

Milford Junior Major League By-Laws



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CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS FOR OPERATION OF THE JUNIOR MAJOR LEAGUE

Section 1. Name and Purpose of this Organization

Par. 1. The League shall be known as the “Junior Major League Inc.”

Par. 2. The purpose of the Junior Major League is to organize, direct, teach sportsmanship, and coach children between the ages of four and eighteen in playing organized baseball.

Section 2. League Organization

Par. 1. Membership

~~A. The membership of the League shall be comprised of present team members, official managers, coaches, junior coaches and those persons elected by the membership. All managers, coaches, scorekeepers or league official shall be a paid up member in good standing prior to draft night of the new season. All adult personnel in dugouts or on the field shall be a paid up member or will not be allowed on the field as per our insurance regulations. The fee shall be twenty (\$20.00) per year. Membership shall be valid for a one year period beginning February 1 of said year. All members will be subject to an official background check.~~

A. The membership of the League shall be comprised of present team members, official managers, coaches, junior coaches and those persons elected by the membership. All managers, coaches, scorekeepers or league official shall be a paid up member in good standing prior to being allowed on the field for games or practices. Each adult member (managers, coaches, scorekeepers or other volunteer) that will be on the field or in the dugout or have contact with the players must successfully submit to and pass a background check and is not authorized to be on the field until such time until successfully passing the background check. The background check will be paid for by the league and requires timely completion on-line. The membership fee shall be twenty (\$20.00) per year. Membership shall be valid for a one year period beginning February 1 of each year.

B. A member shall be dropped from membership as follows:

1. At their own request.
2. By absenting themselves from meetings and being inactive in all League functions for a period of one year.
3. By vote of two thirds (2/3) of the members present at an official League meeting.

C. Status of Member:

1. A member shall be ineligible to vote if they have been absent for more than two (2) of the last five (5) scheduled meetings prior to the vote, or if they are under suspension at the time of the vote or they have not paid their membership fee.
2. Absentee Ballots - Absentee ballots may be cast. The members must be eligible to vote under the terms of Paragraph 1A above and notify an officer or the League in writing of their intention to cast an absentee ballot prior to the start of the meeting at which voting will take place. Absentee ballot will be filed with an officer of the League prior to the start of normal balloting. The president will advise the members present of absentee ballots prior to the start of normal balloting.

3. The Board of Directors, Player Committee and Division Commissioners shall be eligible to vote at all meetings.

Par. 2. Officers

- A. The affairs of the League shall be administered by officers elected for a two (2) year term. These officers will here be referred to as Board of Directors and shall consist of the following:
 1. President
 2. Vice President
 3. Treasurer
 4. Secretary
- B. Nominations for officers shall be made at the first June meeting in the following manner:
 1. A slate of officer nominations will be made by the nominating committee.
 2. Candidates may be nominated from the floor at the first June meeting.
 3. Written nominations must be submitted to the Secretary 14 days prior to the election.
 4. Only League members in good standing for a period of 2 years may be nominated for an officers' position. League members with less than 2 years may be nominated provided they are approved by at least 2/3 of the current Board of Directors and Judiciary Board.
- C. Term of Office for President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary
 1. The term of office for the President and Treasurer shall be from November 1 of every odd year for 24 consecutive months, ending October 31 on the second year.
 2. The term of office for the Vice President and Secretary shall be from November 1 of every even year for 24 consecutive months, ending October 31 on the second year.
- D. Election of Officers
 1. Election of officers shall be by secret ballot at the first July meeting.
 2. Election to office shall require a majority of all votes cast.
 3. In the event no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast, the two candidates receiving the largest number of votes shall participate in a runoff election to determine the winner.
- E. Both nominating and election meetings shall be advertised meetings. The Secretary shall notify all members of the forthcoming nomination and election meetings at least 4 days prior to the date of such meeting. Notification shall include slate of all the candidates.
- F. The Board of Directors shall have authority to declare an emergency meeting and act in behalf of the league in the event a quorum (7 members in good standing) cannot be obtained for a regular meeting. All members shall be notified of the action taken within 30 days of such action.

Par. 3. Commissioners

1. There shall be a minimum of one Commissioner representing each Division. Commissioners shall be appointed by the president.
2. Each Commissioner shall:
 - a. Be a member of the Equipment Committee.
 - b. Be responsible for the equipment in their Division.

- c. Be responsible for field preparation prior to the start of the season.
- d. Assure that the general conduct of play in each Division is in accordance with the rules of the Junior Major League.

Par. 4. Judiciary Board

- A. The Judiciary Board shall consist of three (3) or five (5) members, appointed by the President.
- B. The term of office shall be from the first day of November to the last day of October.
- C. The Board shall elect its own chairman.

Par. 5. Standing Committees

- A. Standing Committees shall be appointed by the President as follows:
 1. Finance Committee (5 members-Maximum)
 2. Publicity Committee (3 members-Maximum)
 3. Equipment Committee (7 members-Maximum)
 4. Field Committee (5 members-Maximum)
 5. Rules and Appeals Committee (5 members-Maximum)
 6. Player Committee (3 members-Maximum)
 7. Playing Rules Committee (3 members-Maximum)
 8. Scheduling Committee (Executive Board and 3 members-Maximum)
 9. By-Law Committee (Executive Board and 3 member-Minimum)
 10. Stand Committee (5 members-Maximum)

Par. 6. Managers and Coaches

- A. Managers and official coaches shall be persons who have attained a minimum age of 18 years and be members of the League.
- B. Junior coaches shall be persons who have attained a minimum age of 16 years and be members of the League. They are permitted to participate in all league functions so long as they are supervised by either a Manager or Coach unless otherwise noted. Junior Coaches shall not be allowed to participate with any Tournament Team.

~~C. All prospective Managers shall submit an application of intent to manage which can be obtained from the League Secretary. The completed application must be returned to the League Secretary to be recorded, then forwarded to the Judiciary Board for recommendation, then reviewed and processed by the Executive Board, Judiciary Board and Division Commissioners.~~

C. Applications to manage a team for the upcoming season must be submitted on-line. Only league members may submit an application for consideration. The submitted application will be reviewed and voted on by the Executive Board, Judiciary Board and Division Commissioners.

Applicants shall be ranked and if selected to a manager position, assigned a team based upon the following groups.

1. Manager from the previous year staying in the same division.
2. Coach from the previous year staying in the same division.

3. Manager from the previous year moving up or down a division.
 4. Coach from the previous year moving up or down a division.
 5. All other applicants.
- D. Coaches and Junior Coaches may be selected by the team manager with notification to the Player Committee. If not already a League member, shall become a member at once under the provisions of Sec. 2 Par. 1. A. of these regulations, provided that they attained the minimum age of 16 years.
- E. The manager may remove a Coach or Junior Coach from the team roster at any time, by official notice to the Player Committee.
- F. All Managers are responsible for their team to perform a minimum of 4 hours of volunteer work in the course of the year. Manager, coaches, and parents will be credited for work performed. If this criterion is not met, the manager of that team will not be allowed to manage any team the following year.

Par. 8. League Boundaries

- A. The boundaries of the Junior Major League shall be as submitted and approved by Babe Ruth Baseball Inc. for their respective Division.

Par. 9. Players

- A. Players must reside within the League boundaries except as herein provided for:
1. A Player selected for a team according to those regulations and who subsequently moves outside the League boundaries shall remain eligible to play for the balance of the season and any future seasons for which they are eligible, provided they are able to maintain a satisfactory level of attendance.
- B. Age Limits
1. A child entering the League shall be a minimum of 4 years old and a maximum of 18 years old. League age shall be as defined in the current Pony Rule Book or Babe Ruth Rule Book as applicable.

Section 3. League Administration

Par. 1. Elected Officers, Duties of

- A. President:
1. The President shall:
 - a. Preside at all meetings.
 - b. Appoint all committees.
 - c. Be an ex officio member of all committees.
 - d. Coordinate the work of committees.
 - e. Sign checks for the disbursement of League funds in the absence of the Treasurer.
 - f. Call special meetings whenever they feel it necessary.
 - g. Represents the League at all outside functions pertaining to the League, whether in person or through a personally appointed representative.

- h. Appoint acting team managers to complete the season (until the next manager elections) for teams whose manager for any reason is unable to complete the season. (The appointee must meet all rules of eligibility).
 - i. Be Chairman of the Playing Rules Committee.
 - j. At his / her discretion, manage or coach a team in league play.
 - k. Secure fields for practice and tryouts.
- B. Vice President:
1. The Vice President shall:
 - a. Succeed to the Presidency in the event of the office of President is vacated.
 - b. Preside at all meetings in the absence of the President.
 - c. Be responsible for all equipment belonging to the League.
 - d. Maintain a current inventory of all League equipment.
 - e. Be Chairman of the Equipment Committee.
- C. Treasurer:
1. The Treasurer shall:
 - a. Collect, deposit, and disburse all money belonging to the League except as noted in the duties of the President above.
 - b. Maintain a current set of Books of Account.
 - c. Make a financial report of all funds collected and disbursed at all regularly scheduled meetings.
 - d. Preside at all meetings in the absence of the President and Vice President.
 - e. Make the books available to the Finance Committee for audit when so required.
 - f. Establish League charge accounts or lines of credit as necessary for the operation of the League.
 - g. Furnish a bond (at League expense) covering an amount equal to the maximum total cash assets on hand at any time during the preceding year.
- D. Secretary:
1. The Secretary shall:
 - a. Preside at all meetings in the absence of other officers.
 - b. Record the minutes of all meetings.
 - c. Record the minutes of previous meetings when required.
 - d. Notify the members of approaching meetings.
 - e. At meetings, read or distribute to the membership all League correspondence received since the last meeting.
 - f. Author necessary correspondence from the League to local and state government agencies.
 - g. Maintain attendance record at all meetings.
 - h. Maintain a roster of voting eligibility of members.
 - i. Secure a meeting place for all regular and special meetings.

Par. 2. Judiciary Board

- A. It shall be the responsibility of the Judiciary Board to:

1. Review and rule on the eligibility of a member under any of the provisions.
2. Investigate all charges brought against any member of the League upon verbal discussion or receipt of charges against said member from another member of the League or from sources outside the League.
3. The Board shall be empowered to suspend from League activities for an indefinite period pending their final ruling, any member against who a serious charge, which in the opinion of the Judiciary Board reflects on the good name of the League, has been made. It is strongly recommended that such suspensions be used only on serious charges such as personal misconduct.
4. The Board shall be empowered to suspend from League activities for an indefinite period, any member against whom charges of conduct prejudicial to the League have been made and substantiated.
5. The Board shall allow 7 days for a member at their request to answer charges of misconduct. During the petition, any imposed suspension shall continue in force.
6. The Board shall be the sole authority on interpreting the constitution and bylaws of the organization, except for the playing rules. Playing rules consist of Section 6 (Playing Rules) of these bylaws.
7. Investigate candidate members on the request of a member in good standing, and make judgment to accept or reject such candidate for membership. This judgment and report are to be made prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting following the meeting at which the candidate was proposed for membership.
8. The Judiciary Board shall be responsible to review and process all Manager applications.
9. There shall be no appeal from the ruling of the Board.

Par. 3. Standing Committees

- A. The Standing Committees listed in Section 2. Par. 5.A. shall have the responsibility of the following League activities:
 1. The Finance Committee shall:
 - a. Propose an operating budget at the October meeting.
 - b. Audit the Treasurer's books at least once a year.
 - c. Oversee all League fund raising.
 2. The Publicity Committee shall:
 - a. Provide favorable publicity for the League.
 - b. Report complaints and recommend corrective procedures in matters affecting the community respect for the League.
 - c. Notify the press of schedules and the results of games played for publication in the local papers.

- d. ~~Maintain and publish for League members weekly team standing.~~
3. The Equipment Committee shall:
 - a. Investigate and recommend improvements in equipment.
 - b. Obtain inventories and location of all League equipment by October.
4. The Field Committee shall:
 - a. Be responsible that all playing fields are in proper playing condition prior to the opening of the playing season.
 - b. Be responsible for the maintenance of playing fields during the playing season.
 - c. Be responsible for maintaining at each playing field supplies and equipment necessary for preparing the field for each game (rakes, lime, etc.)
5. The Rules and Appeals Committee shall:
 - a. Be the supreme and final authority and judiciary on all playing rules and disputed decisions.
 - b. Meet and act on all official protest within 5 days after receipt of the protest.
 - c. Recommend improvements in the playing rules.
 - d. Disqualify from participation in a protest ruling any of its members who are managers or coaches of teams involved in the protest.
 - e. Said Committee will determine the disciplinary action to be taken. Forfeiture of the game could be the extreme penalty.
6. The Player Committee shall:
 - a. Determine the eligibility of all players.
 - b. Suspend or disqualify player(s) from further participation in League activities for improper conduct on the playing field.
 - c. Suspend players from playing pending investigation and determination of eligibility or misconduct.
 - d. Provide each team manager with a list of eligible players prior to the Player Selection.
 - e. Upon receipt of notice from a Manager shall, with due consideration of the circumstances, remove a delinquent or absentee player from a team roster and declare the team roster open for player selection.
 - f. Approve the legality of all player trades prior to the use of traded players in official games.
 - g. Maintain rosters, including manager, coaches and players of all League teams.
 - h. Determine the League age of all candidates for League teams.
 - i. Maintain a “waiting list” of eligible players.
 - j. Determine whether a player is placed in a higher or lower division, or to stay with his / her age group. The Committee’s decision must be based solely on the determination that the player is not capable of performing in the higher division.
 - k. Report to the body at next succeeding meeting any determinations made under “j” above.
7. The Playing Rules Committee shall:
 - a. Maintain detailed playing rules for each division.

- b. Post a copy of the Junior Major League Constitution and By-Laws on the league web site and a copy of "Current Rules and Regulations for Shetland, Pinto, Mustang, Bronco, Pony and Colt, Pony baseball Inc." or "Babe Ruth League, Inc. Baseball Rules and regulations and Official playing Rules" to each appropriate manager prior to the start of the playing season.
 - c. Furnish the Umpire Assignor one copy of the rules for each division that they are responsible for prior to the start of the playing season.
8. The Scheduling Committee shall:
- a. Setup and publish the schedule of all regular games for the season. ~~The schedule of games shall provide:~~
 1. ~~That no team shall play more than one game on any one day except in case of extreme emergency. (The game could otherwise be played; the game has a bearing on a divisional championship and therefore cannot be further postponed, etc.):~~
 2. Be the sole authority on rescheduling all postponed or incomplete games (the date, time and place).
 3. **Maintain and publish for League members weekly team standings.**
9. By-Law Review Committee shall:
- a. The purpose of this committee is to review all by-laws and league policies every January and present their recommendations at the first meeting in February so they may be discussed and amended.
 - b. There will be a minimum of 3 members to be chosen by the president.
 - c. This committee will notify the secretary of the league within 1 week of receipt of any recommendation, amendment, or additions given to this committee by a member of the league, so he / she will be able to notify the membership of the proposed changes so they may be discussed and voted on.
 - d. This committees purpose is to make sure the changes proposed are to benefit the league in a positive manner and not enhance an individuals, or a groups needs or wants for the sole purpose of getting his / her way. If the majority of the committee determines that the proposed recommendations, amendments or additions should not be forwarded to the membership as presented, the committee will make recommendations regarding changes in the language and or content of the proposed recommendations, amendments or additions prior to it being forwarded to the membership for a vote.
10. The Stand Committee shall:
- a. Oversee all refreshment stand activities.

Par. 4. Responsibility of Managers and Coaches

A.

1. It is the responsibility of managers and coaches in the Junior Major League to project the good image of the League by conducting themselves at all times in a manner fitting a leader of youth. As a manager or coach, they are involved with youths of a very impressionable age and are truly instrumental in their character development while they are under their supervision. It is not enough that they teach them baseball - they must remember that for the few hours that they are in their care they must set them an example of a real person

- of good character who is a true believer in fair play and sportsmanship. This is their first responsibility that transcends all others - to help the character development of these youths.
- 2. To insure the successful operation of the organization, the manager or coach is expected to participate fully in all League functions and affairs.

B. Duties of Managers and Coaches

1. All of those listed under playing rules section of the official League Rule Book, except as amended by these bylaws.
2. The manager shall be sure that their coaches are duly initiated as League members.
3. The manager shall be responsible for the direction, instruction, selection and conduct of all coaches and players representing their team in the Junior Major League.
4. The manager shall be fully aware of all playing rules and League rules.
5. The coach(es) assists the manager in the direction, instruction, and selection of players representing their team.
6. The coach(es) shall assume the duties and responsibilities of the manager in the manager's absence.
7. All managers are strongly encouraged to attend the coaching clinic to be set up by the league. If for some reason the manager cannot make it, he must send one of the teams two coaches. All managers will be given ample notice of the clinic so they can attend.
8. All selected and approved managers will be responsible for submitting a \$100.00 check deposit upon receipt of issued Junior Major League team equipment. The equipment shall be returned on or before the 2nd scheduled league meeting in the month of July each year where upon verification of returned equipment, their check will be returned.
9. Managers and coaches from both teams are responsible for preparing the field for play, including raking out the field, pitchers mound and home plate. Liming of the batters box and foul lines should also be done.
10. Managers and coaches from both teams are responsible for filling in home plate and pitchers mound upon completion of their game. Dugouts shall be cleaned. The stand, bathrooms, sheds and batting cage are to be locked. For the last game of the night, the field lights are to be turned off.
11. Should a player become injured while under the supervision of a manager or coach, said manager or coach shall file a written report to the executive board within 48 hours of such injury. At a minimum the report shall include the players name, nature of the injury, the date, time and location of the injury, other manager(s), coach(s) present. Failure to provide a report will result in referral to the judiciary board.
12. Any player who requires medical attention on or off the field must have a medical release submitted to the team manager from an attending physician before being allowed to return to play. The injured player's manager shall submit the medical release to a league officer within 48 hours of the game played in. Failure to do so will result in a 2 game suspension of the manager.

Par. 5. Umpires

- A. The Umpire in charge of each game shall be the sole judge of proper uniform and proper conduct of players, coaches, and managers during the course of such game.

Par. 6. League Meetings

A.

1. Meetings shall be conducted under the “Roberts Rules of Order”.
2. Meetings shall be held at least once a month.
3. Meetings shall be conducted in the following sequence:
 - a. The President or the senior officer present shall call the meeting to order.
 - b. The Secretary shall read the minutes of the previous meeting.
 - c. The Treasurer shall report the financial standing of the League and all disbursements since the last meeting.
 - d. New candidate members shall be requested by the presiding officer to rise and be introduced by his sponsor to the members.
 - e. Any pertinent correspondence shall be read.
 - f. Reports of standing committees.
 - g. Reports of special committees.
 - h. Old Business.
 - i. New Business.
 - j. Good and Welfare.
 - k. Adjournment.

B. Officers Meetings:

1. The League officers shall meet at least once a month.

Par. 7. Replacement of Officers

- A. In the event any of the elected officers becomes vacant during the term of office, the President is empowered to appoint an eligible (see Section 2, par. 2.b) voting member of the League to fill the office for the unexpired portion of the term, such appointment subject to ratification by a majority of the members voting at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Par. 8. Amendment of Constitution and By-Laws

- A. These by-laws may be amended by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the eligible members present at an official meeting only under the following conditions:
 1. A constitutional amendment has been proposed from the floor and has been presented to the presiding officer in writing at an official meeting.
 2. A proposed amendment has been signed by five (5) members.
 3. The secretary has notified all Eligible Members at the time of the proposed amendment, and the date of the meeting at which the amendment will be voted on, not less than seven (7) days prior to the date of such meeting.
 4. Any by-law pertaining to playing rules voted on less than thirty days prior to the start of a season shall not go into effect until the following season, unless deemed by the Board of Directors and Judiciary Board to be strictly a safety issue.

Par. 9. League Policies

- A. In an effort to address issues that affect the functioning of league and game play (some of which may be experimental) and not specifically covered in the By-Laws, League Policies may be adopted and amended as necessary. League Policies shall be implemented as a separate document

and be subject to all enforcement provisions of the “By-Laws”. League Policy adoption and/or amendments may be implemented by a simple majority vote of eligible members present at an official league meeting and be exempt from the “Amendment of Constitution and By-Laws” requirements. Adoption and/or amendments shall generally be done before the start of either the spring or fall season.

Section 4. League Structure

Par. 1. Each team shall have one manager and no more than ~~two~~ **three** official coaches on its roster.

Par. 2. League shall consist of the following divisions:

- A. T-Ball - four, five and six year olds.
- B. Rookie - seven and eight year olds.
- C. Minor - nine and ten year olds.
- D. Major - eleven and twelve year olds.
- E. Babe Ruth 13 - thirteen year olds.
- F. Babe Ruth 15 - thirteen, fourteen and fifteen year olds
- G. Babe Ruth 18 - sixteen, seventeen and eighteen year olds.

Section 5. Player Selection

Par. 1. Order of Selection

The order of player selection shall be the inverse order of team winning percentage during the preceding season. Ties to be decided by lot.

Par. 2. Options

- A. A manager may protect 2 players prior to the start of that divisions evaluations, providing the manager is given a letter from the players parent or legal guardian requesting that the child plays on that team, and the team give up their first draft pick for the first player and their second pick for the second player in the draft in that players age group, and all other eligibility requirements have been met. These options can be exercised once per team per season.

These protections will be allowed provided the requirements of Section 5 Par 7.D are met. The protected player(s) will need to attend evaluations and subject to the normal draft process should the protection not be allowed per Section 5 Par 7 D.

- B. Any player who was on the official roster from the preceding season and remains in the same division for the current season shall be optioned to the same team. Any player that does not wish to play on the same team may request to be placed back into the draft. Such player may not be protected under Par. 2.A. above.
- C. If a player is removed from a team’s roster by the Player Committee, the team’s option in that player shall also be removed.
- D. Any player whose parent or guardian is a manager is automatically optioned to that team.

- E. Brothers and sisters are optioned to the same team unless the parent or guardian requests otherwise. If both brothers and or sisters are in the draft, then one draft pick will be used for each brother or sister selected.
- F. A manager without a child in his / her division shall receive an extra draft pick between the first and second round on the odd years.
- G. No options shall be allowed which would contradict or otherwise not comply with any item under Section 5 Player Selection.

Par. 3. Player Placement

- A. If a player is selected for a team and refuses to report to play with that team, the Player Committee shall remove the player from the roster of that team and return his or her registration money. The player committee will declare the roster open for selection of a replacement player to be decided by the Player Committee.

Par. 4. Eligibility List

- A. Prior to player selection, the Player Committee shall provide each team manager with a complete list of players eligible for selection with players on whom options have been exercised so designated. These options will be confirmed by each team manager immediately prior to Player Selection and once so confirmed shall be binding during the Player Selection.

Par. 5. Options on Expansion Teams

- A. Individual teams created by Division expansion shall be given two selections from each age group prior to general player selection. Any options exercised under Par.2 Options shall count towards the four players. Subsequent selections will be made in accordance with the regulations for Player Selection with the new teams being placed at the bottom of the selection rotation list. Order of preliminary selection shall be determined by lot.

Par. 6. Options on Existing Division Teams

- A. Any existing Division team(s) which does not have four (4) players on the roster from the previous season, or options for that season, shall be entitled to select, prior to the General Player Selection, sufficient players, to bring the roster to four (4) players. The player committee shall determine the age groups which the players are selected. This selection shall be after the selections noted in Par. 5A. The order of these selections shall be as noted under Section 5, Par. 1.

Par. 7. General Player Selection

- A. After evaluations and before player selection, the Player Committee shall supply each manager with a list of eligible candidates including thereon the league age and school of each candidate.
- B. Any child, registered prior to the draft and failing to be evaluated by the player committee shall be considered as a "hat pick" and be placed on a team in such manner.

- C. Any child who registers after the draft shall be assigned by the Player Committee to those teams with the fewest number of players based on the order of selection of the draft. If teams are at the maximum number of players as determined by the player committee, such new player shall be placed on a waiting list. Should a team opening occur, it shall be filled with the first available player from the waiting list.
- D. Player selection shall be based on an open draft of age groups within a division. Each team shall draft alternately as determined under Section 5 Par. 1 until the team's roster has reached the number of players prescribed by the player committee. Teams shall have no more than eight players of the older age group within a division. For teams that have more than eight players of the older age group within a division prior to the start of the draft, the roster shall be filled with players of the younger age group within the division.

Expansion teams and existing division teams that do not have four (4) returning players on the roster from the previous season shall have no more than eight players of the younger age group within a division.

- E. At registration, each new player must present acceptable proof of age in the form of a birth certificate, hospital record, baptismal certificate, etc. When such formal proof is not available, the Player Committee shall gather such documentary evidence as possible which shall be acceptable in lieu of formal proof of age.
- F. Once a team has taken their options requested, they shall continue to draft players until they have two (2) picks left to be taken. At that time, they will stop drafting until all other teams are at the same level. At this point the original draft order will start again and continue for the rest of the draft. Should a team be left with less than two draft picks after their options have been taken, they shall stop at this level until the original draft order begins again. No team shall be denied their options provided there is space on their roster to accommodate them.

Par. 8. Transfer of Players

- A. Trades
 - 1. Trades between the teams of the same Division
 - a. "Player of same age for player." Trades may be made between teams of the same division with the approval of the Player Committee.
 - b. No trades shall be made after opening day.
 - 2. There shall be no trades between teams in different divisions.
 - 3. Player trades are to be made for such reasons as easing transportation problems; permitting a youngster to play with a team composed of children from their own neighborhood, etc., and not primarily for the purpose of improving the playing strength of a team.

Section 6. Playing Rules (General)

Par. 1. Rules Played Under

- A. Junior Major League games shall be played according to the Official Playing Rules of the League, including the section covering eligibility of pitchers and the detailed playing rules as maintained by the Junior Major League Playing Rules Committee.

Par. 2. Conflicts

- A. The following order of interpretation of rules shall apply when conflicts arise. The higher precedence shall govern.
 1. League Policies
 2. Detail Playing Rules (Sec 6 Par 3 inclusive) of the Junior Major League Inc. By-Laws
 3. Current Babe Ruth League, Inc. Baseball Rules and Regulations and Official Playing Rules. (Babe Ruth Rule Book) These rules shall apply to their respective division.
 4. Current Official Baseball Rules "The Sporting News" edition.

Par. 3. Detailed Playing Rules

- A. General (All Divisions)
 1. When a team cannot field a team of nine (9) players from their roster on the day they are scheduled to play and after a 15 minute grace period from the games "scheduled" start time, they must forfeit that game.
 2. If there is a conflict in a team's schedule, the scheduling committee must be informed four (4) days prior to the scheduled game to avoid a forfeit.
 3. If a manager uses a player that is found to be ineligible, the manager will be ejected from that game and be ineligible for their next scheduled game. The player will be removed from the game in which the infraction occurred. The player will incur no other penalty.
 4. Any player ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct shall also be ineligible to participate in their team's next game actually played. After a second ejection of the same player in a season, such player shall be ineligible to participate in their team's next two (2) games actually played and will be referred to the player committee for further consideration. If the ejection occurs at the end of the season, such suspensions shall carry over to the next season if the player returns to the league.
 5. No jewelry shall be worn by any player during practice or games, except for medical identification. If detected during a game, such player shall be ejected.
 6. From the time thunder or a lightning flash is observed, play should be suspended for a minimum 15 minutes. Any subsequent thunder or lightning flash will begin a new 15 minute waiting period.
 7. There shall be a 2 hour time limit for the T-Ball, Rookie, Minor and Major Divisions. No new inning shall start after 2 hours from the games scheduled start time. For night games Sunday through Thursday, no inning shall start after 9:00 pm, and no game shall continue past 9:30 pm. For Friday or Saturday night games, no inning shall start after 10:00 pm and no game shall continue past 10:30 pm. For all 5:15pm weekday games at Francis Field for the T-Ball and Rookie Divisions there shall be a 1 hour 30 minute time limit (from the games scheduled start time). Teams are to be off the field no later than 6:45 pm.
 8. Minor and Major games that are considered a suspended game may be made up at the discretion of the scheduling committee.

Suspended games when played shall be resumed from the point of curtailment. A new 2 hour time limit shall be allotted to the suspended game. Lineups from the original game shall remain in place. Players from the original game who are not present for the continuation game shall be skipped over in their lineup without penalty. Any players present for the continuation game that were not present for the original game shall be added to the bottom of the lineup for their team. Any pitcher removed from the mound in the original game shall be ineligible to pitch in the continuation game. Both pitchers of record at the time of the game suspension shall be eligible to continue pitching provided all pitching rules are met (i.e. innings in a game, innings in a week, 40 hour rest rule, etc.)

The continuation game shall be played until one of the following conditions are met: 1) ten run rule is met, 2) the 2 hour time limit has been reached, 3) the game has reached regulation length or won in extra innings, 4) the game is called for any reason and determined to be a complete game.

9. ***For any division that participates in an interlocking schedule with non-Junior Major League teams, said division shall play by any interlocking rules that may have been adopted for that division.***

B. T-Ball / T-Ball 6 Division

1. To constitute a half inning, 9 players shall bat in a continuous order. No outs will be counted but runners will be taken off the base if an out is made.
2. When the 9th batter comes to bat, the number of outs shall be adjusted to (2) . If the ball is hit and an out not made, the ball must be caught at home plate to end the inning.
3. All players on a team may be used defensively.

C. Rookie Division

1. No more than ten players may be used defensively, with four players in the outfield.
2. A player may not remain on the bench for two consecutive defensive half innings.
3. To encourage rotation of players, no player may remain at the same defensive position more than two innings, with the exception of the catcher, and no player may remain in the infield more than four innings.
4. A maximum of four defensive coaches may be allowed to help the children in the field. Coaches shall be positioned so as not to interfere with the game.
5. The catcher shall be allowed to field the pitch at the manager's discretion, when using coach pitchers.
6. No team shall have more than 9 players to bat in one inning regardless of the score.
7. If the ninth player of the inning comes to bat, the number of outs shall be adjusted to (2) . If the ball is hit and an out not made, the ball must be caught at home plate to end the inning.
8. There shall be no extra bases on overthrows.
9. All players present for the game shall be placed in the batting lineup, i.e. 15 children, 15 person batting order.
10. A pitching machine shall be used for all games. A maximum of 8 pitches shall be given to each batter. If after 8 pitches the batter has not put the ball in play, the batter shall be considered out.
11. Games are to be scored, but no standings shall be kept. The main emphasis shall be on learning the game of baseball.

12. Any runner is out when the runner does not slide or attempt to get around a fielder who has the ball and is waiting to make the tag. The runner shall not leave the baseline, which shall be defined as being within three (3) feet from a direct line between bases to avoid the tag. The runner will never be allowed to run into or jump over the fielder.
13. The Rookie Division will not utilize the 10 run rule.

D. Minor Division

1. No team shall have more than 9 players to bat in one inning regardless of the score.
2. If the ninth player of the inning comes to bat, the number of outs shall be adjusted to (2) . If the ball is hit and an out not made, the ball must be caught at home plate to end the inning.
3. Balks are to be noted but no penalty served.
4. The "Cal Ripken Major 60 Ft Baseball Division Special Base Running Rule" is not adopted. Runners may lead off and steal bases, as in Babe Ruth Baseball Rules and Regulations. Runners obtaining 3rd base can only advance home in the event of a batted ball hit, sacrifice or a bases loaded walk including a hit batsman, or a dropped third strike with the bases loaded and two outs. Runners at 3rd can lead-off the base at their own risk of being thrown out.
5. Any runner is out when the runner does not slide or attempt to get around a fielder who has the ball and is waiting to make the tag. The runner will never be allowed to run into or jump over the fielder.
6. No child older than league age ten may be allowed to pitch in the Minor Division.
7. Minor pitchers shall be limited to 3 innings per game or 50 pitches maximum per game. If the 50 pitch count has been reached during an at bat, the pitcher shall be allowed to finish pitching to that batter. Once the batter completes his at bat, the pitcher shall be removed from the mound. If the 50 pitch count has been reached, the pitcher shall have 2 calendar days rest between pitching assignments
8. An intentional walk is not allowed for any batter.
9. All players present for the game shall be placed in the batting lineup, i.e. 15 children, 15 person batting order.
10. All other pitching rules of Babe Ruth Book still apply.
11. One manager, two coaches and one scorekeeper (provided they are a league member) are permitted in each dugout (or on the bench at fields not equipped with dugouts) or within the confines of the field and shall remain in the dugout or on the bench unless occupying the coaches box when the ball is live.
12. For any player who becomes ill or injured during a game and is unable to bat in their turn, that players manager shall have the option of taking an out for the player's inability to bat at that time OR remove the player for the rest of the game on both offense and defense and incur no penalty.
13. Once a player takes their place in the batter's box, if such player cannot complete their at bat, such player shall be declared out.

E. Major Division

1. Major pitchers shall be limited to 4 innings per game or 75 pitches maximum per game. If the 75 pitch count has been reached during an at bat, the pitcher shall be allowed to finish pitching to that batter. Once the batter completes his at bat, the pitcher shall be removed from the mound. If the 50 pitch count has been reached, the pitcher shall have 2 calendar days rest between pitching assignments

2. No child older than league age twelve may be allowed to pitch in the **Bronco Major** Division.
3. All other pitching rules of the Babe Ruth Rule Book still apply.
4. All players present for the game shall be placed in the batting lineup, i.e. 15 children, 15 person batting order.
5. Any runner is out when the runner does not slide or attempt to get around a fielder who has the ball and is waiting to make the tag. The runner will never be allowed to run into or jump over the fielder.
6. Each pitcher shall be given 1 balk warning per game. A penalty shall be given for each subsequent balk.
7. One manager, two coaches and one scorekeeper (provided they are a league member) are permitted in each dugout (or on the bench at fields not equipped with dugouts) or within the confines of the field and shall remain in the dugout or on the bench unless occupying the coaches box when the ball is live.
8. For any player who becomes ill or injured during a game and is unable to bat in their turn, that players manager shall have the option of taking an out for the player's inability to bat at that time OR remove the player for the rest of the game on both offense and defense and incur no penalty.
9. Once a player takes their place in the batter's box, if such player cannot complete their at bat, such player shall be declared out.

F. Babe Ruth

The Babe Ruth Rule Book applies. ~~If any Babe Ruth Division participates in a District interlocking schedule then that Division will also utilize any District rules that may be adopted for that division.~~

Par. 4. Playing Equipment

- A. No player shall be permitted to play except in the full official uniform representing the Junior Major League current season, properly arranged.
- B. All uniforms and equipment are the property of the League and are to be loaned to the players for such period as the League shall determine.
- C. The batter, on deck batter and all base runners must wear a protective helmet.
- D. Junior Coaches shall be required to wear a protective helmet when coaching on the bases.
- E. Shoes with metal cleats are prohibited in the **Shetland, Pinto, Mustang, and Bronco T-Ball, Rookie, Minor, and Major Divisions.**
- F. All catchers must wear metal, fiber, or plastic cup type supporters.
- G. It is recommended but not mandatory that adult coaches wear a protective helmet when coaching on the bases.
- H. For players not using league issued helmets, each manager shall verify that the helmet is NOCSAE certified.

Par. 5. Coaching Boxes

- A. Only managers, coaches, and players (with a protective helmet) are permitted to stand in the baseline coaching boxes.

Par. 6. People on the Field

- A. No person or persons, including members of the League, not actively participating in the game shall be allowed on the playing field during the course of any baseball game.

Par. 7. Championship Play

- A.
 1. In the event of a tie for first place at the conclusion of regular season play, there shall be a one game playoff to determine the champion of that division. In the event more than two teams are tied there must be a single elimination playoff with initial participants determined by lot. The second playoff cannot be played until after 72 hours.
 2. There shall be a break at the end of the season or in the event of playoff(s), after the playoff, before the start of the championship series. The break will be the shortest period of time which allows all pitchers to qualify to pitch the maximum number of innings allowed in one game as defined for that division in Section 6 par.3 "Detailed Playing Rules" .
 3. In the event neither team can field enough players for a playoff game, a series of tie breaks will be used as follows to determine a champion:
 - a. Season Record against each other
 - b. Season record against the next best team(s) until a champion is determined.
- B. No game played after the close of the regularly scheduled season for the purpose of determining the championship of a League Division or of the League shall be terminated because of rain or darkness. If, in the opinion of the Umpire in charge of the game, play must be halted before completion, the game shall be suspended and will be resumed at the earliest possible date, and will continue from the point of suspension AS IF THERE HAD BEEN NO INTERRUPTION IN THE GAME. Teams will field the same players who were in the game at the time of suspension insofar as possible. The pitching rule as covered in Sec. 6 Par. 1., shall be waived and the pitchers in the game at the time of suspension shall also continue insofar as possible. This does not bar a manager from substituting for an absent or incapacitated player nor from making any legal substitutions once the game has been resumed.
- C. There shall be no more than two games in one week.

Section 7 Participation Rule

- A. GENERAL PURPOSE: The intent of this rule is to ensure that as many children as possible play as much as possible through the season. Each manager will make every effort to accomplish this purpose.
- B. MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE STANDARDS: If available at the start of the game, each team member must play two full innings and one at bat in every complete game.

- C. It will be the responsibility of opposing MANAGERS to report violations of this rule to the Rules and Appeals Committee in writing within three days. Said committee will determine the disciplinary action to be taken. Forfeiture of the game could be the extreme penalty.

Section 8. All Star Play

Par. 1. All Stars

- A. There shall be an equal number of All-Star players on each team, the number of players to be determined by the player committee with the players to be selected by each team manager for their team and approved by the Commissioner.
- B. All Star Manager
1. Perspective managers shall submit an application as prescribed in Section 2 par. 6.b. Selection of All Star Manager shall be the sole decision of the Executive Board, Judiciary Board and Division Commissioners.
 2. The manager shall select two (2) coaches and one (1) scorekeeper to participate in the game.
- C. Playing Rules
1. A regulation All-Star game will consist of seven (7) innings.
 2. Each player selected shall play a minimum of three (3) innings and bat once.
 3. Each pitcher shall pitch a maximum of three (3) innings.
 4. With the exception of the above, all playing rules will be in effect.

Section 9. Tournament Play

Par. 1. Tournaments (General)

- A. There may or may not be a designated tournament team(s) for current divisional play.
- B. The determination of the number of teams in any or all divisions shall be determined by the eligible voting membership.

Par. 2. Tournament Manager

- A. The application of tournament team managers will be accepted by the League Secretary.
- B. The selection of tournament team managers will be the sole decision of the Executive, Judiciary Board and Division Commissioners.
- C. All selected and approved Tournament Team Managers will be responsible for submitting a \$100.00 check deposit upon receipt of issued Junior Major League team equipment. The equipment shall be returned at the next scheduled league meeting after said team has completed their tournament play of the current year where upon verification of returned equipment, their check will be returned.

Par. 3. Tournament Players

- A. Selection of Tournament Team Players will be made by an open tryout of all said divisions.

- B. The tryout date, time, and location is to be determined by selected team managers and coordinated with the League Scheduling Committee.
- C. The Tournament Team players are to be determined by the selected team manager and their selected coaches.

Section 10. Commercialization

- Par. 1.** No admission shall be charged to any Junior Major League game. Voluntary contributions are permitted.
- Par. 2.** Commercial exploitation of the Junior Major League in any form and for any purpose is prohibited. This principal applies without exception.

Section 11. Capital Funds

- Par. 1.** All funds raised by a Capital Fund Drive or money designated shall be placed in the Capital Fund. These funds are to be used only for capital improvements. This will include construction, upgrading of playing fields, refurnishing, replacing or constructing fencing, stands or dug outs.
- Par. 2.** The Executive Board must initiate and review all expenditures from the Fund. Authority to expend funds exceeding \$500 must be approved by a majority vote of Eligible Voters present and voting at a scheduled League Meeting.