

FRANKFORT BOYS BASEBALL, INC. BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this organization, located in Frankfort IL, shall be Frankfort Boys Baseball, Inc., (“FBB”), and commonly referred as Frankfort Baseball, Inc.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization shall be to maintain and run a youth baseball program in the Village of Frankfort. This organization shall field youth baseball teams for an in-house and travel program within the framework of this document, and through the exercise of common sense and good judgment.

Although the organizational goal is to ensure our youth participants develop good baseball skills and talents, the primary goal of FBB is the promotion of team spirit, sportsmanship, and creating a fun environment.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

The membership of this organization shall consist of the Officers of the league, who shall be known as the Board of Directors, as well as those board members who qualify for a position under the following guidelines:

1. Any individual interested in the continuous active participation which positively affects the purpose of Frankfort Baseball Inc., may be nominated by a member to become a member;
2. Approval as a member is attained by majority vote of the membership at any regular meeting of the organization;
3. Managers, coaches, and appointed coordinators to the various leagues must meet qualifications necessary for membership;
4. A person found unworthy of membership may be expelled by recommendation of more than fifty percent (50%) of the Board of Directors (which said recommendation cannot be made until after the member is given the opportunity to a hearing), and on approval or recommendation by at least two-thirds (2/3) of the members attending a regular meeting;
5. Voting to expel a member or elect an individual shall be held by secret ballot;
6. All new members shall be given a copy of Frankfort Baseball, Inc.’s By-Laws and league rules.
7. A Frankfort resident and/or resident within the Frankfort Park District boundaries.

A. Division Placement (Leagues)

The children so enrolled in FBB shall be placed in their respective leagues as follows:

<u>AGE</u>	<u>LEAGUE</u>
5 year old	Shetland
6 year old	Instructional 6
7 year old	Instructional 7
8 year old	Pinto
9 & 10 year old	Mustang
11 & 12 year old	Bronco
13-14 year old	Pony
15-16 year old	Colt
17-19 year old	Palomino
19-23 year old	Collegiate

B. Age Deadline

The league age for a player is the age attained as of April 30th of the current playing season, and therefore determines the placement into a League.

C. Exceptions

A child will be allowed to “play up” into a league higher than his or her current age as dictated by the April 30 deadline, only if said player is playing with his or her registered school grade level. Requests for exceptions to the age requirements will be presented and reviewed by the Director of Player Personnel. If the Director of Player Personnel agrees with the request, the entire FBB Board must approve by way of vote.

ARTICLE IV: BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND TERM OF OFFICE

The organization of Frankfort Baseball, Inc. shall be composed of Officers, Directors, and Committee Chairpersons. These individuals shall comprise “The Board”.

- A. Officers: The officers will be the President, the Vice President, the Treasurer, the Secretary, and Player Personnel Director. Collectively, these individual comprise “The Executive Board”. The Executive Board shall act as the Executive Committee of the Association, and shall control and manage the property, business, and activities of the Association, and take the necessary action in establishing policies for the conduct of the affairs of FBB consistent with these By-Laws, resolutions, or actions of the Board of Directors.
- B. Board of Directors: In addition to the officers listed in Article IV, A, supra, the Board of Directors shall be comprised of Director of Colt/Palomino, Director of Pony, Director of Bronco, Director of Mustang, Director of Pinto, Director of Instructional 7, Director of Instructional 6, Director of Shetland, Director of Travel Program; Director of Travel Coordinator; Director of Fall Ball/Tournaments; Director of Purchasing/Equipment; Director of Grounds; Director of Special Events, Director of Concessions, Director of

Volunteers, Director of Umpires, Director of Website, and the Ex-Officio Past President. An individual can hold no more than one position as a league director, with the exception of the Colt, Palomino, and Pony leagues.

- C. Voting Rights: All members of the Board of Directors are entitled to cast a single vote on those matters brought before the Board for resolution. An exception to this single vote pertains to the Director of Umpires and Ex-Officio past president, who will not have the authority to vote. The President can cast a vote only in the event of a tie on a resolution voted by the Board. Absent such a scenario, the President shall not cast a vote.
- D. Election Years: The Officers to the Board shall be elected on a yearly basis. The following Board Members shall be elected during ODD years: Director of Colt/Palomino; Director of Bronco; Director of Pinto; Director of Instructional 6; Director of Grounds; Director of Concessions; Director of Travel Coordinator; Director of Fall Ball/Tournaments.

The following members shall be elected during EVEN years: Director of Pony; Director of Mustang; Director of Instructional 7; Director of Shetland; Director of Travel; Director of Purchasing/Equipment; Director of Special Events; Director of Volunteers, Director of Website.

- E. Member Vacancy: Any vacancy on the Board of Directors arising between elections may be filled by a vote of the remainder of the Board of Directors. Prior to the September Board meeting, the Nomination Committee will be empowered to present the names of candidates for each office. The Nomination Committee will be appointed by the President, and will be made up of three (3) members.
- F. Board Meetings: There shall be a meeting of the Board of Directors each month. The President shall call additional meetings as required, or upon the request of two (2) Board members.
1. Quorum: Greater than fifty percent (50%) of voting members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business duly presented at any meeting of the Board.
 2. Board Approval: a majority of Board Members in attendance at a Board Meeting is required for the approval of any measure brought for a vote. A two-thirds majority (2/3) vote of all Board Members is required to change these By-Laws.
 3. Electronic Voting: motions made through electronic means are acceptable for those issues upon which a special board meeting is not called and occur between monthly meetings. For the motion to move forward, a second Board Member must “second” the motion. A simple majority of the entire Board is required for approval. The motion and voting results must be ratified at the next Board Meeting and recorded in the minutes.

4. Parliamentary Rules of Procedure: Robert's Rules of Order shall be used as procedure guidelines for meetings of the Board.
5. Term of Office: The term of office for a Board Member shall commence when announced by the President at the September Board meeting, and the new board term begins at the October meeting.

G. Financial Management:

1. Registration Fees: The Board of Directors shall set the annual fees which shall be paid by each member participating in a baseball season. Said fees may vary depending upon the age level as deemed by the Board of Directors.
2. Fiscal Year: the fiscal year of the Association shall begin October 1, and end September 30.
3. Annual Budget: The Board of Directors shall approve an Annual Budget at the September board meeting.
4. Execution of Instruments on Behalf of the Association: Any checks and drafts under the sum of \$2,500.00 may be executed by the President or Treasurer of FBB. Any checks or drafts more than \$2,500.00 must be approved by the FBB Board. Any execution of loans, mortgages, or expenditures which exceed the annual budget must have the prior approval of the FBB Board, and then may be executed by the Officers so empowered.

H. Board of Directors Meetings

1. Frequency: there shall be a Board of Meetings each month. The President shall call additional meetings of the FBB Board as required, or upon the motion of two (2) Board members.
2. Attendance: any board member that is absent for three (3) meetings during a calendar year without good cause will be subject to removal from the Board. Prior to removal, the President will discuss the member's attendance with him/her. If in the President's opinion the member does not provide sufficient reasons for the absences, the President will recommend the member's removal from the Board. Removal will occur only upon the majority vote of the Board.
3. Performance of Duties: The Board of Directors has the authority to dismiss any FBB Board member who fails to perform their duties as prescribed by these by-laws. The dismissal of a Board Member is subject to a majority vote of the entire voting Board of Directors.

Except as otherwise provided by these By-Laws, the President, or his delegate, may appoint Committees with such duties, powers, responsibilities, and procedures as he may prescribe. The President and he Secretary shall have the privilege of the floor at meetings of all Committees.

ARTICLE V: FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of this organization shall end on the 30th day of September.

ARTICLE VI: DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT

The President shall preside at all general, special, and executive meetings, as well as all League functions. In addition, the President shall:

1. Be an active member of all committees that deal with the Frankfort community;
2. Insure the league and its' members adhere to the rules, by-laws, and regulations of Frankfort Baseball, Inc.;
3. Represent Frankfort Baseball, Inc. in all official contacts with other public or private bodies or officials, except where such contact duties are delegated to a specific person or committee;
4. Appoint a PONY liaison;
5. Prepare and file Secretary of State incorporation documents.

ARTICLE VII: DUTIES OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

The Vice President shall assist the President in overseeing the Tournament committee and shall oversee all fund raising activities. In addition, the Vice President shall:

1. Prepare and distribute fundraising/sponsorship information and registration forms;
2. Coordinate and prepare a list of team sponsors for each league and distribute in February this list to the Director of Player Personnel prior to league drafts and to the Director of Purchasing/Equipment for uniform lettering;
3. Coordinate the delivery of the necessary artwork to the printer for sponsor banners;
4. Seek approval from the Frankfort Park District for any field or sponsorship banners, including scoreboard sponsorships that will appear at the ballparks;
5. Coordinate and arrange for the display of field and/or sponsorship banners.

ARTICLE VIII: DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY

The Secretary shall be responsible for recording the activities of Frankfort Baseball, Inc., and maintain the necessary files and records as it relates to Board activities. In addition, the Secretary shall:

1. Reserve a location for each monthly and/or Board of Directors meeting;
2. Record all minutes of each meeting and distribute them to the Board within 10 days of the last meeting;
3. Maintain and distribute a list of Board members with their contact information at the November meeting;
4. Maintain accurate and current master records of all League Rules;
5. Serve as liaison between the Board and all Committees;
6. Assist the Director of Player Personnel in the preparation and distribution of all Registration and Try Out Information and/or flyers;
7. Assist in the preparation of the League Directory and coordinate its printing and distribution for Opening Day.

ARTICLE IX: DUTIES OF THE TREASURER

The Treasurer shall receive all monies for FBB and shall keep an accurate record of all receipts as it relates to the expenditures made by FBB. The Treasurer shall pay all funds as authorized by the Board of Directors. In addition, the Treasurer shall:

1. Prepare and distribute a proposed Fiscal Budget for review and acceptance by the Board of Directors at the October board meeting;
2. Prepare and distribute a written report of accounts at each monthly meeting;
3. Prepare and distribute a full Financial Statement to the Board of Directors annually;
4. Prepare and file all tax forms;
5. Obtain and maintain all required insurance coverage policies on behalf of FBB and the Board Members;
6. Prepare all PONY organization application forms and pay the appropriate fees to PONY annually;

ARTICLE X: DUTIES OF PLAYER PERSONNEL

The Director of Player Personnel shall be responsible for all player eligibility and registration information for those participating in the FBB Baseball Program. The Director of Player Personnel shall also have the primary responsibility of league and team assignments through the assistance of each respective League Director, and the President. In addition, the Director of Player Personnel shall:

1. Coordinate and oversee the registration process;
2. Prepare and distribute registration flyers;
3. Verify player registration information and check residency issues;
4. Collect and maintain all player evaluations provided by League Directors;
5. Prepare and maintain a list of any late sign-ups during registration;
6. Prepare and maintain any “call up” lists for each league when substitutions are needed;
7. Prepare and present to the Board any “play up” or “play down” requests made by parents as it relates to registrants.
8. Coordinate and oversee with the President and each League Director the “draft” to establish teams for the Pinto levels on up to the Pony League.

ARTICLE XI: DUTIES OF DIRECTOR OF EQUIPMENT PURCHASING

The Director of Equipment Purchasing shall be responsible for the purchasing of all equipment, uniforms, and trophies issued by this organization. The Director of Equipment Purchasing shall also be responsible for maintaining the quality of all equipment used, as well as maintaining an adequate inventory of the equipment annually. In addition, the Director of Equipment Purchasing shall:

1. Submit a proposed budget at the November Board meeting for the anticipated known and projected expenditures for the upcoming season. (i.e.- uniforms, trophy, baseballs)
2. Purchase and replace any new items deemed necessary by the Board of Directors;
3. Obtain and distribute to the Board for approval any expenditure exceeding 2,500.00;
4. Obtain and coordinate with the Vice President the specific team sponsors for the upcoming season and provide this information to the uniform vendor;
5. Obtain and coordinate with the Director of Player Personnel the number of teams and roster spots anticipated for each league and place an order for uniforms with the uniform vendor in the month of February (regular season) and August (Fall Ball);
6. Distribute and collect all equipment in the months of March, July, August, and October;
7. Organize and maintain the storage facility for League equipment, including negotiating storage contracts and presenting this information to the Board for approval.

ARTICLE XII: DUTIES OF DIRECTOR OF UMPIRES

The Director of Umpires shall be responsible for organizing and overseeing all umpire activities that are provided for the in-house and part-time travel (Eagles) baseball games. The Director of Umpires shall maintain a complete file on each umpire used for FBB games, and shall provide bi-weekly timesheets to the Treasurer for payroll payments. In addition, the Director of Umpires shall:

1. Schedule two (2) umpires for in-house and Eagles' games;
2. Receive a stipend of \$1,500.00 for scheduling;
3. Train and discipline the umpire staff;
4. Maintain and distribute all umpire equipment bags;
5. Provide a list of equipment needed to the Director of Equipment Purchasing;
6. Develop a pay structure for umpires and provide this information to the Board at the March Board meeting;
7. Maintain a payroll tax record for tax purposes in conjunction with the Treasurer;
8. Submit payroll spreadsheet to the Treasurer for payroll payments bi-weekly.

ARTICLE XIII: DUTIES OF DIRECTOR OF FALL BALL & TOURNAMENTS

The Director of Fall Ball & Tournaments hosted by FBB shall oversee and be responsible for the Fall Baseball league along with the July Part-Time Travel Tournament commonly referred to as the "Summer Sizzle". The following shall be performed by this position:

1. Coordinate the Fall Ball schedule and meet with other towns participating in this league;
2. Create the Fall Ball schedule for all groups of participation annually;
3. Assist the Director of Player Personnel in creating Fall Ball teams;
4. Create and distribute a flier promoting the Summer Sizzle Tournament as needed;

5. Receive and record all registration forms and checks from those teams participating in the Summer Sizzle Tournament;
6. Create and publish Summer Sizzle Tournament rules and game schedules;
7. Create and coordinate with the FBB and Eagles managers a schedule to adequately cover those games played during the Sizzle Tournament as field marshals;
8. Arrange with the Director of Equipment and Purchasing awards and trophies for the Summer Sizzle Tournament in the month of June, as well as any other equipment needed for hosting this tournament;
9. Distribute the rules and procedures for the Summer Sizzle Tournament prior to tournament play;
10. Coordinate with the Director of Website a playoff bracket schedule and develop a process for the recording of game scores.

ARTICLE XIV: DUTIES OF DIRECTOR OF GROUNDS

The Director of Grounds shall oversee and maintain the quality of all fields and the related equipment associated with the maintenance of the facilities and fields used by FBB. In addition, the Director of Grounds shall:

1. Act as the liaison between FBB and the Frankfort Park District's Director of Maintenance as it relates to the maintenance, upkeep, and improvements to all fields and practice areas used by FBB;
2. Supervise, direct, and coordinate the grounds keeping staff as needed for each baseball season.
3. Submit payroll spreadsheet to the Treasurer for payroll payments bi-weekly.
4. Maintain a payroll tax record for grounds employees in conjunction with the Treasurer;
5. Coordinate all fieldrepairs and maintenance work for score boards, field lightings, and water service.

ARTICLE XIII & XIV: DUTIES OF DIRECTORS OF TRAVEL & TRAVEL COORDINATOR

The Directors of Travel Ball and Travel Coordinator are two (2) positions that shall oversee all full and part-time travel baseball teams by FBB. The full time travel team shall be known as the "Force", and the part-time teams shall be known as the "Eagles". In addition, the Director of Travel Ball and Travel Coordinator shall:

1. Schedule, post and coordinate player evaluation days for travel teams;
2. Chair the Travel Manager nominating committee and propose managerial candidates to the FBB Board for approval in conjunction with each League Director a travel team is fielded;
3. Submit to the Treasurer the travel budget for each travel team and monitor compliance within the budget. Said budget shall be designed as a "break even" budget, in that if a refund exists for a travel team, a refund will be provided to team

- members. Conversely, any shortage shall require team members to financially contribute to the deficit;
4. Coordinate a practice schedule with the Vice President, League Directors, and Travel team managers a game and practice schedule;
 5. Secure and schedule practice facilities for winter indoor practices;
 6. Prepare annual budgets for the Force and Eagles travel teams, and keeping a separate set of books reporting financial results to the Treasurer
 7. Coordinate the fitting dates for uniforms.

ARTICLE XV: DUTIES OF LEAGUE DIRECTORS

The League Directors shall become the administrative officers under the direction of the President for the Palomino, Colt, Pony, Bronco, Mustang, Pinto, Instructional, Shetland, and Travel Program. All activities pertaining to the functions of all leagues shall be directed by the League Director, and shall be invested with the authority granted by the FBB Board of Directors to take those steps necessary to ensure that the program conforms to the rules as set by these By-Laws and Pony Baseball Rules. In addition, the League Director shall be responsible for the following:

1. Prepare a list of qualified managers for an upcoming season and submit same to the FBB Board for approval. For the in-house program, this list shall be prepared and presented at the February FBB board meeting.
2. Recruit a parent to serve as the League Parent whose responsibility shall include acting as a liaison between the league and individual teams for Picture Day, raffle ticket sales, uniform distribution, volunteer duties, and any other matters that arise during the course of a season.
3. Attend the preseason manager and coaches meeting and distribute FBB Rules along with Pony Organization rules.
4. Assist the Director of Player Personnel in the league draft.
5. Re-schedule all rain outs for his league.
6. Oversee all team and league standings.
7. Select All-Star managers and coaches.
8. Coordinate and Participate with the Travel Director and Travel Coordinator at the travel tryout dates. Provide the Travel Director with names of possible managers for the upcoming travel season.
9. Prepare and coordinate the playoff brackets with the Director of Website at playoff time.
10. Attend and present league trophies to each team at Championship Night.
11. Assist the Director of Equipment and Purchasing with the distribution and collection of all equipment bags.
12. Collect from each manager player evaluation forms upon the season's end and forward them to the Director of Player Personnel. The evaluation forms must be turned into the Director of Player Personnel on or before June 29.

ARTICLE XVI: DUTIES OF DIRECTOR OF CONCESSIONS

The Director of Concessions shall have the responsibility to operate and maintain the concessions stands at Main and Commissioner's Parks. The responsibilities will include staffing, payroll, stocking, and training the volunteers and employees assigned to work on game days. In addition, the following duties shall include:

1. Coordinating the annual county health inspections at the beginning of each year;
2. Obtain any food certifications as required by state and county health agencies;
3. Prepare work schedules as needed;
4. Train employees and volunteers with food preparation and stocking each stand.

ARTICLE XVII: DUTIES OF DIRECTOR OF VOLUNTEERS

The Director of Volunteers shall have the responsibility of coordinating the volunteer redemption program by assigning volunteers for baseball events that include, but not limited to, Opening Day, Picture Day, Memorial Day Tournament, Frankfort Sizzle Tournament, All-Star Sunday, Equipment Distribution and Return days, or any other FBB sponsored event in need of volunteer workers. The duties of the Director of Volunteers shall also include:

1. Set up the dates and shift times for volunteer duties in conjunction with the Special Events Director and other Board Members;
2. Create and maintain accurate records of those workers who have fulfilled their responsibility at an event each year;
3. Assist volunteers at special event dates wherever necessary.

ARTICLE XVIII: DUTIES OF DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EVENTS

The Director of Special Events shall have the responsibility of coordinating and overseeing all events that are hosted by FBB. The primary events associated with this position are as follows:

1. Opening Day: coordinate the music, activities, fundraising awards, and any other matters that will occur at this event;
2. Picture Day: coordinate the a date for the league pictures with a vendor as suggested by the Director. Locate a venue to host picture day that includes in-house and travel teams. Distribute picture forms to league moms.
3. Fundraising: recommend in discussion with the FBB options to create funds for the organization, and implementing those plans upon Board approval;
4. Uniforms: coordinate the pick up of team uniforms from the vendor with the assistance of the Director of Equipment;
5. League Parents: help identify a League Parent for each level of baseball (Shetland through Pony) with the assistance of the appropriate League Director.

ARTICLE XIX: DUTIES OF DIRECTOR OF WEBSITE

The Director of the Website shall have the responsibility to maintain FBB's website and post notices as deemed necessary by the FBB Board. This responsibility shall include opening and closing registrations, updating the master schedule, team rosters, and insuring League sponsorships appear under the Frankfort Baseball banner.

ARTICLE XX: DISCIPLINARY ACTION

The FBB Board of Directors shall have the authority to suspend, discharge, or otherwise discipline any manager, coach, player, umpire, Officer, Director, or any other person whose conduct is in violation of the By-Laws of this organization, and/or any Pony Baseball rule, and/or any conduct that is deemed detrimental to the best interests of FBB. Conduct that is deemed "detrimental to the best interests of FBB" may include, but is not limited to, the following:

Persons subject to any disciplinary action shall have the right to a hearing before the Board of Directors before such discipline is imposed. Before said hearing occurs, it is incumbent upon the Executive Board (President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Director of Player Personnel) to interview those individual(s) involved and recommend to the full Board of Directors the disciplinary action recommended prior to the hearing. The final decision for disciplinary action will be decided upon a full Board vote in which two-thirds (2/3) of the entire Board must agree. The burden of proof in said hearing shall be determined by a "preponderance of evidence", in that it is more likely than not the conduct complained of occurred.

In the event discipline procedures involve a player or person under the age of eighteen (18) years of age, that person's parents shall be invited to attend the hearing.

Any and all individuals who refuse to comply with the FBB By-Laws, Pony Baseball rules, or actions directed by the FBB may be considered for disciplinary action.

A. Penalties:

The Board of Directors may impose any of the below listed

1. **WARNING:** the offending party is advised in writing of the offense and that another violation may lead to a more severe penalty.
2. **SUSPENSION:** the offending party is advised in writing that he or she has been suspended from all baseball activity involving FBB for a specific number of games or days.
3. **DISMISSAL:** the offending party is advised in writing that he or she has been dismissed from all baseball activity involving FBB for the remainder of the current year. Said party shall petition the Board of Directors in writing for reconsideration after the completion of the dismissal, and the Board of

Directors shall vote upon said request. Two-thirds (2/3) of the full Board must approve this request prior to reinstatement.

4. BARRED: the offending party is advised in writing that he or she has been barred from all baseball activity involving FBB.

ARTICLE XXI: TRAVEL BASEBALL PROGRAM

Frankfort Baseball Inc. endorses a travel program. As an organization, Frankfort Baseball Inc. desires to field travel teams primarily composed of Frankfort residents to enhance and develop baseball skills, fundamentals, and an overall knowledge of the game.

The creation and maintenance of this travel program is consistent with ARTICLEII of these By-Laws, in that winning baseball games is not the sole purpose of the travel program. Similar to in-house, emphasis shall be placed upon players developing proper respect for the game and exhibiting the sportsmanship our community expects from its' young adults. FBB understands that roster spots are limited on high school teams. Notwithstanding this, it is the desire of Frankfort Baseball Inc. that Frankfort residents be provided a primary opportunity to play on a travel team sponsored by FBB.

A. Travel Teams

FBB shall endorse the following travel teams annually:

- (i) 8U: an 8U Eagles team along with two (2) Summer Sizzle tournament teams.;
- (ii). 9U: two (2) Eagle travel teams;
- (iii). 10U: a minimum of one (1) Force team and one (1) Eagles team;
- (ii) . 11U: a minimum of one (1) Force team and one (1) Eagles team;
- (v). 12U: a minimum of one (1) Force team and one (1) Eagles team;
- (vi). 13U: a minimum of one (1) Force team and one (1) Eagles team;
- (vii). 14U: a minimum of one (1) Force team and one (1) Eagles team;

FBB understands that the talent level of players varies from year to year. It is therefore the responsibility of the Travel Director, Travel Coordinator, and League Director for each of the above respected age levels to host tryouts and field these teams annually.

In the event it is decided by a vote from the Travel Director, Travel Coordinator, Director of Player Personnel, and League Director that FBB cannot field the minimum amount of teams on an annual basis as designated in this Article XXI, subparagraph (A), then the Travel Director shall notify the FBB Board, by way of a motion and properly "seconded", of this decision no later than August 1st. In the event there is a "tie" as to the recommendation made, the President shall cast the final vote.

The entire Board of Directors shall then cast their votes within 24 hours, and said recommendation shall pass only upon receiving two-thirds (2/3) or more of the entire Board. In the event the motion is not passed, teams will be fielded in accordance with Article XXI, subparagraph A, of these By-Laws.

Conversely, if the Travel Director, Travel Coordinator, Director of Player Personnel, and League Director for each of the above respected age levels concludes that more than one (1) Force or one (1) Eagles team should be fielded for an upcoming season, the Travel Director shall notify the FBB Board by way of a motion, and properly “seconded”, no later than August 1st. The entire Board of Directors shall cast their votes within 24 hours, and said recommendation shall pass only upon receiving two-thirds (2/3) or more of the entire Board. In the event the motion is not passed, teams will be fielded in accordance with Article XVIII, subparagraph A, of these By-Laws.

B. Managers and Coaches

The Travel Director shall chair a nomination committee comprised of the Travel Coordinator, President, Vice President, and applicable League Director, who in turn shall create a list of candidates at each level and brought before the Board of Directors at the August Board meeting.

The Travel Director and/or Travel Coordinator shall publish and receive applications for those members interested in managing a travel team via the League website. The Travel Director and Travel Coordinator shall work with the Director of the Website to insure notification is sent out to league members.

The notifications for manager applicants will be sent out on or before *June 15, 2013*, and all applications must be sent in to the League by no later than *July 1st*.

FBB highly recommends that the manager and coaches selected for a team has a family member on the team. Exceptions will be made only in those circumstances where the applicant has extraordinary baseball coaching experience, and said selection must require approval from the FBB Board.

Managers will then select their coaching staff. The coaches must fill out and prepare an application as was required to manage. The coaching staff shall be approved by the FBB Board.

C. Evaluation Process

Any player desiring to play for a full or part-time team must participate in an evaluation session that will be coordinated by the Travel Director, Travel Coordinator, and appropriate League Director. The evaluation dates will begin as early as two (2) days after the Summer Sizzle Tournament, and will conclude on or before August 1. The evaluation process is designed to identify the skill level of children desiring to play within the Frankfort Baseball Travel Program. There will be, at a minimum, two (2) evaluation sessions set within this timeframe, weather permitting.

Evaluations sessions shall be run by the Force and Eagles’ managers, with the assistance of the Travel Director, Travel Coordinator, and the appropriate League

Director. The evaluations shall include any current travel manager or coach, along with the Travel Director, Travel Coordinator, League Director, and at least one other Executive Board member.

For those players that plan on returning to the same team for the upcoming season, FBB recognizes that there is nothing the player can do within a two (2) hour session that will impact the evaluation of said players' skills that has been formed after observing them perform on the field for the past five (5) months.

If a player feels he or she did not perform well on a given evaluation session, the player may elect to participate in the second session. However, only the scores that will be considered are those recorded during the second evaluation. The scores from the first session will be discarded.

D. Player Eligibility

(i). All residents of the Village of Frankfort or within the boundaries of the Frankfort Park District are eligible for a roster spot on either a Force or Eagles squad;

(ii). A Force team comprised of eleven (11) players may have a maximum of two (2) non-resident players on its' roster. A Force team of twelve (12) players may have a maximum of three (3) non-resident players on its' roster;

(iii). Only those players who are registered for the in-house baseball program are eligible for a roster spot on an Eagles team. In the event a player who did not participate with the in-house baseball program is offered an Eagles spot and fails to register for the upcoming in-house season, the player will be deemed ineligible and another player will be offered the roster spot. For those players who did not play in-house baseball in FBB preceding their tryout and subsequently are offered an Eagles position for the upcoming Spring season, that player must register in the Fall Ball program in the year of his/her try-out. In the event a player does not register in the Fall Ball program, the player will be deemed ineligible and another player will be offered the spot.

E. Roster Guidelines

(i). Force and Eagles rosters will consist of a minimum of eleven (11) and a maximum of twelve (12) players. Rosters may be expanded to thirteen only upon the approval of the FBB Board;

(ii). Force rosters will be selected first from the entire pool of players seeking a Force spot. The Force roster shall be selected and published upon the FBB website within ten (10) days of the final evaluation date for that age bracket;

(iii). To secure a Force roster spot, the player must submit a non-refundable

deposit of \$250.00 within one (1) week of being notified of the position or the roster spot will open to the next eligible candidate;

(iv) Eagles rosters will then be selected from the remaining entire pool of players seeking an Eagles spot.

(v) To secure an Eagles spot, the player must submit a non-refundable deposit of \$250.00 within one (1) week or the roster spot will open to the next eligible candidate. The Eagles roster shall be selected and published upon the FBB website within fifteen (15) days of the final evaluation date for that age bracket;

(vi). All Force and Eagles team rosters, including manager selections, shall be set on or before August 1.

(vii). For 9U Eagles teams, the Travel Director and Team Managers shall equally divide the talent amongst both rosters. The top six (6) to eight (8) pitchers will be split so that the pitchers rated 1, 3, 5, and 7 will be on one team, and pitchers 2, 4, 6, and 8 will be on the other squad. The remaining players will be split as equally as possible in considering their defensive skills.

(viii). In the event a FBB Board decision is made not to field a Force team as required by subsection (A) of this Article XVI, then the two Eagles teams that are fielded will have their rosters set in accordance of Section E of this Article.

F. Game Schedules

The following guideline shall be followed by the Travel Director and managers for the Travel Program:

Force

10U-	40 to 45 games
11U & 12U-	45 to 55 games
13U & 14U-	55 to 65 games

The manager and Travel Director will determine the suitable playing level or league to enter to best match the abilities of the team. Each Force team will have the ability to schedule a home game on Saturday and Sunday. Every effort will be used to provide each Force team one weeknight a week to schedule a home game, so long as there is no conflict with the in-house program.

Eagles

All Eagle teams shall participate in the Chicago Land Sunday Baseball League, which generally consists of 9 games plus participation in the Memorial Day tournament. With the exception of the Memorial Day Tournament, no Eagles

players will play in any other tournaments during the in-house season. Once the in-house season has concluded, Eagles teams may play in those tournaments as outlined below. Eagle games may be scheduled on days other than Sunday but are subject to field availability. Eagles' teams are permitted to add scrimmage games on days they are scheduled to practice, including Friday nights.

In the month of July, FBB hosts the Summer Sizzle Tournament. All Eagle teams will play in this tournament, and are permitted to participate in other tournaments within the below listed guidelines:

8U, 9U, and 10U:	3 tournaments
11U, 12U, 13U, & 14U	4 tournaments

G. Practices

Indoor practice time allocated to Force and Eagle teams by school districts or other municipal bodies shall be allocated equally between the Force and Eagle teams by the Director of Travel Baseball and Travel Coordinator.

All expenses associated with the rental of these facilities shall be solely by the FBB Travel program budget.

H. Finances

(i). Force: The Director of Travel shall establish and maintain budgets and financial statements for each Force and Eagle teams. Each Force team shall have a separate back account. The Director of Travel and Treasurer, along with the FBB Board, will set the player fee each Force player that shall be paid to FBB on or before *December 31*. This fee shall cover the cost associated with field maintenance and capital improvements with the playing fields.

Force and Eagles teams may conduct fundraising activities for their respective teams upon FBB approval. Any monies collected that exceeds a team's cost for the year will be returned to the parents on a pro-rata basis.

(ii). Eagles: The finances for Eagle teams will be maintained from the current operating account of FBB. The Director of Travel and the Treasurer will establish a player fee that must be paid in full by *December 31st* prior to the upcoming season. This fee will cover the costs associated with uniforms, game expenses, field maintenance expenses, umpire expenses, tournament expenses, Chicagoland Sunday League Baseball fees, and any practice facility charges in the winter.

Eagles teams may conduct fundraising activities for their respective teams upon FBB approval. Any monies collected that exceeds a team's cost for the year will be returned to the parents on a pro-rata basis.

I. Playing Time

Managers for Force and Eagles teams shall play each of the players in a defensive position as outline below. Games ending early as a result of suspension, weather, or due to a mercy rule shall be exempted from these guidelines. Any manager or coach that deviates this rule is subject to disciplinary action as detailed in Article of these by-laws.

Length of Game (innings)	Minimum Defensive Innings
6	4
7	4
8	5
9	6

Both Force and Eagles teams must play in leagues that employ a continuous batting order. Force and Eagles teams are permitted to play in one (1) tournament per season that does not use a continuous batting order with the permission of the Travel Director. Any requests above and beyond this permission shall require the approval of the FBB Board.

J. Pitching

Eagles' teams shall follow the pitching guidelines as prescribed by the Chicago Land Sunday League. Force teams have no pitching limitations, however, it is highly recommended that a player not pitch more than 3 innings per game in non-tournament play, and no more than 10 innings per week for ages 10, 11, and 12; and no more than 13 innings per week for the ages of 13 and 14.