

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) (4) 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 March 2013.*

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'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.*

Section 2: RAFFLE TICKETS

Included in the registration fee is the cost of the raffle tickets you are given: twenty tickets per player.

1. You have the option of selling the raffle tickets and keeping that money as a fee reduction (up to \$20 per player.) If you choose not to sell the raffle tickets, you can put your name on them and turn them in for the drawing. You must turn in the ticket stubs for any raffle tickets you sell.

You may turn in all raffle ticket stubs to the MYBA Concession stand. The raffle drawing will be held at a time determined by the board.

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.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Monthly meetings will be held on the second Monday of the month, in accordance with Article 5, Section 2

SPECIAL MEETINGS

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.

~~Special meetings of the members, for any purpose unless otherwise prescribed by these Bylaws, may be called by the President, or not less than one third of all members of the association entitled to vote at the meeting. The business to be transacted and the purpose of any special meeting must be specified in the notice to the membership~~

~~Notice shall be given to the membership stating the date, time, and place of the meeting (Annual). This notice shall be in the form of any of (the following: 1) individual flyers, mailed or handed to players, 2) Newsletters, mailed, e-mailed or given to each player, 3) or a method deemed appropriate by the President or Executive Board. This notice shall be given no less than two (2) weeks prior to the date of the meeting.~~

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 to the board. 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 then will be filled at the next election for a full three year term.~~
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 the current Vice President 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, except for the Treasurer, whose 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. Under no circumstances may the President succeed himself as President for that following year.

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: OFFICES REQUIRING A 1 YEAR TERM

The following Officers or Directors will serve a 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.

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*, Umpires and sub contracted work.

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.

Travel Team Coaches are required to attend all monthly board meetings. In-house coaches are encouraged to attend.

Section 3: ABSENT FROM MEETINGS

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

SECTION 4: QUORUM

~~Six~~ *Seven* Board Members of the association with voting powers constitute a quorum at a regular scheduled board meeting. ~~At all special meetings, at least one half of the officers (filled positions only) constitute a quorum.~~ 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, excluding the customary purchases of equipment and uniforms before each season,*
3. *Wages and salary increases, and*

4. *Appointment to vacant director position.*

Members 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 committee will keep minutes, as the meeting is closed to all people unless invited to speak at said meeting. At times the Executive Board will vote on a particular issue as a recommendation to the General Board. This vote 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. As in all meetings the Secretary will take the minutes and the President will vote only to break a tie. 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 December 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 Public Relations

and web master

Director of Equipment & Uniforms

Director of Field Maintenance

Director of Fund Raising

Director of Concessions

~~**Web Master**~~

combine with P.R.

Director of Umpires

Director of Operations

Director of Registrations

Director of Pictures and Trophies

~~**Director of Trophy's**~~

Director of Travel Tournament

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*

eventless 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 four years, starting in 2016 (Leap Year) at the annual meeting. A simple Majority 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 call direction of the organization.*
- 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

- 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.

TREASURER

- To collect all funds not limited to registration, raffle ticket money 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 procure and manage the insurance for MYBA with Executive Board approval.
- 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 umpires and hired help.
- To keep all committee 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 audit committee for review.

SECRETARY

- To make and preserve the minutes of all meetings.
- 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
 - Up date 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.

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.
- Submit a progress report at each Board meeting for Board approval.

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 coordinate with the local cable television company regarding registration advertisements and MYBA information.
- 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 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.~~
- To maintain all legal files associated with our web page.
- To update and maintain the association's database.

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

- To hire, with board approval, someone to prepare each field prior to play each day of the week, excluding Sunday.
- To supervise the hired person and maintain the relationship between the board and said person.
- To provide a job description for the hired position 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 update the answer machine with regards to the cancellation of play.
- 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.
- 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.
- This will include but not limited to such events as MYBA raffle.
- Shall submit to the board for approval a list of planned fund raising activities 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

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 make sure parents help in concession stand.
- To perform duties 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 UMPIRES

- Start the sign up process at the registration.
- Responsible for providing needed materials for the umpires and provide a list to the Director of Equipment and Uniforms.
- Hiring kids for the Mustang, Bronco, and Pony in-house league. Hiring patched umpires for the Colt in-house League and Bronco and Pony traveling.
- Hiring patch umpires for our tournament, all ages.
- Hiring kids to umpire home plate and bases for the Mustang league.
- Organize an umpiring clinic for all kids who want to umpire.
- All umpires will be at least 14 years of age.

- Hire all needed umpires for the MYBA Tournament.
- Distribute payroll check to all umpires.
- Make schedule for all umpires.
- Supervise all umpires.
- 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.
- Review the time sheets of each umpire and submit them to the Treasurer.
- Submit all umpires names to the Board for approval

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS/ REGISTRATIONS

- Mediates between league representatives.
- Schedule league tryouts.
- Schedule league draft.
- Reserve MHS gym for all tryouts.
- 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.
- To organize a calendar of all events to be distributed to all board members and coaches.
- Provide all dates to the Morton Park District.
- Update Coach's handbook for board approval.
- Submit any changes with regards to rules etc. to the Board for their approval.
- Arrange for of the Legion Hall for registrations.
- 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.
- Collect all evaluations of all players and give to the Treasurer to keep on file.
- 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 PICTURES/ TROPHIES

- To have Photo packet in place by March 31.
- To ~~obtain~~ *consider* bids from local photographers and submit for Board approval.

- To obtain bids from local business to provide trophies or any other item that is appropriate to all in-house players for Board approval.
- To organize and schedule the dates for picture taking, picture and trophy hand out. Secure the Park dist. office as a back in the case of rain
- 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 MORTON TOURNAMENT

- To provide and not limited to for sale of T-Shirts, Hats, Photographs of players.
- To work with Director of Concessions in planning of food, drinks etc.
- To collect all schedules from all travel team coaches and have them posted.
- To schedule field maintenance before and during the tournament.
- Work with Director of Umpires ensuring we have enough umpires for all games.
- Work with the Director of Public Relations for advertising of our tournament.
- Schedule batting cage and supervision for all visiting tournament teams as well as all Morton teams. Distribute schedule to all team managers.
- Work with the Morton Park District having the facility ready including but not limited to Trash can empty daily, paper products in bath rooms, grass cut.
- Schedule trash pickup Friday, Saturday and Monday.
- To have concession stand manager fill soap dispensers in bathroom filled.
- To have all needed supplies available but not limited to chalk, paint for bases and foul lines, quick dry, field equipment, baseballs etc.
- Contact chamber for tents, cookers, and large grill.
- Schedule all volunteers to with help cooking, concession stand, field maintenance etc.
- Add Director of Morton Tournament name to web site for main contact.
- Schedule all hired help for Tournament.
- Provide directions and rules to all teams.
- Work with Treasurer on collecting of fees for tournament.
- Provide tournament brackets for each league.
- Provide all teams information regarding but not limited to hotels, Restaurants, MYBA web site address etc.
- Work with Morton Chamber of Commerce providing assistance with discounts for eating and hotels for teams.
- 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.
- Arrange hotel accommodations for all visiting teams.
- Order all trophies.
- Collect all entry fee money.
- Send brackets to all teams when they are completed with rules of the tournament.
- Submit a yearly budget at the November meeting for Board approval.
- Submit a progress report at each Board meeting for Board approval.
- Arrange for announcers, music and sound system for each game.
- To perform duties as assigned by the President

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 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.*

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 and to suspend all games if lightning is detected with in the 3-8 mile range.

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.
- 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.
- 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

Section 3: FIELD DUTY MANAGER

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

- 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 and dugouts.
- 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 dug out 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

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, ~~Concession Stand Director~~ and Concession Stand Manager.

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

Since the 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

Vacated – See Art. 5, Section 2.

~~SECTION 1: BOARD MEETINGS~~

~~The General Board will meet at least once a month in the months of July-March and twice a month in the months of April-July. The meeting will be held the first week of the month and the 3rd week of the month respectfully. The meetings will be held in the Morton area in an office environment.~~

~~The Executive Board should meet at least once a month.~~

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 ~~Vice President~~ *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. ~~Cable television local channel advertisements.~~ *Posts to the Web-Site, E-mails and Text Messages.*

No individual will be allowed to register after May 31st 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: The players will be registered in the following leagues based upon ages:

Pinto League (T-Ball) Age 5, 6, and 7
Maverick League (Coach Pitch/ Pitching Machine) Age 7 and 8
Mustang League Age 9 and 10

Bronco League Age 11 and 12

Pony League Age 13 and 14

*Colt League Age 15, 16, and 17

*Colt players seventeen years of age may have playing restrictions placed upon them.

1. *Pinto players must be 5 years old by April 30, to participate .*
2. The dates will overlap for each age group. Adding the months of May-June-July at the end of the age range.
3. Travel players wishing to 'fall back' an age group, may do so, but must take a year off MYBA travel baseball. No player shall play two years in the same age group. No player shall play more than 6 years of travel baseball.
4. ~~A child, who is eligible to play either Maverick (coach pitch) or Mustang, must play Maverick if they plan on trying out for the U9 travel team the following year. They may play Mustang and try out for the U10 the following year, but not the U9 squad.~~

Amended (Jan 2008)

~~Players will be registered in the appropriate league based upon the player's age as of April 30th.~~

Players shall not participate in more than one league at the same time.

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 also 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 Coachs

One month prior to the travel team tryouts, 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.

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.

ARTICLE 16

SECTION 1: Times Games can be played In-house and Travel

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 and ~~8:45 PM~~

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

After School Season weekdays: 5:30 PM, & 7:00 PM and ~~8:30 PM~~

Saturday: 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM ~~12:30PM & 2:00PM and 1:00 PM~~

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

SECTION 2: ~~RAIN-OUTS~~

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~~Rain-outs will apply to Article 16 Section 1 regarding times of games.~~

SECTION 3: Travel Teams

Travel Team games will play a full game before starting another game. (No two reduced inning games) The purpose of this is not to over pay umpires

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, ~~hospital certificates, baptismal certificates,~~ or equivalent religious or legal documents. ~~Exact 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 \$1,000 to be spent on entry fees for the tournaments they enter. If there is more than one Travel Team the \$1,000 will be divided equally with all teams. If the entry fee amount for the tournaments they enter exceed \$1,000 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 \$500. in accordance with the above paragraph.

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 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 Evaluation s. 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.) Players will be assigned teams via the draft procedures in the following paragraphs, with the intent to honor requests for team placement.

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", or the "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.

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: MANAGER AND 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: PARENT REPRESENTATIVE

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~~Each Coach will submit the name and phone number for a Parent Representative or Team Mom, to the Director of Operation as soon as possible after the first team meeting or practice.~~

~~The Parent Representative will act as the liaison between the team parents and the coaches for administrative items such as fund raiser, team pictures, distribute directions for all away games and collection of money. Coaches should choose wisely when selecting this Parent Representative.~~

SECTION 3: COACHES/MANAGERS

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

All coaches and ~~registered~~ *assistant* coaches must be approved by the Board.

The ~~team manager and registered~~ 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 ~~manager~~ *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, tarp low spots in front of the pitching rubber, batters 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

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Founded in 1973 ~~and has provided 35 years of an outstanding~~ *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 non profit 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 7 diamonds, ~~5 of~~ 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.

ARTICLE 23

LEAGUE SAFETY 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 the 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 Team and Bronco 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 Pony and Colt Traveling Teams 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 "OFFICIAL BASEBALL RULES" as published by The Sporting News.

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, OFFICIAL BASEBALL 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. or the all 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 "The Sporting News" 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 can not 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.*

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 grounds keeper to determine if the field conditions will allow games to be played.

- 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 call ~~266-RUBY (7829)~~ *Check the Web-Site*, and then if necessary notify their players of the rain out.
- Rain outs will be rescheduled by the League Representative, 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.

SECTION 12: Parental Expectations

- Parents are expected to support the entire team. Parents are expected to not coach from the stands.*
- Parents will not disrespect the players on either team, coaching staff or officials.*
- 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.*
- The parents are also encouraged to help groom the field before and after the game.*

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 - ~~60~~ 55feet
- B. Distance between bases ~~60'~~55feet
- C. Home plate to second base ~~84'-10"~~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 Board of Directors.

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 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

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

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.

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.** Position of Pitching machine - 42 feet
- 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 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.** 10 players shall play in the field: 1 catcher, 1 pitcher, 4 outfielders, and 4 infielders.
- 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.
- F.** 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 Board of Directors.

SECTION 14: Runs per Inning rules

A maximum of 10 runs per inning per team will be allowed. When a team scores 10 runs in an inning they shall take the field without committing 3 outs in that inning.

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 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:
- Two (2) outs only. The previous 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.** Each batter bats until he hits the ball or strikes out (3 strikes - a foul ball doesn't count as strike three!)
- B.** Batters who are not swinging at hittable pitches get a maximum of five hittable pitches, determined by the coach's discretion.
- C.** Foul balls are considered strikes; however, the batter will not be called out on a foul ball.

SECTION 20: Walks

Does not apply to the Maverick League

SECTION 21: Special Maverick Rules

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: 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 the Mustang League.

SECTION 3: Call up of Players from Affiliates

- A.** Only eight year olds may be called up from the Maverick League, under no circumstances will seven year olds be allowed to play in the Mustang 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 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.** A Pitcher may not pitch more than three (3) innings in anyone game, even if the game is suspended, or protested, and completed at a later date.
- B.** No pitcher, starter or reliever, once removed from the pitching position, will be eligible to return to the mound during that same game, regardless of the games length or pitcher's innings of eligibility.
- C.** If more than one game is played on a calendar day, a pitcher may pitch any combination of innings in those games totaling a maximum of 4 innings.
- D.** The maximum number of innings that a player can pitch in a 36 hour period is 4 innings.
- E.** Pitchers shall not pitch in more than seven (7) innings per calendar week. A calendar week is from 12:01 am Monday to 12:00 midnight the following Sunday.
- F.** Pitchers, after pitching in 3 or 4 innings on the same calendar day, must have 36

hours rest, before pitching again.

G. The 36 hours rest rule is computed from the scheduled starting time of the game in which the pitching occurred.

H. As soon as a pitcher delivers one pitch to a batter, that pitcher shall be considered as having pitched one inning.

I. A pitcher is charged with the number of innings pitched in the specific calendar day and week, in which they are pitched, regardless of whether they are local league games, All-star games or the resumption of postponed, suspended, or tie games.

J. If a relief pitcher comes in "cold" the umpire shall allow the pitcher to warm up properly with at least 10 warm-up pitches Affiliate players **may not** pitch when called up.

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 Board of Directors.

SECTION 14 : Runs per Inning rules

There is no maximum number of runs that can be scored in an inning. See 17 - Stealing of Bases for additional information.

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 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:

- Two (2) outs only. The previous 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 when his team is up by 10 or more runs is on;

a. a batted ball

b. a hit batsman 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

A. When the bases are loaded, the batter will not be allowed to advance via a walk. The batter must continue to bat until a base opens up, is hit by a pitch, strikes out, or hits a fair ball.

B. In the case where he has a count of 4 or more balls, and a base opens up, he advances to 1st base with no additional pitches being thrown.

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

SECTION 21: Third Strike

A Dropped third strike is considered an out in Mustang.

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 can not 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 can not sit out more than one consecutive inning after his arrival.

SECTION 12: Pitching Rules

- A.** A Pitcher may not pitch more than five (5) innings in anyone game, even if the game is suspended, or protested, and completed at a later date.
- B.** No pitcher, starter or reliever, once removed from the pitching position, will be eligible to return to the mound during that same game, regardless of the games length or pitcher's innings of eligibility.
- C.** If more than one game is played on a calendar day, a pitcher may pitch any combination of innings in those games totaling a maximum of five (5) innings.
- D.** The maximum number of innings that a player can pitch in a 36 hour period is five (5) innings.
- E.** Pitchers shall not pitch in more than ten (10) innings per calendar week. (A calendar week is from 12:01 am Monday to 12:00 midnight the following Sunday.)

F. Pitchers, after pitching in 3 or 4 innings on the same calendar day, must have 36 hours rest, before pitching again.

G. The 36 hours rest rule is computed by the scheduled starting time of the game in which the pitching occurred. As soon as a pitcher delivers one pitch to a batter, that pitcher shall be considered as having pitched one inning.

H. A pitcher is charged with the number of innings pitched in the specific calendar day and week, in which they are pitched, regardless of whether they are local league games, All-star games or the resumption of postponed, suspended, or tie games.

I. If a relief pitcher comes in "cold" the umpire shall allow the pitcher to warm up properly with at least 10 warm-up pitches

J. Affiliate players may not pitch when called up.

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 Board of Directors.

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:

- Two (2) outs only. The previous 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

Sporting News rules apply.

SECTION 20:- Walks

Sporting News 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 Sporting News 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.** A Pitcher may not pitch more than seven (7) innings in anyone game, even if the game is suspended, or protested, and completed at a later date.
- B.** No pitcher, starter or reliever, once removed from the pitching position, will be eligible to return to the mound during that same game, regardless of the games length or pitcher's innings of eligibility.
- C.** If more than one game is played on a calendar day, a pitcher may pitch any combination of innings in those games totaling a maximum of seven (7) innings.
- D.** The maximum number of innings a player can pitch in a 36 hour period is seven (7) innings.
- E.** Pitchers shall not pitch in more than ten (10) innings per calendar week. (A calendar week is from 12:01 am Monday to 12:00 midnight the following Sunday.)

- F.** Pitchers after pitching in 4, 5, 6 or 7 innings on the same calendar day, must have 36 hours rest before pitching again.
- G.** The 36 hours rest rule is computed from the scheduled starting time of the game in which the pitching occurred. As soon as a pitcher delivers one pitch to a batter, that pitcher shall be considered as having pitched one inning.
- H.** A pitcher is charged with the number of innings pitched in the specific calendar day and week in which they are pitched, regardless of whether they are local league games, All-star games or the resumption of postponed, suspended, or tie games.
- I.** If a relief pitcher comes in "cold" the umpire shall allow the pitcher to warm up properly with at least 10 warm-up pitches.
- J.** When a team has three (3) games during a calendar week, the pitching rule will change to a maximum of 12 innings during that week, with a maximum of eight (8) innings in a 36 hour period.
- K.** Affiliate players may not pitch when called up.

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 Board of Directors.

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

Sporting News 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

Sporting News roles apply.

SECTION 20: Walks

Sporting News roles apply. Intentional walks are allowed in the Pony League.

SECTION 21: - Equipment

- A.** Metal cleats are allowed.
- B.** 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. No bat restrictions for in-house league.

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 Sporting News rules.

Article 28

COLT LEAGUE RULES

SECTION 1: Base Coaches

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

SECTION 2: Bunting

Sporting News 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

Sporting News rules apply. Exception to this rule is if both coaches agree free substitution can be used.

SECTION 12: Pitching Rules

- A.** A Pitcher may not pitch more than seven (7) innings in anyone game, even if the game is suspended, or protested, and completed at a later date.
- B.** No pitcher, starter or reliever, once removed from the pitching position, will be eligible to return to the mound during that same game, regardless of the games length or pitcher's innings of eligibility.
- C.** If more than one game is played on a calendar day, a pitcher may pitch any combination of innings in those games totaling a maximum of seven (7) innings.
- D.** The maximum number of innings that a player can pitch in a 36 hour period is seven (7) innings.
- E.** Pitchers shall not pitch in more than ten (10) innings per calendar week. (A calendar week is from 12:01 am Monday to 12:00 midnight the following Sunday.)
- F.** Pitchers after pitching in 4, 5, 6 or 7 innings on the same calendar day, must have 36 hours rest before pitching again.

- G.** The 36 hours rest rule is computed from the scheduled starting time of the game in which the pitching occurred. As soon as a pitcher delivers one pitch to a batter, that pitcher shall be considered as having pitched one inning.
- H.** A pitcher is charged with the number of innings pitched in the specific calendar day and week in which they are pitched, regardless of whether they are local league games, or the resumption of postponed, suspended, or tie games.
- I.** If a relief pitcher comes in "cold" the umpire shall allow the pitcher to warm up properly with at least 10 warm-up pitches
- J.** When a team has three (3) games during a calendar week, the pitching rule will change to a maximum of 12 innings during that week, with a maximum of eight (8) innings in a 36 hour period.
- K.** Affiliate players may not pitch when called up.

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 Board of Directors.

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:
 - i.** Two (2) outs only.
 - ii.** The previous retired batter/runner must be the courtesy runner.
- B.** See batting infraction rule - New rules section.

SECTION 17: Stealing of Bases

Sporting News 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 the affiliate roster may be used.

SECTION 19: Third Strike

Sporting News rules apply.

SECTION 20: Walks

Sporting News 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 Sporting News rules.

ARTICLE 29

ALL-STAR TEAMS

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

Toward the end of the season, two All-Star teams for each in-house League will be selected. In-House coaches will nominate three (3) In-House players, per team, for placement on the All-Star ballot. The ballots are given to the coaches by the league representative and returned to the league representative when completed. All coaches will then vote for twelve (12) players for each team. The league representative will bring the coaches' selections to the MYBA board for approval. All-Star coaches will be selected only after the twelve (12) players for each team have been voted on. The Coaches for the All-Star teams will then be able to select three (3) additional players, from the names on the ballots, bringing the team to (15) players. If a coach wants to select a player whose name is not on the All-Star ballot list, the coach may select the player with board approval. Teams may have a maximum of 15 players. Any player participating on a MYBA Travel *or Travel-*

Lite Team can NOT participate in the All Star game.

SECTION 2: All-Star Team Pitching rules

- A.** MYBA pitching rules for Mustang All-Star games will be as follows:
 - i.** 3 innings (max.) per calendar day.
 - ii.** 6 innings (max.) per calendar week.
 - iii.** 36 hours rest after pitching 3 or more innings in the same day.
- B.** MYBA pitching rules for Bronco and Pony All-Star games will be as follows:
 - i.** 4 innings (max.) per calendar day.
 - ii.** 8 innings (max.) per calendar week.
 - iii.** 36 hours rest after pitching 4 or more innings in the same day.

SECTION 3: 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 30

TRAVEL TEAMS

SECTION 1: Selection of players for the Mustang, Bronco and Pony travel teams

- 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 3-6 players, for a total of 12-15 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 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 son that is trying-out.

SECTION 2: Number of Travel Team Games:

- A.** U9 travel team will be limited to a maximum of 25 travel games and (3) *three* tournament(s) (including Morton Tournaments).
- B.** U10 travel team will be limited to a maximum of 30 travel games and (3) *three* tournament(s) (including Morton Tournaments).
- C.** U10, U11, U12, U13, U14 traveling teams will be limited to a maximum of 30 travel games and (4) *four* tournament(s) (including Morton Tournaments).

ARTICLE 30.1

Travel-Lite Teams (U-8, Mustang, Bronco and Pony)

SECTION 1: Team Size

- A.** Team should consist of 12 to 13 players, dependent on quality of tryout and final scoring. More players would only add to additional bench time, but helps when dealing with In House pitching. *U-8 may consist of 12-15 players.*
- 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. This player can play no more than four games with the Travel-Lite team (or will be considered ineligible for the In-house All-star team). 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.

SECTION 2: Evaluations/Tryouts

- A.** Tryouts will take place the first week of April (on a Saturday or Sunday) with the second week of April as the rain date. *Tryouts for U-8 will be held the last week of April.*
- B.** The Travel-Lite team will begin practice in April, or as soon as practical after try-outs (U-8).
- C.** Games will not be scheduled until after May 1.
- D.** Players to be evaluated in accordance with MYBA Rules. Two board members and one independent evaluator. Top 9 are board selected. All other are coach's pick.
- E.** A form for evaluation will be used that will score players on Form, Agility, Ability and Execution.
- 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: Playing Time

- A.** During regular games/double headers, all players will be afforded playing time, unless player is benched for: 1) Injury 2) Discipline 3) Upcoming Pitching/Catching Duties.
- B.** Because Tournaments depend more on immediate results to advance, some players may see limited playing time.

SECTION 4: 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 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 Concessions Director to optimize the concession schedule.
- D. Travel-Lite Coaches will consult with corresponding Morton Travel Coaches to promote potential round robin tournaments, and to optimize field usage and concessions.

SECTION 5: Tournaments

- A. Travel-Lite Coaches (Mustang & Bronco) will attempt to schedule *two (2) Tournaments Plus the Morton Classic Tournament if spaced is available.*
- B. Suggestions are: MATBO in Metamora, Chillicothe “B” tournament in July, Dee/Mack tournament, Illini Bluffs, Limestone B, and Morton Classic Tournament.
- C. The MYBA will fund Tournament fees up to \$500.00. Additional and excess fees and 3rd Tournament's fees to come from fees collected from Players.
- D. U-8 Will attempt to schedule 2 tournaments.

SECTION 5: Fees

- A. Travel-Lite players will be charged an additional \$100 (*\$x for U-8*), above the In-house fee.
- B. Additional money may be collected from team members to be used to pay for the 3rd tournament and misc. items. All remaining money will be turned into MYBA to cover umpires, fields, uniforms, etc.

SECTION 6: Positions

- A. Each player will have at least two predominant positions, one infield, one outfield, exclusive of pitching and catching.
- B. Pitching and catching are exclusive of other positions. Players may be asked to sit the inning prior to or after pitching.
- C. 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.

SECTION 7: Number of Games

- A. Per MYBA Travel guidelines, Travel-Lite will play 30 total games, just like Travel. This assumes 15 Travel games and 15 In-house games. More than 30 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.
Travel-Lite will schedule between 15 and 20 games in addition to in-house games. 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.
- B. Travel Lite games will do their very best to not interfere with In-house games by working with the In-house rep.
- C. Games will not start until May 1 and will end by the second week of July.
- D. Rules, Inning and Time limits will remain the same as corresponding In-house leagues.

SECTION 3: Travel Team Age Groups:

- A.** ~~Travel teams will be set up as U9, U10, U11, U12, U13, and U14. rather than by Travel-Lite will be set up with Maverick, Mustang, Bronco, and Pony. (Colt League will consist of 15 and 16 year olds).~~
- B.** *U-15 and 17 will be run as a joint effort between the MYBA and the High School Baseball Program.*
- C.** ~~MYBA will contribute \$500 per travel team (\$1000 if only one team per league)~~ *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 \$500. 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 board 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.** A league will revert to a single travel team per league (U10, U12, or U14 respectively) if any one of the following conditions exist:
 - i.** Only one head coach steps forward to volunteer to coach a travel team for a given league.
 - ii.** Less than 9 players try out for a given age group. For example, in Mustang league, if twenty 9 year olds try out but only eight 10 year olds try out you must have a single U10 team. In this scenario, the coach of the older age group will become head coach of the team with the coach of the younger age group becoming an assistant coach.
- F.** 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).
- G.** U9 travel team will follow Mustang league pitching rules (see Article 26, Section 10).
- H.** Any exceptions to these rules must be approved by a majority vote of MYBA board members.
- I.** *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.*
- J.** *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.

ARTICLE 31

BATTING CAGE RULES

- A.** The pitching machines are to be operated by adult coaches only. Under no circumstances will players be allowed to feed the pitching machines.
- B.** One player shall be allowed in each cage at a time. All other players shall remain outside of the building.
- C.** Players shall wear batting helmets at all times while in the building and batting cages.
- D.** Players must be 7 years old or over to use batting cages.
- E.** If the concrete is wet, the batting cages will not be opened. (*Outdoor Cages*).
- F.** Coaches must adjust pitching machines prior to the batter entering the hitting area.
- G.** "Live pitching" in the batting cages will be allowed.
- H.** Pick up all baseballs after your team is finished using the batting cage.
- I.** Finish your hitting round promptly and pick up so the next team can start on time.
- J.** Call the MYBA Batting Cage Coordinator to schedule additional hitting time.
- K.** In the event of any problem with the pitching machines or other equipment, please shut down and report to the MYBA Board Member on field duty or Director of Field Maintenance.
- L.** *No food, gum or seeds are allowed in the Indoor cages.*

The End