

LEAGUE POLICY AND PROCEDURES

Article I - Tryouts

A. General Procedures

1. Tryouts for each division are run by the Division Director. All managerial candidates must attend tryouts and make their own ratings. If a candidate does not participate in tryouts, then they should be deemed ineligible to manage. All players must try out each year. If a player cannot attend the tryout, then they must contact the Division Director to make the arrangements for a make-up tryout.
2. Each player will receive an official league rating from the Division Director based on that player's tryout score and that player's rating from the previous year if available. Players who do not tryout will be assigned a rating by the Division Director, and validated by all the managers, only if he/she has had prior experience playing in APB or if the players' abilities are known. Otherwise, the player shall be ranked in the last round and only allowed to be selected last.
3. In Bronco and Pony at minimum, pitchers and catchers must be identified at tryouts and indicated and ranked on the ratings sheet.
4. During the Spring season, players will not be "pre-packed" or pre-selected prior to the draft by coaches and/or parents. However, at Executive Board discretion, groups of players may be allowed, and each case will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. For example, a league approved Cooperstown team playing together in their 12U season is a compelling reason and it does not affect the competitive balance of the division.
5. During Fall Ball, managers may "pre-pack" or pre-select a certain number of players as determined by the Executive Board prior to that season.

B. Rating Process

1. The official APB tryout rating sheet containing the registered players' names shall be provided (in both hard copy and electronic formats) to Division Directors by the Vice President of Operations prior to tryouts. Division Directors shall provide these sheets to the managerial candidates to use to rate players, as well as e-mail the file to them.
2. At tryouts, the Division Directors, with the assistance of managerial candidates and other interested parties, shall run players through the designated series of skills drills and rate players according to the guidelines on the APB tryout rating sheet. Division Directors should rate all the players to provide a benchmark score.
3. Following the conclusion of tryouts, all managerial candidates must provide their ratings to the Division Director who will enter into the electronic file so that the Division Director can review and prepare a draft ranking.
4. The Division Director shall adjust his/her scores based on managerial candidate input and the player's prior experience/achievements so that the score reflects a true representation of the player's abilities in relation to other players.
5. The Division Director will then send the preliminary draft ranking to the managerial candidates/managers for review and feedback. The Division Director may adjust rankings based on input, then prepare a final draft to be presented to the Executive Board for final approval.
6. The Executive Board may choose to make final adjustments to the rankings, or not, and then return the final rankings to the Division Director to be used for the team draft.

Article II – Player Draft

C. General Procedures

1. These procedures apply to all divisions.
2. **The basic draft goal is balanced teams.**
3. Drafts should take place at a non-public location as personal and private information will be discussed. All draft discussions should remain private amongst all participants. Drafts may be held virtually.
4. All managers must be present.
5. Drafts will be conducted by the Division Directors with assistance from Board Members.
6. At least one Executive Board member, with knowledge of the division players, must be present at every draft.
7. American division drafts shall take place before National division drafts.
8. American teams shall have no less than 11 players. At the discretion of the League and/or manager with League approval, American teams may select more than 11 players.
9. The draft pool for the American Teams will be the (# of American Teams x 11) + 25%.
Examples are:
 - 1 American Team would be $1 \times 11 = 11 + 2.75 = 13.75$ (14) players.
 - 2 American Teams would be $2 \times 11 = 22 + 5.5 = 27.5$ (28) players.
 - 3 American Teams would be $3 \times 11 = 33 + 8.25 = 41.25$ (41) players.
10. American players must give their APB team top priority during the Spring season. If an American player also plays for another team (e.g., travel team), then they must inform the League up-front and disclose any potential conflicts. Priority should be given to players who will not encounter conflicts that will affect their ability to play or practice on a regular basis with their APB team.
11. Managers will select coaches and sponsors through the draft systems for all American divisions. Co-managers and/or pre-selected assistant coaches or pre-selected sponsors will not be allowed to be preselected in American divisions.
12. For National Divisions only, managers may select one (1) assistant coach prior to the draft to either co-manage or coach, at the discretion of the Division Director and with the approval of the League President or the Vice President-Operations. However, this will not be allowed if the coaches' children are both ranked in the first round.
13. Player selections will be made using the official league draft ratings, except in Shetland National and Foal where these scores/ratings are used as a reference for the Division Director in setting the team rosters. Managers will receive a list of all eligible league players, together with their official League rating, prior to the draft. Any known previous pitching and catching experience will be indicated on the draft list by the Division Director.
14. The Division Director, after discussion with the League President and Vice-President of Baseball Operations, has the authority to adjust player rating scores if they are known to be out of line in accordance with the player's actual ability.
15. Any player returning in the same division who played the preceding season "A" league of that division must still be assessed and placed in the "A" pool to be drafted in the "A" league again, unless otherwise requested by the player's parent or parents and approved by the Vice President of Operations. Returning "A" players who rate in the bottom 10% of the "A" pool shall be given priority over first year players in the division to be drafted.
16. Baseball players who play on a high school baseball team are ineligible to play in the Pony Division until their high school season ends, at which time they are eligible to return.

D. Player Selection Procedures

1. A three-minute time limit should be placed on each selection.

2. Special Requests. Prior to the start of draft proceedings, the Division Director will inform managers of any special requests, (i.e., brothers and sisters on the same team, sponsor's children, manager's children, etc.). Special requests should be honored whenever possible so long as they do not affect the balance of teams. Each team should have at least one sponsor.
3. Managers must select their children in the designated rounds where they are placed, or in earlier rounds.
4. For American Team drafts players in the top 50% of the draft pool must be selected onto an American Team.
5. For American Team drafts players in the top 60% of the draft pool that are second year in the division must be selected onto an American team.
6. Managers cannot select players from more than two rounds lower than the current draft round. For example, drafting in Round 1, managers can only select players from rounds 1, 2 or 3. Drafting in Round 2, managers can only select players from rounds 2, 3 or 4.
7. Selection Order at the start of the draft and by rounds. Managers will draw numbers to determine the order of selection for the first round. Subsequent selections throughout the drafts are determined by the team which has the *lowest* point total based on the official league rating scores (except in Shetland National and Foal.)
8. As managers make selections, the Division Director will track the player's name, rating score, and team assignment on a spreadsheet. Ideally, a projector will be used for all to follow along.
9. In Pony, and other divisions as deemed necessary, teams will select two (2) pitchers and one (1) catcher first, to ensure every team has a minimum of these skills covered. Pitchers and catchers will be identified during tryouts.
10. Players who do not tryout will be selected last after all other players have been drafted. If the player's abilities are well known, then the Division Director will assign a rating score with input from the managers. Unrated players will first be assigned to teams to balance the number of players. For example, if there are 5 teams of 11 players, and 2 teams of 10 players, then the teams of ten players will be filled out first. If all teams are balanced, then unrated players will be placed by lottery.
11. Late-adds. Players who register after teams have been selected will be placed on teams at the Division Directors' discretion to maintain balanced teams. Teams with fewer players than others will be first order of placement. If there is more than one team with fewer players, then the team(s) with the lowest draft score will be placed first.
12. Team Names. Assignment of team names shall be done at the discretion of the Division Director. American Divisions must select a MLB American team name or other non MLB team name. The National Division must select a MLB National team name or other non MLB team name.
13. After each manager has selected his/her allotted number of players, teams may trade players for personal reasons or to achieve league balance. All trades must be completed prior to the end of the meeting. All trades must have approval of the Division Director.
14. Before the conclusion of the draft, all managers must verify their team players with the Division Director.
15. Teams with highest total points will select 12 players, if necessary, in National divisions (13 for Pony National). In other words, in the 12th round the team with the *most* points will select first

unless if not all of the teams will have a 12th player.

Article III – League Schedules

League schedules shall be made so each team plays other teams in their division an equal number of times, unless this reduces the number of games to an unacceptable number in the judgment of the President, Vice-President of Baseball Operations, and the Division Director. In this event, additional regular season games may be scheduled. The pairing of teams for such additional games will be made by random selection. Every attempt should be made by the Division Directors to schedule two league games per week per team after daylight savings time ends. All teams will adhere to the regular season game schedules (excluding playoffs) unless mutually agreed to by all managers and subject to approval by the Division Director.

Article IV – Practice Schedules

Division Directors shall develop and maintain their division's practice schedule. Schedules may change throughout the season to accommodate inclement weather and/or team requests. Prior to official games starting, teams should be assigned two practice times a week (one weekday and one weekend). Once games start, practice fields will be limited, so teams should be scheduled on a rotating basis so that no team practices twice (from week to week) before any other team has practiced once. If a field is requested at the same time by different teams, then 1) the teams can share the fields or 2) the teams should be scheduled on a rotating basis (e.g., every other week) for that field.

If a team cannot use its scheduled practice slot, then the manager must inform the Division Director asap so that the slot may be offered to another team. Failure to do so may result in loss of future practice slots for that team.

APB fields are for APB team use only. Non-APB teams may only use APB fields with prior APB Board approval and are subject to lease/permit/insurance restrictions and possible fees.

Article V – General Managerial Responsibilities and Behavior

A. Basic Manager Responsibilities

1. To teach each player the game of baseball and the meaning of playing together as a team.
2. To teach the players the meaning of good sportsmanship.
3. To the best of his ability, develop the athletic skill of each player on the team.
4. Organize the parents of the players of their team to carry out work necessary for the team's function. These job assignments are typically those of coach, assistant coach, scorekeeper, field maintenance, refreshment coordinator, team parent, and umpire. In addition, managers will assist in scheduling parents to work in snack shacks.
5. Each manager is responsible for rating their players at the end of the season. Failure to submit player ratings may disqualify the manager from coaching in the future.
6. Managers must provide a qualified scorekeeper for each game.
7. When designated as the home team in the league schedule, managers shall be responsible for providing game balls and performing field prep (if necessary).
8. Managers are responsible for all field equipment including locking away bases, rakes, pitching machines, etc., locking equipment sheds and batting cages, turning off dugout misters and returning mister keys, upon completion of practices or games.

9. The manager shall have full responsibility and authority for maintaining discipline at all practices and games for the players and parents of the team under his jurisdiction.
10. Managers shall make a good faith effort to run a minimum of two practices per week.
11. Managers must report any vacancies on their teams to the Division Director immediately.

B. Managers' Player Ratings

Managers' player ratings shall be completed by each manager and shall be turned in to the Director no later than June 1st of each year. Each Division Director shall go over the rating with their division managers present and can adjust ratings with a majority approval of the managers present. Any manager who intentionally over or under-rates a player may not be allowed to coach in the future.

C. Equipment Responsibility

1. It's the manager's responsibility to assure that all equipment in his/her possession is maintained in serviceable condition and returned to the Equipment Director at the end of the season.
2. The manager will be responsible for the purchase or replacement of missing team equipment.
3. The manager will submit an equipment deposit check (post-date June 30) to the Equipment Director. This deposit will be returned when equipment is returned or cashed if equipment is not returned when requested.

D. Manager Evaluations

1. Manager evaluations by parents will be conducted by the League during and at the end of the season.
2. Completed evaluation forms for every manager will be kept on file as a "credentials file," to be maintained by the League President or the Vice-President of Baseball Operations from season to season. The credentials file for each manager will also contain any letters concerning manager's performance that are written to the board by parents of players, as well as the manager ratings forms that are submitted by League Directors.
3. The contents of credentials files will not be available to the public and are solely intended for use by members of the Board of Agoura Pony Baseball in the selection of managers. Any individual is entitled to view the contents of his/her file for the purpose of self-evaluation.

Article VI – American and National Leagues

APB will have an American and a National league in all Divisions except Foal. American leagues will draft prior to National leagues.

Article VII – League Playoffs

1. In applicable divisions, every team in every Division will be included in the APB playoffs (excluding Foal and Shetland National)
2. When teams are tied for a playoff position in the standings, the following tie breaker procedure will be used to seed the teams:
 - 1st - The team who has beaten the other team (head-to-head) more times will take the higher position.
 - 2nd - If still tied, then the total number of runs scored by one team over the other team in direct

competition will take the higher position.

3rd - If still tied, then the winner of a coin toss will take the higher position.

3. In all playoff games, the team with the best record will be the home team. The only exception is when a team in a double elimination playoff reaches the championship game with no losses then they will be the home team regardless of record.
4. In (single, double) elimination play-offs, games must result in a winner. In pool play playoffs, games may end in ties.
5. Elimination games must be played to the full number of innings for the division, or to a mercy rule and must result in a winner.
6. The Executive Board may adopt an alternative playoff schedule for a particular division.

Article VIII – Trophies

1. All players in Foal and Shetland will be awarded a participation trophy.
2. For Pinto, Mustang, Bronco, and Pony Divisions, Championship trophies/medals/rings will be awarded to the regular season first-place team, and runner-up trophies/medals/rings will be awarded to the second –place team. If two or more teams are tied for first place, then Championship trophies/medals/rings will be awarded to each co-champion team, i.e., without regard for any tiebreaker and there will be no runner-up trophy. If two or more teams tied for second place, then runner-up trophies/medals/rings will be awarded to both teams.
3. By a majority vote of the Board, additional trophies/medals/rings may be authorized.
4. Championship and runner-up trophies or medals or rings will be awarded to the two teams who played in the championship game of the playoff tournament in each division that holds a playoff tournament
5. **Thoroughbred Award.** Personalized engraved bats will be presented at Opening Day to players/managers/coaches that have played/managed/coached **consecutive spring seasons in every Agoura Pony Baseball division (Shetland, Pinto, Mustang, Bronco and Pony)** including:
 - 1 year of Shetland and 2 years of Pony (or until the players 8th grade year)
 - Exceptions can be made at Executive Board discretion regarding players that miss a season.
6. **Coach of the Year Award.** The “Carl Weiss Coach of the Year Award” will be presented to the manager who best embodies the league’s principles and values as outlined in the League Mission and/or goes “above and beyond” in terms of coaching, volunteering and teaching players, If deserving, then multiple awards may be given each year as determined but the Executive Board. The award shall be in the form of a plaque or similar and be presented at the end of the season and/or the following year’s opening day ceremony. Parents, players, and/or Board members may nominate a manager or coach for the award. The Board of Directors will vote on the winner(s).

Article IX – Selection of All-Stars, Managers and Coaches for Tournament Play

1. Selection of All-Star Tournament Managers and Coaches

- a. Candidates for All-Star Tournament Managers in each division will submit applications for that position by April 27 of each year (or when requested by the APB All Star Coordinator). Any applicant not submitting an All-Star manager application will not be considered under any circumstances. Managers and Assistant Coaches must have coached during the regular season to be eligible to manage or assistant coach during all-stars.
- b. C. To be selected as the "A" team manager, the manager's child must rank in the top 18 in the division. The division director and board will select the B team manager from the remaining applicants.
- c. All managers of the division to submit their top 3 choices per age group for the manager position at least 1 day prior to the All-Star Tournament Manager Selection Meeting.
- d. The Division Director will review parent feedback related to coaches from the previous spring and all-star season
- e. Selection of All-Star Tournament Managers in each division will be accomplished by a committee composed by the following members:
 1. The League President, who will chair the committee but will not vote except in the case of a tie.
 2. The Vice-President of Baseball Operations, unless this person is applying for the position of manager of that All-Star team, in which case another Executive Board Member will take his place.
 3. The Division Director for that division.
 4. At least three (3) additional "members-at-large", who will be selected by the League President, and who may be board members, managers, coaches, umpires, or any other members of the APB community. The "members-at-large" should not be coaches applying for the position of All-Star manager.
- f. The committee, by a vote of at least eighty percent (80%), shall select the All-Star manager using the following criteria:
 1. Evidence of knowledge of the game of baseball.
 2. Evidence of the ability to teach baseball and good sportsmanship to children.
 3. Evidence of managerial skill, which might include the division standing of the team managed by the applicant during the regular season.
 4. Evidence of ability to draw upon talents of individual players to form the team into a cohesive unit.
 5. Evidence of commitment to make the team as competitive as possible, both to contribute to the enjoyment of the players and to enhance the reputation of our organization and its players.
 6. Evidence of respect from players, other managers, parents, umpires, etc.
 7. Evidence that the candidate will be a good/positive representative of our league.
 8. Previous All-Star coaching experience, if possible.
 9. Manager voting of managers of that division

10. Parent feedback of managers and coaches from previous season.

2. Selection of All-Star Players

- a. An APB Board All-Star Parent Summit will be held by 4/20 to inform all interested league parents regarding the schedule, manager and player selection process, costs and dates of the All-Star season. This is just informational.
- b. The APB Board of Directors can, if it is in the best interest of the league, overrule any of the below voting procedure based on eBoard review of the results
- c. Both performance and sportsmanship (of the player and player's family) will be taken into account when selecting players for the all-star team.
- d. Managers may elect to have field assessments/try-outs but they are not required. Managers are required to review and assess potential players for their All Star year.
- e. The selection of the players of the even year teams of each division (e.g., 12U for Bronco) are selected before the players of the odd year teams of each division (e.g., 11U for Bronco).
- f. All players in the "American" division are automatically nominated for all-stars and eligible to be selected (provided they meet eligibility requirements dictated by the Pony national organization, including geographical boundary, participation and age requirements). "National" division players must be nominated by their manager (or by their division director) to become eligible for selection.
- g. To be eligible for All-Star play, a parent/custodian for every player must sign a letter of intent (or eligibility statement) declaring their eligibility and commitment for post season play. Any player who does not fulfill their commitment is subject to exclusion from future All-Star consideration.
- h. The All-Star selection meeting will be one week before the completion of the regular season. All players in the American division are automatically nominated. Prior to voting, each National division manager will "present" the nominated players from his /her team and a period for discussion/questions will be held. Prior to the close of nominations, players not mentioned by their own manager may be nominated by another manager.
- i. Prior to voting, managers will be given an opportunity to speak about and answer questions about their players or speak about other players they observed this season.
- j. For the Even teams, if there are two or more "American" division teams, then the "A" team selection will only be voted on by the "American" division managers. The "B" team will be voted on by all managers in the division regardless of how many players from the "National" division will likely be represented on the team.
- k. For the Even teams, if there are two or more "American" division teams, then the "A" team selection will only be voted on by the "American" division managers. The "B" team will be voted on by all managers in the division regardless of how many players from the "National" division will likely be represented on the team.
- l. Voting will be done in this process. Each manager will submit a ranked list of 12 names to the division director (by secret ballot). They may include their own players. Ranking of 1 will be worth 12 points, rank of 2 will be worth 11, etc. The top 10 players (ranked by points) will be selected for the "A" all-star team. If there is a tie for the 10th position, then secret ballot voting will commence (of just those players that are tied) until just 10 players are ranked (with the division director serving a tie-breaking vote if needed). Please note that if a player is represented on less than 40% of the manager ballots, then they may not be included in the top 10 (regardless of points). The "A" division manager will then choose at least 2 primary "coach" pick players and up to 2 additional "coach" picks to build a team of at least 12 to no more than 15 players.
- m. Players chosen 13 to 15 (if applicable and parents must be told they were chosen 13 to 15)) will have an opportunity to opt to play for the "B" team if they turn down the opportunity to play for the "A" team. Players ranked 1 to 9 and the first 3 coach pick players must play for

- the “A” team and cannot opt to play for the “B” team unless special permission is granted by the executive board.
- n. Anyone ranked 10 to 18 (for the “A” team selection) that is not selected on the “A” team will automatically be slotted for the “B” team prior to voting for the “B” team. The “Bteam selection will commence in the same order as noted above except that all managers must participate in the voting process. “American” division managers may opt out of voting for the “B” team players if they lack overall knowledge of the players.
 - o. A special stipulation shall be in place for the 5U, 7U, 9U, 11U and 13U divisions. In those divisions, the American Division managers may only vote on and lock in up to 75% of the “A” team (rounding down) based on the number of players in the American division. For example, if there are only ten 9U players in the American Division, then only 7 of them can be locked in for the first 10 spots for the 9U “A” team. The balance of the team - players 8 and 9 and 10 - will be voted on including the National Division managers in conjunction with the American Division managers. This is in place to ensure that top younger division players that may have been overlooked for the American Division have an opportunity to make the “A” all-star team and be voted on by managers that may know the skill set of the entire age group.
 - p. All nominees who are not selected on the “A” or “B” team will automatically be considered an alternate. The order of selection of the all-star team and alternates shall not be disclosed to anyone. Players selected to the “B” team may not be confirmed until all of the “A” players have been confirmed by the “A” manager, as it is possible that someone may decline participation.
 - q. If a player ranked in the top 10 declines participation, then the next highest ranked player (not already chosen) will be selected.
 - r. Managers are not to release any names of all-stars until all players selected are confirmed. Parents have 24-hours to confirm participation on the team. If no response, the division director must give permission to the manager to make another selection.
 - s. All All-star teams will use a minimum of a 12-man roster, maximum of 15 or whatever the maximum number allowable by Pony Tournament rules at that time.
 - t. All-Star players must have participated in at least half of the division league games (or have an injury waiver) to be eligible for All-Star selection.
 - u. Players may not have registered or played in multiple leagues.

Article X – Selection of Team Managers (Regular Season)

1. Managers will be selected from a list of applicants submitted to APB Board of Directors. The following selection criteria will be used:
 - a. A completed online Manager’s Application form.
 - b. Evidence of knowledge of the game of baseball.
 - c. Evidence of the ability to teach baseball and good sportsmanship to children.
 - d. Evidence of having the interpersonal skills needed to deal with children, parents, umpires, and league officials in a mature, reasonable fashion.
 - e. Evidence that the candidate will be a good/positive representative of our league.
 - f. For American division managers, the ability of the applicant’s child to compete effectively and enjoyably in the American league is necessarily considered.
2. Managers will be selected by the manager selection sub-committee. A separate sub- committee will be assembled for each of the six divisions (Foal, Shetland, Pinto, Mustang, Bronco, and Pony). The committee shall consist of:
 - a. The Division Director and the President. The President will act as chair of the sub-committee

during the selection of the managers for that league.

- b. The Vice-President of Baseball Operations unless he/she is seeking to manage in that Division. If they are, then another member of the Executive Board who is not seeking to manage in that division, and does not have a child in that Division, shall take their place.
 - c. Three (or four, if applicable) additional board members, appointed by the President, who:
 1. Are not applying to be a manager in that division, and
 2. Have experience or knowledge pertinent to selecting managers for that division.
 - d. Each member of the sub-committee will then, by secret ballot, vote for no more than a pre-determined number (as chosen by the Division Director) of managers on a given ballot. The manager (or managers) receiving the most votes is awarded a manager position.
3. All assistant coaches for Agoura Pony Baseball teams (regular season and all-star sanctioned teams) must be approved by the appropriate Division Director and League President or Vice President of Baseball Operations.

Article XI – Reasons and Procedures for Manager and/or Coach Dismissal

If, in the opinion of the Board of Directors, a manager or coach is not discharging his responsibility or his ability to manage or coach is in question, or his conduct is in question, then the following is applicable:

An APB board member shall first discuss the complaint with the manager and attempt to correct the complaint. If the board member is unable to correct the complaint, then the manager and/or coach will then get together with the President in a further attempt to solve the complaint. If a third meeting becomes necessary, then the manager and/or coach shall go before the Board of Directors for a fair and impartial hearing. Substantiating witnesses will be required, and defense witnesses permitted.

Article XII – Reasons and Procedures for Umpire Dismissal

If, in the opinion of the Board of Directors and umpire leadership, an umpire is not performing his responsibilities as an umpire or his conduct is in question, then the following is applicable:

An APB board member, which may be part of umpire leadership, shall first discuss the complaint with the umpire and attempt to correct their performance. If, after an amount of time determined by the APB Board and umpire leadership, the umpire is unable to correct their performance, then the umpire may no longer be requested or allowed to umpire games at Agoura Pony Baseball for a specified amount of time (or permanently).

Article XIII – Parental Responsibilities

1. APB is a parent-support organization, and the parents of all players in APB are expected to assist the league officers in attaining the objectives of the APB.
2. Parents of players participating in league play will be expected to perform the following team support functions:
 - a. Manager
 - b. Coach
 - c. Scorekeeper

- d. Team Parent
 - e. Field Maintenance
 - f. Working assigned shifts in snack shacks
 - g. Fundraising Parent
 - h. Publications Parent, including taking pictures for the Yearbook
3. The Manager or Team Parent can assign field maintenance responsibilities and snack shack duties on a rotating basis.
 4. The conduct of parents when in contact with the team manager or coach and the players will be that of a responsible adult.
 5. Problems between managers and coaches and parents will be discussed at a meeting between parent and manager. If a further meeting becomes necessary, the manager will arrange a meeting between the manager, parent and Division Director to resolve the problem.
 6. The Manager or any other parent volunteer of the home team must report the final score and pitch counts of each game within 24 hours of completion. Acceptable methods include e-mail or calling the Division Director. These call procedures only apply to divisions where scores are kept.

Article XIV – Board Members’ Registration Fees

Registration fees for all Board Members’ children are required to be paid, however, a discount may be approved by 2/3 Board vote. The following discount terms will apply:

- 10% discount for only one (1) Board Member’s child
- The discount will increase by 10% annually for each year the Board Member serves, and remains, on the Board. For example, the first year on the Board, the discount is 10%, 2nd year, 20%, etc.
- The discount will be refunded after the conclusion of the Spring season after the Board Member successfully completes his/her Board duties. Determination of successful completion is at the sole discretion of the Executive Board. Successful completion will not be unreasonably withheld.
 - o Board Member discount is contingent upon:
 - Board member attendance at at least 70% of the regularly scheduled board meetings during the prior fiscal year; and
 - Except for those with President’s written approval to not do so, Board member sign-up for at least two-sessions as a tournament volunteer.
 - o The current Umpire in Chief and Assistant Umpire in Chief are exempt from the tournament sign-up requirement]
- The VP of Operations, Treasurer and/or Secretary shall maintain records of Board Members’ annual tenure.

Article XV – Board Member Responsibility Conflicts

Within the APB organization, Board Members responsibilities have a higher priority than team manager or coaching responsibilities. If, in the opinion of the majority of the board, a board member is not fulfilling his/her responsibilities as a board member, and also has managerial or coaching responsibilities, the board may demand that the board member reassign his/her managerial or coaching responsibilities to another person.

If a board member who also has managerial or coaching responsibilities resigns from the board prior

to expiration of their term, the board may, upon majority vote, reassign his/her coaching responsibilities to another person.

Article XVI – Outside Baseball Organizations

Teams from other youth baseball organizations will only be included in APB's league schedule when the need arises for additional teams in a division. The Division Director will make a recommendation on adding an outside team (s) to their schedule, providing APB or the outside organization has the facilities to accommodate the schedule, with approval by the APB Board of Directors.

Article XVI – Players playing for Outside Baseball Organizations

Players may play for outside (non "APB") baseball organization during the spring season but must follow the below rules or the player may be suspended / removed from the team:

- Shetland, Pinto, Mustang and Bronco divisions the league requirement is that APB activities always take priority of ANY club team activity if they occur at the same time.
- Pony division the league requirement is the APB games always take priority over club team games. Also, for Pony, practice attendance for players that are on both a club and Agoura Pony Baseball league team need to be arranged between the managers of both the club and Agoura Pony Baseball teams.

Article XVIII – APB League Director's Eligibility

Division Directors are not allowed to be a director of a division in which their child plays unless approved by the Executive Board.

Article XIX – Refunds

1. Refund requests made prior to the registration deadline (date that the late fee starts) will be honored at no charge (less any credit card service fees).
2. Refunds requested after the regular registration deadline (date that the late fee starts), but before the first player drafted for that player's division, will be honored at a 50% rate (less any credit card service fees).
3. No refund after the first player is drafted for that player's division on a team for that player's division. No exceptions.

Refunds for players who sustain season-ending injuries may be refunded at the discretion of the League President or Vice President of Baseball Operations.

Article XX – League Boundaries

Shall be consistent with boundaries established with Pony Baseball, Inc. As of 2015, there are no league boundaries, but players must reside within the borders of the Northern Region to play All-Stars.

Article XXI – Amendments

Section 1 – These League Policies and Procedures may be amended only by a 2/3 vote of the voting members present at a legal meeting of the Board of Directors, as defined in Article III, Section 6 of the By-Laws.

Section 2 – The Presiding officer shall not be considered a voting member for the purpose of this Article.

Section 3 – A qualified Board member shall be considered present for the purpose of this Article if said member is physically present at the meeting or said member has submitted a vote in writing in absentia pursuant to Article III, Section 7 of the By-Laws.

CHANGES APPROVED BY BOARD VOTE 3/2/2023