will be set up at multiple suppliers where available. Reimbursement to Board Members must be accompanied by a receipt and will be made by a check – NO CASH WILL BE GIVEN or no reimbursement will be made without a receipt.

#### **ARTICLE XII: FISCAL YEAR FOR FINANCIAL REPORTING**

The Fiscal year of the league shall be September 1, and end August 31.

#### **ARTICLE XIII: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

Parliamentary procedure shall govern league meetings in all cases where applicable.

#### **ARTICLE XIV: GENERAL PLAYING RULES**

1. The official playing rules, as published by the Babe Ruth League, Inc. organization, shall be binding on the league. These bylaws and rules supersede all other rules.
2. Once teams are filled, a waiting list will be generated for any late sign ups.
3. Waiting lists will also be made for any player that wants to play up into the next age division. Players not selected within the first 6 rounds of the draft will be returned to the appropriate age division or team.

The players that were returned the appropriate age division, that are not returning to a team will be placed into the hat for the draft.

4. Effective year 2000, the head coach may only coach one team unless after adequate effort no other coach can be found. This will be at the discretion of the Board.
5. Practice times will be established and drawn the night of the draft. Team Practices on the playing fields will not be allowed after the first regular season game.
6. Each Home Team will be responsible for providing someone to run the scoreboards during their game.
7. If a player is removed from a game for an injury or disciplinary reasons; the opposing coach will select the replacement of the player from the players who are not presently in the game. The President or a Vice President must approve all disciplinary actions.
8. Any Disciplinary actions taken against a player must be approved prior to game time (i.e. missed practice, improper behavior, etc.)
9. A team may play with less than nine (9) players but will have to take an automatic out for each player below the standard nine (9) players. There is a no forfeit policy, except when a non-rostered player, of the team that has less than the nine (9) players, takes the field. Then the team will forfeit.
10. If any rule is violated, the team in violation shall forfeit the game it violated the rules in, upon approval by the Board of directors.
11. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams will be determined by win percentage. This can be calculated by dividing the total number of wins by the total of games played. Losses and Ties will both count as losses. In the event of a tie between two teams at the end of the season, the teams will be co-champions. If more than two teams are tied, all teams will be co-champions. Trophies will be given for all 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams. The last week of games do not count towards the overall standing unless it is to determine 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place but games will be played in all divisions.
12. The seven-run rule per inning will apply to all leagues with the exception of the Babe Ruth. In the event that the 7<sup>th</sup> run is scored on a homerun all runs will count.
13. The end of a game is determined by one of the following:
  - a. Ten-run rule after four (4) innings
  - b. Eight-run rule in the last inning
  - c. No New Inning Rule based on time limits for each league
  - d. Time has not expired, but six (6) innings (Cal Ripken) have been completed. (Babe Ruth completion is seven (7) innings.)
  - e. No extra innings will be played.
14. Baseball with a machine to pitch: The game should be played using the same rules that apply to baseball. The reason for using the machine is to get the player to hit the ball. This will give each player the opportunity to see good pitches, as well as the fielders to have to field the ball to get the player out. It will also promote six (6) inning games. The following rules need to be added to insure that the game is fair to all players:
  - a. All fielders must play at normal playing depth.
  - b. All teams will bat through the batting order.
  - c. The umpire will call the game while putting the ball in the machine.

- d. Runners may not advance to home plate on a passed ball by the catcher upon receiving a pitch from the machine. Runners may advance to home on an over throw from the catcher to bases or pitcher. Stealing can be done on all other bases in. Stealing is not allowed in the five and six year old coach pitch and Machine Pitch Leagues.

15. The catcher will be in gear to catch and return the ball to the player that plays the pitcher position.
16. Each Coach is responsible for providing a scorekeeper at each game. They will also be responsible for keeping a pitch count for all of their pitchers during the game. Forms will be provided on the website for download. These forms will be placed into the scorebook after every game.
17. The pitcher will be required to play on one side or the other of the machine.  
The pitcher will only play the position for three (3) innings, six (6) innings per week (3 live pitching and 3 machine pitch.) The pitcher cannot advance towards the batter until the ball has passed the plate.
18. The umpire, as in regular baseball will call balls and strikes. Batters may not walk off of the pitching machine. The machine may be adjusted at any time if deemed necessary by the umpire.
19. Sides change when there are three (3) outs or when a team gets seven (7) runs.
20. Pitching machine rules may be changed at any time during the season with a majority board vote.
21. An adult spotter must be used for all pitchers warming up on the bullpens, located on the playing field.
22. The official start of the season is the day of the tryout/draft.
23. Every attempt will be made to make up games due to rain outs. However, if field space or time is not available, rainouts may not be made up. In the event that a game has been partially completed and there is not availability to make up that game, it will be considered a complete game as played. It will revert back to the last complete inning and be considered complete.
24. Developmental games will be added to the schedule in the PeeWee, Minor and Major divisions as field space will allow.
  - a. Developmental games will not count in the standings.
  - b. There will be a four run per inning rule.
  - c. Pitchers do not have to be removed after 2 trips to the mound. However, excessive trips to the mound will be determined at the discretion of the umpire.

25. Table of Eligibility with associated sign-up fees for the 2011 season:

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Age	Division	Fee
1992	X	X	X	X	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	Babe Ruth 16-17	\$170
1993	17	17	17	17	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	Babe Ruth 16-17	\$170
1995	16	16	16	16	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	Babe Ruth 14-15	\$145
1996	15	15	15	15	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	Babe Ruth 14-15	\$145
1997	14	14	14	14	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	Babe Ruth Prep	\$145
1998	13	13	13	13	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	Major	\$90
1999	12	12	12	12	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	Major	\$90
2000	11	11	11	11	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	Minor	\$90
2001	10	10	10	10	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	Minor	\$90
2002	9	9	9	9	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	PeeWee	\$90
2003	8	8	8	8	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	PeeWee	\$90



2004	7	7	7	7	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	Rookie 6	\$75
2005	6	6	6	6	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	Rookie 5	\$70
2006	5	5	5	5	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	T-Ball	\$60
2007	4	4	4	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	T-Ball	\$60
2008	3	3	3	3	Not Eligible until 2012									T-Ball	\$60

## ARTICLE XV: ALLSTARS

1. No player will be eligible to participate in All-Star competition if their registration fee has not been paid in full by the end of the general playing season, if they live outside of the league boundaries and have not been grandfathered in.
2. All star teams shall be organized as follows, additional teams may be added with board approval:

***PeeWee:*** Primary, Secondary

***Minor:*** National Primary, National 9 year old, American Secondary.

***Major:*** National Primary, National 11 year old, American Secondary

***13 year olds:*** Primary

***14-15 year olds:*** 14 year olds, 15 year olds

***16-17 year olds:*** Primary

All-Stars tryouts shall be picked through a nomination by peer, additional players may be added as approved by the Board of Directors.

The All-Star coaches will also be chosen by the Board of Directors.

3. Each All-star team will have a minimum of twelve (12) nominated players with a maximum of thirteen (13). When an All-star coach is nominated he has the option of taking his son or daughter as the 13<sup>th</sup> player. If coach's son or daughter has been nominated as one of the twelve (12) players then the player count will remain at twelve (12).
4. Elected All-star Coaches and players must commit to coach or play in the All-star tournaments scheduled by the league. Failure to do so will result in disqualification for future All-Star Coaching opportunities or play (refer to Article III section C).
5. The league will donate money to any All-Star team to travel outside of Utah for regional tournaments. Amounts to be determined upon budget for the current year. Travel expenses for regional tournaments held in Utah will be brought before the Board to determine the amount to be given.

## ARTICLE XVI: 16-17 YEAR OLD LEAGUE

1. Players must be 16-17 years old, at the time of regular signups, 15 year olds will be placed on a waiting list until after the second official signup day. If space is available following the second official signup day, 15 year olds will be placed in the draft. We will play according to the Babe Ruth League Rules.  
*Refer to Article XIV Item 18 for eligibility*
2. There will be unlimited defensive substitutions, but no player may sit more than one (1) consecutive inning. All players will bat through the order.
3. No new inning will begin after an hour and fifty minutes for each game each night. The end of an inning is the third out of the home team.



4. A ten-run rule shall apply after 5 innings if the visiting team is ahead or 4 ½ innings if the home team is ahead.
5. NO pitcher shall pitch more than 7 innings in a calendar week (Monday-Sunday). One pitch in an inning counts as one inning pitched.
6. Any pitcher may re-enter the game as a pitcher provided that he wasn't removed on the 2<sup>nd</sup> trip to the mound in an inning. A pitcher may only re-enter as a pitcher one time per game.
7. In the event of game(s) rained out the following rules shall apply: If the league has even numbered games, no byes exist in the schedule, and the games are scheduled any time during the week, they will be rescheduled as soon as dates are made available to be made up. If the game is pushed into the following week, the pitching rules apply as if the games were being played in the week in which it was rained out.
8. There will be no seven (7) run rule per inning and the game must be four (4) complete innings to be considered a full game.
9. The order of drafting players will be based on the win/loss record of each team during the previous year. The last place team from the previous year will be the first to draft. The first place team will be the last to draft. If a tie exists, a coin flip will determine the drafting position. If more than two teams are tied, their drafting position will be drawn from a hat. This procedure will be repeated every time each team has one draft during the first and second round and all even numbered rounds. In the third round and odd numbered rounds the draft order will be reversed. A coach's child and assistant coach's child are automatically on the team.
10. The catch-up provision is enacted when a team's roster is within two players of the limit. All other teams will draft in order until all teams have equal players.
11. In the event an expansion team is created, the expansion team will be given the opportunity to select one player prior to the beginning of the draft. Following the expansion round the expansion team will be given the first pick of the first round. During the first round, the draft will proceed with each team selecting one player per round.

## **ARTICLE XVII: 14-15 YEAR OLD LEAGUE**

1. Players must be 14-15 years old as of April 30<sup>th</sup>. *Refer to Article XIV Item 18 for eligibility*
2. There will be unlimited substitutions, but no player may sit more than one (1) consecutive inning. All players will bat through the order.
3. No new inning will begin after an hour and fifty minutes for each game each night. The end of an inning is the third out of the home team.
4. Ten-Run rule shall apply after 5 innings if the visiting team is ahead or 4 ½ innings if the home team is ahead.
5. NO pitcher shall pitch more than 7 innings in a calendar week (Monday-Sunday). One pitch in an inning counts as one inning pitched.
6. Any pitcher may re-enter the game as a pitcher provided that he wasn't removed on the 2<sup>nd</sup> trip to the mound in an inning. A pitcher may only re-enter as a pitcher one time per game.

7. In the event of game(s) rained out the following rules shall apply: If the league has even numbered games, no byes exist in the schedule, and the games are scheduled any time during the week, they will be rescheduled as soon as dates are made available to be made up. If the game is pushed into the following week, the pitching rules apply as if the games were being played in the week in which it was rained out.
8. There will be no seven (7) run rule per inning and the game must be four (4) complete innings to be considered a full game.
9. The order of drafting players will be based on the win/loss record of each team during the previous year. The last place team from the previous year will be the first to draft. The first place team will be the last to draft. If a tie exists, a coin flip will determine the drafting position. If more than two teams are tied, their drafting position will be drawn from a hat. This procedure will be repeated every time each team has one draft during the first and second round and all even numbered rounds. In the third round and all odd numbered rounds the draft order will be reversed. A coach's child and assistant coach's child are automatically on the team.
10. The catch-up provision is enacted when a team's roster is within two players of the limit. All other teams will draft in order until all teams have equal players.
11. In the event an expansion team is created, the expansion team will be given the opportunity to select one player prior to the beginning of the draft. Following the expansion round the expansion team will be given the first pick of the first round. During the first round, the draft will proceed with each team selecting one player per round.

## **ARTICLE XVIII: 13 YEAR OLD LEAGUE**

1. Players must be 13 years old as of April 30<sup>th</sup>. *Refer to Article XIV Item 18 for eligibility*
2. There will be unlimited substitutions, but no player may sit more than one (1) consecutive inning. All players will bat through the order.
3. No new inning will begin after an hour and fifty minutes for each game each night. The end of an inning is the third out of the home team.
4. Ten-Run rule shall apply after 5 innings if the visiting team is ahead or 4 ½ innings if the home team is ahead.
5. NO pitcher shall pitch more than 7 innings in a calendar week (Monday-Sunday). One pitch in an inning counts as one inning pitched.
6. Any pitcher may re-enter the game as a pitcher provided that he wasn't removed on the 2<sup>nd</sup> trip to the mound in an inning. A pitcher may only re-enter as a pitcher one time per game.
7. In the event of game(s) rained out the following rules shall apply: If the league has even numbered games, no byes exist in the schedule, and the games are scheduled any time during the week, they will be rescheduled as soon as dates are made available to be made up. If the game is pushed into the following week, the pitching rules apply as if the games were being played in the week in which it was rained out.
8. There will be no seven (7) run rule per inning and the game must be four (4) complete innings to be considered a full game.

9. The order of drafting players will be based on the win/loss record of each team during the previous year. The last place team from the previous year will be the first to draft. The first place team will be the last to draft. If a tie exists, a coin flip will determine the drafting position. If more than two teams are tied, their drafting position will be drawn from a hat. This procedure will be repeated every time each team has one draft during the first and second round and all even numbered rounds. In the third round and all odd numbered rounds the draft order will be reversed. A coach's child and assistant coach's child are automatically on the team.
10. The catch-up provision is enacted when a team's roster is within two players of the limit. All other teams will draft in order until all teams have equal players.
11. In the event an expansion team is created, the expansion team will be given the opportunity to select one player prior to the beginning of the draft. Following the expansion round the expansion team will be given the first pick of the first round. During the first round, the draft will proceed with each team selecting one player per round.

## **ARTICLE XIX: MAJOR LEAGUE**

1. Players must be eleven (11) or twelve (12) years old as of April 30<sup>th</sup>. *Refer to Article XIV Item 18 for eligibility.* At the time of signups, ten-year-olds will be placed on a waiting list until after the second official signup day. If space is available following the second official signup day, ten-year-olds will be placed in the draft.
2. We will play according to the Cal Ripken Senior League Rules (see Cal Ripken Rule Book).
3. There will be unlimited defensive substitutions, but no player may sit more than one (1) consecutive inning. All players will bat through the order.
4. No new inning shall begin after an hour and forty-five minutes. The end of an inning is the third out of the home team. The line-up must be turned into the head scorekeeper five minutes prior to the starting of the game.
5. Ten-run rule after four innings (three and a half innings if home team is ahead). The seven run rule per inning shall apply. In the event a batter hits a home run all runs will count. (See General Rules item O.)
6. Pitchers can pitch six innings per week. If they pitch more than three innings in a game they must have at least two days full rest. A calendar week is Monday through Sunday.
7. Any pitcher may re-enter the game as a pitcher provided that he wasn't removed on the 2<sup>nd</sup> trip to the mound in an inning. A pitcher may only re-enter as a pitcher one time per game.
8. In the event of game(s) rained out the following rules shall apply:  
If the league has even numbered games, no byes exist in the schedule, and the games are scheduled any time during the week, they will be rescheduled as soon as dates are made available to be made up. If the game is pushed to the following week, the pitching rules apply as if the games were being played in the week in which it was rained out. If a majority of Saturday games are rained out (more than half) the games may not be made up.

If the league has an odd number of teams and byes exist in the schedule all games that are rained out will be rescheduled as soon as possible. If the games are pushed into the following week, the pitching rules apply as if the games were being played in the week it is made up.

9. The order of drafting players will be based on the win/loss record of each team during the previous year. The last place team from the previous year will be the first to draft. The first place team will be the last to draft. If a tie exists, a coin flip will determine the drafting position. If more than two teams are tied, their drafting position will be drawn from a hat. This procedure will be repeated every time each team has one draft during the first and second round and all even numbered rounds. In the third round and odd numbered rounds the draft order will be reserved. A coach's child will be drafted in the fourth round.
10. The catch up provision is enacted when a team's roster is within the two players of the limit all other teams will draft in order until all teams have equal players.
11. In the event an expansion team is created, the expansion team will be given the opportunity to select one player prior to the beginning of the draft. Following the expansion round the expansion team will be given the first pick of the first round. During the first round, the draft will proceed with each team selecting one player per round.
12. When circumstances arise that multiple divisions need to be created the league reserves the right to split the divisions into National and American Leagues.

## **ARTICLE XX: MINOR LEAGUE**

1. Players must be eight (8), nine (9), or ten (10) years old as of April 30<sup>th</sup>. *Refer to Article XIV Item 18 for eligibility.* At the time of signups, eight-year-olds will be placed on a waiting list until after the second official signup day. If space is available following the second official signup day, eight-year-olds will be placed in the draft.
2. There will be unlimited defensive substitutions, but no player may sit more than one (1) consecutive inning. All players will bat through the order.
3. No new inning shall begin after an hour and forty-five minutes for live pitching games. The end of an inning is the third out of the home team. The line-up must be turned into the head scorekeeper five minutes prior to the starting of the game.
4. Games must be four (4) complete innings to be considered a full game.
5. Ten-run rule after four innings (three and a half innings if home team is ahead). The seven run rule per inning shall apply. In the event a batter hits a home run over the fence, all runs will count. (See General Rules item O.)
6. Pitchers can pitch six innings per week. If they pitch more than three innings in a game they must have at least two days full rest. A calendar week is Monday through Sunday.
7. Any pitcher may re-enter the game as a pitcher provided that he wasn't removed on the 2<sup>nd</sup> trip to the mound in an inning. A pitcher may only re-enter as a pitcher one time per game.
8. In the event of game(s) rained out the following rules shall apply:  
If the league has even numbered games, no byes exist in the schedule, and the games are scheduled any time during the week, they will be rescheduled as soon as dates are made available. If the game is pushed into the following week, the pitching rules apply as if the games were being played in the week in which it was rained out. If the majority of Saturday games are rained out (more than half) the games may not be made up. If a team has played on a Saturday and the rest of the games are rained out, the game will not be counted in the standings.

If the league has an odd number of teams and byes exist in the schedule all games that are rained out will be rescheduled as soon as possible. If the games are pushed into the following week, the pitching rules apply as if the games were being played in the week it is made up.

9. The order of drafting players will be based on the win/loss record of each team during the previous year. The last place team from the previous year will be the first to draft. The first place team will be the last to draft. If a tie exists, a coin flip will determine the drafting position. If more than two teams are tied, their drafting position will be drawn from a hat. This procedure will be repeated every time each team has one draft during the first and second round and all even numbered rounds. In the third round and odd numbered rounds the draft order will be reserved. A coach's child will be drafted in the fourth round.
10. The catch up provision is enacted when a team's roster is within the two players of the limit all other teams will draft in order until all teams have an equal amount of players.
11. In the event an expansion team is created, the expansion team will be given the opportunity to select one player prior to the beginning of the draft. Following the expansion round the expansion team will be given the first pick of the first round. During the first round, the draft will proceed with each team selecting one player per round.
12. When circumstances arise that multiple divisions need to be created the league reserves the right to split the divisions into National and American Leagues.

## **ARTICLE XXI: PEE WEE LEAGUE**

1. Players must be six (6), seven (7), or eight (8) years old as of April 30<sup>th</sup>. *Refer to Article XIV Item 18 for eligibility.*
2. At the time of signups, six-year-olds will be placed on a waiting list until after the second official signup day. If space is available following the second official signup day, six -year-olds will be placed in the draft.
3. There will be unlimited defensive substitutions, but no player may sit more than one (1) consecutive inning. All players will bat through the order.
4. Pee Wee League will play weekday games with live pitching and games held on Saturday will be played with a pitching machine.
5. No new inning shall begin after an hour and forty-five minutes for live pitching games. The end of an inning is the third out of the home team. The line-up must be turned into the head scorekeeper five minutes prior to the starting of the game. Pitching machine games will have a time limit of one hour and fifteen minutes with no new innings starting after that time has expired.
6. Ten-run rule after four innings (three and a half innings if home team is ahead). The seven run rule per inning shall apply. In the event a batter hits a home run over the fence all runs will count. (See General Rules item O.)
7. Pitchers can pitch six innings per week, three (3) of which may be live pitching.
8. Any pitcher may re-enter the game as a pitcher provided that he wasn't removed on the 2<sup>nd</sup> trip to the mound in an inning. A pitcher may only re-enter as a pitcher one time per game.

9. In the Pee Wee League Ten (10) Players will play the field. The 10<sup>th</sup> player must play a rover position maintaining a normal playing depth in the outfield. Additional infielders will not be permitted.
10. A base runner must return to third if they make an attempt back to the base. In the case of an overthrow, the runner may advance.
11. In the event of game(s) rained out the following rules shall apply:  
If the league has even numbered games, no byes exist in the schedule, and the games are scheduled any time during the week, they will be rescheduled as soon as dates are made available to be made up. If the game is pushed in the following week, the pitching rules apply as if the games were being played in the week in which it was rained out. If the majority of Saturday games are rained out (more than half) the games may not be made up. If a team has played on a Saturday and the rest of the games are rained out, the game will not be counted in the standings.  
  
If the league has an odd number of teams and byes exist in the schedule all games that are rained out will be rescheduled as soon as possible. If the games are pushed into the following week, the pitching rules apply as if the games were being played in the week it is rained out.
12. The order of drafting players will be based on the win/loss record of each team during the previous year. The last place team from the previous year will be the first to draft. The first place team will be the last to draft. If a tie exists, a coin flip will determine the drafting position. If more than two teams are tied, their drafting position will be drawn from a hat. This procedure will be repeated every time each team has one draft during the first and second round and all even numbered rounds. In the third round and odd numbered rounds the draft order will be reserved. A coach's child will be drafted in the fourth round.
13. The catch up provision is enacted when a team's roster is within the two players of the limit all other teams will draft in order until all teams have equal players.
14. In the event an expansion team is created, the expansion team will be given the opportunity to select one player prior to the beginning of the draft. Following the expansion round the expansion team will be given the first pick of the first round. During the first round, the draft will proceed with each team selecting one player per round.

## **ARTICLE XXII: SIX YEAR OLD MACHINE PITCH**

1. Players must be six (6) years old. *Refer to Article XIV Item 18 for eligibility.*
2. No score will be kept
3. Players will be divided evenly between all teams. All players will play the field. The six infield positions (pitcher, catcher, first base, second base, third base, and shortstop) will have one player per position, played at normal depth and no closer than the base line. The remaining players will be positioned in the outfield but no closer than 10 feet behind the infield players.
4. Each player will be allowed no more than five pitches from the coach, or three swings off the tee. The choice must be made before batting.
5. Stealing is not allowed even on a ball that gets past the catcher
6. An inning will end with three fielding outs or when the team bats through the order. Strikeouts will not count as an out.

7. There may be no more than four (4) coaches on the field: two (2) coaches for defense, one (1) base coach and one (1) pitching coach.
8. Safe "T" balls will be used
9. One hour per game
10. Rainouts will not be made up
11. The Board of Directors shall assign the player to respective teams.

### **ARTICLE XXIII: FIVE YEAR OLD COACH PITCH**

1. Players must be five (5) years old. *Refer to Article XIV Item 18 for eligibility.*
2. No score will be kept.
3. Players will be divided evenly between all teams. All players will play the field. The six infield positions (pitcher, catcher, first base, second base, third base, and shortstop) will have one player per position, played at normal depth and no closer than the base line. The remaining players will be positioned in the outfield but no closer than 10 feet behind the infield players.
4. Each player will be allowed no more than five pitches from the coach, or three swings off the tee. The choice must be made before batting.
5. Stealing is not allowed even on a ball that gets past the catcher.
6. An inning will be complete with three fielding outs or when the team bats through the order. Strikeouts will not count as an out.
7. There may be no more than four (4) coaches on the field: two (2) coaches for defense, one (1) base coach and one (1) pitching coach.
8. Safe "T" balls will be used.
9. One hour per game.
10. Rainouts will not be made up.
11. The Board of Directors shall assign the player to respective teams.

### **ARTICLE XXIV: TEE BALL**

1. Players must be three or four. *Refer to Article XIV Item 18 for eligibility.*
2. No score will be kept.



3. All players will bat each inning. Each batter will be allowed three (3) swings off the tee or optionally off of the coach pitch.
4. There may be no more than three (3) coaches on the field. Coaches will play all players in the field.
5. Safe “T” balls will be used.
6. One hour per game.
7. Rainouts will not be made up.
8. The Board of Directors shall assign the player to respective teams.