

White Hall Jr. Babe Ruth By-Laws

A. Registration, Tryouts and Draft

1. All managers will present to the player agent a roster of all players on their team giving age, address, phone numbers, and date of birth, before the draft begins (at spring training). If any coach has less than 15 players, he cannot pass up any eligible play that is still in the draft pool.
2. All candidates must present a certified birth certificate prior to the draft before they are eligible for the draft.
3. Candidate must attend 50% of the spring training sessions unless he presents an excuse acceptable to the advisory board.
4. The draft will be conducted by the player agent and spring training committee chairman.
5. All eligible candidates for the draft will be in one draft regardless of their age bracket.
6. The draft will be in reverse order of the previous year's standing with the first place team having choices 6, 12, 18, etc. and the last place team having choices 1, 7, 13, etc. This order is with a six team league.
7. Ties in League standing will be broken by a toss of a coin to determine the position of a team in the draft rotation.
8. The following is the order that draft option(s) must be taken in the draft each year.
 - a. Sibling's option(s)
 - b. Manager's option(s)
 - c. Coach's option(s)
9. Siblings in a spring training at the same time:
 - a. If a manager has a sibling(s) on his team who has a brother(s) or sister(s) in the spring training program, he must draft the sibling(s) or step-sibling(s). He must take the sibling(s) option in the 1st or 2nd round of the draft. The only exception to this rule is if the parent(s) or guardian request that they not be put on the same team.
 - b. If a manager drafts on a brother/sister group, he will immediately draft the sibling(s) or step-sibling(s) in the next round(s).
10. Son(s)/daughter(s) of a manager option must be picked up in the first, second, or third draft round. Sons or daughters of managers are automatically optioned to their father's team as follows: If only one player is involved on a particular team, the manager shall surrender his third round draft choice in exchange for such player. If two players are involved on one team, the manager surrenders his second and third round draft choices, and if necessary, as many successive choices as are necessary to option an equal number of sons or daughters.

11. Son(s)/daughter(s) of the first assistant coach (provided the coach has been a legitimate assistant coach for a manager for the full Jr. Babe Ruth season preceding the son or daughter's entry into the program) may be drafted in the 3rd round of the team which the father is a coach. In the case the third round draft position has already been field by the sibling(s) or manager's options the coach's option will be filled in the round that is open before the filled round. If the coach has more than one option they will be drafted in accordance as the manager does his draft options. There will be no draft options for a first year coach or second assistant coach. A new first assistant coach may be selected but he will have no draft option as long as the preceding option is still on the team.
12. Any team losing seven or more players will have the opportunity after completing the 3rd round of the draft, but before the 4th round starts to select an additional player following each regular draft round until the roster equals other rosters in number of players. IF more than one manager needs several or more players, they will draft additional players as stated above in their regular order of draft.
13. Trading of players following the draft must be completed and approved by the board of directors, the parents involved, and the majority of the team managers. The deadline for trading any player is the day prior to the first scheduled game.
14. Each team shall consist of not less than 12 and no more than 15 players. Each team shall include a minimum of three (3) 15 year old players, and no more than five (5). Each team shall, if at all possible, have five (5) players from each age group. When drafting less than 15 players per team, it would be best for the league that has less than five players of the same age group be on a team. Age groups shall consist of 13, 14, and 15 year olds. In the event that more than five (5) 13 or 14 year olds are drafted, it shall be made clear to the last player(s) drafted and his parent(s) that he may have to go back through the draft next year because teams cannot have more than five (5) 15 year olds.

B. Creation and Completion of Game Schedule

15. A spring training schedule (practice schedule) will be worked out with the manager's approval.
16. A schedule of league games and practice schedules will be drawn up and presented to all managers.
17. Managers will draw numbers, i.e. 1-2-3-4-5-6, to determine their position on the game schedule and the practice schedule and will be presented to the board for approval.
18. The league schedule will be completed regardless of team standings.
19. All managers will be required to have at least one (1) and not more than two (2) assistants who have been approved by the board.

20. Rained out games shall be rescheduled in the same order of the original schedule. Rainout days are Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday, if necessary. The WHJBRL president shall establish the rainout games schedule.

C. Local Playing Rules

21. All games are scheduled for seven (7) innings subject to some limits. All games are to be played on a time limit of one hour and forty-five minutes. If there is a 10 run or more runs lead after five (5) innings, the game will be called a full game. No innings of regular scheduled game will start after the one hour and 45 minute time limit unless the game is tied. No game will end in a tie. All make up games will have the same time limits. INTERNATIONAL TIE RULE will be in effect beginning with the 2013 season. Board approved this change on April 9, 2013.
22. The time will be noted by the plate umpire and provided to the official score keeper. An inning begins as soon as the last out is made in the previous inning.
23. A regulation games requires a minimum of nine players at the start of the game and playing each inning. Less than nine layers results in an automatic forfeit. A manger has fifteen minutes from the schedule time to start the game to be able to fill his nine person starting team or he has to forfeit the game at that time.
24. Only managers, coaches, and players are allowed in the dugout. After the game has started all players must stay in the dugout or bullpen unless they are going straight to the rest room.
25. All umpires have been advised that they are not to allow abusive, profane, vulgar language, umpire baiting, razzing, or other unsportsmanlike conduct from the players, managers, coaches or the spectators.
26. Smoking or the use of profanity is not permitted in the dugouts or on the field at any time. Alcoholic beverage consumption is not allowed on city property at any time.
27. Steel cleats are allowed during regular season practice and games.
28. Complete rosters shall be turned in two weeks prior to the first game, which includes the full name of the player, his age, and jersey number.
29. All manager/coach position{s} can only be filled by a person who has submitted an application to the board by the last day of registration and has also passed a background check through LexusNexus (or similar service). Team manager vacancies will be filled by recommendations to the Junior Babe Ruth Board, which will vote by secret ballot to determine the new manager{s}.
30. A manager or coach may be dismissed for failure to abide by the rules.
31. Any player ejected from a game by an umpire will automatically be suspended the next game. The player will be required to be in uniform and in the dugout for the suspended game. If this requirement is not met, the player will be suspended for the following game until the restrictions are met. Only the board of White Hall Jr. Babe Ruth can change this with a majority vote.

32. A manager or coach, who is ejected from a game, must leave the playing field immediately. The White Hall Jr. Babe Ruth Board of Directors may meet upon a manager or coach(s) first ejection from the game if needed, and disciplinary actions taken. Upon a manager or coach's second ejection from a game during the regular season, he must appear before the White Hall Jr. Babe Ruth Board of Directors and the Board will make the final decision as to the disciplinary action taken which is best for the league.

D. All-Stars

33. The manager who wins the league championship will have the first option of managing the 13, 14 or 15 year old All-Star Team. The manager who finished second in the league championship will have the option of managing either of the two remaining All-Star Teams. The manager who finishes third in the league championship will manage the remaining All-Star Team. In the event that any of the three winning manager's choose not to coach at all, the next position manager in the league championship will have the option. If any team or teams are left without a manager, coaches who desire the job may submit their names to the board for selection approval. Each manager may choose two assistants who are not necessarily those who were his assistants during the season, but who must have coached on some team during the season.
34. The All-Star team selection will be made during the end of the regular season and will be presided over by the president, vice presidents, and player agent.
35. All-Star selection:
- a. There will be a 13, 14, and 15 year old All-Star team.
 - b. Each All-Star team will consist of 12 players (The All-Star manager has the option to pick up two extra players at his discretion.)
 - c. Each manager will select 10 players from any team in the league except his own team. The players receiving the most votes will be placed on the All-Star team. The league managers can break any ties that might have resulted, and the All-Star manager can break a tie when two or less players are left.

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