



# **White House Youth Baseball & Softball**

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| 1        | Billy Draper | Updated for IRS 501©(3) status                                                                                                 | September 5, 2011 |
| 2        | Billy Draper | Added to section VI concerning Tournament Teams. This change was for Softball only per board action. Items C and D were added. | December 17, 2011 |
| 3        | Don Seipp    | Updated IV Draft rules E and G. This change was a league change per board action.                                              | December 4, 2012  |
| 4        | Don Seipp    | Updated III Coaches item B and E and added to B line 1. This change was a league change per board action.                      | December 4, 2012  |
| 5        | Don Seipp    | Added to section IV Draft Rules item E. This change was for softball only per board action. Line 1 and 2 added.                | December 4, 2012  |
| 6        | Don Seipp    | Added to section IV Draft Rules item F. Also Updated item F. This is a league change per board action. Line 1 was added.       | December 4, 2012  |
| 7        | Don Seipp    | Updated VII Tournament Teams item A. This change was for softball only per Board action.                                       | December 4, 2012  |
| 8        | Don Seipp    | Updated VII Tournament Teams item C. This change was for softball only per board action.                                       | December 4, 2012  |
| 9        | Don Seipp    | Added to section VII Tournament team. This change was for softball per board action. Added Section B                           | December 4, 2012  |
| 10       | Don Seipp    | Added to section V game rules. This was a softball change per board action. Added line J                                       | December 4, 2012  |
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| 14       | Don Seipp    | Updated VII section A This was per Board action                                                                                | December 31, 2013 |
| 15       | Don Seipp    | Added “Dixie” to softball and removed USFA per Board vote                                                                      | November 3, 2014  |

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| 16 | Don Seipp   | Added section A to to page 5 on removal of a board member                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | December 19, 2015                       |
| 17 | Don Seipp   | Updated IV, Section C on dissolved teams and draft eligibility                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | January 28, 2016<br>(backdated to 2015) |
| 18 | Jeremy King | Updated VI, Section B and VII, Section C on All-Star Selection and voting procedure                                                                                                                                                                                               | January 28, 2016                        |
| 19 | Jeremy King | Updated grammatical errors, repeated notes, and re-worded different sections.                                                                                                                                                                                                     | January 28, 2016                        |
| 20 | Don Seipp   | Updated I section G, Updated I section G, Updated III section B, Updated IV removed section Updated V section J, Updated VII section B                                                                                                                                            | February 4, 2017                        |
| 21 | Josh Howell | Formatting, Add approved draft rules, Change league name in all locations, Update TOC, Cal Ripken Changes- Changes Approved by board 1/15/18                                                                                                                                      | January 18, 2018                        |
| 22 | Josh Howell | Added League Logo to cover page, updated IV Section J #8, Added IV Section J #10 & #11, Separated Tournament and Sponsorship Coordinator, removed "T" from end of "all-star" in various locations, removed Dixie in various locations, changed Dixie to FASA in various locations | January 4, 2019                         |
| 23 | Josh Howell | Added Player Evaluation Language approved by board on 1/21/19                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | January 22, 2019                        |
| 24 | Josh Howell | Updated VI Section Q and R                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | March 6, 2019                           |
| 25 | Josh Howell | Added X Section S and T adding Appendix C-Board Member Responsibilities; Corrected page numbering on index                                                                                                                                                                        | July 5, 2019                            |
| 26 | Josh Howell | Added X section U-Distribution upon dissolution of Assets                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | November 22, 2019                       |
| 27 | Josh Howell | Changed wording in Section IV, I, 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | December 18, 2019                       |
| 28 | Josh Howell | Changed wording in section II, E per board vote. Added Softball Draft Rules in Section IV Draft Rules, Changed FASA to Southern Softball In multiple locations                                                                                                                    | February 18, 2019                       |

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| 29 | Josh Howell | Change Year on page 1, Changes “Southern Softball” to “Diamond Youth Softball” in all locations, Added VI Section K, Added verbiage to X Section F, Added X Section G in its entirety.                                                          | December 17, 2023 |
| 30 | Josh Howell | Update draft rules based on vote from meeting on 1/22/23. Removed Section IV-Baseball Draft Rules, Removed “Softball Draft Rules” wording, Changed Section IV Section G/3 from 2 to 3 trades. Updated Table of Contents, Updated Logo on Page 1 | January 25, 2024  |

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## **I. THE LEAGUE**

- A. It is the policy of **WHITE HOUSE YOUTH BASEBALL and SOFTBALL** to promote the development of strong character, right attitude, a sense of responsibility and citizenship in youngsters using the games of baseball and softball as a vehicle. It is the purpose of White House Youth Baseball and Softball to achieve this goal through fair play, good sportsmanship and congenial fellowship, with adult leaders providing the example.
- B. This league will comply with a basic set of rules and regulations as outlined in this booklet, but league officials will have absolute autonomy on certain provisions as follows: Playing night games, interlocking scheduling, exhibition games, double or single elimination in championship games and matters concerning player selection systems.
- C. Spectators are prohibited from “yelling at or taunting” players, umpires, coaches, or other spectators. The umpire shall distinctly request the person(s) who are causing the disruption to curtail such action one time, and will eject spectator if continued.
- D. League rules will be reviewed prior to the beginning of each baseball/softball season and modifications of these rules will be made by the governing body at that time for the upcoming season and will be used as general guidelines for running the league.
- E. Before the beginning of the season, the President will sign a contract with the City of White House for the use of the park facilities.
- E. Opening day will be set by White House Youth Baseball and Softball Board Members.
- F. White House Youth Baseball and Softball will provide both excess medical and liability insurance for the participants of the league in an amount which is in concert with customary market coverage. In addition, theft and accidental damage insurance will be purchased.
- G. Completed team roster, including coaches back ground check forms must be turned in prior to the uniform order.

## **II. PLAYERS**

- A. All players must sign up on the official registration form provided by the league.
- B. All players will be assigned to a team per draft rules outlined later in this document.
- C. Sign up fees must be paid at sign up or by a date designated by the board. A non-resident fee will be collected on behalf of the City of White House as directed by the City.
- D. The board will review and determine what reduction in the sign up fees, if any, may be given to a family with multiple players.

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E. A parent may request one coach's name (not a team) for whom they do not want their child to play. The board will review and grant the request if it is deemed a viable complaint through board vote. The request will also apply to post season tournament play if the requested coach acquires the all-star team, thus making said child ineligible for post season tournament play. A parent may not request that the league place their child on a specific coach's team for drafting purposes.

F. All players will be subject to ejection from a ball game if he/she makes derogatory remarks, including any type of obscene or abusive language, directed toward any umpire, coach or other players. Players will also be required to maintain control of their emotions and avoid actions (thrown bats, helmets, etc.) that may be interpreted as hostile. A spirit of good sportsmanship should prevail before, during, and after each game.

G. Softball: Provisions mentioned in previous paragraph similarly apply: In order to play in White House Youth Softball, players must be within our boundary. Rules or decisions made by Diamond Youth Softball executives and/or its committees will supersede this clause. However, players who have played in White House Youth Softball boundaries prior to the 2015 Season will be considered "grandfathered" within our boundary. **After the 2015 season, no player(s) outside our boundary will be eligible for All-Star Play.**

## III. COACHES

A. All coaches must submit to and pass a criminal background check (see Appendix A for full policy) and be approved by the WHYBS board of directors.

B. All head coaches are required to attend a coach's certification clinic. Times and locations will be given out at the head coaches meeting.

C. The WHYBS Board reserves the right to deny any individual the right to a coaching position.

D. All coaches must submit to and pass a criminal background check (see Appendix A for full policy) and be approved by the WHYBS board of directors.

E. The only coaches allowed on the field during a game are the coaches listed on the team roster. If a coach is unable to be there for a game, they must notify their commissioner or VP of league of replacement coach prior to the start of the game. A rostered coach must pitch for coach pitched age groups.

F. In the event a team is short a coach for a scheduled game, said team may use a rostered coach from another team.

G. In 8 and under divisions of softball and baseball, a team must have a female in the dugout in the event of an all-male staff and there is a female on the team.

H. Any coach that has an outstanding financial obligation to the league, either monetary or equipment related, will not be allowed to coach unless said obligation is taken care of prior to the first coaches meeting.

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- I. Coaches must request and receive a time out before approaching the umpire to discuss a game situation. Discussions with the umpire will take place “out of the hearing range” of the players (i.e. bench) and parents (i.e. stands). The umpire will allow sufficient time for discussion and consideration of the issue; however, the umpire has complete discretion to conclude the discussion whenever no further progress is apparent.
- J. Coaches will not use abusive or foul language, yell in anger or frustration or “get in the face” of an umpire. In these situations, the umpire will conclude the situation by distinctly asking the coach to return to the bench area, but only once. If the coach will not comply, the umpire will require the coach to leave the game.
- K. If a coach is ejected from a Sanctioned Tournament game, said coach will not be allowed to advance with his/her team in any Sanctioned Tournament played. Ejection will be subject to discipline as decided by the board.
- L. Coaches are responsible for monitoring the behavior of their players and parents during practice and games. Coaches are responsible for setting the example of good sportsmanship.
- M. If five (5) or more parents request that their child not play for a particular coach, the coach will be brought in before the board to see if he/she will be able to coach. All parents may be called individually to find out why they do not want their child on the particular coach’s team.
- N. Coaches with 2 formal complaints made to a board member are subject to probation at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

**IV. DRAFT RULES**

- A. Teams will be redrafted each season – no carry over of players or coaches from one season to the next
- B. Age group commissioner presides over the draft
1. If commissioner is not available, the draft will be run by the VP of Baseball/Softball
- C. Each team starts with 2 coaches & coaches' kids are first players.
1. Exceptions – while the board will make every attempt to avoid exceptions, there may be unavoidable circumstances where they will arise. If it is believed a coach is intentionally trying to create an exception situation in an attempt to “game the draft”, the board will take steps to remedy the situation or the coach in question may be asked to step down. Exceptions will be handled as follows:
  2. Coach with more than one kid in same age group – will not draft until all teams have the same number of players
  3. Coach with no kids in the age group – begins drafting in the first round.



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- D. Draft order will be determined by blind draw before the opening of each age groups draft
- E. Coaches will be given a draft list with player evaluation results prior to the draft
- F. Coaches will draft players in drawn order in snake-style draft until all players are selected
  - 1. Players not evaluated will be blind drawn in same draft order
  - 2. Late sign ups will only be added if the board determines additional players will have a positive impact on roster size. If allowed, late sign ups will be added to the next team up in the draft order.
  - 3. If the head coach or assistant coach of a given team cannot attend the draft, the commissioner will designate a board member to draft the team.

G. Trades

- 1. Trades may take place for a period of 30 minutes (timed by the commissioner) following the last pick made in the draft
- 2. Trading will be allowed on a 1-for-1 basis and approved by the age group commissioner or VP of Baseball/Softball
- 3. Each team is limited to a total of 3 trades.
- 4. Trading will conclude and rosters will be final prior to exiting the draft room.

H. **Example: 5 team draft**

- 1. Astros – 2 coaches – 1 kid each – 2 players
- 2. Braves – 1 coach – 1 kid – 1 player
- 3. Cardinals – 2 coaches – 1 coach with 2 kids – 1 with 1 kid – 3 players
- 4. Dodgers – 1 coach – no kids – 0 players
- 5. Expos – 2 coaches – 1 kid each – 2 players

**Round 1**

- 6. Astros - skip – head coach kid = player #1
- 7. Braves – skip - head coach kid = player #1
- 8. Cardinals – skip - head coach kid = player #1
- 9. Dodgers – pick player #1
- 10. Expos – skip - head coach kid = player #1

**Round 2**

- 11. Expos – skip – asst. coach kid = player #2
- 12. Dodgers – pick player #2
- 13. Cardinals – skip - head coach kid 2 = player #2
- 14. Braves – pick player #2
- 15. Astros – skip - asst. coach kid = player #2

**Round 3**

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16. Astros – pick player #3
17. Braves - pick player #3
18. Cardinals – skip – asst. coach kid = player #3
19. Dodgers - pick player #3
  - i. Expos – pick player #3
  - ii. At completion of this round all teams have 3 players

**Round 4** – Goes back in reverse order with all teams picking. Snake draft continues until all players are picked.

## **V. PLAYER EVALUATIONS**

- A. Players that will be in the upcoming season draft must attend an evaluation workout to be rated for the draft
- B. Evaluations will be led by the age group commissioner or designated board member and conducted by board members or other knowledgeable parties selected by the commissioner with no direct interest in the given age division (i.e. coaches and/or parents for the age group being evaluated).
- C. Evaluations will be conducted at the White House Municipal Park baseball/softball fields when possible, but an alternate location may be used and drills modified accordingly based on weather.
- D. Players will be evaluated in the following areas conducted in 3 stations:
  1. **Running speed**
    - a. 60 ft run – home to first – x2 timed – times from both runs will be recorded on the data sheet
  2. **Fielding & Throwing**
    - a. Players will be evaluated on fielding ground balls, catching fly balls and throwing
    - b. Coach will roll 3 ground balls then toss 3 fly balls to the player – the player will throw the ball back to the coach for all 6 reps
    - c. Players will be given 2 scores

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- d. Fielding – composite based upon player's footwork, handling of the ground balls, judging and catching the fly balls – 1 to 5 rating
- e. Throwing – mechanics, strength and accuracy of 6 throws with less emphasis on velocity – 1 to 5 rating

3. **Hitting**

- a. 7 swings live – front underhand toss from coach behind L-screen at ~20 feet - evaluating swing mechanics - 1 to 5 rating

- E. Coaches for the age group being evaluated are encouraged, but not required, to attend and observe the evaluations. There is no penalty for a coach not attending.
- F. The data recorded will be included on the player draft sheet that will be provided to all coaches as far in advance of the draft as is possible.
- G. Players not in attendance for the evaluation will be placed in a draw pool. These players will be picked by blind draw at the draft after all of the evaluated players have been selected continuing the draft order established prior to beginning the draft.
- H. When possible, there will be one make-up evaluation session scheduled for players unable to attend the originally scheduled session.
- I. Coaches kids and protected players/players returning to the same team from the previous season are not required but can choose to participate and receive a rating.

## **VI. GAME RULES**

- A. All games in all age groups will be played by the official Ripken/Babe Ruth League Baseball and Diamond Youth Softball rules and local league option. (See League Option Addendum)
- B. Head Umpire will determine the officiating prior to each game. Every game played will have 2 officials scheduled.
- C. All Games will be 6 innings in length.
- D. The start time of the first game will not be prior to 6:00 p.m. on weekdays. The scheduled start time of the second game will be no later than 8:00 p.m. Saturday games will begin at 8:00 a.m. and will be scheduled consecutively.

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- E. Time Limit-No new inning will begin after 1 hour 25 minutes from the official start time. Note-A new inning begins immediately after the last out of the prior inning is made.
- F. Baseball Per Inning Run Limit-7 Run per inning limit for all age groups in baseball with the exception of 11/12. There will be no run limit per inning in that age group.
- G. Softball Per Inning Run Limit to be per the Diamond Youth Softball Rule Book.
- H. Mercy Rule/Mathematical Elimination-Ball game will be called if one teams is winning by a sufficient run margin that the team behind cannot at least tie the game within the constraints of the runs per inning limitations in place (see letter F and G above).
- I. If a game needs to be rescheduled, it will be scheduled as a makeup game. Makeup games will be scheduled during available timeslots and may include **Wednesday** nights and **Sunday** afternoons if needed.
- J. No game will be started after 8:30 p.m. on a school night.
- K. In the event a team does not have enough players at the beginning of the final game of the day there will be a 10 minute grace period. This grace period will come off of the official game time. After the end of the grace period the team without enough players will forfeit the game.
- L. ALL teams will usually play a minimum of one game during the week and one game on Saturday.
- M. The home team is responsible for chalking the field, moving bases (if necessary), and returning score box to the concession stand after last set of games.
- N. Ripken/Babe Ruth League Baseball or Diamond Youth Softball rules will apply for league teams not having nine players at game time.
- O. In the event a team will have less than nine (9) players at game time, a coach may borrow a player from a younger age group. A team can only borrow a player to have nine (9) players. Failure to comply with aforementioned options result in a forfeit.
- P. Borrowed player must wear his/her regular season uniform, bat at the bottom of batting order, and play right field. Borrowed players may not pitch in player-pitch age groups.
- Q. All players (softball and baseball) shall bat entire roster (continuous batting order) in ages 12 and under.
- R. No player in baseball or softball shall sit for 2 consecutive innings.
- S. When three teams show for a game due to a scheduling error and two teams are from White House and one is visiting from out of town, one of the White House teams will retire from the field and allow the visiting team to play. The team to retire will be determined by

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the flip of a coin.

T. No player will be allowed to wear jewelry on the field.

U. If a parent chooses to allow their child to wear non-prescription sunglasses on the field, they release White House Youth Baseball and Softball from any liability for any injury to the child due to breakage of sunglasses or the replacement cost of said glasses. The release will be accepted as part of the release of liability during the registration process.

V. Softball players are not allowed to wear their cap under batting helmets. Baseball players are allowed to wear their caps under a batting helmet, but cap must be forward facing.

W. Pitching Limitations League Play-Baseball (League Option)-Pitchers' activity will be limited strictly following the MLB Pitch Smart pitch count/days rest guidelines (Appendix B). Head Coaches are required to submit pitch counts for each participating pitcher immediately following the completion of each game (pitch count/score sheet forms to be supplied by the league). Failure to report this information will result in a one game suspension of the head coach. Repeated failures to do this will result in additional disciplinary measures by the board.

X. For the end of season league baseball tournaments, Ripken/Babe Ruth Baseball tournament pitching rules will apply; however, defense and hitting rules for regular season will apply (MUST BAT ENTIRE LINEUP)

Y. Bats-Baseball-Bats for league and tournament play shall not exceed 33" in length nor exceed 2-5/8" diameter. Non-wood and multi-piece wood bats must bear the USA Baseball logo indicating the bat meets the performance standard set forth by USA Baseball. Single piece, solid wood bats do not need to have the USA Baseball stamp but must meet the dimensional requirements listed above. T-ball bats will be allowed in 5/6 age group in league play only.

Z. Softball coaches have the option to move closer than the required 30 feet in 6U for 4 year olds in league play only. It will only be allowed in out of league play if an agreement with the opposing team is made prior to the game.

## VII. Protests

A. If a coach is not satisfied with the umpire and an issue remains a major concern, the coach will advise the umpire that the game is being "protested"(rules only). Coaches will not take any "extreme actions" as is prohibited/ defined in these rules during the game to argue their position.

B. THE FEE FOR ALL PROTESTS IS \$ 50.00 (CASH ONLY) AND MUST BE PAID TO A BOARD MEMBER ON DUTY AT THE TIME OF PROTEST.

C. A protest will only be accepted within Sixty (60) minutes of game completion from the head coach. Head coach must also fill out a protest form available on league

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website and turn it in within that same sixty (60) minute period.

D. Protest decisions will be made by the appropriate age group commissioner in consultation with the Vice President of Baseball and Softball and league President. The remaining board members may be consulted.

E. If protest is determined approved, money will be returned to protesting coach. If the protest is rejected, the league retains the protest fee.

F. Judgment calls made by the umpires are not considered a reason to protest any game.

**VIII. Baseball All-star Team Selection**

A. All rules not covered in this section will be governed by Cal Ripken/Babe Ruth Baseball Rules

B. Under Cal Ripken/Babe Ruth Baseball Rules All-star teams will be played in individual age groups starting at 6U (e.g.-6U, 7U, 8U, 9U, 10U, 11U, and 12U).

**C. The Baseball All-Star coaches will be the coach from the winning and runner-up teams of the overall league.**

**D. In the event of a tie, the first tiebreaker will be head to head record with the second tiebreaker being runs allowed. The final tiebreaker will be decided by a one game playoff if all other tiebreaker options have been exhausted.**

E. The coach of the 1<sup>st</sup> place team will decide which all-star team from that age group they prefer to coach. The coach of the runner up team will then take the remaining team.  
**Exception: If 6U only has 1 team, there is no 5U team, then the coach of the 1<sup>st</sup> place team will be head coach.**

F. If either or both coaches choose to not assume coaching duties of the all-star team then it will fall to the next team in the standings. This will continue until all coaching spots are filled.

G. The All-star coach can appoint, based on age division, two or three assistant coaches; however, they must be coaches on a team's roster from the regular season.

H. A head or assistant coach of the all-star team can only participate with one all-star Team

I. The method for selecting tournament teams will be as follows:

1. All-star voting will take place on **May 1<sup>st</sup>** and votes will be tallied no later than May 3<sup>rd</sup>.
2. Ballots will be turned in to the appropriate age commissioners by all head coaches of the age group.

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3. Each All-star team will consist of 12 players. (Alternates, if any, will be determined by the head coach)
  4. **Each Player must compete in at least 10 regular season games to be eligible for tournament play (reference Cal Ripken Official Rules for special provisions to this rule).**
  5. If a player has an outstanding financial obligation to the league, player (might not be) eligible to be selected on the All-star team, pending board approval (prior to All-star voting).
  6. **Each head coach will submit a list of nine (9) players from their respective age group with a maximum of four (4) votes coming from their own team. The nine (9) players receiving the highest number of votes will be selected for the All-Star team, pending board approval.**
  7. **The remaining three (3) openings will be chosen by the All-Star head coach as determined above. If any player chosen or voted refuses to participate in the All-Star tournament, the head coach of the All-Star team will be allowed to select a replacement player of his/her choice.**
  8. **The coach that wins the age division will get first choice for the remaining 3 players for the team with the coach of the second all-star team choosing next.**
- J. Once All-star selections are finalized, teams will be provided a time each Sunday for the remainder of the regular season to practice if they so choose. Practice prior to the season ending is not mandatory and should not affect the duties of the coaches for the regular season team.
- K. A player is only eligible to play for the baseball All Star team that corresponds with their league age. Example: Player 1 League age is 7 years old. Player 1 would be eligible to play for the 7U All Star Team

Exception: If a player is playing up an age group that player can play for the age group he/she participated in during the regular season. Example 1: Player 1 league age is 8 years old but is playing in the 9/10 age group. Player 1 would be eligible to play for the 9U All Star team. Example 2: Player 1 is 9 years old but played in the 9/10 age group as an 8 year old. Player 1 would be eligible to play for either the 9U or 10U All Star team.

## **IX. Softball All-star Team Selection**

- A. The Softball All-Star head coach will be the coach from the season divisional championship team, which is determined by the best “**divisional**” record.

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- B. The Softball All-Star coaches will be the coach from the **winning and runner-up** teams of the overall league.
- C. The coach of the 1<sup>st</sup> place team will decide which all-star team from that age group they prefer to coach. The coach of the runner up team will then take the remaining team.
- D. If either or both coaches choose to not assume coaching duties of the all-star team then it will fall to the next team in the standings. This will continue until all coaching spots are filled.
- E. In the event of a tie, the first tiebreaker will be determined by head to head results from regular season. The second tiebreaker is a one game playoff will decided.
- F. The All-Star head coach will select, depending on age group, two (2) or three (3) assistant coaches; however, they must coach on a team's roster from the regular season.
- G. The method for selecting tournament teams will be as follows:
  - 1. All-star voting will take place on **May 1<sup>st</sup>** and votes will be tallied no later than May 3<sup>rd</sup>.
  - 2. Ballots will be turned in to the appropriate age commissioners by all head coaches of the age group.
  - 3. Each All-star team will consist of 12 players. (Alternates, if any, can be determined by coaches)
  - 4. Player must compete in at least 9 regular season games to be eligible for tournament play.
  - 5. If a player has an outstanding financial obligation to the league, player (might not be) eligible to be selected on the All-star team, pending board approval (prior to All-star voting).
  - 6. **Each head coach will submit a list of nine (9) players from their respective age group with a maximum of four (4) votes coming from their own team. The eight (8) players receiving the highest number of votes will be selected for the All-Star team.**
  - 7. **The remaining four (4) openings will be chosen by the All-Star head coach (division winner). If any player chosen or voted refuses to participate in the All-Star tournament, the head coach of the All-Star team will be allowed to select a replacement player of his/her choice.**
- H. Once All-star selections are finalized, teams will be provided a time each Sunday for the remainder of the regular season to practice if they so choose. Practice prior to the season ending is not mandatory and should not affect the duties of the coaches for the regular season team.



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**X. THE BOARD**

A. The board shall consist of the following:

- A. League President
- B. Baseball Vice President
- C. Softball Vice President
- D. Secretary
- E. Treasurer
- F. Tournament Director
- G. Sponsorship Coordinator
- H. Concession Manager
- I. Equipment Manager
- J. Umpire manager
- K. BB 5-6 Commissioner
- L. BB 7-8 Commissioner
- M. BB 9-10 Commissioner
- N. BB 11-12 Commissioner
- O. SB 6U Commissioner
- P. SB 8U Commissioner
- Q. SB 10U Commissioner
- R. SB 12 Commissioner

B. The above positions are elected by the parents of players in the White House Youth Baseball and Softball, board members, coaches, and umpires of the previous season.

C. The board election shall take place between June 15 and July 15 each year unless circumstances dictate that a special date outside of this range be selected.

D. The board term shall run from August 1 to July 31 (defined board year) of the following year to correspond with the league fiscal year.

E. Any board members not continuing in their position in to the following year shall be responsible for ensuring a smooth, timely, and complete transition of any information and/or league property to their successor.

F. The last official responsibility of the outgoing board President and Treasurer shall be to prepare the financial reporting for their board year and see to it that this report is submitted to the appropriate with the City of White House on or before August 30. Taxes should also be prepared by a CPA and submitted to the IRS before the new board takes over.

G. During the league fiscal year a quarterly review by the Vice Presidents of Baseball and Softball should take place. The review shall be discussed at the next scheduled board meeting.

H. To be considered for the position of White House Youth Baseball and Softball

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President, you must have a minimum of 1-year experience on the White House Youth Board of Directors.

I. Each Officer and Commissioner will have one vote, excluding the President, who will vote only in the event of a tie on voting matters.

J. A quorum shall consist of the President and the majority of the remaining members of the governing body.

K. If the President is not available and a situation requiring the vote of the board exists, which must be resolved before the President can be in attendance or contacted one of the Vice-Presidents must be present for the purpose of voting and resolving the existing situation. While standing in for the President, the said Vice President will not have a vote on the issue at hand. At this time, the majority vote shall determine the outcome of the said matter.

L. The board, at its discretion, may remove any board member upon the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the attending members on any issue brought before the board for vote. For purposes of removing a board member, the quorum required to conduct such business shall be increased from fifty-one percent (51%) to sixty-six and two thirds (66.66%).

M. The board may fill any position vacancies at any regular board meeting by a majority vote thereof. Appointed member shall serve until the next annual election.

N. Any position not filled by vote will be appointed by league President.

O. Any board member missing three (3) consecutive board functions including but not limited to park duty, board meetings or any board function, etc, will be considered as a voluntary resignation with no vote required to remove such board member.

P. Any decision concerning the interpretation of the by-laws is at the discretion of the White House Youth Baseball and Softball Board of Directors.

Q. Whenever an officer has a financial or personal interest in any matter coming before the board of directors, the affected person shall (a) fully disclose the nature of the interest and b) withdraw from discussion, lobbying, and voting on the matter.

R. Any transaction of vote involving a potential conflict of interest shall be approved only when a majority of disinterested directors determine that it is in the best interest of the organization to do so.

S. The minutes of meetings at which such votes are taken shall record such disclosure, abstention and rationale for approval.

T. Because of their service to the league, board members will receive a discount on 1 registration fee for the spring season in which they serve. The following stipulations will apply:

A. The league must be in good financial standing.

B. Board Member must perform required duties as determined by the board.

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- C. Out of city fee is not included in the discount and will be paid by member at time of registration.
  - D. Limited to 1 registration per household.
  - E. Board member in their first season of service will receive a 50% discount to be issued in the form of a refund on May 1st.
  - F. Board member will receive a discount of 100% (not including out of city fee) for the 2nd season of service and every season of service thereafter. This discount would be issued at time of registration.
- U. See Appendix C for Board Member Responsibilities
- V. Distribution of Assets upon Dissolution-In the event of the Dissolution of the White House Youth Baseball and Softball Organization, any assets remaining after all liabilities have been satisfied shall be distributed to a nonprofit youth recreational baseball and softball league formed to serve the City of White House.

## **Appendix A**

### **Criminal Background Check Policy**

The White House Youth Baseball & Softball Board has implemented a mandatory background screening policy

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Background Screening Policy  
Adopted 11/21/2017

#### **PURPOSE**

It is the intent of this policy to establish certain guidelines wherein the White House Youth Baseball & Softball (hereinafter referred to as “WHYBS”) and its affiliated boards can seek to protect our program participants by investigating the background of coaches and volunteers (hereinafter referred to as “candidates”) who will be involved in WHYBS approved programs.

#### **GENERAL**

A. Criminal background screenings are conducted by an outside third party who specializes in such work.

B. Any person who has been found guilty, pled guilty; or pled no contest, regardless of adjudication, or has a pending charge pertaining to, any of the disqualifying offenses listed in this policy will be immediately disqualified from coaching and/or volunteer positions with WHYBS. WHYBS also reserves the right to disqualify a person for any crime that would be considered a potential risk to children and/or vulnerable populations. A candidate who willfully fails to comply with this background screening policy shall be automatically disqualified.

C. This policy will apply to all WHYBS coaches and volunteers. Both head and assistant coaches participating in sanctioned WHYBS programming. If there is any doubt as to who should be screened, the general rule is anyone who would potentially have unsupervised access to children in a WHYBS approved program. Each coach/volunteer will be screened ANNUALLY for as long as he or she continues participating in WHYBS programming.

***The criminal background screening is mandatory, there are no exceptions.***

#### **SCREENING PROCESS**

All candidates must sign a Release for Criminal History which gives WHYBS the right to check criminal history records and verify social security numbers. This release and screening is executed directly, through [www.protectyouthsports.com](http://www.protectyouthsports.com), and the secure URL at which candidates can execute their WHYBS background check is: <https://opportunities.averity.com/WHYBS>

The cost associated with these background screenings will be paid for by WHYBS.

No other personal information (e.g. work history, financial, credit, etc.) is checked or researched. The company executing background checks has agreed to such terms contractually, and confirms such direction annually.

The third party contractor conducting the checks will cross-reference the screening results with the disqualifying crimes listed in this policy. A pass/fail grade will then be relayed to WHYBS based on the cross-reference. A pass grade for any candidate that has zero disqualifying crime matches, a fail grade for any candidate that has one or more disqualifying crime matches. All information pertaining to the background check will remain with the third party contractor, subject to the applicable laws requiring disclosure. WHYBS will not be informed of the results of any background check; rather, the WHYBS will only be issued a pass/fail grade for each candidate.

If the third party contractor reports any “fail” grades to WHYBS, WHYBS shall notify the candidate that he or she is disqualified for their desired position. Upon request, the candidate will receive a copy of the background check from the third party contractor.

### **CONFIDENTIALITY**

To help ensure confidentiality, coaches, volunteers, and the WHYBS board should not be notified of a Coach’s criminal history. The criminal background reports shall be kept in a secure location by the third party contractor for a period as required by applicable law.

### **APPEALS PROCESS**

If a candidate’s background check includes a charge set forth on the list of disqualifiers below, WHYBS shall immediately disqualify a person from their position. There shall be no appeal of a decision to disqualify a candidate, if the candidate’s relevant criminal history is accurate; all decisions are final.

If a candidate wishes to dispute the content of the profile report, the candidate shall contact the third party responsible for conducting the background check by calling the telephone number listed on the report. The candidate is responsible for providing any or all documentation to support his or her claim.

### **DISQUALIFYING CRIMES**

If a candidate (1) has been convicted of, (2) has a charge pending against him or her in which it is alleged that he or she has committed any of the following crimes, or (3) has a record of a conviction of an equivalent offense in another state, the candidate will be disqualified from the position with any program approved by WHYBS.

#### **All Sex Offenses**

Examples include, but are not limited to: child molestation, rape, sexual assault, sexual battery, sodomy, prostitution, solicitation, indecent exposure, etc.

**All Felony Violence Offenses**

Examples include, but are not limited to: murder, manslaughter, aggravated assault, kidnapping, robbery, aggravated burglary, etc.

**All Felony offenses other than violence or sex within the past ten (10) years.**

Examples include, but are not limited to: drug offenses, theft, embezzlement, fraud, child endangerment, etc.

**All Misdemeanor Violence offenses within the past seven (7) years.**

Examples include, but are not limited to: simple assault, battery, domestic violence, hit and run, etc.

**Two (2) Misdemeanor Alcohol offenses within the past five (5) years or three (3) or more offenses within the past ten (10) years.**

Examples include, but are not limited to: driving under the influence, drunk and disorderly, public intoxication, etc.

**All Misdemeanor Drug offenses within the past five (5) years or two (2) or more offenses within the past ten (10) years.**

Examples include, but are not limited to: simple drug possession, possession of drug paraphernalia, etc.

**Any other misdemeanor within the past five (5) years that would be considered a potential danger to children.**

Examples include, but are not limited to: contributing to the delinquency of a minor, providing alcohol to a minor, etc.

**WHY THESE CRIMES?**

The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) has reviewed the resources of the National Association of Professional Background Screeners and sought the counsel of recognized background screening experts to develop a set of Recommended Guidelines for Volunteer Background Screening in park and recreation settings. These guidelines were produced as a result of their review.

## Appendix B

### Baseball Pitch-count Guidelines

#### AGES 9 TO 12

(Typically 46-50' Pitching Distance)

- Focus on athleticism, physical fitness, and fun
- Focus on learning baseball rules, general techniques, and teamwork
- Do not exceed 80 combined innings pitched in any 12 month period
- Take at least 4 months off from throwing every year, with at least 2-3 of those months being continuous
- Make sure to properly warm up before pitching
- Set and follow pitch-count limits and required rest periods
- Avoid throwing pitches other than fastballs and change-ups
- Avoid playing for multiple teams at the same time
- Avoid playing catcher while not pitching
- Players should not pitch in multiple games on the same day
- Play other sports during the course of the year
- Monitor for other signs of fatigue
- Pitchers once removed from the mound may not return as pitchers
- No pitcher shall appear in a game as a pitcher for three consecutive days, regardless of pitch counts

| AGE   | DAILY MAX (PITCHES IN GAME) | REQUIRED REST (PITCHES) |        |        |        |        |
|-------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
|       |                             | 0 Days                  | 1 Days | 2 Days | 3 Days | 4 Days |
| 9-10  | 75                          | 1-20                    | 21-35  | 36-50  | 51-65  | 66+    |
| 11-12 | 85                          | 1-20                    | 21-35  | 36-50  | 51-65  | 66+    |

Taken from <http://m.mlb.com/pitchsmart/pitching-guidelines-ages-9-to-12>

## **Appendix C-WHYBS BOARD MEMBERS RESPONSIBILITIES**

White House Youth Baseball and Softball is managed and operated by a volunteer Board of Directors made up of countless moms and dads who volunteer their time and effort. If board members successfully complete all their responsibilities during their volunteer season, one of their children's registration fees may be reimbursed. The Board oversees the operations of the WHYBS recreational baseball and softball divisions.

The WHYBS Board of Directors consists of several voting members. Each member performs specific tasks based on their position but basic responsibilities for all include the following as needed:

1. Attendance at WHYBS Board Meetings (once a month for 2+ hours)
2. Assist with Player registration for the spring season
3. Tournament Support
4. Park Duty and Maintenance Work Days (as needed on alternating schedules)

We have provided a brief description of each members specific responsibilities below. If you have an interest in helping to fill any of these positions, please contact any existing board member.

### **President – Voting Member (Only in case of tie)**

- Executive Officer of the WHYBS League
- Supervise and control all the business and affairs for the WHYBS organization, subject to the control of the Board and the Bylaws
- Able to cast the deciding vote in the case of a tie vote or may waive the right to do so
- Represent the league for matters with the City of White House
- Calls regular board meetings
- Periodically serves park duty
- Elected to a one (1) year term

### **Vice President of Baseball – Voting Member**

- Executive Officer of WHYBS league
- Oversight of baseball registration
- Oversight of baseball team uniform orders
- Responsible for all baseball related activities
- Responsible for building initial baseball season game and practice schedules
- Responsible for rescheduling of baseball games due to conflicts or rain-outs
- Serve as communicator between the baseball commissioners and the WHYBS Board on administrative and program matters
- Set up clinics and training sessions for coaches and players as needed
- May need to step in as the role of Commissioner, in the event of a Commissioner's inability to act.



- May also be assigned certain duties of the President, if duties need to be delegated.
- Periodically serves park duty
- Oversee baseball draft and evaluations
- Assist in compiling evaluation and draft lists and results
- Elected to a one (1) year term

#### **Vice President of Softball – Voting Member**

- Executive Officer of the WHYBS League
- Oversight of softball registration
- Oversight of softball team uniform orders
- Responsible for all softball related activities
- Responsible for building initial softball season game and practice schedules
- Responsible for rescheduling of softball games due to conflicts or rain-outs
- Serve as communicator between the softball commissioners and the WHYBS Board on administrative and program matters
- Set up clinics and training sessions for coaches and players as needed.
- May need to step in as the role of Commissioner, in the event of a Commissioner's inability to act.
- May also be assigned certain duties of the President, if duties need to be delegated.
- Periodically serves park duty
- Elected to a one (1) year term

#### **Treasurer – Voting Member**

- Responsible for the custody of the league funds
- Responsible for accountability of all league funds
- Responsible for preparing and filing all financial records and reports for the League
- Responsible for player registration
- Responsible for team uniform orders
- Periodically serves park duty
- Elected to one (1) year term (January 1 – December 31)

#### **Assistant Treasurer – Voting Member**

- Assist the Treasurer with any responsibilities he may need help with
- Periodically serves park duty
- Elected to a one (1) year term

#### **Secretary – Voting Member**

- Attends all Board Meetings, and shall record all the votes and minutes at the meetings

- Perform other duties as may from time to time be assigned by the Board or Commissioner
- Responsible for executing background check information on all WHYBS members
- Periodically serves park duty
- Elected to a one (1) year term

#### **Concession Manager – Voting Member**

- Coordinates all facets of the concession stand
- Secures supplies and stocks concessions each week
- Responsible for management of concession worker resources
- Periodically serves park duty
- Elected to a one (1) year term

#### **Concession Assistant Manager – Voting Member**

- Assist the Concession Manager with any responsibilities they may need help with
- Periodically serves park duty
- Elected to a one (1) year term

#### **Equipment Manager – Voting Member**

- Responsible for field marking supplies and equipment.
- Responsible for ensuring that all fields are lined in the grass areas of the playing field.
- Responsible for securing equipment: baseballs, softballs, mounds, other related equipment and keeping inventory of same
- Responsible for any other general maintenance items
- Coordinate with league coaches for pickup and delivery of equipment
- Periodically serves park duty
- Elected to a one (1) year term

#### **Umpire Manager – Voting Member**

- Responsible for all umpire related activities (scheduling, certification, etc.)
- Coordinate Clinics and Instruction for umpires to meet league and state standards
- Coordinate with league members for game scheduling and appoint umpires for all games and tournaments
- Propose and uphold any local playing rules for the League
- Periodically serves park duty
- Elected to a one (1) year term

#### **Tournament Director – Voting Member**

- Coordinates all aspects of the League's recreational tournaments

- Seeks the support of other applicable board members for their expertise in carrying out the details of approved league tournaments
- Periodically serves park duty
- Elected to a one (1) year term

#### **Sponsorship Coordinator – Voting Member**

- Responsible for obtaining sponsors for the League
- Responsible for acquiring all signs and promotional items needed from sponsorships
- Responsible for collecting fees for sponsorships
- Periodically serves park duty
- Elected to one (1) year term

#### **Special Activities/Events Coordinator – Voting Member**

- Responsible for planning and carrying out League Sponsored events
- Periodically serves park duty
- Elected to a one (1) year term

#### **Softball Commissioners (2 - one for 6u/8u, one for 10u/12u) – Voting Members**

- Responsible for a specific age group
- Liaison between coaches and WHYBS Board to resolve issues for their specific age group
- Secures coaches and helps oversee draft and team formation process
- Work with the league coaches for technical and fundamental preparation of the teams
- Communicates information to coaches in a timely manner
- Compile evaluation and draft lists from registration information
- Generate rosters as needed and distribute to coaches after draft
- Periodically serves park duty
- Elected to a one (1) year term

#### **Baseball Commissioners (one from each age group) – Voting Members**

Age Groups – 5/6, 7/8, 9/10, 11/12, 13/15

- Responsible for a specific age group
- Liaison between coaches and the WHYBS Board to resolve issues for their specific age group
- Secures coaches and helps oversee draft and team formation process
- Work with the league coaches for technical and fundamental preparation of the teams
- Communicates information to coaches in a timely manner
- Compile evaluation and draft lists from registration information
- Generate rosters as needed and distribute to coaches after draft
- Periodically serves park duty

- Elected to a one (1) year term

**T-Ball Coordinator – Voting Member**

- Coordinates all facets of the T-Ball League
- Periodically serves park duty
- Elected to a one (1) year term