

**College Park Athletic Association
d/b/a Orlando Babe Ruth
League Bylaws
Revised – April 9th, 2017**



1. GOVERNMENT

The College Park Babe Ruth League changed its name to Orlando Babe Ruth effective December 1, 2012. Throughout these Bylaws, College Park Athletic Association, d/b/a Orlando Babe Ruth, will be referred to as "League."

1.1 Board of Directors

The Board of Directors ("Board") shall server under the umbrella organization of the College Park Athletic Association (CPAA). The Board shall have a maximum of 40 voting members elected to serve terms of one year starting July 1 of each year. The term of all (non-Executive) Board members shall expire June 30 of each year regardless of when the Board position was granted/started.

1.2 Board Position Voting Process

Each current and nominated Board member must be present at the general election meeting (called during the first two weeks in June every year) to vote on Board positions. If a nominated individual is not present at this meeting the Executive Board can allow the nomination to be voted on. Nominations will be accepted in advance of this meeting via website, email or other similar method. Nominations can also take place from the floor at this meeting in June if needed.

Voting will take place in-person at the June Board meeting by private ballot to be handed out at the June Board meeting. Immediate /umpires60members. Tie votes will be placed on second private ballot for a re-vote. All candidates must receive at least 1/3 of the votes cast to be elected. If a tie happens after the second ballot re-vote the current Executive Board (not including nominated Executive Board members) will be allowed the right to select the nominee. Proxy votes will not be permitted.

1.3 Executive Board

Members of the Executive Board include:

- President
- Vice President
- Vice President of Operations
- Vice President of Finance
- Vice President of Marketing

These positions (if 2 year terms are up) will be elected from and by the newly elected Board members each year during the June Board meeting. Members of the Executive Board are elected

to serve two-year terms, starting July 1. Qualified applicants are restricted to run for only one Executive Board position. However, if a qualified applicant is defeated for one particular Executive Board position, he/she may run for another Executive Board position.

1.4 Board Vacancies

The Executive Board may fill vacant Board positions during the year should they be left vacant or if a Board member resigns. Vacated or vacant Executive Board positions will be voted on by the entire Board at a regularly scheduled Board meeting and will require at least 1/3 of the votes cast in order to be elected. When a Board position is filled the expiration date of that position will not change. Example: The Vice-President of Operations resigns after 1 year and 6 months. The newly elected VP of Operations will stay in that role another 6 months and then the position must be voted on again (as Executive Board positions are good for 2 years).

1.5 Expulsion

Any member of the Board may, for cause, be expelled by a 2/3 majority vote of the Board members present at any regularly scheduled or special Board meeting. Special Board meetings must have a minimum of 14 days' notice to the Board prior to the meeting taking place to allow for consideration and discussion.

1.6 Voting Rights (Non-Election Voting)

Note: This voting rights process does not apply to election voting. The election voting process can be found above in section 1.2. Only current Board members are entitled to vote on league related issues that come before the Board. Board members with balance owed greater than 60 days will not be allowed to vote and will not count as part of the quorum check.

Non-election voting may be accomplished by either a show of hands or by secret ballot. Electronic votes (email and/or text) are permitted and will follow the same method as a secret ballot. No member will be required to justify his/her vote but may do so if he/she chooses. A majority vote will be accepted. Only Board members in good financial standing (no outstanding dues greater than 60 days) can vote. Proxy votes will not be permitted.

1.6 Encumbered Funds

Other than for capital improvements (e.g., lights), Board members cannot encumber funds past the current year of their term.

2.0 BOARD POSITION DESCRIPTIONS

2.1 Executive Board Members

President

The President will serve as Chairperson and will preside over all meetings of the Board. The President is responsible for:

- Providing general supervision of the affairs of the organization;
- Preparing reports to the Board;
- Participating in media relations and partnership coordination activities with assistance from the Board as needed; and

- Performing all other duties as appropriate properly assigned by the Board.

The President may establish sub-committees as deemed appropriate and appoint a chairperson for any sub-committee established.

Vice President

The Vice President will assist the President in carrying out duties and responsibilities. Also, the Vice President is responsible for:

- Overseeing and managing concessions, vendors, fundraising, partnerships and other business matters related to the League; and
- Exercising all of the functions of the President during his/her absence.

Vice President of Operations

The Vice President of Operations shall be in charge of all aspects of the actual game-play and functions related to the playing of games and practices. The Vice President of Operations is responsible for:

- Chairing the playing rules committee for the review and development of all division-related playing rules;
- Appointing managers, coaches, and a division representative for each regular season recreational division (subject to Board approval);
- Reporting to the President; and
- Providing oversight to the Field Maintenance Officer, Equipment Officer, Umpire in Chief (UIC) , and Player Agent(s).

Vice President of Finance

The Vice President of Finance shall oversee all of the League's financial reporting and transactions. This individual must demonstrate knowledge and understanding of finance, accounting, budgeting and cost control principles and a general understanding of successful organizational governance. The Vice President of Finance is responsible for:

- Providing guidance to direct reports as listed in the organizational chart;
- Monitoring and consistently following up on the League's accounts payable and accounts receivables;
- Monitoring, reporting, and providing financial oversight for the League, ensuring that adequate resources are available at all times to carry out the League's mission;
- Providing oversight to the Treasurer;
- Working across functional lines to prepare and present the League's annual budget for Board approval;
- Filing required annual reports (including tax returns and League financial reports, when applicable);
- Actively engaging along with other board members in League fundraising activities; and
- Providing the board with accurate and timely financial reports and analyses which monitor the financial health of the organization.

Vice President of Marketing and Communications

The Vice President of Marketing and Communications will be instrumental in driving our League branding, public relations, and promotions. They will provide direction and strategy to their direct reports as listed on the organizational chart. Corporate Marketing experience is desired for the individual that takes on this position. The Vice President of Marketing and Communications is responsible for:

- Updating the League social media accounts;
- Providing content for the League website;
- Developing the Leagues brand and image; and
- Direct advertising and promotional activities in an effort to meet the League's mission and vision.

2.2 Board of Directors

Treasurer

The Treasurer has custody of all of the funds and securities of the organization. The Treasurer shall:

- Deposit funds in the name of the League in the League's authorized bank(s);
- Prepare the annual budget for examination and approval by the Board;
- Provide a financial report at each regular Board meeting;
- Maintain the League's financial records and will assure that League expenses will not exceed the budgeted dollars within a specific category without approval of the members of the Executive Board and/or the Board;
- Assist in the collection and payment of all League related financials, including the maintenance and monitoring of accounts payable and accounts receivable;
- Issue all checks, drafts, or money orders for the payment of League-approved expenses; and
- Report to the Vice President of Finance.

Secretary

The League Secretary shall:

- Issue notices of all meetings a minimum of 7 days before the meeting;
- Develop and distribute all meeting minutes for posting to the League website within 14 days of the meeting;
- Develop all meeting agendas and related materials;
- Maintain the League's official records and files;
- Keep the League in good standing with Babe Ruth National;
- Make the necessary arrangements to provide suitable insurance for the participants in the League program and for submitting claims; and
- Perform other duties as appropriate that are properly assigned by the Board.

Volunteer Coordinator

The Volunteer Coordinator manages the League's volunteer activities. This position will ensure that the league has active volunteer participation in league functions and events. The Volunteer Coordinator shall:

- Coordinate and oversee the volunteer field preparation activities (lining, raking, etc.) and ensure that the correct team is handling the required game functions (scoreboard operation, concessions, official scorebook, etc.)
- Coordinate the staffing of the league concessions facilities
- Coordinate and organize volunteer activities for other league related events (ex. Opening Day, league special events, league sponsored tournaments, fundraising, etc.)

Information Officer

The League Information Officer manages the League's online registration process and ensures that League rosters are maintained on the site in coordination with the webmaster. The Information Officer shall:

- Ensure that the League website is updated with current news and material; Collect, post, and distribute important information on League activities; and
- Serve as primary contact person with the national Babe Ruth organization with guidance from the League Secretary.

Player Agent(s)

Player Agents are elected with much care after thorough consideration of their ability to do the job, as well as their impartiality and their reputation for fairness. The League recommends one Player Agent for every 100 children registered within the League. Player Agents will be assigned specific age groups based upon need, which will vary from season to season. Player Agents shall:

- Act without favor in dealing both with adult leaders and players;
- Attempt to maintain a balance of strength and competitiveness among the teams of the League;
- Remind everyone connected with the program that the welfare of the players and the League as a community project are paramount;
- Conduct the registration of all players and coaches;
- Arrange and supervise the evaluation sessions ("tryouts");
- Supervise the distribution (draft) of players among teams; and
- Report to the Vice President of Operations.

Umpire-in-Chief (UIC)

The Umpire-in-Chief shall:

- Handle the umpiring needs for all League divisions in which umpires are used, including coordinating, scheduling (using the website scheduling features), and confirming the availability of umpires for all home games and tournaments/events
- Oversee that the umpires are properly compensated for work performed
- Ensure that all league umpires are trained and act in a professional manner at all times

- Report to the Vice President of Operations.

Division Commissioners

The League will have a Commissioner assigned to oversee each active division (i.e., a division that has enough players during any given season). Each Commissioner shall, within his/her assigned division:

- Assist in organizing the division for play, including relaying important communications to managers and coaches;
- Compile and present a list of names for manager and coach positions in the division;
- Supervise the team organization process and participate in the division draft (if needed);
- Administer and revise, as needed, the rules and regulations under which the division's teams will play;
- Act as initial arbiter in any dispute within the division;
- Coordinate with the League registrar or player agent on all player movements within the division;
- Promptly report rules violations, allegations of violations by managers and coaches, and receipt of any complaint in writing to the Board;
- Not manage, coach, or have a child in the division for which he/she serves as Commissioner.

Registration Coordinator ("Registrar")

The Registration process is integral to the growth and sustainability of the League. The Registration Coordinator shall:

- Coordinate and manage the League's registration process, including communicating the information to the national organization ("rostering") and organizing and maintaining the information appropriately;
- Work side-by-side with the League Information Officer and/or Webmaster on these duties;
- Coordinate the development of recruitment material such as banners, flyers, yard signs and similar items;
- Attend school open houses, posting and distributing recruitment flyers, banners and other related items; and
- Coordinate with other sports leagues in the region to discuss partnerships and teaming opportunities.

Uniform and Equipment Coordinator

The Uniform and Equipment Coordinator shall:

- Order and distribute all uniforms for players and coaches (including All-Stars) and work closely with the Registration Coordinator to gather the needed information; and
- Keep an updated database of all League equipment (location, condition, etc.), including field equipment in coordination with the Field Manager.

Scheduling Coordinator

The Scheduling Coordinator shall coordinate with the Vice President of Operations, Webmaster and Information Officer to prepare game and practice schedules for all divisions and to ensure the League master schedule is consistently updated on across all media (e.g., website). The Scheduling Coordinator shall also coordinate with other local leagues to schedule inter-league games (if necessary).

Partnership Coordinator

The Partnership Coordinator is responsible for coordinating all sponsorship and partnership activities, including, but not limited to, the following (if approved by the Board):

- Developing a Partnership Program to include fundraising and partnership levels;
- Maintaining a database of League partners, including their contact information, address, type or level of partnership, date of agreement execution and end date, and other important information;
- Regularly coordinating with potential partners and existing partners;
- Overseeing the creation, posting, and maintenance of scoreboard signs and/or advertising;
- Overseeing the creation, posting, and maintenance of concession stand signs and/or advertising; and
- Coordinating post-season (“All-Star”) team fundraising and promotional material.

Field Manager

The Field Manager shall be responsible for all of the League’s facilities, whether owned or rented/leased by the League. The Field Manager shall:

- Check all of the League’s playing fields for needed repairs (including restrooms);
- Manage all league staff that are responsible for field and facility care and maintenance;
- Oversee the trash removal process and staff at all league facilities;
- Manage all maintenance agreements for field care and other related facility maintenance services;
- Ensure the cleanliness of all facilities, including the concession stands;
- Conduct weekly in-season site visits to all playing facilities to ensure their upkeep; and
- Coordinate regularly with the Board as to the condition of all facilities and alert the Board immediately upon the notice of any poor condition or safety concern.

Special Events Coordinator

The Special Events Coordinator is responsible for coordinating, planning, and directing the following events:

- Spring and Fall season Opening Day events;
- Team pictures;
- Special League event coordination; and
- Partnership Recognition events in coordination with the Partner Coordinator.

Concessions Coordinator

The Concessions Coordinator is responsible for:

- Purchasing and keeping an inventory of food and drink for all facility concession stands;
- Setting pricing and product offering;
- Creating standard operation procedures for concessions; and
- Ensuring concession stand volunteers and/or part-time employees are trained appropriately.

Storm Team Director

The Storm Team Director is responsible for building Storm team strategies for the League, as well as executing tournaments at Trotters Park/Ben Crosby and their surrounding fields. The Executive Board has final approval of the All-Star team selection process and final roster. The Storm Team Committee will report to this position.

Medical Director

The Medical Director provides advice and counsel to the Executive Board on issues relating to the health, physical development, and safety of League players. They may also deal with other medical problems in our young athletes such as asthma, skin conditions, concussions, heart problems, or diabetes. The medical director will work with the Vice President of Baseball Operations to focus on preventing injury through promoting fitness and wellness. All significant injuries to a League player will be reported to the Medical Director for evaluation and consultation with that player's primary care or orthopedic specialist.

Safety & Security Officer

The safety officer coordinates all safety activities, including:

- Safety in player training and conditioning;
- Safe playing conditions at all fields and facilities;
- Overseeing the reporting and prevention of injuries;
- Ensuring that each playing facility has the appropriate medical supplies (e.g., ice packs, first aid kit) and making League managers and coaches aware of the locations that these items are stored;
- Soliciting suggestions for making conditions safer; and
- Reporting suggestions to the Vice President of Operations and President.

High School Liaison

This role is responsible for building relationships with all of the League's feeder high schools for the following purposes, but not limited to:

- Coaching volunteers
- High school training sessions with League, sponsorship, etc.

This position is critical to building a bridge between the League's Juniors program and the regional High Schools.

Practice Programming Coordinator

The Practice Programming Coordinator will be a League-specific position. The position will provide a basic framework for all League team's practices, ensuring that specific skills are taught

consistently across all teams in the League. The Practice Programming Coordinator will work with each coach to ensure core skills are mastered by the players on each team. Each pre-season the Practice Programming Coordinator will arrange a coach's clinic/meeting to review field care, practice drills and equipment, and other related topics.

Writer

The Writer will create content for media, including website, print, and video. The Writer will work closely with the Vice President of Marketing and Communications, Webmaster, and Director of Public Relations. Experience in media writing is preferred but not required.

Webmaster

The Webmaster will be responsible for updating the website at the instruction of the Vice President of Marketing and Communications. There will also be strong interaction between the Webmaster and the Writer. Activities include, but are not limited to:

- Updating scores on the League website within 24 hours of the event conclusion;
- Posting League communications and news in an efficient and timely manner; □ Coordinating cross-feeds of information with applications (e.g., League Athletics); and
- Ensuring that the League website is current, user-friendly, and graphically inviting.

Director of Public Relations

The Director of Public Relations is responsible for building the reputation of our League by developing relationships with the media, writing and placing press releases, overseeing market, best practice and competitive research, and overseeing content production (e.g., advertisements, videos, social media and public relations activities). The position will work closely with the Vice President of Marketing and Communications, Webmaster, Advertising and Vice President of Finance.

Director of Advertising

The Director of Advertising is responsible for forming and directing the business strategy of advertising, implementing advertising campaigns, and supervising the various advertising-related departments. For a campaign, an advertising manager will estimate its budget and approve the advertising material, as well as evaluate the campaign's overall performance.

Director of Fundraising

This position combines the roles of the Partnership Coordinator and the Special Events Coordinator roles. The Director of Fundraising is responsible for planning, organizing, executing and achieving the goals of the organization for fundraising. These goals may include financial, branding, and image development. The position will work closely with the Vice President of Marketing and Communications, the Director of Advertising, the Director of Public Relations, and the Treasurer.

3.0 LEAGUE COMMITTEES

These committees should be formed as needed and shall provide guidance to the Board:

3.1 Division Rules Committee

The Rules Committee is appointed as needed by the President and must include at least three (3) members. The Rules Committee will be responsible for the review of local League division rule modifications. If no division rule revisions are needed, then the Rules Committee will not be formed and the previous season's rules will take effect.

3.2 Protest Committee

The Protest Committee will be comprised of all Division Commissioners and the Umpire-in-Chief, provided there is no conflict of interest. If there is deemed or even perceived to be a conflict of interest, that Commissioner will not be included in the protest evaluation. The Protest Committee will act fairly in evaluating the protest and making a final decision. A majority vote is needed for all decisions made by the Protest Committee.

3.3 Storm Team Committee

This committee will include the Storm Team Director, the President, the Vice President, and 1 Storm team representative per age group. The manager will nominate a representative from their team to be on the committee. These persons can be board members, coaches, or a parent. This committee is responsible for all related activities and decisions related to the Storm teams. They will vote on all issues and provide direction to the Storm team process and policies as needed. A majority vote is needed for any and all decisions put before the Committee. A tie does not constitute a majority vote. The Storm Team Committee reports to the Executive Board, and the Executive Board has final approval of all decisions related to the League Storm teams.

4.0 BOARD MEETINGS

A Board meeting shall be scheduled in the first 2 weeks of June of each year and at least once each quarter during the remainder of the year. Additional meetings may be called by the President at any time, or upon the request of at least three members of the Board. A majority of the Board will constitute a quorum at any meeting. Proxy votes will not be permitted.

5.0 FINANCE

The Executive Board decides all matters pertaining to the financial policy of the League. Any proposed expenditure exceeding the budgeted dollar amount within a specific category of ten percent (10%) or less requires approval of the Executive Board. Anything over ten percent (10%) requires approval of the Board.

6.0 LEAGUE GOVERNING RULES

The Official Rule Guide of Cal Ripken Division of Babe Ruth Baseball, the Official Rule Guide of Babe Ruth Division of Babe Ruth Baseball, the Official Baseball Rules of the National Baseball Congress of America, and the Local League Bylaws will govern all play. Where provisions in the Local League Bylaws conflict with provisions in other governing rules and regulations, the League Bylaws will take precedent.

7.0 PLAYER PARTICIPATION

Any child meeting the requirements as set forth in the regulations of Cal Ripken Division and Babe Ruth Division, Babe Ruth League, Inc., and the College Park Athletic Association, and residing

within the boundaries as defined in the respective charter of the above organizations, will be eligible to participate in the League.

7.1 Player Scholarships

The League is aware that some players and their parents may not have the financial ability to afford to pay the entirety of any season's registration fees. In this situation and before registration of an upcoming season, parents should inform the Board of such financial hardship. Upon the showing of proof that their children are on free or reduced school lunch, or home schooled and requesting financial assistance, the Board or the President may reduce or waive the registration fees accordingly.

8.0 GAME AND PRACTICE SCHEDULES

The game schedule shall be determined by the League's Scheduling Coordinator. In the event of a suspended game or rainout the time and date for a game to be resumed or rescheduled will be established by the League Scheduler or by mutual agreement of the managers involved with approval of the League Scheduler. The penalty for failure to comply with the makeup game will be forfeiture of the game.

8.1 Cancellations Due to Inclement Weather

Regardless of Florida's designation as "the Sunshine State," there will be times where games and practices will need to be canceled due to inclement weather. In this scenario, only the Information Officer, Field Manager or Executive Board members can officially cancel games and/or practices. Cancellations will be communicated via the League's online communication system.

9.0 MANAGERS AND COACHES

Managers and coaches commit a significant amount of their valuable time and energy to our children. They come to the League with a wide range of knowledge of the game, baseball/softball skills, and teaching experience. Managers and coaches are leaders, recognizing that they hold positions of trust and responsibility in a program that deals with a sensitive and formative period of the development of children. They realize that they are helping to shape the physical, mental, and emotional development of young people. With this in mind, the League expects its managers and coaches to:

- Have understanding and patience while working with children;
- Be sensitive to the mental and physical limitations of children;
- Recognize that the game is a vehicle of training and enjoyment, not an end in itself;
- Provide coaching that develops self-confidence, character, and skill;
- Instill in players a respect for authority (e.g., umpires, coaches, parents, teachers);
- Teach good sportsmanship and treat all players, coaches, parents and league members fairly;
- Encourage parents to actively support both their child and the program as a whole and make it fun for the kids; and
- Complete all required background checks (see below) and Babe Ruth coaching tests/certifications on a regular basis as required by the league.

Manager and Coach Background Checks

If a manager or coach does not meet the requirements of the background check process (“red light”), the Board will review the details of the background check, keeping the name of the manager or coach anonymous, and will vote on the eligibility of the respective individual to manage or coach. A 2/3 favorable vote of the Board is required to allow the respective individual to manage or coach. If the individual is denied eligibility, then he/she has 7 calendar days to appeal the decision and personally present his/her position before the Board to request a re-vote.

No individual will manage more than one team during regular season play unless approved by a majority vote of the Executive Board at any duly called meeting. Only three (3) approved (jerseyed) managers or coaches per team will be permitted on the playing area, including dugouts, during any game. The managers and coaches must wear a League approved uniform (jersey and hat) that matches the rest of the team. If a coach or manager is absent for a game, a volunteer may help out during that event, but this should not be a common occurrence. One (1) additional volunteer or scorekeeper will be permitted in the dugout during games, but that individual must remain in the dugout during play.

All managers will be a minimum of 18 years of age. All assistants or coaches will be a minimum of 18 years of age. All managers and coaches must complete a Criminal History Background check and a National Sexual Offenders Registry check before coaching or managing any League activity.

Managers and coaches are responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of all League equipment (e.g., bats, helmets, catcher’s gear), including the cleaning and replacement of damaged equipment as directed by the Vice President of I Operations.

9.1 Manager and Coach Responsibilities

Managers will be responsible for their own team's actions on the playing field. All managers and coaches will conduct themselves within the Rules of Conduct established by the League and Babe Ruth Baseball. Violation of these rules will not be tolerated and will result in immediate removal from the League as a coach or manager. Managers and/or coaches are not authorized to purchase any League equipment without the approval of the Equipment Manager in advance of the purchase.

9.2 Manager or Coach Suspension

The Executive Board, by a majority vote of members present at any duly called meeting (or electronic vote), will have the authority to suspend or dismiss any manager whose conduct is considered detrimental to the best interests of the organization. If the manager or coach being considered for suspension is on the Executive Board, their vote will not be counted.

9.3 Board Approval of Manager and Coaches

In the event of more managers wanting to coach than teams registered in any particular division, the Board will consider criteria to include:

- Tenure as an approved manager or coach with the League;
- Overall baseball managerial experience;
- Experience within a particular division; and

□ Seasons of continuous League managing or coaching service.

These criteria do not prevent the Board from acting in the best interest of the League in the event of past issues with a manager or significant negative feedback.

10.0 RULES OF CONDUCT

Managers, coaches, and members of the Board and Executive Board will show by example that they respect the judgment and the position of authority of the umpire. They must instill in their players a respect for the authority of adult leaders in the League. Managers, coaches, and members of the Board and Executive Board will encourage their players at every opportunity and will exercise discretion and tact when critiquing player performance. Managers, coaches, and members of the Board and Executive Board will display good sportsmanship, regardless of whether their team wins or loses. Managers will be responsible for assuring reliable adult supervision at each team game or practice. Managers will be cautious and use sound reasonable judgment in a protest situation. Managers, coaches, and members of the Board and Executive Board will not be involved in any action to willfully hide or cover up abilities of a player or player prospect. All violations of these rules will be reported to the applicable Commissioner for subsequent action by the Board. Such notification must be supported by either a written (email is allowed) or personal appearance before the Board.

Please refer to the league's approved Code of Conduct for the policy and procedures related to coach, umpire, player, parent and spectator conduct and sanctions.

11.0 LEAGUE ORGANIZATION / PLAYERS

The Local Divisions will consist of the following:

- A. T-ball (6U)
- B. Rookies (8U)
- C. Minors (10U)
- D. Majors (12U)
- E. Juniors (15U)
- F. Seniors (18U)
- G. Softball

For baseball division a player's league age is determined by the age of the child on April 30 and in conjunction with the Babe Ruth Official Playing Rules Book. For softball a player's league age is the age of the player in the respective calendar year. Each child should play within their respective age group. However, player may play up or down based on preferences and ability. Exceptions must be approved by the President or appointed committee. Any child that meets league age requirements for the division for which they are requesting to play will be considered a player candidate.

All new players to the League must supply the original or copy of the players' official birth certificates. This can be uploaded on the league website within the player's account.

11.1 All-Star Team Age Requirements

All-Star teams will be formed based on current player League Age based on National Babe Ruth policy. The current respective Division Commissioners, Player Agents, and Executive Board will form the All-Star Committee that will be responsible for All-Star Team selection as noted in these Bylaws.

All players will play on the All-Star team that is formed for their respective League Age. However, a player may play up (play on a team comprised of older players) under certain circumstances. The All-Star Committee can recommend a player to evaluate for a higher aged All Star team. The player must have competed in the Spring (all Star season) recreation division that they are evaluating for at All-Stars (ex. League Age 8 player must play in the Minors (9u/10u) division to evaluate for the 9u All-Stars team). Player(s) that have been selected to evaluate for a higher aged team should evaluate within the top 5 to play up and be selected for that respective team. The final ruling on players evaluating for an older team and/or playing up will be determined by the Division Commissioner, Player Agents, the Manager of the older age group All Star team, and the Executive Board. Players cannot play up to form a B team.

Note: See Babe Ruth Official Playing Rules Book for swing age /league age 12 players who may play up a division.

12.0 RECREATIONAL SEASON PLAYER ASSESSMENTS / DRAFT / TEAMS

Player assessments/evaluations will take place each recreational season for all divisions, excluding T-Ball. A division draft will also take place for each division, excluding T-Ball. The player assessment and draft process will follow these rules:

1. The draft will be managed by the Player Agent and or Commissioner for each league.
2. Players will be evaluated using a scoring system (ex. 0 to 5) that allocates points for each category of skill (throwing, hitting, etc.) as defined and developed by the Division Commissioners before each evaluation.
3. Players will be scored/evaluated by the managers (one per team) of the respective division, Player Agent, the Division Commissioner, and any Executive Board members that choose to participate.
4. The player scores will be averaged and ranked. If a player was not at the evaluations two (2) or more Board Members or Managers can assign a fair score for that player based on previous knowledge. If there is no prior knowledge of the player's ability, they will be required to have a make-up evaluation. The players will be drafted by the team managers. Managers will pick the draft order at random. A snake format draft (ex. draft order 1, 2, 3, 4, 4, 3, 2, 1, 1, 2, 3, 4, 4, 3....) will be held. The players, ranked by score, will be placed in to equal (as equal as possible) brackets, groups or tiers. These tiers will allow for protected players to be drafted in the proper draft position. To determine tiers divide the number of total players by the number of teams in the respective division. Example: there are 6 teams and 68 players. $68 \div 6 = 11.33$, so the best option would be to have 6 tiers of 11. The 7th tier will contain 2 players.
5. Protected players are only allowed when a manager has a family member (child, grand-child, niece/nephew) in the pool of players. Each manager may protect only family members in the draft. Managers are not required to protect a player. The protected player must automatically be drafted once the respective manager is in a position to draft a player from the tier in which the player is protected. Example: Coach Tom is protecting Player

Steve. Steve is in tier 2 and is the 9th overall ranked player. The tiers are made up of 6 players per tier in this example. Coach Tom is next up in the draft order and players 1-6 have already been taken. He now must take Player Steve as Coach Tom is now forced to pick from tier 2 or beyond. Coach Tom can't pick player #7 or #8 – he must take player #9, which is his protected player.

Once the draft is over the Division Commissioner shall record the final draft results and make a note of the draft order and record which manager is up next for any “free agent” or newly available players. The intent is to balance the division rosters to all have the same number of players. See the recommended roster caps below.

6. Late registration is permitted with full price registration but only if team cap limit for roster size is not exceeded.

Any player movement must be managed through Player Agent.

13.0 ALL-STAR TEAM SELECTION PROCESS (Spring Season Only)

13.1 All-Star Manager Selection Process

The following will outline the selection of the All-Star team managers and coaches.

1. The candidate must be a manager of the same age bracket/division in at least the spring season's recreational league (e.g., manager candidate for 9U All-Star team must also be a manager of an OBR Minors Division (10U) team). For instance, a candidate may qualify to manage Storm/All-Star teams for Fall 2016 and Spring 2017 if he/she manages a Spring 2017 recreational team. (Note: similar rules are in place for players who play other sports during the fall season: so long as these players play in the spring season's recreational league, they can play for the tournament team in the (previous) fall and spring seasons, as well as for the AllStar team in the spring season.)
2. The candidate will register on the OBR website, during the spring season (typically in mid-March), his/her interest in managing an All-Star team. During this registration, the candidate will explain his/her qualifications and why he/she wants to manage.
3. Once the candidates are announced, the managers within the applicable division (as available), the Division's Commissioner, and the Executive Board will be asked to vote on the candidate desired. A majority of the votes will determine the All-Star manager. If no candidate receives a majority of the votes during the first vote (which could happen when three (3) or more candidates are applying), then the top two (2) candidates will be announced, and the managers within the applicable division (as available), the Division's Commissioner, and the Executive Board will vote a second time. If there is a tie after the second vote, then a majority vote from the Executive Board will determine who will be the All-Star manager. All conflicted parties (family members, the coaches themselves, etc.) will remove themselves from the voting process.
4. Once the All-Star manager is selected, he/she then selects three (3) coaches who are actively coaching within the league to assist with the All-Star team.

13.2 All-Star Player Selection Process

10. Each team's managers will get to nominate players for the upcoming All-Star Evaluations. The number of nominations will be determined by the Executive Board based on the number of recreational league teams in the respective season and the needed number of players for the respective All-Star team roster.

11. Once nominations are received, the league's Tournament Team Director will send emails to the nominee players' parents, advising them of their selection and inviting them to the All-Star Evaluations.
12. Prior to the All-Star Evaluations, the nominee players' parents must register their children online, which will include them signing off on a commitment form that advises them of the All-Star teams' expectations of them attending all scheduled All-Star practices and games. This commitment form MUST be signed before All-Star Evaluations.
13. At the All-Star Evaluations, each nominee player will be scored on Athleticism, Throwing, Fielding, Catching/Pop-Ups, Batting, and Pitching/Catching (as needed). Each category will be scored between 0 (lowest) and 5 (highest).
14. Those eligible to officially score the nominee players during the All-Star Evaluations are as follows: two (2) league-registered "coaching representatives" (i.e., a manager and a coach, or two (2) coaches) per team within the applicable division; the applicable Division Commissioner; the Player Agents, and the Executive Board (if available).
15. After the All-Star Evaluations, the eligible scorers will submit their score sheets to the All-Star Scoring Committee (which will be comprised of the applicable All-Star team manager, the Vice President of Operations, and the Player Agents, with the option of the other Executive Board members to attend should they so choose). The Scoring Committee will then average the scores of all the nominee players and rank the players.
16. Once the averages are calculated, the top nine (9) players of each division will qualify as an All-Star player. The All-Star manager and his/her coaches will then select up to four (4) additional players of their choosing to complete their team (for a maximum total of thirteen (13) All-Star players per team).
17. If there are 2 All Star teams planned for an age group the "A" team will have the top five (5) players of the division, and the All-Star "A" manager and his/her coaches will make their selections of up to ten (10) additional players. Then, the "B" team will have the remaining top five (5) players of the division, and the All-Star "B" manager and his/her coaches will make their selections of up to ten (10) additional players.
18. The final total/average player scores (without disclosing the names of the scorers or their scores) will be available to any parent of a nominee player who makes such a request.
19. After each All-Star team is selected, the league's Tournament Team Director will send out congratulatory notices to each of the All-Star players.

14.0 MISCELLANEOUS

- Fall and Spring Season League games will utilize the same rules, unless a revision is made in between seasons.
- Inter-league games will not count towards League standings, as it is difficult to ensure consistent team play and opponent strength.
- Refer to Babe Ruth playing rules for pitching limitations & mandatory rest periods in a calendar week (Monday through and including Sunday).
- A Cal Ripken baseball pitcher, regardless of age, may pitch a maximum of six innings per calendar week.
- A Cal Ripken baseball pitcher MUST have two calendar days rest between pitching assignments if he pitches in MORE than two innings in any one game.
- A Babe Ruth pitcher, regardless of age, may pitch seven innings per calendar week.

- A Babe Ruth pitcher MUST have two (2) calendar days rest between pitching assignments if he pitches MORE than three (3) inning in any one game
- Scorebooks will be supplied by the League. All Managers are required to keep clean and orderly scorebooks to include players first and last name, date of the game, and a record of each at bat.
- The home team is responsible for supplying the Official Scorekeeper.
- All issues related to playing rules, All-Star selection, post season tournament, formats and player assessments and the draft, not directly outlined within these Bylaws, are reviewed with recommendations made to the Board by the Rules Committee.

15.0 Storm Program Meetings and Bylaws

All Storm related bylaws will be created and enforced by the Storm Team Committee. In the event that an issue arises that needs to be escalated, the Executive Board will be called upon to settle the issue. The Storm team committee will meet along with the manager’s quarterly. The meetings should take place before the Fall and Spring seasons, and at the mid-way point of each of those seasons.

16.0 BYLAW AMENDMENTS

League Bylaws may be amended at any time with a 2/3 majority vote of the Board. Bylaws governing the rules of play are in effect from the first scheduled game and throughout the playing season (spring and fall). They may only be amended after the conclusion of the current season and prior to the next season. Any emergency changes deemed necessary outside of this process will require a 2/3 majority vote of the Board.

These Bylaws supersede any Bylaws previously enacted by the Board of the College Park Athletic Association, Inc. d/b/a Orlando Babe Ruth.

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 Robert Viera Jr. _____
 President

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