

Herndon Reston Youth Softball CHARTER



Article I – Name of League

The name of this league shall be Herndon Reston Youth Softball Babe Ruth League (HRYS). The name of this League may not be used in any manner unless expressed or written permission is given by the HRYS Officers.

Article II – Purpose of League

The purpose for which HRYS is organized is to develop and operate a softball program in affiliation with Babe Ruth League, Inc., a New Jersey corporation, in conformity with and pursuant to the principles, rules and regulations enunciated by said Babe Ruth League, Inc. In conjunction with such purposes, the objective of HRYS is that, through the medium of a supervised, competitive softball program, guided and governed by said Babe Ruth League, Inc., this league will seek to implant in the youth of the community ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage and reverence, so they may be finer, stronger and happier youth who will grow to be good, clean, healthy adults.

Article III – Babe Ruth Affiliation

HRYS 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. and those rules and regulations duly established by the respective state and provincial organizations, are to be considered binding on HRYS.

Article IV – Area of Operations

The principal operations of HRYS shall be in and about the greater Herndon/Reston geographic areas of Fairfax County, VA but may extend into such areas as provided for by the State, Regional, and National Headquarters rules and regulations.

Article V – Powers of League

HRYS shall have the following powers in addition to the powers expressly or implicitly conferred on it by law.

1. To make and enforce rules and regulations to govern itself on a local basis, but consistent with and not contrary to any rules and regulation 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 HRYS is subject.
2. Solicit contributions on behalf of HRYS.
3. Enter into contracts for materials and services on behalf of HRYS.
4. Procure property and materials on behalf of the HRYS.

Article VI – Eligibility

HRYS is open to all persons ages 5-18 as of January 1 (one) of the current calendar year desiring to participate in Softball, are eligible according to the rules and guidelines established by HRYS, unless otherwise approved by the Commissioner or Vice Commissioner.

Article VII – Board Members

A. Officers of HRYS will be considered board members.

1. Commissioner
2. Vice Commissioner
3. Registrar
4. Treasurer
5. Field Coordinator
6. Equipment Manager
7. League Event Coordinator

B. Term of Office

Each officer's position will be for a two year term as determined by the calendar year ended. Even year-ended years are 2016, 2018, 2020. Odd ended years are 2015, 2017, 2019. Expirations for the league officers are as follows:

1. Commissioner – even year end
2. Vice Commissioner – odd year end
3. Registrar – even year end
4. Treasurer – odd year end
5. Field Coordinator - even year end
6. Equipment Manager – odd year end
7. League Event Coordinator – even year end

C. Vacancies

Any board member who resigns or vacates a position prior to the expiration of his/her elected term shall be replaced by a person selected by the league Commissioner for the remaining term. A vacancy of the Commissioner will be selected by a Special Board meeting at the first monthly Board meeting after Commissioner resigns.

Article VIII – Additional Board Members

A. Team Mangers

In addition to the league officers described in Article VII, each team manger selected by the league officers to manage a team for HRYS will become a board member for the year in which he/she manages a team for HRYS. This board appointment expires at the beginning of the Spring Season of the following year as defined by the initial coach's meeting.

B. Members at Large

In addition to the league officers described in Article VII, other members may become Members at Large by appointment by the commissioner as he/she deems appropriate.

Article IX – Committees

The Commissioner may appoint such other committees as he/she shall deem appropriate. These other committees may be, but are not limited to, Candidate Search, Scheduling, Field Usage, Tournament/Festivals, Finance, By-Laws, Publicity, Playing Rules, Spirit Wear, and Local Schools Liaisons.

Article X – Meetings

A. Regular Monthly Meetings

1. Regular monthly meetings of the HRYS Officers shall be held at any suitable and convenient location as may be designated by the HRYS Commissioner on the first Sunday of each month at 7:00 pm unless that Sunday is part of a holiday weekend. In such cases, the meeting will be moved to the next non-holiday Sunday evening. The members of the HRYS Officers may also transact any other HRYS business as may properly come before them.
2. Notices of regular meetings shall be served upon the members by the HRYS Vice-Commissioner, either by telephone, by mail, by email, or web posting.
3. If circumstances arise that prevent an HRYS Officer from attending a scheduled meeting, the HRYS commissioner may move the time of the monthly meeting to accommodate the majority of the board members.
4. These meetings will be open to any HRYS community player, parent or legal guardian, or anyone specifically invited by the board.

B. Annual Meeting

1. An annual meeting of all board members will be held for the specific purpose of electing HRYS officers and any amendments to the league charter.
2. This meeting will be held on the first Sunday in December each calendar year.
3. Eligible board members as defined as in Article VII A and VIII A and B, vote on the officers of HRYS.

C. Special Meetings

1. A special meeting of the HRYS Officers may be called by the HRYS Commissioner or Vice Commissioner at any time.
2. Any three or more members of HRYS Officers may petition the HRYS Commissioner to call a special meeting to propose new actions to be taken by the HRYS Officers or to redirect actions previously taken by the HRYS Officers.

3. Notice of such a special meeting, specifically stating the purpose for calling the meeting, shall be served upon the members by the HRYS Vice-Commissioner before the date set for the special meeting.
4. Normally, no business shall be transacted at a special meeting except as specifically set forth in the notice concerning the meeting.

D. Quorum

1. As the first order of business at any regular or special meeting the HRYS Vice Commissioner shall determine the number of voting members present. This action will be performed through the calling of the role of the HRYS Officers. No proxies or absentee ballots shall be permitted at any meeting of the HRYS Officers.
2. Monthly meeting quorum - 20% of board members present.
3. Special meeting quorum - 50% of board members present.
4. Annual meeting quorum 60% of board members present
5. Questions will be decided by majority vote of eligible members present.
6. As appropriate, votes may be taken virtually (by phone, e-mail, etc) when the situation dictates.
7. Noting that a quorum is necessary to do business at HRYS Monthly Meetings, the Commissioner may request the resignation of any HRYS Officer who is absent habitually without excuse from three or more consecutive Board Meetings.
8. Should any voting HRYS Officer miss three consecutive Monthly Meetings, he/she will forfeit their HRYS voting privileges. This Member must then attend three consecutive Monthly meetings to regain his/her voting privilege.

