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Greater Manassas Baseball League, Inc.
Articles of Incorporation
1. The name of the Corporation is Greater Manassas Baseball League, Inc.
2. The purpose of the Corporation is to promote the development of strong character, a right attitude and a sense of responsibility and citizenship in youngsters, using the game of baseball as a vehicle, and in furtherance thereof, to promote fair play, good sportsmanship and congenial fellowship, with adult leaders providing the example through baseball leagues organized for youngsters. Without limitation by virtue of the preceding sentence, the purpose of the Corporation will include the conduct of any or all lawful affairs, not required to be specifically stated herein, for which corporations may be incorporated. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Corporation will not carry on any activity not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or any corresponding future provision of the Revenue Code, and the Corporation will not attempt to influence legislation by propaganda or otherwise, nor will it intervene in, or participate in, any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office, and provided further that no part of the net earnings of this Corporation will inure to the benefit of any member or private individual and no member, director, or officer of the Corporation will receive any pecuniary benefit from the Corporation, except such reasonable compensation as may be allowed for Services actually rendered to the Corporation.
3. The Corporation will have one class of members. In order to qualify for membership, the applicant must be a:
   (A) Parent or guardian of players past or present residing within the approved franchise areas of the Corporation
   (B) Past or present Manager or coach of a team established by the Corporation
   (C) Past or present member of GMBL’s board of directors.
   (D) A lifetime member of the Corporation elected in accordance with the Corporation’s Bylaws.
   (E) The applicant must be 21 years old and of good character.
   (F) All members will have equal voting rights. Such voting rights are attained only through attendance of at least three regular meetings of the Board of Directors during a 12-month period. Voting rights are exercised in such manners as prescribed by the Corporation Bylaws.
4. Directors of the Corporation will be elected in the manner provided by the Bylaws.
5. The address of the registered office of the Corporation is 8709 Plantation Lane, Manassas, VA 20110. The name of its registered agent at that address is Thomas O. Murphy, who is a member of the Virginia State Bar.
6. In the event of the dissolution of the Corporation, the balance of all money or other property received by the Corporation from any source, after the payment of all debts and obligations of the Corporation, will be used or distributed exclusively for purposes within the intent of section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code as the same now exists or it may be amended from time to time.
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ARTICLE I. GOVERNMENT

1.1 BOARD OF DIRECTORS
(A) The Board of Directors of the Greater Manassas Baseball League, Inc. will consist of a maximum of 25 members elected to serve a term of one-year commencing November 1. “Honorary Lifetime Board Members” will count against the 25 member total while they are active. The Board and officers will be elected at the regularly scheduled October meeting. In order to be eligible to run for the Board the candidate must be a league member as established by the league’s Articles of Incorporation and have volunteered 8 hours of service to GMBL, not including coaching. Members present at the meeting will be eligible to vote for individuals whose names appear on a list of nominees for Board of Director positions prepared by a nominating committee appointed by the League President. Additional nominations of individuals will be accepted from the floor. All candidates must appear before the Board at the election meeting. Candidates who cannot be present for this meeting must have prior approval from the Nomination Committee Chairperson in order to still be considered.
(B) All Board Members are required to maintain a current CBC and SO with GMBL.
(C) At its discretion, the Board may choose to select an individual or individuals to serve as an "Honorary Lifetime Board Member." In order to qualify for this honor, the recipient must have been a current or former Board member and have provided at least 25 years of service to the League. A two-thirds vote is required to ratify the selection.
(D) All Board Members are required to have an active role on the Board and complete 8 hours of duty at the complex within a 30 day calendar during both the Spring/Fall Seasons and any summer events hosted. Coaching does not qualify for the required 8 hours of time. Failure to meet the 8 hours will result in voting rights being suspended.

1.2 NOMINATIONS
Nominees receiving the greatest number of votes will be elected to fill the prescribed Board positions. Should a tie vote occur prior to the filling of the prescribed number of Board positions, the nominees receiving tie votes will be placed on a second ballot and a re-vote will be taken to determine the remaining elected Directors. In all cases candidates must receive enough votes to equal at least one-half of the eligible voters but not less than the one-half the current membership of the Board of Directors whether or not all current board members are present and/or cast a vote.

1.3 EXECUTIVE BOARD ELECTIONS
The Executive Officers of the Board will be elected from and by the newly elected Board members. In order to qualify for one of these positions, the applicant must have served on the previous year’s board’s entire term. A qualified applicant is not restricted to run for only one Executive Officer position. If defeated, the applicant may run for the next position. All positions will be filled by separate ballot beginning with the President, Vice President, Secretary, then and Treasurer.
1.4 TERM OF OFFICE
During its tenure in office, the Board may, as circumstances dictate, alter its membership, provided the total membership of the Board is not thereby increased to a number greater than the number prescribed in Paragraph 1.1. The terms of all Board members, regardless of when originally elected, shall expire October 31, however, they shall continue to serve in a temporary capacity, as necessary, beyond this date until the election and acceptance of a successor. Should any office become vacant during the year, the Board may fill the same for the remaining term.

1.5 EXPULSION
(A) Any member of the Board of Directors may, for cause, be removed by a two-thirds majority vote of the Directors present at any regularly scheduled or special Board meeting. This would include, but not be limited to:
- Misrepresenting the league
- Actions to the detriment of the league
- Failure to perform assigned duties to include 8 hours of service per month

(B) Any member of the Board of Directors whose absences exceeds four (4) of the regularly scheduled or special Board meetings in the current board year will automatically be removed from the Board. Board members removed under this article shall have the right of appeal under the terms identified in Article 12.4. Any Board member removed will be ineligible to return to the board during the current Board year.

1.6 VOTING RIGHTS
(A) League Members: League members meeting the attendance criteria specified in Paragraph 3 of the Articles of Incorporation are entitled to vote for members of the Board of Directors.  
(B) Board Members: Upon election to the Board of Directors, Board members are entitled to vote on all issues that come before the Board, including but not limited to issues pertaining to the normal affairs, structure and operations of the League.  
(C) Attendance: A Board Member who misses three consecutive regularly scheduled Board meetings (unexcused) will lose his/her voting rights. Such rights shall be restored upon attendance at two consecutive regularly scheduled meetings of the Board (enabling the member to vote at the third meeting).  
(D) Methods of Voting: In accordance with Robert’s Rules of Order, voting may be accomplished either by acclamation, a show of hands or by secret ballot. No member may be called to justify his or her vote in any instance. Electronic votes (email) are permitted and will follow the same method as a show of hands and may not be used as a secret ballot. (This means press the “reply all” button) Electronic voting will not take the place of regular Board meetings. The Executive Board must authorize all electronic votes. All Board members will receive a receipted email from the secretary for an electric vote. All electronic balloting must be conducted for a minimum of thirty-six (36) hours to allow all Board members an opportunity to respond and copy all in the response. After that time has expired (36 hours), the secretary will contact all Board members whose email has not been receipted.
1.7 ENCUMBERED FUNDS
Other than for capital improvements, such as lights, the Board cannot encumber funds past the current year of its term. The Board cannot sign long-term agreements requiring future Boards to purchase services from vendors or service providers, except in the case of snack bar suppliers where an agreement can be signed for up to a three year period. Capital improvements are defined as money spent for replacing and improving the League’s facilities, not for operating expenses.

1.8 CONFLICT OF INTEREST
No director or officer of the organization shall be disqualified from holding any office in the organization by reason of any interest in any concern. A director or officer of the organization shall not be disqualified from dealing, either as a vendor, purchaser or otherwise, or contracting or entering into any transaction with the organization or with any entity of which the organization is an affiliate. No transaction of the organization shall be voidable by reason of the fact that any director or officer of the organization has an interest in the concern with which such transaction is entered into, provided: A. The interest of such director or officer is fully disclosed to the board of directors in advance, B. Such transaction is duly approved by the board of directors not so interested or connected as being in the best interest of the organization, C. Payments to the interested director or officer are reasonable and do not exceed fair market value, and D. No interested director or officer may vote or lobby on the matter or be counted in determining the existence of a quorum at the meeting at which such transaction may be authorized. The minutes of meetings at which such votes are taken shall record such disclosure, abstention and rationale for approval. For the purposes of this provision, the term “interest” shall include personal interest, interest as director, officer, member, manager, trustee or beneficiary of any concern. The term “concern” shall mean any corporation, association, trust, partnership, limited liability entity, firm, person or other entity other than the organization.
ARTICLE II - BYLAW AMENDMENTS

Bylaws governing rules of play are in effect from the first scheduled game for each Local League and throughout the playing season. They may only be amended after the conclusion of the current season and prior to the next season. Any emergent changes deemed necessary (defined as an imminent safety concern) issue outside of this process will require a three-fourths (75%) majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Bylaws not impacting the rules of play may be amended at any time if necessary to address items of major impact to the league and will require a three-fourths (75%) majority vote of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE III - BOARD MEETINGS

3.1 MEETING SCHEDULE

A meeting of the Board of Directors shall be scheduled in November of each year and at least once each quarter thereafter, additional meetings may be called by the President at any time, or upon written request of at least three (3) members of the Board of Directors. The special meeting will only address the item(s) in the written request. The special meeting must be held within ten (10) days of the request.

3.2 QUORUM

A majority of the Board of Directors will constitute a "quorum" at any meeting. A two-thirds majority vote of those present will govern except where otherwise provided herein. Proxy votes will not be permitted at any meeting of the Board of Directors or committees of the Local League. A three-fourths (75%) majority of those present is required to change the By-Laws.

3.3 PROTOCOL

Robert's Rules of Order (Modern Edition) serve as the guide for the conduct of proceedings of all meetings, except where it conflicts with the Bylaws of the Local League.
ARTICLE IV - FINANCE

4.1 FINANCIAL POLICY
The Board of Directors will decide all matters pertaining to the financial policy of the Local League.

4.2 FINANCIAL APPROVAL
Any proposed expenditure that would exceed the budgeted dollar amount within a specific category requires approval of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V - LEAGUE GOVERNING RULES

5.1 LEAGUE REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

5.2 RULE CONFLICTS
Where provisions in the Local League Bylaws conflict with provisions in other governing rules and regulations, the Bylaws will govern.

ARTICLE VI - PLAYER PARTICIPATION
Any child meeting the requirements as set forth in the regulations of Cal Ripken Division of Babe Ruth, Babe Ruth League, Inc., and the Greater Manassas Baseball League, Inc., and residing within the boundaries defined in the respective charters of the above organizations, will be eligible to participate in the Local League.
ARTICLE VII - POSITION DESCRIPTIONS
The officers of the organization are responsible for conducting the day-to-day business of the Local League within the policy established by the Board.

7.1 PRESIDENT
The President will serve as Chairperson of the Board of Directors and will preside at all meetings of the Board; have general supervision of the affairs of the organization; make reports to the Directors, and perform all other duties as appropriate that are properly assigned by the Board. Upon the approval of the Board of Directors of the annual budget, the President may proceed to operate within the limits of the same without further approval by the Board of Directors except as provided in Article IV, below. The President will establish committees as deemed appropriate and appoint a chairperson for any committee established within the League. In any matter coming before the Board, the President will vote only in the case of a tie vote or, when voting is by secret ballot. The President will appoint committee chairpersons and other officers listed in Section 7 of the Bylaws. The Executive Board must approve any removals from office once the President has made the appointments. Persons removed from office by the Executive Board may appeal that decision to the Board in accordance with Article 12.04 (Grievance).

7.2 A VICE PRESIDENT
The Vice President will exercise all of the functions of the President during his or her absence; is responsible for the normal day-to-day operations of the League; will chair the Rules committees; will be responsible for overseeing league registration, tryouts and drafts; and, will be responsible for overseeing compliance with the Local League Bylaws.

7.2 B VICE PRESIDENT OF SOFTBALL
The Vice President of Softball is responsible for the normal day-to-day operations of the Softball League; will be responsible for overseeing softball league registration, tryouts and drafts; and, will be responsible for overseeing compliance with the Softball Local League Bylaws.

7.3 TREASURER
The Treasurer will have custody of all of the funds and securities of the organization, depositing funds in the name of the Local League in community banks; will prepare, on behalf of the President, the annual budget for examination and approval by the Board; will provide a financial report at each regular Board meeting; will maintain league financial records and will assure that local League expenses will not exceed the budgeted dollars within a specific category without approval of the Executive Board or Board of Directors in accordance with 4.02; will issue all checks, drafts or money orders in payment of proper League expenses. All checks, drafts, notes, and other orders for the payment of funds will be signed by two of the four authorized Local League Officials. For the purpose of this section, authorized Local League Officials will be those individuals holding the office of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Treasurer will exhibit the books and accounts to any Director of the Local League upon request.
7.4 SECRETARY
The Secretary will issue notices of all meetings; keep the minutes of meetings as requested by the President, maintain the League’s Official records and files; sign, with the President, such instruments which require such signatures; make reports, and perform other duties as appropriate that are properly assigned by the Board. The Secretary will make the necessary arrangements to provide suitable insurance for the participants in the Local League program and for submitting claims. The Secretary will be responsible for maintaining the official attendance of individuals present at each meeting. The Secretary will insure that the meeting attendance is recorded in the minutes.

7.5 COMMISSIONERS
Local League Commissioners are charged with administering the rules and regulations, which their teams will play under; the Commissioner is the initial arbiter in any dispute. The Commissioner is authorized to do all things necessary within the limits of the Bylaws to discharge his or her duties. He or she routinely advises the Executive Board of unusual matters arising during the playing season. All commissioners shall submit a written report of all issues addressed during the season for the purpose of maintaining a permanent record. The Commissioner is also responsible for player tryouts and player drafts. They will be responsible to coordinate with the league registrar on all player movements. The Commissioner insures that all league documents held within their possession will be kept confidential and will remain the property of the Local League. These records will not be released to any individual without a written request and the prior approval of the Board. The Commissioner cannot simultaneously manage or coach a team in his or her league nor have a child in that league. Commissioners of each League are required to go over the rules for their respective League with the managers of that league. He or she will report to the Board annually concerning any outstanding complaints against managers or coaches. Commissioners shall be responsible to promptly report rules violations or allegations of violations by managers and coaches to one of the league’s four elected officers. Commissioners are required to report to the Executive Board within seventy-two (72) hours of the receipt of any complaint in writing. The complaint must be reported to the Board at the next regularly scheduled meeting. In administering Local League drafts, Commissioners shall honor reasonable parent requests.

7.6 SNACK BAR COORDINATOR
The Snack Bar Coordinator will be responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Snack Bar. This will include, but is not limited to, the keeping of sufficient inventory to operate the Snack Bar, the daily operations of the snack bar, the recruitment of crews to run the snack bar, the proper handling of the Snack Bar receipts, and record keeping for the above.
7.7 COORDINATOR OF EQUIPMENT PROCUREMENT & DISTRIBUTION

(A) The Coordinator of Equipment Procurement & Distribution is responsible for the procurement, repair, storage, accountability, and distribution of all playing, field, and other equipment; will at the close of the playing season, prepare an inventory of all equipment on hand and present a report to the Directors on request. All Local League equipment will be purchased by the Coordinator or his or her designee, who will operate within the limits of the annual budget approved by the Board. The coordinator will solicit competitive bids in writing for major expenditures and present his or her recommendations for accepting such bids to the Executive Committee. Major expenses will be anything above five hundred dollars ($500).

(B) Each Manager will provide the Coordinator of Equipment Procurement & Distribution with a check for the replacement value of the equipment established by the equipment coordinator Dated June 30th (Fall Season dated October 30th) of the playing year when they pick-up their GMBL equipment. The league will hold this check until the equipment issued is returned in total with properly cleaned and disinfected headgear and other items in reasonable and protected condition. The equipment must be turned-in to the Equipment Coordinator within 2 weeks of the end of each individual league's season (including tournaments) as scheduled by the Equipment Coordinator. The Equipment Coordinator will publish the final turn in date and after that date, the deposit will be cashed and the Manager will be sent a sales receipt, equipment is then non-returnable. The Manager will also be identified when future Manager Applications are submitted for approval.

7.8 COORDINATOR OF MAINTENANCE AND GROUNDS OPERATIONS

The Coordinator of Maintenance and Grounds or his/her designee is responsible for facilitating the development, repair, winterization, and upkeep of all playing fields, spectator facilities, and other fixed physical assets of the League. These responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the purchase of lime, field layout and staking. The Coordinator or his/her designee, in his role of supervising the well-being of all playing fields, will have the ability to cancel all games and close the fields if weather conditions are deemed to be unplayable. In his/her absence, the decision to cancel individual games prior to their start will fall to the Executive Board or their designee. The coordinator or his/her designee will also liaise with the City to make certain it fulfills its maintenance responsibilities for the facilities.

7.9 COORDINATOR OF PUBLICITY

The Coordinator of Publicity is responsible for the development of good relations with the community and other organizations, and the distribution of information concerning the Local League and its activities to the various media; is responsible to arrange for and coordinate the taking and distribution of League team pictures, Opening Day Activities, & Trophy coordinator.
ARTICLE VIII - LEAGUE COMMITTEES
The Local League will have within its organization, at a minimum, the following committees:

8.1 RULES COMMITTEE
The Rules Committee will be responsible for the formulation, preparation, and submissions of all local playing rules and regulations for the Local League. Such must conform to the requirements of the national organization except for permissible modifications. A review of the Bylaws of the organization will be conducted annually, not later than January 31. The President will appoint this Committee, which shall be chaired by the Vice-President.

8.2 BACKGROUND CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE
The background certification committee will be responsible for certifying manager and coach eligibility upon receipt of the required background checks online performed by ProtectYouth Sports. The committee will be comprised of the Executive Board.

8.3 PROTEST COMMITTEE
The Protest Committee will be comprised of all league commissioners (a commissioner will not be involved in a decision of any league where there is a conflict of interest, i.e., a child playing in that league).
8.4 TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

The Tournament Committee is responsible for all activities involved in preparing for and hosting any GMBL sponsored tournaments and any post season Babe Ruth Tournaments (i.e. district, state, regional, etc.). Tournament directors are to file a preliminary Budget report 60 days prior to the tournament with the board of directors; a final budget report will be provided at the board meeting following the conclusion of the tournament. The executive board shall approve all procurements for Tournaments.

(A) GMBL Sponsored Tournaments:
- The president assigns the director who in turns chooses other members.
- The director determines the teams that will be invited to compete and the Board of Directors determines the entry fees.
- The committee is responsible for all aspects of the tournament, including but not limited to: collection of entry fees, game scheduling, playing rules, umpires, scorebooks, equipment, awards, souvenirs, and fields and grounds.
- The director will make any rainout or rescheduling decisions and that decision will be final.

(B) Babe Ruth Tournaments:
- The president assigns the director who in turns chooses other members.
- The committee is responsible for ensuring GMBL tournament teams are in compliance with all rules associated with Babe Ruth Tournament play. This includes, but is not limited to: supplying all necessary documents, scorebooks, emergency permits, ID cards, and game schedules to Tournament team managers in each league. The committee is also responsible to set up credential checks for all participants and coordination with the Equipment Coordinator for the issue of uniforms and equipment.
- When GMBL has been chosen to host a tournament, the committee will have additional responsibilities. They include, but are not limited to: brackets and game scheduling, gate admissions, protest committee, announcers, official scorekeepers, umpires, awards, souvenirs, programs, fields and grounds, equipment, hosting dues, notification of all district and state officials, preparation of district and state packets, exchanging information with all participants, (i.e. pictures, notification of meetings, etc.)
- The Tournament Director or a representative must be present for all games and should attend all district and state meetings with Babe Ruth officials concerning the tournament. All tournament information should be sent to the director, copying the President, rather than through the Board.
ARTICLE IX - SPONSORS

9.1 SPONSORSHIP
The following rules will govern sponsor assignments:
(A) Returning sponsors within a League will have priority.
(C) When openings become available; sponsors with the most seniority within the GMBL will have priority. Sponsors will be assigned in order of seniority.
(C) When all other conditions are equal, sponsors will be assigned in order in which payment is received (i.e., first come, first served).
(D) There is no sponsor’s option. Sponsors may not select a specific team, Manager or Coach for a specific player.
(E) When a Sponsor expresses interest in supporting a team, they will sponsor the team that their player is drafted onto. If their player is already on a team, they will be offered the opportunity to sponsor that team. If the team is already sponsored, the Sponsorship Coordinator will work with the Sponsor to come to an agreement on another team.

ARTICLE X - GAME AND PRACTICE SCHEDULES
Game schedules issued by the League Scheduler or designee will be followed. The league shall schedule a regular season of not less than ten (10) games nor more than sixteen (16) games. Rainouts will be made up to guarantee that the scheduled number of games are met. Players not attending practices cannot be penalized.
ARTICLE XI - MANAGERS AND COACHES

11.1 LIMITATIONS
No individual will MANAGE more than one team during the regular season league play unless approved by the Executive Board. Only the three (3) approved managers or coaches will be permitted on the playing area, including dugouts, during any game (Exception: Rookies, T-Ball, Blast ball teams may have four approved individuals). In the event that one or more of the approved managers or coaches are unable to attend a game, then a volunteer will be allowed as a substitute. The manager or acting manager will notify the division’s commissioner if time permits and the other team’s manager that a substitute manager or coach is going to be used. In any event, the maximum number of managers or coaches allowable will not be exceeded.

11.2 RESPONSIBILITIES
Managers will be responsible for their own team’s actions on the playing fields. All managers and their assistants will conduct themselves within the Rules of Conduct established by the Local League and Babe Ruth Baseball, Incorporated.

11.3 SUSPENSION
The Board of Directors will have the authority to suspend or dismiss any manager whose conduct is considered detrimental to the best interests of the organization (see Rules of Conduct) with a vote of at least two thirds of the current membership of the Board of Directors whether or not all current board members are present and/or cast a vote.

11.4 AGE REQUIREMENTS
All managers will be a minimum of 21 years of age. All assistants or coaches will be a minimum of 18 years of age.

11.5 CERTIFICATION
All managers and coaches must complete the online Criminal History Background check and National Sexual Offenders Registry check completed by GMBL’s approved vendor. All managers and coaches must have such background checks in order to take the field for league games. For those managers and coaches with background checks and Sexual Offenders Registry checks within the last three (3) years of the current league year from the State Police the Board will accept.
All managers and coaches must have completed the Cal Ripken Babe Ruth online coach’s course to manage or coach at GMBL. Failure to comply with these rules may result in the suspension or removal of manager or coach from the team. All managers and coaches must attend a GMBL sponsored or approved coaches clinic.
11.6 BOARD APPROVAL

(A) Commissioners will interview all applicants for manager or coach within their Local League. Prior to manager approvals, each Commissioner will report on any outstanding grievances, complaints or unresolved problems involving the candidates. The Commissioner will represent all candidates before the Board, making a brief presentation concerning their experience and qualifications. Manager candidates who wish to do so may attend the Board meeting to speak on their own behalf. Managers with outstanding grievances, complaints or unresolved problems are required to attend.

(B) All votes for manager or coach approvals shall be taken by secret ballot. A majority of those Board Members attending is required for Board approval for all ballots.

(C) In the event that the number of Manager Candidates returning to the same division is more than the number of teams available, all Managers will be placed on a ballot and voted on by the board. There are no automatic approvals. All candidates must be voted on and approved.

(F) Each Commissioner will also present a list of assistant coach applicants for Board approval. The entire ballot may be voted on at one time.

11.7 COACH’S OPTION

(A) For all levels of the Local Leagues except for machine pitch levels, managers will have the option to select one (1) individual to serve as their assistant coach, provided the individual is approved as an assistant coach by the Board. If the assistant coach is a parent of a child playing in the Local League involved, his child will be selected in the round in which they were ranked and rated. Exceptions: T-ball, where the Commissioner assigns all players.

(1) If an assistant coach option is exercised, the coach must participate in two-thirds (2/3) of the team’s regular season games. Failure to do so may result in the coach not being an option the following two seasons.

(2) Team assistant coach options must be approved as assistants and declared to the Commissioner prior to the draft. Confirmation must be received by the Commissioner or Vice President from the approved assistant.

(B) For all machine pitch levels (Rookies and 8U Softball) managers will have the option to select two (2) individuals to serve as their assistant coaches, provided the individual is approved as an assistant coach by the Board.
ARTICLE XII - RULES OF CONDUCT

12.1 MANAGERS AND COACHES
(A) Will show by example that they respect the judgment and the position of authority of the umpire. They must instill in their players a respect for the authority of adult leaders in the League.
(B) Will encourage their players at every opportunity and exercise discretion and tact when critiquing player performance.
(C) Will display good sportsmanship whether the team wins or loses.
(D) Will be responsible for assuring reliable adult supervision at each team game or practice.
(E) Will be cautious and use sound reasonable judgment in a protest situation.
(F) Will not be involved in any action to willfully hide or cover up abilities of a player or player prospect.
(G) Will relay to his players and their parents GMBL’s Code of Conduct (attached as addendum A). They will also be required to assist in enforcing the Code of Conduct both with their players and their parents.
(H) All managers and coaches will adhere to the GMBL Field Use Methods and Procedures (attached as addendum B).

12.2 VIOLATIONS
(A) All violations of these rules will be reported to the Local League Commissioner for subsequent action by the Board of Directors. Either written and signed letter or personal appearance before the Board must support notification.
(B) The Board of Directors will fully investigate all such matters, giving each person involved an ample opportunity to participate in the investigation. Based on the facts involved, the Board of Directors will determine the validity of the complaint and the appropriate course of action to be followed. Where sufficient cause is shown, the individual(s) involved will be called before the Board and given the opportunity to account for their actions. The Board will then, by two-thirds vote of the members present,
(1) Dismiss the matter completely (if warranted),
(2) Admonish the individual(s) involved, or
(3) Suspend or otherwise remove the individual(s) from further League participation.
(4) Cause the team to forfeit the game or games in question.

12.3 SPECIFIC LEAGUE GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE
(A) The appropriate commissioner must receive any complaint in writing.
(B) The commissioner will call all parties together to resolve the issue. If it cannot be resolved, the complainant may request that the grievance be brought before the Executive Board.
(C) The Executive Board will call all parties together to resolve the issue. If it cannot be resolved, the complainant may request that the President bring the grievance before the Board in a closed special meeting.
(D) After presentations from all parties involved, the Board of Directors will resolve the grievance by a majority vote. The decision of the Board is final.
12.4 GENERAL GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE
(A) Any complaint must be received in writing by the president.
(B) The president will call the Executive Board and all parties together to resolve the issue. If it cannot be resolved, the complainant may request that the President bring the grievance before the Board in a closed special meeting.
(C) After presentations from all parties involved, the Board of Directors will resolve the grievance by a majority vote. The decision of the Board is final.

12.5 UMPIRES
Umpires may not declare a game to be forfeited due to the actions of spectators or others not directly involved in the game. In the case where the umpire believes that those actions pose a danger to themselves or any other participants, they may suspend the game and immediately notify the President or his designee who will take action to remove the offender from the premises, so that the game may be concluded.

12.6 PLAYER/MANAGER/COACH REMOVAL FROM GAME
A player/manager/coach that is ejected from any game in which they are representing GMBL in any form (rec, travel, or tournament) will automatically be suspended for the next game in which they are involved. If the infraction occurs away from GMBL any consequences levied by the event do not supersede suspension. If an infraction occurring away from GMBL is not reported to the League's Baseball or Softball Vice President within 48 hours or prior to the next scheduled league event, this will result in immediate suspension from the violators' role within the league. If the ejection involves obscenity or violence, the suspension may be up to a full season at the discretion of the Board of Directors. If a player/manager/coach is ejected from a game more than twice in a playing year (spring and fall seasons), the player/manager/coach will be suspended for the rest of that season. The player/manager/coach would then need to appear before the board in order to apply for reinstatement. Reinstatement, if granted, would be probationary for one playing year.

12.7 SPECTATOR CONDUCT
(A) Spectators/Guardians shall adhere to the same sportsmanship standards as managers, coaches, and players, as defined by GMBL's Code of Conduct. Failure to do so may result in their and the child's removal from the league. Umpires may order the removal of a spectator if their actions are deemed detrimental to the game. In that case, the player shall also be ejected, but the automatic suspension will not be enforced. A second instance will result in a two game suspension for the player. Subsequent ejection will result in a suspension for the remainder of the season.
(B) Noisemakers are not permitted at GMBL.
ARTICLE XIII - LEAGUE ORGANIZATION

The Local League will consist of the following divisions:
(A) Blastball  
(B) T-Ball  
(C) Rookie – A **  
(D) Rookie – AA **  
(E) Minor A **  
(F) Minor AA **  
(G) Major  
  Babe Ruth 13-15 (may be split into 13 and 14/15 year olds if numbers support)  
(H) Senior Babe Ruth  
(I) 8u Softball  
(J) 10u Softball **  
(K) 12u Softball **  
(L) 14u Softball **  
(M) 16u Softball **  

** League reserves the right to combine divisions as needed based on registration and other factors.
ARTICLE XIV CAL RIPKEN AND BABE RUTH PROVISIONS

The following rules and regulations apply to all GMBL leagues except where specifically noted in the league specific sections (attached as addendums D through H)

14.1 MEMBERSHIP

(A) Cal Ripken - Children will be eligible to play in the following leagues during the spring season if they will reach the stated ages prior to the following May 1st. No player will be eligible to play in the Cal Ripken Division if they will turn thirteen (13) or older prior to May 1st. No player younger than league age 5 years old shall be eligible to play in the Cal Ripken Division.
   . Blast-Ball - 4 year olds
   . T-ball - 5 and 6 year olds
   . Rookie A and AA - 7 and 8 year olds
   . Minor A - 9 year olds
   . Minor AA - 10 year olds
   . Major - 11 and 12 year olds

(B) Babe Ruth:
   (1) Children attaining the ages of 13-15 prior to May 1st are eligible to participate in the Babe Ruth League.
   (2) Children attaining the ages of 15-18 prior to May 1st are eligible to participate in Senior Babe Ruth.

(C) Softball
   (1) 8u: 6-8 years old
   (2) 10u: 9-10 years old
   (3) 12u: 11-12 years old
   (4) 14u: 13-14 years old
   (5) 16u: 15-16 years old

** Softball- League reserves the right to combine divisions as needed

Playing Down a Division:
Exceptions shall be made in the case where the child’s participation in their designated division would be determined as a safety risk to that child. In that case, the child may be permitted to play down one division. The commissioners of both divisions will be responsible for evaluating the player and making the determination.
Playing Up a Division:
Players will not be allowed to play up a division, unless the parent or guardian makes a written request (e-mail is acceptable) prior to the conclusion of the general registration period. The Vice President of the division will evaluate each request on a case-by-case basis and approve or deny such requests. A decision denying the request may be appealed to the League President. The President shall document the final decision.

A player may play up only one age group and once rostered and approved to play up, they may only play for the tournament team of that division.

Parents of players requesting to play up a league will not be allowed to manage or be used as an assistant coach option for their child’s team. A parent may assist in coaching if they are approved and needed on his/her child’s team once the child is drafted to a team.
14.2 PLAYING RULES - REGULAR SEASON

(A) As stated in Article 5.01, the Official Rule Guide of Cal Ripken Division of Babe Ruth Baseball, the Official Rule Guide of Babe Ruth Division of Babe Ruth Baseball, the Official Baseball Rules of the National Baseball Congress of America, and the Local League Bylaws will govern play. Any exceptions to the Official Rule Guide of Babe Ruth Division of Babe Ruth Baseball (white book) will be detailed in addendums D through H and are considered as part of the Local League by-laws.

(B) Participation – All available players will appear in the batting order from the start of the game. Free substitution will be permitted, however no player may sit out more than one (1) defensive inning per game, unless all players have already sat out for one (1) inning. No player shall ever sit for multiple innings in successive games. For the purpose of pitching eligibility under 0.06 and 0.08 of the Official Rule Guide of Cal Ripken Division of Babe Ruth Baseball and the Official Rule Guide of Babe Ruth Division of Babe Ruth Baseball, a player sitting out under this article will not be disqualified from re-entering as a pitcher.

(C) Games may start or finish with only eight players without a forfeit, but games cannot start or finish with less than eight. If a team starts with 8 players, that team will record an out in the 9th spot in the order. A team that starts with 9 or more players will not take an out for any vacant spot in the order unless the eight-player rule applies. If there is more than one vacant spot with the eight-player rule in effect, then the spot closest to the top of the order will take the out.

(D) Players may be removed from the game for disciplinary action, without penalty. Within 24 hours of the games ending, the manager must notify the Commissioner and parents, in writing, of any such disciplinary action. If a manager finds it necessary to discipline a player in such a way that the player will miss an entire game, both the parent(s)/guardian(s) of the player and the Commissioner must be notified prior to the suspension. If the Commissioner finds that sufficient cause has been found to invoke the disciplinary action, then the Commissioner may allow the manager to bench the player. Failure to comply with this procedure will result in forfeiture of the game and a one game suspension for the manager.

(E) No new inning can begin after 2 hours 15 minutes from the beginning of the game, even if there is a tie score. No new inning can begin after 1 1/2 hours from the beginning of the game in T-ball. The official start time of the game is defined as the conclusion of the initial plate conference. The home team manager will be responsible for placing their team on the field prior to the start of the plate conference, noting the official start time in the scorebook and confirming it with the umpire-in-chief and the opposing manager.

(F) Regular season standings will be kept in the Spring however they will not be kept in the Fall. Standings will be based on a ten (10) game season and will be used for tournament seeding. A regular season championship trophy will be awarded. The league will determine the structure of the standings-eligible portion of the schedule prior to the start of the season. This applies to the Spring season only.

(G) Defensive coaches will not be allowed down the foul lines to coach. (Exception Blastball, Tball and 8u Softball)

(H) Games will be played under a Four Run Rule in all divisions (exception Blastball, TBall and Sr. Babe Ruth) - each half inning of play will end when:
   1. The third out is made.
   2. The Fourth run is scored in such halfinning.
3. Four run rules do not apply to the sixth inning (seventh for Babe Ruth). Only the sixth (seventh in Babe Ruth) can be unlimited. (To clarify- only the sixth inning (seventh in Babe Ruth) can be unlimited.

   (I) The end of season tournament will be for all leagues except for T-Ball and Blastball. Trophies will be awarded to the players of the first and second place teams of this tournament.
   (J) All Star Games for all leagues may be played. Only players that do not participate on GMBL sponsored tournament teams will be eligible. The format for choosing players, managers and coaches shall be at the respective Commissioners discretion.
   (K) A courtesy runner will be allowed for the pitcher or catcher on base with any number of outs. The courtesy runner will be the last batted out.
   (L) If the visiting team is ahead by 8 or more runs at the top of the last inning the home team will bat first in the top of the last inning. The visiting team will then become the home team. If the original home team ties the score or goes ahead after batting in the top of the last inning the original visiting team will then bat in the bottom of the last inning.

14.3 PLAYING RULES - LEAGUE TOURNAMENT PLAY

(A) Spring league tournament championships will be played with regular season participation requirements. The league championships will be a double elimination tournament unless time only allows for single elimination. The home team is the highest seed based on regular season standings as defined in Article 14.2 (H). There is no time limit for the championship game. In the championship game, the home team will be the team in the winner’s bracket. If the championship advances to the “if” game, a coin flip will determine home team.
   ** Based on the numbers, each division could have a different type of tournament.
   1. There is no run limit per inning. Three outs must be made to end inning. This applies only to the Majors and Babe Ruth Baseball divisions.
   2. Softball 12u and up will keep a 4 run limit until the 6th or 7th inning as define in the divisions addendum rules.
   (B) There will be no Fall League tournament championships. In place of the tournament additional rec games will be played with an end of season All Star game.

Any additional exceptions to the rule due to scheduling concerns will be at the discretion of GMBLs Executive Board.

(B) Games suspended due to inclement weather will be continued from the exact point where play was halted at the next available time and day as determined by the league. Players that were absent from the suspended game may be added at the end of the batting order when play resumes. For those players that were in the batting order during the suspended game and are absent for the game resumption, they will be removed from the batting order (no penalty) and the batting order collapsed thus moving batters up in the order. Players that were previously called up will not play in the continued game unless call up players are needed.
   (C) There will be a 12 run slaughter rule in league tournament play invoked after the fourth (4) inning in Cal Ripken, fifth (5) inning in Prep/Babe Ruth and Sr. Babe Ruth.
   (D) All playing rules continue in extra-inning games (example: Substitution, Pitching Rules).
14.4 PROTEST

(A) The manager must file notice that the game is being played under protest with the Umpire-in-Charge at the time of the disputed decision and before the next pitched ball to the batter or next play.

(B) A written report setting forth all the facts of the protest must be filed with the appropriate league commissioner, together with a check made payable to GMBL in the amount of twenty-five Dollars ($25.00), within forty-eight (48) hours of the time of the protest. The check will be refunded if the protest is upheld.

(C) Before the Protest Committee makes a decision, a clarification and interpretation of rules may be secured in writing from Babe Ruth Headquarters.

(D) The Protest Committee will review the facts presented and make the decision as to whether the protest will be upheld. If upheld the Protest Committee will, by majority vote,

1. Dismiss the matter completely
2. Admonish the individual(s) involved
3. Suspend or otherwise remove the individual(s) from further League participation
4. Replay the game from the point of infraction
5. Replay the game in its entirety
6. Cause the team to forfeit the game(s) in question.

(E) The Protest committee’s decision will be presented in writing, within forty-eight (48) hours of receipt of the protest, to those involved, and will be final and binding.
14.5 LOAN PROGRAM

(A) There will be a loan program for regular season and league tournament play as necessary in order to comply with the nine-player rule. Cal Ripken players, age group 5 to 11, cannot be used as loan players in the Babe Ruth (13) to (18 age group) division; furthermore, players in the Babe Ruth age group, 13 to 14, cannot be used as loan players in the Senior Babe Ruth (16 to 18 age group).

(B) Loan players will not be allowed to pitch or catch and may not play the infield more than 2 innings.

(C) Prior to regular season play the divisions Vice President will create a list of all players eligible to be called. This list will be comprised of the player’s name, parent’s name and contact information. This list will distribute after the draft. Managers may call-up any players on this list and will not require prior approval from the commissioner.

(D) The players on this list will be no more than one year removed in age from the next higher league. For example, the list given to the Major League commissioner will be comprised of no players younger than 10, since the minimum age for playing in the Majors is 11 years old.

(E) A Manager may request only enough players to give him/her a total of (10) players for Rookies or nine players Minor A, AA, Major/Super Cal, Prep/Babe Ruth and Sr. Babe Ruth for that game. If the manager has less than 10 players (rookies) 9 players Minor A, AA, Major/Super Cal, Prep/Babe Ruth and Sr. Babe Ruth at game time, he/she may use any eligible player available whether or not the player is on the loan program list.

(F) The manager must use the loaned player in the same manner as a regularly rostered player.

(G) The loan program is intended to prevent forfeits.

(H) A manager may not borrow more than three players for play.

(I) If a manager is notified that a player will be absent from a game and a call-up player is needed, the commissioner of the division must be notified. Once the call-up is contacted and arrives, that call-up player is still eligible to play even if the to be absent player arrives.

(J) Once a player is called-up they are to play regardless of who has shown up before the game.

(K) Any players called-up are to be placed in the batting order after all of the teams’ assigned players. Any team assigned players arriving after the game has started go after any call-ups in the order.

14.6 ROSTERS

All teams must, when possible, carry a full roster. When vacancies occur on a team, managers must notify the commissioner immediately of such vacancy. The Commissioner will then consult with the Registrar to determine the next available player from the waiting list and assign that player to that team. If a team did not draft a complete roster, additional players will be assigned by a draw from a hat by team name by the Registrar. Once all rosters are filled, then players will be assigned to fill vacancies left by resignations or injuries.

14.7 UNIFORMS

Any GMBL official uniforms cannot be modified in any way without the approval of the GMBL Board of Directors.
ARTICLE XVI - TOURNAMENT TEAM PROVISIONS

(A) The Managers of the Tournament Teams will be decided by a vote of GMBL’s board of directors no earlier than the prior Fall season coach approval board meeting. The Tournament Team Assistant Coaches (up to 2) will be selected by the Tournament Team manager from the remaining approved managers and coaches in the respective league or division.

(B) Separate open tryouts will be held for the Tournament Teams. Tournament Managers may hold Tournament Team tryouts at any point after May 1st. If no Travel team is fielded in an age group, tryouts may occur prior to May 1st, but no earlier than the draft. Each Tournament Team Manager will inform the Tournament/Travel Commissioner and Vice President of baseball or softball, who will notify all players of the time and date of tryouts via a website posting and broadcast email. Alternates may be substituted due to player loss (i.e. injury, player unavailable, etc) at any time prior to the Tournament team roster review for Babe Ruth tournament play. The league and Tournament/Travel Commissioner & Registrar must be informed of the final selection prior to the Teams announcement. The final Tournament Team roster must be submitted to the league at a minimum of 3 weeks before the District Tournament. The Tournament Team Manager will inform the parents of players trying out of the extra financial commitments required of selected players.

(C) It is recommended the Tournament Team Selection process follow the Cal Ripken/Babe Ruth Guidelines. All players selected must meet white book participation rules.

(D) All funds collected will be turned over to the Tournament/Travel Coordinator, who will manage all Travel/Tournament Team accounts. Tournament Team Managers may draw upon these accounts as needed, provided sufficient documentation is provided. GMBL’s executive board must approve of all fund raising done by GMBL teams. All funds deposited with GMBL not consumed by the depositing tournament team will be transferred to GMBL’s general operating fund on August 31st. Failure to comply with any financial obligation in connection with tournament team participation will result in punitive action up to and including forfeiture of all participation in management of any future team within GMBL for 2 years. 10% of all funds raised will go directly to the league. Any fundraising activity that either does not indicate what team the fundraiser is for or any that were not approved will be forfeited and 100% of the proceeds will be given to the league’s general fund.

(E) Tournament Teams will use the GMBL selected approved uniforms for all tournaments and games (excluding local league play where they will wear GMBL’s league uniform).

(F) The number of tournament teams and team composition will be determined in accordance with Babe Ruth rules.
ARTICLE XVII – TRAVEL TEAM PROVISIONS

(A) The Managers of Travel Teams will be decided by a vote of GMBL’s board of directors at the January board meeting for Spring and the August board meeting for Fall. The Travel Team Assistant Coaches (up to 3) will be selected by the Travel Team manager from the remaining approved managers and coaches in the respective league or division.

(B) Travel teams will be defined as teams that enter NVTBL or travel off GMBL’s complex to participate in tournaments.

(C) Separate tryouts will be held for the Travel Teams. Travel Managers may hold tryouts at any point after February 1st for Spring and August 1st for Fall, petitioning the league for approval of a date. Open tryouts will be held for each Travel Team however the player must be enrolled in the GMBL rec league. Each Travel Team Manager will inform the Tournament/Travel Commissioner and Vice President of baseball or softball, who will notify all players of the time and date of tryouts via a website posting and broadcast email. Alternates may be substituted due to injury at any time during the season. The league and Travel/Tournament commissioner & Registrar must be informed of the final selection prior to the Travel Teams announcement. The final Travel Team roster must be submitted to the league before drafts for the Spring or Fall season. The Travel Team Manager will inform the parents of players tryout of the extra financial commitments required of selected players.

(D) More than one travel team can exist in a division. A second team may be formed if there is enough player interest after the initial travel team has been selected.

(E) A maximum of 15 players may be on a travel team.

(F) The travel teams must receive pre-approval of their uniforms before ordering.

(G) The primary travel team’s schedule in the Spring must be completed by June 1st as priority will then be given to the Tournament Team.

(H) The travel schedule can have no more than one off-site tournament per month. Sunday only tournaments will be an exception. All tournaments must be pre-approved by the Vice President of that division before registering.

(I) The travel team will work with the GMBL scheduler and have set nights that they practice off-site. Obtaining the off-site fields with permits will be up to each travel team. Travel teams will be given priority for field use on Sundays. Rec league games will take priority.

(J) All funds collected will be turned over to the Tournament/Travel Coordinator, who will manage all Travel/Tournament Team accounts. Travel Team Managers may draw upon these accounts as needed, provided sufficient documentation is provided. GMBL’s executive board must approve of all fund raising done by the teams. All funds deposited with GMBL not consumed by the depositing travel team we be transferred to GMBL’s general operating fund on November 15th. Failure to comply with any financial obligation in connection with travel team participation will result in punitive action up to and including forfeiture of all participation in management of any future team within GMBL for 2 years. 10% of all funds raised will go directly to the league. Any fundraising activity that either does not indicate what team the fundraiser is for or any that were not approved will be forfeited and 100% of the proceeds will be given to the league’s general fund.
ADDENDUM A - CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Codes of Conduct
This League is designed to provide a robust, structured, supervised, instructional and competitive baseball and softball program for any and all youth ages 4 to 18 within the designated boundaries of the Greater Manassas Baseball League. The goal of this league is to foster an environment that emphasizes sportsmanship, fair play, physical and mental well-being, teamwork, baseball and softball skills development, community involvement, and volunteerism, and the development of good citizens and positive role models for the community. The following codes of conduct will be strictly enforced throughout every GMBL season.

1.1 PLAYERS CODE OF CONDUCT
In order to ensure that the principles of sportsmanship, fair play, skill development, and mutual respect among players, managers, coaches, umpires and spectators are the primary considerations governing competition in the Greater Manassas Baseball League, the following Code of Conduct has been established and adopted.
Each player will ensure that their playing conduct is that of a young gentleman/lady, competing fairly to the limit of his/her ability. To satisfactorily meet these responsibilities, the player is expected to:
1. Know the rules and abide by them.
2. Respect the umpires and refrain from addressing them or commenting on their decisions during the play of the game. The team’s manager may address the umpires during the game but only within the provisions of the rules and in a courteous, respectful manner.
3. Maintain control of his/her emotions, avoiding the use of abusive language or profanity, humiliating remarks, and/or physical or verbal gestures of ill temper, and physical assault upon another player, coach, manager, umpire or league official at any time.
4. Respect the manager, coaches and players of the opposing team and demonstrate appropriate gestures of sportsmanship at the conclusion of every game - be humble and generous in victory and proud and courteous in defeat.
5. Follow all practice or game facility rules and regulations, respecting at all times the property of others.
6. Realize, accept, and practice the principle that a team’s reputation is built not only on its playing ability but also on the sportsmanship, courtesy and manners of each individual player.
7. No use of alcoholic beverages or illegal substances both on and off the playing field.
8. There is no use of any tobacco or nicotine products anywhere near the field of play or practice facility. This includes but is not limited to cigarettes, cigars, pipes, smokeless tobacco, electronic cigarettes, and vaporizers. Usage of these items are permitted outside the parking lot fence at the EG Smith Complex and in designated areas offsite.
9. Conduct themselves in a manner befitting the founding principles of GMBL when traveling to "away" games or tournaments.
1.2 MANAGER & COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

In order to ensure that the principles of sportsmanship, fair play, skill development, and mutual respect among players, managers, coaches, umpires and spectators are the primary considerations governing competition in the Greater Manassas Baseball League, the following Code of Conduct has been established and adopted. Each manager and coach will ensure that his coaching conduct is that of an adult, with the best interests of every ball player and the Greater Manassas Baseball League, continually expressed. To satisfactorily meet these responsibilities, each manager and coach is expected to:

1. Know the rules and abide by them.
2. Instruct team members in the rules and coach his/her team in such a way as to motivate each player to compete according to the rules at all times.
3. Respect the umpires and refrain from questioning their decisions in a disrespectful or abusive manner.
4. Ensure that the players and spectators follow game and practice facility rules and regulations.
5. Ensure that fans of his/her team conduct themselves with sportsmanship and maturity at all times while in attendance at game/practice sites; assist the umpires in maintaining control of spectators during the games.
6. Respect the manager, coaches and players of the opposing team both during the play of the game and at its conclusion, win or lose.
7. Teach each player, especially through personal example, to be humble and generous in victory and proud and courteous in defeat.
8. Maintain control of his/her emotions and avoid actions, language, and/or physical or verbal gestures that may be interpreted as hostile and humiliating.
9. Refrain from the use of alcoholic beverages or other illegal substances at all games, practices and other GMBL and Babe Ruth team.
10. There is no use of any tobacco or nicotine products anywhere near the field of play or practice facility. This includes but is not limited to cigarettes, cigars, pipes, smokeless tobacco, electronic cigarettes, and vaporizers. Usage of these items are permitted outside the parking lot fence at the EG Smith Complex and in designated areas offsite.
11. Instruct team support personnel (e.g., assistant coaches, scorekeepers, team parents) in their responsibilities in accordance with established rules and procedures.
12. Realize, accept, and practice the principal that a team’s reputation is built not only on its playing ability, but also on its sportsmanship, courtesy, and manner.
13. Conduct themselves in a manner befitting the founding principles of GMBL when traveling to "away" games or tournaments.
**1.3 SPECTATORS CODE OF CONDUCT**

In order to ensure that the principles of sportsmanship, fair play, skill development, and mutual respect among players, managers, coaches, umpires and spectators are the primary considerations governing competition in the Greater Manassas Baseball League, the following Code of Conduct has been established and adopted.

Each spectator will ensure that his/her conduct at all games and practices are that of a mature adult with the best interests of every ball player and the Greater Manassas Baseball League, continually expressed. To satisfactorily meet these responsibilities, every spectator is expected to:

1. Respect the rules of the game.
2. Respect the umpires, managers, coaches and players and refrain from questioning their decisions or from addressing them in a loud, disrespectful or abusive manner.
3. Cheer for their team in a positive, supportive manner, refraining at all times from making hostile, negative, or abusive remarks about the opposing team.
4. Adhere to all practice/game facility rules and regulations.
5. Demonstrate appropriate gestures of sportsmanship at the conclusion of a game, win or lose.
6. Realize, accept, and practice the principal that a team's reputation is built not only on its playing ability, but also on the sportsmanship, courtesy, and citizenship of its fans.
7. Refrain from the use of alcoholic beverages or other illegal substances at all games, practices and other GMBL and Babe Ruth team events.
8. There is no use of any tobacco or nicotine products anywhere near the field of play or practice facility. This includes but is not limited to cigarettes, cigars, pipes, smokeless tobacco, electronic cigarettes, and vaporizers. Usage of these items are permitted outside the parking lot fence at the EG Smith Complex and in designated areas offsite.
9. Conduct themselves in a manner befitting the founding principles of GMBL when traveling to "away" games or tournaments.

**1.4 RESPONSIBILITY FOR CONDUCT.**

Participation in GMBL constitutes acknowledgement and acceptance of all terms of the CODE of CONDUCT. All managers have access to the GMBL CODE of CONDUCT on the website and are required to review these with their coaches, players and parents or guardians of players. Each team is responsible to see that their managers, coaches, players and spectators abide by the CODE of CONDUCT.

**1.5 CODE OF CONDUCT REQUIREMENTS.**

CODE of CONDUCT for spectators and players should be thoroughly discussed at a pre-season joint meeting between the GMBL commissioners and managers, coaches prior to drafts and by the managers, coaches, players and parent/guardians of players at their first team meeting of the season.

**1.6 IMPROPER CONDUCT ADJUDICATED BY GMBL BOARD.**

Registration for play or the application to manage/coach in the Greater Manassas Baseball League constitutes acceptance of this Code of Conduct. Conduct of sponsors, managers, coaches, players or spectators detrimental and contrary to the GMBL CODE of CONDUCT will result in penalties up to and including suspension from further participation for whatever period of time deemed reasonable and appropriate by the GMBL Board of Directors.
1.7 IMPROPER CONDUCT PENALTIES.
Improper conduct on the part of managers, coaches, players or spectators may result in expulsion from the game/practice facility, or in extreme cases, forfeiture of the game. The GMBL Board, or Board appointed Code of Conduct Committee, reserves the authority to discipline managers, coaches, players or spectators during the course of the season for conduct deemed detrimental to the good order of the League. Such actions may include warning, suspension or termination.

1.8 OFFENSIVE ACTIONS
DEFINITIONS OF OFFENSIVE ACTIONS.
No manager, coach, player, parent/guardian or spectator is to:
1. Refuse to abide by an umpire's decision; or
2. be guilty of objectionable demonstration by throwing equipment or any other forceful action: or
3. be guilty of heaping verbal abuse upon an umpire for any real or imaginary wrong decision or judgment; or
4. be guilty of an abusive verbal attack upon a player, an opposing manager, coach, umpire or spectator; or
5. at any time, lay hands upon, push, shove or strike an umpire, manager, coach, player or spectator; or
6. be guilty of a physical attack as an aggressor upon any player, opposing manager, coach, umpire, spectator, or GMBL official; or
7. Exhibit any such behavior as to be interpreted to present a hazardous environment for any player, opposing manager, coach, umpire, spectator, or GMBL official.

This list is not intended to be all inclusive. GMBL shall be the sole arbiter as to whether an action is deemed offensive.

1.9 PENALTIES FOR OFFENSIVE ACTIONS/EJECTION FROM GAMES.
All ejections will be considered CODE of CONDUCT violations, and the manager, coach or player is automatically suspended for at least ONE (1) game. The GMBL Board, or Board appointed Code of Conduct Committee, will define any further appropriate penalties and must approve permission for any suspended player, manager or coach to participate in games subsequent to the incident for which they were ejected. All rulings of the Board or its Code of Conduct Committee will be expedient, provided that both team managers and the umpire association reports the facts relative to the ejection promptly. A player or manager ejected from a game should be notified at the time as to the cause of the ejection; both managers are still required to notify the League Commissioner when an ejection occurs. A written report by the ejecting umpire explaining the reason(s) for the ejection should be made in all situations involving ejection. Any manager, coach, player, team representative, or parent/guardian striking, shoving or otherwise making willful contact with an umpire will be banned from attending any GMBL activity for the remainder of the season. In addition, their participation status will be subject to review prior to the following season.

1.10 CODE OF CONDUCT COMMITTEE JURISDICTION.
When penalties for rule violations are not specified, they will be decided by the GMBL Board or appointed Code of Conduct Committee with approval from the full GMBL Board of Directors.
1.11 SUBMISSION OF APPEALS.

A written appeal may be made to the Greater Manassas Baseball League President within TWENTY-FOUR (24) hours of the penalty decision. The appeal will be addressed by the GMBL Board of Directors. The decision of the League's Board of Directors will be final.
ADDENDUM B - FIELD USE REQUIREMENTS

Here are the field maintenance instructions that must be followed before and after every game and practice. Please show respect for each other by doing your share. Listed below are various do's and don’ts to be followed when groups are attempting to prepare a infield area for a scheduled practices/games:

OBJECTIVES
- To prepare the playing surfaces and maintain them in a way that minimum effort will be required day-to-day, week-to-week, especially following rain. Fields do not maintain themselves so continual effort is required. However, regular minimum effort from all players and coaches will always avoid major work as the season progresses.
- No holes or depressions in the dirt and turf areas of the fields. These are dangerous and unsafe. They are also the places where water will accumulate.
- Completely level dirt areas of the fields. Since water seeks the lowest point, any areas below grade will result in large puddles that make for a lot more work after rainstorms. Refill and grade all depressions after each game to avoid depressions near the bases and in the batter's boxes.
- Grade the infields so that the lowest points are behind the infield dirt and away from 1st & 3rd bases.
- To present a professional looking, well maintained, baseball field at all times. We want straight, clean infield lines whenever possible.

PRE-GAME RESPONSIBILITIES

Prior to the start of the game or practice:
- Get to the field early. Your assistance may be required to rake and line your field before the scheduled starting time.
- Home team will occupy the 3rd base dugout. During tournament play no team may occupy a dugout until a team has been identified as the home team. This is determined by seeding or by a coin flip.
- There will be no batting practice or warming up of pitchers on the infield (including mounds and/or batters boxes) prior to the game. For pre-game warm ups, the visiting team may have the infield dirt area between 2nd and 3rd base for infield practice. The infield grass area, the pitcher’s mound and the home plate cutout areas should not be used from pre-game warm-ups. Starting pitchers may warm up in the bullpen areas down their respective outfield lines. The outfield may be used for warm-ups.
- Prior to the plate meeting, please take a careful look at the fields before playing and note any safety issues. It is vitally important that we only play on safe fields.
POST- GAME RESPONSIBILITIES
Upon completion of the game or practice:

Dugouts: Clear both dugouts of equipment and garbage. Place all refuse in the trash cans.

Leveling: Rake, fill and smooth low spots at:
A. Groom home plate / batters boxes
B. Groom pitchers Circle
C. Groom First and Third baselines

Bases: Should be left in place

Base Areas: Clear dirt from around base plugs so that each base lies flat on infield.

Raking & Dragging: Use rakes and hand drag to smooth infield surface. The infield is not to be dragged when wet.
If you rake or drag the wrong way, it develops "lips" at the grass edges which require large reconstructive efforts to remedy. If you ALWAYS pull in the direction of the base paths, and never toward a grass edge, then the "lipping" problem of dirt buildup at the edge of the infield will be greatly reduced.

At no time are vehicles to go on the ball field areas, except for a small jeep-type vehicle for dragging the ball diamond infield area.

Equipment: Clean and return all equipment to storage areas.

Water field: Water down the infield after the last game of the night and between games when possible. This helps in two ways: Dust control and ground compaction.

Locks/Power: Lock all doors & gates to the field after lights and power are off.

Trash: Empty trash can in the dugout & outside when the trash can is full or close to being full.
You may feel that there is simply not enough time to complete them between games. We have tested these procedures ourselves, and the entire process can be accomplished within 10 minutes.

FIELD PREPARATION AFTER RAIN
Water removal, light raking of wet areas, sunshine, a breeze, and time are the ingredients necessary for getting a wet infield area into playing shape.
Check the website or hotline to find out what decisions have been made regarding games for that day of rain outs. By and large ALL games will be played or NO games will be played although there are exceptions to this.
If the decision has been made to play:
- Weekdays: Get to the field at least one hour before game time. If you are unable, find someone from your team to be there.
- Weekends: Get to the field as early as you can after a rainstorm on Saturday or Sunday. It is vitally important that team representatives from teams playing later in the day get there to prepare the field for play. Games may be canceled if no one shows early enough to get the field ready.
Once you are at the field:
1. Remove all standing water from fields. We have buckets you can use to remove the water. Dump water outside of fences and away from spectator areas.
2. Use rakes and/or spike drags to scarify the infield. Remember to pull & plug all bases.
3. Use of Turface (drying agents) is appropriate only after steps 1 and 2 have been taken.

To be clear, Turface is NOT OPTION #1. Turface is not the solution to an unplayable field. It is a wonderful product to make selected areas playable. You may use up to 5 bags for a field. If more than this amount of drying agent is required to make the fields playable, this should be your indication that games should be canceled.

Please take a careful look at fields before playing and note any safety issues. It is vitally important that we only play on safe fields.

RESTRICTED ACTIVITIES
- Either warming pitchers or throwing batting practice from the mound prior to a game. That is what batting cages and sideline warm-up areas are for.
- Hitting baseball (soft toss) into fences anywhere in the park.
- Sweeping or raking mud from the infield areas onto the grass.
- Raking across baselines. Always rake the baseline lengthwise. Raking across creates drainage swales.
- Driving a truck or car on the field.
- Leaving baseliner exposed in a manner in which the lime is allowed to get damp.
- Not filling in the batter’s box, catcher’s box, mound or baselines after your game or practice.
- Not properly putting the field equipment away in the appropriate location.

PENALTY

Repeated offenses in not doing your part after games and practices could be met with the loss of practice time.
1st – Manager will receive a warning
2nd – Managers team will lose practice time.
ADDENDUM C - TRYOUTS AND DRAFTS
BASEBALL & SOFTBALL

PLAYER TRYOUTS
All players in Rookies A and above in baseball and all of softball must attend a tryout to be eligible to be drafted.
The structure of the tryouts shall be at the discretion of the League Commissioner, but will attempt to display the abilities of the player to field and throw ground balls and fly balls, batting skills and base running. If desired by the Commissioner and time allows, pitching and catching skills may also be evaluated.

An independent evaluator(s) will be used to rate each player at the tryout. Any player with an absence from tryouts may be rated by the independent evaluator(s). All unrated players will be blind drafted at the end of the draft. Option players will be evaluated by the independent evaluator(s) and will be assigned a draft round based on their evaluation. The player rankings will be strictly confidential and shall not be discussed with anyone outside the Board of Directors, Commissioner, Managers and Coaches for that specific league level. The draft ranking sheet of the independent evaluator(s) will be provided to all Managers or their designee at the player draft. All draft ranking sheets are the property of GMBL and will be returned to the League Commissioner upon completion of the draft.

The rankings and evaluations of the independent evaluator(s) will be approved by the Commissioner and E-Board and can be changed at any time.

OPTIONED PLAYERS
Prior to the start of the player draft, any manager holding an option on any candidate must notify the Commissioner, who in turn will notify the other managers. There are two kinds of optioned players:
- Coach Designated Options
- Siblings of players available in the same draft

The sibling option: If siblings are both eligible in the same draft, when a team drafts one of the siblings, the other will automatically be assigned to that same team in the round they were ranked.
The optioned players will be drafted during the round in which they were ranked and available. If both are available during the same round of the draft, one player will be taken in that round and the other must be selected with the team’s next draft choice. If coach designated options fail to show for the tryout they will go in the first available round.
PLAYER DRAFT
No players or persons under 18 years old may attend the player draft.

Blast Ball and T-ball will not be subject to drafts. The Commissioner(s) based on age, random selection and parental requests will assign those age groups.

Softball, Rookies A, Rookies AA, Minor A, Minor AA, Majors and Babe Ruth will draft teams based on the overall evaluations of players and the managers’ individual criteria for selecting their teams.

There are no returning teams and draft order will be drawn by lot.

Each team will proceed to pick in order of their number from the Commissioner’s list. They may select any eligible candidate, within the limitations of the applicable rules governing composition of teams. After each team has had an opportunity to pick one player, the selection will be repeated using the snake draft method until all teams are filled or until all candidates are selected. The selecting team will have 2 minutes to select an eligible player, if they fail to select a player in 2 minutes, their selection will be skipped and the next team in order may select a player in that round until the offending team makes a selection.

All primary GMBL travel players will be drafted across teams evenly as determined by the Board.

COMPOSITION (Softball) – No team may draft more than 8 players of the same age unless notified by the Board of Directors that there are more players of that age that must be drafted in that division.
COMPOSITION (Majors) - A maximum of eight twelve-year-olds are allowed on a team. However, each team will consist of an equal number of 11 and 12 year olds, to the extent possible.
COMPOSITION (Babe Ruth)- All 15-year-old Babe Ruth players can be selected in any round, but all remaining 15 year old players must be selected by teams with available openings for those players starting in the fifth round of the draft and continuing until all 15-year-olds have been chosen.
Teams should consist of an equal number of 13, 14 and 15 year olds as possible.
All managers will be responsible for the contact or making an attempt to contact their team within 48 hours of the draft.

Open roster positions after the draft are filled from Waitlist via a blind draw from the hat for all eligible teams with a vacancy and not in draft order. If more than one player is available they will be assigned by draw of the team name with an open roster slot from a hat coordinated by the registrar and commissioner. A player’s assignment to a team may not violate any age/roster restrictions (i.e. placing a 9th twelve year old on a team).
ADDENDUM D- BLASTBALL PLAYING RULES

GENERAL
Player’s league age of 4 will play in a modified tee-ball program. The focus of this program is to introduce the basic concepts of baseball in a fun and safe manner. There will be no strikeouts. No scores or standings will be kept. Participation trophies will be awarded at an end-of-season awards ceremony for all players.

PARTICIPATION
Blastball games will end at the conclusion of three full innings. The bottom half of the last inning will be played. There will be a maximum of 6 players per team.

BATTING RULES
All players will bat in each half inning. Other than the coaches, only the batter, on deck batter and base runners are allowed outside of the dugout and on the field of play while their team is at bat. Batter may not bunt. If this occurs, the batter will be called back to the plate and will bat again.

FIELDING RULES
All players will play defense each inning. Outs are not enforced. Each half inning ends when the last batter safely touches home plate.

MANAGERS AND COACHES
Team Managers and Coaches will be allowed to coach their players while in the field or at bat. Coaches may coach players by entering the field of play at any time.

FIELD LAYOUT
The distance between bases will be 30 feet; the distance from the POINT of home plate to the front of the pitching rubber will be 34-1/2 feet.

EQUIPMENT
The specially designed soft Blastball bat, ball and base will be used.

SAFETY
The Catcher must wear a batting helmet at all times while in the field of play.
ADDENDUM E- T-BALL PLAYING RULES

GENERAL
T-Ball games will end at the conclusion of four full innings. The bottom half of the last inning will be played.
No new inning can begin after 1:30 hours from the actual starting time of the game. A game becomes regulation at the conclusion of three full innings of play.
No standings or scores will be kept. There will be no end-of-season tournament in T-ball.
Participation trophies shall be awarded at an end-of-season awards ceremony for all players.
This program will be played under the rules for T-ball as defined in pages 14 and 15 of the Official Rule Guide of Cal Ripken Division of Babe Ruth Baseball (white book) with the following exceptions:

PARTICIPATION
Each team will play the entire roster of players in the field, of which only six shall be infielders.
The remaining players MUST be in the outfield grass.

BATTING RULES
All players will bat in each half inning. The defensive team must be notified of the last batter. If not and the ball is hit, all runners will return to the original bases occupied and the batter will bat again.
Other than the coaches, only the batter, on deck batter and base runners are allowed outside of the dugout and on the field of play while their team is at bat. All equipment with the exception of bats must remain inside of the dugout. Bats will be placed outside the dugout at a location of the managers’ choice not interfering with play.
The batter will hit the baseball off of a batting tee in lieu of hitting a pitched ball. The tee will be placed directly on home plate.
The ball is dead until hit by a batter. Runners are not allowed to lead off bases or to steal.
The ball, when hit by a batter, must travel beyond the 22-1/2-foot arc (white chalk line) as measured from the back POINT of home plate to be considered in play. Any ball that settles within the 22-1/2 foot arc, either by batting or being touched by a defensive player, will be declared "DEAD" and a "FOUL BALL." The coach will take immediate action to call out "FOUL BALL" load and clear. (Note: The 22-1/2 foot arc will be marked on the field starting perpendicular to the first base line and will cross the base line running between third base and home plate so indicating the halfway point.)
There are no strikes or strikeouts.

Batter’s may not bunt or intentionally swing easily. If this occurs, the batter will be called back to the plate and will bat again.

FIELDING RULES
After the ball is hit by the batter into the field of play, play is halted by making a play on the base runner(s) and/or returning the ball to the infield from the outfield. Once the ball is thrown into the
infield from the outfield, runners will stop advancing however they may continue advancing to the base they were running to. While the ball is in the outfield, all runners may advance as many bases as possible. Players will not advance on an overthrow. When the ball is declared dead, any base runners not out will be awarded the base being attempted if he or she had traveled greater than halfway to that base at the time the ball was made dead. Any runner traveling less than halfway shall return to the last base safely made. EXCEPTION: The batter, unless made out, will always be awarded first base. Runners forced by the batter must also advance. On overthrows outside the fenced playing area or into the dugout, the base runner(s) will be awarded the base being attempted plus one.

Each half inning ends when:

- The last batter hits the ball into fair territory and the catcher or defensive backup player with possession of the ball touches home plate.
- The last batter hits the ball into fair territory and all base runners are made out.
- The last batter touches home plate without being put out.

If the last batter flies out, the base runners may advance only after tagging up.

The ball will be thrown or tossed overhand or underhand (not rolled or handed) to the catcher from any defensive player outside the 22-1/2 foot arc if the play is being made at home plate. If the catcher misses the thrown ball, a defensive backup player may make the out.

EINFIELD FLIES - the infield fly rule will not apply.

MANAGERS AND COACHES

Team Managers and Coaches will be allowed to coach their players while in the field or at bat. Coaches may coach players by entering the field of play at any time.

EQUIPMENT

Players must use a League-assigned T-ball bat or a bat that displays the lettering "T-ball" as part of its manufacturer’s labeling. The Catcher must wear a batting helmet at all times while in the field of play.
ADDENDUM F- ROOKIES PLAYING RULES

PLAYING RULES
All regular season play in the Rookie League will be conducted as defined in pages 14 and 15 of the Official Rule Guide of Cal Ripken Division of Babe Ruth Baseball (white book) with the following exceptions:
The pitching machine may be adjusted for proper pitching angle as needed and should be adjusted prior to the first pitch of each half inning. The machine speed may only be adjusted back to the proper setting and may only be done so during a dead ball situation with the umpire as a witness.

The required speed for the pitching machine will be 38 mph for Rookies A and 43 mph for Rookies AA. The pitching machine is placed at 46 ft. and the speed is established when the ball crosses home plate. The front two legs of the machine must be placed in front of the pitching rubber. The machine must be a league owned machine.

Bunting is allowed in all of Rookies.

Infield Fly rule will not apply.

Dead Ball. The ball is dead until hit by the batter.
- If a batted fair ball hits the pitching machine without touching a defensive player first, the ball is immediately dead. The batter is awarded first base and all forced runners will advance one base.
- If a thrown ball hits the pitching coach or machine, it is a live ball.
- When the lead runner is contained and/or has given up advancing to the next base the ball shall be ruled dead unless a play is made on the retreating runner the play will be not be deemed dead and the runner may advance. Base runners who are attempting to advance to the next base at the time the ball is ruled dead will return to the last base legally possessed.

Rookie A division only - There is one base max (Base attempted +1) to a base runner on an overthrow to a base or player. The runner may advance at risk of being put out but there can only be one overthrow on a play. At the end of the possible subsequent play, the ball will be declared dead. This only applies to throws by an infielder to another infielder (pitcher and catcher included). Throws from an outfielder to an infielder are not covered by this rule.

The player that assumes the pitcher’s position must remain within the “mound” 8-ft.-diameter circle, behind the machine, and on one side or the other until the ball is hit. If the pitcher violates any of these requirements, then (1) The play will stand, even if the pitcher is involved in the play, and (2) The umpire(s) will warn the violating pitcher’s manager that if that same pitcher violates one or both requirements again, he/she will have to be removed from the pitcher’s position. The player can assume another position but cannot re-enter as a pitcher in that game.
When a ball has been hit and is being fielded by the defensive team, the pitching coach will not interfere with the fielding of the ball, the play on any base or coach the baserunners. If, in the umpire-in-chief’s opinion, the pitching coach has not made every effort to avoid such interference, the batter/runner will be declared out and no runners may advance. Continued violation by the pitching coach of any of the above will result in his removal as the pitching machine coach. During the season a pitching machine will be used and only swing strikes will be called.

If 10 or more players are available, then teams must utilize a 4th outfielder. Teams with less than 10 players available will not be penalized for fielding less than 10.

**ADDENDUM G – PILOT PROGRAM FOR 8 YEAR OLDS**

A separate tryout will be held for 8 year olds that are interested in playing on a scrimmage team that would play in the division above – 8 year olds would play in Minors A (or Minors if there is no separation of Minor A and Minor AA). These teams are in addition to the house teams that they already play on. If selected for a scrimmage team, $35/child would be paid to GMBL to cover all administrative fees.

Priority would have to be given to their house team and not the scrimmage team for games.

The players on the scrimmage team cannot be used as call-up players.

Pitch counts for the eight year olds will be 1 inning or 30 pitches.

The games would be scheduled throughout the season and incorporated into the league schedule.

No umpire will be assigned to these games.

The scrimmage teams do not count in the standings and would not be eligible for the EOS tournament.
ADDENDUM H - MINOR A, MINOR AA & MAJORS PLAYING RULES

All regular season play in the Minor A, Minor AA and Majors divisions will be conducted as defined in the Official Rule Guide of Cal Ripken Division of Babe Ruth Baseball (white book) with the following exceptions:

PITCHING LIMITATIONS:
A Cal Ripken Baseball pitcher, regardless of age, may pitch six (6) innings per calendar week. The calendar week is defined as Monday through and including Sunday. Days of rest limitations still apply. This applies to all games regardless of when played and includes re-scheduled and makeup games. Players are limited to the following innings per game:

- Minors Players: maximum 2 innings per game.
- Majors Players: maximum 4 innings per game.

If a pitcher delivers one (1) pitch in an inning he shall be charged for one (1) inning pitched. In conjunction with the pitching rules regarding innings, pitchers may also only pitch a maximum allowed number of pitches per game and maximum number of pitchers per week as specified below. If a pitcher reaches his maximum allowed number of pitches after starting a batter he may complete the batter once started and will then be removed from the mound. If a pitcher goes above the game maximum the pitches delivered will count against his week total.

If Minor 9s and 10s are combined into one division then a 9yo must pitch 2 innings min per 6 inning game.

A Minors pitcher (9-10 year old) and Majors pitcher (11-12) year old must follow this chart for maximum pitches in a day/week and calendar days of rest:

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Managers are required to document the pitchers pitch count in the score books and are to track both teams pitchers pitch counts. The managers will meet between innings to relay the pitch count. The manager must attempt to inform of an infraction before one occurs. If there is a discrepancy then home team book will rule.
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Games in which an ineligible pitcher has willfully been used shall be declared forfeited. The manager will be suspended for one game, more than one infraction per season may result him or her being removed as manager.
If a game is called before it has become a regulation game and the umpire declares it "no game" the pitching eligibility (innings and pitch counts) shall be counted as though the game was official.

BASE STEALING
Runner stop forward movement and makes a movement back to the base the play is dead. Any runner who tries to advance after giving up forward progress will be sent back to the last occupied base. If a play is made on the retreating runner, the play will remain live and the runner may advance.

MINOR A (EFFECT IN FALL ONLY)
No stealing home on a passed ball.
If the throw from the catcher gets away from the pitcher the ball is live and runners can advance at their risk.
ADDENDUM I - BABE RUTH PLAYING RULES

All regular season play in the Babe Ruth division will be conducted as defined the Official Rule Guide of Babe Ruth Division of Babe Ruth Baseball (white book) with the following exceptions:

EQUIPMENT
Metal cleats will be allowed in the Prep and Babe Ruth Leagues for Local League play.
Big barrel bats will be permitted. No Bat with a greater than a minus -3 differential between bat length and weight shall be used.

PITCHING LIMITATIONS:
A Babe Ruth 13-15 pitcher, regardless of age, may pitch seven (7) innings per calendar week. The calendar week is defined as Monday through and including Sunday. This applies to all games regardless of when played and includes re-scheduled and makeup games. A Babe Ruth pitcher must follow this chart for maximum pitches in a day/week and calendar days of rest:

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Refer to the white book for in game pitching limitations.

Players are limited to the following innings per game:
- (13 year old) Players: maximum 4 innings per game.
- Babe Ruth (14-15 year olds) Players: no per game maximum

If a pitcher delivers one (1) pitch in an inning he shall be charged for one (1) inning pitched. In conjunction with the pitching rules, pitchers may only pitch a maximum allowed number of pitches per game and maximum number of pitchers per week as specified below. If a pitcher reaches his maximum allowed number of pitches after starting a batter he may complete the batter once started and will then be removed from the mound. If a pitcher goes above the game maximum the pitches delivered will count against his week total.

Managers are required to document the pitchers pitch count in the scorebooks and are to track both teams pitchers pitch counts. The managers will meet between innings to relay the pitch count. The manager must attempt to inform of an infraction before one occurs. If there is a discrepancy then home team book will rule.
Games in which an ineligible pitcher has willfully been used shall be declared forfeited. The manager will be suspended for one game, more than one infraction per season may result him or her being removed as manager.

If a game is called before it has become a regulation game and the umpire declares it "no game" the pitching eligibility (innings and pitch counts) shall be counted as though the game was official.
ADDENDUM J – 8U SOFTBALL RULES

Standard Babe Ruth Softball rules will be followed with the following exceptions or points of emphasis:

1. All players will be listed in the batting line up and will bat in that order.
2. All defensive players must be even with the pitching machine or farther back. No defensive player, except the Catcher, can be closer to the batter than the pitching machine used to deliver the softball.
3. Participation – Rosters will be set at a maximum of twelve (12) players. All available players will appear in the batting order from the start of the game. Free substitution will be permitted, however no player may sit out more than one (1) defensive inning per game, unless all players have already sat out for one (1) inning. No player shall ever sit for multiple innings in successive games.
4. Dead Ball. The ball is dead until hit by the batter.
5. If a batted ball hits the pitching coach or pitching machine the ball is dead, the batter is awarded first base and all runners will advance one base if forced.
6. If a thrown ball hits the pitching coach or machine, it is a live ball.
7. When the lead runner is contained and/or has given up advancing to the next base the ball shall be ruled dead.
8. Incidental contact with the pitching rubber or home plate by any player, while attempting to make a play shall not constitute a dead ball.
9. Base runners who are attempting to advance to the next base at the time the ball is ruled dead will return to the last base legally possessed.
10. Ten (10) players may play in the field at one time, but no less than eight (8) are required to start and continue play in a game.
11. Only six (6) players are permitted on the infield dirt when the ball is pitched.
12. Games may start or finish with only eight players without a forfeit, but games cannot start or finish with less than eight. If a team starts with 8 players, that team will record an out in the 9th spot in the order. A team that starts with 9 or more players will not take an out for any vacant spot in the order unless the eight player rule applies. If there is more than one vacant spot with the eight player rule in effect, then the spot closest to the top of the order will take the out.
13. Any player arriving after her turn at bat can immediately be inserted at the end of the lineup and can take a position on the field.
14. No new inning may be started after 2 hour and 15 minutes from the actual game start time. The Umpire is required to tell the home team scorekeeper the start time of the game.
15. Regular season games may end in a tie if time has expired at the end of the inning.
16. A Complete Game is defined as six (6) innings of play or expiration of the time limit prior to the start of the next inning, whichever occurs first.
17. The courtesy rule can be used for the Catcher at any time. The courtesy runner will be the batter who made the last out.
18. Third base dugout is the home team dugout. First base dugout is the visiting team dugout. Home team is responsible for providing two game balls.
19. A four (4) run scoring limit per inning for each team will be enforced except for the sixth which will be unlimited.
20. Infield fly rule will not be in effect.
21. Base stealing is not allowed.
22. There is one base max (Base attempted +1) to a base runner on an overthrow to a base or player. The runner may advance at risk of being put out but there can only be one overthrow on a play. At the end of the possible subsequent play, the ball will be declared dead. This only applies to throws by an infielder to another infielder (pitcher and catcher included). Throws from an outfielder to an infielder are not covered by this rule.
23. A coach is allowed in foul territory on each baseline no closer than the edge of the grass when their team is on defense.
24. A League owned machine must be used.
25. Bunting is allowed in all of 8u, however the fake bunt and swing away (Slash) is not permitted. Any attempt of Slashing, showing bunt and then swing, in the 8u division will result in the following.
   First offense:
   • The Batter is automatically out.
   • The Manager is given a warning.
   • Any runners on base CANNOT ADVANCE.
   Second offense (same game):
   • Same Batter is automatically out and ejected from the game
   • Same Manager will be ejected from the game.
ADDENDUM K – 10U SOFTBALL RULES

Standard Babe Ruth Softball rules will be followed with the following exceptions or points of emphasis:

1. All players will be listed in the batting line up and will bat in that order.
2. Participation – Rosters will be set at a maximum of eleven (11) players. All available players will appear in the batting order from the start of the game. Free substitution will be permitted, however no player may sit out more than one (1) defensive inning per game, unless all players have already sat out for one (1) inning. No player shall ever sit for multiple innings in successive games.
3. Nine (9) players may play in the field at one time, but no less than eight (8) are required to start and continue play in a game.
4. Games may start or finish with only eight players without a forfeit, but games cannot start or finish with less than eight. If a team starts with 8 players, that team will record an out in the 9th spot in the order. A team that starts with 9 or more players will not take an out for any vacant spot in the order unless the eight player rule applies. If there is more than one vacant spot with the eight player rule in effect, then the spot closest to the top of the order will take the out.
5. Any player arriving after her turn at bat can immediately be inserted at the end of the lineup and can take a position on the field.
7. No new inning may be started after 2 hour and 15 minutes from the actual game start time. The Umpire is required to tell the home team scorekeeper the start time of the game.
8. Regular season games may end in a tie if time has expired.
9. A Complete Game is defined as six (6) innings of play or expiration of the time limit prior to the start of the next inning, whichever occurs first.
10. The courtesy rule can be used for the Catcher at any time. The courtesy runner will be the batter who made the last out.
11. Third base dugout is the home team dugout. First base dugout is the visiting team dugout. Home team is responsible for providing two game balls.
12. A four (4) run scoring limit per inning for each team will be enforced except for the sixth (6th) which is unlimited.
13. A maximum of six (6) players can be positioned in the infield prior to the pitch.
14. The same player-pitcher is allowed to exit and re-enter the pitcher position ONCE in a game. Any part of an inning on the mound constitutes a complete inning pitched.
15. Infield fly rule will not be in effect. Bunting is allowed in the division.
16. A PITCHER CANNOT PITCH MORE THAN THREE (3)
17. INNINGS IN A REGULATION SIX (6) INNING GAME.
17. The dropped third strike is not a dead ball; the batter is out and cannot attempt to advance to first base BUT runners can advance per rule 19
18. There will be a loan program for regular season and league tournament play as necessary in order to comply with the nine-player rule. Loan players will not be allowed to pitch or catch. The players on this list will be no more than one year removed in age from the next higher league. For example, if a player in 10u is needed than a player from 8u division must be in the final year of the 8u division.
19. 10 & under base stealing is allowed under the following rules.

A. Runners starting at first base or second base are entitled to steal one base only per pitch with liability to be put out.

B. Runners are not entitled to advance more than one base per pitch unless there is a batted ball or the ball goes out of play resulting in awarded bases.

C. Runners starting at third base may not steal home but are liable to be put out if they are off the base.

D. A runner attempting to advance beyond the one base they are entitled to steal may be put out while between bases or in contact with a base to which she is not entitled.

E. After all play ceases and the ball becomes dead, if a runner occupies a base beyond the one the runner was entitled to steal, the runner will be returned to the correct base without liability to be put out.

F. A batter runner, who has received a base on balls, cannot attempt to steal second base.

G. Awarded bases will apply to all runners. This includes an overthrow into dead ball territory.

H. Runners can only score on:

   i. A batted ball

   ii. A base on balls or hit batter with bases loaded

   iii. An awarded base when the ball goes out of play to include a pitch that goes out of play

   iv. An illegal pitch
ADDENDUM L – 12U – 18U SOFTBALL RULES

Standard Babe Ruth Softball rules will be followed with the following exceptions or points of emphasis:

1. All players will be listed in the batting line up and will bat in that order.
2. Participation – Rosters will be set at a maximum of eleven (11) players. All available players will appear in the batting order from the start of the game. Free substitution will be permitted, however no player may sit out more than one (1) defensive inning per game, unless all players have already sat out for one (1) inning. No player shall ever sit for multiple innings in successive games.
3. Nine (9) players may play in the field at one time, but no less than eight (8) are required to start and continue play in a game.
4. Games may start or finish with only eight players without a forfeit, but games cannot start or finish with less than eight. If a team starts with 8 players, that team will record an out in the 9th spot in the order. A team that starts with 9 or more players will not take an out for any vacant spot in the order unless the eight player rule applies. If there is more than one vacant spot with the eight player rule in effect, then the spot closest to the top of the order will take the out.
5. Any player arriving after her turn at bat can immediately be inserted at the end of the lineup and can take a position on the field.
6. Unlimited base stealing is allowed. The ball is live on a dropped third strike and the batter can attempt to advance to first base (if unoccupied with less than two outs; occupied or unoccupied with two outs).
7. A base runner can leave the base as soon as the ball leaves the pitcher’s hand.
8. No new inning may be started after 2 hour and 15 minutes from the actual game start time. The Umpire is required to tell the home team scorekeeper the start time of the game.
9. Regular season games may end in a tie.
10. For 12U, a Complete Game is defined as six (6) innings of play or expiration of the time limit prior to the start of the next inning, whichever occurs first.
11. For 14U and above, a Complete Game is defined as seven (7) innings of play or expiration of the time limit prior to the start of the next inning, whichever occurs first.
12. Unlimited runs for 12U is in the 6th inning and for 14U, 16U and 18U in the 7th inning.
13. A courtesy runner can be used for the Catcher any time. The courtesy runner will be the batter who made the last out.
14. Third base dugout is the home team dugout. First base dugout is the visiting team dugout. Home team is responsible providing two game balls. Visitors are responsible for providing one game ball.
15. A four (4) run scoring limit per inning for each team will be enforced except for the last inning as defined in Rules 10 and 11.
16. Maximum of six players can be positioned in the infield prior to the pitch.
17. The same player-pitcher is allowed to exit and re-enter the pitcher position ONCE in a game. Extra innings do not count for the number of innings pitched or for the player pitcher’s re-entry rule. Any part of an inning on the mound constitutes a complete inning pitched.

18. Infield fly rule will be in effect (Umpire Judgment). Bunting is allowed in the division.

19. PITCHING REGULATIONS
   12U and 14U PLAYERS – MAXIMUM 4 INNINGS PER GAME.
   16U/18U PLAYERS – NO INNINGS LIMIT PER GAME, unless combined with 14u, then 14u pitching limits apply to all ages.

20. If a double header is scheduled, then the per game pitching limit is reduced by 1 inning per age per game on the day of the double header.

21. There will be a loan program for regular season and league tournament play as necessary in order to comply with the nine-player rule. Loan players will not be allowed to pitch or catch. The players on this list will be no more than one year removed in age from the next higher league. For example, if a player in 10u is needed than a player from 8u division must be in the final year of the 8u division.