



NEWTOWN BABE RUTH
BASEBALL LEAGUE, INC.

BY LAWS

As amended November 2011



Newtown Babe Ruth Baseball League, Inc. By Laws

- Article 1:** **President:** It shall be the duty of the President to preside at the meetings of this League, and perform all duties usually pertaining to the office. The President's duties shall include, but are not be limited to, the following:
- 1) In the event a Board of Directors vote is deadlocked, the President will determine the outcome of the vote.
 - 2) To be the primary representative to the Town of Newtown.
 - 3) To be the primary representative to the District, State, Regional and National Babe Ruth League and Cal Ripken Baseball
 - 4) To be the primary representative to other external parties.

Vice President: In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall perform all the duties of the President. Perform other duties as may be required from time to time.

Secretary: The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings, and record the same. They shall give notice of all meetings, notify all members of elections, and perform such other duties his/her office may require. File all pertinent forms with the Town, State and Federal Governments, and maintain the League Constitution and By Laws.

Treasurer: The Treasurer shall receive and safely keep all funds of the League, and pay out the same only on order of the President and in accordance with an annual budget which shall be prepared by the Treasurer. They shall make a monthly report of receipts and disbursements and file all relevant financial documents with the Town, State and Federal Governments.

Nominations for the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, will be accepted at the September monthly meeting. The election shall take place at the October monthly meeting. A nominated candidate is required to be a Member in Good Standing. A candidate can only be nominated for one position. For a nomination to be valid, two separate individuals must make the nomination and the seconding of the nomination. The valid nominations will be announced at the end of the September monthly meeting, and the names of the candidates will be posted on the web site. The Board of Directors will be announced at the end of the October monthly meeting, and the names will be posted on the web site.

In the event that an elected Board member is unable to complete his/her term, a special election will be held at the next scheduled monthly meeting to fill the position. In the event that no individual steps forward to accept the nomination, the remaining Board of Directors can select an individual to complete that session from October to September. In the event that an election for a Board position results in a tie, the incumbent Board members (president, vice president, treasurer and secretary) will vote to determine the winner of the election.

Article 2: **Division Directors:** Division Directors shall be in charge of the division which they are appointed to oversee. They are to: 1) Submit a slate of managers to the Board of Directors for approval. 2) Communicate and enforce any decisions made by the Board of Directors to the Managers and Coaches of their respective division. 3) Distribute uniforms and equipment and retrieve all equipment at the season's end. 4) Ensure field equipment boxes are kept stocked, neat and clean. 5) Create and communicate a schedule of games for their Division. 6) Be a conduit for feedback from Managers and Coaches within their respective division to the Board of Directors. 7) Perform duties as they see fit to ensure the smooth running of their division.

Umpire Coordinator: The Umpire Coordinator shall solicit and train umpire candidates, assign games to umpires and approve payment of umpires. In those instances where a non Babe Ruth Baseball League, Inc. of Newtown umpiring organization is utilized, the coordinator will work with that organization to ensure the following:

1. League specific rules are understood and enforced.
2. Provide game schedules to the umpiring organization, ensuring all games requiring an umpire are covered.
3. Review umpiring organizations invoices to insure proper and timely payments are made.
4. Handle complaints regarding the umpiring organization.

Article 3: Participation in the Newtown Babe Ruth Baseball League, Inc. is open to everyone. To become a Member in Good Standing, one must attend a minimum of seven (7) of the twelve (12) most recent scheduled monthly meetings during a given year. A Member in Good Standing has the right and privilege to vote for the Board of Directors, and to vote on any motion requiring a general vote. A Member in Good Standing has the right and privilege to run for any one of the four Board of Directors positions.

A) A formal resignation is required from any individual who is serving as a Board Member or Appointed Officer. It would be appreciated, but not required, that the individual resigning provide his/her resignation with one (1) months notice.

Article 4: Dues are not required of any participant. The League revenues will be obtained via player registration fees, sponsorship fees, donations and various fund raising activities.

Article 5: Babe Ruth Baseball Rules and Regulations and those rules and regulations duly established by the respective state and provincial organizations, are to be considered binding on this league. Waivers must be obtained from Babe Ruth Headquarters in order to deviate from the official rules.

Article 6: The Board of Directors shall be the parliamentary authority on all matters not covered by the Constitution and By Laws of this League.

Article 7: Managers and Coaches shall abide by the guidelines set forth in the Coach's Code of Conduct. All team Managers must be certified by the Babe Ruth League / Cal Ripken Baseball Certification Program as prescribed and provided for by Babe Ruth League Inc.

Article 8: Monthly Meeting Order of Business (Example):

- a) Call to Order, by the President
- b) Attendance by the Secretary
- c) Review of the minutes of the previous meeting by the Secretary
- d) Treasurers Report
- e) Division Directors Report
- f) Committee Reports
- g) New Business
- h) Around the Room
- i) Adjournment

- End of By Laws -

CERTIFIED by Adam Taylor, Secretary of Newtown Babe Ruth Baseball League, Inc. as the Constitution & By-Laws adopted at the organizational meeting of the corporation held in November 2011.

Randy Dieckman President
Jim Parker, Vice President
Laurie Bergeron, Treasurer



NEWTOWN BABE RUTH
BASEBALL LEAGUE, INC.

CONSTITUTION

As amended July 2016



Newtown Babe Ruth Baseball League, Inc. Constitution

- Article 1:** The name of this league is Newtown Babe Ruth Baseball League, Incorporated.
- Article 2:** The purpose for which this league is organized is to develop and operate a baseball program. The objective of this league is to, through the medium of a supervised, instructional and competitive baseball program, seek to implant in the youth of the community, ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage and reverence, so that they may be finer, stronger and happier youth who will grow up to be good, clean, healthy adults.
- Article 3:** This league shall be affiliated with Babe Ruth League, Inc., a New Jersey corporation, and shall be governed by, and shall comply with, the principles, rules and regulations enunciated and decreed by Babe Ruth League, Inc., a New Jersey corporation.
- Article 4:** The principal operations of this league shall be in and about the Town of Newtown, County of Fairfield, and State of Connecticut, but may extend into such areas as provided for by the State, Regional and National Headquarters rules and regulations.
- Article 5:** This league shall have the following powers in addition to the powers expressly or implicitly conferred on it by law.
- A. To make and enforce rules and regulations to govern itself on a local basis, but consistent with and not contrary to any rules and regulations promulgated by Babe Ruth League, Inc., a New Jersey corporation, or by the Regional, or State echelons of said Babe Ruth League, Inc., to which this league is subject.
 - B. To adjust registration fees charged to participants of the league as necessary. This would require a majority approval (51%) from the Board of Directors, and Appointed Officers.
 - C. To establish an annual budget and to submit this budget for majority approval (51%) to all the Members in Good Standing, and to make expenditures accounted for in the annual budget. Material Expenditures that are not accounted for in the annual budget would require majority approval (51%) of all the Members in Good Standing.
 - D. To establish and implement rules and procedures as required to carry out the purpose and mission statement of the League, including but not limited to procedures for the assignment of players to regular season teams and all star teams, selection of Managers and Coaches for regular season teams and all star teams, and appropriate rules of play for each respective age division.

Article 6: Any individual who wishes to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Newtown Babe Ruth League, Inc., must be a Member in Good Standing, a resident of the Town of Newtown and be at least 21 years of age.

Article 7: The Newtown Babe Ruth Baseball League, Inc. Board of Directors will consist of four (4) Elected Officers. The Elected Officers shall have the power and authority to create one or more additional Board positions to carry out the business of the League and may, to fill these positions, appoint any individuals that they, in their sole discretion, believe are capable of carrying out the duties and responsibilities of the additional position(s). Any additional Board positions created by the Elected Officers shall be effective for a term not greater than one year, or until the end of the Elected Officers' term, whichever is sooner. Any individuals selected to fill these Board positions shall be Appointed Officers of the league and shall have full voting rights equal to the Elected Officers as set forth within this Constitution.

The Board of Directors will thus consist of the four (4) Elected Officers (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer) and any Appointed Officers designated by the Elected Officers.

The Elected Board of Directors will serve a term of one year, from October through September of the following year. There is no limit to the number of terms any member of the Board of Directors can serve.

Article 8: The Board of Directors shall select Division Directors to oversee the various divisions of players within the League. Each Division of the Newtown Babe Ruth Baseball League, Inc. shall have a Division Director. The Division Directors shall serve a term of one year from November through October of the following year. There is no limit to the number of terms any Division Director can serve. The Board of Directors will ask that anyone interested in becoming a Division Director notify the board prior to the November meeting. All current Division Directors must also notify the board if they are interested in continuing in the role prior to the November meeting. There is no limit to the number of terms any Division Director can serve.

In addition to the Appointed Officers, the Board of Directors shall appoint Administrators to fill positions that the Board of Directors may chose to create, in order to efficiently operate the League. Such positions might include: Registration Coordinator, Equipment Manager, Sponsor Coordinator, Insurance Manager, Field Manager, Umpire Coordinator, Snack Shack Manager, Public Relations Coordinator, Fundraiser Coordinator and Picture Coordinator. The Administrators shall serve a term of one year, from October through September of the following year. There is no limit to the number of terms any Administrator can serve.

Division Directors and Administrators, as referenced in this Article 8, are not considered members of the Board of Directors.

Article 9: The Board of Directors shall have the option to create standing committees as they see necessary to help operate the Newtown Babe Ruth Baseball League, Inc. in a productive and efficient manner. They may include, but are not limited to a Budget Committee, Coaches Committee, Banquet Committee, Field Maintenance Committee, Parks & Recreation Committee, Fund Raiser Committee, Equipment Committee, Procedures Committee, etc.

Article 10: Regular meetings shall be held at least once a month at a location chosen by the Board of Directors. Special meetings may be held at the discretion of the Board of Directors when they are deemed necessary. Notifications of all meetings, including the time and location, shall be made by the Secretary and posted on the web site.

Article 11: Amendments to the Constitution or By Laws will require the following procedures to be adhered to:

- A. An individual proposing an amendment must present said amendment request, in writing, to the Secretary of the League by either regular mail or email.
- B. Upon receipt of the proposed amendment, the Secretary will promptly publish the proposed amendment to the Board of Directors and the Members in Good Standing by regular mail or email. The proposed amendment will be placed on the agenda of the next monthly meeting.
- C. At the next monthly meeting the individual presenting the proposed amendment will give a brief verbal explanation of the proposal. Following the explanation, there will be a discussion of the proposed amendment. Upon completion of the discussion, the Members in Good Standing present at the meeting shall vote on the amendment. To be approved, a 3/4 majority of those casting votes at the meeting must vote in favor of the amendment. If a voting member cannot be present at this meeting, he or she can cast a vote by email by submitting the vote to the Secretary of the League prior to the meeting.
- D. If the proposed amendment is approved, the League Secretary will modify the Constitution and By Laws accordingly. The revised Constitution and By Laws will be posted on the website.

Article 12: A Member In Good Standing for the Newtown Babe Ruth League, Inc. is defined as any individual who attends the majority (greater than 50%) of the monthly meetings that are held, pursuant to this constitution.

- End of Constitution -



NEWTOWN BABE RUTH

BASEBALL LEAGUE, INC.

PROCEDURES MANUAL

As amended Jul. 2016



NEWTOWN BABE RUTH LEAGUE, INC

Procedures Manual

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Procedures Manual is to set forth a clear, concise set of procedures to be followed by all divisions in Newtown Babe Ruth Baseball relating to baseball operations and league play. These procedures are intended to supplement the rules and regulations promulgated by Babe Ruth Baseball and to further the objective of the Newtown Babe Ruth League, namely, to provide a supervised, competitive baseball program designed to instill in the youth of the community the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage and reverence.

This Procedures Manual is also intended to set forth the specific rules for baseball play at each age level. In furtherance of this intent, each division shall establish and submit those rules and procedures for play which are appropriate for the age level involved, consistent with Babe Ruth principles and guidelines and in furtherance of the League's objective to provide a safe, fun and recreational baseball program for the youth in the community. These rules and procedures shall be reviewed and approved each year by the Board of Directors and shall be appended to, and made a part of, this Manual.

LEAGUE DIVISIONS:

Newtown Babe Ruth shall operate with the following divisions:
Age as of April 30, per Babe Ruth rules.

Cal Ripken Division:

- i) Midgets – 5 & 6 year olds
- ii) Rookies – 7 year olds
- iii) Minors – A (8 year olds)
- iv) Minors – AA (9 year olds)
- v) Minors - AAA (10 year olds)
- vi) Majors – National (11 year olds)
- vii) Majors – American (12 year olds)

Babe Ruth Division:

- viii) Prep – 13 year olds
- ix) Babe Ruth Junior (14-15 year olds)
- x) Babe Ruth Senior (16-18 year olds)

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MANAGERS AND COACHES:

All Babe Ruth head coaches and assistant coaches serve as representatives of the league when carrying out their coaching duties, whether in town or as part of the travel program. In order to properly represent the ideals and principles of the league, head coaches and assistant coaches must always conduct themselves with the highest degree of integrity and proper behavior, setting a good example for others and ensuring the safety and well-being of all participants in the league. Failure to act appropriately affects the entire baseball community and directly contradicts the League objectives. Since the role of head coach and assistant coach is so important to the success of the league, any individual serving in those roles must agree to abide by the Code of Conduct established and published by the league. This Code of Conduct must be signed by each head coach and assistant coach prior to each season and it will also be available for review on the league website. The Board of Directors will promptly act upon any violations of the Code of Conduct and its decision shall be final.

HEAD COACH AND ASSISTANT COACH SELECTION:

Head Coaches:

Any individual wishing to be a head coach in a particular division shall give timely notice to the appropriate division director. Thereafter, the division director shall review all head coach applications and establish a list of head coaches for his or her division for that season. The division director shall then submit the head coach list to the Board of Directors for approval along with the names of those individuals who were not selected. If the Board rejects a particular head coach candidate, then the division director shall recommend an alternative candidate for the Board's consideration and approval. No individual shall serve as a head coach of more than one team in the league without Board approval. Also, all head coaches must be certified under the Babe Ruth League/Ripken Baseball Coaching Certification Program.

Assistant Coaches:

Any individual wishing to assistant coach in a particular division shall give timely notice to the appropriate division director. It is strongly recommended that all assistant coaches be certified under the Babe Ruth League/Ripken Baseball Coaching Certification Program. Assistant coaches are assigned by division directors in divisions where the players are assigned to teams. In divisions where players are drafted to form teams, assistant coaches are assigned during the draft process when their son or daughter is chosen for a team.

TEAM SELECTION (Spring and Fall):

The objective and goal of team selection/assignment in Newtown Babe Ruth is to select teams in such a manner as to establish parity among the teams in each division. This will foster competitive play and maximize the positive baseball experience of each participant. Each division director is responsible for carrying out the drafting and selection procedures set forth herein and ensuring that the league's objective of team parity and competitive balance within

each division is achieved. The draft for each division should be attended by one board member not associated with that division to ensure the draft is conducted per the guidelines.

ASSIGNMENT OF PLAYERS/SELECTION OF TEAMS (Spring and Fall):

Midgets:

All players registered for play in this division shall be assigned to teams by the division director. In assigning players, the division director shall consider school districts, grades and ages of the players, head coach and assistant coach requests, carpooling and other parent requests.

Rookies and Minors (A):

All players registered for play in these divisions shall be assigned to teams by the division director. In assigning players, the division director shall consider player skill evaluations as much as possible. The division director should also consider school districts, grades and ages of the players, head coach and assistant coach requests, carpooling and other parent requests.

Minors (AA and AAA):

All players registered in these divisions shall participate in evaluations held prior to the spring season to determine their skill level relative to other players in their division. These evaluations shall be age-appropriate and will be used for team selection purposes only. The division director and the head coaches in each division shall conduct evaluations for their division and serve as evaluators. All players shall be evaluated in pitching, catching, hitting and throwing categories. If it is the intention of a division director to forego this requirement due to the fact that he/she feels there is adequate information available to ensure the league's objective of team parity, they must obtain Board Approval in advance.

Once preseason evaluations are completed, the division director, with the assistance of all head coaches in his or her division, shall compile the information obtained from these and any prior player evaluations to establish the rankings of players within the division. This information shall be distributed to the head coaches for the sole purpose of team selection.

Majors (National, American) , Prep13, Babe Ruth Junior and Senior:

Player evaluations are not required for these divisions. All players should be evaluated by the division director and head coaches based on past history to establish the ranking of the players. This information shall be distributed to the head coaches for the sole purpose of team selection.

PROCEDURES FOR SELECTING TEAMS:

Each division with the exception of Midgets, Rookies and Minors (A), will use the draft system for team selection. The division director shall have authority to take such actions as may be necessary to address and resolve any problems, conflicts or issues that may arise with regard to team assignments or player selection, including reassignment of players.

Draft System:

All registered players shall be ranked in order by the division director and head coaches from the highest ranked player (1st) through the lowest ranked (last player). The rankings shall be handed out to each head coach prior to the draft. The draft order will be determined by lot (e.g. head coach will pick out draft order #'s from a hat). The head coaches shall collectively designate the round in which each head coach's child shall be chosen in the draft. If a head coach's son or daughter is ranked in the first round, that draft position will be given to the head coach prior to choosing the draft order (e.g. If a head coach's son/daughter is ranked 3rd in the division, that head coach will choose 3rd in the first round). In alternate rounds the order of draft shall reverse so that the head coach who has the first selection in the first round has the last selection in the second round, and so forth until the draft procedure is completed. Head coaches are allowed to choose players from two rounds – “the current round plus one”. Assistant Coaches cannot be assigned to teams prior to the draft. In the event of a dispute regarding the draft, the division director's decision shall be final.

TRAVEL TEAM SELECTIONS:

Newtown will be represented by only one travel team per division in Babe Ruth district, state and regional tournaments. If a division has a “50/70 A” team and a “46/60 A” team, they will represent Newtown in different Babe Ruth district, state and regional tournaments. When Newtown has two or more “B” teams, they will be of equal ability unless the I84/Route 84 leagues change their procedures.

Note: the term “A” team in the travel section will cover both the “50/70 A” and the “46/60 A” teams that may exist for divisions that have multiple district playoffs for different size fields.

Player Selection:

Travel tryouts will be held at a date and time designated by the division director, but in no case shall it be after the date specified by the Board of Directors, which may change each year. Travel tryouts are “Open” to any player who wants to be considered for a travel team. Every candidate will be given an equal opportunity to make the travel team, and no preferences will be given to those with prior travel experience.

Each division director shall be responsible for conducting the tryout with the mandatory participation of head coaches from his or her division. The tryout shall provide a reasonable opportunity for each candidate to demonstrate his or her baseball skills and abilities. Upon completion of the tryouts, each division director and the head coaches from his or her division shall meet and select the twelve (12) most qualified candidates (or other number as required) for

their division's travel teams. The selection criteria shall include, but not be limited to, the results of the tryout, regular season performance and any other criteria that will aid the division director and head coaches to identify and select the most qualified candidates. The names of all selected candidates shall be submitted to the Cal Ripken or Babe Ruth Director for approval. If the division director and head coaches cannot reach agreement on one or more team selections, the names of those candidates still being considered for selection shall be presented to the Board of Directors for a final decision. One board member not associated with that division shall attend the travel tryout and selection meeting.

Head Coach Selection:

Any head coach or assistant coach interested in managing a travel team (A, B, etc.) shall give written notice (email) to the appropriate division director no later than May 1st of that year. Only in-house head coaches and assistant coaches are eligible to be a travel head coach. Exceptions must be reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors. The division director shall thereafter submit the names of all candidates to the Board of Directors. Thereafter the Board shall return to the division director the certified list of candidates for the head coach positions. The division director shall then publish the candidate list to the head coaches in his or her division. The travel A head coach and assistant coaches must be certified under the Babe Ruth League/Ripken Baseball Coaching Certification Program prior to travel tryouts.

The head coach for all travel teams within each division shall be selected from the certified candidate list by majority vote of all head coaches in that division. The vote shall take place after the selection of the travel team, at a time and place designated by the division director. The vote will be conducted by the attending Board member and be done by secret ballot. Each head coach may cast one vote. If a head coach candidate is also a head coach in the division, he or she may cast a vote for any certified candidate, including him or herself. Any candidate receiving a majority of votes from the voting head coaches in the division shall be declared the head coach of the travel team (A, B, etc.) for that division. If no candidate receives a majority of votes, then the candidate with the least number of votes is removed from the list of candidates and another vote is taken. This procedure is repeated until a candidate receives a majority of the votes. If there is a voting deadlock, the remaining candidate names are presented to the Board of Directors and the Board will determine the travel head coach. The Board's decision is final on this issue.

Assistant Coach Selection:

The assistant coaches (2) for all travel teams (A, B, etc.) shall be selected by the travel manager, subject to Board approval. All coaches of teams that participate in district tournaments must be certified under the Babe Ruth League/Ripken Baseball Coaching Certification Program. Only in-

house head coaches and assistant coaches are eligible to be a travel assistant coach. Exceptions must be reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors.

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Winter training:

Travel teams may participate in winter training as a team if someone (e.g. Coach) organizes the team. Other players can be invited to train with the team – the coach and division director can determine who to invite. The cost will be borne by the parents.

Pre-season (March – May):

Travel teams may participate in pre-season tournaments if someone (e.g. Coach) organizes the team. If the team needs to fill the roster with players that were not on the previous season's travel team, the division director will work with the travel coaches to rank the players. The coach will then invite players from the ranked list starting with the highest ranked players until the roster is complete for the tournament. Practicing as a team is also allowed during this time period. The Coach and travel director need to work together to ensure these tournaments do not interfere with the in-house games. All players must be registered with Newtown Baseball in order to participate in these pre-season tournaments. The cost of the tournament(s) shall be borne by the parents.

Post-Summer/Fall Season (August – November):

Travel teams may participate in post-summer/fall season tournaments if someone (e.g. Coach) organizes the team to participate. If the team needs to fill the roster with players that were not on the previous season's travel team, the division director will work with the travel coaches to rank the players. The coach will then invite players from the ranked list starting with the highest ranked players until the roster is complete for the tournament. Practicing as a team is also allowed during this time period. The Coach and travel director need to work together to ensure these tournaments do not cause forfeits with the in-house games. All players must be registered with Newtown Baseball in order to participate in these fall season tournaments. Only one team per division may play tournaments only and not participate in the in-house league.

Participation in a fall travel league will be allowed in the (Prep, Babe Ruth, Sr.) divisions if there are 1) enough participants interested in forming a team, 2) there is a coach available to manage the team, 3) there would be enough players left to form a team in the fall inter-town league that Newtown participates in. The division director and coach need to work together to choose the team and ensure players not chosen have a league to play in during the fall season.

TRAVEL BASEBALL

Player Commitment-“A” Team:

Participation on the A Travel team for Newtown Babe Ruth League Inc. (NBR) requires a high level of commitment. Players cannot take any vacation that would cause a player to miss any official tournament games (Districts, States, Regional, and World Series). The dates of these tournaments vary by age and can last until mid August depending on the tournament schedule. All players/teams must follow eligibility requirements for any leagues and tournaments they participate in.

If a Travel player misses the above mentioned tournaments, they may be immediately dismissed from the team (without refund) and will be unable to play Travel Baseball for NBRL the following year. The player will also accept any ruling made by the Board of Directors regarding this issue.

Vacation during the travel season is permitted, but cannot be longer than five days. These prolonged absences are discouraged as they can be detrimental to the team. Families need to understand that missing practices could impact a player’s readiness for a tournament and may result in reduced playing time. Advance notice of vacation must be given to the head coach to help plan for the absence. Disclosed vacation time will have no bearing on a player making a Travel team.

Travel Baseball “A” is played in a competitive environment. The Travel team plays many of its games by rules which entail limited player substitution during games, and have no minimum playing requirements. As a result, there will be no guarantee of playing time, although every effort will be made to get players in a game. Players are expected to finish the team’s season by completing the I84/Route 84 league playoffs if they do not make the states and/or regional. Quitting the team before the season ends could result in the player being unable to play Travel Baseball for NBRL the following year.

Player Commitment-“B” Team:

Participation on the B Travel team for Newtown Babe Ruth League Inc. (NBR) requires less of a commitment than playing “A” travel, but players should make it a priority to play during the summer. Players are expected to finish the team’s season by completing the I84/Route 84 league playoffs. All players/teams must follow eligibility requirements for any leagues and tournaments they participate in.

Vacation during the travel season is permitted, but prolonged absences (longer than 7 days) are discouraged as they can be detrimental to the team. Families need to understand that missing practices could impact a player’s readiness for a tournament and may result in reduced playing time. Advance notice of vacation must be given to the head coach to help plan for the absence.

Playing Time – All travel teams:

In all travel baseball games that are played to completion (i.e. do not end early due to mercy rule, weather, or some other unanticipated event) all players in attendance that have complied with the coach's rules for team conduct in the prior week must be in the batting lineup or play in the field for at least three full innings. This applies to all games including official district, state, regional, and world series games. Players may not volunteer to take themselves out of consideration for playing time unless warranted by a serious injury.

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