

# RAPPAHANNOCK ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

## RAPPAHANNOCK CULPEPER BASEBALL

### Amended and Restated Bylaws

#### SECTION I -GOVERNMENT

##### 1.01 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors of the Rappahannock Athletic Association (RAA) and Rappahannock Culpeper Baseball (RCB) will consist of a maximum of 14 members elected to serve a term as described in section 1.04. The Board and officers will be elected at the regularly scheduled September meeting.

##### 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 exceed the maximum established above. Members 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 Vice President. Additional nominations of individuals will be accepted from the floor. 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.

Each nominee is allowed two minutes to address the membership. Three questions, chaired by the Vice President, from the floor are allowed to each nominee for no longer than a one minute response.

##### 1.03 BOARD ELECTIONS

All positions will be filled by separate ballot beginning with the President, Vice President, Secretary, and then Treasurer. The rest of the Board elections shall be in order as the newly elected President determines. An oral vote may be used in place of a ballot when there is only one nominee for a filled position. Nominees receiving the greatest number of votes will be elected to fill the prescribed Board positions. Should a tie vote occur prior to filling 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 a majority vote 51% of the votes cast to be elected to fill the prescribed board positions.

Any vacancy on the Board, from whatever cause, shall be filled by a simple majority vote at a Board of Directors meeting.

##### 1.04 TERM OF OFFICE

The Executive Board will serve a two year term, on a staggered basis. The President and Secretary will be elected in even years and the Vice President and Treasurer will be elected in odd years.

The terms of all other Board members will be one year starting October 1. Regardless of when originally elected, the term shall expire when the annual meeting is called to order. However, the Board member 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 position for the remaining term.

There is no term limitation on length of service to serve on the Board of Directors.

## 1.05 EXPULSION

Any member of the Board of Directors may, for cause, be removed by a two-thirds majority vote of the Board Members at any regularly scheduled or special Board meeting.

## 1.06 VOTING RIGHTS

(A) League Members: League members meeting the attendance criteria specified in Article 6 of the Articles of Incorporation are entitled to vote for members of the Board of Directors.

(B) Board 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. Anything not covered specifically in the bylaws will be up to the Board to act on as necessary. The Board decisions will be final in all cases.

(C) Methods of Voting: In accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, voting may be accomplished either by a show of hands or by secret ballot. No member may be called to justify his or her vote in either instance. Electronic votes (email) are permitted, except for annual election of the Board of Directors, and will follow the same method as a secret ballot. Electronic voting will not take the place of regular Board meetings. The Executive Board must authorize all electronic votes. All Board members must be notified by phone prior to an electronic vote.

## SECTION II -BYLAW AMENDMENTS

Bylaws governing rules of play are in effect from the first scheduled game for each Local League and throughout the playing season (spring and fall). They may be amended in whole or in part by a majority vote of the Board, provided notice of proposed change is included in the notice of such meeting.

Any proposed changes, additions, or deletions will be made in writing to the Board. Any approved changes shall be made after the conclusion of the current season and prior to the next season. Any emergency changes deemed necessary outside of this process will require a vote of two-thirds of the Board of Directors.

## SECTION III -BOARD MEETINGS

### 3.01 MEETING SCHEDULE

An annual meeting of all the members shall be scheduled in September of each year. At least ten days of notice shall be given of such meeting by appropriate means as determined by the Board. Normally, such notice shall appear in local newspapers, but other forms of notifying members may be used as approved by the Board. The purpose of the annual meeting is to conduct elections for the Board of Directors.

Regular Board meetings shall be held monthly, and additionally, as needed. All members of RAA/RCB may attend these meeting as observers.

Special or emergency meetings may be called by: 1) President; 2) Board of Directors by majority vote; 3) the membership through petition signed by one hundred members and submitted to the Board. Special or emergency meetings require two days of notice, including time, place, and purpose of such meeting.

### 3.02 QUORUM

One third of the members 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 of Directors or committees of the Local League.

### 3.03 PROTOCOL

Robert's Rules of Order (Modern Edition) serve as the guide for the conduct of proceedings of all meetings, except where it conflicts with the Bylaws of the Local League.

## SECTION IV -FINANCE

### 4.01 FINANCIAL POLICY

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

### 4.02 FINANCIAL APPROVAL

Any proposed expenditure that would exceed a budgeted dollar over the amount of \$200.00 requires approval of the Board.

## SECTION V -LEAGUE GOVERNING RULES

### 5.01 LEAGUE REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

The Official Rule Guide of Cal Ripken Division of Babe Ruth Baseball, the Official Rule Guide of Babe Ruth Division of Babe Ruth Baseball, the Official Baseball Rules of the National Baseball Congress of America, and the Local League Bylaws will govern play.

### 5.02 RULE CONFLICTS

Where provisions in the Local League Bylaws conflict with provisions in other governing rules and regulations. The Board approved written local rules shall supersede all other rules and regulations.

### 5.03 INSURANCE

The RAA Board is responsible for ensuring that each RAA/RCB team is covered by accident and liability insurance. If an injury should occur, the Manager/Coach of that team should see that the necessary claim is filed in cooperation with the parent or guardian and the League Secretary. An accident report should be written by the Manager/Coach and given to the League Secretary.

## SECTION VI -PLAYER PARTICIPATION

Any child meeting the requirements as set forth in the regulations of Cal Ripken and Babe Ruth Divisions, Babe Ruth League, Inc., and the RAA/RCB, and residing within the boundaries defined in the respective charters of the above organizations, will be eligible to participate in the Local League.

Registrants must fall within Babe Ruth League, Inc., age guidelines and all new applicants must present original birth certificates at time of registration. All fees must be paid at time of registration. Checks must be made payable to RAA/RCB.

The RAA Board shall set league registration fees. Registration information shall be posted in newspapers, local schools, and businesses.

(A) Regular Spring Registration shall start no later than the first Saturday in February and continue through at least the third Saturday in February.

(B) Late registrations will be accepted after the close of registration until draft day. A late fee of \$25.00 will apply.

(C) Registrations after draft day will be assigned to teams by the RAA/RCB Board.

## SECTION VII -POSITION DESCRIPTIONS

The officers of the organization are responsible for conducting the day-to-day business of the Local League within the policy established by the Board.

### 7.01 PRESIDENT

The President will serve as Chairperson of the Board of Directors and will preside at all meetings of the Board; 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 annual budget by the Board of Directors, the President may proceed to operate within the limits of the budget without further approval by the Board of Directors except as provided in Section IV, above. 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 or, when voting is by secret ballot. The President will appoint committee chairpersons and other non-executive board officers listed in this section of the bylaws.

The President must act as the official representative of RAA/RCB on all matters, approve all schedules and perform other duties as necessary.

### 7.02 VICE PRESIDENT

The Vice President will exercise all of the functions of the President during his or her absence; will be responsible for the normal day-to-day operations of the League; will chair the Rules committee; will be responsible for overseeing league registration, tryouts and drafts; will conduct all-star selection meetings for the league commissioners; will represent the player at all disciplinary hearings; will implement procedures for filling team rosters when vacancies occur; and will be responsible for overseeing compliance with the Local League Bylaws.

### 7.03 TREASURER

The Treasurer will have custody of all of the funds and securities of the organization, depositing funds in the name of the Local League in community banks; will prepare, on behalf of the President, the annual budget for examination and approval by the Board; will provide a financial report at each regular Board meeting; will maintain league financial records and will assure that Local League expenses will not exceed the budgeted dollars within a specific category without approval of the Executive Board or Board of Directors in accordance with section 4.02; will prepare or oversee the preparation of the annual tax return; and will issue all checks, drafts or money orders in payment of proper League expenses. All checks, drafts, notes, and other orders for the payment of funds to members of the league will be signed by two of the four authorized Local League Officials. All other payments of funds will be signed by one of the four authorized Local League Officials. For the purpose of this section, authorized Local League Officials will be those individuals holding the offices of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Treasurer will exhibit the books and accounts to any Director of the Local League upon request.

### 7.04 SECRETARY

Included in this position are the Publicity Manager and Registrar. The Secretary will issue notices of all meetings; keep the minutes of meetings as requested by the President, maintain the League's official records and files; 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 make the necessary arrangements to provide suitable insurance for the participants in the Local League program, and will submit any claims. The Secretary will be responsible for maintaining the official attendance of individuals present at each meeting. The Secretary will ensure that the meeting attendance is recorded in the minutes.

The Secretary will keep records of all rules and regulations of each league; send out notices of general membership meetings and monthly meetings; maintain a record of RAA/RCB activities; maintain a roster of committees and committee members; and prepare an accurate list of registered players (sorted by age) and by team affiliation (if returning player) prior to draft day which will be presented to each commissioner prior to draft day.

When directed by the Board the Secretary will act as the league's communication liaison between RAA/RCB and the county, other associations, newspapers, general membership and appropriate law enforcement agencies for all correspondence (notice, scores, etc.), and will be responsible for arranging and coordinating the taking and distribution of league team pictures.

#### 7.05 COMMISSIONERS

Local League Commissioners are charged with administering the rules and regulations that their teams will play under and the Commissioner is the initial arbiter in any dispute. The Commissioner is authorized to do all things necessary within the limits of the bylaws to discharge his or her duties. The Commissioner, or his/her designee, has the responsibility of notifying teams of game cancellations and reschedules. He or she routinely advises the Executive Board of unusual matters arising during the playing season. The Commissioner is also responsible for player tryouts and player drafts. He/she will be responsible to coordinate with the league registrar on all player movements. The Commissioner ensures that all league documents held within his possession will be kept confidential and will be turned into the league Secretary after draft is completed. These records will not be released to any individual without a written request and the prior approval of the Board. For all leagues above t-ball, the Commissioners are required to report the standings at the August board meeting at which time the standings will be included as part of the official minutes. Commissioners of each League are required to go over the rules for their respective League with the managers of that league. He or she will report to the Board annually concerning any outstanding complaints against managers or coaches. Commissioners shall be responsible for promptly reporting rule violations, or allegations of violations, by managers and coaches to one of the league's four elected officers. Commissioners are required to report to the Executive Board within seventy-two hours of the receipt of any complaint in writing. The complaint must be reported to the Board at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Each team will be issued equipment and a new scorebook by the Commissioner. Managers will keep scorebooks up-to-date throughout the season. Scorebooks and equipment are the property of RAA/RCB and must be turned in at the end of the season, complete and clean.

All teams may be required to provide concession stand support. Each Commissioner will provide each team a schedule when needed. Failure to provide concession stand support will result in a one game forfeit per occurrence.

#### 7.06 CONCESSION MANAGER

The Concession Manager will be responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Concession Stand. This will include, but is not limited to, the keeping of sufficient inventory to operate the Concession Stand; maintaining a high standard of cleanliness in and around the Concession Stand at all times; the daily operations of the Concession Stand; the recruitment of crews to run the Concession Stand; the proper handling of the Concession Stand receipts; and record-keeping for the above. The Concession Manager shall have a petty cash fund of \$100.00, and submit all original purchase receipts (dedicated solely to RAA/RCB purchases) directly to the Treasurer who will include the income/expenses in the monthly report.

#### 7.07 COORDINATOR OF EQUIPMENT PROCUREMENT & DISTRIBUTION

The Coordinator of Equipment Procurement & Distribution is responsible for the procurement, repair, storage, accountability, and distribution of all playing, field, first aid, and other 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 coordinator, or designee, who will operate within the limits of the annual budget approved by the Board; assume responsibility for ordering and distribution of uniforms, and be responsible for the replacement of uniform items as deemed necessary. The coordinator will solicit competitive bids, in writing, for major expenditures and present his or her recommendations for accepting such bids to the Board.

#### 7.08 Director of Fields and Umpires

The Director of Fields and Umpires or his/her designee is responsible for the development, repair, winterization, and upkeep of all playing fields, spectator facilities, and other fixed physical assets of the League. These responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the purchase of lime, field layout and staking. The Director, or designee, in his/her role of supervising the well-being of all playing fields, will have the ability to cancel all games and close the fields with Board coordination, if weather conditions are deemed to be unplayable. In his/her absence, the decision to cancel individual games prior to their start will fall to the Executive Board or its designee. The Director or his/her designee will also liaise with the county to make certain it fulfills its maintenance responsibilities for the facilities. The Director, or his/her designee, will create a mowing schedule and ensure that mowing schedules are adhered to. The Director, or his/her designee, will present bids for repair or construction items to the Board for its review and approval. This Director is responsible for the scheduling and coordinating of all Umpires. Additionally, this Director will serve as liaison with the Chief Umpire and the Board.

#### 7.09 FUNDRAISING CHAIR

The Fundraising chair will organize parents and friends of RAA/RCB for the purposes of fundraising, social gatherings, etc., and implement all fundraising endeavors for the benefit of RAA/RCB. All monies raised under his/her direction shall go directly to RAA/RCB Treasurer to be deposited and accounted for.

#### 7.10 SPONSORSHIP CHAIR

The Sponsorship Chair will organize and solicit all past and potential sponsors each winter for team sponsorship and donations; act as a liaison between sponsors and the Board; obtain, replace, and otherwise oversee the maintenance of the advertising/sponsorship billboards; and work with the Secretary to organize and deliver sponsor pictures and/or trophies.

### SECTION VIII -LEAGUE COMMITTEES

The Local League will have within its organization, at a minimum, the following committees. The President shall appoint additional committees from time to time, as necessary and appropriate.

#### 8.01 RULES COMMITTEE

The Rules Committee will be responsible for the formulation, preparation, and submission of all local playing rules and regulations for the Local League and shall be chaired by the Vice President. Such must conform to the requirements of the national organization except for permissible modifications. A review of the Bylaws of the organization will be conducted annually, not later than January 31. The committee will be appointed by the President.

#### 8.02 PROTEST COMMITTEE

The Protest Committee will be comprised of all league commissioners and shall be chaired by the Vice President (a commissioner will not be involved in a decision of any league where there is a conflict of interest, i.e., a child playing in that league).

#### 8.03 TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

The Tournament Committee is appointed by the Board and is responsible for all activities involved in preparing for and hosting all invitational and Cal Ripken/Babe Ruth tournaments (i.e. district, state, regional, etc.).

(A) When RAA/RCB has been chosen to host a tournament, the committee will have additional responsibilities. They include, but are not limited to: brackets and game scheduling, gate admissions, protest committee, announcers, official scorekeepers, umpires, awards, souvenirs, programs, fields and grounds, equipment, hosting dues, notification of all district and state officials, preparation of district and state packets, exchanging information with all participants, (i.e. pictures, notification of meetings, etc.).

(B) The Tournament Director or a representative must be present for all games and should attend all district and state meetings with Babe Ruth officials concerning the tournament. All tournament information will be sent to the Director

rather than through the Board.

## SECTION IX -SPONSORS

### 9.01 SPONSORSHIP

The following rules will govern sponsor assignments:

(A) Returning sponsors within a League will have priority.

(B) When openings become available, sponsors with the most seniority within the RAA/RCB will have priority. Sponsors will be assigned in order of seniority.

(C) When all other conditions are equal, sponsors will be assigned in order in which payment is received (i.e., first come, first served).

(D) When a Sponsor expresses interest in supporting a team, they will sponsor the team that their player is drafted onto. If their player is already on a team, they will be offered the opportunity to sponsor that team. If the team is already sponsored, the Sponsorship Coordinator will work with the Sponsor to come to an agreement on another team.

## SECTION X -GAME AND PRACTICE SCHEDULES

Game schedules and Practices are issued by the Secretary or designee. Cancellations of games and field closures will be made by the President or Vice President, or their designee. Rescheduling games (other than for a rainout or exceptional circumstances) must be completed at least two (2) days in advance.

The time and date for a game to be resumed or rescheduled will be established by the Secretary or designee and played on the next available date after the originally scheduled/played game. The penalty for failure to comply with the makeup game as prescribed by the League will be forfeiture. Forfeited games will be counted as a loss for season play but as a win for the purpose of the next succeeding year's draft.

Practices not scheduled by the League are optional. Players not attending optional practices cannot be penalized.

Commissioners will be notified within 24 hours of games requiring rescheduling.

The Head Umpire and Concession Stand Manager shall be notified of all cancellations and rescheduling.

## SECTION XI -MANAGERS AND COACHES

### 11.01 LIMITATIONS

No individual will manage more than one team during the regular season league play. Only one manager and two coaches will be permitted per team. Additional volunteers or a scorekeeper will be permitted in the dugout during games at the manager's discretion, but that individual must remain in the dugout during play. In the event that one or more of the approved managers or coaches are unable to attend a game, then a volunteer will be allowed as a substitute. The manager or acting manager will notify the other team's manager that a substitute manager or coach will be used.

### 11.02 RESPONSIBILITIES

Managers will be responsible for their own team's actions on the playing fields. All managers and their assistants will conduct themselves within the Rules of Conduct established by the Local League and Babe Ruth Baseball, Incorporated. Managers are not authorized to purchase any League equipment.

### 11.03 SUSPENSION

Suspension requires a majority vote of two-thirds, of the Board of Directors to suspend or dismiss any manager whose conduct is considered detrimental to the best interests of the organization (see Rules of Conduct).

### 11.04 AGE REQUIREMENTS

All managers will be a minimum of 21 years of age. All assistants or coaches will be a minimum of 18 years of age.

### 11.05 CERTIFICATION

All managers and coaches must provide the league with a Criminal History Background check and a National Sexual Offenders Registry check. All managers and coaches must register with the Board by completing a Managers/Coach application for the current year and must then be approved by the Board.

All manager and coaches must have such background checks in order to take the field for league games. The Board of Directors, pending receipt of proof that the background check and sex offender registry check applications (including money order) have been sent to the State Police, may provisionally approve those managers and coaches without both background checks on file. Those managers and coaches are required to provide to their commissioner a signed "proof of delivery" of their request for such background checks within 15 days of the date of manager/coaches approval. Completed background checks must be submitted to the league within 30 days of the date of manager/coach approval. The certification approval is effective for three years from the date of issue by the State Police. Virginia state forms must be used. No exceptions will be granted. Failure to comply with this rule may result in forfeiture.

### 11.06 BOARD APPROVAL

(A) Returning managers and coaches to the same level who are in good standing (without any outstanding complaints against them in accordance with 12.02) will automatically be approved as managers or coaches for the next year.

(B) Commissioner will report on any outstanding grievances, complaints or unresolved problems (such as outstanding equipment, failure to participate in league activities, large numbers of parental complaints) from the previous season.

(C) Once as many vacancies as possible have been filled with returning managers and or coaches the Board will vote, via secret ballot, on each remaining applicants for manager or coach for spots within their Local League. The Commissioner may represent these candidates before the Board, making a brief presentation concerning their experience and qualifications. Manager or coaches candidates who wish to do so may attend the Board meeting to speak on their own behalf,

(D) In the event there are more returning managers than vacancies, then the Commissioner will place the names of all returning manager candidates on a ballot and the Board will vote for the managers by secret ballot.

(E) A coach must participate in 75 percent of the team's regular season games. Failure to do so in two-year league play could result in the coach's child being placed back in the draft for the following year

## SECTION XII -RULES OF CONDUCT

12:01 Reference attachments:

(A) Code of Ethics for Managers and Coaches

(B) Code of Ethics for Players and Parents

### 12.02 VIOLATIONS

(A) All violations of these rules will be reported to the Local League commissioner for subsequent action by the Board of



Directors. Such notification must be supported by either written and signed letter or personal appearance before the Board.

(B) All umpires shall report to the Director of Fields and Umpires in writing all violations of rules and other incidents worthy of comment within 48 hours of such violation.

(C) The Board of Directors will fully investigate all such matters, giving each person involved an ample opportunity to participate in the investigation. Based on the facts involved, the Board of Directors 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 will be called before the Board and given the opportunity to account for their actions. The Board will then, by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present,

(1) Dismiss the matter completely,

(2) Admonish the individual(s) involved, or

(3) Suspend or otherwise remove the individual(s) from further League participation.

(4) Cause the team to forfeit the game or games in question.

#### 12.03 SPECIFIC LEAGUE GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

(A) The appropriate commissioner must receive any complaint in writing.

(B) The commissioner will call all parties together to resolve the issue.

(C) If it cannot be resolved, the complainant 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.

#### 12.04 UMPIRES

All umpires shall be at the field fifteen (15) minutes prior to the scheduled game time and will strictly enforce the rules of the game. The umpire shall have the authority to rule on any situation specifically or not specifically covered in the Official Rules. All umpires shall report to the Director of Fields and Umpires in writing all violations of rules and other incidents worthy of comment including the disqualification of any trainer, manager, coach, or player and the reasons therefore. This must be done within 48 hours of the incident. All umpires must be in uniform. Umpires must sign the official scorebooks at the conclusion of each game.

Umpires may not declare a game to be forfeited due to the actions of spectators or others not directly involved in the game.

#### 12.05 PLAYER/MANAGER/COACH DISCIPLINARY ACTION

A player/manager/coach that is ejected from a game will automatically be suspended for the next game. If the ejection involves obscenity or violence, the suspension may be up to a full season at the discretion of the Board of Directors. Should a player/manager/coach be ejected from a game more than once in a playing year (spring and fall seasons), the player/manager/coach could be suspended for the rest of that season, at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

A manager has the authority to withhold a player from a game because of excessive practice absenteeism or other infraction. The opposing team's manager and the umpire must be notified before the game begins of any players who are present but will not play, or during the game, if a problem arises during the game. The player's name and reason for withholding from the game (injury or disciplinary) MUST be recorded on the bottom of that game's score sheet.

## 12.06 SPECTATOR CONDUCT

- (A) Spectators shall adhere to the same sportsmanship standards as managers, coaches, and players.
- (B) Noisemakers are not permitted to taunt or disrupt players.

## SECTION XIII -ROOKIES, MINORS, MAJOR LEAGUES, and BABE RUTH

### 13.01 PLAYER TRYOUTS

All players moving to a new level aged 7 and higher must attend a tryout, unless decided by the Board, to be eligible to be drafted or placed on a team, including returning players requesting to be placed back in the draft.

### 13.02 PLAYER DRAFT

- (A) The draft order will be based on the order of finish from the previous year. Numbered in reverse order to the won-loss record which their team held in the final standing at the close of the preceding spring season; that is, last place team will be numbered one, next to the last place will be numbered two, and so on until the first place team will hold the last draft number. If there is a tie between teams then the order will be decided by a flip of a coin.
- (B) Before March 1, all returning players must be registered by the parent, or guardian and the last team played on must be indicated. Commissioners shall honor all parent requests to place players back in the draft. Those players who re-enter the draft must be made available for selection to all but his/her old team in the league draft.
- (C) By March 1, all new players and players approved to change teams must be registered and should be present on Draft Day.
- (D) The Manager and Coaches shall draft players on Draft Day.
- (E) The Managers' and Coach's children shall be placed on their parents' teams in accordance with paragraph (G) below.
- (F) The league will not accept special requests, i.e., carpools etc., on what team a child will or will not be drafted.
- (G) If new Coaches are declared the Commissioner must be notified prior to the draft. The coach's child will be added to the team's roster at the beginning of the first round. Each child will count as the first and second round draft pick, as applicable. Only one (1) draft pick will be counted when the new declared coach has more than one child on the team. Additional children will be added during third rounds when teams reach numerical parity. The Manager and Coach must participate in 75 percent of the team's regular season games. Failure to do so will result in the player returning to the draft for the following year, except in the T-ball league.
- (H) Siblings in the same age group and league, will be placed on the same team, unless otherwise requested.
- (I) During the third round all teams will reach numerical parity, proceeding in sequence based upon the number of players per team at the start of round three. The team with the fewest players at this point will then draft first until all team rosters are even. In the event all teams have equal numbers of players before reaching "league parity" order of selection will be based on overall draft order.
- (J) When a team reaches a total of 15 players in any classification (designated, assigned, and drafted), it must stop drafting. However, it is suggested that team rosters not exceed 13 players, if possible, especially T -ball teams.
- (K) No team will add a player once the draft is complete unless approved by the commissioner. All added players will be assigned in order of the draft or as deemed by the Commissioner to balance each team.
- (L) Any Manager or Coach found to be in violation of these draft guidelines may be removed as part of the team. Any player improperly placed on a roster will be reassigned to a team by the Commissioner for that league.

(M) Initial Rosters are to be submitted to the RAA Secretary and Vice President by the end of Draft Day. A "freeze date" for rosters will be announced. Until then the Vice-President and Commissioners are required to update the Secretary on a regular basis. After that the Secretary is to be notified immediately if changes are to be made to the roster.

(N) Fall Ball draft will follow these draft procedures unless otherwise specified by Commissioner or the Board.

#### SECTION XIV -FALL LEAGUE RULES

##### 14.01 GENERAL

(A) The Fall League playing season will run through October.

(B) Rainouts will be made up as, and/or if, time permits.

(C) All other rules for Fall League are the same as in the Spring League in these By-laws or as directed by the Board.