



Fauquier Babe Ruth Baseball **By-Laws**

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1. The name of the Organization is Fauquier Babe Ruth.
2. The purpose of the Organization is to promote the development of strong character, a positive attitude, and a sense of responsibility and citizenship in youngsters, using the game of baseball as a vehicle, and in furtherance thereof, to promote fair play, good sportsmanship and congenial fellowship, with adult leaders providing the example through baseball leagues organized for youngsters. Without limitation by virtue of the preceding sentence, the purpose of the Organization will include the conduct of any or all lawful affairs, not required to be specifically stated herein, which are deemed appropriate for its members
3. The Organization will have one class of members. In order to qualify for membership, the applicant must be 1) a parent or guardian of players residing within the approved franchise areas of the Organization, 2) a manager or coach of a team established by the Organization, 3) a person who has applied and been accepted by the Board to work in and for the league as a volunteer, 4) a lifetime member of the Organization elected in accordance with the Organization's Bylaws. The applicant may be male or female and must be of good character.
4. Directors of the Organization will be elected in the manner provided by the Bylaws.
5. The address of the Organization is P.O Box 1280, Warrenton, VA 20188.



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ARTICLE I - GOVERNMENT

1.01 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- A. The Board of Directors of the Fauquier Babe Ruth will consist of no more than 25 members. The Board will consist of 5 officers (President, Vice President, Secretary, Webmaster and Treasurer), Registrar, Tournament Director, Equipment Manager, Sponsorship Coordinator, Fundraiser Coordinator, and the T-Ball Commissioner, Rookie Commissioner, Minor & Major Commissioner, Prep & Jr. Commissioner, and a Senior Commissioner. No member of the Board of Directors shall hold more than two of these positions nor exercise more than one vote. President and Vice President can only hold that one office. In order to be eligible to run for the Board the candidate must meet the Board meeting attendance criteria established by these Bylaws. Members in good standing who are present at the meeting will be eligible to vote for individuals whose names appear on a list of nominees for Board of Director positions prepared by a nominating committee appointed by the President. Additional nominations of individuals will be accepted from the floor. Individuals are eligible to run for the Board provided they have attended at least three Board meetings. All candidates must appear before the Board at the election meeting. Candidates who cannot be present for this meeting must have prior approval from the Nomination Committee Chairperson in order to still be considered. All elected Board of Director members shall be allowed to register one son or daughter in both our spring and fall regular season league.
- B. At its discretion, the Board may choose to select an individual or individuals to serve on the board as an "Honorary Lifetime Member." In order to qualify for this honor, the recipient must be a current or former Board member and have provided at least 10 years of service to the League. A two-thirds vote of the Board is required to ratify the selection. Honorary Members are subject to the rules set forth in Paragraphs 1.05 and 1.06.
- C. The Board shall have the authority to review these bylaws and update them as necessary, and to rule on specific situations not covered herein, as is required in the normal operation of the league. The decisions of the Board will, in all cases, be final. A two-thirds vote of the Board is required to ratify the bylaws.

1.02 NOMINATIONS

Prior to the election, the Board of Directors will determine the number of positions to be filled during the election, not to be less than the minimum nor to exceed the maximum established above. Nominees receiving the greatest number of votes will be elected to fill the prescribed Board positions. Should a tie vote occur prior to the filling of the prescribed number of Board positions, the nominees receiving tie votes will be placed on a second ballot and a re-vote will be taken to determine the remaining elected Directors. In all cases candidates must receive at least 25% of the votes cast to be elected to fill the prescribed board positions. Nominations will be taken for President, Webmaster and Treasurer on the even years and Secretary, Vice President on the odd years.



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1.03 ELECTIONS

The Board and its Officers will be elected at the regular October meeting. Their terms will begin November 1.

1.04 TERM OF OFFICE

All Officers and the webmaster will serve two year terms all other positions will serve a one year term. During its tenure in office, the Board may, as circumstances dictate, alter its membership, provided the total membership of the Board is not thereby decreased nor increased to a number lesser or greater than the number prescribed in Paragraph 1.01. The terms of all Board members, regardless of when originally elected, shall expire on October 31, however, they shall continue to serve in a temporary capacity, as necessary, beyond this date until the election and acceptance of a successor. Should any office become vacant during the year, the Board may fill the same for the remainder of the term.

1.05 EXPULSION

Any member of the Board of Directors may, for cause, be removed by a two-thirds majority vote of the Directors present at any regularly scheduled or special Board meeting. A quorum is necessary as outlined in Section 2.02.

1.06 VOTING RIGHTS

- A All Members: All members will have equal voting rights for those items being voted upon by the general membership. Such voting rights are attained only through attendance of at least six meetings of the Organization during each one-year period commencing November 1 and running through October 31. Voting rights are exercised in such manners as prescribed by the Organization Bylaws.
- B All Members: Upon election to the Board of Directors, Board members are entitled to vote on all issues that come before the Board, including but not limited to issues pertaining to the normal affairs, structure and operations of the League.
- C Attendance: A Board Member who misses three consecutive regularly scheduled Board meetings (excused or unexcused) will lose his/her voting rights. Such rights shall be restored upon attendance at two consecutive regularly scheduled meetings of the Board (enabling the member to vote at the second meeting).

1.07 ENCUMBERED FUNDS

Other than for capital improvements, such as lights, the Board cannot encumber funds past the current year of its term. The Board cannot sign long-term agreements requiring future Boards to purchase services from vendors or service providers. Capital improvements include money spent for replacing and improving the League's facilities, not for operating expenses.



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ARTICLE II - BOARD MEETINGS

2.01 MEETING SCHEDULE

The Organization will hold meetings on the first Thursday of each month: time and place to be announced or at another time and date as long as at least one week notice is given by posting on the website. A meeting of the Board of Directors only shall be scheduled at any time of each month whenever the Board deems it necessary. Additional meetings may be called by the President at any time, or upon written request of at least three (3) members of the Board of Directors.

2.02 QUORUM

A majority of the Board of Directors will constitute a "quorum" at any meeting. A majority vote of those present will govern except where otherwise provided herein. Proxy votes will not be permitted at any meeting of the Board. A two-thirds majority of those present is required to change the Bylaws.

2.03 PROTOCOL

Robert's Rules of Order (Modern Edition) serve as the guide for the conduct of proceedings of all meetings.

ARTICLE III - FINANCE

3.01 FINANCIAL POLICY

The Board of Directors will decide all matters pertaining to the financial policy of FBR.

3.02 FINANCIAL PRE-ENCUMBRANCE

Expenditure of funds must be authorized in advance by the Board and the Treasurer will be notified in order to place a pre-encumbrance against the account, which effectively reserves funds for the expenditure.

3.03 FINANCIAL BUDGET

The FBR Board prior to commencement of spring season shall adopt a budget for that fiscal year. A financial report will be prepared and handed out to the general membership for review on a quarterly basis to be accepted and voted (by the board) into the record as part of that months minutes.



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3.04 FINANCIAL APPROVAL

Any non-budgeted procurement costing in excess of \$1000 requires a majority vote of the Board members, and a quorum is necessary as outlined in Section 2.02. Any encumbrance or expenditure of funds that is not included in the annual adopted budget must be discussed and approved as a part of the regular monthly meeting and must be brought forward as a business item by one of the five officers.

3.05 REFUNDS

- A All requests for refunds must be in the form of a letter and addressed or emailed to the President of Fauquier Babe Ruth. Verbal requests or requests made by telephone will not be considered.
- B All requests for refunds must be for the current season. Refund requests for previous seasons will not be considered.
- C All requests for refunds must be received within five (5) days from the close of registration for the current season for both the Spring and Fall seasons. ALL REFUND REQUESTS FOR EITHER SEASON RECEIVED AFTER THESE DATES WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.
- D For any refund processed there will be a \$35.00 fee deducted from the amount to be refunded.
- E If there are multiple players associated with the refund request, the administration fee will be charged to each player (Example: a family requests a refund for two different players, the administration fee would be \$70.00).
- F If a refund is processed, it will be processed by Fauquier Babe Ruth within four weeks after the first game of the season.

3.06 ANNUAL AUDIT

- A The books will be done by an independent group of individuals. In keeping with the recommendations of the IRS, this audit can be done by persons from within the organization, however it cannot be done by those with financial authority. After the audit is complete, it will become a part of the annual financial report.

ARTICLE IV - LEAGUE GOVERNING RULES

4.01 LEAGUE REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

The Official Rule Guide of Babe Ruth Baseball and the Fauquier Babe Ruth Bylaws will govern play.

4.02 RULE CONFLICTS

Where provisions in the Fauquier Babe Ruth Bylaws conflict with provisions in other governing rules and regulations, the Bylaws will govern.



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ARTICLE V - PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- 5.01 Any child meeting the requirements as set forth in the Babe Ruth rules and regulations as well as Fauquier Babe Ruth Bylaws, and residing within the boundaries of Fauquier County as defined in the respective charters of the above organizations, will be eligible to participate in the League, except as herein provided.
- 5.02 Each player must present proof of age prior to that player's first year of play in FBR. This shall be done by displaying a copy of the player's birth certificate to the League Secretary or his/her designee. Any exception to the submission of a birth certificate must be approved by the Board of Directors.
- 5.03 Registrations not paid prior to drafts will be deleted from our system. Check our website for dates and times for our scheduled drafts each year.

ARTICLE VI - POSITION DESCRIPTIONS

Any Officer, Commissioner or any elected position can form any committees that they see fit to get their duties completed. That officer, commissioner or elected position seeking committee help will be held responsible for that committee and should present to the board everyone working on the committees and each project each committee is working on.

6.01 PRESIDENT

The President will serve as Chairperson of the Board of Directors and will: preside at all meetings of the Board; The President shall set the agenda of all meetings and have general supervision of the affairs of the organization; make reports to the Directors, and perform all other duties as appropriate that are properly assigned by the Board. Upon the approval of the Board of Directors of the annual budget, the President may proceed to operate within the limits of the same without further approval by the Board of Directors except as provided in Article III. The President will establish committees as deemed appropriate and appoint a chairperson for any committee established within the League. In any matter coming before the Board, the President will vote only in the case of a tie vote. Persons removed from office by the Board may appeal that decision to the Board in accordance with Article 10.06 (Disciplinary Appeal).

6.02 VICE PRESIDENTS

The Vice Presidents will exercise all of the functions of the President during his or her absence; is responsible for the normal day-to-day operations of the League; will be responsible for overseeing league registration, create game and practice schedules for each division with the respective League Commissioners, and will be responsible for overseeing compliance with our Bylaws.

6.03 TREASURER

The Treasurer will have custody of all of the funds and securities of the organization, depositing funds in the name of the League in community banks; will prepare, on behalf of the President, an annual report for examination and approval by the Board; provide the necessary reports and information to the Parks and Recreation Department for the League's annual budget request; will provide a financial report at each regular Board meeting; will maintain sufficient records to assure that League expenses will not exceed the budget by more than ten 10% without prior approval of the Board; will issue all checks,



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drafts or money orders in payment of proper League expenses. All checks, drafts, notes, and other orders for the payment of funds will be signed by one of two authorized League officials. For the purpose of this section, authorized League officials will be those individuals holding the offices of President and Treasurer. The Treasurer will exhibit the books and accounts to any officer of the Board upon request.

6.04 SECRETARY

The Secretary will issue notices of all meetings; keep the minutes, have charge of the organization's books; sign, with the President, such instruments which require such signatures; make reports, and perform other duties as appropriate that are properly assigned by the Board. The Secretary will keep and maintain a record of the name, address, phone number, and date of birth of all players, managers, and coaches, as well as copies of the official roster of each team. The Secretary will be responsible for maintaining the official attendance of individuals present at each board meeting and will insure that the meeting attendance is recorded in the minutes.

6.05 LEAGUE COMMISSIONERS

The role of the Commissioner is to serve as a communication link between the Board of Directors, and the Managers and teams in each league. The Commissioner shall arrange umpire support for all games, notify the Managers about meetings, schedules, rule changes, and policy decisions, and may help to coordinate league sponsored events. He or she performs other duties as appropriate that are assigned by the Board. He or she routinely advises the executive board of unusual matters arising during the playing season. To do this, the Commissioner must attend all Board meetings, as well as attend as many league and tournament games as possible. The Commissioner will impart his/her perspective on the proper operation of the league to all managers and coaches. The Commissioners are also responsible for keeping a copy of the official roster for each team in their league, and to furnish copies of those rosters to any Board member upon request. They will help with the registration process and be involved in policy decisions with respect to their league. The Commissioner will be present at player evaluations and drafts. The Commissioners insure that all league documents held within their possession will be kept confidential and will remain the property of FBR. These records will not be released to any individual without a written request and the prior approval of the Board. The commissioners are required to submit the team win-loss records for their respective leagues during the course of the season. Commissioners should go over the rules for their respective League with the managers of that league. He or she will report to the Board any issues concerning non-compliance with the league rules, reports of misconduct, and any outstanding complaints against managers or coaches. Finally, the Commissioners will work with the managers of Babe Ruth Tournament teams in completing all necessary paperwork. League Commissioners may assign any number of non-voting assistants as deemed necessary for the smooth operation and administration of a league.

6.06 EQUIPMENT MANAGER

The Equipment Manager is responsible for the procurement, accountability, and distribution of all playing equipment; will at the close of the playing season, prepare an inventory of all equipment on hand and present a report to the Directors on request. All Local League equipment will be purchased by the Equipment Manager, or his or her designee, who will operate within the limits of the annual budget approved by the Board. He/She will solicit competitive bids for major expenditures and present his or her recommendations for accepting such bids to the Board. Major expense will be anything above \$1000.00 per occurrence.



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6.07 WEBMASTER

The Webmaster is responsible for all website registrations and pay pal and E-check payments. The Webmaster is also responsible for keeping our website up to date and entering required information as well as working with the registrar on changes, enhancements and down time. The Webmaster will also assist commissioners, officers and coaches with our website.

6.08 TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

The Tournament Director is responsible for the operation of all Babe Ruth tournaments hosted by our local league, including District, State, Regional, and World Series tournaments. The Director may appoint as many people as he/she deems necessary to the tournament committee(s).

The Tournament Director is responsible for ensuring that FBR tournament teams are in compliance with all rules associated with Babe Ruth Tournament play. This includes but is not limited to: supplying all necessary documents, scorebooks, emergency permits, ID cards, and game schedules to Tournament team managers in each division. The Tournament Coordinator is also responsible to set up credential checks for all participants.

When the FBR has been chosen to host a tournament, the Tournament Director will have additional responsibilities. These include, but are not limited to; brackets and game scheduling, protest committee, announcers, official scorekeepers, umpires, awards, souvenirs, programs, fields and grounds, notification of all district and state officials, preparation of district, state, regional packets, and exchanging information with all participants. All decisions and requests for funds will be submitted in written form and presented to the board for approval. No money must be spend without such approval.

The Tournament Director or a representative must be present for all games and he or his designee should attend all district and state meetings with Babe Ruth officials concerning the tournament. All tournament information should be sent to the director rather than through the Board.

6.09 FUNDRAISER COORDINATOR

The fundraiser Coordinator is responsible for the fundraisers as well as our picture drive. They are to get coaches and teams involved with his/her ideas to raise funds for our house league.

6.10 SPONSORSHIP COORDINATOR

The sponsorship coordinator is responsible for getting sponsorship for our teams by working with vendors and businesses to donate money. Sponsorship coordinator will also coordinate the placement of business names on shirts, banners made and displayed as well as providing the President with lists for donations for donation letters.

6.11 REGISTRAR

The Registrar should assist the Webmaster at any time as well as work with commissioners, managers and parents with our website, with scores and team news that should be posted on the website.



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6.12 FIELD COORDINATOR

The field coordinator is the liaison between the FBR Board and Fauquier County Parks and Recreation. Will also be responsible for all paperwork, permits and/or contracts necessary for field use and scheduling with Fauquier County Parks and Recreations. Must attend any and all Parks meetings required by Parks and Recreation on the Board's behalf.

ARTICLE VII - TEAMS

- 7.01 In order to participate in the FBR league, each manager and assistant coach must submit completed coach's applications to the league's webmaster each year as well as each session in order to be considered for a coaching position.
- 7.02 The names of all players shall be submitted on an official Babe Ruth roster to each league manager at coaches certification. No child is to be added to a roster without the commissioner's approval. Any violation of this procedure will be subject to the penalty as stated under 11.07 – Rule Infractions. No changes will be allowed unless one of the following occur:
- 7.03 All late player registration will be placed on a waiting list and will be assigned to a team by the President or Vice President as close as possible to his/her address.
- 7.04 A player is bound to a team by the team roster filed by the League Commissioner.
- 7.05 No players can be added to a team after May 10, unless the team roster is below twelve (12). A list of players removed must be sent to the League Commissioner in writing, along with a list of players to replace the number of players removed. The team roster cannot exceed fifteen (15) players.

ARTICLE VIII – GAMES, SCHEDULES AND CANCELLATIONS

- 8.01 Game schedules shall be issued by Fauquier Babe Ruth. Changes are to be approved by the League Commissioners. The time and date for a game to be resumed or rescheduled due to protest upheld, time curfew, weather conditions, etc., will be established by the League Commissioners and played on the next available date after the originally scheduled/played game, and within two weeks of the original game. The penalty for failure to comply with the makeup game as prescribed by the Commissioner will be forfeiture. All games must be played prior to the last scheduled game of the season.
- 8.02 **In the event it becomes necessary to cancel a scheduled game other than due to inclement weather, the appropriate commissioner is responsible for notifying the head of the Umpires Association and the league President as soon as possible prior to game time.**

ARTICLE IX - MANAGERS AND COACHES

9.01 LIMITATIONS

Each team shall have one individual designated as manager. A manager may have as many assistants as he/she deems necessary provided they meet the membership criteria established by these bylaws. Not



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more than three (3) approved individuals per team (four in T-Ball) other than team members and the scorekeeper, will be permitted on the playing area, including dugouts, during any game.

9.02 RESPONSIBILITIES

- A Managers will be responsible for their own team's actions on the playing fields as well as parents, coaches, etc. All managers and their assistants will conduct themselves within the Rules of Conduct established by FBR, Babe Ruth Baseball and Section 10.01 of these Bylaws.
- B Managers will be responsible for distributing, maintaining, **and when necessary, returning** any uniforms and equipment that is issued to them by the Organization.
- C Managers will be responsible for the day to day condition and maintenance of their playing fields, as well as the sheds/storage buildings located at these fields.
- D The manager of the home team is responsible for preparing the field for play, unless prior arrangements have been made with the manager of the visiting team. Both team managers are responsible for post-game field care and to make sure all equipment is secured as well as all game and practice fields are dragged.
- E Managers must follow up on any injuries with the League's President and Insurance Coordinator and keep proper documentation of Babe Ruth insurance information with them at team functions, practices and games.
- F Managers and coaches are not authorized to purchase or charge any League equipment or supplies.
- G Managers and coaches are responsible for cage and field maintenance as per guides provided at coaches certification as set forth in section 11.03

9.03 AGE REQUIREMENTS

All managers and coaches will be a minimum of 18 years of age.

9.04 CERTIFICATION

All managers and coaches will be required to attend coaches certification covering these bylaws, and the rules pertaining to the league in which they will be participating. The League Commissioners shall provide the Secretary with a list of those managers that attended for future reference.

Beginning with the 2008 spring season all managers **and** coaches must complete the mandatory coaches certifications required by Babe Ruth League at the expense of the manager/coach. Managers and coaches must have proof of certification at each game. The umpire may request from any manager or coach proof of coaching certification. If proper proof cannot be presented you will not be allowed to coach until you can provide that proof.



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ARTICLE X - RULES OF CONDUCT

10.01 MANAGERS AND COACHES

- A Will show by example that they respect the judgment and the position of authority of the umpire. They must instill in their players a respect for the authority of adult leaders in the League.
- B Will encourage their players at every opportunity and exercise discretion and tact when critiquing player performance.
- C Will display acceptable behavior whether the team wins or loses.
- D Will be responsible for assuring reliable adult supervision at each team game or practice.
- E Will be cautious and use sound reasonable judgment in a protest situation.
- F Will not be involved in any action to willfully hide or cover up abilities of a player or player prospect.
- G In compliance with Babe Ruth Coaches Certification program, any manager, coach or assistant coach who has been convicted a barrier crime will not be allowed to coach or participate in FBR.
- H FBR CODE OF CONDUCT – All FBR members are responsible to read and comply with FBR code of conducts provided

1. Codes of Conduct

This League is designed to provide a robust, structured, supervised, instructional and competitive baseball program for any and all youth ages 4 to 18 within the designated boundaries of the Fauquier Babe Ruth Baseball League. The goal of this league is to foster an environment that emphasizes sportsmanship, fair play, physical and mental well-being, teamwork, baseball skills development, community involvement, and volunteerism, and the development of good citizens and positive role models for the community. The following codes of conduct will be strictly enforced throughout every FBR season.

1.1 PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

In order to ensure that the principles of sportsmanship, fair play, skill development, and mutual respect among players, managers, coaches, umpires and spectators are the primary considerations governing competition in the Fauquier Babe Ruth Baseball League, the following Code of Conduct has been established and adopted.



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Each player will ensure that their playing conduct is that of a young gentleman/lady, competing fairly to the limit of his/her ability. To satisfactorily meet these responsibilities, the player is expected to:

- A. Know the rules and abide by them.
- B. Respect the umpires and refrain from addressing them or commenting on their decisions during the play of the game. The team's manager may address the umpires during the game but only within the provisions of the rules and in a courteous, respectful manner
- C. Maintain control of his/her emotions, avoiding the use of abusive language or profanity, humiliating remarks, and/or physical or verbal gestures of ill temper, and physical assault upon another player, coach, manager, umpire or league official at any time.
- D. Respect the manager, coaches and players of the opposing team and demonstrate appropriate gestures of sportsmanship at the conclusion of every game - be humble and generous in victory and proud and courteous in defeat.
- E. Follow all practice or game facility rules and regulations, respecting at all times the property of others.
- F. Realize, accept, and practice the principle that a team's reputation is built not only on its playing ability but also on the sportsmanship, courtesy and manners of each individual player.
- G. Refrain from the use of alcoholic beverages, tobacco products or other illegal substances both on and off the playing field.
- H. Conduct themselves in a manner befitting the FBR when traveling to "away" games or tournaments.

1.2 MANAGER & COACH CODE OF CONDUCT

In order to ensure that the principles of sportsmanship, fair play, skill development, and mutual respect among players, managers, coaches, umpires and spectators are the primary considerations governing competition in the Fauquier Babe Ruth Baseball League, the following Code of Conduct has been established and adopted.

Each manager and coach will ensure that his coaching conduct is that of an adult, with the best interests of every ball player and the Fauquier Babe Ruth Baseball League, continually expressed. To satisfactorily meet these responsibilities, each manager and coach is expected to:

- A. Know the rules and abide by them.
- B. Instruct team members in the rules and coach his/her team in such a way as to motivate each player to compete according to the rules at all times.
- C. Respect the umpires and refrain from questioning their decisions in a disrespectful or abusive manner.
- D. Ensure that the players and spectators follow game and practice facility rules and regulations.
- E. Ensure that fans of his/her team conduct themselves with sportsmanship and maturity at all times while in attendance at game/practice sites; assist the umpires in maintaining control of spectators during the games.
- F. Respect the manager, coaches and players of the opposing team both during the play of the game and at its conclusion, win or lose.



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- G Teach each player, especially through personal example, to be humble and generous in victory and proud and courteous in defeat.
- H Maintain control of his/her emotions and avoid actions, language, and/or physical or verbal gestures that may be interpreted as hostile and humiliating.
- I Refrain from the use of alcoholic beverages, tobacco products or other illegal substances at all games, practices and other FBR and Babe Ruth team events.
- J Instruct team support personnel (e.g., assistant coaches, scorekeepers, team parents) in their responsibilities in accordance with established rules and procedures.
- K Realize, accept, and practice the principal that a team's reputation is built not only on its playing ability, but also on its sportsmanship, courtesy, and manner.

1.3 SPECTATORS CODE OF CONDUCT

In order to ensure that the principles of sportsmanship, fair play, skill development, and mutual respect among players, managers, coaches, umpires and spectators are the primary considerations governing competition in the Fauquier Babe Ruth Baseball League, the following Code of Conduct has been established and adopted.

Each spectator will ensure that his/her conduct at all games and practices is that of a mature adult with the best interests of every ball player and the Fauquier Babe Ruth Baseball League, continually expressed. To satisfactorily meet these responsibilities, every spectator is expected to:

- A Respect the rules of the game.
- B Respect the umpires, managers, coaches and players and refrain from questioning their decisions or from addressing them in a loud, disrespectful or abusive manner
- C Cheer for their team in a positive, supportive manner, refraining at all times from making hostile, negative, or abusive remarks about the opposing team.
- D Adhere to all practice/game facility rules and regulations.
- E Demonstrate appropriate gestures of sportsmanship at the conclusion of a game, win or lose.
- F Realize, accept, and practice the principal that a team's reputation is built not only on its playing ability, but also on the sportsmanship, courtesy, and citizenship of its fans.
- G Refrain from the use of alcoholic beverages, tobacco products or other illegal substances at all games, practices and other FBR and Babe Ruth team events.

1.4 RESPONSIBILITY FOR CONDUCT

Participation in the FBR constitutes acknowledgement and acceptance of all terms of the CODE of CONDUCT. All managers will be provided copies of the FBR CODE of CONDUCT prior to their first practice. It is the responsibility of the manager to share these with their coaches, players and parents or guardians of players. Each team is responsible to see that their managers, coaches, players and spectators abide by the CODE of CONDUCT.

1.5 CODE OF CONDUCT REQUIREMENTS

CODE of CONDUCT for spectators and players should be thoroughly discussed at a pre-season joint meeting between the FBR commissioners and managers, coaches prior to drafts and by the



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managers, coaches, players and parent/guardians of players at their first team meeting of the season.

1.6 IMPROPER CONDUCT ADJUDICATED BY FBR BOARD

Registration for play or the application to manage/coach in the Fauquier Babe Ruth Baseball League constitutes acceptance of this Code of Conduct. Conduct of sponsors, managers, coaches, players or spectators detrimental and contrary to the FBR CODE of CONDUCT will result in penalties up to and including suspension from further participation for whatever period of time deemed reasonable and appropriate by the FBR Board of Directors.

1.7 IMPROPER CONDUCT PENALTIES

Improper conduct on the part of managers, coaches, players or spectators may result in expulsion from the game/practice facility, or in extreme cases, forfeiture of the game. The FBR Board, or Board appointed Code of Conduct Committee, reserves the authority to discipline managers, coaches, players or spectators during the course of the season for conduct deemed detrimental to the good order of the League. Such actions may include warning, suspension or termination.

1.8 OFFENSIVE ACTIONS DEFINITIONS OF OFFENSIVE ACTIONS

No manager, coach, player, parent/guardian or spectator is to:

- A refuse to abide by an umpire's decision; or
- B be guilty of objectionable demonstration by throwing equipment or any other forceful action:
or
- C be guilty of heaping verbal abuse upon an umpire for any real or imaginary wrong decision or judgment; or
- D be guilty of an abusive verbal attack upon a player, an opposing manager, coach, umpire or spectator; or
- E at any time, lay hands upon, push, shove or strike an umpire, manager, coach, player or spectator;
- F be guilty of a physical attack as an aggressor upon any player, opposing manager, coach, umpire, spectator, or FBR official; or
- G exhibit any such behavior as to be interpreted to present a hazardous environment for any player, opposing manager, coach, umpire, spectator, or FBR official.

1.9 PENALTIES FOR OFFENSIVE ACTIONS/EJECTION FROM GAMES

All ejections will be considered CODE of CONDUCT violations, and the manager, coach or player is automatically suspended for at least ONE (1) game. The FBR Board, or Board appointed Code of Conduct Committee, will define any further appropriate penalties and must approve permission for any suspended player, manager or coach to participate in games subsequent to the incident for which they were ejected. All rulings of the Board or its Code of Conduct Committee will be expedient, provided that both team managers and the umpire association reports the facts



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relative to the ejection promptly. A player or manager ejected from a game should be notified at the time as to the cause of the ejection; both managers are still required to notify the President when an ejection occurs. A written report by the ejecting umpire explaining the reason(s) for the ejection should be made in all situations involving ejection. Any manager, coach, player, team representative, or parent/guardian striking, shoving or otherwise making willful contact with an umpire will be banned from attending any FBR activity for the remainder of the season. In addition, their participation status will be subject to review prior to the following season.

1.10 CODE OF CONDUCT COMMITTEE JURISDICTION

When penalties for rule violations are not specified, they will be decided by the FBR Board or appointed Code of Conduct Committee with approval from the full FBR Board of Directors.

1.11 SUBMISSION OF APPEALS.

A written appeal may be made to the Fauquier Babe Ruth Baseball League President within TWENTY-FOUR (24) hours of the penalty decision. The appeal will be addressed by the FBR Board of Directors. The decision of the League's Board of Directors will be final.

- 10.02 The use of tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, intoxication, illegal drugs, physical violence, profanity and the use of **CELL PHONES** are prohibited at practices and games. (If you need to use a cell phone please move out of the playing area). Violation of this rule is grounds for immediate expulsion from the league.
- 10.03 All managers are responsible for the conduct of their players and fans. This includes conduct toward opposing players, umpires, coaches, and spectators, before, during and after each game. Inappropriate behavior could cause any individual to be removed from the game; in certain cases it could lead to disqualification of an entire team.
- 10.04 Only the manager may approach the umpire to discuss a rule interpretation.

10.05 VIOLATIONS

- A The President will appoint 3 persons to a Disciplinary Committee who, by two-thirds vote, will have the authority to suspend or dismiss any manager, coach, umpire, player, or other person(s) whose conduct is considered detrimental to the best interests of the Organization.
- B All violations of these rules will be reported to the President for subsequent action by this Disciplinary Committee. Such notification must be supported by a written and signed letter, and if requested, a personal appearance before the Board.
- C The Committee will fully investigate all such matters, giving each person involved an ample opportunity to participate in the investigation. Based on the facts involved, the Committee will determine the validity of the complaint and the appropriate course of action to be followed. Where sufficient cause is shown, the individual(s) involved may be called before the Board and given the opportunity to account for their actions. The Committee will then, by two-thirds vote of



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its members, (1) dismiss the matter completely, (2) admonish the individual(s) involved, or (3) suspend or otherwise remove the individual(s) from further League participation.

- D The decision of the disciplinary committee shall be final unless modified by the Board of Directors.

10.06 DISCIPLINARY APPEAL PROCEDURE

- A Any party disciplined by the Disciplinary Committee may, within 72 hours of the Committee's decision notify the President in writing of his/her intent to appeal the Committee's decision.
- B The President will refer the appeal to the Board of Directors.
- C The Board will call all parties together to resolve the issue. If it cannot be resolved, the complainant or the disciplined party may request that the President bring the grievance before the Board in a closed special meeting.
- D After presentations from all parties involved, the Board of Directors will resolve the grievance by a majority vote. The decision of the Board is final.

ARTICLE XI - RULES GOVERNING LEAGUE PLAY

11.01 UMPIRES

All umpires are expected to be at the game site at the scheduled time to strictly enforce the rules covering the start of the game. The umpire shall have the authority to rule on any situation not covered specifically in the official playing rules or not covered by these bylaws. All contracted umpires must report ejections to the league President within 24 hours of the ejection. Contracted umpires must be in uniform. If only one (1) umpire reports, he/she may ask for help, but are not required to do so. Umpire authority is covered in the Babe Ruth Rules and Regulations. Any questions regarding rules are to be directed to your League Commissioner only. The League Commissioner will contact the Umpire Representative.

11.02 STARTING AND ENDING GAMES

An official game must start and end with eight (8) players. If at any time a team has less than 8 players after the fourth (4th) inning the game will be a forfeit.

11.03 FBR FIELD GUIDELINES

COACHES

Here are the field maintenance instructions that must be followed before and after every game and practice. Please show respect for each other by doing your share. Listed below are various do's and



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don'ts to be followed when groups are attempting to prepare an infield area for a scheduled practices/games

OBJECTIVES

- To prepare the playing surfaces and maintain them in a way that minimum effort will be required day-to-day, week-to-week, especially following rain. Fields do not maintain themselves so continual effort is required. However, regular minimum effort from all players and coaches will always avoid major work as the season progresses.
- No holes or depressions in the dirt and turf areas of the fields. These are dangerous and unsafe. They are also the places where water will accumulate.
- Completely level dirt areas of the fields. Since water seeks the lowest point, any areas below grade will result in large puddles that make for a lot more work after rainstorms. Refill and grade all depressions after each game to avoid depressions near the bases and in the batter's boxes.
- Grade the infields so that the lowest points are behind the infield dirt and away from 1st & 3rd bases.
- To present a professional looking, well maintained, baseball field at all times. We want straight, clean infield lines whenever possible.

PRE-GAME RESPONSIBILITIES

Prior to the start of the game or practice:

- Get to the field early. Your assistance may be required to rake and line your field before the scheduled starting time.
- There will be no batting practice or warming up of pitchers on the infield prior to the game. For pre-game warm ups, the visiting team may have the infield 30 minutes prior to the game. The home team will have the infield 20 minutes prior to the game. Starting pitchers may warm up in the bullpen areas down their respective outfield lines. The outfield may be used for warm-ups.
- Prior to the plate meeting, please take a careful look at fields before playing and note any safety issues. It is vitally important that we only play on safe fields.

POST- GAME RESPONSIBILITIES

Upon completion of the game or practice:

Dugouts: Clear both dugouts of equipment and garbage. Place all refuse in the trash cans.

Leveling: Rake, fill and smooth low spots at:

- A. Groom home plate / batters boxes
- B. Groom pitchers Circle
- C. Groom First and Third baselines

Bases: Should be removed and returned to the equipment shed/box.

Base Plugs- Should be put back in the ground covering the pegs.

Base Areas: Clear dirt from around base plugs so that each base lies flat on

Raking & Dragging: Use rakes and drag to smooth infield surface. The infield is not to be dragged when wet. If you rake or drag the wrong way, it develops "lips" at the grass edges which require large reconstructive efforts to remedy. If you ALWAYS pull in the direction of the base paths, and never toward a grass edge, then the "lipping" problem of dirt buildup at the edge of the infield will be greatly reduced. At no time are vehicles to go on the ball field areas, except for a small jeep-type vehicle for dragging the ball diamond infield area.

Equipment: Clean and return all equipment to storage areas.



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Locks: Lock all doors & gates to the field. You may feel that there is simply not enough time to complete them between games. We have tested these procedures ourselves, and the entire process can be accomplished within 10-15 minutes.

FIELD PREPARATION AFTER RAIN

Water removal, light raking of wet areas, sunshine, a breeze, and time are the ingredients necessary for getting a wet infield area into playing shape.

Check the website or hotline to find out what decisions have been made regarding games for that day on rain outs.

- Weekdays - Get to the field at least one hour before game time. If you are unable, find someone from your team to be there.
- Weekends - Get to the field as early as you can after a rainstorm on Saturday or Sunday. It is vitally important that team representatives from teams playing later in the day get there to prepare the field for play. Games may be canceled if no one shows early enough to get the field ready.

Once you are at the field:

1. Remove all standing water from fields. Dump water outside of fences and away from spectator areas.
2. Use rakes and/or spike drags to scarify the infield. Remember to pull & plug all bases. Please take a careful look at fields before playing and note any safety issues. It is vitally important that we only play on safe fields.

RESTRICTED ACTIVITIES

- Either warming pitchers or throwing batting practice from the mound prior to a game. That is what batting cages and sideline warm-up areas are for.
- Hitting baseballs (soft toss) into fences **anywhere** in the park.
- Soft toss is only allowed in the outfield beyond 1st and 3rd bases.
- Sweeping or raking mud from the infield areas onto the grass.
- Raking across baselines. Always rake the baseline lengthwise. Raking across creates drainage swales.
- Driving a large truck on the field.
- Leaving baseliner exposed in a manner in which the lime is allowed to get damp.
- Not filling in the batter's box, catcher's box, mound or baselines after your game or practice.
- Not properly putting the field equipment away in the appropriate location.
- Hit sticks are not to be used to warm up batters once the games has started.

CONCLUSION

Please remember to do these mandatory procedures. Also, remember that any team's failure to help maintain their field will be considered a Code of Conduct violation and will affect your ability to coach or play in a future season. Let us know if you have any questions, or if you need "on-the-job" training. We're always accessible and willing to teach those who are willing to learn! Thank you--in advance--for helping out. Notify the league Field & Grounds Coordinator or Board member of any field related problems needing attention.

11.04 PLAYING FIELDS

The playing field shall be laid out according to the measurements and dimensions of the Official Playing Rules as set forth by Babe Ruth regulations. Exceptions to certain provisions may be granted in cases where the field is used by other teams or leagues which make it difficult to conform strictly to the above



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mentioned rules. Proper marking of the base lines, etc. must be done. Only approved athletic chalk (no ag chalk or lime) may be used for line markings.

Grass, both infield and outfield, must be kept short enough to allow free movement of the ball. All playing fields are the responsibility of the home team. They will be inspected by a member of the Board before the start of each season and during the season. Deficiencies will be referred to the Board for appropriate action. On fields with lights available, the U.I.C. will decide when to turn on the field lights.

11.05 PITCHERS

Any player on a team may pitch, with exceptions noted in team league rules. **Number of innings pitched are to be clearly marked in the scorebook after each game, and before the umpire signs the book. This must be done in ink.** Pitchers information as well as game scores must be reported within 24 hours of the games conclusion to the commissioner via email. Pitchers information that is to be reported include name of player, jersey number and number of innings pitched. Both teams are required to report pitchers information from their own team and who was pitching for their opponent. If discrepancies are noted the commissioner may require that the manager's hand delivers score-book copies to a league representative prior to their next scheduled game.

11.06 RECORD KEEPING

Each team must start the season with a new scorebook and keep it up to date throughout the season. Scorebooks are league issued and league property, and must be turned in upon request by the League Commissioner. Babe Ruth requires that players be entered in the scorebook with a minimum of first initial and last name and jersey number. Please keep scorebooks as neat and clean as possible, as Babe Ruth will review each scheduled game as it pertains to tournament play. For each game to count as an official game the umpire must sign and log their assigned number in each scorebook in ink.

11.07 RULE INFRACTION

A violation of any rule, unintentional or otherwise, could result in a forfeit of the game to the opposing team. The decision of the Board in these matters will be final. All protests must be based on a League or baseball rule. A protest must be submitted in writing stating all facts relevant to the protest. The manager protesting must immediately notify the opposing manager and head umpire before the next pitch that he/she is playing the game under protest. No protest may be withdrawn once it is filed with the Board. All protests must be filed no later than twenty-four (24) hours after the game has ended. All parties concerned in the protest shall be notified to appear at a meeting of the Board. A fee of Fifty (\$50.00) dollars, which is to be kept in the FBR treasury, must accompany the protest when given to the Board. If the protest is upheld by the Board, Forty (\$40.00) dollars will be refunded, if an umpire is involved at the meeting. The Ten (\$10.00) dollars will go to the umpire for his/her time. IF NOT, ALL WILL BE REFUNDED. If the protest is not upheld, the money will not be refunded.

11.08 PLAYER PARTICIPATION RULES

Every player must participate in all league games attended during the season. Participation must take place before the end of an official game as it is defined by Babe Ruth. The extent of participation shall



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be outlined herein as part of Article 11.09. A manager may choose to withhold a player from participating in a game as a result of disciplinary action. The decision to do so may be made prior to the game, or in the case of on the field behavior, during the game. The opposing manager must be notified of any player who is in uniform and who will not play. The appropriate League Commissioner must also be notified in the event of such disciplinary action.

11.09 SPECIFIC LEAGUE RULES

Rules which apply to all Leagues

1. The "swinging bunt" is not allowed in the Cal Ripken divisions. Players may not square around to bunt and then pull the bat back and swing-this is a safety issue. Players may square around to bunt and pull the bat back to avoid a strike call. The swinging bunt is a dead ball violation-Players who violate this rule will be immediately called out with all runners returning to the base previously occupied. The manager **and** player in violation will be immediately ejected from that game.
2. Whenever a player or a coach is **ejected** from a game for any reason, that player or coach will be **suspended** from the next scheduled game at the **discretion of the President**.
3. Whenever a player or a coach is **ejected** from a game for a **second or subsequent** offense, that player or coach may be **suspended** for an **indefinite period** of time at the **discretion of the President**.
4. If a player or coach is ejected from a game the umpire must document the ejection in both scorebooks with ink.
5. An umpires report must be filed within 24 hours to President, League Secretary **and** Commissioner.
6. All equipment, balls, bats and buckets need to be completely inside and remain inside the dugout area after each field possession.

INDIVIDUAL LEAGUES

A **Senior League**

1. Every player must participate in all games attended during the season.
2. Any player who plays on a high school team cannot pitch in FBR until the high school season is complete.
3. The "swinging bunt" is not allowed. Players may not square around to bunt and then pull the bat back and swing-this is a safety issue. Players may square around to bunt and pull the bat back to avoid a strike call. The swinging bunt is a dead ball violation-Players who violate this rule will be immediately called out with all runners returning to the base previously occupied. The manager **and** player in violation will be immediately ejected from that game.



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4. Game length is two (2) hours with no new inning starting after two (2) hours or seven (7) innings, whichever comes first. Double Header game times will be established by the commissioner.

B Junior and Prep League

1. Every player who attends must be placed in the batting order and no player may sit in consecutive innings. If a batter becomes ill or injured during a game, the spot in the batting order will be skipped without penalty.
2. Any player who plays on a high school team cannot pitch in FBR until the high school season is complete.
3. An inning will be three (3) outs or five (5) runs, whichever comes first. Exception: In the seventh inning of a regular game, or the fifth inning of a double header, three (3) outs must be recorded.
4. Game length is two (2) hours with no new inning starting after two (2) hours or seven (7) innings, whichever comes first.
5. The "swinging bunt" is not allowed. Players may not square around to bunt and then pull the bat back and swing-this is a safety issue. Players may square around to bunt and pull the bat back to avoid a strike call. The swinging bunt is a dead ball violation-Players who violate this rule will be immediately called out with all runners returning to the base previously occupied. The manager **and** player in violation will be immediately ejected from that game.

C Major League – 50/70 Fields

1. Every player who attends must be placed in the batting order and no player may sit in consecutive innings. If a batter becomes ill or injured during a game, the spot in the batting order will be skipped without penalty.
2. An inning will be three (3) outs or five (5) runs, whichever comes first. Exception: In the sixth inning three (3) outs must be recorded.
3. Pitchers have six (6) innings per calendar week as defined by Babe Ruth rules. No pitcher may throw more than three (3) innings in any one game during the calendar week. A team that violates the rule will forfeit the game in which the violation occurred and the manager of the team will be placed on immediate probation with a second violation resulting in a one game suspension. This rule is in place solely to protect players from being overused.
4. The "swinging bunt" is not allowed. Players may not square around to bunt and then pull the bat back and swing-this is a safety issue. Players may square around to bunt and pull the bat back to avoid a strike call. The swinging bunt is a dead ball violation-Players who violate this rule will be immediately called out with all runners returning to the base previously occupied. The manager **and** player in violation will be immediately ejected from that game.



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5. Game length – two (2) hours with no new inning starting after one (1) hour and fifty (50) minutes or six (6) innings, whichever comes first.

D Minor League – 46/60 Fields

1. Every player who attends must be placed in the batting order and no player may sit in consecutive innings. If a batter becomes ill or injured during a game, the spot in the batting order will be skipped without penalty.
2. An inning will be three (3) outs or five (5) runs, whichever comes first. Exception: In the sixth inning, three (3) outs must be recorded.
3. No eleven year old may pitch in the Minor League.
4. The “swinging bunt” is not allowed. Players may not square around to bunt and then pull the bat back and swing-this is a safety issue. Players may square around to bunt and pull the bat back to avoid a strike call. The swinging bunt is a dead ball violation-Players who violate this rule will be immediately called out with all runners returning to the base previously occupied. The manager **and** player in violation will be immediately ejected from that game.
5. Pitchers have six (6) innings per calendar week as defined by Babe Ruth rules. No pitcher may throw more than three (3) innings in any one game during the calendar week. A team that violates the rule will forfeit the game in which the violation occurred and the manager of the team will be placed on immediate probation with a second violation resulting in a one game suspension. This rule is in place solely to protect players from being overused.
6. Game length – two hours (2) with no new inning starting after one (1) hour and fifty (50) minutes or six (6) innings, whichever comes first. No double headers should be scheduled for this league.

E Rookie League

1. Every player who attends must be placed in the batting order and no player may sit in consecutive innings. If a batter becomes ill or injured during a game, the spot in the batting order will be skipped without penalty.
2. The pitching machine will be used at all times. The speed will be calibrated at the beginning of each season. The commissioner will re-calibrate after the 4th games of the season increasing the speed of all machines and will not be altered by any manager or coach for any reason.
3. The pitcher for the defensive team will line up on **either side of the pitching machine but not in front of or behind the pitching machine. When an umpire is present the umpire will run the pitching machine. If no umpire, a coach from the team up to bat will run the machine to their batters. The coach running the pitching machine**



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must duck down when the ball is hit in play and may not coach the base runners- that is the job of the first base and third base coaches.

4. The team will bat each player in the order and ten (10) players will play defense with the tenth player in the outfield. During the defensive changes, the batting order remains the same.
5. If a batted ball hits the machine it is a dead ball and the batter and runners each get one base. If a thrown ball hits the machine, the ball remains live until in the possession of a player at the pitcher's position.
6. Each batter will be limited to five (5) pitches or three (3) strikes. Calling a "NO PITCH" or "DOES NOT COUNT" is not permitted. If the batter fouls the fifth or subsequent pitches, another pitch can be made until the batter misses or does not swing; at which point an out will be recorded.
7. Game Length: 1½ hours or six (6) innings whichever occurs first.
8. No coaches are allowed on the field for the defensive team. Coaches are restricted to their dugout unless coaching a base or running the pitching machine.
9. There will be a score book at these games however for the sole purpose of identifying tournament eligible players. Abuse of this rule will result in suspension of the manager and/or coach.
10. An inning will be three (3) outs or five (5) runs, whichever comes first. Exception: In the sixth inning, three (3) outs must be recorded.
11. Infield fly rule: There is NO INFIELD FLY RULE.
12. Bunting: Bunting is allowed. **However, NO FAKE BUNTING IS ALLOWED. If the batter offers to bunt then he must bunt the ball or pull the bat back to take the pitch. If the batter offers to bunt, pulls the bat back and then swings at the pitch, the batter will automatically be declared out by the umpire.**
13. Base stealing: Base stealing is NOT PERMITTED.

F T-Ball

1. T-Ball shall be an instructional league designed not for competition, but to provide an opportunity to learn skills and to have fun.
2. All players play in the field and every player hits every inning, however you must honor the three (3) out rule. When a team has three (3) outs all runners will clear the bases and the next batter will continue batting until all batters have batted at which time the inning is over and teams must change defensive and offensive positions.



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3. Catchers must wear the catchers helmet and chest protector.
4. There is no bunting.
5. Pitcher should be in the pitching circle before the batter swings at the ball.
6. When the ball is hit, it must go at least 15 feet, which is shown by an arc of 15-foot radius from the apex of home plate drawn from foul line to foul line. A batted ball must travel past this arc to be a fair ball; if it does not it will be considered a foul ball.
7. If a batter hits part of the ball and part of the rubber tee, it is a fair ball if it goes past the 15-foot arc. If a batter hits all rubber and the tee or the ball does not go past the 15-foot arc, it is a foul ball.
8. No stealing or leading off is permitted.
9. All overthrown balls will be considered live and the runner(s) can advance until they are contained or give up the effort to advance the next base. Balls entering dead ball areas will be dead and runner(s) will be awarded bases as specified by Rule 7.00
10. All rostered players present for the game shall bat in order, whether playing defensively or not. If a batter becomes ill or injured during the game, the spot in the batting order will be skipped without penalty.
11. A game will be three (3) innings or 1 ½ hours, whichever comes first.
12. There will be no score kept for this league.
13. T-Ball will be the only league forming teams without a draft.

ARTICLE XII – FBR DRAFT GUIDELINES

- 12.01 All players must be paid in full prior to the drafts. This date will be published and advertised so each parent has the opportunity to make sure their payment has been **received** by that given date and time. If payment has not been received before the draft, the player will be dropped from that seasons registration system.
- 12.02 T-Ball teams will be drafted by the league commissioners. T-Ball teams are typically assigned by school districts. All other teams must be built via the draft.
 - Returning Spring managers from the previous Spring season will continue with the same players that are eligible to play on the current Spring roster.
 - If a manager is moving up to a new age group, then players from their previous Spring roster, who are also moving up to that same age group, will remain on the roster of that Manager.



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- If the manager is moving up, but an assistant coach from the previous Spring season is not moving up with their team, they will be given the opportunity to become a manager and continue playing in the current Spring season with any players that remain from the same team and age range from the previous season.
- If no coaches from an existing team can become the manager, the players will be entered into the draft system and MUST show up for the evaluations.
- If the manager's returning assistant coach or coaches can not coach the manager can only select another assistant from within the returning roster or from the players they draft to complete their roster.
- If you are a new player that did not play in FBR in the previous Spring season you will be entered into the draft and must show up for the evaluations.
- Parents have the option of NOT continuing with the previous Spring season's coach. If you choose for your child to play on a different team, they must participate in the evaluations.
- Each FBR recreation team's roster can only include two players from the FBRT (Fauquier Babe Ruth Travel Baseball), explained later in article XIV.

For example:

If your child played for a manager last year that will be returning to the league as a manager, your child will have to option to remain with the manager he/she played with last spring. If you choose not to play with that Manager, you (the parent) can request by emailing the appropriate commissioner before a given date each year that your child should be removed from that team's roster and be placed in the draft. That manager will not be allowed to select your child during the drafts. If your manager is moving up and your child is not old enough to move with him/her and another coach from the team does not take over, than that player will automatically go in the draft.

All players that are eligible for the draft must attend **ONE OF THE TWO** evaluation sessions so teams can be drafted fairly. Any player that does not show up for evaluations will go into a hat pick. This means that the players name will be written on a piece of paper and placed in a cap. After the managers draft all players that showed up for evaluations, they will then start drawing names out of the cap until all players have been selected for that age group.

The assistant coaches must be listed on the team's official roster and these parents are the only ones allowed in the dugout and on the field during a game.

Managers from the northern end of the county may draft players from that area and the central area of the county. Managers from the southern end of the county may draft players from that area and the central area of the county as well. Managers from the central area of the county may draft from all areas of the county.



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No team can add a player once the draft is completed unless a condition exists as explained in section VII of these bylaws.

Any manager or coach found to be in violation of any FBR draft guidelines, intentional or otherwise can be removed from the team by the Board of Directors. Any player improperly placed on a roster will be ineligible to participate until the Board decides that status of that player.

Article XIII- TOURNAMENT TEAM PROVISIONS

- 13.01 The managers of the Tournament Teams will be decided by a vote of the FBR board members. Any managers interested in coaching a tournament team must state that interest in writing and submitting to the league Secretary on or before the date announced by the FBR board.
- 13.02 Each tournament team manager must hold two (2) open tryouts before selecting his/her team. The tryout dates, times, and locations must be posted on the corresponding FBR webpage. Each tournament team manager must inform the coaches in his/her division of the dates, times, locations as well.
- 13.03 Tournament team expenses are the responsibility of the team participants. The board may, at its discretion provide financial support.

Article XIV – FAUQUIER BABE RUTH TRAVEL BASEBALL (FBRT)

The FBR Travel division is not funded by the recreation league in any way. This is a complete and separate league from our recreational league. This league will have its own commissioner to govern rules within our FBR Board of Directors.

Article I Finances

- 1.01 The FRBT is to be self-sufficient for funding
- 1.02 Each team manager will be given a checking account for their team
 - A. Checks will require two (2) signatures – the team managers and one (1) of the following: another team coach or parent, travel division commissioner, FBR treasurer or FBR president.
- 1.03 10% of all sponsorship/fundraising proceeds are to be contributed to the FBR recreational league.
- 1.04 Travel team finances will be accounted for by individual team – no money will be divided among other teams unless there is a written understanding before the money is raised.
- 1.05 Registration fees will be estimated at the beginning of the season for each age group by the league commissioner.
- 1.06 If a team has money left over at the end of the season the money will be handled as follows:



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- A. If the manager continues with the team for the following season, the money will be held in escrow for the team until the next season begins.
- B. If the manager chooses to leave the team and another coach assumes the manager's position and a majority of the players continue with the team, the money will be held in escrow for the team until the next season begins.
- C. If the manager and coaches leave the team, the money will be transferred to FBR.
- D. Otherwise, the FBR Board will decide what happens to the money.

Article II Play

- 2.01 Travel teams will not compete against FBR recreational league teams in FBR sanctioned regular or post-season play.
- 2.02 Travel team players are eligible to play on FBR Tournament Teams.
 - A. In order for travel team players to be eligible to play on Babe Ruth Tournament Teams, the team and players must be scheduled to play other Babe Ruth sanctioned teams 10 games in a season with a minimum of 5 games completed.

Article III Facilities

- 3.01 Field scheduling is prioritized for recreational league teams.

Article IV Representation

- 4.01 All travel team names will have a prefix of Fauquier Babe Ruth Travel (FBRT).
- 4.02 Each team can designate its own "team" name – ex. Eagles, Cougars, Bandits, etc...
- 4.03 Team colors will be red, white, blue and black – no exceptions.

Article V Travel

- 5.01 Any travel related expenses including but not limited to: hotels, meals, fuel, airfare, etc. are the sole responsibility of the manager/coaches/parents of the traveling team.