

BEAR CREEK JUNIOR BASEBALL

RULES & REGULATIONS

AMENDED AS OF AUGUST 1, 2008

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The following Rules and Regulations have been adopted by Bear Creek Junior Baseball. In case of conflict between BCJB and JCJBL's Rules and Regulations, JCJBL's Rules and Regulations shall hold precedence. Should any situation arise which is not expressly covered by either Bear Creek Junior Baseball or Jefferson County Junior Baseball League's Rules and Regulations, the final authority shall fall upon the Bear Creek Junior Baseball board. These rules only apply to JCJBL league play and will not apply to tournament play including any tournament that is hosted by Bear Creek Junior Baseball.

Article I – Name of the Organization

The name of the organization shall be Bear Creek Junior Baseball, hereafter referred to as "BCJB".

Article II – Purpose

The purpose of BCJB shall be to organize and conduct a baseball program for all players conforming to the rules and regulations as set forth by Jefferson County Junior Baseball League, hereinafter referred to as "JCJBL". The program shall provide these players the opportunity to learn and play the game of baseball for their enjoyment, healthful occupation and athletic growth.

Article III – Objective

1. Offer the opportunity for players to engage in the sport of baseball.
2. Teach sound fundamentals and good sportsmanship in the game.
3. Teach and learn teamwork.
4. Provide competent head coaches to the best of the ability of BCJB. All prospective coaches must submit to and pass a background check prior to each season and are recommended to attend at least 6 hours of coaches training every 2 years.

Article IV – BCJB Director and Baseball Board

The Director is elected in accordance to the Bylaws set forth by BCJSA. The following are additional board positions that are filled by the Director as he/she deem necessary.

1. Assistant Director
2. Secretary
3. Treasurer
4. Scheduler
5. JCJBL Representative (county rep)
6. Equipment Manager
7. Registration Coordinator
8. Sponsor Coordinator
9. Tournament Director
10. D'Evelyn Representative
11. Level III Director

Each of the Board members will serve two years and may be reappointed at the discretion of the Director. The Director retains the right to add or remove positions to the board as he/she deem necessary. In the absence of the Director, the Assistant Director shall fulfill his/her duties.

Article V – Duties of Director and Baseball Board Members

The primary duties of the Director and Baseball Board Members are as follows:

- (1) To abide by the Rules and Regulations of JCJBL and BCJB.
- (2) To properly notify the eligible players, and their parents or guardians, of registration dates and requirements.
- (3) To approve the expenditures of all funds by BCJB.
- (4) To establish registration and sponsorship fees.
- (5) To be responsible for the selection of head coaches each year.
- (6) To have the authority to place a coach on probation or discharge any coach from their coaching duties.

Article VI – Player Eligibility

To be eligible to play in BCJB, a player must comply with JCJBL's player eligibility guidelines as outlined in the JCJBL Regulations and Rules of Play. The baseball age of a player shall be determined by player's age on April 30th of the current baseball season.

Article VII – Members and Responsibilities

All players, their respective parent(s) or legal guardian(s), and coaches shall agree to all regulations, rules, code of conduct and any other requirements as stipulated by JCJBL.

Members shall consist of:

1. Parents and legal guardians of all players.

Responsibilities:

- a. Support the program
 - b. Provide transportation
 - c. Treat coaches, players and umpires with respect.
 - d. Exhibit good sportsmanship at all times.
 - e. Be a gracious loser and a humble winner.
 - f. Conform to the Regulations and Rules of Play as set-forth by JCJBL.
 - g. Agree and sign the Team Sportsmanship Agreement
2. Members of the coaching staff of each team (head and assistants)

Head coaches shall be appointed by the Director since they can have a significant impact on the formulation of attitudes and values, they are expected to conform to the highest standards of sportsmanship and conduct on the field. The Director of Baseball, in accordance with the bylaws of Bear Creek Junior Sports Association (BCJSA) (Article IX, Duties and Responsibilities of Sports Directors), has the responsibility to supervise and review the progress, conduct and general coaching ability of all coaches in the sport and to take any disciplinary and administrative action necessary to insure compliance with the rules and regulations of JCJBL, BCJB and BCJSA. This includes the authority to suspend or remove any coach for continuously and/or deliberately violating any of said rules, regulations, guidelines of BCJB and bylaws of BCJSA.

No coach shall cause a player's school eligibility or academic standing to be placed in jeopardy.

Responsibilities:

- a. Teach fundamentals to the best of their and player abilities.
- b. Teach and practice good sportsmanship and fellowship at all times.
- c. Refrain from the use of disrespectful language or gestures.
- d. Know and strictly follow JCJBL and BCJB rules.
- e. Maintain proper care and use of equipment, uniforms and facilities.
- f. Collect and return equipment as requested by BCJB.
- g. Meet with parents and players to discuss plans for the season.

- h. Regularly attend meetings called by the Director of Baseball.
- i. Conform to the “Mandatory Play Rule” as defined in Article XV.
- j. Support and refrain from reprisals against any player being in other sports of BCJSA.
- k. Attend clinics designed to increase knowledge of baseball and proper teaching methods.
- l. Submit a signed coach’s application prior to the beginning of each season.
- m. Submit and pass a background check prior to the beginning of each season.
- n. Agree and sign a Coach’s Code of Conduct agreement.
- o. Attend or have a team representative attend all coaches meetings for BCJB and JCJBL.

3. Members of BCJB’s board.

Responsibilities are defined in Article V.

Article VIII– Player Discipline

- a. Players shall arrive promptly at scheduled practice times and games as designated by the coach, unless excused by the head coach.
- b. Players shall exhibit good sportsmanship at all times. This includes refraining from using abusive language, yelling and arguing at umpires, teammates, opponent’s or opponent’s fans on or off the field.
- c. Players shall take proper care of the equipment.
- d. Players shall not be disruptive at practice or games.

A player may be removed from a team for continued violations of any of the above items. Before a player is removed from a team, the coach and a team representative must meet with the player and parent(s) or legal guardian. This meeting and specific violations must be documented and signed by the coach, player, and parent(s) or legal guardian, a copy of which will be provided to the Director within 48 hours. If there is a second violation, the BCJB Director, coach and parent(s) or legal guardian will meet and discuss the violation(s) or if the violations continue, the Director may elect to remove the player from the team.

Article IX - Meetings

Meetings of BCJB involving coaches shall be as deemed necessary by the BCJB Director.

Article X – Registration Procedures

- 1) All players (ages 8-14) shall be registered prior to tryouts.
- 2) Fees and registration deadline dates will be evaluated each year by the BCJB board and are subject to change.
- 3) A non-registered player can not be drafted or have a roster spot reserved.
- 4) A minimum of six (6) players choosing to remain on the same team shall constitute a returning team. The minimum shall be met no later than the registration deadline date for Levels AAA, AA and A or the tryout date for Major teams. Should any returning team have less than six players from the prior year's team returning, the team shall be disbanded and those remaining players shall enter the tryouts and be drafted. The BCJB Board will decide whether that head coach will be assigned a new team or not. If applicable, players choosing to tryout for a higher league level shall be considered remaining on the same team for the purposes of this paragraph.
- 5) Level III players will register after Level III tryouts and draft.

Article XI – Tryouts

- 1) All players entering tryouts shall be registered.
- 2) The following players must enter tryouts:
 - a. all 8 year olds trying out for 8 year old player pitch
 - b. all 9 year olds
 - c. players who did not play Bear Creek Junior Baseball the previous season.
 - d. all returning players from a disbanded team
 - e. all non-reserved players
 - f. players who do not want to return to prior year's team
- 3) A player may be officially excused from the tryouts for illness, injury, another sport conflict or a family emergency. Such player must notify the Director prior to tryouts in order to be officially excused.

- 4) BCJB may field teams in age groups 8-14 years old and for Freshmen and Sophomore High School Students (Level III program). Rules and regulations governing the tryouts and draft of the program are set forth herein. Further, BCJB operates within the framework of JCJBL and is required to conform to specific rules and/or regulations of the body as applicable.
- 5) Level III tryout dates will be determined by the Level III Director and in accordance with the Colorado High School Activities Associations (CHSAA) rules and regulations.
- 6) There is no guarantee that a player will be placed on a team.
- 7) Teams are assigned in leagues in JCJBL by BCJB based on previous experience and expectations and JCJBL regulations. Team selection of players will depend upon league placement. Final team league assignment and geographical split assignment is at the discretion of JCJBL.
- 8) Date & times for tryouts shall be determined by BCJB and may vary from year to year depending on weather, field availability and number of teams estimated within each age group. BCJB reserves the right to waive any and/or all tryout requirements due to weather or unforeseen conditions.

Article XII – Formation of Teams and Draft

Teams must conform to the rules of JCJBL regarding geographic boundaries and player eligibility.

8 Year Old Teams

- 1) Players will be selected by an impartial Selection Committee consisting of at least 3 people selected by the BCJB Board. The committee is required to have attended tryouts and evaluated each player in order to make their selections.
- 2) Minimum roster allowed shall be 11 unless approved by the BCJB Board.
- 3) The head coach for the 8 year old player pitch team will not be selected until after tryouts and team has been formed.

9 Year Old Teams

- 1) With BCJB's approval, the 8 year old Majors head coach from the prior season will continue as head coach for the 9 year old Majors team. All other 9 year old coaches will be selected after tryouts and after teams have been formed.

- 2) The 9 year old Majors team will be drafted by the returning 8 year old Majors head coach. 9 year old Majors team shall reserve a minimum of 6 players and a maximum of 8 players from the previous spring season. This is done to enable room for improving players to move to a more competitive level if they choose to do so and also to provide an opportunity for players new to the area. All remaining non-reserved players must enter tryouts. The head coach reserves the right to recall any of his non-reserved returning players back to his team after tryouts and before the draft should the player wish to return to the previous year's team. A new Major team player who has been recruited shall be considered reserved by such team, however; the recruited player will be considered to be the first draft choice by the recruited team. If two players have been recruited, then the first two selections will be considered filled for that team, etc. Any recruited player is considered to be a new player to BCJB and shall attend tryouts.

All previous season's players shall be notified by the Head Coach as to whether or not they are reserved or non-reserved and must attend tryouts. Each Head Coach is required to provide the BCJB Director with a list of their team's reserved and non-reserved players two weeks prior to Major team tryouts.

- 3) For leagues AAA, AA & A, players and league assignment will be selected by an impartial Selection Committee consisting of at least 3 people selected by the BCJB Board. The committee is required to have attended tryouts and evaluated each player in order to make their selections.
- 4) Teams will be formed from top to bottom with the top ranking group of players forming the 1st team, the 2nd ranked group of players forming the 2nd team, etc. The league level of play will be determined after the teams have been drafted.
- 5) Minimum roster allowed shall be 11 unless approved by the BCJB Board.
- 6) All late registrations received after teams are filled will be put on a waiting list.
- 7) Special circumstances may exist that clearly indicate that an affected player's best interest can be served ONLY by direct assignment to a specific team. The Director shall have the sole authority to approve or disapprove such request. The Director shall have the right to consult with any Board member(s) prior to approving or disapproving such a request.
- 8) BCJB does not guarantee that all players will be placed on a team nor does entering the tryouts/draft carry any guarantee as to the final league level or team to which the player may be selected

10-14 Year Old Teams

- 1) Major League – Teams shall reserve a minimum of 6 players and a maximum of 8 players from the previous spring season. This is done to enable room for improving players to move to a more competitive level if they choose to do so and also to provide an opportunity for players new to the area. All remaining non-reserved players must enter tryouts. The head coach reserves the right to recall any of his non-reserved returning players back to his team after tryouts and before the draft should the player wish to return to the previous year's team. A new Major team player who has been recruited shall be considered reserved by such team, however; the recruited player will be considered to be the first draft choice by the recruited team. If two players have been recruited, then the first two selections will be considered filled for that team, etc. Any recruited player is considered to be a new player to BCJB and shall attend tryouts.

All previous season's players shall be notified by the Head Coach as to whether or not they are reserved or non-reserved and must attend tryouts. Each Head Coach is required to provide the BCJB Director with a list of their team's reserved and non-reserved players two weeks prior to Major team tryouts.

- 2) AAA, AA & A Leagues – Teams shall reserve a minimum of 6 players and a maximum of 8 players from the previous spring season. This is done to enable room for improving players to move to a more competitive level if they choose to do so and also to provide an opportunity for players new to the area. The head coach reserves the right to recall any of his non-reserved returning players back to his team after tryouts and before the draft should the player wish to return to the previous year's team. The minimum player retention requirements must be met no later than the AAA, AA & A League registration deadline dates. All remaining non-reserved players must enter tryouts. For any coach who chooses not to participate in the draft, BCJB will make the team selections from remaining players in the tryout pool.

All previous season's players shall be notified by the Head Coach as to whether or not they are reserved or non-reserved and must attend tryouts. Each Head Coach is required to provide the BCJB Director with a list of their team's reserved and non-reserved players no later than January 10th of each year.

- 3) Selection order in the draft will progress by leagues in the following sequence:
 - a. Major League fills roster
 - b. AAA League fills roster
 - c. AA League fills roster
 - d. A League fills roster

- 4) When more than one team exists at a given league level, selection priority order will be determined by the following:
 - a. Priority 1 – Teams moving down from a higher league level from the previous season.
 - b. Priority 2 – Returning teams from the previous year at the current league level. The order in this group being determined by the number of regular season wins in the previous year. (i.e., The team with the highest number of regular season wins selects first; team with second highest number of regular season wins selects second; etc.)
 - c. Priority 3 – Teams moving in from a lower level league level from the previous year make selections after returning teams.
 - d. Priority 4 – newly formed teams
- 5) After the priority order has been determined, each team within that league level will take turns singly selecting players (i.e., with two teams (A and B): Team A takes one player; then team B takes one player; then Team A takes one player; etc.) until all roster spots are filled or the player pool has been emptied. The number of players each team has reserved will not be a factor in the alternating draft selections.
- 6) In cases where more than one team has the same priority, selection order will be determined by a coin toss.
- 7) Special circumstances may exist that clearly indicate that an affected player's best interest can be served ONLY by direct assignment to a specific team. The Director shall have the sole authority to approve or disapprove such request. The Director shall have the right to consult with any Board member(s) prior to approving or disapproving such a request. Any team acquiring a player by this method shall lose its first draft choice.
- 9) Minimum roster allowed will be 11 unless approved by the BCJB Board.
- 10) All late registrations received after teams are filled will be put on a waiting list.
- 11) BCJB does not guarantee that all players will be placed on a team nor does entering the tryouts/draft carry any guarantees as to the final league level or team to which the player may be selected.

Level III

- 1) Minimum roster shall be 11 players unless approved by the Level III director.
- 2) Fielding Level III teams (15 years old and up) will be looked at individually each year, based on the need and ability of BCJB to meet the demand.
- 3) BCJB does not guarantee that all players attending Level III tryouts will be placed on a team.

Article XIII - Mandatory Play Rule

The Mandatory Play Rule will apply to regular season League games only. BCJB teams will bat their entire roster and for defensive play, each player must play at least one full inning per game. If this cannot be met, then the player must start the next game and play two full consecutive innings. This mandatory play rule shall be suspended only for the following:

- 1) If a League game is ended early and is considered to be a complete game due to curfew, weather conditions or run mercy rule.
- 2) If a player is being disciplined. In this case, the player's name and reason as to why he/she is not playing must be documented and signed by the Head Coach, the player and the player's parent(s) or legal guardian.
- 3) If a player is ejected from a League game by an officiating umpire, the Head Coach reserves the right to waive the Mandatory Play Rule for the next scheduled League game.

Article XIV – Uniforms, Equipment and Practices

- 1) BCJB will evaluate the uniform ordering process each year.
- 2) A voucher will be provided to each team annually so that the team may purchase their own equipment. In the event a coach chooses not to return or is removed, he/she will be required to return to the league any equipment that has been purchased with any voucher provided by BCJB.
- 3) Access to practice fields (due to availability) will be equitable to all participants with the understanding that older participants will require larger fields. Scheduled and rescheduled games will take priority over any field that has an assigned practice on it. Practices might need to be canceled or rearranged in order to allow for scheduled or rescheduled games.

Article XV – Amending Rules & Regulations

Changes to these rules & regulations shall be done as follows:

1. The proposed amendments(s) shall be in writing and submitted to the BCJB Board.
2. The amendment(s) shall be voted upon at the next successive BCJB meeting.
3. A majority vote of current board members with 2/3 present is needed to approve all amendments.

The Rules & Regulations of Bear Creek Junior Baseball are hereby amended and adopted the 1st day of January 2008 as evidence by a vote of the BCJB board members on that day, and is hereby certified to be correct by the following officers of Bear Creek Baseball.

Director: Cathy Bennett _____

All Other Board Members:

The above officers appeared before me on August 1, 2008 and affixed their signatures above indicating their verification of the vote adopting these amended Rules and Regulations.

Attest: _____
Stacey Madrid, Secretary
Bear Creek Junior Sports Association