

MORTON YOUTH BASEBALL ASSOCIATION INC. BYLAWS and COACHES HANDBOOK

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ARTICLE 1

Section 1: NAME AND ADDRESS

This organization shall be known as the Morton Youth Baseball Association, Inc. (MYBA). The organization is a non-profit corporation.

MYBA mailing address is P.O. Box 354 Morton, Illinois 61550.

Section 2: PURPOSE

The association is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c) (7) of the Internal Revenue Code. The constitution bylaws were adopted on Initially (April of 1973) Revised May 1982, July 1990, October 2003, September 2004, April 2005, August 2008, and August 2014.

Section 3: DISSOLUTION CLAUSE

Upon dissolution of the association, "the Board" shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all the liabilities of the association, dispose of all the assets of the association exclusively for the purposes of the association in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated consistent as possible with the objectives of Morton Youth Baseball Association, as "the Board" shall determine, exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as "the Board" shall determine.

Section 4: OBJECTIVE

The Morton Youth Baseball Association's objective is to provide supervised baseball program that will be enjoyable, educational, and challenging for all the youth within the Morton Park District, or other geographical area as described in these Bylaws or, by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. The attainment of exceptional athletic skill and the winning of games are secondary to this objective. The association will be an evening and weekend program, and will be comprised of uniformed teams.

The number of teams will be determined by the Board of Directors with the goal of providing enough teams for all boys and girls interested in participating.

The association will be organized for youth ages five through seventeen years of age and the youths age will be their age as of 11:59 PM, April 30, of the current year.

ARTICLE 2

Section 1: REGISTRATION FEES

Each year the General Board will decide at least 60 days prior to registration the registration fee for the upcoming season.

Residency Requirements: Youths eligible to participate in In-house baseball include any youth residing in, or attending public school, in the corporate limits of Morton, or within the boundaries of the Morton Park District, whichever is greater. In-house players outside of these geographic limits shall be subject to increased registration fees, as set by the Board of Directors. Fee is to be not less than \$20.00 or more than 1.5 times the registration fee.

Travel players must reside within the aforementioned geographic boundaries prior to being added to the travel team roster, or participating with the travel team. Players may be added to the roster of the travel teams, until

opening day of the "In-house" season. After Opening day, players may be called up from the In-house leagues in accordance with Article 30, Section 1 A.

As in previous years, all players who want to participate in MYBA will be allowed to participate, even if they are unable to pay the registration fee. Parents or guardians may petition the board for assistance, or waiver of the fees.

ARTICLE 3

Section 1: MEMBERS

Membership in Morton Youth Baseball shall be open to all persons who sincerely desire to further the objectives as expressed by these Bylaws.

Members of Morton Youth Baseball shall be any parent or guardian of youth duly registered in the baseball program, approved coach, or officer from the day of registration to the first day of registration of the following year.

Any voting member shall have one (1) vote at the election meeting regardless of the number of children they have registered.

Section 2: MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

ANNUAL MEETING

An Annual membership meeting shall be held on or about, the 2nd Monday of September of each year for the election of officers and the presentations of reports. The meeting date will be confirmed by the Executive Board. Monthly meetings will be held in accordance with Article 5, Section 2.

VOTING

A complete list of Members entitled to vote shall be available at the annual meeting. This list shall be produced and kept open at the time and place of the meeting. The list shall be subject to inspection by any member who may be present. All members attending the annual September meeting will be entitled to vote for vacant board of director positions.

At any regular or properly called membership meeting, the vote of the majority of the members present having voting power which, by express provision of these Bylaws, a different vote is required; in which such the express provision shall govern and control the decision of such question The voting members present at a duly organized meeting may continue to transact business until adjournment.

MEETING LOCATION

All annual membership meetings shall be held in the confines of the City of Morton. Meetings of members for any other purpose may be held at such time and place as shall be stated in the notice of the meeting.

ARTICLE 4

Section 1: OFFICERS OF MORTON YOUTH BASEBALL

The Board of Directors will consist of fifteen members. The Board of Directors known jointly as the "Board" will be:

President

Vice President

Treasurer

Secretary

Past (EX) President

10 Board Members (with assigned duties by the president)(Directors)

Associate Board Members

If the "Board "is full and more individuals are interested in being associated with it, associates may be appointed as Associate Members. They will not be voting members

Section 2: EXECUTIVE BOARD OF MORTON YOUTH BASEBALL

President

Vice President

Treasurer

Secretary

Past (Ex) President

Section 3: ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

OFFICER ELECTIONS

Election of the Officers shall be held no later than September 15, in accordance with Article 5, Section 2. The Board shall secure proper voting so ballots can be cast in privacy at the Annual meeting held in accordance with Article 3, Section 2.

No person may serve as President who has not served as a Director or held a position as an Officer for a minimum of one season previous to his/her election to the office of President. All elected board positions will be for a term of three years. If a board member resigns before his three year term expires, the board may appoint a temporary replacement for just that current year. The vacancy will be filled at the next election, for the remaining portion of the three year term.

CANDIDATE FILING

Provided a vacancy exists, anyone approved by the board is eligible for election to the board. Officers and Director Candidates need not be "members". Anyone interested in serving on the board, should contact an Executive Board Member to be placed on the ballot at least (7) seven days prior to the election. All who are seeking a Board position must state to the Board why they want said position and be willing to answer questions by other members. After all those seeking a position have stated why they want said position and have answered all questions must temporary leave the meeting so current members can speak openly about each candidate. After all ballots have been counted said members may return to the meeting.

Immediately following the election of the board, the board, chaired by the new president, will conduct an election of officers as the first order of business. The offices to be filled will be Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. All officers will be elected from the newly elected board. Upon Election each "new" officer will assume his responsibilities immediately. Ideally the Treasurer's term will run from January 1 to December 31. The Interim period shall be used to transfer information to the new Treasurer, and allow for the filing of annual tax forms. The Old Treasurer's term will terminate upon the filing of the annual tax forms.

If board members term has expired as he/she is to be President or Past President they must be reelected as a board member before filling the new office.

Usually, unless he declines or an exception is deemed necessary, the current president will be appointed a board member for the subsequent year known as Past President and that year only. Should the President decline or an exception be necessary, the new Board member will be elected as described above. The current President may succeed himself for one year only in the absence of a Vice President.

Usually, unless he/she declines or an exception is deemed necessary, the current Vice President will be appointed the new President. Should the current Vice President decline or an exception be necessary, the new

President will be elected by the board. The outgoing President will chair this election. In the event that this is necessary this will be the first order of business after the election the Board. Under no circumstances may the Vice President succeed himself as Vice President for the following year.

Section 4: DIRECTOR DUTIES REQUIRING A 1 YEAR TERM

The following Officers or Directors will serve a minimum one year term in their respective position; Director of Fundraising, Director of Field Maintenance, Director of Equipment and Uniforms, Director of Concession, Treasurer, Secretary and Director of Public Relations and Web Master.

Any Officer, Director or Board Member may be subject to disciplinary action for conduct unbecoming or detrimental to MYBA by a simple majority opinion of the Board of Directors. Any Officer may be removed by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of all Officers and Directors (not including those positions which are vacant).

Section 5: COMPENSATION

All officers and directors of the corporation shall be elected volunteers receiving no compensation for performance of their duties. No officer or directors of the corporation shall willingly use his position for personal gain or to obtain any benefits that are not available to the entire membership.

Paid positions are the following; Field Maintenance Manager, Concession Stand Manager, Help for the concession stand, Indoor batting facility attendants, Umpires and sub contracted work.

Section 6: CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY

Article I

Purpose

The purpose of the conflict of interest policy is to protect this tax-exempt organization's (Organization) interest when it is contemplating entering into a transaction or arrangement that might benefit the private interest of an officer or director of the Organization or might result in a possible excess benefit transaction. This policy is intended to supplement but not replace any applicable state and federal laws governing conflict of interest applicable to nonprofit and charitable organizations.

Article II

Definitions

1. Interested Person

Any director, principal officer, or member of a committee with governing board delegated powers, who has a direct or indirect financial interest, as defined below, is an interested person.

2. Financial Interest

A person has a financial interest if the person has, directly or indirectly, through business, investment, or family:

- a.** An ownership or investment interest in any entity with which the Organization has a transaction or arrangement,
- b.** A compensation arrangement with the Organization or with any entity or individual with which the Organization has a transaction or arrangement, or
- c.** A potential ownership or investment interest in, or compensation arrangement with, any entity or individual with which the Organization is negotiating a transaction or arrangement.

Compensation includes direct and indirect remuneration as well as gifts or favors that are not insubstantial.

A financial interest is not necessarily a conflict of interest. Under Article III, Section 2, a person who has a financial interest may have a conflict of interest only if the appropriate governing board or committee decides that a conflict of interest exists.

Article III
Procedures

1. Duty to Disclose

In connection with any actual or possible conflict of interest, an interested person must disclose the existence of the financial interest and be given the opportunity to disclose all material facts to the directors and members of committees with governing board delegated powers considering the proposed transaction or arrangement.

2. Determining Whether a Conflict of Interest Exists

After disclosure of the financial interest and all material facts, and after any discussion with the interested person, he/she shall leave the governing board or committee meeting while the determination of a conflict of interest is discussed and voted upon. The remaining board or committee members shall decide if a conflict of interest exists.

3. Procedures for Addressing the Conflict of Interest

- a.** An interested person may make a presentation at the governing board or committee meeting, but after the presentation, he/she shall leave the meeting during the discussion of, and the vote on, the transaction or arrangement involving the possible conflict of interest.
 - b.** The chairperson of the governing board or committee shall, if appropriate, appoint a disinterested person or committee to investigate alternatives to the proposed transaction or arrangement.
 - c.** After exercising due diligence, the governing board or committee shall determine whether the Organization can obtain with reasonable efforts a more advantageous transaction or arrangement from a person or entity that would not give rise to a conflict of interest.
 - d.** If a more advantageous transaction or arrangement is not reasonably possible under circumstances not producing a conflict of interest, the governing board or committee shall determine by a majority vote of the disinterested directors whether the transaction or arrangement is in the Organization's best interest, for its own benefit, and whether it is fair and reasonable. In conformity with the above determination it shall make its decision as to whether to enter into the transaction or arrangement.
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4. Violations of the Conflicts of Interest Policy

- a.** If the governing board or committee has reasonable cause to believe a member has failed to disclose actual or possible conflicts of interest, it shall inform the member of the basis for such belief and afford the member an opportunity to explain the alleged failure to disclose.
 - b.** If, after hearing the member's response and after making further investigation as warranted by the circumstances, the governing board or committee determines the member has failed to disclose an actual or possible conflict of interest, it shall take appropriate disciplinary and corrective action.
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Article IV
Records of Proceedings

The minutes of the governing board and all committees with board delegated powers shall contain:

- a.** The names of the persons who disclosed or otherwise were found to have a financial interest in connection with an actual or possible conflict of interest, the nature of the financial interest, any action taken to determine whether a
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conflict of interest was present, and the governing board's or committee's decision as to whether a conflict of interest in fact existed.

b. The names of the persons who were present for discussions and votes relating to the transaction or arrangement, the content of the discussion, including any alternatives to the proposed transaction or arrangement, and a record of any votes taken in connection with the proceedings.

Article V
Compensation

a. A voting member of the governing board who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from the Organization for services is precluded from voting on matters pertaining to that member's compensation.

b. A voting member of any committee whose jurisdiction includes compensation matters and who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from the Organization for services is precluded from voting on matters pertaining to that member's compensation.

c. No voting member of the governing board or any committee whose jurisdiction includes compensation matters and who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from the Organization, either individually or collectively, is prohibited from providing information to any committee regarding compensation.

[Hospital Insert - for hospitals that complete Schedule C

d. Physicians who receive compensation from the Organization, whether directly or indirectly or as employees or independent contractors, are precluded from membership on any committee whose jurisdiction includes compensation matters. No physician, either individually or collectively, is prohibited from providing information to any committee regarding physician compensation.]

Article VI
Annual Statements

Each director, principal officer and member of a committee with governing board delegated powers shall annually sign a statement which affirms such person:

a. Has received a copy of the conflicts of interest policy,

b. Has read and understands the policy,

c. Has agreed to comply with the policy, and

d. Understands the Organization is charitable and in order to maintain its federal tax exemption it must engage primarily in activities which accomplish one or more of its tax-exempt purposes.

Article VII
Periodic Reviews

To ensure the Organization operates in a manner consistent with charitable purposes and does not engage in activities that could jeopardize its tax-exempt status, periodic reviews shall be conducted. The periodic reviews shall, at a minimum, include the following subjects:

a. Whether compensation arrangements and benefits are reasonable, based on competent survey information, and the result of arm's length bargaining.

b. Whether partnerships, joint ventures, and arrangements with management organizations conform to the Organization's written policies, are properly recorded, reflect reasonable investment or payments for goods and services, further charitable purposes and do not result in inurement, impermissible private benefit or in an excess benefit transaction.

Article VIII

Use of Outside Experts

When conducting the periodic reviews as provided for in Article VII, the Organization may, but need not, use outside advisors. If outside experts are used, their use shall not relieve the governing board of its responsibility for ensuring periodic reviews are conducted.

ARTICLE 5

Section 1: BUSINESS AND AFFAIRS OF THE CORPORATION

Initially (April 1973), all officers of the association were elected to serve the remainder of the current fiscal year (thru February 1974) by nomination and popular vote of the association founders. Founders were;

P. L. Garrison	J. E. Shively	L. E. Mueller	J. Epkins
J. Stephens	P. Gower	R. Majerus	W. Replogle

The business and affairs of MYBA shall be managed by the board. The board shall establish all policies, rules, and procedures not covered by these Bylaws.

Section 2: MEETING DATES AND TIME

Regular meetings of the Board will be held the second Monday of each month at such time and place as determined by the Board. Such meeting place shall be in an office type environment, or at Westwood Park, Article 3, Section 2

Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President from time to time. Any three (3) officers may call a special meeting of the Board with three (3) days written notice to the President or in his absence, the presiding Vice President.

The first meeting of the newly elected Board shall be held in joint session with the old Board in September. At the October meeting the Executive Board will appoint duties/directors for Board Approval. If more than one member is serving on the same committee the Executive Board will appoint a Chairman of said committee, excluding executive Board member.

At the November meeting the directors will submit their budget for their respective committee. The Executive Board will review each budget and make their recommendation to the general board at the January meeting for board approval.

All officers of MYBA will have one vote during Board meetings except for the President or presiding officer. The President or presiding officer will only vote in order to break a tie vote during all meetings.

Section 3: ABSENT FROM MEETINGS

Any Director who is absent from two (2) consecutive regular Board meetings will lose his/her power to vote until the following conditions are met: 1) attend one complete Board meeting without voting status, and 2) review minutes of all meetings previously missed. The President or presiding officer may ask for Board approval to waive the first condition for a Board Member, if circumstances warrant.

Any Director who is absent from three (3) consecutive regular Board meetings, will be subject to dismissal from the Board.

Travel Team Coaches are subject to the same attendance policy as directors to attend all monthly board meetings. In-house coaches are encouraged to attend.

SECTION 4: QUORUM

Seven Directors of the association with voting powers constitute a quorum at a regular scheduled board meeting. The President or presiding officer will count as one of the officers of the quorum. The act of a majority of the voting Board Members present at any meeting, with no less than five votes, shall be the act of the General Board except as may be otherwise specifically provided by these Bylaws. A previously adopted resolution (excluding bylaws) can be amended/rescinded with a two thirds majority vote or by a majority vote if there was prior notice. Prior notice requires notice of the proposed amendment/recession to each board member when notice of the meeting is given, or is satisfied if the proposed amendment/recession was discussed in the preceding meeting.

Notwithstanding the forgoing, the following actions of the Board requires a majority vote of at least eight votes:

1. Amendment of the Bylaws,
2. Resolution for any purchase in excess of \$2,000, not previously budgeted, and excluding the customary purchases of equipment and uniforms before each season,
3. Wages and salary increases, and
4. Appointment to vacant director position.

Directors of the association, including the president, must be present, and will constitute a quorum at any regularly scheduled Board Meeting. Any Special Meeting as defined in Article 3, Section 2 and Article 5 Section 2, will require seven voting members plus the president present at the meeting. Any resolution (excluding by-laws) brought to the floor for a vote must pass with a majority of the votes, without the vote of the president.

ARTICLE 6

SECTION 1: EXECUTIVE BOARD

The purpose of the Executive Board is to meet and discuss matters that are important to MYBA and its members. The Executive Board will set a direction for the Association, to keep the Association organized, and to help streamline the administration of MYBA. The meeting is closed to all people unless invited to speak at said meeting. At times the Executive Board will discuss particular issues as a recommendation to the General Board. This discussion does not obligate MYBA in any way. The General Board will hear the recommendation of the Executive Board and will vote as to approve such recommendation. The Executive Board will review all expenses each month to insure all committees stay within their approved budget. Executive Board will approve the Treasurer report so it can be presented to the General Board for final approval.

ARTICLE 7

SECTION 1: COMMITTEES OF MORTON YOUTH BASEBALL

Standing or special committees shall be appointed by the President or Executive Board from time to time. The President shall be an ex officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee. All Standing Committee compositions and duties will be written in the Bylaws of MYBA.

Each committee will compile and submit a detailed budget at the November meeting for board approval as well as a report at each board meeting informing the board of all progress or important issues of that committee. All Committee budgets must be approved before any purchases or spending for said committee can be made. All Budgets must provide a detailed list of all items to be purchased.

Each committee will keep a checklist relating to their work, by month to be provided for the following year's committee to help insure successful transition and provide a copy to the Secretary.

SECTION 2: COMMITTEES OF MORTON YOUTH BASEBALL

- Director of Operations (*Vice President*)**
- Director of Public Relations and Webmaster**
- Director of Equipment & Uniforms**
- Director of Field Maintenance**
- Director of Fund Raising**
- Director of Concessions**
- Director of Umpires**
- Director of Travel Baseball**
- Director of Registrations**
- Director of Tournaments and Trophies**
- Director of Batting Facilities**

ARTICLE 8

SECTION 1: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in the current edition of Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the association in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the corporation may adopt.

SECTION 2: AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS AND STANDING RULES

These Bylaws may be altered, amended, or repealed at any meeting of the membership by the affirmative vote of a majority of members present, but in no event, less than eight votes. Notice of the proposed alteration, amendment, or repeal must be contained in the notice of the meeting.

Standing Rules are rules which are related to details of the administration of the association. Standing Rules may be altered, amended, repealed, or granted an exception at any General Board Meeting by the affirmative vote of a two-thirds (2/3) majority of voting Board Members present (excluding the President or presiding officer).

These by-laws will be reviewed and affirmed every two years, starting in 2016 at the annual meeting. A simple Majority of Directors can reaffirm, or can call for the formation of a by-law review committee. The By-law Review committee will make recommendations to amend the bylaws by the May board meeting of the following year. June, July and August will be the comment period. A vote will be made at the September meeting for the adoption of the revised by-laws.

By-laws will become effective upon the Approval of the board. If the board rejects the proposed by-laws, the existing by-laws will remain in effect.

ARTICLE 9

STANDING RULES

SECTION 1: DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

PRESIDENT

- To preside over all meetings.
- To break any tie vote.
- To call Executive Board meetings as needed.
- To communicate and work with the Morton Park District towards our goal of providing the finest supervised baseball for the youth of this community.
- To manage the Officers of the association and ensure that all duties of the Board are completed in a timely fashion.
- To appoint committees, and act as an ex officio member at committee meetings.
- To perform such other duties as the Board prescribes.
- To assist as needed any operations that pertains to the functions of MYBA.
- To prepare an agenda for each meeting.
- To notify all Officers of the Association of Executive Board Meetings.
- To appoint a survey committee, to review all surveys and submit recommendations to the board.
- To attend at least two Morton Park District meetings. One of the meetings should be immediately after taking office to introduce them self. The second meeting should be when asking for funding from the Morton Park District.
- Make Field Duty Schedule

VICE PRESIDENT / DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

- To preside over all meetings in the absence of the President.
- To oversee the in-house and travel team try outs.
- To oversee the drafts for the in-house baseball teams.
- To perform duties as assigned by the President.
- To oversee the coach's clinic and player clinic.
- Mediates between league representatives.
- To organize a calendar of all events to be distributed to all board members and coaches.
- Provide all dates to the Morton Park District.
- Submit any changes with regards to rules etc. to the Board for their approval.
- To procure and manage the insurance for MYBA with Executive Board approval.

TREASURER

- To collect all funds not limited to registration, etc.
- To dispense all bills and charges under the direction of the board.
- To maintain the financial status of the association.
- To provide a full report of receipts and expenditures, deposit balances, and financial condition at each regular meeting and the Executive Board
- To file tax returns and forms required to maintain nonprofit status and report all filings to the board.
- To perform the duties as assigned by the President.
- To collect all money owed from Travel Teams Coach's with in the first 30 days of the start of the baseball season.
- Notify all banking institutions each year of the changes of officers and obtain signatures of the President, Vice President, Treasurer, Concession Stand Manager, Director of Concession Stand for the appropriate accounts.
- Obtain inventory reports from all officers and committees so the appropriate limits of insurance can be purchased.
- To write payroll checks for all In-House umpires and hired help.
- To keep all financial reports.
- To keep and maintain computer, printer and all other office equipment in good working order.

- At the end of each fiscal year turns over all books and reports to the MYBA Accountant for review.
- To act as the “Picture Day” Representative:
 - To consider bids from local photographers and submit for Board approval if a contract isn’t already signed
 - To have photo packet in place by March 31st
 - To organize and schedule the dates for in-house picture taking, travel picture taking, and travel banners.
 - Hand out picture forms to all coaches or league reps

SECRETARY

- To make and preserve the minutes of all meetings.
- To keep all committee reports.
- To maintain the record books in which the bylaws, standing rules, and minutes are entered, with any amendments to these documents properly recorded, and to have the current record books on hand at every meeting.
- To maintain a complete list of all voting Officers of the association and maintain a list of the entire membership.
- To make and distribute copies of the bylaws, standing rules, coach’s handbook, keys, shirts, and hats to board members of the association as well as new board members packet.
- To collect all files from all officers and committees at the end of each year and for future reference. Forward all files to Treasurer for safe keeping.
- Assist league representatives with making and distributing copies of the following materials to each coach through the appropriate League Representatives:
 - MYBA rules for the appropriate league/division
 - Update the list of current Board Members, committees, Chairperson of each committee on the MYBA organizational flow chart.
 - Medical release forms and Consent to Treat Form
- To perform duties as assigned by the President.
- To update information that changes every year such as the list of officers etc.
- To provide a copy of the minutes of the last meeting for Board approval.
- Maintain a list of all committee and Chairman of said committees.
- To supply an updated Board Members Flow Chart to each board member after each election or when a change occurs.
- Compile any proposed By-law changes for submittal to the Board

PAST PRESIDENT

- To perform duties as assigned by the President.
- To collect suggestions for any changes to the Coach’s Handbook and formalize those suggestions for board approval.
- To act as an advisor to all members
- To distribute surveys to all participants.

ARTICLE 10

SECTION 1: DUTIES OF COMMITTEES

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS/WEB MASTER

- To run advertisements in the local newspaper regarding registration.

- To produce registration information flyers and distribute them to all local schools and public bulletin boards.
- To write and submit articles to the local newspaper for the association.
- To write a yearly newsletter and distribute it to the representatives. Representatives will distribute the newsletters to the teams.
- To perform duties as assigned by the President.
- To assist with the organization of spring registrations.
- To submit weekly standings to local media and web master.
- To assist the Web Master to provide but not limited to registration forms, newsletter, and other articles.
- Submit a yearly budget at the November meeting for Board approval.
- Submit a progress report at each Board meeting for Board approval.
- Provide a budget for approval
- Provide a report at each Board meeting
- Maintain MYBA's Internet web site.
- To provide suggestions for improvements to MYBA web site for board approval.
- To maintain all legal files associated with our web page.
- To update and maintain the association's database.
- Work with Concessions Manager to Create Schedule for in-house league.
- Serve as the Master Scheduler for in-house games and rainouts.

DIRECTOR OF EQUIPMENT and UNIFORMS

- To make a beginning and ending inventory report for each league and submit to the board for their approval.
- To select and purchase all required equipment and uniforms with board approval.
- To organize and supervise the distribution and collection of all equipment and uniforms from league representatives.
- All equipment and uniforms need to be distributed to all coaches at least one week prior to the start of the baseball season.
- To supervise the storage and security of all equipment and MYBA facilities.
- To perform duties as assigned by the President.
- To solicit bids for team uniforms from all local business as well as any other sources that are available.
- To coordinate with the Vice President on providing a means of obtaining uniform sizes at time of registration.
- To provide keys for the equipment and uniform shed to the Director of equipment, President, Director of Umpires and Concession Stand.
- To schedule a time for each coach to bring his team to pick up uniforms and equipment.
- To bill all travel team coach's for their uniforms, equipment and fees.
- Submit a yearly budget at the November meeting for Board approval.
- Submit a progress report at each Board meeting for Board approval.

DIRECTOR OF FIELD MAINTENANCE

- Responsible for hiring of Field Manager, with Board Approval.
- To supervise the Field Manager and maintain the relationship between the board and said person.
- To provide a job description for the Field Manager with board approval.
- To train and supervise the coach's for maintaining fields after the end of play each day.
- To make a beginning and ending inventory report for each league for Board approval. Provide serial numbers, make, model and year for insurance purposes.
- To organize person(s) to evaluate if play should be cancelled due to poor weather conditions.
- To organize workdays throughout the year.
- To submit for board approval all needed improvements to the MYBA facility, fields, buildings etc.

- Organize a Maintenance program for field equipment, baseball fields, water systems, fertilizing and seeding, Turface etc.
- To perform duties as assigned by the President.
- Submit a yearly budget at the November meeting for Board approval including Field Manager Wages.
- Submit a progress report at each Board meeting for Board approval.

DIRECTOR OF FUND RAISING

- Plan, organize, run and distribute all of the designated and Board approved fund-raising activities in support of MYBA.
- Shall submit to the board for approval a list of planned fund raising actives with a schedule.
- To organize and contact business to become a sponsor of MYBA and maintain a working relationship between the sponsors and MYBA.
- To order and organize the delivery of sponsors plaque.
- To perform duties assigned by the President.
- Monthly report to the Board
- Submit budget for board approval
- To update Sponsorship Signage.
- Approve team fund raising and report to Board.

DIRECTOR OF CONCESSIONS

- To be the liaison between the concession stand manager and the MYBA board.
- Responsible for hiring concession stand manager with Board approval.
- To assist the concession-stand manager in determining the type of food and product to be sold with board approval.
- To assist with the MYBA tournament ensuring concession stand runs with maximum efficiency.
- To ensure concession stand manager provides a current and accurate ledger of receipts and expenditures for board approval at each board meeting.
- Maintain checking account for concession stand.
- To perform duties assigned by the President.
- Submit a yearly budget at the November meeting for Board approval, including Concession Manager Wages.
- Submit a progress report at each Board meeting for Board approval.

DIRECTOR OF UMPIRES

- Appoint, with board approval, a Coordinator of Licensed Umpires, and a Coordinator of In-house Umpires.
- Instruct and Assist the Coordinator of Licensed Umpires with:
 - Hiring patched umpires for the Pony and Colt in-house League and all travel teams.
 - Hiring patch umpires for our tournaments, all ages.
 - Hire all needed umpires for the MYBA Tournament.
 - Distribute payments to all Licensed Umpires.
 - Make schedule for all Licensed Umpires.
 - Supervise all Licensed Umpires.
- Instruct and Assist the Coordinator of In-House Umpires with:

- Start the sign up process at the registration.
- Providing needed materials for the umpires and provide a list to the Director of Equipment and Uniforms.
- Hiring kids for the Mustang and Bronco in-house league.
- Organize an umpiring clinic for all kids who want to umpire.
- Verify that all umpires will be at least 14 years of age at time of games.
- Review the time sheets of each umpire and submit them to the Treasurer.
- Distribute payroll check to all in-house umpires.
- Make schedule for all in-house umpires.
- Supervise all in-house umpires, and address any issues between umpires and fans, parents, and/or coaches.
- Verify with All Licensed Umpires, that they are considered Independent Contractors, and are “subject to” (responsible for complying with) all State and Federal Tax Laws.
- Verify that All Licensed Umpires are in good standing with the Illinois High School Association (IHSA).
- Submit a yearly budget at the November meeting for Board approval, including proposed wages.
- Submit a progress report at each Board meeting for Board approval.
- Submit all Licensed Umpires names to the Board for approval
- Submit all In-house umpires names to the Board for approval
- To perform duties as assigned by the President.
- Submit a yearly budget at the November meeting for Board approval, including proposed wages.
- Submit a progress report at each Board meeting for Board approval.

DIRECTOR OF TRAVEL BASEBALL

- To coordinate between the Board of Directors and the Travel Coaches
- To verify that the Tryouts for Travel, Travel B, and Travel Lite baseball are performed within the guidelines of the Bylaws.
- To perform Ombudsman duties between Parents, Coaches, and the Board of Directors.
- To collect and report on issues and comments from Parents, Coaches and Officials.
- To coordinate scheduling and field time between teams and the master scheduler.
- To assist with the coordination of the Travel Tournaments.
- Submit a yearly budget at the November meeting for Board approval.
- Submit a progress report at each Board meeting for Board approval.
- Collect Travel Team registration fees and submit to Treasurer by January 1.
- To perform duties as assigned by the President.

DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATIONS

- Mediates between league representatives.
- Schedule league tryouts; Reserve MHS gym for all tryouts.
- Schedule league draft; Reserve Jr. High for in-house draft.
- Distributes Coach’s handbook to all league representatives.
- Get tentative league schedules ready for approval for January Board meeting.
- Schedule a date for coach’s clinic and contact MHS coach’s to conduct the clinic.
- Get district 709 school calendar to plan around for our schedule.
- Submit any changes with regards to rules etc. to the Board for their approval.
- Ask league representatives to handle their respective leagues at sign up.
- To schedule batting cage schedule.
- To perform duties as assigned by the President.
- Submit a yearly budget at the November meeting for Board approval.
- Submit a progress report at each Board meeting for Board approval.
- Provide evaluation forms for evaluations for all leagues for consistency

- Ask Each League Representative to manage their respective leagues evaluations.
- Ask each Travel Team coach to manage their respective team evaluation.
- Submit a yearly budget at the November meeting for Board approval.
- Submit a progress report at each Board meeting for Board approval.

DIRECTOR OF TOURNAMENTS AND TROPHIES

- To support the MYBA Memorial Tournament and Classic Tournament by doing the following:
 - Advertising and promoting the tournaments to gain entries and interest via social media, local coaches meetings, etc to help sell our fields
 - Determine the most appropriate tournament fees and any increases
 - Determine if the dates of the tournament need to change
 - Review tournament rules and make recommendations for changes
 - Review the tournament format to ensure best field utilization
 - Work closely with the Master Scheduler and Concession Manager to optimize fields and concessions
 - To Pre-Apply for 2 x \$10,000 Grants from the Chamber of Commerce
 - To Submit results for 2 x \$10,000 Grants once the tournaments are complete
 - Work with all Travel coaches to ensure all teams have paid, set the game brackets and game times
 - Communicate game schedules and any changes (ie rain delays) to all visiting coaches
 - Organize Tournament Helpers: Grilling, Registration Table, Shirt Sales, Field Workers, Scoreboards
 - Order Tournament Trophies
 - Order Tournament Shirts
 - Ensure Tournament bracket posters are printed, score sheets are printed, cash box for shirts, and surveys for visiting teams (to submit to the Chamber)
 - Work with the Umpire Director to ensure all games are known and umpires are scheduled
 - Work with the Equipment Director to ensure enough game balls are available
 - Be present at both tournaments to help ensure their success
- To support Trophies for the In House program:
 - To consider bids from local business to provide trophies or any other item that is appropriate to all in-house players for Board approval.
 - To order trophies for each league's 1s and 2nd place tournament teams
 - To order trophies for each league's All Star team champs
- To perform duties as assigned by the President.
- Submit a yearly budget at the November meeting for Board approval.
- Submit a progress report at each Board meeting for Board approval.

DIRECTOR OF BATTING FACILITIES

- Interview, and hire facility workers.
- Schedule employee work hours.
- Assign daily, weekly and monthly tasks to the employees.
- Inspect and insure facility is kept clean and functional.
- Handling of dispensing of keys to approved personnel.
- Writing of, and enforcing the rules and guidelines, for facility use and rental.
- Work with Master Scheduler to block out, or close facility to public use for special events.
- Work with Travel Team Coaches, HS and JR High coaches on use and expectations for use of facility.
- Reaches out to Coaches, Hitting, and Pitching Instructors to provide clinics for all youth of MYBA.
- Approves all outside teams (outside of Morton School Dist.) to rent or regularly use the facility.
- Make recommendations to Facility committee, Board of Directors, Exec Board for items of concern, changes, or improvement to the facility.
- Works with MYBA President, Park District on items of concern regarding safety, upkeep and general housekeeping.

- Coordinate with the Park District with general maintenance and repairs.
- Verify that the heating system is functioning properly, and schedule maintenance.
- Coordinate light replacement and major maintenance with Park District.

ARTICLE 11

SECTION 1: FIELD DUTY

All board members will be assigned specific days to supervise the MYBA facility throughout the baseball season.

- To follow the field duty job description
- To assist with umpiring if any game is short an umpire
- To assist concession stand if they are short of help
- To monitor Lightning meter located at concession stand, and to suspend all games if lightning is detected with in the 3-8 mile range.

Field Duty Job Description

Before You Are Scheduled to Work:

- 1) Confirm your Field Duty Date at least a week in advance and if you can't make it... FIND A REPLACEMENT. We need two people each time.
- 2) Confirm on the website what fields will be used the day of your field duty.

The Day of Field Duty:

- 1) Arrive to the fields at least 30 minutes before the first game.
- 2) Check in at the Concession Stand First Thing. Put your name and phone number on the dry erase board behind the door.
- 3) Check with Concessions to make sure they have everything they need.
- 4) Check the fields that are scheduled to have games. Make sure they have been striped, raked, dugouts fairly clean, etc. so they are ready to play. This should already be done by the field maintenance crew, but doesn't hurt to double check.
- 5) Confirm that the Umpires are / have arrived for each game.
- 6) Once the games are underway you can watch, pick stuff up, and be available for questions.
- 7) If there is a second game on a field, and there is time between games, use the tractor to drag the field or at least rake around the bases. No new lines are typically necessary unless it's a tournament.
- 8) If games are in the evening turn on the field lights. Lights are found in various places around the park. Field 1 lights are in the small shed by field 1. Field 2 lights are on the light pole by the field 2 first base dugout. Field 3 lights are on the light pole by the field 3 first base dugout. Field 4 lights are in the field 4 press box. Field 5 lights are in the field 5 press box. Field 6 lights are in the concession garage.
- 9) After the games are complete the pitching mounds should be filled in and tamped (with water if dry), the fields should be dragged or at least raked level around the bases.
- 10) Put all equipment (rakes, tractors, etc.) away, turn off all lights on the fields and in the buildings and press boxes, make sure all scoreboards are off, make sure the concession workers are gone or escorted to their cars, and lock all of the buildings including the garages and batting cages.

Section 2: DUTIES OF CONCESSION STAND MANAGER

- Provide receipts for all deposits and expenses to the Director of Concession or the Treasurer each month. All receipts are to be kept in a locked drawer in the concession stand.
- Make a nightly deposit each night at a bank chosen by the MYBA Board.
- Leave a copy of the deposit each night for the Director of Concession or Treasurer in the locked drawer.
- Maintain a \$100 starting cash amount for the drawer each night in the locked drawer.
- Purchase supplies.
- Submit request for equipment to the Director of Concession by October of each year for Board approval.
- Submit time cards for the hired help to the Director of Concession or Treasurer.
- Coordinate with the Director of Concession all hiring for the concession stand with Board approval.
- Call all volunteers to work in the concession stand.
- Coordinate with the Director of Concession and Tournament Director all help for the MYBA Tournament. Priority always given to volunteer help.
- Maintain concession stand and equipment at all times.
- Have concession stand open and ready to serve customers 30 minutes before the start of the first game of the day when possible.
- Keep concession stand open until the last game is completed.
- Turn the concession stand check book to the Director of Concession by September 1st of each year.
- Concession Manager will work with Master Scheduler to coordinate game schedule prior to start of season.
- A \$1,000 starting balance will be provided in the checking account at the start of each season with the Treasurer with drawing all money above \$1,000 into the general account at least twice a month.
- Concession Stand Manager has the authority to purchase supplies with all purchases submitted to the Director of Concession for Board approval.
- To maintain adequate supplies as not to run short while the concession stand is open.
- If extra help is needed due to the high volume ask the Board Member who is on Field Duty to assist.
- Verify that Lightning meter is operational, and notify Field Duty persons if activated.

Section 3: FIELD MAINTENANCE MANAGER

Field Maintenance Manager will be assigned by, and report to, the Director of Field Maintenance. The Field Maintenance Manager will insure that the fields are prepped and ready for daily activities including but not limited to:

- Inspect Fields Daily for defects, and correct. (Including but not limited to: Infields, Outfields and foul areas).
- Line infield
- Drag infield
- Prevent water build up in infield. Drag different direction each time.
- Fill in low spots around each base as well as around all fencing, dugouts, and outfields.
- Water infields to maintain moisture as well as to control dust as needed.
- Water grass infields daily.
- Maintain supply of Diamond Dry.

- Submit request for all supplies and equipment to the Director of Field Maintenance for Board Approval
- Paint foul lines as needed to maintain a bright white line.
- Paint bases, pitching rubber and home plate daily.
- Maintain equipment and tools in good working order and report any damages or problems to the Director of Field Maintenance for repair.
- Keep all equipment clean.
- Maintain all sheds in a neat organized manner, sweeping weekly.
- Sweep all dugs out and Press Boxes weekly.
- Fertilize all infields and outfields when needed.
- Keep all painted structures in a good painted condition.
- Cut all infield grass as needed.
- Notify the Director of Field Maintenance of any damage to property as well as wear and tear to bases, fence etc.
- Hand drag base path and around all bases to prevent uneven play.
- Provide an equipment list to the Director of Field Maintenance by October 1st of each year of needed equipment for the next playing season.

ARTICLE 12

GENERAL RULES

SECTION 1: PURCHASES

Only specific persons have been granted purchasing authority by the MYBA Board.

All purchases of the association over \$200 (check or cash) must be approved by the board. Requests for purchase/reimbursement should be submitted to the Treasurer who will submit the requests to the board for approval. Requests must include an invoice and/or receipt. Items pertaining to routine bills (utilities, umpires, travel team entry fees) may be paid without board approval in the interest of good business practice; however these items must be itemized at the following board meeting. Any purchases over \$200 not approved in advance will not be reimbursed.

If the President needs approval on a purchase that cannot wait until the next regular meeting he may call each individual member and ask them for approval. All members must be contacted and their vote recorded. At the next schedule meeting the vote results must be announced by reading how each member voted.

A sales tax exempt form should be used for all retail purchases. Treasurer will supply the sales tax form to those who request one.

All purchases over \$1,000 should be competitively bid. The board must approve the final selection on all bids.

SECTION 2: CHECKS

The Treasurer is authorized to sign checks for day to day operations.

Checks from the general account should be signed by two board members preferably the President and Treasurer when exceeding \$500. The following will have signing authority to the general account; President,

Vice President and Treasurer. The following will have signing authority to the Concession Stand account; President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Concession Stand Manager.

The President is authorized to write a check for up to \$500 to handle emergencies.

When checks require two signatures, the other board member signing the check will also be giving consent for the purchase. This purchase must be reviewed by the board at the next scheduled board meeting.

SECTION 3: BANK ACCOUNTS

An association bank account will be established at a local Morton Bank using the names of the following officers President, Vice President and Treasurer. This account will be known as the General Fund, in which all funds will be paid from by the Treasurer. All transactions will be entered into the accounting software.

An association bank account will be established at a local Morton Bank using the names of the following officers President, Vice President, Treasurer, Director of Concession and Concession Stand Manager. This account will be used specifically for the concession stand. All transactions will be recorded by the Concession Stand Manager and will be turned over to the Treasurer by September 1st (or sooner) of each year for an audit review before any so called bonus money will be paid to Concession Stand Manager.

An association bank account will be established at a local Morton Bank using the names of the following officers: President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Director of Umpires. This account will be used specifically for paying Independent Patched Umpires for Officiating games requiring Patched Umpires. All transactions will be recorded by the Director of Umpires, and will be turned over to the Treasurer by September 1st (or sooner) of each year for an audit review.

SECTION 4: BUDGETS

All budgets must be submitted for board approval at the January meeting. If the entire budget is not approved at the January meeting (due to any reason such as not all of the directors has submitted their budget, lack of itemizing their budget etc.) no spending is allowed until the budget is approved.

ARTICLE 13

League Representatives (Pinto, Maverick, Mustang, Bronco, Pony and Colt)

- To serve as a communicator/facilitator between the Board and the Managers/coaches in their respective leagues.
- To implement rules, policies, and procedures as established by the board.
- To coordinate with Master Scheduler to schedule all games, make ups, tournaments, and practices for the teams in their league. Discretion to allow practices will be left up to the League rep.
- To coordinate with directors in the operation of their league with regards to equipment, pictures, trophies, fund raiser, newsletters and other items.
- To submit, for board approval, a list of registered coaches in the appropriate league/division. Also distribute a list of approved coaches, team names, along with their phone numbers to the director of operations.
- To maintain accurate team rosters.
- To submit, for board approval, any requests for registration refunds from players/parents that have left the association.
- To attend and/or assist in the umpire training.
- To make monthly report to MYBA Board
- To perform duties as assigned by the President.
- To report any injury's to players in their league immediately to the President and Secretary.
- Submit a yearly budget at the November meeting for Board approval.

- Submit a progress report at each Board meeting for Board approval.
- To provide the following information to each coach/manager in the league/division:
- MYBA rules for the respective league
- Coach's Handbook
- Roster of the MYBA Board
- Schedule of games and tournaments
- Batting cage schedule
- List of coaches in the respective league/division and phone numbers
- Oversee Evaluations and Player Draft of their respective Leagues.
- To assign late registrants to teams.

ARTICLE 14

SECTION 1: REGISTRATION

The board shall approve a registration opening date and a registration closing date at least 60 days prior to the opening of registration. All board members shall assist in registration under the direction of the Director of Registration. Open Registration will begin in mid-February.

The board shall approve a registration fee for all in-house and travel teams at least 60 days prior to the opening of registration.

The board shall approve appropriate registration forms at least 60 days prior to the opening of registration. The forms must include a medical release and hold harmless statements.

The board shall adequately advertise registration in advance. Advertisement should include but not be limited to the following:

1. Flyers distributed to all local schools to be sent home with every student.
2. Flyers displayed in public areas.
3. Local newspaper advertisements.
4. Posts to the Web-Site, E-mails and Text Messages.

No individual will be allowed to register after the league opening date with the following exceptions:

1. New players moving into the area. These persons will be allowed to register at any time. A "late move in" registrant shall be placed on the team with the fewest number of active players at the time of their registration. If more than one team qualifies for the new player then the League Representative of the league/division will place the new player on one of the teams that qualify.
2. The specific instance whereby a team cannot complete its schedule because the roster has dropped below the required number of players. This case will be reviewed by the board and new players allowed on the team if they are available.

In the event a team roster decreases below the required number of players and no new registrants are available, an equitable solution will be established by the board so that the team may continue to play. The manager of the team will be required to give notice in writing to the board (through his/her commissioner) that his team is below the required number of players.

SECTION 2: Age Requirements

League/Travel Team is determined by the child's school grade at the start of registration (in February)

Pinto

- a. Pre-K (age qualifying, see below)
- b. Kindergarten - have the option to play in the Maverick Level 1 league as long as one year of T-Ball has been completed or they can play Pinto again.

Maverick – Level 1

- a. Kindergarten Option (above)
- b. Most 1st Graders

Maverick – Level 2

- a. Select few 1st Graders... as determined by league rep and evaluations
- b. All 2nd Graders

Mustang

- a. All 3rd Grade and 4th Grade

Bronco

- a. All 5th Grade and 6th Grade

Pony

- a. All 7th Grade and 8th Grade

Colt

- a. All 9th Graders and up (prior to 19th birthday)

Travel Team Eligibility

3rd Grade – U9

4th Grade – U10

5th Grade – U11

6th Grade – U12

7th Grade – U13

8th Grade – U14

U15 & U17 – Must still attend Morton High School

- 1. Pinto players must be 5 years old by April 30, to participate.
- 2. Players may fall back one time only, in order to place them with their correct grade in school, provided they still meet the age requirement.

SECTION 3: Refunds of Registration Fees

- 1. There will be refunds for players leaving a team before the first regular season game.
- 2. Players that move out of the MYBA area prior to May 31st may receive a 50% registration fee refund with board approval.

SECTION 4: MYBA Tournament Entry Fee

The Board will set the fee for the MYBA tournaments at least 60 days prior to the annual scheduling meeting.

MYBA Tournament refund can be made if any of the tournament games are cancelled. The Tournament Director will make the decision on the refund amount if any.

ARTICLE 15

SECTION 1: Selection of Travel Team Coaches

At the August board meeting, those who are interested in coaching a travel team will ask the board to consider them to be a head coach. Each person will state to the Board why he/she feels they should be the head coach and answer any questions the Board may have of them. For U9-U12, the travel tryouts must take place within

30 days of the head coach's selection. For U13-U14, the travel tryouts may take place longer than 30 days after coach's selection in order to avoid conflict with the IESA junior high season.

After all of the questions have been answered by the candidates (even if they are not opposed by another candidate) they will leave the room. The Board can openly discuss the candidates and those voting members will cast their vote by ballot. The Treasurer will count the votes and to insure there is not a tie. If a tie occurs the Treasurer will notify the President, and the President will cast the final vote. The candidates will be called back to the room and the announcement will be made by the President. The Board will only approve one head coach prior to the travel team tryouts. After the travel team has been selected the head coach can pick his assistants with Board approval.

The coaches for the U15 and U17 team will be determined by the Varsity Baseball Coach at Morton High School and are not subject to the above process.

Travel Team and Travel-Lite coaches who are not a Board member must attend all Board meetings from February-July of the year they are a Travel Team Coach. Travel and Travel Lite Coaches that are board members must attend all board meetings.

ARTICLE 16

SECTION 1: Times Games can be played In-house

Pinto

Weekdays during School: 5:30 PM & 6:30 PM; Friday 5:30, 6:30 and 7:30 PM

Saturday: 9:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 11:00 AM and 12:00 PM

After School Season weekdays: 5:30 PM, 6:30 PM and 7:30 PM

Saturday: 9:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 11:00 AM and 12:00 PM

Maverick

Weekdays during School: 5:30 PM & 7:00 PM; Friday 5:30 PM & 7:00 PM

Saturday: 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM and 12:30 PM

After School Season weekdays: 5:30 PM, & 7:00 PM

Saturday: 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM 12:30PM & 2:00PM

Mustang, Bronco & Pony

Weekdays during School: 5:30 PM; Friday 5:30 and 7:30 PM

Saturday: 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 1:00 PM and 3:00 PM

After School Season weekdays: 5:30 PM and 7:30 PM

Saturdays: 9:00 AM, 11:00AM, 1:00 PM and 3:00 PM

Colt

After school season weekdays: 5:30 PM

Saturday: 9:00 AM, 12:00 PM and 3:00 PM

Rain outs will be scheduled in accordance with the above listed schedule.

ARTICLE 17

SECTION 1: BIRTH CERTIFICATES

Copies of birth certificates are kept on record for all travel team players for verification of birth dates. These documents may be certified birth records or equivalent legal documents. Duplicate copies are acceptable. Documents must be legible and with an authorized signature from the issuing agency. Notarized statements from parents are unacceptable.

SECTION 2: ENTRY FEE'S

Travel Teams will receive \$1,200 to be spent on entry fees for the tournaments they enter. If there is more than one Travel Team the \$1,200 will be divided equally with all teams. If the entry fee amount for the tournaments they enter exceed \$1,200 the travel team must pay for that amount themselves. The team may organize a fund raiser to help offset the extra money needed to pay for entry fees and not limited to other cost's i.e. hotel, food etc. MYBA will not front any money for such fundraisings. All fund raising activity must have Board approval.

Travel-Lite teams will receive \$600.00, in accordance with the above paragraph.

ARTICLE 18

In-House Rules

SECTION 1: MYBA EVALUATION AND DRAFT PROCEDURES

The MYBA Board will set a date in Mid-March, three to five weeks after Registration, for In-house player evaluations. The following day will be the In-house Draft. Maverick, Mustang, Bronco and Pony Leagues will hold evaluation. Note that the Pinto League will not have an Evaluations. The Colt league may postpone, and have its evaluation prior to the beginning of its season in order to conform to IHSA Rules.

The League Rep. will assemble a list of coaches and assistant coaches for his league. Coaches may choose one assistant to help with the evaluation and draft. Coaches who do not have assistants may be assigned one from the League Reps list. No team will have more than one assistant before the draft.

Coaches from the next older League will be asked to help evaluate the League under them. I.e. Mustang Coaches will help evaluate Maverick League, Bronco will evaluate Mustang etc. In addition, MYBA Board members will evaluate each league.

Pinto League Coaches will meet on Draft day, and will discuss team selection and player requests. The League Rep. will discuss Pinto League Rules and MYBA guidelines as contained in the Coaches Handbook (Articles 19 through 23 of these By-laws.) Players will be assigned teams via preference, if possible. Coaches will then draft by familiarity, then by random selection.

Maverick League will meet on Draft day, and will discuss team selection and player requests. The League Rep. will discuss Maverick League Rules and MYBA guidelines as contained in the Coaches Handbook (Articles 19 through 24) of these By-laws.) Maverick league will be comprised of two different leagues: Older and Younger Maverick. The two leagues will not play games against another team in the other league. The league rep will assign players to the teams in each league based on the following criteria:

1. Older Maverick league (OML) – All second graders will be in the Older Maverick league. Some first graders based on evaluations, may (at league rep discretion) be moved up to this league to balance teams, coaches etc.
2. Younger Maverick league (YML) - First graders, not assigned to the older league, will play in the younger league. All Kindergardners eligible to play Maverick, will play in the Younger Maverick league

1) The MYBA Board of Directors (League Rep and Board Evaluators) will choose the top group of players and the 2nd best group of players based on their performance at the evaluations and/or their known ability of the individual player.

The number of players in a group will equal twice the number of teams in the league. (i.e. If there are 12 teams in a league, there will be 24 players per group.) All players will be listed on the draft board in the "top group", "2nd group", "field" and non-evaluated.

2) Coaches will examine the player draft board. If the coaches feel that an error exists concerning the ranking of any individual player, they must voice their concern BEFORE the draft begins. The majority decision of the coaches will rule. Non-evaluated players will be discussed, and may be ranked according to coaches' vote.

3) Coaches will draw cards for choosing their team #/name, with the lowest card drawn choosing 1st. The Ace is the lowest and the Joker is the highest. NOTE: If a coach is in his 2nd year in the same league, he has the right to keep the same team name as in the previous year. The team # will correspond to the team # on the schedule.

4) Coaches will draw cards to determine the order for drafting players. Cards drawn will be used in two rounds of selection. Once again, the Ace is the lowest card and the Joker is the highest. The Ace will select 1st, the two will select 2nd and so on. The highest card will select last, as well as have the 1st pick in the next round. The 2nd highest card will have the next, pick, and so on back to the Ace having the last pick of that round. After each team has selected two players, the cards are returned to the deck, shuffled and redrawn for the next two rounds. This procedure continues until all the players have been selected.

5) Coaches are required to attend the draft.

SECTION 2: SPECIAL RULES ON DRAFTING

1. SELECTION OF COACHES CHILDREN

- A. If a coach (head or assistant) has a child in the top group, that child must be selected in the 1st round. If both coaches have children in the top group, one child must be selected in the 1st round and the other must be selected in the 2nd. Under all circumstances, all coaches children ranked in the top group must be selected BEFORE any other player is selected for that team.
- B. If a coach (head or assistant) has a child ranked in the 2nd group, that child must be selected in the 3rd round. If both coaches have children ranked in the 2nd group, one child must be selected in the 3rd round and the other in the 4th.
- C. Any coach's child not ranked in the top or 2nd group must be selected in the 5th round or in the 5th and 6th rounds if both the coaches children are in the "field".
- D. Any coaches child that is a "non-evaluated player, may be ranked in the "top group", or may be ranked lower according to a vote of all the coaches.

2. DRAFTING BROTHERS

- A. All brothers will play on the same team if they so desire
- B. If the 1st brother is drafted in rounds 1, 2, or 3 and the "other" brother is ranked in the top or the 2nd group, the "other" brother must be drafted in the next round. If the "other" brother is in the field, he must be drafted in the 5th round. If the 1st brother is drafted in rounds 5-14, the "other" brother must be drafted in the next two rounds. NOTE: "Other" brother is defined as ALL brothers in case more than two brothers exist in the same league.
- C. If only two rounds remain and a pair of brothers also remains on the board, the team drafting the 1st brother automatically has the "other" brother as their final choice.

ARTICLE 19

COACHES HANDBOOK

SECTION 1: COACHES DUTIES (GENERAL)

MYBA Objective: The MYBA's Youth Baseball's objective is to provide supervised baseball programs that will be enjoyable, educational, and challenging for all the youth of our community. The attainment of exceptional athletic skill and the winning of games are secondary to this objective.

The coach's purpose is not only to coach and administrate his/her team but more importantly to act as a role model for the youth in our community. The managers are responsible for directing the conduct of their players, assistant coaches, player's parents, and themselves towards the accomplishment of the MYBA objective.

Coaches will coach his/her team using the rules described in the associations Standing Rules for the particular League/Division that the manager is assigned.

SECTION 2: Team Management and League Play

Each individual team and the affairs of that team will be supervised and administered by a head coach appointed by the Board. Each head coach will appoint a responsible adult (at least 18 years of age) as his assistant. Each head coach, or assistant coach in the absence of the head coach, will:

- Instruct their players of, and enforce, usual baseball safety rules and general common-sense safety rules as well as other rules which may, from time to time, be prescribed by the Board.
- Remind their players of, and enforce, general Rules of good conduct and sportsmanship.
- Advise players of, and enforce, general rules of common-sense pertaining to the proper use and care of all Association equipment, particularly the uniforms.
- Be responsible for all equipment while in use by his team, and for the return of the equipment to its designated storage area where it will be reasonably secured.
- Be responsible for issuing, recording the issuance of, and post-season collection of all uniforms. "Uniforms" are defined to include the following and not limited to; Vest, Pants belt (when issued). Caps are kept by the players after the conclusion of the season.
- Instruct his players of, and enforce, any and all Association rules concerning team management and league play.
- Support all Board decisions, Association fund raising efforts, and decisions made by umpires.

Note 1: Each sponsored team will consist of a prescribed number of players as determined by the Board, one head coach and one or more assistant coaches. Each of these individuals will be covered by medical accident insurance. The amount, company, and specific detail will be determined by the Board.

Note 2: Other rules and guidelines are covered in the Coaches Handbook. The Coaches Handbook is part of the by-laws of MYBA.

ARTICLE 20

SECTION 1: CONDUCT

Any MYBA member who is reported to the Board in writing for using profane language, acting in an unsportsmanlike manner, and/or under the influence of intoxicating beverages or illegal and/or controlled substance, any time or place in conjunction with a MYBA function, will be subject to disciplinary action by the Board, or in the case of Managers, Registered Coaches, and Assistants, review by the Executive Board. The use of tobacco in any form by managers or coaches during games, practice games, or practices is prohibited.

The use of alcohol by managers, coaches or spectators, during games, practice games, or practices is prohibited. The consumption of alcohol is prohibited on park district property by city ordinance.

If any person is ejected from a game for any reason, he/she will leave the field area immediately. If the ejected person continues to disrupt the game they will be asked to leave the park. Failure to abide by this rule will constitute a forfeited game. A person ejected may be suspended from the program for the duration of the year upon review by the Board. If a person is ejected twice in one season, they will be subject to suspension from MYBA. A person may be ejected immediately from the park for poor conduct at the discretion of an Official or Umpire.

Any manager or registered coach who does not fulfill his/her duties or is the subject of a written complaint is subject to review by the Executive Board.

SECTION 2: COACHES/MANAGERS

Each Coach must notify the appropriate league representative in writing within 48 hours if any player quits their team.

All coaches and assistant coaches must be approved by the Board.

The coach and assistant coach must attend two thirds of the practices and games, and must be on the playing field during games.

ARTICLE 21

SECTION 1: SCOREKEEPING AND FIELD PREPARATION

The home team shall provide a responsible and qualified person to serve as the official scorekeeper for each ball game. (Using a scorebook) The official scorekeeper may be from the visiting team only if the home team agrees. If at all possible an assistant may be used to run the scoreboard.

The home team Coach of the last game of the day is responsible for storing the bases and picking up trash around the ball field. Other duties are to hand drag home plate area, base area, tamp low spots in front of the pitching rubber, batter's box etc.

SECTION 2: UMPIRES

There should be two official umpires present at each ball game (except Pinto and Maverick). However, the game will be played if only one official umpire is present at game time. In the event no official umpire is available at the scheduled game time, and the league representative or Director of Umpires is unable to appoint temporary umpires who are acceptable to both teams involved, the game will be rescheduled at a later date. The Board Member on duty can fill in for either umpire if they feel comfortable doing so.

SECTION 3: PENALTIES

For the purpose of interpreting this rule, a player shall not be considered in violation of the rules until at least one pitch has been thrown to the batter after that point of violation.

Illegal equipment shall be removed from the game.

Penalty for the use of illegal shoes shall be removal of the shoes from the game, and, if no other legal footwear is available, removal of the affected player or players from the lineup.

Players who do not wear complete conventional uniforms, protective headgear and catching equipment as required by these rules shall be removed from the lineup.

Players who intentionally, in the judgment of the umpire, throw bats or protective headgear, or discard protective headgear while batting or running the bases, shall be ejected from the game following completion of any play in progress at the time the violation occurs. Such action does not constitute an out and such players shall be replaced as batters or base runners if appropriate.

Pitchers in violation of any of the pitching rules shall be considered ineligible players, subject to the penalties stated for use of an ineligible player in this rule.

SECTION 4: PROTEST

A protest based on a play which involves an umpire's judgment shall not be permitted.

When protests are based on an interpretation of the rules, the objecting coach shall, at the time the play occurs, notify the Head Umpire, the opposing coach and the official scorer that the game is being played under protest, and submit the protest in writing to the League representative, within 48 hours of the completion of the game.

When a protest based on the interpretation of a rule is upheld by the League representative, the game concerned shall be replayed from the point of protest.

Umpires should make a public announcement to the crowd when a game is being played under protest.

SECTION 5: GAME EJECTION

Any coach, assistant coach, player or players that have been ejected from a game will be ejected for two games. Two games will be considered the game in which the initial ejection occurred and the next scheduled game. All ejections can be appealed to the Executive and/or the General Board.

ARTICLE 22

Morton Youth Baseball Association, Inc. - "MYBA"

About the MYBA

Founded

Founded in 1973 to provide recreational activity for the youth of the Village of Morton, and Morton School District 709, for ages 5 - 17.

SECTION 1: Vision

To provide an opportunity for the youth of our community to grow, both mentally and physically, by participating in the MYBA summer baseball program.

SECTION 2: Mission

1. To manage a program with Safety being our # 1 priority.
2. To manage a proper balance between teaching the game of baseball and providing a fun and rewarding experience for our youth.
3. To manage a nonprofit and economical baseball program using volunteers to comprise our Board of Directors (elected by association membership) and coaches (approved by the Board of Directors).

SECTION 3: A Non-Profit organization

MYBA is managed by the Board of directors who are responsible for monitoring the conduct of its volunteers and participants. The board also must manage the fiduciary responsibilities of the program.

SECTION 4: Association membership

Association membership is comprised of a parent or legal guardian of a participant in the MYBA program.

SECTION 5: Volunteerism

Volunteerism is the substance from which this program has evolved and upon which it is dependent; not only from the Board of Directors and coaches but from each parent and player. The sharing of our time and resources so that our

youth can participate in an active full summer of baseball has made MYBA Inc. one of the premier youth programs in the country.

These teams are uniformed via donations and fees. These teams are coached by volunteer adults.

SECTION 6: Facilities

Facilities are at Westwood Park, on land owned by and leased from the Morton Park District. The facilities include 8 diamonds, 7 which are lighted for evening play. The diamonds range in sizes to accommodate all levels of play. MYBA Inc. is not part of the Morton Park District Program, but works closely with the Park Board & Staff to provide organized baseball teams split into leagues of like age groups.

SECTION 7: Umpires

Umpires are provided for all games except Pinto and Maverick.

SECTION 8: Financing THE MYBA Program

Financing the MYBA Program comes from several different sources. They include team sponsor fees, concession stand profits, registration fees, donations of cash and services, and possibly a fundraising project. The costs incurred for this program includes utility bills, umpire salaries, insurance, and maintenance of the facilities, field maintenance equipment, baseball equipment, and uniforms.

SECTION 9: Concession Stand

The concession Stand is a very important source of income for the MYBA. Please discourage the parents on your team from bringing drinks or snacks from home. Please support the MYBA by purchasing drinks and snacks at the concession stand.

SECTION 10: INSURANCE HEALTH AND ACCIDENT

All players, coaches, and assistant coaches are covered by an accident policy which will provide certain secondary medical benefits when injuries are sustained during MYBA sanctioned activities. Parents should consult an insurance advisor if they have questions about what coverage is not provided.

SECTION 11: Liability

MYBA carries liability protection For MYBA Sponsored Programs Only. Participation in non-sponsored programs is not covered. This insurance is a secondary insurance coverage. Licensed Umpires are considered Independent Contractors, and are not covered by MYBA Insurance.

ARTICLE 23

LEAGUE RULES

MYBA's #1 Priority

SECTION 1:

Batters, on deck batter and base runners must wear protective helmets at all times -- even when advancing on a base-on-balls, or hit by a pitched ball. A player that intentionally removes his helmet before a play is completed will be ruled "OUT" by the umpire.

Non-batters must stay clear of the batting area. Except for the batter, the only player to be swinging a bat is the "on deck" hitter, and then, only while in their own on-deck circle.

Catchers must wear a face mask, chest protector, shin guards, catcher's helmet, and a protective cup. When a catcher warms up a pitcher, they must wear at least a mask whether they are on or off the field of play.

All players, when not involved in an aspect of the game, should remain in the dugout. Players should not make unnecessary trips outside the fenced playing area.

Use of any tobacco products, on or around the playing field by coaches or players is prohibited.

Except for sunflower seeds, gum, and water, eating and drinking in the dugout or on the field is prohibited.

It is recommended that all boys wear a protective cup, especially for **Maverick League through Colt**.

It is mandatory that all catchers in **Maverick through Colt** wear a protective cup.

The wearing of metal spikes is prohibited in all "In-House" league, Mustang Traveling (U-9, U-10) Team and Bronco (U-11, U-12) Traveling Team games. Baseball shoes with rubber cleats are acceptable.

Baseball Shoes with metal cleats will be prohibited in the Pony In-House League. The U-14 and above Traveling Teams, and the Colt In-house league will be the only M.Y.B.A. teams allowed to wear baseball shoes with metal cleats.

SECTION 2: General Rules Governing League Play

The governing set of rules for league play is the "National Federation of High Schools" (NFHS)

The following are special MYBA rules that apply to the Pinto, Maverick, Mustang, Bronco, Pony and Colt Leagues. They are divided into general and league specific rules. If a rule is not found in the MYBA rule book, NFHS rules will apply.

SECTION 3: Affiliate Relationships

- An "affiliate: is the team with the corresponding color uniform in the league immediately below and above one another.
- In case of player shortages, members may be called up from an affiliate team to fill those shortages on a game by game basis.
- No team shall be required to send players to an affiliate team if it would mean shorting their own team during a game.
- It is the responsibility of the coach providing the player to determine which player (s) will be sent.
- In the event an affiliate team has a game scheduled and cannot send a player to the requesting team, the coach must contact his league representative to obtain a replacement player (s). If the league representative is unavailable, then the coach shall call the other assistant league rep. (MYBA President) in order to make the arrangements for a player to be brought up. A coach should never contact a player directly without going through that player's coach!

- A Maverick affiliate player must be an 8 year old player. Under no circumstances will a 7 year old player be allowed to play up in a Mustang league game.
- The number of players available for a game determines the number of players that can be called up from a team's affiliate: If 9 players will be available, 1 player may be "called up". If 8 players will be available, 2 players may be "called up". If 7 players will be available, 3 players may be "called up". This pattern continues with a maximum of 5 players being called up.
- Affiliate players may not pitch for a team they have been called up to.
- Affiliate players must bat last in the starting batting rotation. If team players arrive after the game has begun, they will be placed last in the batting order.
- An affiliate player must be played according to the participation rules for each league.
- An affiliate player may not be started in place of an available regular player.
- An affiliate may not be played more than a regular player.

SECTION 4: Appeal

Although we are playing by NFHS rules, the In-House leagues will not use the appeal.

SECTION 5: Batting Order

The MYBA uses a consecutive batting order in all In-House leagues. All players present shall be placed in the score book lineup before the start of the game and the batting rotation must include each player, whether the player played in the field or not. When a player arrives late, the player will be added to the bottom of the batting rotation. The player cannot sit more than one consecutive inning after his arrival.

SECTION 6: League Representatives

Each league will have a representative from the MYBA Board. It is the responsibility of the League Representative to coordinate all play within his respective league and to assist his coaches whenever possible.

SECTION 7: Legal Team Roster

- A team must have 7 or more players to start and continue a game. Player 8 & 9 positions left vacant will be recorded as automatic outs each time they come up in the batting order. If additional players arrive after the start of the game, they will be placed into the batting order in the 8 & 9 positions.
- If during the game, a team drops below 7 players, that team will be required to forfeit the game, no matter what inning the game is in, or what the score is. If a player is ejected, or injured, and the team roster falls below 9, that batting position will be recorded as an out in the batting line up.

SECTION 8: Length of Games

- A game is considered a complete game if it is called for any reason after four (4) innings have been completed or if the home team has scored more runs in three (3), or three and one half (3 1/2) innings, than the visiting team has scored in their four completed innings. For Bronco, Pony or Colt the number of innings are five (5) and four (4) or four and one half (4 1/2).
- If a game is called for any reason before it is a complete game, as described above, or when the score is tied, it shall be considered a suspended game, and is to be resumed from the point of curtailment at the time scheduled by league officials.

- The home team score keeper should record the inning, batter, outs, time remaining, lineups, battery, etc. If an affiliate player participated in a game that became a suspended game he/she may be called to participate in the conclusion of the game if he/she is needed.
- If a game is called for any reason in an uncompleted inning, after having reached "complete-game" length as described above, and the visiting team ties the score or takes the lead in the current inning, and the home team has not tied or retaken the lead in their portion of the uncompleted inning, the game shall be a suspended game and is continued from the point of curtailment at the time scheduled by league officials.
- No new inning may begin after the time limit has been reached. This includes the time of delays. An inning is considered to begin immediately after the previous inning is completed -- the third out is made. The official time shall be kept by the plate umpire.
- During night games, when Morton School District 709 has school on the following day, no inning will start after 10:00 p.m. The game will be suspended and will be continued at another time scheduled by league officials.
- Warm ups will be performed in outfield grass, or outside of playing area prior to the game if time allows. Infield practice will be minimized on lined field, unless agreed upon by both teams' coaches. Infield practice will be limited to 5 minutes for each team if time allows.

SECTION 9: Questions and Concerns

Coaches and assistant coaches should direct all questions, complaints, or other problems to the attention of their league representative. If not satisfied, a coach should contact the all leagues representative - (MYBA President). The board of directors is available to assist in any way to resolve questions or concerns. Please feel free to call them at any reasonable time.

SECTION 10: Rain Outs

- Prior to 3:30 on game days, it is the responsibility of the Field Maintenance Manager to determine if the field conditions will allow games to be played.
- If games are canceled, Master Scheduler will post a notice and send out communications via the web site.
- After 3:30 on game days is the responsibility of the league representative or board member on duty, who will also determine if the field conditions will allow games to be played.
- Determination if games can be played on Saturday and Sunday will be made at game time.
- If a rain out is possible the coaches should Check the Web-Site, www.mortonyouthbaseball.org, and then if necessary notify their players of the rain out.
- Rain outs will be rescheduled by the Master Scheduler, if at all possible.
- Doubleheaders and Sunday games can be played, but will be avoided when possible. This applies to In-house teams only.
- No league team will be permitted to play more than 3 games per calendar week.

SECTION 11: In-house Tournament Games

- The run rule remains in effect for league tournament games.
- Time limits remain for league tournament games, except for championship game, which will play out the prescribed innings or mercy rule.
- In-House pitching rules apply to MYBA tournament games, and may be extended for the entire tournament (Pitchers will be allowed weekly number of innings for the duration of the tournament, and will not reset if tournament extends into the next week.)
- Tournament schedules will be determined by league representatives and the MYBA board of directors.

- There will be no limits on games played per week in tournament play.

SECTION 12: Parental Expectations

- A. Spectators are expected to support the entire team. Parents are expected to not coach from the stands.
- B. Spectators will not disrespect the players on either team, coaching staff or officials.
- C. Parents are encouraged to participate in practices, especially warm-ups and stretching. Also to assist with soft toss drills, ball retrieval, base coaching, and shagging the outfield.
- D. The parents are also encouraged to help groom the field before and after the game.

SECTION 13:

League rules can be modified on a year to year basis, by the Board of Directors, to facilitate the addition of additional teams, and/or conceptual changes to the league dynamics.

ARTICLE 24

Pinto League Rules

SECTION 1: Base Coaches

No player may coach the bases at any time. Only adult coaches may coach the bases.

SECTION 2: Bunting

Bunting is not allowed. Any ball that is not hit at least 5 feet from the tee in fair territory must be reset and the batter swings again.

SECTION 3: Call up of Players from Affiliates

Does not apply to the Pinto League.

SECTION 4: Defensive Players

A defensive player may not block a base or home plate without control of the ball or make a fake tag. If the player does, they will be called for obstruction.

SECTION 5: Field Dimensions

- A. Bases - 55feet
- B. Distance between bases 55 feet
- C. Home plate to second base 77 feet, 9 inches

SECTION 6: Hidden Ball Trick

The "hidden ball trick" is not allowed by MYBA.

SECTION 7: Infield Fly Rule

There is no infield fly rule.

SECTION 8: League Philosophy

The purpose of Pinto league is to teach the players proper baseball fundamentals, proper player conduct, and for the players to have FUN. This is not a competitive league. Score will not "officially" be kept. Each game ends in a TIE - Everyone's a winner.

SECTION 9: Length of Games

- Three (3) innings will constitute a complete game.
- All games in the Pinto League will have a 1 hour time limit. No new inning may begin after the time limit has been reached.
- An inning will consist of all offensive team players batting once.
 - A new inning starts when the last out of the preceding inning occurs.
 - All games in the Pinto League will have a 1 Hour time limit.
 - No new inning may begin after the time limit has been reached.

SECTION 10: No Contact Rule

If the defensive player has control of the ball before the base runner reaches the base, the base runner must avoid contact - either by sliding, returning to prior base, or running to either side of the defensive player (remaining in the base path - 3 feet to either side of the base line) and jumping will not be allowed. If the base runner makes forceful contact with the defensive player or runs outside of the base path, the base runner will be called out. If the contact is deemed excessive, the base runner will be ejected from the game. The defensive player does not have the ball - see 4 - Defensive Player.

SECTION 11: Participation Rules

- Each player will bat and play in the field each inning.
- The fielding positions shall consist of 1 catcher, 1 pitcher, 4 infielders, and the remainder of the team playing in the outfield.
- *The board recommends that all players rotate positions in the field.*

SECTION 12: Pitching Rules

Position of pitcher - Minimum of 44 feet

SECTION 13: Rescheduling Games

No regularly scheduled in-house league games may be canceled for any reason, except in case of rain-outs, without the approval of the two head coaches and League Rep.

SECTION 14: Runs per Inning rules

Does not apply to the Pinto League.

SECTION 15: Safety Bases

- A safety base will be used for Pinto league. The white half will be considered the "defensive side" while the orange half will be considered the "base runner's side." In order to make an out, the defensive player must make

contact with the white side of the base. Once the runner reaches first base the runner then uses the white base only.

- Exception for Offensive Player: on an extra base hit, the runner will use the white side of the safety base to round the corner. Also, when there is an overthrow on a play at first or the defensive player misplays the ball, the runner will not be required to re-touch the white portion of first base, after successfully contacting the orange portion, in order to advance further.

SECTION 16: Speed Up Rules

Does not apply to the Pinto League

SECTION 17: Stealing of Bases

No stealing of bases is allowed. Runners must remain in contact with the base until the ball is hit (no leading off).

SECTION 18: Team Vacancies

Pinto -- Will be filled by the league's waiting list. If there is no waiting list or if it has been exhausted, and when a team's roster falls below 9, the vacancy will be filled by a player recruited by the MYBA Board of Directors

SECTION 19: Third strike

Does not apply to the Pinto League

SECTION 20: Walks

Does not apply to the Pinto League

SECTION 21: Special Pinto Rules

A batting tee will be used to hit from for the entire season

There will be no assigned umpires in the Pinto League, Coaches will umpire all games.

The Pinto league will use a safety baseball.

ARTICLE 25

MAVERICK LEAGUE RULES

The Maverick league is made up of two different leagues. The Older Maverick League (OML) and the Younger Maverick League (YML). The leagues will follow the same rules, except where noted on the rules.

SECTION 1: Base Coaches

No player may coach the bases at any time. Only adult coaches may coach the bases.

SECTION 2: Bunting

No intentional bunting will be allowed.

SECTION 3: Call up of Players from Affiliates

- A. Does not apply to the Maverick League.
- B. Only eight year olds may be called up to the Mustang League. Under no circumstances will seven year olds be allowed to play up in the Mustang League.
- C. If needed, a first grader from the YML can be called up to play with the OML

SECTION 4: Defensive Players

A defensive player may not block a base or home plate without control of the ball or make a fake tag. If the player does, they will be called for obstruction.

SECTION 5: Field Dimensions

- A. Bases - 60 feet
- B.
- B. Home plate to second base 84' 10"

SECTION 6: Hidden Ball Trick

The "hidden ball trick" is not allowed by MYBA.

SECTION 7: Infield Fly Rule

There is no infield fly rule.

SECTION 8: League Philosophy

The purpose of Maverick League is to teach the players proper baseball fundamentals, proper player conduct, and for the players to have FUN. This is not a competitive league. Score will not "officially" be kept. Each game ends in a TIE - Everyone's a winner.

SECTION 9: Length of Games

- A. Regulation games shall be six (6) innings in duration.
- B. All games in the Maverick League will have a 1 hour and 15 minute time limit. No new inning may begin after the time limit has been reached.
- C. There are no extra inning games.

- D.** A new inning starts when the third out of the preceding inning occurs. If three outs cannot be obtained, the inning shall end after all offensive team players have batted once.

SECTION 10: No Contact Rule

If the defensive player has control of the ball before the base runner reaches the base, the base runner must avoid contact - either by sliding or running to either side of the defensive player (remaining in the base path - 3 feet to either side of the base line) and jumping will not be allowed. If the base runner makes contact with the defensive player or runs outside of the base path, the base runner will be called out. If the contact is deemed excessive, the base runner will be ejected from the game. The defensive player does not have the ball - see 4 – Defensive Player

SECTION 11: Participation Rules

- A. In the OML - 10 players shall play in the field: 1 catcher, 1 pitcher, 4 outfielders, and 4 infielders. A minimum of 8 players is required to play. In cases where only 8 players are available, the catcher and one outfielder will be removed. (A Parent can play catcher)
- B. In the YML, 9 players shall play the field. 1 Pitcher, 4 outfielders and 4 infielders. A parent, coach from the defensive team, shall play catcher and will play first base, for the sole reason of catching balls thrown to them from other positions. The parent or coach at first base may not field any batted ball.
- C. All players present shall be placed in the score book lineup before the start of the game.
- D. The batting order does not change when field substitutions occur.
- E. A player cannot sit out more than two consecutive inning.
- F. When a player arrives late, the player will be added to the bottom of the batting rotation. This player cannot sit out more than one consecutive inning after his arrival.
- G. The board recommends that all players rotate positions in the field.

SECTION 12: Pitching Rules

- A. A team coach or parent will be used to pitch all balls.
- B. The "Pitcher" may play anywhere within 3 - 12 feet of the pitcher, but not in front of the pitcher.

SECTION 13: Rescheduling Games

No regularly scheduled in-house league games may be canceled for any reason, except in case of rain-outs, without the approval of the two head coaches and League Rep.

SECTION 15: Safety Bases

- A. A safety base will be used for Maverick league. The white half will be considered the "defensive side" while the orange half will be considered the "base runner's side." In order to make an out, the defensive player must make contact with the white side of the base. Once the runner reaches first base the runner then uses the white base only.

- B. Exception for Offensive Player: on an extra base hit, the runner will use the white side of the safety base to round the corner. Also, when there is an overthrow on a play at first or the defensive player misplays the ball, the runner will not be required to re-touch the white portion of first base, after successfully contacting the orange portion, in order to advance further.

SECTION 16: SPEED UP RULES

A Courtesy runner May be used for Catchers Only under the following conditions:
The previously retired batter/runner must be the courtesy runner.

SECTION 17: Stealing of Bases

Base stealing is not allowed. Runners may lead off after the ball crosses the plate.

SECTION 18: Team Vacancies

Maverick -- Will be filled by the league's waiting list. If there is no waiting list or the list has been exhausted, and when a team's roster falls below 9, the vacancy will be filled by a player recruited by the MYBA Board of Directors.

SECTION 19: Third strike

- A. In both the OML and YML, a maximum of 3 strikes or 7 pitches will be thrown. Each batter will be out if they strike out or take the 7th pitch. No batter may be out on a foul ball**

SECTION 20: Walks

Does not apply to the Maverick League

SECTION 21: Special Maverick Rules

- A. A maximum of 7 runs per inning shall be scored. If a team scores 7 runs, then the half inning is over.
- B. There will be no assigned umpires in the Maverick League, Coaches will umpire all games.

The Maverick League will use a safety baseball.

ARTICLE 26

MUSTANG LEAGUE RULES

SECTION 1: Coaches

- A. No player may coach the bases at any time. Only adult coaches may coach the bases.
- B. One Defensive coach is allowed in the outfield

SECTION 2: Bunting

Bunting is allowed in the Mustang League.

SECTION 3: Call up of Players from Affiliates

- A. Second graders may be called up from the Maverick League.
- B. See Affiliate Rules for more information - see Rules Governing League Play, Number 1. - Affiliate Relationships.

SECTION 4: Defensive Players

A defensive player may not block a base or home plate without control of the ball or make a fake tag. If the player does, they will be called for obstruction.

SECTION 5: Field Dimensions

- A. Bases - 60 feet
- B. Pitching rubber to home plate 44'
- C. Home plate to second base 84' 10"

SECTION 6: Hidden Ball Trick

The "hidden ball trick" is not allowed by MYBA.

SECTION 7: Infield Fly Rule

There is no infield fly rule.

SECTION 8: League Philosophy

The purpose of Mustang league is to teach the players proper baseball fundamentals, proper player conduct, and for the

players to have FUN.

SECTION 9: Length of Games

- A. Regulation games shall be six (6) innings in duration.
- B. No game shall exceed nine (9) innings. When the game is tied at the end of 9 complete innings, the game shall be declared a tie game.
- C. A fifteen (15) run rule will be in effect after 4 innings.
- D. All games have a 1 hour and 45 minute time limit. No new inning may begin after the time limit has been reached.
- E. A new inning starts when the last out of the preceding inning occurs.

SECTION 10: No Contact Rule

If the defensive player has control of the ball before the base runner reaches the base, the base runner must avoid contact - either by sliding or running to either side of the defensive player (remaining in the base path - 3 feet to either side of the base line) and jumping will not be allowed. If the base runner makes forceful contact with the defensive player or runs outside of the base path, the base runner will be called out. If the contact is deemed excessive, the base runner will be ejected from the game. If the defensive player does not have the ball - see 4 - Defensive Player.

SECTION 11: Participation Rules

- A. 9 players shall play in the field. One (1) catcher, 1 pitcher, 3 outfielders, and 4 infielders will constitute a team.
- B. All players present shall be placed in the score book lineup before the start of the game.
- C. The batting order does not change when field substitutions occur.
- D. A player cannot sit out more than one consecutive inning.
- E. When a player arrives late, the player will be added to the bottom of the batting rotation. This player cannot sit out more than one consecutive inning after his arrival.

SECTION 12: Pitching Rules

- A. Pitching Limitations will follow the "Smart Pitch" guidelines in Article 33.

SECTION 13: Rescheduling Games

No regularly scheduled in-house league games may be canceled for any reason, except in case of rain-outs, without the approval of the two head coaches and League Rep.

SECTION 14: Runs per Inning rules

A five run maximum per inning is in effect except for the last inning of a game, which will be unlimited. The last inning is either the 6th inning or an inning beginning after 1+30 of game time, whichever occurs first.

SECTION 15: Safety Bases

- A.** A safety base will be used for Mustang league. The white half will be considered the "defensive side" while the orange half will be considered the "base runner's side." In order to make an out, the defensive player must make contact with the white side of the base.
- B.** Exception for Offensive Player: on an extra base hit, the runner will use the either side of the safety base to round the comer. Also, when there is an overthrow on a play at first or the defensive player misplay the ball, the runner will not be required to re-touch the white portion of first base, after successfully contacting the orange portion, in order to advance further.

SECTION 16: Speed up Rules

A Courtesy runner May be used for Catchers only under the following conditions:
The previously retired batter/runner must be the courtesy runner.

SECTION 17: Stealing of Bases

- A.** Base Stealing is allowed in the Mustang league; however, the base runner may not leave the base until the pitched ball has reached the plate.
- B.** When a team is leading by 10 runs or more, there is no stealing of home.
 - C.** The only way a runner may score;
 - a. a batted ball
 - b. a hit batsman with the bases loaded.
 - c. Walk with the bases loaded
 - D.** If the batting team does not lead by 10 or more runs, stealing of home is permitted only on a passed ball, attempted pick-off of a runner, or a misplay of the ball by the defense while play is active. This includes overthrows to the pitcher.
 - E.** There is no delayed stealing of home or any other base. A delayed steal is considered to be a steal where the runner does not begin stealing until after the catcher has thrown the ball back to the pitcher.

SECTION 18: Team Vacancies

Mustang -- Will be filled by the league waiting list. If there is no waiting list or if it has been exhausted, and when a team's roster falls below 10, players from the affiliate roster may be used.

SECTION 19: Third strike

A dropped third strike is considered to be an out in Mustang.

SECTION 20: Walks

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C. No intentional walks are allowed in the Mustang League.

SPECIAL MUSTANG RULES:

There will be assigned umpires in the Mustang League

The Mustang League will use Major League regulation size baseball with a softer core.

Balks are not called in the Mustang League.

ARTICLE 27

BRONCO LEAGUE RULES

SECTION 1: Base Coaches

No player may coach the bases at any time. Only adult coaches may coach the bases.

SECTION 2: Bunting

Is allowed in the Bronco league

SECTION 3: Call up of Players from Affiliates

A. Affiliate players may not pitch when called up.

B. Mustang Travel Team players may not "play up" in Bronco League games.

C. See Rules Governing League Play, 1. - Affiliate Relationships.

SECTION 4: Defensive Players

A defensive player may not block a base or home plate without control of the ball or make a fake tag. If the player does,

they will be called for obstruction.

SECTION 5: Field Dimensions

- A. Bases - 70 feet
- B. Pitching rubber to home plate – 48 feet
- C. Home plate to second base – 99 feet

SECTION 6: Hidden Ball Trick

The "hidden ball trick" is not allowed by MYBA.

SECTION 7: Infield Fly Rule

- A. The infield fly rule is in effect when there are less than two outs and at least first and second bases are occupied.
- B. Runners may advance at their own risk.

SECTION 8: League Philosophy

The purpose of Bronco league is to teach the players proper baseball fundamentals, proper player conduct, and for the players to have FUN.

SECTION 9: Length of Games

- A. Regulation games shall be seven (7) innings in duration.
- B. No game shall exceed ten (10) innings. When the game is tied at the end of ten (10) complete innings, the game shall be declared a tie game.
- C. A ten (10) run rule will be in effect after 5 innings.
- D. All games have a 1 hour and 50 minute time limit. No new inning may begin after the time limit has been reached.
- E. A new inning starts when the last out of the preceding inning occurs.

SECTION 10: No Contact Rule

If the defensive player has control of the ball before the base runner reaches the base, the base runner must avoid contact - either by sliding or running to either side of the defensive player (remaining in the base path - 3 feet to either side of the base line) and jumping will not be allowed. If the base runner makes forceful contact with the defensive player or runs outside of the base path, the base runner will be called out. If the contact is deemed excessive, the base runner will be ejected from the game. If the defensive player does not have the ball - see 4 - Defensive Player.

SECTION 11: Participation Rules

- A. 9 players shall play in the field. One (1) catcher, 1 pitcher, 3 outfielders, and 4 infielders will constitute a team.
- B. All players present shall be placed in the score book lineup before the start of the game.
- C. The batting order does not change when field substitutions occur.
- D. A player cannot sit out more than one consecutive inning.
- E. When a player arrives late, the player will be added to the bottom of the batting rotation. This player cannot sit out more than one consecutive inning after his arrival.

SECTION 12: Pitching Rules

- A. Pitching limitations will follow the Smart Pitch guidelines in Article 33.

SECTION 13: Rescheduling Games

No regularly scheduled In-house league games may be canceled for any reason, except in case of rain-outs, without the approval of the two head coaches and League Rep.

SECTION 14: Runs per Inning rules

There is no maximum number of runs that can be scored in an inning.

SECTION 15: Safety Bases

Safety bases are not used in the Bronco league.

SECTION 16: Speed Up Rules

A Courtesy runner May be used for Catchers only under the following conditions:
The previously retired batter/runner must be the courtesy runner.

SECTION 17: Stealing of Bases

- A. Stealing of bases is allowed in the Bronco League.
- B. Leading off of bases, prior to the pitch is allowed.

SECTION 18: Team Vacancies

Bronco -- Will be filled by the league waiting list. If there is no waiting list or if it has been exhausted, and when a team's roster falls below 10, players from the affiliate roster may be used.

SECTION 19: Third strike

NFHS rules apply.

SECTION 20:- Walks

NFHS rules apply. Intentional walks are allowed in the Bronco League.

SECTION 21: Special Bronco Rules:

There will be assigned umpires in the Bronco League.

The Bronco league will use a Major League regulation size baseball with a softer core.

Balks are called according to NFHS rules.

ARTICLE 28

PONY LEAGUE RULES

SECTION 1: Base Coaches

No player may coach the bases at any time. Only adult coaches may coach the bases.

SECTION 2: Bunting

Bunting is allowed in Pony League.

SECTION 3: Call up of Players from Affiliates

- A. Affiliate players may not pitch when called up.
- B. Bronco Traveling Team players may not "play up" in Pony League games.
- C. See Rules Governing League Play, 1. - Affiliate Relationships.

SECTION 4: Defensive Players

A defensive player may not block a base or home plate without control of the ball or make a fake tag. If the player does, they will be called for obstruction.

SECTION 5: Field Dimensions

- A. Bases - 80 feet
- B. Pitching rubber to home plate - 54'
- C. Home plate to second base - 113' 2"

SECTION 6: Hidden Ball Trick

The "hidden ball trick" is not allowed by MYBA.

SECTION 7: Infield Fly Rule

- A. The infield fly rule is in effect when there are less than two outs and at least first and second bases are occupied.
- B. Runners may advance at their own risk.

SECTION 8: League Philosophy

The purpose of Pony league is to teach the players proper baseball fundamentals, proper player conduct, and for the players to have FUN.

SECTION 9: Length of Games

- A. Regulation games shall be seven (7) innings in duration.
- B. No game shall exceed ten (10) innings. When the game is tied at the end of ten (10) complete innings, the game shall be declared a tie game.
- C. A ten (10) run rule will be in effect after five (5) innings.
- D. All games have a 1 hour and 50 minute time limit. No new inning may begin after the time limit has been reached.
- E. A new inning starts when the last out of the preceding inning occurs.

SECTION 10: No Contact Rule

If the defensive player has control of the ball before the base runner reaches the base, the base runner must avoid contact - either by sliding or running to either side of the defensive player (remaining in the base path - 3 feet to either side of the base line) and jumping will not be allowed. If the base runner makes forceful contact with the defensive player or runs outside of the base path, the base runner will be called out. If the contact is deemed excessive, the base runner will be ejected from the game. If the defensive player does not have the ball- see 4 - Defensive Player.

SECTION 11: Participation Rules

- A. All players present shall be placed in the score book lineup before the start of the game.
- B. The batting order does not change when field substitutions occur.
- C. A player cannot sit out more than one consecutive inning.
- D. When a player arrives late, the player will be added to the bottom of the batting rotation. This player cannot sit out more than one consecutive inning after his arrival.

SECTION 12: Pitching Rules

A. Pitching limitations will follow the Smart Pitch guidelines in Article 33.

SECTION 13: Rescheduling Games

No regularly scheduled in-house league games may be canceled for any reason, except in case of rain-outs, without the approval of the two head coaches and League Rep.

SECTION 14: Runs per Inning rules

There is no maximum number of runs that can be scored in an inning.

SECTION 15: Safety Bases

Safety bases are not used in the Pony league.

SECTION 16: Speed Up Rules

A Courtesy runner ~~May~~ be used for ~~Catchers Only~~ under the following conditions:
Two (2) outs only. The previous retired batter/runner must be the courtesy runner.

SECTION 17: Stealing of Bases

NFHS Rules apply.

SECTION 18: Team Vacancies

Team vacancies will be filled by the league waiting list. If there is no waiting list or if it has been exhausted, and when a team's roster falls below 10, players from the Affiliate roster may be used.

SECTION 19: Third strike

NFHS Rules apply.

SECTION 20: Walks

NFHS Rules apply. Intentional walks are allowed in the Pony League.

SECTION 21: - Equipment

Aluminum baseball bat length to weight ratio must follow Illinois Elementary School Association (I.E.S.A.) rules, for travel teams and all-star teams. All bats greater than 30" are required to meet BBCOR Requirements, bat not exceed 30" in length are not subject to BBCOR standards.

Special Pony Rule:

There will be assigned umpires in the Pony League. The Pony league will use a Major League regulation size baseball with a softer core. Balks are called according to NFHS Rules.

Article 29

COLT LEAGUE RULES

SECTION 1: Base Coaches

May be a player or coach. Player base coaches must wear a batting helmet.

SECTION 2: Bunting

NFHS Rules apply.

SECTION 3: Call up of Players from Pony League

- A. Call up players may not pitch.
- B. Pony Traveling Team players may not "play up" in Colt League games.
- C. See Rules Governing League Play, C. - Affiliate Relationships.

SECTION 4: Defensive Players

A defensive player may not block a base or home plate without control of the ball or make a fake tag. If the player does, they will be called for obstruction.

SECTION 5: Field Dimensions

- A. Bases - 90 feet
- B. Pitching rubber to home plate - 60' 6"
- C. Home plate to second base - 127' 3"

SECTION 6: Hidden Ball Trick

The "hidden ball trick" is not allowed by MYBA.

SECTION 7: Infield Fly Rule

- A. The infield fly rule is in effect when there are less than two outs and at least first and second bases are occupied.
- B. Runners may advance at their own risk.

SECTION 8: League Philosophy

Play baseball and have fun.

SECTION 9: Length of Games

- A. Regulation games shall be seven (7) innings in duration.
- B. There is no inning limit in the Colt league.
- C. A ten (10) run rule will be in effect after five (5) innings.
- D. Colt games have no time limit.

SECTION 10: No Contact Rule

If the defensive player has control of the ball before the base runner reaches the base, the base runner must avoid contact - either by sliding or running to either side of the defensive player (remaining in the base path - 3 feet to either side of the base line) and jumping will not be allowed. If the base runner makes contact with the defensive player or runs outside of the base path, the base runner will be called out. If the contact is deemed excessive, the base runner will be ejected from the game. The defensive player does not have the ball - see 4 - Defensive Player.

SECTION 11: Participation Rules

NFHS Rules apply. Exception to this rule is if both coaches agree free substitution can be used.

SECTION 12: Pitching Rules

- A. Pitching limitations will follow the Smart Pitch guidelines in Article 33.

SECTION 13: Rescheduling Games

No regularly scheduled in-house league games may be canceled for any reason, except in case of rain-outs, without the approval of the two head coaches and League Rep.

SECTION 14: Runs per Inning rules

There is no maximum number of runs that can be scored in an inning.

SECTION 15: Safety Bases

No safety base will be used for Colt league.

SECTION 16: Speed Up Rules

- A. A Courtesy runner May be used for Catchers Only under the following conditions:
 - 1. Two (2) outs only.
 - 2. The previous retired batter/runner must be the courtesy runner.
- B. See batting infraction rule - New rules section.

SECTION 17: Stealing of Bases

NFHS Rules apply.

SECTION 18: Team Vacancies

Colt will be filled by the league waiting list. If there is no waiting list or if it has been exhausted, and when a team's roster falls below 10, players from another colt team may be used.

SECTION 19: Third Strike

NFHS Rules apply.

SECTION 20: Walks

NFHS Rules apply.

SECTION 21: Equipment

- A. Metal cleats are allowed.
- B. Aluminum baseball bat length to weight ratio must follow Illinois High School Association (I.H.S.A.) rules.

SECTION 22: Special Colt Rules:

There will be assigned umpires in the Colt League. The Colt league will use a Major League regulation size baseball. Balks are called according to NFHS Rules.

ARTICLE 30

ALL-STAR TEAMS

SECTION 1: Mustang, Bronco, and Pony All-Star Team Selection Process

The League Rep for Mustang and Bronco Leagues will provide a plan to the Executive Board at the June meeting, for their respective league All-Star game.

SECTION 2: Number of games for All-Star Teams

- A. The All-Star Teams for each league will play against each other on "All-Star Night."
- B. Should a conflict arise between an In-House game and a Mustang, Bronco or Pony All-Star game (or practice), the In-House game always takes priority.

ARTICLE 31

TRAVEL TEAMS

SECTION 1: Selection of players for the U-9, U-10, U-11, U-12, U-13, U-14 and other travel teams (including U-15 and above)

- A. An impartial selection committee (see below) grades players at a special try-out at the end of each season and selects nine (9) players for the upcoming season. The travel team coaches will select the remaining 3 players, for a total of 12 players on the team. During the season, the traveling team coaches have the option of calling up a player from the In-House league. The coaches will select these players.

- B. The player may be called up if they do not have an In-house game which would conflict with the traveling team game.

The Head Coach of each team will select two tryout dates for evaluations, and will assemble a Selection Committee for the evaluations.

The Selection Committee will consist of at least two (2) MYBA board members and one (1) other person not on the MYBA board. Every attempt will be made to assure that the members of the committee do not have a player that is trying-out. The Board recommends that the Coach use the same evaluators at each tryout.

U- 15 and above travel teams are by invitation only. The invitees will be selected by a delegate appointed by the MYBA Board of Directors (typically the Morton High School Varsity Baseball coach). It is expected that the teams at the U-15 level and above will consist of 12 – 14 players.

SECTION 2: Number of Travel Team Games:

- A. U9 travel team will be limited to a maximum of 35 travel games. Any tournament entered is considered three games no matter how many played in that tournament. U10 travel team will be limited to a maximum of 40 total games, each tournament entered is considered three games no matter how many played in that tournament.
- B. U11, U12, U13, U14 traveling teams will be limited to a maximum of 45 total games, each tournament entered is considered three games no matter how many played in that tournament.

SECTION 3: Travel Team Age Groups:

- A. Travel teams will be set up as U9, U10, U11, U12, U13, and U14. Travel-Lite will be set up with Maverick, Mustang, Bronco, and Pony.
- B. U-15 and above, will be run as a joint effort between the MYBA and the Morton High School Baseball Program.
- C. MYBA will contribute \$1200 to each travel team, to help offset tournament fees and additional costs associated with travel teams. Any additional costs will be passed on to families in the form of travel team fees. Travel-Lite will receive \$600 for each team.
- D. Fundraising by travel teams will be allowed to offset additional costs incurred. Funds from these fundraising activities must be used for legitimate team expenses. All fundraising proposals must be presented to the MYBA Fund Raising Director in writing for approval prior to commencing. It is recommended that all travel teams coordinate their fundraising activities into a single fundraising effort. Solicitation of existing MYBA corporate sponsors will be prohibited as part of any fundraising effort.
- E. All players of a given age must play with their respective age group (no “playing up”). The exception to this would be if there is only one travel team for a given league either due to lack of coaches or players trying out (see prior bullet point). In this scenario, the team can be comprised of players from either age group within that league. Under no circumstances will a player be allowed to play up into another league (i.e. 12 year old playing up on the U14 team).

- F. U9 travel team will follow Mustang league pitching rules (see Article 26, Section 10).
- G. Any exceptions to these rules must be approved by a majority vote of MYBA board members.
- H. Travel Team coaches are responsible for collecting all applicable player fees, Indoor cage fees, or other fees. Travel team players who have not fully paid all applicable fees shall be ineligible to play in any game until such fees are paid, or such player receives permission from the Board.
- I. Travel players must reside within the geographic boundaries as defined in Article 2, Section 1, prior to being added to the travel team roster, or participating with the travel team. Players may be added to the roster of the travel teams, until opening day of the “In-house” season. After Opening day, players may be called up from the In-house leagues in accordance with Article 30, Section 1 A.
- J. Only MYBA sanctioned teams will be allowed to utilize MYBA Facilities and resources without approval of the Board.

SECTION 4: Additional Guidelines for U-15 and above

In addition to the items listed in the other sections in this article, the following guidelines are applicable to travel teams at the U-15 and above levels:

- Coaches can use players from both rosters to ensure that they have enough players to field a team.
- Player fees are as follows:
 - **Full Time Players:** Defined as players who can play both during the week and during the weekend, including tournaments. Fees will be approved by the MYBA board before each season.
 - **League Players:** Defined as players who will only play during league games during the week. They cannot play on the weekends or in tournaments. Fees will be approved by the MYBA board before each season.
 - **Pitcher Only Players:** Defined as players who will only pitch. Fees will be approved by the MYBA board before each season.
- U-15 and above travel teams will not use the Indoor Hitting Facility during the summer.
- Registration and release forms for U-15 and above will be consistent with the other MYBA travel teams. MYBA’s website will be used to track the roster, schedule, and fees.
- MYBA will pay for umpires for home games at agreed-to rates.
- Player uniforms will be discussed on an “as needed” basis. Baseballs and other equipment will be funded outside of MYBA.

Section 5: Pitching Rules

- A. Pitching limitations will follow the Smart Pitch guidelines in Article 33.

ARTICLE 32

Travel-Lite Teams

(U8A, U8B, U9, U10, U11, U12 and Pony)

SECTION 1: Team Size

- A. Team should consist of 12 players. U8 travel lite will consist of 12 players per team. If not enough players try out for each age group, the travel lite team will revert back to a single Mustang (U9-U10) and/or Bronco (U11-U12) team. Pony travel lite will remain a combined U13-U14 team.
- B. All players must play in their respective leagues, at their age level.
- C. During the season, if the team's available roster falls below 10 players, a 10th player can be called up from the in-house league. It is strongly suggested that another in-house player be called up to replace the previous call up after four games, if needed. The call up players, and order of call up will be determined by the Lite Coach, the League Rep., and the In-house coach affected.
- D. 100 % of the Travel Lite players must reside within the geographic boundaries as defined in Article 2, Section 1, prior to being added to the travel team roster, or participating with the travel team. (Morton Park District Rule)

SECTION 2: Evaluations / Tryouts

- A. Tryouts will take place in September.
- B. The Travel-Lite team may begin practice at the same time as travel.
- C. Games will not be scheduled until after April 1.
- D. Players to be evaluated in accordance with MYBA Rules. The Selection Committee will consist of at least two (2) MYBA board members and one (1) other person not on the MYBA board. Every attempt will be made to assure that the members of the committee do not have a player that is trying-out. Top 9 are Board selected. All other are coach's pick.
- E. A form for evaluation will be use.
- F. All Travel-Lite players are expected to play on In-house teams, and may be benched, or removed from the roster for failure to participate, without legitimate reason, in In-house practices and games.

SECTION 3: Schedules

- A. An attempt will be made to schedule Saturday and Sunday afternoon double headers. Single games during school weeknights (if no In-house conflicts), and double headers with local area teams on non-school weeknights. Week-night games or double headers are limited to one per week.
- B. Travel-Lite Coaches will consult with in-house coaches to verify pitching availability on players.
- C. Travel-Lite Coaches will consult with the Master Scheduler to optimize the concession schedule and to promote potential round robin tournaments, and to optimize field usage.

SECTION 4: Fees

- A. Travel-Lite players will be charged an additional fee above the In-house fee to be set by the Board prior to the start of the season.
- B. Additional money may be collected from team members to be used to pay for miscellaneous items. All remaining money will be turned into MYBA to cover umpires, fields, uniforms, etc.

SECTION 5: Pitching

- A. An accurate pitch count will be maintained for each pitcher. Travel-Lite Coaches will verify innings pitched and/or pitch count each week with In-house coach.

- B. Pitching limitations will follow the Smart Pitch guidelines in Article 33.

SECTION 6: Number of Games and Tournaments

- A. Per MYBA Travel guidelines, Travel-Lite will play 30 total games, including In-House games. Travel-Lite will schedule between 15 and 20 games in addition to in-house games. Extra games may be scheduled to offset potential rainouts and more than 30 may be played depending on tournament success and non-rainouts. Not to exceed 35 total.
- B. Additional games may be scheduled with corresponding Morton Travel Teams and/or In-house All-star teams as approved by vote of the MYBA Board.
- C. Travel Lite games will do their very best to not interfere with In-house games by working with the Master Scheduler.
- D. Games will not start until May 1 and will end by the second week of July.
- E. Rules, Inning and Time limits will remain the same as corresponding In-house leagues.
- F. Travel-Lite Coaches (Mustang & Bronco) will attempt to schedule two (2) Tournaments plus the Morton Classic Tournament if space is available.
- G. The MYBA will fund Tournament fees up to \$600.00. Additional and excess fees to come from fees collected from Players.
- H. Maverick Travel Lite Will attempt to schedule 2 tournaments.

Article 33

Pitching Limitations

SECTION 1: Pitch Limits

- A. Pitching Limitations will follow the “Smart Pitch table.” These pitching rules follow the player. For example, if a pitcher pitches in an in-house game, the rest requirements will apply to them if they play Travel Lite.
- B. Smart Pitch Chart/Table link: <http://m.mlb.com/pitchsmart/pitching-guidelines>

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