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**Montour Youth Baseball League
Constitution and By-laws**

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PREAMBLE

The Montour Youth Baseball League (MYBL) is an organization of volunteer community-minded people dedicated to providing programs of recreational baseball in which any person, of league age, residing in the Montour Area School District can participate. The League operates administratively year-round and is controlled and operated under a Constitution and Bylaws.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I: NAME AND PURPOSES

- I. Name: This organization shall be known as Montour Youth Baseball League (MYBL).
- II. Location: The principal office of this organization shall be located in the Montour School District located in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.
- III. Objectives:
 - A. The purpose of this organization shall be to organize, sponsor, direct and conduct athletic, educational, cultural and social activities for the youth in our area.
 - B. To purchase, take, lease or hold real and personal property to effectuate the aforesaid purpose.
 - C. MYBL shall be non-political, nonpartisan, and nonsectarian.
- IV: Fiscal Year: The fiscal year of the League shall begin January 1 of each year and end on December 31.
- IV. Bylaws: The Bylaws of the League shall be the governing laws subject to this Constitution.
- V. Meetings: The Montour Youth Baseball League will have meetings the first Wednesday of the month. The times and places for these meetings will be published on the MYBL website at least one week in advance. These meetings will be open to the public and consist of Executive Officers of both Kennedy Township Athletic Association (KTAA) and Robinson Township Boys Baseball League (RTBBL).

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP

- I. Eligibility: Any adult person in good character in the Montour School District who is interested in developing the welfare of our community is eligible for membership in MYBL. The word, member as it appears in this document shall be taken to mean only active members in good standing in MYBL.

- II. Disciplinary Action:
 - A. The Board of Directors, by a two-thirds majority, shall have the authority to discipline or suspend any manager, coach, player, or League member whose conduct is considered detrimental to the best interests of the League.

 - B. Upon evidence of the misconduct of any MYBL member, participating manager, coach, or player, the Board of Directors shall notify the member or the manager of the team of which the MYBL member, manager, coach, or player is a member as to the general nature of the charges. Said member, or manager, shall be given the opportunity to appear with the coach or player before a duly appointed committee of the Board for a hearing on the matter. This committee shall make a recommendation to the Board who by two-thirds majority vote have the full power to suspend or revoke such MYBL member, manager, coach or player's eligibility for future participation in MYBL.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

- I. Management: The affairs of MYBL shall be directed by the Officers of both KTAA and RTBBL who shall be the governing body of the League.

- II. Officers: Shall be chosen from each respective bylaws (KTAA and RTBBL). No more than four officers from KTAA and RTBBL can make up the MYBL Board of Directors. The powers and duties of MYBL Board of Directors shall be defined in the Bylaws.

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I: MEETINGS

- I. Quorum: A majority of the members of the MYBL Board shall be required to convene a meeting of the Board.

- II. Proceedings: "Robert's Rules of Order" shall govern the proceedings of all meetings, except where inconsistent with the Constitution or Bylaws of the League.
- III. Majority: All matters except as otherwise specified in this Constitution and Bylaws shall require a simple majority of those voting.
- IV. Voting: Proxies shall not be recognized at any regular or special meeting of the Board or membership.

ARTICLE II: MANAGERS AND COACHES

- I. Selection:
 - A. All managers of competing teams shall be selected and approved by the MYBL Board of Directors. To encourage participation in the organization preference for the selection of managers will be given to officers and then those who attend monthly meetings. The manager of each competing team may select coaches (maximum of three (3) + one (1) scorekeeper) to assist him in the training and direction of the participating players. The managers shall be responsible for the conduct of the coaches, and the team.
 - B. All prospective managers and coaches must complete a PA State Police Criminal Record Check and a PA Child Abuse History Clearance. For those individuals who have not resided in PA continuously for the previous ten (10) years they must also complete a FBI Criminal Background Check. In addition to clearances all managers/coaches must sign a Code of Conduct.
 - C. Obligations: All managers and coaches, including All-Star managers and coaches, are required to conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner at all times. All managers and coaches are obligated to comply with MYBL policies, rules, and determinations established by the various appointed committees within the Board of Directors. In addition, managers and coaches will attend membership meetings, coaching clinics, assist with field maintenance, and strongly encourage to participate in MYBL sanctioned fundraising activities.
 - D. Equipment Turn-in: Managers shall be responsible for all equipment issued by MYBL. Managers shall be responsible for the return of all equipment at season's conclusion. Equipment turn-in dates will be determined by the Board and posted in the calendar of events. If any manager does not comply within the designated time frame, the Board shall have the right to suspend the manager from the League. Said suspension shall apply to managing, coaching, umpiring, or any activity related to the League.

- E. Concession Stand Staffing: Managers shall be responsible for furnishing adult volunteers to work the concession stand on his team's scheduled days. Any manager, who does not comply with the above, shall be ineligible to manage a team for the following season. A manager in violation shall have the right to a hearing before the Board prior to such penalty being imposed by a two-thirds majority vote.

ARTICLE III: FINANCES

- I. Fiscal Affairs: While expenses incurred by KTAA and RTBBL will be administered by respective boards, MYBL fiscal affairs shall be voted on by the MYBL Board with the agreed distribution of expenses of 60% RTBBL and 40% KTAA.
- II. Solicitation and Contributions: The contributions of funds to individuals or teams or the solicitation of funds by individuals or teams shall not be permitted without specific Board approval. Contributions and/or solicitation of funds for or by MYBL must be Board approved as well and distributed equally.

ARTICLE IV: PLAYING RULES SECTION

- I. Official Rules and League Rules of Play: Individual Division Rules will be posted on the MYBL website and shall remain posted on the website throughout the season. These rules shall govern the playing of games and shall be agreed on by all managers before the season begins. The MYBL Board reserves the right to modify the rules at any point during the season.
- II. Player Participation:
- A. Players may only play in their age-designated league subject to eligibility for further participation in the next higher division pursuant to league call-up procedures. In the spirit of fairness to all players involved in MYBL at every division callup procedures will be implemented and agreed to by Board each season and brought to the attention of the managers and posted on the leagues website. The Board, by two-thirds majority vote of those voting, may approve special circumstance exceptions for player participation outside the regular age-designated league.
- B. For anyone youth outside of the district who wishes to be a part of MYBL is invited to complete and submit a *Special Consideration Form* by January 31 of each calendar. After reviewing the form MYBL Officers will vote on whether or not to grant an exception.

C. During the regular season play in the Pony League division and below, the League required that every player shall participate in each game both offensively and defensively pursuant to league rules.

III. Leagues: The league will be structured into six (6) divisions as indicated below in accordance with the age eligibility requirements outlined in the *Official Rules and Regulations* in Article V.

T-Bal League	5-6 year olds
Farm League	7-8 year olds
Minor League	9-10 year olds
Major League	11-12 year olds
Pony League	13-14 year olds
Colt League	14, 15, 16 year olds

IV. Outside Play Restrictions and Tournament Team Eligibility:

A. No team will be permitted to play ball outside of MYBL during the regular or playoff seasons without prior approval of the Board. The manager or coach of any team playing without prior approval will be subject to disciplinary action by the Board.

B. Players for the MYBL All-star teams shall be selected from eligible participants of the MYBL in-house leagues.

C. To be eligible for participation on MYBL All-star team, a player must participate in a 60% of regular-season games. The number of regular-season games scheduled or rescheduled and completed by a player's team prior to June 15th will be used to establish the minimum eligibility requirements. Only participation in games for a player's rostered team will be used to determine eligibility under this rule. Games participated in by a player for any league team other than their originally rostered team will not be counted toward the totals of either games scheduled or games participated in by a player.

ARTICLE V: FORFEITURE

I. Forfeiture: Any member leaving MYBL for any cause, forfeits his right to property, equipment, and finances relative to the Montour Youth Baseball League.

ARTICLE VI: Season Officials

I. Division Commissioners: Commissioners for the various leagues will be appointed by the MYBL Board to oversee the operation of the individual leagues including the end-of-season championship series. League commissioners will be responsible for executing and presiding over the draft, collection and distribution

of call-up information, developing and distribution of a pre-season practice schedule, and informing managers of league policies and rules. The MYBL Board can appoint up to two additional commissioners as voting board members for one year per league needs. These positions are not elected board members and would have to run for an open position on an annual basis.

- II. Equipment Commissioner: The MYBL Board shall appoint an Equipment Commissioner to be responsible for the storage, inventorying, repairing, and ordering of baseball equipment and uniforms for MYBL's baseball program.
- III. Grounds Crew Commissioner: The MYBL Board shall appoint a Grounds Crew Commissioner to maintain the playing conditions and to monitor the condition of the other fields routinely used by MYBL.
 - a. The home team is responsible for insuring the field is prepared for play. This includes raking the field, draining any water, lining the field and setting up the bases.
 - b. The home team is responsible for storing the equipment after the game, turning off the lights, raking the field and closing the concession stand. All coaches are expected to participate in field maintenance.
- IV. Information Officer: The MYBL Board shall appoint an Information Officer who shall be responsible for matters relating to the development, distribution, and maintenance of the Association communications, including registrations entries, volunteer applications, and the Association's website.
- V. Other Appointments: The MYBL Board shall have the authority to make other appointments as appropriate in furtherance of the objectives of the League.

ARTICLE VI: AMENDMENTS SECTION

- I. Bylaws: The MYBL Board shall determine if a proposed change or amendment to these Bylaws shall be submitted to the membership for a vote. The Bylaws of the League may be amended by a majority vote of the members present at a regular or special meeting provided that no such amendment shall be voted upon unless it has been read and announced at the two previous consecutive regular meetings.

ARTICLE VI: MISCELLANEOUS SECTION

- I. Matters not covered: The MYBL Board of Directors has the authority to rule on any matter not specifically covered by these Constitution and By-Laws.

Discussion items:

Social Media Policy

Exclusion of Board Members from managing/coaching in certain leagues i.e.,
Commissioner not managing in a division, President's not coaching Majors, etc.

Tryouts or Evaluations of players before draft

Scholarships



Montour Youth Baseball Sportsmanship Code of Conduct

We, the Montour Youth Baseball League (MYBL), have implemented the following Sportsmanship Code of Conduct for the important message it holds about the proper role of parents in supporting their child in sports. Parents should read and understand this form prior to their children participating in our league. Any parent or coach guilty of improper conduct at any game or practice will be asked to leave the sports facility and be suspended from the following game. Repeat violations may cause a multiple game suspension, or the season forfeiture of the privilege of attending all games.

Preamble

The essential elements of character-building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles:

- Trustworthiness,
- Respect,
- Responsibility,
- Fairness,
- Caring, and
- Good Citizenship.

The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these "six pillars of character."

I therefore agree:

1. I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
2. I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league.
3. I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or other sporting event.
4. I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting; or using profane language or gestures.
5. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of the athletes.
6. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
7. I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
8. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.
9. I will promote the emotional and physical wellbeing of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.
10. I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the game field, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
11. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all sports events.
12. I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.
13. I will not condone the throwing of equipment.
14. I (and my guests) will not use profanity.



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Special Consideration Form

Parent or Guardian NAME: _____ DATE: _____

PLAYER: _____ AGE: _____ GRADE: _____

SCHOOL: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

Are you a resident of Montour School District: YES: _____ NO: _____

If yes, please attach a utility bill to this form.

Please share what special consideration you are requesting from the *MYBL Board* and why you are requesting special consideration. Please note it is important to list any circumstances that have led to this request (feel free to use the back of this page):

The *MYBL Board* meets the **first Wednesday of the month** so please submit this form no later than one week before each meeting. Please email this form to: timfoley1121@gmail.com or mail it to: RTBBL P.O. BOX 15613 Pittsburgh, PA 15224.