



## **The Constitution of the Hamilton Township Babe Ruth Baseball League, Inc.**

### **Preamble:**

We the members of the Hamilton Township Babe Ruth Baseball League, Inc. sustain this circuit of baseball teams so that the boys of the Hamilton Babe Ruth League may learn the game of baseball. Further, we hope that they will grow up to be men with a strength of purpose that will not only establish in them the will to win but also the courage to endure defeat and display sportsmanship at all times.

In accordance with Section 501-C-(3) of the Federal Internal Revenue Code, Hamilton Babe Ruth League shall operate exclusively as a nonprofit educational organization providing a supervised program of competitive baseball games. No part of the net earnings shall inure to the benefit of any private individual.

### **Article I** **Government**

- A. 1. The government of the Hamilton Township Babe Ruth League shall be under the direct supervision of the league president. In the event of his absence, resignation or death, the vice president of the league shall assume the duties of the league president.
- 2. In the event the vice president should be unable to assume the office of President, the Secretary shall appoint a committee from the membership for the purpose of nominating one or more names for the position of president.
- 3. A special election will be held prior to the next regular monthly league meeting to elect a president.
- 4. If the vice president assumes the duties of president, he shall appoint a committee for the purpose of nominating a new vice president
- 5. A special election will be held prior to the next regular monthly league meeting to elect a vice president.
- 6. In the event of a vacancy in any elected office other than president, the league president will appoint a replacement to the vacated office for the balance of the term.
- B. Each sponsor or his representative may attend every regular general membership meeting.
- C. Meetings of the Hamilton Township Babe Ruth League will be held once a month. Special meetings may be held as required.

- D. 1. A regular meeting of the league will be held every October to elect a president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer for a term of one year. Officers can be re-elected. New officers are to assume duties in November.
- 2. Any league officer can be removed from office upon a vote of 2/3 of league members in good standing. Discussions will take place at a league meeting to establish the merit of the allegation(s). Upon establishment that there does exist a reasonable basis for the removal of an officer, a vote will be held. Voting will take place after written notification to all league members in good standing and after a 15 day waiting period. Voting will be by secret ballot.
- 3. The president cannot serve as manager while holding office unless he or she does not have a child or related to a child in the league.
- E. The executive board will consist of elected officers and appointed officials.
- F. The president is to appoint a vice president - Prep Division, vice president, - Major Division, and Player Agent whose duties will include serving on the executive board.
- G. The secretary and treasurer will perform those duties usually performed by the holders of these offices. The treasurer shall keep a set of books for his/her own benefit and the protection of the league. The executive board shall cause an audit to be performed at the calendar year end.
- H. 1. All matters concerning the policy of Hamilton Babe Ruth Baseball League shall be decided by a majority vote of members in good standing present and voting except as noted in paragraph I.1 below.
- 2. A secret ballot may be used upon request.
- I. Meetings may be called by the league president or upon written request of at least 5 members in good standing.
- J. Duties of all elected and appointed officials will be those shown in Addendum 1.

## **Article II**

### **Managers**

- A. 1. All managers, coaches and scorekeepers must be members.
- 2. Any member wishing to manage a team in the Hamilton Babe Ruth Baseball League must submit his/her request in writing to the league president. Major Division applications must be in by the December general membership meeting. Prep Division applications must be in by the February general membership meeting.
- 3. Each year all managers and coaches will be reviewed and approved for the following season by league officers.
- 4. Each team will consist of one manager, two coaches, and one scorekeeper.
- 5. Any active coach who has a letter on file shall be given first preference should his team's managership become open.

### **Article III**

#### **Player Membership**

Any boy who will attain the age of 13 years before August 1st, and will not attain 16 years before August 1st is eligible for active membership in the Hamilton Township Babe Ruth League. The boy must reside in the Hamilton Babe Ruth District boundaries in order to be eligible for the annual tryouts.

### **Article IV**

#### **Financial Policy**

- A. The administration of funds shall be performed by the financial committee. It shall be a permanent policy to place income in a league treasury under the authority of the league treasurer.
- B. Refreshment stand money, 50-50 collections, and tournament gate receipts will be maintained in accordance with policies set forth by the financial committee.
- C. The president will have the authority to spend \$150.00 while conducting league business. The president will account to the league for the expenditure of this money by furnishing receipts to the league treasurer.
- D. No league disbursements will be made without obtaining a receipt. If a league official has paid a bill "out-of-pocket", he must present a receipt in order to obtain reimbursement.

### **Article V**

#### **Rules**

The rules of the Hamilton Township Babe Ruth League shall be adopted by the managers, officers, and other members in good standing at a meeting to be held not less than one month previous to the first scheduled game of each season.

### **Article VI**

#### **Sponsors**

- A. 1. The league secretary must write to all sponsors during the month of January and inquire if the sponsor decides to continue as a sponsor for the coming year. The answer must be received by March 1st. If the sponsor states that he/she does desire to continue as a sponsor, he/she must pay the sponsor's fee to the league by April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 2. The sponsor's fee will be set by the executive board.

## **Article VII**

### **Amendments**

This Constitution or any section thereof may be amended or repealed by a three-fourths vote of members in good standing present at any stipulated meeting, provided the written notices of such proposed changes over the signature of the secretary shall be given to each member in good standing at least fifteen days prior to the meeting at which such proposed change or changes will be submitted for a vote.

## **Article VIII**

### **Distribution**

A copy of the Constitution is to be given to each member in good standing and it will be their responsibility to be aware of the contents.

## **Article IX**

### **Membership**

- A. 1. A member in good standing is a league member who has voting rights.
- 2. In order to maintain their voting rights a member must fulfill his/her duties and responsibilities.
- B. 1. Any member who has 3 consecutive unexcused absences will lose his/her voting rights. Voting rights may be reinstated by approval of the board and said member attending 3 consecutive meetings.
- 2. Any member who is removed from the league shall be notified in writing and may submit an application for reinstatement with the membership chairperson.
- C. 1. The executive board by a two-thirds vote of those present at any duly constituted meeting, shall have the authority to discipline or suspend or terminate the membership of any member of any class when the conduct of such person is considered detrimental to the best interest of Hamilton Babe Ruth League and 'or Babe Ruth Baseball.
- 2. The member involved shall be notified of such meeting, informed of the general nature of the charges and given an opportunity to appear at the meeting to answer such charges.
- D. The executive board shall, in the case of discipline action regarding a player member, give notice to the manager of the team of which the player is a member and a parent or guardian. Said manager and parent or guardian shall appear in the capacity of an adviser with the player before a duly appointed committee of the board of directors, which shall have full power to suspend or revoke such player's right to future participation.

**Article XI**  
**Dissolution**

Hamilton Township Babe Ruth League shall be dissolved upon recommendation from the Board and a majority vote of the eligible members present and voting. Any funds remaining after all liabilities are satisfied shall, along with all physical inventory, be donated to District 1 Babe Ruth.

**Article XII**  
**Government**

The current edition of Roberts Rules of Order shall be the parliamentary authority for the league except where they are not consistent with this constitution or any special rules of order that the league may adopt.

Revised

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