



GRIFFITH YOUTH BASEBALL
CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

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ARTICLE I – NAME

This organization shall be known as the Griffith Youth Baseball, hereinafter referred to as “Local League”. The mailing address of the said organization shall be Post Office Box 701, Griffith, Indiana 46319.

ARTICLE II – OBJECTIVE

Section 1 The objective of the Griffith Youth Baseball shall be to implant firmly in the children of the community the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage and respect for authority, so that they may be well adjusted, stronger and happier children and will grow to be good, decent, healthy and trustworthy citizens.

Section 2 To achieve this objective, the Griffith Youth Baseball will provide a supervised program under the Rules and Regulations of Babe Ruth League. All Directors, Officers and Members shall bear in mind that the attainment of exceptional athletic skill or the winning of games is secondary, and the molding of future citizens is of prime importance. In accordance with Section 501-(c)-(3) of the Federal Internal Revenue Code, the Griffith Youth Baseball shall operate exclusively as a non-profit educational organization providing a supervised program of competitive baseball games. No part of the net earnings shall inure to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual; no substantial part of the activities of which is carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and which does not participate in or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 Eligibility

Any person (**18 or over**) sincerely interested in active participation to effect the objective of this Local League may apply to become a member.

Section 2 Classes

There shall be the following classes of Members:

(a) **Player Members.** Any player candidate meeting the requirements of Babe Ruth League Regulations and who resides within the authorized boundaries of the Local League shall be eligible to compete for participation but shall have no rights, duties or obligations in the management or in the property of the Local League.

(b) **Regular Members.** Any person (**18 or over**) actively interested in furthering the objectives of the Local League may become a regular member upon attending the four (4) meetings in the League year (October thru September). The Secretary shall maintain the roll of membership to qualify voting members. Only regular members in good standing are eligible to vote at the annual meeting. To maintain membership in good standing you must attend four (4) meetings in the League year (October thru September). All Officers, Board Members,

Committee Members, Managers, and other elected or appointed officials must be active Regular Members in good standing.

(c) **Board Members.** Any person duly elected to the local league board by its Regular Members. A Board member will attain the ability to vote upon their election to the board for any regular board business provided they have attended the previous meeting. If the board member was just elected to a board position at the most recent annual meeting, they can vote on any board business with the exception of voting for any new or vacant board positions until such a time that they have attended their 4 regular meetings in the league year (special or emergency meetings aren't considered in this count). Any returning board member will retain their right to vote for both board business and for any vacant board positions. For purposes of this rule, if a board member is moving from one position on the board to another, it will be deemed that they are a returning board member and not considered a new board member. If a board member was removed from the board by vote or by discipline, they lose their voting powers and must be re-voted to the board, where they will be considered a newly elected board member.

(d) As used hereinafter, the word "Member" shall mean a Regular Member unless otherwise stated.

Section 3 Other Affiliations.

(a) Members, whether Regular or Player, shall not be required to be affiliated with another organization or group to qualify as members of the Local League.

(b) Regular Members should not be actively engaged in the promotion and/or operation of any other baseball program.

Section 4 Suspension or Termination.

Membership may be terminated by resignation or action of the Board of Directors.

(a) The Board of Directors, by a two-thirds vote of those present at any duly constituted meeting, shall have the authority to discipline or suspend or terminate the membership of any Member of any class when the conduct of such person is considered detrimental to the best interests of the Local League and/or Babe Ruth League. The Member involved shall be notified of such meeting, informed of the general nature of the charges and given an opportunity to appear at the meeting to answer such charges.

(b) The Board of Directors shall, in case of a Player Member, give notice to the manager of the team of which the player is a member. Said manager shall appear, in the capacity of an adviser, with the player before a duly appointed committee of the Board of Directors, which shall have full power to suspend or revoke such player's right to future participation.

ARTICLE IV – MEETINGS

Section 1 Type of Meetings

(a) **Regular Meeting.** The regular meetings of the Members of the Local League shall be held once per month at a location, time, and date to be set at previous meeting or as specified by the Members.

(b) After the Board of Directors is elected, the Board of Directors shall assume the performance of its duties on Oct. 1. The Boards term of office shall continue until its successors are elected and qualified under this section.

Section 2 Notice of Meeting

Notice of each meeting of the Members shall be publicized within the Griffith Youth Baseball Official Website and/or posted at the Major League field; or in lieu thereof, notice may be given in such form as may be authorized by the Members, from time to time, at a regularly convened meeting. Date and time of meetings may be subject to change.

Section 3 Special Meetings

Special meetings of the Members may be called by the Board of Directors or by the President or Secretary at their discretion. Upon the written request of 50% of the Members, the President shall call a special meeting to consider a specific subject. No business other than that specified in the notice of the meeting shall be discussed or acted on at any special meeting of the Members.

Section 4 Quorum

The presence in person or representation by absentee ballot of one-third (1/3) of the members, or a number or percentage acceptable to the Local League regular membership in advance of the annual meeting, shall constitute a quorum.

Section 5 Voting

Only Regular Members shall be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Local League.

Section 6 Absentee Ballot

For the expressed purpose of accommodating a regular member in good standing who cannot be in attendance at a meeting, an absentee ballot may be requested and obtained from the Secretary of the League. The absentee ballot shall be properly completed, signed and returned in a sealed envelope to the Secretary prior to the date of the meeting and the election of members to the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall present all absentee ballots to the Election Chairman on the date of the meeting prior to the conduct of the election process. In the event of a tie, absentee ballots will not count in a second ballot vote.

Proxy voting via email will be allowed for board members voting on General Board Business ONLY as long as the details of the vote are sent out prior to the meeting. Proxy voting will be used as long as the board meeting is official and a quorum is present. If a quorum isn't present, all proxy votes are null and void. The email must be signed by the board member electronically and submitted to the Secretary prior to the start of the board meeting. The time specified on the email will be used to determine eligibility for counting. If a topic is discussed at the board meeting, and no prior details were sent out electronically, only the votes of the present board members will be used.

No member may vote on a motion affecting them, and no motion may include more than one (1) member of the Board of Directors. In the case of votes requiring two thirds (2/3) of the present members, the member involved will be excused from the meeting and not included in the count for those present for voting.

Section 7 Rules of Order

Roberts Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings of all meetings, except where same conflicts with the Constitution or By-Laws of the Local League.

ARTICLE V – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1 Board and Number

The management of the property and affairs of the Local League shall be vested in the Board of Directors.

candidates for the Board of Directors. The Committee shall also submit for consideration by the Board of Directors a slate of Officers and Committee Members.

Section 2 Finance Committee

The Board of Directors may appoint a Finance Committee consisting of no less than three (3) nor more than five (5) members. The Treasurer shall be an ex-officio member of the Committee. The committee shall investigate ways and means of financing the Local League including team sponsorships and submit recommendations. It shall be responsible for taking up collections at games, if such collections are authorized by the Local League and shall turn over said collections to the Treasurer immediately after each game.

Section 3 Grounds Committee

The Board of Directors may appoint a Grounds Committee which shall be responsible for the care and maintenance of the playing field(s), buildings and grounds. It shall operate within the amount appropriated in the approved budget for that purpose.

Section 4 Managers Committee

The Board of Directors may appoint a Managers Committee consisting of three (3) Directors. The Committee Shall interview and investigate prospective managers and coaches, including those for the Minor League teams and recommend acceptable candidates to the President, for appointment and subsequent approval by the Board of Directors. It shall, during the playing season, observe the conduct of the managers and coaches and report its findings to the President of the Local League. It shall, at the request of the President or Board of Directors, investigate complaints concerning managers and coaches and make a report thereof to the President or Board of Directors as the case may be.

Section 5 Umpire Committee

The Board of Directors may appoint an Umpire Committee consisting of three (3) Directors and other appointed Regular Members. The Local League President shall be chairman of any such Committee. The Committee shall recruit, interview and recommend to the President for appointment a staff of umpires, including a chief umpire and replacements. When appointed, the staff of umpires shall be under the personal direction and responsibility of the Local League President, assisted by the Chief Umpire who shall train, observe and schedule the staff.

Section 6 Auditing Committee

The Board of Directors shall appoint an Auditing committee consisting of three (3) Directors. The President and Treasurer of signatures of checks are not eligible. The Committee will review the Local League's books and records annually prior to the Annual Meeting and attach a statement of their findings to the annual financial statement of the President and Treasurer; or may, if directed by the Board of Directors or Membership, secure the services of a Certified Public Accountant to accomplish such review.

ARTICLE VII – OFFICERS, DUTIES AND POWERS

Section 1 Officers.

The Officers of the Local League shall consist of a President, Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Division Commissioner - for Babe Ruth, Majors, Minors, Rookies, and Tee Ball, a Field Manager or Managers for Babe Ruth, Majors, Minors, Rookies, and Tee Ball, a Purchasing Agent, Umpire in Chief, Safety Coordinator, Communications Coordinator, and Event and Fundraising Coordinator, Sponsorship Coordinator, All Star Coordinator, Travel Ball Coordinator, and a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer of the Auxiliary; all of whom shall hold office for the ensuing year or until their successors are duly elected. Regulations 1(b).

All elected officers shall have one (1) vote each with the exception of the President who shall follow Roberts Rule of Order. The Board of Directors may appoint such other officers or agents as the President may deem necessary or desirable, and may prescribe the powers and duties of each and may fill any vacancy which may occur in any office. Appointed Officers or agents shall have no vote on actions taken by the Board of Directors unless such individuals have been elected to the Board by the members or have been elected to fill a vacancy on the Board.

Section 2 President

The President shall:

- (a) Conduct the affairs of the Local League and execute the policies established by the Board of Directors.
- (b) Present a report of the condition of the Local League at the Annual Meeting.
- (c) Communicate to the Board of Directors, such matters as deemed appropriate, and make such suggestions as may tend to promote the welfare of the Local League.
- (d) Be responsible for the conduct of the Local League in strict conformity to the policies, principles, Rules and Regulations of Babe Ruth League, Incorporated, as agreed to under the conditions of charter issued by the Local League by that organization.
- (e) Designate in writing, other officers if necessary, to have power to make and execute for/and in the name of the Local League such contracts and leases they may receive and which have had prior approval of the Board.
- (f) Investigate complaints, irregularities and conditions detrimental to the Local League and report thereon to the Board of Directors as circumstances warrant.
- (g) Prepare and submit an annual budget to the Board of Directors and be responsible for the proper execution thereof.
- (h) With the assistance of the Division Commissioner, examine the application and support proof-of-age documents of every player candidate and certify to residence and age eligibility before the player may be accepted for tryouts and selection.
- (i) The President will oversee all field maintenance and ground work for the well-being and safety of all players in the league.

Section 3 Vice-President

The Vice President must hold another position on the board to be eligible to put in for the position.

In case of the absence or disability of the President and provided he/she is authorized by the President or Board so to act, the Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President, and when so acting, shall have all the powers of that office, and shall have such other duties as from time to time may be assigned by the Board of Directors or by the President. The Vice President will still be responsible for the duties of the position that they are retaining on the Board.

Section 4 Secretary

The Secretary shall:

- (a) Be responsible for recording the activities of the Local League and maintain appropriate files, mailing list, emails, and necessary records.
- (b) Perform such duties as are herein specifically set forth, in addition to such other duties as are customarily incident to the office of Secretary or as may be assigned by the Board of Directors.

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- (c) Maintain a list of all Regular Members, Directors and committee members and give notice of all meetings of the Local League, the Board of Directors and Committees in such method as directed by the Board of Directors.
- (d) Keep the minutes of the meetings of the Members, the Board of Directors and cause them to be recorded in a book kept for that purpose.
- (e) Shall conduct all correspondence not otherwise specifically delegated in connection with said meetings and shall be responsible for carrying out all orders, votes and resolutions not otherwise committed.
- (f) Notify Members, Directors, Officers and committee members of their election or appointment.

Section 5 Treasurer

- (a) Perform such duties as are herein specifically set forth and such other duties as are customarily incident to the Office of Treasurer or may be assigned by the Board of Directors.
- (b) Receive all monies and securities, and deposit same in a depository approved by the Board of Directors.
- (c) Keep records for the receipt and disbursement of all monies and securities of the Local League, approve all payments from allotted funds and draw checks therefore in agreement with policies established in advance of such actions by the Board of Directors. All disbursements by check must have dual signatures.
- (d) Prepare an annual budget, under the direction of the President, for submission to the Board of Directors at the annual meeting.
- (e) Prepare an annual financial report, under the direction of the President, for submission to the Membership and Board of Directors at the annual meeting.

Section 6 Division Commissioner (of their respective Division)

The Division Commissioner shall:

- (a) Be point of contact for parents and go-between of parents and the Board of Directors.
- (b) Coordinate evaluations, drafts and all other player transactions, trades, or selection meetings.
- (c) Prepare the playing schedule and submit to the Board of Directors for approval.
- (d) Communicate league information to all Team Managers
- (e) Reschedule postponed, suspended or called games at the earliest possible playing date, including Sunday, without consulting either involved Manager. Only restriction – no team shall be forced to play four (4) games in one (1) week.
- (f) Be in charge of all field assignments both for regular and practice games after the playing schedule is established.

Section 7 Purchasing Agent

The Purchasing Agent shall:

- (a) Maintain a current inventory of the team equipment and authorize repairs or replacement as necessary.
- (b) At the time equipment is handed out to Major, Minor, Rookie and Tee Ball League Managers, the Purchasing Agent shall have them sign an inventory list which will be held by the Purchasing Agent until the equipment is turned back in to the Purchasing Agent at the end of the season.
- (c) If there is no Purchasing Agent the Safety Officer will take over this roll.

Section 8 Auxiliary

The Auxiliary shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Event Coordinator. The Auxiliary shall be governed under the Constitution and By-Laws of the Local League and Babe Ruth League, and its own By-Laws. Its officers shall be elected at the Annual Meeting by the Regular Members. The Auxiliary may also carry a membership of Members-at-Large who are volunteers for the delegation of duties to achieve its objectives. The objective of the Auxiliary will be to review and evaluate fund raising projects and disposition of profits and make recommendations to the Board. The Board of Directors shall approve in advance all projects and actions of the Auxiliary.

Section 9 Safety Officer

The Safety Officer shall:

- (a) Be responsible to create awareness, through education and information, of the opportunities to provide a safer environment for youngsters and all participants of Cal Ripken Division of Babe Ruth League Baseball.
- (b) Develop and implement a plan for increasing safety activities, equipment and facilities through education, compliance and reporting.

Section 10 Communications Coordinator

The Communications Coordinator shall:

- (a) Be responsible for managing and maintaining the Local League website and social media accounts by updating news and information and communicating with the public as necessary.
- (b) Manage Babe Ruth League system which includes but is not limited to managing online registrations, inputting in-person registrations, managing player accounts, inputting and updating schedules, setting up online team rosters Babe Ruth League submission, and provide tech support for mobile app.
- (c) Prepare flyers, forms, and any other promotional or informative collateral.

Section 11 Umpire in Chief

The Umpire in Chief shall train, observe and schedule the staff.

Section 12 Sponsorship Coordinator

The Sponsorship Coordinator shall:

- (a) Be responsible for soliciting businesses for sponsorship donations, deliver plaques, and collect payments from sponsors and deliver to the Local League Treasurer.
- (b) Compile and manage sponsor information such as payments and sponsor levels and provide details to the Communications Coordinator for promotions on website, social media, emails, etc.

Section 13 Events and Fundraising Coordinator

The Events and Fundraising Coordinator shall:

- (a) Suggest and oversee events and fundraisers including but not limited to vendor communication, setting dates and locations, collecting payments from vendors and/or player/parents and deliver to the Local League Treasurer.
- (b) Provide details to Communication Coordinator for promotions on website, social media, emails, etc.

Section 14 Concessions Manager

The Concessions Manager shall:

- (a) Oversee and recruit volunteers to work concession stand and create daily schedules for all volunteers.
- (b) Manage inventory of supplies, food, and equipment.

Section 15 Travel Ball Coordinator

The Travel Ball Coordinator shall:

- (a) Oversee the Travel division and manage coaches/teams.
- (b) Coordinate tryouts for all teams, head up meeting for all, and make sure uniforms are handled and ordered.
- (c) Find tournament locations/games/fees and work with coaches to get them scheduled.
- (d) Manage the fund with the Local League Treasurer.
- (e) Oversee fundraisers.

Section 16 All Star Coordinator

The All Star Ball Coordinator shall:

- (a) Oversee the All Star division and manage coaches/teams.
- (b) Oversee team selections, head up meeting for all, collect player information, and put together tournament binders.
- (c) Work with coaches to arrange scrimmage games and communicate tournament updates to teams.
- (d) Make sure uniforms are handled and ordered.

ARTICLE VIII – MANAGERS, COACHES AND UMPIRES

Section 1 Team Managers and Coaches shall be appointed annually by the Division Commissioner and be approved by the Board of Directors. Managers shall be responsible for the selection of their teams and for their actions on the field [Regulation 1 (b)].

Section 2 Umpires shall be appointed annually by the Umpire in Chief, with the approval of the Board of Directors, who shall be responsible for their assignments and for their actions on the field [Regulation 1 (b)].

Section 3 Managers or coaches from the prior year who reapply for the same division will be retained unless two thirds (2/3) of the Board of Directors decides not to retain the Manager or coach. Applications for Managers of all teams shall be submitted in writing by a date TBD by the Board of Directors. In selecting, the President and the Board of Directors will review all applications and consider, among other things, seniority, prior activities in the Local League, ability to relate to players, general character and ability to relate to other Managers and members of the Board. If a Manager resigns prior to the beginning of a season, the President and the Board of Directors may either use the existing pool of applicants or seek new applicants. If a Manager resigns during the season, his senior coach will complete the season. For this purpose, the season begins with the first regular practice for a full team.

ARTICLE IX – AFFILIATION

Section 1 Charter

The Local League shall annually apply for a charter from Babe Ruth League, Incorporated, and shall do all things necessary to obtain and maintain such charter. The Local League shall devote its entire energies to the activities authorized by such charter and it shall not be affiliated with any other program or organization or operate any other program.

Section 2 Rules and Regulations

The Official Playing Rules and Regulations as published by Babe Ruth League, Incorporated, shall be binding on this Local League.

Section 3 Local League Rules

The local rules of this Local League shall be adopted by the Board of Directors at a meeting to be held not less than one month previous to the first scheduled game of the season, but shall in no way conflict with the Rules and Regulations of Babe Ruth League, Incorporated. No By-laws may be changed during the active season, which shall commence on scheduled start day set forth by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE X – FINANCIAL AND ACCOUNTING

Section 1 The Board of Directors shall decide all matters pertaining to the finances of the Local League and it shall place all income, in a common league treasury, directing the expenditure of same in such manner as will give no individual or team an advantage over those in competition with such individual or team.

Section 2 The Board shall not permit the contribution of funds or property to individual teams but shall solicit some for the common treasury of the Local League, thereby to discourage favoritism among teams and to endeavor to equalize the benefits of the Local League.

Section 3 The Board shall not permit the solicitation of funds in the name of Babe Ruth League, Incorporated unless all of the funds so raised are placed in the Local League Treasury.

Section 4 The Board shall not permit the disbursement of Local League funds for other than the conduct of Babe Ruth League, Incorporated activities in accordance with the rules and policies of Babe Ruth League, Incorporated.

Section 5 No Director, Officer or Member of the Local League shall receive, directly or indirectly any salary, compensation or emolument from the Local League for services rendered as director, Officer of Member.

Section 6 All monies received, shall be deposited to the credit of the Local League in the bank approved by the Board of Directors and all disbursement shall be made by check. All checks shall be signed by the Local League Treasurer and such other officer or officers or person or persons as the Board of Directors shall determine.

Section 7 The fiscal year of the Local League shall begin on the first day of October and shall end on the last day of September.

Section 8 Distribution of Property upon Dissolution, Upon dissolution of the Local League and after all outstanding debts and claims have been satisfied, the Members shall direct the remaining property of the Local League to another Federally Incorporated entity which maintains the same objectives as set forth herein, which are or may be entitled to exemption under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or any future corresponding provision.

ARTICLE XI – AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended, repealed or altered in whole or in part by submitting in writing to the Local League at a regular meeting, copies to be provided to all Regular Members in attendance; discussion and vote will be held at the next general meeting provided notice of the proposed change is included in the notice of such meeting. A two thirds (2/3) vote of all voting members in attendance will be needed to amend, repeal or alter the Constitution. No amendments will be made during the active season.

ARTICLE XII – BY-LAWS TEAMS

PLAYERS

A1 Each player is responsible for getting him or herself to the ballpark. This is not the responsibility of the League, manager or coach.

A2 An evaluation will be held for the Minor, Major, and Babe Ruth Draft.

A3 Trades are only allowed on draft night unless specifically approved by the Board of Directors.

A4 All league players are encouraged to wear face masks when batting at all practices and games. This also applies to Griffith Youth Baseball tournament teams.

A5 For all drafted teams, each Manager is allowed to choose one Coach before the draft begins. Other Coaches must be selected during the draft.

A6 It will always be the discretion of the Griffith Youth Baseball Board to decide the outcome of different scenarios due to players being injured.

A player who has been injured or under a Doctors care for at least 2 or more weeks needs a written release from the Doctor to return to Baseball. This note must be on file with the Division Commissioner, Safety Officer, Secretary, and President.

Griffith Youth Baseball will follow the Cal Ripken Division Rules of Babe Ruth League, Incorporated, for players who are injured during the season when it comes to eligibility to play in All Stars and Tournaments that are sponsored through Cal Ripken.

A7 No head first sliding permitted in any division.

MANAGERS AND COACHES

B1 Any major manager or senior coach must attain and retain a Regular Membership in good standing in Griffith Youth Baseball. Only major managers and senior coaches in good standing will be allowed at the draft as long as the senior coach has already been on said team.

B2 Managers and coaches must be at least 18 years of age.

B3 All managers and coaches are required to sign a Coach's Code of Conduct before being awarded a team in any league. Detailed procedure will be included under the heading of Discipline.

B4 All managers and coaches must complete a Babe Ruth League, Incorporated, background check, abuse prevention training course, and coaching certification.

GENERAL

C1 The chain of Command for Cancellation of all games is as follows: President, Vice President, Safety Officer, (No Safety Officer then Purchasing Agent assumes this role), UIC, Field Manager, Division Commissioner.

C2 No person may, while performing a function or duty at a game or practice, be under the influence of/or use intoxicants.

C3 The "No Smoking" rule applies to the enclosure of the playing field and the stand.

C4 Where there may be a conflict of the rules set forth in these By-Laws with the rules as established by a division of Cal Ripken Baseball, Babe Ruth League, Inc. shall supersede and prevail.

T-Ball

D1 Players that are 4, 5, and 6 years old are eligible for T-ball. Players must be 4 by May 1.

D2 The T-ball division shall have a blind draft. Each team will draft an equal amount of 4 yr olds, 5 yr olds, and 6 yr olds.

D3 If a 6 year old has played 1 year of T-Ball at the parents discretion they may move up to Rookies. If you are 6 and never played T-Ball you cannot move up. You have to play 1 year of T-Ball. No one can move up to Rookies unless you are league age 6.

D4 A parent or guardian must be at the field with their player at all times.

D5 T-Ball ground rules

1. If a game is scheduled to follow, no inning will start 15 minutes before the start of the following game. There is a 1 hour and 30 minute time limit on all games.
2. A full team consists of 10-11 players, 4 of which must play in the outfield. The 4th outfielder is eliminated if a team must play with only 9 players.
3. Managers and adult coaches may coach at first, second and third base if they desire. Managers or coaches for the defensive team may also be in the field if they desire.
4. No bunting or pullbacks is allowed. After 5 games within the season the Managers may pitch to their player if the player desires to be pitched to. If not, they will be allowed to hit off of the Tee. You are only allowed to pitch 4 balls to player. After 4 pitched balls the ball goes on the Tee.
5. The pitcher shall keep both feet directly in front of the pitching rubber until the ball is hit.
6. The catcher will remain in position behind the plate until the ball is hit. Catchers must be in full gear.
7. No defensive player shall charge the ball until it is hit.
8. Every player will play 2 innings in the field every game.
9. There are no strikeouts.
10. A ball hit off the tee must travel 15 feet from home plate or it is considered a dead ball.
11. One of the coaches from the batting team is the umpire.
12. The Pledge of Allegiance shall be said before every game.

Rookie

E1 Players that are 6, 7, and 8 years old are eligible for the Rookies Division.

E2 A 6 year old, per parental discretion, that has at least one year of T- ball experience, whether a division of Cal Ripken, Babe Ruth League, Incorporated, or another sanctioned League is eligible for Rookies.

E3 The Rookie division shall have a blind draft. Each team will draft an equal amount of 6 yr olds, 7 yr olds, and 8 yr olds.

E4 A parent or guardian must be at the field with their player at all times.

E5 Rookies ground rules

1. No inning will start after 7:15 p.m. or 1 hour and 45 minutes after start time. The inning will be finished.
2. No stealing of bases.
3. No walks – a player hit by a pitch will continue their at-bat with the coach pitching.
4. After ball four, a coach will pitch. No batter receives a walk but may strike out.
5. On an attempted play at a base, after the ball is hit, the runner or runners will be permitted to advance at their own risk, but not more than one base.
6. Continuous batting order – inning-to-inning. Only 9 players in the field when the defense is out.
7. 9 batters per inning maximum or 3 outs. In the event a team bats 9, the defensive players receive credit for 3 outs in the field.
8. All players must play a minimum of 9 defensive outs each game.
9. Unlimited substitution.
10. All players should play every position throughout the season using reasonable discretion. THIS IS AN INSTRUCTIONAL LEAGUE.
11. Cal Ripken pitching rules must be strictly followed. Refer to Cal Ripken Baseball Rules and Regulations in the Babe Ruth League, Incorporated Rule Book.
12. Manager or coach will not leave a game or practice until all players are with a parent or guardian.
13. Home team manager is responsible for preparing the field for play.
14. The umpire (which is a coach) may call a batter out for throwing the bat.
15. Scores and standings will be kept subject to the non-contentious compliance with the aforementioned Ground Rules. The Griffith Youth Baseball Board of Directors reserves the right to discontinue the use of score and standings at any point during the season that it determines said score and standings interfere with the express goal of being an INSTRUCTIONAL LEAGUE.
16. The Pledge of Allegiance shall be said before every game.

Minors

F1 Players that are 8, 9, and 10 years old are eligible for the Minor League.

F2 Minor League teams will be selected by the draft system. An 8 year old, per parental discretion and Board approval, can play at the Minors level and can be chosen for an active roster only if the player has played at least one year of Rookie division baseball. (This rule will not imply to players that were 7 the last league year, and played in the minors already.)

F3 Manger or coach will not leave a game or practice until all players are with a parent or guardian.

F4 Minor League ground rules

1. No inning will start after 7:15 p.m. or 1 hour and 45 minutes after start time. The inning will be finished.
2. Stealing of bases is permitted, however, no more than one (1) base on any one play. Runners may not advance on an overthrow on an attempted play. Runners who are on 3rd base may not advance or steal home plate unless there is a hit, a walk or a pass ball from the catcher. Runners may have one successful steal home from 3rd base once per inning.
3. On an attempted play at a base after the ball is hit, the runner or runners will be permitted to advance at their own risk.
4. Continuous batting order – inning-to-inning.
5. 9 batters per inning maximum or 3 outs. In the event a team bats 9, the defensive players receive credit for 3 outs in the field.
6. All players must play a minimum of 9 defensive outs each game.
7. Unlimited substitution.
8. All players should play every position throughout the season using reasonable discretion. **THIS IS AN INSTRUCTIONAL LEAGUE.**
9. Cal Ripken pitching rules must be strictly followed. Refer to Cal Ripken Baseball Rules and Regulations in the Babe Ruth League, Incorporated Rule Book.
10. Each manager **MUST** send all pitcher's pitch counts to the Division Commissioner immediately following each game. Failure to do so will result in possible disciplinary action and loss of games.
12. Home team manager is responsible for preparing the field for the day.
13. The umpire may call a batter out for throwing the bat.
14. Scores and standings will be kept subject to the non-contentious compliance with the aforementioned Ground Rules. The Griffith Youth Baseball Board of Directors reserves the right to discontinue the use of score and standings at any point during the season that it determines said score and standings interfere with the express goal of being an INSTRUCTIONAL LEAGUE.
15. The Pledge of Allegiance shall be said before every game.

Major

G1 Major League teams will be selected by the draft system. Players that are 10 -12 years old are eligible for the Major League.

G2 Major League teams shall maintain a roster of 11-12 active players. If a player misses 40% of games and is not excused due to illness or vacation, the player will be deemed inactive and will not be eligible for All Stars.

G3 Manger or coach will not leave a game or practice until all players are with a parent or guardian.

G4 Major League ground rules

1. Cal Ripken pitching rules must be strictly followed. Refer to Cal Ripken Baseball Rules and Regulations in the Babe Ruth League, Incorporated Rule Book.

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2. Each manager **MUST** send all pitcher's pitch counts to the Division Commissioner immediately following each game. Failure to do so will result in possible disciplinary action and loss of games.
3. Home team manager is responsible for preparing the field for the day.

Babe Ruth

H1 Babe Ruth teams will be selected by the draft system. Players that are 13-15 years old are eligible for Babe Ruth.

H2 Babe Ruth teams shall maintain a roster of 11-14 active players. Each year, ALL players will be selected through a draft. An evaluation shall be held prior to the draft. Siblings are not required to be on the same team. A parent/guardian must submit in writing, prior to the evaluation, to the Division Commissioner their desire for siblings to be on separate teams. Such requests will be honored in writing only. Each manager shall have one Sr. Coach prior to the evaluation. Managers are the only members permitted in the draft room. The Sr. Coach is allowed if the manager is absent. The draft order will be selected by ballot. If a player misses 40% of games and is not excused due to illness, vacation, or school commitment, the player will be deemed inactive and will not be eligible for All Stars.

H3 Manger or coach will not leave a game or practice until all players are with a parent or guardian or have safely left the field.

H4 Babe Ruth ground rules

1. Babe Ruth League pitching rules must be strictly followed. Refer to Baseball Rules and Regulations in the Babe Ruth League, Incorporated Rule Book.
2. Each manager **MUST** send all pitcher's pitch counts to the Division Commissioner immediately following each game. Failure to do so will result in possible disciplinary action and loss of games.
3. Home team manager is responsible for preparing the field for the day.

ALL STAR TEAMS

I1 12 Year Old All Star Team Manager

The manager will be selected by the Board, following the guidelines of Babe Ruth League, Inc. The manager, with approval from the board, will name the two (2) coaches, who must be in good standing, for the team.

I2 11 Year Old All Star Manager

The manager will be selected by the Board, following the guidelines of Babe Ruth League, Inc. The manager, with approval from the Board, will name the two (2) coaches, who must be in good standing, for the team.

I3 10 Year Old All Star Team Manager

The manager will be selected by the Board, following the guidelines of Babe Ruth League, Inc. The manager, with approval from the Board, will name the two (2) coaches, who must be in good standing, for the team.

I4 Only a Manager or Coach is eligible to manager/coach any Cal Ripken and Babe Ruth All Star/Travel ball team.

I5 Each player on an All Star or any other Traveling team will be charged an amount to be determined by the Board of Directors to defray the cost of uniforms.

notify all players of scheduled evaluation date. The Travel Ball Manager has final discretion in selecting the final travel team roster. Selections will be announced and posted.

DISCIPLINE

J1 All problems with managers and coaches will be brought to the attention of the Board. This may be done in letter or verbal form. (If verbal – detailed notes shall be retained by the interviewer.) This must be done immediately following incident.

J2 Upon receiving the initial complaint, the respective Division Commissioner will immediately notify the manager or coach and President of the matter under investigation. After this modification, and until the matter is closed, the manager/coach shall have no contact with the involved parties other than the normal interaction as coach and player.

J3 The President and respective Division Commissioner will investigate the complaint within 48 hours and report its findings to the Board within 7 days.

J4 Upon review the Board can:

- (a) Dismiss charges
- (b) Schedule a hearing with the accused, stating the charges to the accused

J5 If a hearing is scheduled; the following protocol will be followed:

- (a) Charges will be read
- (b) The accused will be given the opportunity to respond to the charges

J6 After the following actions, determined by majority vote, these steps can be taken by the Board:

- (a) Take no further action
- (b) Issue a written warning
- (c) Suspend the accused for one (1) or more games, or alternatively suspend coaching/managerial responsibilities for a specified amount of time
- (d) Revoke membership for the remainder of the year
- (e) The above is a list of possible actions, but the Board can determine any other action it deems appropriate.

J7 The decision of the Board will be presented to the accused and accuser within 24 hours of the completion of the hearing.

J8 All acts taken by the Board are final.

FIELD MAINTENANCE

K1 Each team will be responsible for field maintenance. Duties include:

1. Clean dugouts and empty garbage cans in dugouts
2. Drag infield and brush limestone off infield
3. Cut infield and outfield
4. Paint outfield foul lines

K2 On game day:

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1. Home team is responsible to prepare field for play
2. Away team is responsible for field clean up after each game.
- a. Empty trash
 - b. Drag infield
 - c. Lock all equipment in shed

K3 After each practice:

- 1. Drag infield
- 2. Repair pitchers mound
- 3. Repair batters boxes.

K4 Failure to accomplish required maintenance may result in disciplinary action as described in Section H, DISCIPLINE.

FALL LEAGUE (if they choose to have one)

L1 The objective of Fall League is to prepare players for the upcoming baseball season in a pressure free environment.

L2 All teams will be formed by blind draw.

L3 Fall Ball Ground Rules

- 1. Games are no more than 6 innings with a 1 hour and 45 minute time limit.
- 2. No score or standings will be kept.
- 3. Continuous batting order – inning-to-inning and game-to-game.
- 4. Maximum 9 batters or 3 outs.
- 5. Unlimited substitution – no player should sit out more than one (1) inning at a time. It is strongly suggested that each player be allowed to play every position throughout the season using reasonable discretion.
- 6. Cal Ripken pitching rules must be strictly followed. Refer to Cal Ripken Baseball Rules and Regulations in the Babe Ruth League, Incorporated Rule Book.
- 7. Each manager **MUST** send the pitcher's pitch count to the Division Commissioner immediately following each game. Failure to do so will result in possible disciplinary action and loss of game.
- 8. Fall Ball start and end dates will be TBD by the board and begin after All Stars are completed.
- 9. All Fall Ball teams have the right to the fields for practices and games. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- 10. Travel Ball teams may use the fields when there are no games or practices for Fall Ball. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**