

Section I: DEFINITION OF TERMS

- 1) RETURNING PLAYER: Any player registering with the Association prior to or on the registration deadline who played on an Association team during the immediately preceding season of league play.
- 2) NEW PLAYER: Any player registering with the Association prior to or on the registration deadline who did not play on an Association team during the immediately preceding season of league play.
- 3) LATE PLAYER: Any NEW PLAYER or any RETURNING PLAYER registering, or attempting to register, with the Association after the 1ST Registration deadline, and after fall tryouts.
- 4) RETURNING TEAM: A group of at least six (6) players choosing to play on the same Association team, as they were rostered to the previous season.
 - a) Exception: Less than six (6) returning players may still be considered a team at boards discretion.
- 5) NEW TEAM: Any Association team that is not a RETURNING TEAM and not a TRANSFER TEAM
- 6) TRANSFER TEAM: Any group of player's, age division 8 Competitive thru 14 years old, meeting the eligibility requirements of both RMJBL and LYBA. Who were members of the same non-RMJBL team during the previous season of play, registering with LYBA as a team. This does not include LYBA 8 & Under Program teams.
- 7) DIVISION: RMJBL term used to define groups of league levels.
 - a) Majors - 0/Open League
 - b) AAA - 1/AAA League
 - c) AA - 2/AA League
 - d) A - 3/A League
- 8) ASSOCIATION (capitalized) – Louisville Youth Baseball
- 9) "association" (not capitalized) - A youth sports or baseball organization other than North Jefferson Junior Baseball Association.
- 10) BIRTH CERTIFICATE: Copy of State issued Certificate of Live Birth.

COACHES CERTIFICATION:

- Head Coach: Having completed concussion training as provided or approved by the Association prior to coaching. Head Coach must complete the concussion training each season.
 - Assistant Coach: Having completed concussion training as provided or approved by the Association prior to coaching. Assistant Coach must complete the concussion training each season.
- 1) HEAD COACH: A Head Coach is one who has submitted both the coach's application, and background form, and has been approved by the Coaches Approval Committee.
 - 2) ASSISTANT COACH: An Assistant Coach is one who has submitted both the coach's application, and background form, and has been approved by the Coaches Approval Committee. There is to be a maximum of 3 Official Assistant Coaches per team.
 - 3) COACHING STAFF: The recognized coaching staff of an Association's team is the approved Head Coach, and the approved Assistant Coaches.
 - 4) REFERRED PLAYER: A player referred to LYBA by another RMJBL association. A referred player will be drafted or placed on a team and may be drafted or placed to play in any one of the LYBA high school areas.
 - 5) RMJBL: Rocky Mountain Junior Baseball league. The parent league that all LYBA teams play their league games through.

Section II: REGULATIONS

FORMATION OF TEAMS

- 1) "Open Division" players shall be selected from players registered in LYBA. No draft-eligible player shall be assigned to an "Open Division" team who does not participate in the TRYOUTS. An "Open Division" League Coach may decline to retain any player on his previous year's team. Any Head Coach exercising this option must inform such player and the BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOD) no later than August 1st prior to Fall tryouts of the immediately succeeding season of league play. A 5 day extension of the August 1st date may be requested. The request must be submitted to the appropriate BOD, contain valid reasons for the extension request, and be received by July 31st. Decision of the BOD to grant or deny the request is final. Any "Open Division" League Coach has the option to exempt any player(s) from the previous year's "Open Division" League team from attending tryouts, however that player(s) must remain on that team's final roster (See TRYOUTS and DRAFT).
- 2) 1/AAA and 2/AA League teams: The Head Coach has the option to decline to accept any returning players requests to remain on the same team.

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- 2) 1/AAA and 2/AA League teams: The Head Coach has the option to decline to accept any RETURNING PLAYER'S request to remain on the same team Registration Procedures). Any Head Coach exercising this option must inform such player and BOD no later than August 1st prior to Fall tryouts of the immediately succeeding season of league play. A 5 day extension of the August 1st date may be requested. The request must be submitted to the BOD, contain valid reasons for the extension request, and be received by July 31st. Decision of the BOD to grant or deny the request is final. Such player(s) may then enter TRYOUTS and be drafted by a different team No team shall be allowed to reduce its pre-DRAFT roster to less than six (6) players by the use of this option. Failure to notify players as such is grounds for dismissal of the coach.

- 3) 3/A League Teams: No team shall be allowed to decline any RETURNING PLAYER'S request to remain on the same team.

Exception: A 3/A team may petition to decline a RETURNING PLAYER'S request. Such request will be denied or granted at boards discretion. A petition to decline a RETURNING PLAYER'S request must be submitted to the Vice President no later than August 1st prior to Fall tryouts of the immediately succeeding season of league play.

4) TRANSFER TEAMS

- a) Transfer teams must submit an application to enter LYBA no later than August 1st prior to Fall tryouts of the immediately succeeding season of league play. This application must have the coaches and player's names, date of birth, addresses and phone numbers.
- b) Any previous LYBA Head or Assistant coach who is a party to the team applying for entry as a transfer team is subject to the Rules and Regulations outlined in Section II.02.
- c) LYBA reserves the right to accept or deny any transfer team. Transfer teams must comply with the following:
 - i) A minimum of six (6) players, all of whom were teammates on the same non-LYBA team during the immediate previous season of play, and;
 - ii) Verification, acceptable to the Registration Committee of LYBA is presented indicating that all of the players desiring to register on the same team were, in fact, teammates during the previous season and;
 - iii) All of the players desiring to register with LYBA as a team approve the same individual as the Head Coach of their team and;
 - iv) Birth Certificates for all players are submitted to LYBA and;
 - v) Transfer teams shall be assigned a league level assignment by the Bracketing Committee. The level assignment shall be final and no subsequent appeals shall be acted upon by the Bracketing Committee and;f.) The LYBA Board of Directors must approve transfer teams.
 - vi) Transfer teams shall adhere to draft procedures in this document.
 - vii) Transfer teams may be required to attend a tryout as a team to be evaluated by the BOD, if requested.

SELECTION OF COACHES

- 1) Approval and selection of Head Coaches for Association teams shall be given by the BOD based on information provided by the applicant on the annual Coach's Application, and Background Form. No person shall be permitted to be the Head Coach of an Association team who does not complete and submit an annual Coach's Application, and Background Form to the BOD.
- 2) The Assistant coach(es) shall be appointed by the approved Head Coach of each team, subject to the approval of the BOD. No person shall be permitted to be an assistant coach of an Association team who does not complete and submit an annual Coach's Application, and Background Form to the BOD.

- 3) Any previous Association Coach (Head or Assistant) who performs actions that are deemed detrimental to the Association, as determined by the Board of Directors, shall not be allowed consideration by the BOD for a coaching position for a period to be determined by the Board of Directors.
- 4) Any Association Coach (Head or Assistant) who fails to have at least six (6) players register to return within the Association, regardless of player option of returning to the same team or entering tryouts, from the preceding season may still be allowed consideration for a coaching position for that immediate season. The Coaches Approval Committee shall have final determination in hearing appeals or exceptions to this rule.

BRACKETING OF TEAMS (League Level Assignment)

- 1) Bracketing of teams shall be a function of the BOD. The BOD shall honor requests, by the Head Coach of an Association team, insofar as is reasonable. The BOD must adhere to all requirements of the League regarding placement of teams.
- 2) Bracketing requests must be submitted to the BOD by August 1st for the following season.

REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

- 1) ALL PLAYERS must select one of the following options:
 - a) OPTION 1 - All new players must tryout.
 - b) OPTION 2 - Enter Open Tryouts - Will not play for previous team.
 - c) OPTION 3 - Enter Open Tryouts - If not selected to a higher league level team, return to previous team.
 - d) OPTION 4 - Return to Team - Do not enter tryouts
 - i) LATE PLAYERS may be allowed to enter the Supplemental TRYOUTS at the sole discretion of the Registration Committee. No LATE PLAYER shall be considered to be a RETURNING PLAYER, unless desiring to return to the same team AND has received the permission of the Head Coach to return.
 - ii) ALL PLAYERS must adhere to current registration form options.
 - iii) Any player may state the option to play "Open Division" or NOT play "Open Division" and the Association shall honor such a declaration.
 - iv) The Board of Directors shall determine registration deadlines.

TRYOUTS

- 1) TRYOUTS shall be conducted, age-group-by-age-group, at such a time and place as determined by the Board of Directors. – **ADDITIONAL TBD**
 - a) **Expand this to give updated format for tryouts**
 - b) **1.5 hours per age group**
 - c) **Split between three fields**
 - d) **Use one or two players from existing teams for baseline**
- 2) Multiple day TRYOUTS are permitted but not required.
- 3) 8-competitive through 14-year-old tryouts will be held in the fall. Supplemental Tryouts in the spring may be held at the discretion of the BOD.
- 4) Any Association team cannot draft any player who does not attend TRYOUTS. The Draft Committee shall assign such players to a team or teams in the lowest division level.
EXCEPTION: The BOD has the authority, on a case-by-case basis only, to waive this requirement.
- 5) Players may tryout for only 1 age division per year.

DRAFT

- 1) "Open Division", 1/AAA, 2/AA 3/A Leagues.
 - a) Draft order, by League, shall be "Open Division", 1/AAA league, 2/AA league, and then 3/A league.
 - b) Draft of each league shall complete prior to next division starting draft.
 - c) TIEBREAKERS (in order):
 - i) Head-to-head record in League play (best record drafts first)
 - ii) Runs allowed in League play against common opponents
 - iii) Coin toss-winner of coin toss drafts first in first round of draft.
 - iv) Loser of coin toss drafts first in second round of draft, etc
 - v) Run differential shall not be used as a draft order tiebreaker.
 - d) Any team that qualifies, by winning their league or split league, to move to a higher League level shall be considered to be the worst team in its League - if more than one team moves up to the same League the tie breakers mentioned above shall come into play. Each team must play at level they draft.
 - e) Teams requesting to move up a league level (not qualifying by winning their league or split league) shall draft at their last season's league level.
 - f) Any team moving to a lower League level shall be considered to be the best team in its League - if more than one team moves down to the same League the above tiebreakers shall apply.

- g) The draft procedure shall be as follows (NOTE: Prior to the draft at the discretion of the Board of Directors, a scratch team may be formed consisting of a majority of players from tryouts)
 - i) The first round shall be the retention and recruit round. A team must retain a minimum of six (6) returning players in order to draft. Exception: Unless Tryout Option 3 players are lost to higher level teams, or unless the team is allowed to remain a team at boards discretion. The first round will occur prior to fall tryouts and will consist of the following:
 - (1) Head coach will indicate which returning players will be retained.
 - (2) Head coach will indicate which verified recruits he/she wishes to obtain. If a verified recruit is not selected during round one, said recruit becomes a draft-eligible player and must participate in tryouts. Head coach may only obtain a maximum of three verified recruits per calendar year.
 - ii) For Subsequent even numbered Draft rounds, the order shall be team with best record in previous year's League play first, followed by team with second best record, etc., with team having worst record drafting last.
 - iii) For Subsequent odd numbered Draft rounds, the order shall be reversed with team having worst record drafting first, followed by team with second worst record, etc., with team with best record drafting last.
- h) The supplemental draft, if necessary, is a new draft and NOT a continuation of the previous Fall Draft; draft rotations will start over with participating teams.

2) NEW TEAMS

- a) The Board of Directors may at their discretion form other age teams based on area registration.
- b) Teams will be formed from those eligible players in a given level.

3) TRANSFER TEAMS

- a) In any age group and league level in which a transfer team is bracketed, the following draft regulations shall apply:
 - i) All returning LYBA teams shall draft in accordance with LYBA Regulations until they have filled their roster.
 - b.) If a new scratch team is formed from eligible players in a given league level, then the new team will be considered to be a returning LYBA team and that team's roster will be filled in compliance with sections above.
 - ii) Transfer team(s) shall be considered the last place team in their respective division.

4) LOSS OF DRAFT CHOICES

- a) Draft choices can be lost for various reasons. For the purpose of administering draft choices lost the following procedures apply:
 - i) If there is more than one team for a given draft at a specific age group and League level, the draft choices lost will apply to each round of the draft until the specified number of lost draft choices have been assessed.

5) CHILDREN OF HEAD COACHES

- a) Children of Head Coaches may be directly assigned to the team coached by the player's parent and/or legal guardian. Grandchildren of Head Coaches may be directly assigned to the team coached by the player's grandparent. No draft choices shall be lost.

6) ASSOCIATION COACH'S MEETING

- a) The Head Coach or a representative from each Association team is required to attend the regularly scheduled monthly Association meetings. Any team not represented at any four (4) Association meetings in a current season year (August to July) or any two (2) consecutive Association meetings shall lose its first Draft choice in the next subsequent draft.
- b) EXCUSED ABSENCES from Association meetings:
 - i) Participation in a League game on the date of the meeting.
 - ii) May also be granted by the President of the Association provided that the President is informed prior to the meeting. The President shall have the sole authority in determining the approval of an EXCUSED ABSENCE and no subsequent appeals shall be allowed.
 - iii) EXCUSED ABSENCES from Association meetings shall not be counted toward the potential loss of a draft choice.
- c) The records of the Secretary of the Association shall be the sole method used to determine the attendance at Association meetings. 4.) No team shall lose more than two (2) draft choices per DRAFT for failure to attend Association meetings.
- d) The Board of Directors shall have the authority to dismiss or disapprove the Head Coach of any team not represented at more than five (5) Association meetings in a current season year (August to July) or any team not represented at any four (4) consecutive Association meetings. If a Head Coach is dismissed or disapproved for failure to attend Association meetings, the penalty of loss of draft choices shall not be imposed upon the team.