

Cumberland Youth Baseball / Softball League, Inc. By-Laws

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ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of the organization will be known as, “CUMBERLAND YOUTH BASEBALL/SOFTBALL LEAGUE, INC.” hereinafter referred to as “League”.

ARTICLE II – OBJECTIVE

SECTION 1

The objective of the “League” is to teach the children of Cumberland the fundamentals of baseball and softball while promoting good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty and respect for authority so that they will be well adjusted, strong, and happy children who grow to be good, decent, healthy and trustworthy adults. Developing exceptional athletic skills and winning games is secondary to molding exemplary citizens.

SECTION 2

To achieve the objective, the League will provide athletic equipment, facilities and a supervised program under the Rules and Regulations of Little League Baseball, Inc.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1

Eligibility. Any person who is interested in active participation to further the objective of the League may apply to become a Member.

SECTION 2

Classes. There shall be the following classes of Members:

- (a) **Player Members.** Any player candidate meeting the requirements of Little League Registration IV and set forth in these bylaws shall be eligible to compete for participation in the League as a Player Member. Player Members shall have no rights, duties or obligations in the management or in the property of the league. Registration fees for Player members may be fixed at such amounts as the Board of Directors deems appropriate.
- (b) **Regular Members.** Any adult actively interested in furthering the objectives of the League may become a Regular Member. Regular Members of the League include League Officers, Board Members, Commissioners, and Managers.(note: Coaches and Assistant Coaches are not considered Regular Members) Only Regular Members in good standing are entitled to participate and vote at General Membership Meetings. The secretary shall maintain the roll of membership to qualify voting members.
- (c) **Members, whether Regular or Player, shall not be required to be affiliated with another organization or group to qualify as members of the League.**
- (d) As used hereinafter, the word “Member” shall mean a Regular Member unless otherwise stated.

SECTION 3

All Regular Members are eligible and encouraged to participate in Cumberland Youth Baseball/Softball League, Inc. activities, meetings, and to vote at the League's General Membership Meetings including the Annual Meeting.

SECTION 4

The League does not limit participation in its activities on the basis of race, religion, gender, sexual orientation or national origin.

SECTION 5

Financial hardship will not prevent participation in the activities of the League. Scholarships will be awarded based upon financial need and subject to the review of the President and Player Agent.

SECTION 6

All members of the Executive Committee, (See Article VII below,) managers, coaches, Regular Members, Player Members and Umpires of the League shall comply with the League's Code of Conduct at any League sponsored games or functions.

SECTION 7

The Executive Committee may suspend any Regular Member, Player Member, manager, or coach whose conduct is contrary to the stated objective of the League. Any Regular Member, Player Member, manager or coach subject to possible suspension in excess of a one game suspension shall be afforded the opportunity to request a full hearing before the Executive Committee in order to present their case.

SECTION 8

All participants (Managers, Coaches, Parents and Players) accept responsibility for adhering to the Code of Conduct upon registration into Cumberland Youth Baseball and Softball League. The Code of Conduct is outlined on the CYBSL website. Consequences for not adhering to the Code of Conduct will include the request of removal of the violator from the property. Any further action necessary for any violator may include notification for removal from the premises by the Cumberland Police Department.

SECTION 9

The Board of Directors, by a 2/3rd vote of those present at any duly constituted Board meeting, shall have the authority to discipline or suspend or terminate a Board of Director, when the conduct of such Board member is considered detrimental to the best interests of the League and/or Little League Baseball. The Board Member involved in the disciplinary action shall be notified prior to such meeting, informed of the general nature of the issue and given an opportunity at the meeting to answer to the disciplinary actions.

SECTION 10

Any player, manager or coach ejected from a game will receive a minimum of a one game suspension with the possibility of further disciplinary action, at the discretion of the Executive Committee, dependent upon the severity of the incident. The Commissioner of the division in which the infraction occurred shall notify the Vice President of the division who will notify the Executive Committee.

If the Executive Committee determines that additional suspension may be warranted, the individual at risk of receiving a greater than one game suspension will be afforded an opportunity to present their case to the Executive Committee.

SECTION 11

All grievances concerning the League shall be brought to the President who will introduce the grievance to the Executive Committee. If the grievance is against a member of the Executive Committee, the grievance shall be brought to the Board for review. If a party is not satisfied with the Executive Committee or Board's decision the issue may be presented to the District Administrator, Little League, Inc. headquarters for consideration.

SECTION 12

Communication with the District Office, Regional Office or Little League Office- All correspondence with any of the aforementioned organizations is to be made through the League President. All Board members are to refer to any Player Members, Parents of Player Members or Regular Members to direct any League matters to the President of the League. If the President is directly involved in a matter, the matter should be brought to the Board.

SECTION 13

Baseball Divisions. There shall be the following Baseball divisions.

- (a) **Instructional Baseball Division.** An Instructional Baseball Division will operate with the necessary number of teams to serve registered 5 and 6 year old players and eligible 1st year 7 year old players. It will be up to the discretion of the Commissioner or Player Agent to move any 7 year old up to the Farm Division if deemed warranted.
- (b) **Farm Division.** The Farm Division will operate with the necessary number of teams to serve 7, 8, 9, and 10 year old players not playing in the Little League minor or Little League major league program. (note: 10 year old players require a verbal approval from a parent to remain in the Farm division). There will be two subdivisions within the Farm Division, AA and A.
- (c) **Little League Minor Division.** The Little League Minor Division shall consist of two subdivisions: an American League and a National League for players ages 8 thru 12 years old (note: 12 year old players require an Official Little League Waiver Form to remain in the minor division and 8 year olds need recommendation by their manager from the previous year and approval by a Commissioner and Player Agent). Players with odd day birthdays shall participate in the National League tryouts/draft and players with even day birthdays shall participate in the American League tryouts/draft. Exceptions to this rule are limited to provisions set forth in Article X, in order to allow players to play on a team managed or coached by their parent or with their siblings regardless of odd/even birthday criteria.
- (d) **Little League Major Division.** The Little League Major Division shall consist of two subdivisions: an American League and a National League for players ages 9 thru 12 years old (note: 9 year old players need a recommendation by their manager from the previous year and approval by a Commissioner and Player Agent). Players with odd day birthdays shall participate in the National League tryouts/draft and players with even day birthdays shall participate in the American League tryouts/draft.

Exceptions to this rule are limited to provisions set forth in Article X, in order to allow players to play on a team managed or coached by their parent or with their siblings regardless of odd/even birthday criteria.

- (e) **Junior Division.** A Junior Division shall be authorized to operate with the necessary number of teams to serve registered 13 year old and 14 or 15 year old players.
- (f) **Challenger Program.** The Challenger Program will operate with the necessary number of teams to serve all players with physical or mental disabilities that are also 5 thru 18 years old, with exceptions that may be approved by the Board.
- (g) **Big League Program.** The Big League Program is a chartered Little League program to serve 16-18 year old players.

SECTION 14

Softball Divisions. There shall be the following Softball divisions.

(a) Instructional Softball Division. An Instructional Softball Division will operate with the necessary number of teams to serve registered 5 and 6 year old players and eligible 1st year 7 year old players. It will be up to the discretion of the Commissioner or Player Agent to move any 7 year old up to the Farm Division if deemed warranted.

(b) Farm Division. The Farm Division will operate with the necessary number of teams to serve 7, 8, 9, and 10 year old players not playing in the Softball minor or major divisions. (note: 10 year old players require a verbal approval from a parent to remain in the Farm division).

(c) Softball Minor Division. The Softball Minor Division will operate a set number of teams (as determined by the League) for players ages 8 thru 12 years old (note: 12 year old players require a waiver to remain in the minor division and 8 year olds need recommendation by their manager from the previous year and approval by a Commissioner) that have been selected via the tryout / draft process.

(d) Softball Major Division. The Softball Major Division will operate a set number of teams (as determined by the League) for players ages 9, 10, 11 and 12 years old that have been selected via the tryout / draft process. (note: 9 year old players need a recommendation by their manager from the previous year and approval by a Commissioner).

(e) Jr. / Sr. Softball Division. The Jr./Sr. Softball Division will operate a set number of teams (as determined by the League) for players that are 13 thru 16 years old that have been selected via the tryout / draft process.

SECTION 15

Two sanctioned Little League charters (Cumberland National Little League and Cumberland American Little League) will be operated consisting of Major Baseball, Major Softball, Minor Baseball, Minor Softball, Jr./Sr. Softball, Junior League, Big League and Challenger programs. The Challenger Program will be listed under the American Little League charter and operate under the supervision of the CYBSL President. The Minor, Major and Jr./Sr. Softball programs will be listed under the National Little League charter and operate under of the supervision of the CYBSL President.

ARTICLE IV – MEETINGS

SECTION 1

Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting of the League shall be held the 1st Wednesday of September each year or such other time as the Board may set for the purpose of electing League Officers, electing the Board of Directors, receiving reports, reviewing the Bylaws and for the transaction of such business as may properly come before the meeting.

(a) At the Annual Meeting, there will be two ballots distributed for the election. The first ballot will be for the election of the Executive Committee (President, Vice Presidents of Baseball and Softball, Treasurer, Secretary and Player Agent). After the election of the Executive Committee, the Members, through a ballot, shall elect the Board of Directors. The Executive Committee and Directors to be elected will be for the ensuing year. The ballots for the election shall list all individuals interested in representing CTBSL as a Board member. In addition to the 6 Executive Board members, the top 13 vote getters will compromise the remainder of the Board. The number of Directors and League Officers elected shall be not less than 19. No Member shall have more than one vote regardless of the number of roles he/she has within the league. The management of the property and affairs of the League shall be vested in the Board of Directors.

(b) The League Commissioners will be recommended by the President and approved by the Board.

(c) After the election, the Board of Directors and League Commissioners shall assume the performance of their duties. The terms of office of the Board of Directors and League Commissioners shall continue until its successors are elected and qualified under this section.

SECTION 2

Special General Membership Meetings. A Special General Membership Meeting of the Members may be called by the Board of Directors or by the Secretary or President at their discretion. No business other than that specified in the notice of the meeting shall be transacted at any Special General Membership Meeting. Such General Membership Meetings shall be scheduled to take place not less than thirty (30) days after the request is received by the President or Secretary.

Notice of each Special General Membership meeting shall be delivered personally, electronically or by mail to each member at the last recorded address at least 2 days in advance of the meeting, set forth the place, time and purpose of the meeting. A Calendar of Events is to be maintained by the President and submitted to the General Membership regularly that will list all meetings, special events, etc. for the upcoming year.

Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings of all Special General Membership Meetings, except where same conflicts with the CYBSL Bylaws.

SECTION 3

General Membership Meetings. General Membership Meetings shall be held at deemed appropriate times by the President. A minimum of one per year is required in March prior to the start of the spring season. Prior to meetings, an agenda is to be prepared, with agenda items requested of the Board. The agenda is to be distributed prior to the meeting by the Secretary.

Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings of all General Membership Meetings, except where same conflicts with the CYBSL Bylaws.

SECTION 4

Terms. All League Officers and Directors shall be elected annually.

ARTICLE V – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1

Authority. The management of the property and affairs of the League shall be vested in the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2

Increase in number. The number of Board of Directors so fixed at the Annual Meeting may be increased at any Special Meeting of the Members. If the number is increased, the additional Directors may be elected at the meeting at which the increase is voted, or at any subsequent General Membership Meeting. All elections of additional Directors shall be by majority vote of all Regular Members present or represented by a properly executed and signed absentee ballot or electronic mail.

SECTION 3

Vacancies. If any vacancy occurs in the Board of Directors, by death, resignation or otherwise, it may be filled by a recommendation by the Executive Board and then by a majority vote of the remaining Directors at any regular Board meeting or at any Special Board Meeting for that purpose. Candidates for any positions may come from the General Membership, parents or coaches.

SECTION 4

Board Meetings, Notice and Quorum. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held immediately following the Annual Meeting and on such days thereafter as shall be determined by the Board.

- (a) The President or the Secretary may, whenever they deem it advisable, or the Secretary shall at the request in writing of a majority of Directors, issue a call for a Special Board Meeting. In the case of a Special Board Meeting, such notice shall include the purpose of the meeting and no matters not so stated may be acted upon at the meeting.
- (b) Notice of each Board meeting shall be given by the Secretary personally, electronically or by mail to each Director at least seven days(s) before the time appointed for the meeting to the last recorded address of each Director.
- (c) A majority of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. If a quorum is not present, no business shall be conducted.
- (d) Only members of the Board of Directors may make motions and vote at meetings of the Board of Directors. However the Board of Directors may invite, admit and recognize guests for presentations or comments during Board meetings.
- (e) Absentee Ballot: Absentee ballots will not be accepted for any votes held by the CYBSL Board.

SECTION 5

Duties and Powers. The Board of Directors shall have the power to appoint such standing committees as it shall determine appropriate and to delegate such powers to them as the Board shall deem advisable and which it may properly delegate. 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, provided such rules and regulations do not conflict with these Bylaws.

SECTION 6

Rules of Order for Board Meetings. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings of all Board of Directors meetings except where same conflicts with these League Bylaws.

ARTICLE VI – DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE BOARD

SECTION 1

Appointments. The Board of Directors may appoint such other officers or agents as it may deem necessary or desirable, 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.

SECTION 2

Board Member:

- Board Members will be expected to attend at least 2/3rd's of our yearly meetings each year.
- Board Members will be encouraged to do everything possible by computer, e-mail, etc. Microsoft Word is the most popular vehicle for this purpose, as it can be e-mailed and opened by just about anyone. It will also make it easy to transfer all work by one member to successors, other board members, etc.
- Board Members are required to serve as Field Directors during the regular season and tournaments and at Parade Day, and Award Days.

SECTION 3

President:

- Conduct the affairs of the League and execute the policies established by the Board of Directors.
- As chief administrator when selecting and appointing all managers, coaches, umpires and committees (subject to the approval of the Board).
- Officer with whom Little League Headquarters maintains contact.
- Represents the League in the District organization. This includes attendance at all district Meetings, etc.
- Strives to have firsthand knowledge of the regulations under which Little League operates.
- Authorizes the annual application for charter, and binds all members of the League to faithfully observe the regulations.
- Takes an active role in gaining support and encourages the Little League philosophy.
- Presides at all League meetings, and assumes full responsibility for the operation of the League.
- Receives all mail, supplies and other communications from the Little League Headquarters, and the District.

- Oversees all Post-season tournaments hosted by CYBSL, both sanctioned and non-sanctioned.
- Oversees and coordinates all scheduling with other board members, including but not limited to yearly calendar, opening day, scheduling of fields for all non-Little League uses.
- Oversee and coordinate with the appropriate Board member all League Publicity campaigns, including but not limited to announcements, registration, clinics, seminars, articles, etc.
- Oversee all long-term development and planning.
- Regulates all waivers.
- Required to attend D4 President's meeting
- Conduct new director meeting and field director walk through at the fields before the season starts.
- Present a report of the condition of the League at the Annual Meeting.
- Communicate to the Board of Directors such matters as deemed appropriate, and make such suggestions as may tend to promote the welfare of the Local League.
- Be responsible for the conduct of the League and as the case may be in strict conformity to the policies, principles, Rules and Regulations of Little League Baseball, Inc. or Babe Ruth, Inc. under the conditions of charter issued to the League by that organization.
- Designate in writing other officers, if necessary, to have power to make and execute for/and in the name of the League such contracts and leases they may receive and which have had prior approval of the Board.
- Investigate complaints, irregularities and conditions detrimental to the League and report thereon to the Board or Executive Committee as circumstances warrant.
- With the assistance of the Player Agent, as deemed necessary, examine the application and support proof- of-age documents of every player candidate and certify residence and age eligibility before the player may be accepted for tryouts and selection.
- Perform all duties as set forth in the Little League Operating Manual or Babe Ruth President's Handbook.
- President will have power of veto over Board of Director decisions. Vetoes could be overridden by a 2/3rd vote by the Board of Directors. Motions that are not overridden by the 2/3rd majority vote will expire. All issues will be revisited by the Board of Directors during the meeting the veto took place.

SECTION 3

Vice President of Baseball (Softball)

- The Vice President with the most uninterrupted tenure shall perform the duties of the President in the absence or disability of the President. When so acting, the Vice President shall have all the powers of that office.
- Perform such duties as from time to time may be assigned by the Board of Directors or by the President.
- Responsible for the coordination of all activities relating to baseball (softball) year round.
- Coordinates and oversees all Division Directors activities, including but not limited to: making sure that all uniforms and awards are distributed in a timely manner; making all managers, coaches, and parents aware of all meetings, local rules, and conduct expected at all practices and games.
- Coordinates with directors in preparing and proposing a list of all divisional Managers for Board approval and approved by the President for selection. Oversees all Manager/Coach activities.

- Coordinates with and assists the Player Agent and Division Directors in conducting all drafts and/or selection of all teams.
- Coordinates with the Safety/Training Officer and Caretaker in making sure that all safety issues are addressed.
- Coordinates with the Safety/Training Officer and the Player Agent to insure that all managers, coaches and players at all levels are receiving proper instruction.
- Coordinates with the Safety Officer, Division Directors, and Managers in executing all national rules and in developing and executing all local rules.
- Assists the President in overseeing all Post-season tournaments hosted by CYBSL, both sanctioned and non-sanctioned.

SECTION 4

Secretary:

- Be responsible for recording the activities of the League and its Board of Directors.
- Perform such duties as are herein specifically set forth, in addition to such other duties as are customarily incident to the Office of Secretary or as may be assigned by the Board of Directors.
- Notify Members, Directors, Officers and Committee Members of their election or appointment. Record all player transactions and maintain an accurate and up-to-date record.
- Notify all eligible players of the date, time and location of the appropriate league tryouts
- Maintains a register of members and directors.
- Maintains league registrar and coordinates with president, vice president and player agent any activities pertaining to information / data as needed.
- Records the minutes of meetings, prepare in written format, and distribute via email.
- Provide copies of meeting minutes for each board meeting.
- Provide attendance roster for each board meeting.
- Maintain files of all board minutes, attendance rosters, meeting agenda's, activities.
- Create bulletin board visuals for field and define content material.
- Responsible for sending out notice of meetings (coordinates with President).

SECTION 5

Treasurer:

- Perform such duties as are herein specifically set forth, in addition to such other duties as are customarily incident to the Office of Treasurer or as may be assigned by the Board of Directors.
- Receive all monies and securities, and deposit same in a depository approved by the Board of Directors.
- Keep records for the receipt and disbursement of all monies and securities of the League, approve all payments from allotted funds and draw checks therefore in agreement with policies established in advance of such actions by the Board of Directors.
- Prepare budget, under the direction of the President, for submission to the Board of Directors. Coordinate with each budget discipline regarding use of budgets.
- Prepare an annual financial report, under the direction of the President, for submission to the Membership and Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting.

- File tax returns and other financial documents on behalf of the League to satisfy all legal and financial obligations.
- Signs checks as directed by league constitution.
- Dispenses League funds as approved by Board of Directors.
- Keeps League books and financial records.
- Assumes responsibility for all League finances.

SECTION 6

Player Agent – Baseball & Softball:

- Record all player transactions and maintain an accurate up-to-date record thereof.
- Notify Little League Headquarters of any subsequent player replacement or trades.
- Oversee the tryouts, player draft and all other player transaction or selection meetings. In coordination with VP Baseball, Commissioners (Softball).
- Prepare for the President's signature and submission to Little League Headquarters, team rosters, including players' claimed, and the tournament team eligibility affidavit.
- Communicate with players' families as needed.
- Responsible, as deemed necessary, for checking birth records and eligibility of all players.
- Supervises and coordinates the transfer of players between divisions, either up or down in age with vice president, and commissioners
- Assume responsibility of prime coordinator of all player affairs, including but not limited to: player issues, financial or other family issues (including all issues of a delicate nature that need not be made public), etc.

SECTION 7

Safety/Training Officer:

- Be responsible to create awareness, through education and information, of the opportunities to provide a safer environment for youngsters and all participants of Little League and Babe Ruth Baseball.
- Develop and implement a plan for increasing safety of activities, equipment and facilities through education, compliance and reporting. In order to implement a safety plan using education, compliance and reporting, the following suggestions may be utilized by the Safety Officer:
 - (1) Education – Should facilitate meetings and distribute information among participants including players, managers, coaches, umpires, league officials, parents, guardians, and other volunteers.
 - (2) Compliance – Should promote safety compliance leadership by increasing awareness of the safety opportunities that arise from these responsibilities.
 - (3) Reporting – Define a process to assure that incidents are recorded, information is sent to league/district and national offices, and follow-up information on medical and other data is forwarded as available.
- Conduct background checks with respect to any individual who wishes to participate in the League as a Regular Member, manager, coach or volunteer. Prepare ASAP Safety Awareness Plan.

- Prepare Safety Committee Budget as a line item on the Annual League Budget.
- Ensures safe playing conditions.
- Solicits suggestions for making conditions safer.
- Reports suggestions to Little League Headquarters through the ASAP program.
- Coordinates with the VPs of Softball/Baseball and the Player Agents to schedule, conduct and monitor all clinics, seminars, or other development affairs.
- Prime contact with High School Varsity/Junior Varsity and Middle School coaches. Works with school coaches to tailor all development programs to act as a feeder programs to the schools.
- Responsible for Monitoring and evaluating the development and progress of all managers and coaches in the League (coordinated with VP Softball/Baseball and Division Directors). Diligently works to continually teach managers and coaches correct basic player skills, as well as managerial skills.
- Institutes and updates all printed development vehicles, such as manuals, flyers, internet correspondence, etc. Responsible for making information available to all managers, coaches and players as appropriate.
- Institute an appropriate Time Schedule/Plan for addressing all critical safety issues identified in the ASAP and coordinating with the Treasurer and Caretaker to ensure that all safety issues are budgeted for and resolved in a timely manner.

SECTION 8

Registrar

The Registrar shall:

- Record all player transactions and maintain an accurate and up-to-date record thereof.
- Receive and review applications for player candidates and assist the President in verifying residence and age eligibility.
- Notify all eligible players of the date, time and location of the appropriate league tryout.

SECTION 9

League Commissioners. The President will appoint one commissioner for each of the Baseball Instructional, Farm, American, National, and Babe Ruth Leagues and the, Softball Instructional/Farm, Softball Minor, Major and Softball Jr/Sr Leagues. The President shall serve as the commissioner of the Big League. The commissioners will be responsible for the day-to-day operation of their respective league and report to Board of Directors.

The league commissioners will organize and conduct player tryouts and in conjunction with the Player Agent and will ensure that players are drafted in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws.

ARTICLE VII – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

SECTION 1

The Executive Committee, which shall consist of the League President, Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer and Player Agent, will be elected by the General Membership.

SECTION 2

The Player Agent shall not be a manager/coach or acting manager/coach of a team. The President, Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer and Directors may hold a manager/coach position if appointed and approved by the Board.

SECTION 3

The Executive Board shall advise with and assist the Officers of the League in all matters concerning its interests and the management of its affairs, and shall have such other powers as may be delegated to it by the Board, but in no event will the Executive Board have authority over the Board of Directors.

SECTION 4

At any meeting of the Executive Committee, a majority of the total number of members then in office shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and the act of a majority present at any meeting at which there is a quorum shall be the act of the Committee.

SECTION 5

The Executive Board shall be responsible for the execution of the authorized purposes of Cumberland Youth Baseball/Softball League. It shall approve all expenditures in excess of \$2,500.00. The President may approve expenditures up to \$2,500.00 for items that adhere to maintenance and safety. All approvals shall be documented and presented to the Board at the next General meeting. The Executive Board shall determine the compensation to be paid for services required for the proper administration of the activities of CYBSL (ex. Umpire fees).

ARTICLE VIII

SECTION 1

Auditing Committee. The Board of Directors may appoint an Auditing Committee consisting of three (3) Directors. The President, Treasurer, or signatories of checks are not eligible. The Committee will review the Local League's books and records annually prior to the Annual Meeting and attach a statement of its findings to the annual financial statement of the President and Treasurer; or may, if directed by the Board of Directors or Membership, secure the services of a Certified Public Accountant to accomplish such review.

The Auditing Committee will be responsible for ensuring that a financial background check is performed on the President, Treasurer or signatories of checks.

SECTION 2

All other Committees that may be established by CYBSL will require approval by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IX TEAM MANAGERS AND COACHES.

SECTION 1

Selection of Team Managers and Coaches. The League Commissioners shall be responsible for proposing qualified managers to the President for approval and ratification by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2

Responsibilities of Team Managers. It is expected that Team Managers will:

- Ensure their players receive proper instruction during practice sessions and the highest level of management during actual play.
- Attend the Annual Meeting and other General Membership Meetings.
- Participate in fund raising programs.
- Accept committee assignments made by the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee
- Be familiar with official rules of baseball / softball as defined by Little League Inc, Babe Ruth Inc. in addition to CYBSL Bylaws and House Rules
- Endeavor to influence positive fan behavior in the interest of having appropriate role models for players
- Be responsible for proper maintenance and care of all issued equipment and uniforms. The Board member responsible for uniforms will establish a procedure for the return of the uniforms and equipment.
- Ensure team dugout and adjacent stands are properly policed after play
- Ensure only authorized persons are in the dugout with players

ARTICLE X – SYSTEM OF REGISTRATION, DRAFTING AND PLAYER REPLACEMENT

SECTION 1

Registration deadlines and methodologies for registration per Division will be recommended by the respective Commissioner and presented to the Board for approval.

SECTION 2

Notification of registration will be posted on the CYBSL website and may be sent to each school within league boundaries. In addition, a notice will be published in The Valley Breeze or other newspaper(s) that cover events in the Town of Cumberland. Notification will also be made via mass email utilizing the prior year database.

SECTION 3

The Registrar will notify all eligible players of the appropriate tryout dates, time, and location. The actual conduct of the tryouts will be the responsibility of the League Commissioners.

SECTION 4

A separate draft for each division shall be conducted under the supervision of the Player Agent, or in the event that the Player Agent is unable to attend, the President or 1st Vice President, so long as the President or 1st Vice President is not a manager of a team in the division that he/she is being asked to supervise.

SECTION 5

The draft shall be conducted in accordance with the Player Selection Systems approved by Little League and Babe Ruth Baseball.

SECTION 6

All Little League Minor, Junior and Senior Softball divisions, and all Babe Ruth divisions shall be redrafted annually. . Commissioner of the Major Baseball Division(s) shall recommend whether or not to redraft the division in any given year. The BOD shall have the authority to overrule said decision by a 2/3 majority vote.

SECTION 7

Players that are not selected during the draft shall be entered into the draft of the preceding level of play.

SECTION 8

When a player is lost to a team during the regular season due to injury, relocation, personal or other matters, the manager will promptly advise the Player Agent. The manager and the Player Agent will select a replacement player, preferably from the same age group or older than the lost player whose ability will allow him/her to compete at the next level. Failure of a manager to notify the Player Agent in a timely manner of a lost player may result in disciplinary action.

ARTICLE XI-POST SEASON PLAY AND PLAYER SELECTION

SECTION 1

All Little League and Babe Ruth divisions who are eligible to participate in post season play may do so. Minor divisions and below may participate in tournaments on a case by case basis, so long as participation has been approved by the Board of Directors. Players may be selected to one post season team only.

SECTION 2

Managers of post season teams will be selected by a committee composed of the President, the Vice President of the respective division, the Player Agent and the Commissioner of the respective division.

SECTION 3

The method of selection of post season team players shall be submitted in writing by the Commissioner to the President, Vice President of the respective division and Player Agent noted in Section 2 for approval.

ARTICLE XII – AFFILIATION

SECTION 1

Charter. The League shall annually apply for a charter from Little League Baseball, Inc, and Babe Ruth, Inc. and shall do all things necessary to obtain and maintain such charter(s). The League shall devote its entire energies to the activities authorized by such charter and it shall not be affiliated with any other program or organization or operate any other program.

SECTION 2

Rules and Regulations for the Little League and Babe Ruth Divisions. The Little League Division shall be bound by the Official Playing Rules and Regulations as published by Little League Baseball Inc., Williamsport, PA. The Babe Ruth Division shall be bound by the Official Playing Rules and Regulations as published by Babe Ruth Inc.

SECTION 3

CYBSL Bylaws and House Rules. CYBSL Bylaws shall be secondary to the rules outlined by Little League, Inc. and Babe Ruth, Inc. House Rules shall be appendices to these Bylaws.

ARTICLE XIII – FINANCIAL AND ACCOUNTING

SECTION 1

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

SECTION 2

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

This shall not operate to exclude donation of funds or property once a team(s) has already been selected and formed with the intent being to allow for donations such as funds to support ice cream or pizza party type team gatherings that have as their goal the building of team morale.

SECTION 3

Solicitations. The Board shall not permit the solicitation of funds in the name of Little League Baseball unless all of the funds so raised are placed in the League treasury.

SECTION 4

Notwithstanding any other provisions of the Bylaws, the corporation is organized exclusively for one or more of the purposes as specified in 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code (1986) and shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under IRC 501(c)3 or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws.

SECTION 5

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of any member, trustee, officer of the corporation, or any private individual (except reasonable compensation for service rendered to or for the corporation). No member, trustee, officer of the corporation or any private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the corporate assets on dissolution of the corporation.

SECTION 6

No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation (except as otherwise proved by IRC 501h), participating in or intervening in (including the publication or distribution of statements) any political campaign or behalf of any candidates for public office.

SECTION 7

Amendments. The By-Laws may be amended, repealed or altered in whole or in part by a majority vote at any duly organized meetings of the Members provided notice of the proposed change is included in the notice of such meeting. Draft of all proposed amendments shall be submitted to Little League Baseball, Inc. for approval before implementation.

These By-Laws was approved by the Cumberland Youth Baseball and Softball League Membership on March xx, 2014.

CYBSL President

Date: _____