BATH YOUTH BASEBALL BYLAWS

ARTICLE I: OBJECTIVE

A. To afford all eligible boys and girls with the opportunity to participate in an organized baseball program.
B. Baseball skills, high ideals of sportsmanship, respect for authority, team competition, and individual safety are emphasized.
C. These bylaws outline the rules that are to be followed and no change to these bylaws shall be made without authorization of the board of directors.

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP

A. Eligibility: Any person sincerely interested in active participation to affect the objective of this local league will be considered for membership.
   1. Regular Members: The parents or legal guardian of the ball players.
   2. Associate Members: People interested in the League that have no children playing, subject to approval by the Board.
B. Suspensions or Terminations: Membership may be terminated by resignation or by action of the Board.

ARTICLE III: MEETINGS

A. Annual Meeting - The annual meeting of the Bath Youth Baseball will be held at the end of the season, on a date to be determined by the Board of Directors, for the purpose of electing officers, directors, and receiving reports. The meeting may be held in conjunction with the League picnic and awards program. Only one Regular Member per household and current Board of Directors shall be entitled to vote at the annual meeting of the local league.
B. Notice of Meeting - Notice of each meeting of the Board of Directors will be delivered to each director, by the secretary, at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting, setting forth the place, time and purpose of the meeting.
C. Special Meetings - Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by any member of the Board. No business other than that specified for such a special meeting will be transacted at that meeting. Each member of the Board of Directors will be notified at least 24 hours in advance.
D. Quorum –The Board of Directors will have no less than 50 percent of the current directors present in order to conduct official business and constitute a quorum.
E. Proxies - Each member shall be entitled to one vote in person or by written proxy.

ARTICLE IV: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A. Composition of the Board of Directors may include the following positions:
   1. President
   2. Vice President
   3. Player Agent

4. Secretary
5. Treasurer
6. Safety Officer/Equipment Manager
7. Umpire in Chief
8. Concession Stand Manager
9. Fundraising
10. Tee-Ball Representative
11. Minor League Representative
12. AAA League Representative
13. Major League Representative

A. The Board of Directors may appoint such other officers or agents as it may deem necessary and may prescribe the powers and duties of each. Appointed officers or agents shall have no vote on actions taken by the Board of Directors unless such individuals have been elected to the Board by the membership or have been elected to fill a vacancy on the board.
B. The Board of Directors may appoint such other officers or agents as it may deem necessary and may prescribe the powers and duties of each. Appointed officers or agents shall have no vote on actions taken by the Board of Directors unless such individuals have been elected to the Board by the membership or have been elected to fill a vacancy on the board.
C. Each individual holding a position on the Board shall be entitled to one vote.
D. The President's vote shall only be cast in instances of a tie.
E. If a vacancy occurs in the Board of Directors, for any reason, it will be filled by a majority vote of the remaining Board members.

ARTICLE V: ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS

A. Elections will be held at the Annual Meeting.
B. A 14-day public notice will precede the Annual Meeting.
C. One regular member per household and the current Board of Directors of Bath Youth Baseball are eligible to vote for candidates to the Board. All Regular Members, Associate Members and Current Board of Directors are eligible to nominate candidates.
D. Nominations for Board positions will come from those members in attendance only at the Annual Meeting.
E. One vote per each household. Board members are included as part of a household.

ARTICLE VI: PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

Any child wishing to participate between the ages of 4 and 12 in accordance with the Little League Age chart may participate. No exceptions can be made due to insurance regulations.

ARTICLE VII: REGISTRATION

A. Registration is to be held at least two weeks prior to March 31st. Mail in Registrations must also be postmarked by 3/24.

B. Only the Player Agent may process late registrations. No registrations will take place after opening day, except in the case of a transfer, or to fill a vacancy on a roster.

C. No registration of any player, league age 9 or above, will be permitted after the draft has taken place, except as stated in Article VIII.

ARTICLE VIII: PLAYER SELECTION AND ELIGIBILITY

A. Tee-ball – All players eligible for Tee-Ball must meet the Youth Baseball age requirements. Players may request coaches through the Player Agent. Should there be more requests for a coach then open positions on the team, requests will be granted on a first come, first serve basis but not guaranteed.
B. Minor League – The Minor League division guideline age is 7-8 years old. A six-year-old who has played at least one year of Tee-Ball and has been determined by the Player Agent to be eligible for the Minors Division may play. Players will be drafted each year as per Bath Youth Baseball Draft Procedures outlined in Appendix A.
C. AAA League – The AAA League division guideline is age 9-10. An 8-year-old with 1 year of Minor League experience who wishes to be assessed to move to AAA must attend the draft and be assessed for ability. Players will be drafted each year as per Bath Youth Baseball Draft Procedures outlined in Appendix A.
D. Major League – The major League division guideline is age 11-12. A 10-year-old with 1 year AAA League experience who wishes to be assessed to move to a Major League must attend the draft and be assessed for ability. Players will be drafted each year as per Bath Youth Baseball Draft Procedures outlined in Appendix A.
E. In a case where a player is felt to be at an inappropriate league level, the division Directors of the affected divisions will confer with the Player Agent, as well as discuss the situation with the player and his parent(s) or guardians. The Player Agent will make the final eligibility decision.

ARTICLE IX: TRANSFERS

A. A transfer from another league may only be accepted if an opening exists at the time of application.

ATICLE X: MID-SEASON REPLACEMENT

A. If, for any legitimate reason, a vacancy exists, a replacement is selected as follows: Up until June 1st, the manager is to immediately notify the President and Player Agent of the vacancy. The Player Agent will then supply the manager with a list of the top ten eligible players from the assessment scores, with which the manager can make his/her selection. After June 1st, no replacements will be made.
B. If a player is replaced due to injury, the player is eligible to return once medically released. The player who has replaced the injured player will remain on the new team for the season even after the injured player returns.

ARTICLE XI: SCHEDULE

A. Opening Day will be scheduled no later than the first Saturday in May.
B. Practices will start a minimum of two weeks prior to Opening Day.

C. The Draft is to be held no later than three weeks prior to Opening Day.
D. Registrations will not be accepted after the Draft without specific consent from the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XII: MANAGER/COACH SELECTION

A. All candidates will submit paperwork for appropriate background investigations prior to selection. All appointments are contingent upon a clear background check. Past sportsmanship will be considered in selections. Child Safety training will be mandatory for those involved.

B. All candidates for a manager position at any division level will be considered. The League Secretary will gather relevant background and experience-related information prior to a manager candidate review to be conducted by the Board of Directors. Each Board member will cast a written ballot with the number of manager candidate names equal to the number of teams for the applicable division. In casting their ballots, each Board member will also ascribe a given weight to each candidate identified in his/her ballot. The weight ascribed will be determined by reference to the number of teams for the applicable division (see example below.) All ballots will be tallied and the manager candidates receiving the highest weighted scores will be approved as managers of the teams within the applicable division. The approval process can be conducted through one or more meetings held in person, telephonically, or through such other means, including electronic means such as email, as the Board determines to be reasonable and expeditious. The Secretary of the Board will maintain a record of the scores attributable to each manager candidate in the event of a conflict or controversy in the selection process.

    1. By way of example, if there are going to be five teams in a division, each board member will write the name of five manager candidates on his/her ballot for that division. Each nominated candidate on each ballot will be weighted by the Board member submitting the ballot as 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 (five being the total number of teams in the division.) Each Board member's first choice for a manager position will be given a score of 5, and his/her last choice on the ballot will be given a score of 1. In this example, the five candidates receiving the highest total weighted score will be approved as managers of the five teams within the division.

C. Assistant coaching positions will be determined following the draft, in order to allow managers to review draft picks before selecting Coaching staff. All candidates for an assistant coaching position at any division level will be considered. The League Secretary will gather relevant background and experience-related information prior to an assistant coach candidate review to be conducted by the Board of Directors. All candidates for an assistant coach position must be approved by the Board of Directors before being appointed to any team. Assistant coaches shall be appointed by the Manager and will answer to the Manager. Review and approval may take place at any time during the season.

D. The managers of each team (except Tee-Ball) will be responsible for the selection of their teams through an ABC graded assessment following guidelines of Appendix A. At least two of the following Board members must be present at any meeting at which a draft is to take place: President, Vice President, Player Agent, and associated League Representative.

E. One Team Parent may be nominated by the manager to assist with dugouts during game times. The Team Parent must be vetted with a background check and the Child Safety training and must have Board Approval.

ARTICLE XIV: GAME CONDUCT

A. In all leagues, the bench is limited to team players, two coaches, a team parent and one manager. T-Ball is the only exception. All coaches must have Board approval.

B. All Youth Baseball Officials, Managers, Coaches and Parents will sign the Board approved Code of Conduct prior to Opening Day.

C. Managers and coaches are expected to hold regular practices before and during the season. Players are expected to attend these practices. A player may be benched by the manager for not attending practice sessions or for behavioral reasons. The manager shall notify the opposing manager and the official scorekeeper.

D. Each player is required to wear the uniform provided for him/her. The uniform will be worn in the proper manner.

E. The score keeper's booth must be limited to the official score keeper, the announcer, and Youth Baseball Officials.

F. Shorts are not allowed for players, or umpires during T-ball, Minor, AAA or Major League games or practices.

G. Managers and Coaches may wear shorts during games or practices.

ARTICLE XV: OFFICIAL SCOREBOOK

A. A complete roster must be presented at game time by each manager listing all team members, i.e. - active, benched, or absent.

B. It is mandatory that all players listed as "active" be allowed to play at least six defensive outs and have one time at bat. If this does not occur, the player will start the next scheduled game, play any previous requirements not completed and the requirements for the current game before being removed from the game.

C. Any player not present at the start of the fourth inning may play at the manager's discretion. This player must have been noted in the lineup before the start of the game.

D. The Official Scorebook for each game will be designated as the Home Team’s.

ARTICLE XVI: LEAGUE PERSONNEL - QUALIFICATION OR DISMISSAL

A. Board members may be dismissed for missing three consecutive Board meetings, except for extenuating circumstances to be voted on by a quorum of the Board.

B. All managers and coaches must have Board approval prior to the season's draft, or prior to assuming their position.

C. Conduct Review:

1. Any manager, coach, umpire, or league official must receive written notice if a written complaint is lodged against him/her. This notice must be made 7 days prior to the Board Meeting at which the complaint will be reviewed.
2. Failure to appear before the Board, without due cause, automatically results in dismissal. Written notice of this result must be given to the individual involved.
3. If the Board considers the conduct of a manager or coach to be grounds for immediate suspension, they will meet with the individual before the next scheduled game.

D. Dismissal procedures will follow these steps:

1. Seven days written notice of dismissal.
2. Notice to include specific reasons for the action.
3. Opportunity for the individual to appear personally before the Board.
4. Dismissal to be by a majority vote of Board members present.

ARTICLE XVII: ALL-STAR SELECTION

A. Nominations

1. Nominations for managerial positions with the All-Star teams must be submitted to the Board by June 1st each year. Managers for the All-Star teams will be selected according to the following process: The same processes and procedures as outlined in Article XI A.1 will then apply to the selection of All-Star team managers.
2. Tournament team managers will select up to two coaches from the pool of eligible coaches who participated in the League (at any level) during the regular season. The board must approve all coaches selected by a tournament team manager.

B. Tournament Team Player Selections for Major League:

1. The Manager of the tournament team will determine the number of players needed to field a team.
2. Eligible players must submit an all-star interest and eligibility form. Any dates that the player is unavailable during the months of June and July must be listed on this form.
3. Managers, coaches, and players will participate in the selection of the tournament team prior to the end of the regular season.
4. The Player Agent will prepare a simple ballot that includes the name of all players interested in playing on the 8U, 10U and 12U All-Star team. The interested players shall all be re-assessed if needed. The Player Agent and coach will use a try-out method.
5. The Player Agent will collect all assessments, tally the results, and submit the assessment results to the elected managers.
6. The Managers of the tournament teams will, in conjunction with the Player Agents, select the players per team. Managers may select alternates should they deem it is necessary due to player availability.

ARTICLE XVIII: PLAY-OFFS

A. T-Ball & Minors - No play-offs allowed.

B. AAA & Major League - In the event of ties, the record against each other prevails. It there is still a tie, then a play-off of one game will be scheduled as designated by the Board.

C. All play-offs will be run strictly by the Bath Youth Baseball Tournament Rules.

ARTICLE XIX: FINANCES AND ACCOUNTS

A. The Board shall decide all matters pertaining to the finances of the Local League and it shall place all income in a common league treasury, directing the expenditure of the same in such a manner as will give no individual or team an advantage over those in competition with such individual or team.

B. The Board shall not permit the contribution of funds or property to individual teams but shall solicit it for the common treasurer of the Local League, thereby to discourage favoritism among teams and to endeavor to equalize the benefits of the Local League Treasury.

C. No Director, Officer or Member of the Local League shall receive any salary, compensation, or employment from the Local League for services rendered as Director, Officer or member.

D. All monies received shall be deposited to the credit of the Local League in Chemung Canal, and all disbursements shall be made by check, or debit card. All checks shall be signed by the Local League Treasurer and such other Officers or person the Board shall determine. The Treasurer shall be the only Director with access to the Debit Card.

E. The fiscal year of the Local League shall begin on the first day of January and shall end on the last day of December.

F. The Treasurer shall create an Income/Expenditure budget for each season. The Board shall review and approve the budget. The budget may be amended during the season should unexpected expenditures occur.

G. Expenses less than $250 can be purchased without approval, by Board Member only. Expenses $251-$500 will require Board notification and text approval. Expenses over $500 require Board Meeting approval. All receipts must be provided to the Treasurer within 30 days of the date the expense occurred.

ARTICLE XX: DISSOLUTION OF THE LEAGUE

A. All the monies, after paying all debts, will be maintained in an interest-bearing account for a period of not more than five years. In the event the League is not reformed, the monies will be donated to Tyrtle Beach for other Youth organizations to use.

B. All equipment and uniforms will be donated at the discretion of the Board.

ARTICLE XXI: AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL

A. Board members must have seven days prior notice of proposed bylaws.

B. The bylaws must be available in writing for the League President or Secretary.

1. Approval of proposed bylaws is carried by a majority vote of all Board members present.
2. Amendments shall be completed by January 31st of each year.

APPENDIX A

ASSESSMENT AND DRAFT PROCEDURES

A. Assessments- An assessment or player evaluation will be held for all players between the ages of 9 and 12. Eight-year-olds who played one year of minors and have their parent's permission may also try out for AAA. No player will be drafted until they have participated in an assessment without Player Agent's permission. Assessments will be held in order to:
    1. Assess and evaluate each player's ability.
    2. The draft will be done by coaches' selection based on skill level assessments (ABC's)
    3. Establish team skill level parity within all teams before the start of each season.

B. Standards- The number of teams in each league and team roster size will be determined prior to the draft. Managers must draft a sufficient number of players to meet the established team roster size requirements.

C. All new and returning players will be evaluated through an assessment process on a scale of A through C, with (A) equal to 'highly skilled' and (C) equal to 'in need of further instruction', using the following skills as a guideline: Throwing, Fielding, Batting, and the Specialty Position of Pitcher. Based upon the evaluation, players will be assigned a letter A, B, or C that indicates their overall skill level. Following the assessments, the managers and Player Agent will meet to tally the evaluation points and establish a letter score for each player. The goal of the drafting process is to ensure that an evenly distributed number of A, B, and C level players are on all teams.

D. During assessments, the children of managers and coaches must be evaluated and assigned a skill score. At the draft, those players must be selected first or second within their specific skill level, in order to assure equal distribution of skills across all teams.

E. A certain number of players are highly skilled in pitching. The league Director will use reasonable efforts to ensure that all (A) level pitchers are evenly distributed. Those players will be designated as an A+ pitcher. If a manager's child/relative is considered an (A+) level pitcher he may not select another (A+) level pitcher unless all teams have been allowed to select an (A+) level pitcher.

F. The order of player selection for the draft will be determined by a chance drawing. The first team will be given the first opportunity of selecting a player, then the second team and so forth, using reverse order process (1,2,3,4 then 4,3,2,1). As a guideline, managers will start the draft by selecting (A+) level pitchers followed by the rest of (A) level players. Once the (A) level pool is diminished, the managers may then select (B) level players. Once the (B) level pool is diminished (C) level players will be selected.

G. Sibling Rule. Prior to the draft, all siblings will be identified and noted on the draft roster. Siblings must be on the same team. The players that are noted must be drafted in the following way:
    1. Scenario #1 assumes the siblings are the same skill level (B). If one sibling is drafted, the next pick by that manager must be the other sibling.
    2. Scenario #2 assumes the siblings are in different skill levels (B&C). If one sibling is drafted, the first pick by the manager in the round where the other sibling has been evaluated will be the other sibling.

H. All candidates who are league age 12 must be drafted to a Major Division team. Exceptions will only be made upon written approval from the Player Agent, Board of Directors, and the parent(s) of the candidate.

I. Requests for transfer must be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors, and are contingent upon approval by the Player Agent, Board of Directors and parents. All transfers must be for the same letter level.

J. Should a parent feel strongly about not wanting a certain coach, they must submit this request in writing to the Player Agent. The player agent will only accommodate requests to not have a certain coach and there must be a legitimate reason for the request.

APPENDIX B

Bath Youth Baseball T-Ball Rules

The goal of the game is to let the players have fun while learning basic baseball concepts and developing their skills. The following T-ball rules will be followed so a structured game can be played.

League Rules:

1. Youth Baseball Coaches and staff will refrain at all times from the use of tobacco, alcohol or illegal drugs on School or Youth Baseball Premises. Any Coach, Manager or Official who appears to be under the influence of alcohol or illegal substances, will be immediately dismissed from the premises and will be subject to Board review.
2. Good Sportsmanship is expected of all those involved with the Youth Baseball program. Each Manager is required to control his team's actions and attitudes during practices and games.
3. Excessive arguing, belittling remarks and irresponsible behavior will not be permitted. Coaches and Managers will act in a manner that exemplifies good sportsmanship and not be disruptive to the game. Violators will be subject to disciplinary action as determined by the Board of Directors.
4. A player may be benched by the Manager for behavioral reasons. The Manager shall notify the opposing Manager.
5. Each player is required to wear the uniform provided for him/her. The uniform will be worn in the proper manner.
6. Shorts are not allowed for players, during T-Ball games or practices.
7. No new full inning of play will be started after 7:30 p.m.
8. All Managers or Coaches must have Board approval prior to assuming their position.
9. Conduct Review:
    a. Any Manager, Coach or League Official must receive written notice if a written complaint is lodged against them. This notice must be made 7 days prior to the Board Meeting at which the complaint will be reviewed.
    b. Failure to appear before the Board, without due cause, automatically results in dismissal. Written notice of this result must be given to the individual involved.
    c. If the Board considers the conduct of the Manager or Coach to be grounds for immediate suspension, they will meet with the individual before the next scheduled game.
10. Dismissal Procedures will follow these steps:
    a. Seven days written notice of dismissal.
    b. Notice to include specific reasons for the action
    c. Opportunity for the individual to appear personally before the Board.
    d. Dismissal to be by a majority vote of Board members present.

General Rules:

1. T-BALL IS NOT COMPETITIVE - DO NOT KEEP SCORE!
2. Coaches, Parents and Players must maintain a positive attitude and not yell negatively at players.
3. Player selection will be done by Blind Draft.
4. If a team is unable to field nine players the number of total players, between both teams, should be split and the game will be played using the available players.
5. Soft safety balls provided by the league will be used at all times.
6. The home team is identified on the schedule and will bat second in the line-up
7. There will be 50 feet between the bases

8. The pitcher's mound will be placed on a line between first and third base in equal line with second and home.
9. Each team is scheduled to play each other at least two times per season.
10. Coaches may choose to pitch to further developed players.
11. For Coach-pitch, Coaches will throw up to three pitches to each batter. If the batter is unable to hit the pitch, the tee will be used and the batter will continue his/her turn at bat. All other rules will apply.
12. There will be no walks or strikeouts.
13. Standard game consists of three innings.
14. Safety Helmets must be worn by all batters and base runners.
15. Players are to wear athletic footwear and league provided tee-shirts and hats.

Defensive Rules:

1. Players are urged to play their own positions.
2. All players present will play in the field each inning. Standard field positions will be played. If the number of players warrant, an extra infielder can be positioned on the right side of the infield between first and second base. Additional outfield positions can be placed in Left/Center and Right/Center equaling out the space between the standard outfield positions.
3. Outfielders should be at least 10 feet behind the infielders.
4. All teams will field a catcher who will wear league issued catchers gear and remain clear from the batter until the ball is hit.
5. Only one pitcher is allowed. The child pitcher MUST be positioned on the pitching rubber when the ball is hit.
6. All infielders (except the pitcher) MUST play behind the line between the bases.
7. Infielders are to be instructed not to position themselves where they will interfere with the base runners.
8. The Batter or base-runner can be ruled out if a defensive player tags a base on a force out, tags the player or throws the ball to a base for an out.
9. A ball that is hit to the outfield must be fielded by an outfielder.
10. Outfielders CANNOT make an out by tagging a runner or stepping on a base. The ball must be thrown to an infielder to make the out.
11. Play is stopped when a ball thrown by a defensive player attempting to throw the ball to the pitcher reaches the mound, whether it is caught or not.
12. Defensive Coaches are permitted on the field.
13. Defensive Coaches are not permitted to touch a live ball, or to physically assist a defensive player.

Offensive Rules:

1. The entire Offensive Lineup will bat each inning.
2. Offensive players not batting or base running will be seated on the bench for safety.
3. Offensive Coaches are positioned to assist the batter at home plate and to assist runners in the field.
4. The Hitting Tee will be used exclusively during games, except for Coach-pitch games. (See item #9 & #10 under General Rules above)
5. ON deck batters are not allowed.
6. Coaches may not position batters to hit in a certain direction (i.e. to third base).
7. The inning will be over when the entire roster has batted.
8. Violent throwing of equipment is not permitted.
9. A batter who throws their bat after swinging will be warned the first time and will be called out the second time. If it occurs again the child will sit out the remainder of the game.
10. A ball hit less than six feet off the tee is foul.
11. Bunting is not allowed.
12. Base runners must avoid contact.
13. If the first baseman is blocking first base the runner does not have to touch first base to be called safe.

14. Stealing is not allowed.
15. A runner who is in between bases when play is stopped advances to that base, unless the base is already occupied.
16. When the ball is in play, in fair territory, runners can take extra bases.
17. The last batter of the inning is to be encouraged to keep running and try for a “home run”. This is fun for the runner and the fielders, who have a great chance of getting an out, and the inning is over anyway.
18. The infield fly rule is not in effect.
19. Upon completion of the game each Manager is responsible for the cleanliness of the playing area, including returning benches to their storage location.

APPENDIX C

MINOR LEAGUE RULES

1. A game will consist of 6 innings, with no new inning beginning after 8 PM (time called by the umpire). A new inning begins as soon as the 3rd out is made, or the third run scores, in the first 5 innings, or the 5th run scores in the 6th inning for a 2-hour time limit.
2. An inning will consist of 3 outs or 5 runs, with the exception of the 6th inning, which will be 3 outs, unlimited runs.
3. Mercy/Ten run rule… If any team is ahead by the end of any inning following the 4th inning the game will be declared over.
4. This league will be machine pitch only.
5. The coach will use the pitching machine to pitch to their own team.
6. All team players will bat in a set batting order, which will be listed by names and jersey numbers.
7. Batting order and field position shall be exchanged by managers prior to start of each game. If batting out of order occurs; the scorekeeper shall inform the manager that a player has batted out of order. There shall be no out called, however the player shall not have another turn at bat but shall resume the normal batting position the next time.
8. Only USA stamped bats are to be used at all levels of play.
9. The ball will be considered dead (as called by the umpire), when the player pitcher has control of the ball at the mound, then the coach pitcher will come back to the field.
10. When the ball is hit, the coach pitcher must make every attempt to stay out of play and get to the sideline, if there is not enough time (example; bunt)the coach pitcher will take a knee.
11. There will be no base stealing once the ball has been declared dead by the umpire. Runners may only advance one base on an overthrown ball.
12. Runners must remain on base until the ball is hit. (No leading off)
13. There will be no head first sliding anytime.
14. The catcher is to use all league furnished catcher's equipment and athletic supporter with cup at all times.

APPENDIX D

AAA LEAGUE RULES

The AAA division is an instructional and competitive division. Scores for each game are maintained by the coaches in a scorebook, and divisional standings are maintained by the division Director. The following local rules apply to this division:

1. A game will consist of 6 innings, with no new inning beginning after 8P.M. (time called by the umpire). A new inning begins as soon as the 3rd out is made, or the fifth run scores, in the first 5 innings. During the 6th inning, unlimited runs will be allowed.
2. An inning will consist of 3 outs or 5 runs, with the exception of the 6th inning, which will be 3 outs.
3. A game must complete 4 innings to be official.
4. Any game not completing 4 innings will be resumed where left, at the earliest available time slot. Any game completing 4 innings, but called before the end of the 5th, or 6th inning, will go back to the score at the end of the last completed inning.
5. Mercy/Ten run rule… If any team is ahead by 10 the end of any inning following the 4th inning the game will be declared over.
6. All innings will be pitched by players. All pitchers will be limited to the pitch counts and rules in Appendix F.
7. Once removed as pitcher, a player may not be put back in as pitcher.
8. All pitch counts rules will be adhered to as per Appendix F.
9. All team players will bat in a set batting order, which will be listed by names and jersey numbers.
10. Only USA stamped bats are to be used at all levels of play.
11. Batting order and field position shall be exchanged by managers prior to the start of each game. If batting out of order occurs; the scorekeeper shall inform the manager that a player has batted out of order. There shall be out, however the player shall not have another turn at bat but shall resume the normal batting position the next time.
12. There will be no base stealing once the ball has been declared dead by the umpire. Stealing of bases will be allowed including home. There is only one successful steal at home per inning. This is to include passed balls except while the ball is still in play after a batted ball. Runners may only advance one base on an overthrown ball.
13. Runners must remain on base until the ball crosses home plate.
14. There will be no head-first sliding anytime.

APPENDIX E

Major League Rules

The Major League division is an instructional and highly competitive division. Scores for each game are maintained by the official scorebook, and divisional standings are maintained by the division League Representative. The following local rules apply to this division:

1. A game will consist of 6 innings, with no new inning beginning after 8pm (time called by umpire). A new inning begins as soon as the 3rd out is made.
2. A game must be complete 4 innings to be official.
3. Any game not completing 4 innings will be resumed where let, at the earliest available time slot. Any game completing 4 innings but called before the end of the 5th or 6th inning, will go back to the score at the end of the last completed inning.
4. Mercy/Ten run rule…If any team is ahead by 10 at the end of any inning following the 4th inning, the game will be declared over.
5. All innings will be pitched by players. All pitchers will be limited to the pitching guidelines in Appendix G.
6. A pitcher once removed from the mound cannot return as pitcher.
7. All team players will bat in a set batting order, which will be listed by names and jersey numbers,
8. Only USA stamped bats are to be used at all levels of play.
9. Batting order and field position shall be exchanged by managers prior to start of each game. If batting out of order occurs; the scorekeeper shall inform the manager that a player has batted out of order. The batter shall be called out. According to LLRB Section 6.07.
10. There will be no stealing once ball has been declared dead by the umpire. Stealing of bases will be allowed including home. This is to include passed balls.
11. Runners must remain on base until the ball crosses the plate.
12. There will be no head-first sliding.
13. Dropped third strike rule applies according to the LLRB Section 6.05.

APPENDIX F

Board of Directors Roles

The local league Board of Directors, elected from and by the adult members of the league, is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the league within the rules, regulations, and policies of Youth Baseball. This board does not have the authority to alter, suspend or change any of the rules, regulations, or policies of Youth Baseball.

However, wide latitude is given to this board in many areas of operation so that the local needs of the community may be met. For instance, the local league board of directors is entirely responsible for choosing a method for selection of Tournament Teams (or "All Stars").

Annually, the regular membership of each Youth Baseball is required to meet and elect the board of directors. Following the election, the board of directors meets to elect its officers from within the newly elected board. The officers required are: president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, player agent, and safety officer (Information officer recommended but not required).

The board may adopt such rules and regulations for the conduct of its meetings and the management of the league as it may deem proper. The board has the power to discipline, suspend or remove any director or officer or committee member of the league, subject to provisions of the local league constitution.

Members of the local league board of directors, particularly the officers, should not be involved as members of other boards when such membership may cause a conflict of interest.

President - Apart from all other considerations, sound leadership, couched in knowledge, experience and common sense, is the greatest requirement and most exemplary qualification of the man or woman selected as president of Youth Baseball.

While efficient organizational and administrative abilities are desirable credentials, the search for good leadership must transcend all other attributes in the adult who gives direction to the Youth Baseball movement in the local community. Dedication to the goals and purpose of Youth Baseball is inherent in the volunteer aspect of those who serve, but not everyone who serves is gifted with the quality of leadership. Presidents must reflect these qualities if they are to be of benefit to children.

The president has many responsibilities in the administration of the league. Each President is elected by, and is accountable to, the local league board of directors. Duties of a president are described within the limits of the rules and regulations, and within the local league constitution, giving each president the ability to oversee the affairs of all elements of the league.

As the chief administrator, the president selects and appoints managers, coaches, umpires and committees. As such, no person becomes a manager, coach, umpire or committee member without the approval of the president. However, all appointments are subject to final approval by the board of directors.

The president should be the most informed officer of the league. Each president must know the regulations under which Youth Baseball operates and in authorizing the annual application for charter, binds all members of the league to faithfully observe the regulations.

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Beyond the requirements of league administration, the president should personify the best public image in reflection to the community at large. Each president should take an active role in gaining support and winning friends for the league program.

The president presides at league meetings and assumes full responsibility for the operation of the local league.

Vice President - The vice president presides in the absence of the president, works with other officers and committee members, is ex-officio member of all committees, and carries out such duties and assignments as may be delegated by the president. Separate vice presidents may also be selected to oversee individual divisions within the league. If so, one vice president should be selected as the one to preside in the absence of the president. A vice president may manage, coach or umpire.

Secretary - The secretary maintains a register of members and directors, records the minutes of meetings, is responsible for sending out notice of meetings, and maintains a record of the league's activities.

Treasurer - The treasurer signs checks, dispenses league funds as approved by the board of directors. They are responsible for reports on the status of league funds, keep local league books, financial records, prepare budgets and treasurer reports, and assume the responsibility for all local league finances. The Treasurer is responsible for all Federal and State Tax filing obligations.

Player Agent - The player agent conducts annual tryouts, is in charge of player selection, assists the president in checking birth records and eligibility of players and generally supervises and coordinates the transfer of players to or from the Minor Leagues according to provisions of the regulations of Youth Baseball. Separate player agents may also be selected to oversee individual divisions within the league.

Safety Officer/Equipment Manager - The safety officer/equipment manager coordinates all safety activities including the inspection of fields, dugouts, and bleachers, bringing forth any safety concerns to the Board of Directors. This position must also analyze the condition of all equipment and report to the Board of Directors any equipment in need of repair or replacement.

League Representative- The League representative will represent coaches/managers in the respective league that they represent. Serves as the contact person for managers, coaches, parents and players within that division. Completes the schedule for the division that they represent for approval by the Board of Directors within two weeks of season beginning. Assists in setting up league rules for division and brings any important issues back to the Board of Directors for review or clarification.

Umpire in Chief - The Umpire in Chief shall be in charge of seeking and scheduling umpires. Umpires shall be provided for, at minimum, the AAA and Major League Division. If availability deems capable, the Minor League division shall be included.

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Concession Stand Manager- The Concession Stand Manager must ensure the stand is stocked with food and beverage, along with any supplies needed to operate daily. They must coordinate with the Treasurer for payment and return receipts promptly. They must implement a volunteer schedule with the league representatives and any student volunteers. They must ensure cash log is completed each night.

Fundraising-Planning and implementing fundraising activities.

APPENDIX G

PITCHING GUIDELINES

A pitcher once removed from the game may not enter as Pitcher again. A manager must remove a pitcher when said pitcher reaches the limit for his/her age as noted below, but the pitcher may remain in the game at another position.

League Age:

11-12 85 pitches per day
9-10 75 pitches per day
7-8 50 pitches per day

If a pitcher reaches the limit imposed his/her league age while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch until any one of the following conditions occurs: 1. That batter reaches base; 2. That batter is put out; 3. The third out is made to complete the half-inning.

Note 1: A pitcher who delivers 41 or more pitches in a game cannot play the position of catcher for the remainder of that day.
Note 2: Any player who has played the position of catcher in four or more innings in a game is not eligible to pitch on that calendar day.

Pitchers league age 13 and under must adhere to the following rest requirements:

- **If a player pitches 66 or more pitches in a day, four (4) calendar days of rest must be observed.**
- **If a player pitches 51-65 pitches in a day, three (3) calendar days of rest must be observed.**
- **If a player pitches 36-50 pitches in a day, two (2) calendar days of rest must be observed.**
- **If a player pitches 21-35 pitches in a day, one (1) calendar days of rest must be observed.**
- **If a player pitches 1-20 pitches in a day, no (0) calendar day of rest is required.**

Exception: If a pitcher reaches a day(s) of rest threshold while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch until any one of the following conditions occurs: (1) that batter reaches base; (2) that batter is retired; or (3) the third out is made to complete the half-inning or the game. The pitcher will only be required to observe the calendar day(s) of rest for the threshold he/she reached during that at-bat, provided that pitcher is removed or the game is completed before delivering a pitch to another batter.

APPENDIX H

Bath Youth Baseball shall maintain signage for R&D Outdoor on the outfield fence until the program has dissolved for their donation of the Stihl Walk Behind Tiller with attachments.