

# WEST MIFFLIN BASEBALL/ WEST MIFFLIN YOUTH SOFTBALL LEAGUE BY-LAWS

## **PURPOSE:**

The West Mifflin Baseball League is a program developed to serve the youth of the community. It provides an environment where our children are trained in a team sport and taught the fundamentals of sportsmanship. It is a healthy, positive activity conducted under dedicated leadership. It is important for our children to learn and to have fun. The movement strives to prepare our children for their future as good and decent citizens. It helps lay a foundation for basic values such as fair play and teamwork.

## **ARTICLE I**

### **SECTION I.**

The General Membership and Board of Directors shall be registered and known as league personnel.

A. Any person interested in the purpose of the league shall be eligible for membership and become a member after attending one league meeting annually

1. All members shall be registered.
  - i. Registration means signing into the registration book at all meetings. Book will close 1/2 hour into meeting.
  - ii. A person must be present to sign the registration book. The only exception to this will be -- any member engaged in official league activities (games, umpiring, tournament meeting, etc.) the night of a meeting, will be considered present at that meeting. The engaged individual must notify a Board member to sign the meeting book for them, however, the Board member must initial their signature. It is the responsibility of the individual to obtain information of league business at missed meeting (minutes).
2. To hold an elected position (i.e., President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, Field Director, or Director at Large) of the Board of Directors of the West Mifflin Baseball League, a person must live within the West Mifflin Area School District, have a child in the league who attends the West Mifflin Area School District, or have been a member of the league for at least 3 years.
3. To hold an appointed officer position (i.e., Division Director, Tournament Director, Refreshment Stand Director, Web Director, Metro/travel Team Director, or Umpire Director) of the Board of Directors of the West Mifflin Baseball League, a person is not required to live in the borough of West Mifflin, but their children must attend West Mifflin School District, Private School or a Catholic School in the district provided they fall within Article 1, Section 1, B1 or have been a league member for at least 3 years.
4. Any person holding an elected or appointed position in WMBL, cannot be actively involved in coaching, managing, or holding any elected or appointed position in any other organized baseball league or team. Any person found to be actively involved in another organized baseball league or team shall be suspended immediately for the remainder of the season and

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forfeit their officer position and lose their voting rights in WMBL. They will require a reinstatement hearing to return to WMBL. Exceptions require board approval.

5. A league member shall have voting privileges on all matters if they have attended (5) five meetings, (4) four of which were general membership meetings, during the previous league year. A member may also vote on all matters, when they have attended their fifth meeting of the present league year. The league year shall run from November 1 to October 31. A person with 15 or more years in good standing, shall have lifetime voting privileges, after review and approval by the Board of Directors as long as they are in good standing for that current year.

## B: Player registrations:

1. Registration to participate in WMBL is open to all residents of Allegheny County. The WMBL reserves the right to require an annual reinstatement and non-resident fee for persons not residing in or attending the West Mifflin Area School district.
2. All new applicants to WMBL must provide proof of residency at time of registration, and the person registering the applicant must initial registration form. If proof of residency is not presented at time of registration, the applicant cannot be registered.
3. Any player playing for any organized baseball or softball league or team outside of WMBL, must declare so to the board of directors at the time of registration and before team drafts and identify which team is their 1st priority, so that managers have knowledge of any potential conflicts. Any person who knowingly withholds this information shall be dealt with under Article XI, Section I
4. Playing age for baseball registrants is determined by their age on April 30th of the current year. Playing age for Softball registrants is determined by their age on January 1st of the current year. All new registrants must provide proof of age (birth certificate). Players must register for the appropriate division based upon their playing age. Any requests to play at a different age level must be approved by the President, Vice President of Baseball or Vice President of Softball (Vice Presidents may make decision for their respective teams)..
5. Registrations for each division will be closed on a date specified by the board of directors. Late registrations will not be accepted after team drafts unless board approval is granted. Any child who moves into West Mifflin borough after registrations are closed may register late, as a new resident, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE II

### SECTION I.

The Executive Board shall consist of the following elected officers -- President, Vice President of Baseball Operations, Vice president of Softball Operations, Recording Secretary (Baseball and Softball), Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary (Baseball and Softball), Field Director (Baseball and Softball) and three Directors (Baseball and Softball).

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A. Officers will be nominated at the October meeting.

1. Nominees must be present at the October meeting. In the event of extenuating circumstances, the nomination may be accepted by a letter and read by the member who nominated the candidate at the October membership meeting.
2. Nominations are closed at the end of the October membership meeting.
3. Any nominee for an elected position must have earned voting privileges during the most current (previous) year in order to be able to accept their nomination.
4. Any elected position void of eligible candidates shall become an appointed position for that year only.

B. Officers shall be elected by a vote of all registered members meeting voting requirements (see Article I, Section I, Part A-5) attending the November general meeting. Absentee ballots will be accepted before the voting takes place and must be signed by the individual submitting the vote.

1. In the event of a tie at any position, a revote amongst present eligible voters will be conducted only for the tied position.
2. Officers will assume duties immediately following the election.

C. The duties of the Officers are as follows:

1. President a) Preside at all Board and General meetings. b) Make all Board appointments (i.e., Division Directors, Tournament Director, Umpire Director, Stand Director). c) Call special meetings of the league or the Board of Directors at his discretion. d) Cast the deciding vote on all ties (non-election issues). e) Be an ex-officio member on all committees. f) Chair the by-laws committee. g) Shall represent the league or appoint a representative of the league, to be the diplomat representing the league's views in any and all dealings with local governing bodies (West Mifflin borough, Whitaker borough). h) Responsible for securing and maintaining league insurance.

2. Vice-President of Baseball Operations a) Assume the duties of the President in his absence. b) Be an ex-officio member of all committees. c) Co-Chair the purchasing committee (uniforms and equipment) and appoint members of said committee. d) Co-Chair the Scheduling committee (for every WMBL/WMYSL team and season)

3. Vice-President of Softball Operations

- a) Be an ex-officio member of all committees.
- b) Co-Chair the purchasing committee (uniforms and equipment) and appoint members of said committee.
- c) Co-Chair the Scheduling committee (for every WMBL/WMYSL team and season)

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## 4. Treasurer

- a) Receive all league funds to be deposited in a bank approved by the league.
- b) Make all payments of bills presented to and approved by the league. All league checks require the signatures of the President and the Treasurer.
- c) Deliver written monthly financial reports at the general membership meetings.
- d) Keep up-to-date records of all league finances.
- e) Chair the fund raising committee.
- f) Give annual report at January general membership meeting.
- g) Co-chair league signups with Recording Secretary.

## 5. Recording Secretary (Baseball & Softball)

- a) Record the minutes of all meetings.
- b) Conduct all internal correspondence of the league.
- c) Co-chair the public relations committee with the Corresponding Secretary.
- d) Chair league signups with Treasurer.
- e) Maintain master league player database and be advised of all changes.
- f) Coordinate meeting places.

## 6. Corresponding Secretary (Baseball & Softball)

- a) Conduct all external correspondence of the league.
- b) Chair the public relations committee with the Recording Secretary.

## 7. Field Director (Baseball & Softball)

- a) Chair the fields committee.
- b) Appoint fields committee members.
- c) Responsible for field maintenance and upkeep of all cognizant WMBL/WMYSL fields and facilities.

## 8. Directors at Large (Baseball & Softball)

- a) Shall assist with WMBL/WMYSL sign-ups.
- b) Coordinate Opening Day ceremonies.
- c) Shall be member of the purchasing (uniforms and equipment) committee.

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- d) Coordinate Picture Day and distribution.
- e) Coordinate trophy procurement and distribution.
- f) Coordinate any extracurricular activities for league.

### SECTION II.

Appointed officials of the league shall be: Director of Legion Division, Director of Colt Division, Director of Pony Division, Director of Major Division, Director of Minor Division, Director Instructional Division (Sr. and Jr. Instructional as appropriate), Director of T-Ball Division, Fast Pitch Softball Director, Slow Pitch Softball Director, Director of Umpires, Tournament Director, Web Director, Fall-Ball Director, Metro/Travel Team Director, and Stand Director.

A. Appointed officials shall be appointed by the President for a term of one year, coinciding with the league year, November 1 to October 31.

B. Appointed officials will in no way supersede the authority of the elected officers. The appointed official is to address the problems of their divisions/tournament, and to recommend policy to the Board of Directors.

C. Appointed Directors will perform the following duties:

1. Division Directors will preside over meetings of managers, coaches and umpires in their division.

a. Division Directors should have monthly division meetings beginning in March.

b. Meetings can be called by the Director at any time. All managers in their division must be contacted about the time and place of the meeting and have 3 days notice, if at all possible. An assistant coach may and should stand in for a manager who cannot make a called division meeting.

c. From their meeting, recommend to the league, ways to improve their division, and equitable ways to solve their problems.

d. Review Divisional rules, divisional playoff format and all proposed changes must be presented to Board for approval.

2. All Directors will attend regular monthly meetings and submit a monthly report of business to the Board, as appropriate.

3. A Director's primary interest must be the welfare and positive development of the players in his/her division.

4. The Directors should recommend all All-Star Managers. It is the Board's responsibility to elect the All-Star Managers.

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D. The position of Tournament Director on the Board of Directors will be appointed by the President. Duties will include coordination of all West Mifflin Baseball League Tournaments. Appointed officials will in no way supersede the authority of elected Board officials.

E. The position of umpire director will recruit and oversee the scheduling of umpires for all scheduled games.

F. The Fall-Ball Director will oversee the organization of the fall season, including player registrations, league organization, and scheduling. Fall-ball Director need not be filled if the elected board does not need additional assistance.

G. The position of web director will maintain and update the league website, and report changes or suggestions monthly to the board.

Responsibilities will include:

- a. Overall maintenance of the league approved website
  - i. Post and maintain league contact info
  - ii. Posting internal and external league correspondence, rosters, schedules, rules, forms, announcements, etc.
- b. Establish/promote means of online registration
- c. Input game results, division standings and special recognition (home runs, tournament team selection and results)
- d. Establish means of email communication through the website

### **SECTION III.**

A Lifetime Director is an honorary position which must be nominated and approved by the Board. To be considered for this position you must have 15 years membership in good standing. These positions, once awarded, cannot be rescinded.

### **ARTICLE III**

#### **SECTION I.**

The Board of Directors shall consist of all elected Board members, Director of Umpires, Division Directors, Tournament Director, Web Director, Fall-Ball Director, Metro/Travel Team Director, Field Director, Stand Director, and all Lifetime Directors.

A. The Board of Directors will function chiefly during the intervals between meetings of the league, at such time it may act or decide a fact in the interest of the league.

B. Ten (10) Board members, (6 of which are executive board officers) must be present to vote on official League business.

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C. The President shall chair the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE IV

### SECTION I.

#### Standing Committees

A. Each committee shall consist of three members appointed by the committee chairperson. These members may be other board members along with the chairperson or any member of the league with voting rights that is in good standing.

#### Chairperson(s)

1. Constitution and By-Laws	President
2. Purchasing	Vice-President
3. Scheduling	Vice-President
4. Rules	President or Umpire Director
5. Fields	Field Director
6. Fund-Raising	Treasurer
7. Public Relation	Corresponding Secretary Recording Secretary (co-chair)
8. Stand Committee	Stand Director
9. Tournament Committee	Tournament Director
10. Registration	Recording Secretary / Treasurer

## ARTICLE V

### SECTION I.

The West Mifflin Baseball League shall meet once per month.

A. Meetings are on the first Monday of the month at a designated location during off season play, and held the first Sunday of each month at the complex during season play (May, June, July, August, September, October and November)

B. Ten (10) Board members, 6 of which must be executive board members, must be present to transact business at all Board meetings.

C. The annual election meeting shall be held in November.

D. Officers and Directors at Large will be elected by a majority vote of all voting members (Article I, Section I, Part C).

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E. All teams must be represented at the monthly meetings during the playing season for the purpose of disbursement of information (recommend that the manager or a coach attend).

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **SECTION I.**

Finance

A. The Board of Directors shall decide the method of raising funds.

B. All capital expenditures over \$1,000 must be approved by the Board. Exceptions to this are emergency purchases and day-to-day operating expenses (i.e., stand supplies, utilities).

C. There shall be an independent financial audit and a report submitted at the January general meeting of the following year.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **SECTION I.**

The number of teams participating in the West Mifflin Baseball/West Mifflin Youth Softball League shall be designated by the Board of Directors.

A. Each team shall have one manager and at least two coaches to act as supervisors and instructors. A scorekeeper is permitted. Minor and instructional divisions are permitted a larger staff, maximum of six persons..

B. All board members, managers, coaches, scorekeepers, umpires, and any other person wanting or needing to be on the field or in the dugout must complete a volunteer application and pass the background checks required by law.

C. Nominal awards or gifts may be purchased by the sponsor for the league or players.

D. No team or teams shall solicit funds for their individual use by using their team name or by using the name of the West Mifflin Baseball League without prior consent of the Board.

E. No individual or company shall solicit funds or gain profit by using West Mifflin Baseball League without prior approval by the Board of Directors. West Mifflin Baseball League reserves the right to demand retribution from above individuals or companies.

F. When a team's manager has a child playing in the same division, the manager has the option to have the child on their team or drafted on to another team.

G. If at any time, teams are added to or subtracted from the Colt division, all players from that division will be put back into the draft, so that division, can remain relatively even.

H. WMBL regards physical violence as inappropriate and demeaning. Any league representative who either initiates such action or participates in said physical violence will be suspended immediately for



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the remainder of that season. If said person(s) wish to participate in WMBL activities in future years, they must undergo a reinstatement hearing before the Board of Directors.

I. WMBL regards cursing, abusive language, profanity, or any other acts of unsportsmanlike conduct inappropriate and demeaning. Any such offender will be immediately ejected, with no prior warning other than the pre-game conference. All ejections carry a one-game suspension (the next scheduled game). All ejection penalties will be dealt with by the Board of Directors. The Board shall be notified of ALL ejections.

J. All fields, dugouts, concession stands, seating areas and restrooms used by WMBL are to be alcohol and tobacco free during practice and/or games. Any violators will be asked to leave the complex. Exceptions must be approved by the Board.

**SECTION II**

To create fairness and parity of teams within each division:

A. Prior to All-Star Tryouts, the Division Directors will hand out rating sheets to rate the players. Managers and coaches will rate the players on their team based on each player’s skills. They will be given one week in which to complete these forms. The division will meet to discuss and compare ratings and the Division Director will then make a master list. The final rating sheets will be handed to the President of the League by prior to All Star Tryouts to be used as part of the selection process and then distributed to all new Division Directors in the following baseball season.

B. The list of draftees, their ratings and all discussion is confidential in nature, and is not to be viewed by anyone except the managers. All relevant paperwork is to be collected by the Division Director at the end of the meeting.

C. Managers only, along with one previous year Manager or Coach, will be permitted to attend the draft.

D. The President or another elected official of the league must be in attendance at every divisional draft.

E. In Colt division only, if there are several new managers in the division, the manager of the highest rated player is assigned the lowest-rated team that is open.

F. In the Instructional, Minor, Major and Pony divisions, the order of the draft will consist of the total number of teams with the elder age bracket drafted first. This order will be determined by random selection of a drawing. If you receive the first pick in the elder age bracket, you will draft last in the younger age bracket. The draft order will follow the example below. If a manager has a child in the draft, the director of the division will decide which round the child will be drafted. This will be decided by the rating of the child the previous year.

Elder AGE group

Round	1 <sup>st</sup> round	2 <sup>nd</sup> round	3 <sup>rd</sup> round	4 <sup>th</sup> round	5 <sup>th</sup> round	6 <sup>th</sup> round
Team A	1	8	1	8	1	8
Team B	2	7	2	7	2	7

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Team C	3	6	3	6	3	6
Team D	4	5	4	5	4	5
Team E	5	4	5	4	5	4
Team F	6	3	6	3	6	3
Team G	7	2	7	2	7	2
Team H	8	1	8	1	8	1

Team A picks numbered 1-16-17-32-33-48 of Elder Players

Team A picks numbered 8-9-24-25-33-34 of Younger Players

Younger AGE group

Round	1 <sup>st</sup> round	2 <sup>nd</sup> round	3 <sup>rd</sup> round	4 <sup>th</sup> round	5 <sup>th</sup> round	6 <sup>th</sup> round
Team A	8	1	8	1	8	1
Team B	7	2	7	2	7	2
Team C	6	3	6	3	6	3
Team D	5	4	5	4	5	4
Team E	4	5	4	5	4	5
Team F	3	6	3	6	3	6
Team G	2	7	2	7	2	7
Team H	1	8	1	8	1	8

Team H picks numbered 1-16-17-32-33-48 of Younger Players

Team H picks numbered 8-9-24-25-33-34 of Elder Players

Note: Manager drafts son or daughter in whatever round player is rated with corresponding age.

A. Any child that is deemed a new resident and signs up after Divisional drafts are completed, or is a board approved late registrant will be assigned to a team by the board of directors with consideration of input from the division director and division managers.

B. To ensure fairness and parity in the draft system, any exceptions to these rules must be brought before the Board of Directors for review.

### SECTION III.

All-star Pick Procedure:

A. Anyone interested in being the manager of an All-Star team must submit their name to Recording Secretary and the appropriate Division Director by the May general membership meeting for consideration. All names will be voted on by the Board of Directors, with consideration going to the Division Director's recommendation.

B. Qualifications for All-Star Managers are as follows:

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1. Must have enough baseball knowledge to manage a competitive All-Star team.
2. Must be a person that will teach the players sportsmanship and fair play, even in the worst circumstances and be an ambassador of good sportsmanship for WMBL/WMYSL.
3. Must have attended league meetings and be eligible to vote.
4. Must have volunteered time to the league.

C. Tryouts will be held for each age group and players evaluated from representatives from another age group (11 year olds for 12 year olds and 12 year olds for 11 year olds, etc.) by individuals not part of the league, or by at least 5 board members. An individual may not evaluate their own child.

D. All in-house players (players whose first priority team is the WMBL rec team) will be selected by recommendation of in-house managers prior to the selection of the All Star Manager. The recommended players will be voted on by that division's in-house managers, but the results not revealed until the Board votes on the All-Star manager the same night if possible. Players will be taken in succession of the number they were voted in.

E. Allstar Team draft procedure: All division managers will nominate eligible players who they feel are qualified to participate in all-stars from his/her team and other teams in their division. Each manager will rank the players from 1-25 or higher if needed...based upon player rating sheets, tryout evaluations weakest. The player rankings from each manager will be combined to a cumulative ranking and the ranked list of players will be generated based on these cumulative scores with the lowest score as first ranked position and highest score last. The divisional managers will determine from this list the number of players that must be considered for the all-star team roster. The All-Star Manager must take players in succession according to their ranking, and may roster a maximum of 15 players with 3 of those 15 being alternates.. Alternates are to be used in succession based on rank. Once all alternates are exhausted, players may be called up pending board approval. The list of nominees, their ratings, rankings and all discussion is confidential in nature, and is not to be viewed by anyone except the managers. All relevant paperwork is to be collected by the Division Director at the end of the meeting. Board will vote on the All-Star manager the same night if possible.

Note: In the event that some managers from a division have displayed inability to cooperate throughout the season, the above process will be conducted by either an impartial volunteer group not part of the league or at least 5 board members.

F. Rules for All-Star Teams are as follows:

1. The Board will discuss on a year-by-year basis the possibility of a second "B" team in every age bracket to give more players a chance to play at a higher level.
2. No "A" player can play on a "B" team. "B" players who are alternates may only play up on the "A" team if it does not affect the "B" team and with the "B" team manager's approval.
3. If an All-Star team manager's child does not get picked for the team by our system, they are not permitted to play for that team. NO EXCEPTIONS.

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4. All 12 and under players picked to be on the All-Star and Tournament teams must play six (6) defensive outs and bat at least one time unless they incur an injury, are being disciplined, or the game finishes with less than 6 innings. Any manager disciplining a player must document it for review of the Board of Directors if necessary. This rule governs any tournament that WMBL/WMYSL players compete.

5. Any manager caught breaking the rules will be subjected to disciplinary hearing and may be suspended for at least one (1) year from managing and coaching any All-Star team when eligible to manage.

### **ARTICLE VIII**

#### **SECTION I.**

In the interest of providing additional highly competitive opportunities for high caliber players and teams, the WMBL will sponsor and direct Metro/Travel teams at the Pony, Major, Minor and Sr. Instructional levels during the regular spring and fall seasons.

A. Metro/Travel teams are independent of the All-star teams and participation does not guarantee or preclude players or coaches to be qualified for all-stars.

B. Contingent upon the number of willing and qualified players at any age level, teams may be established in 12U, 11U, 10U, 9U, and 8U age brackets.

C. Players must participate in a tryout (when number of applicants dictates) in which they will be evaluated by a committee appointed by the board of directors. These evaluations as well as prior season rating sheets and prior manager recommendations will be utilized to decide if the player qualifies to be on the team.

D. The evaluating committee will determine the number of qualified players and generate a roster for the manager. The roster may not exceed 15 persons. If the roster is more than 12 persons, alternates may be designated.

E. Players qualifying for the Metro/Travel team are not required to play on a regular WMBL recreational team. F. Participation on the Metro/Travel teams may require additional registration fees (to be determined each season by the board of directors).

G. These teams will play primarily on Saturdays and Sundays and their schedules may be coordinated with the Rec teams to minimize conflicts.

H. Rules for playing time for the Metro/Travel team(s) will be governed by the rules of the Metro/Travel league the team(s) are participation in.

H. Metro/Travel team Managers will be appointed by vote of the Board of Directors after the team has been selected. Persons interested in being a Metro/Travel team manager, must submit his/her intent to the Board of Directors by February 1st (Spring season) or August 1<sup>st</sup> (Fall season).

### **Article VIII**

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## Section II:

West Mifflin Youth Softball specific items:

Girls Softball-WMYSL In the interest of providing a viable and fair alternative organization for the girls of West Mifflin to play slow-pitch and/or fast-pitch softball, the WMBL will sponsor and direct a softball program, which will include both slow-pitch and fast pitch teams. The program will be named West Mifflin Youth Softball League (WMYSL). Our goal is to encourage, educate and develop slow pitch and fast pitch softball players in the communities encompassed by the West Mifflin Area school district, while helping them build good leadership qualities, teach fair sportsmanship and aid in the development of good character in our youth.

A. WMYSL was an organization established for the 2013 season and beyond. WMYSL will be governed by the WMBL board of directors with the addition of at least 4 new board positions including two executive board positions; Vice President-Director of Softball operations and Softball Director at Large, as well as two appointed board of directors positions, Fast Pitch softball Director, Slow pitch softball Director. All new positions will be appointed by the president for the first year and then will be open to standard election and appointment process (Article II). At the discretion of the WMBL Board, positions may be added or removed to facilitate direction of the softball program.

B. Administration of the WMYSL will follow the WMBL bylaws to the fullest extent possible. Remember this is a recreational league started to promote the HARMONY OF OFFICIALS, COACHES, MANAGERS and especially the GIRLS. The teaching of softball skills and sportsmanship can best be taught through OUR OWN EXAMPLE.

C. Dissolution of WMYSL In the event that the WMBL board finds that WMYSL no longer fills the need for which it was formed, the WMYSL may be dissolved via a 2/3 vote of the current board.

D. WMYSL will consist of the following divisions:

Slow-Pitch: 18 and Under (if there is sufficient interest) (Ages 16, 17 & 18)  
15 and Under (Ages 13, 14 & 15 years)  
12 and Under (Ages 11 & 12 years)  
10 and Under (Ages 9 & 10 years)  
8 and Under (Ages 7 & 8 years)  
6 and Under (Ages 5 & 6 years)

Fast-Pitch: 18 and Under (if there is sufficient interest) (Ages 16, 17 & 18)  
15 and Under (Ages 13, 14 & 15 years)  
12 and Under (Ages 11 & 12 years)  
10 and Under (Ages 8, 9 & 10 years)

I. These divisions can be altered based on registration numbers. Players' age as of January 1st of the current year determines the division in which they will play.

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II. Players are able to register and play both slow-pitch and fast-pitch softball in the same season (separate fees); however, the fast pitch team will take priority in all conflicts. Standard call-up procedures will be followed to fill the line ups as needed in both fast pitch and slow pitch divisions.

III. ASA Softball Rules and Guidelines will be followed unless modified to fit specific age divisions for slow pitch. Fast Pitch teams (along with any Slow Pitch team as applicable), when playing other teams outside of the WMYSL league, will also follow the rules of that umbrella league. The softball Directors for Slow Pitch and Fast Pitch will determine what regional league they will play in on a season by season basis.

IV. WMYSL girls at all divisions will use ASA balls and bats approved by the league.

V. All batting helmets must have a full face cage.

VI. Post season tournament/allstar teams and managers selections for both slow pitch and fast pitch divisions will follow WMBL procedures (Article VII, Section III)

E. In order to protect the integrity of the WMBL, baseball board positions will be held by baseball members for a probationary period of three years. Softball members are not permitted to receive nominations for any baseball-related elected board positions (as outlined in Article 1; Section 1) until after the 2015 season. Softball members are only permitted to accept nomination for softball elected board positions only as outlined in Section A above. Appointed baseball positions may be held by softball members however, qualified baseball members will take priority over softball for a period of three years.

F. To qualify as a baseball member you must either have a child registered for baseball, had a child registered in the WMBL in at least two previous seasons, was a board member of the WMBL prior to the 2013 season, or a life member of the WMBL.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **SECTION I.**

Managers of league teams shall be approved by the Board of Directors, consideration given to managers of the preceding year.

A. Managers in each division will be selected by a vote of the Board of Directors. Anyone wanting to manage a team, must submit their name and intention to manage in writing to the Board of directors by the March general meeting. Names submitted and evaluated based upon service, seniority, ability to perform the work and their physical ability. Positions will be filled before the draft. Resignations should be submitted to the Recording Secretary.

1. Any Board member applying for a manager position must excuse themselves from the room during their evaluation. Any relative or spouse of discussed individual must also excuse themselves.

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2. Coaches of league teams shall be selected by Managers and must be approved by Board of Directors

B. Managers and coaches violating, misrepresenting, displaying acts of unsportsmanlike conduct, etc., will be discussed at Board meetings. A decision will be made by the Board of Directors regarding penalty or dismissal, the action to be presented at the succeeding general meeting.

## **ARTICLE X**

### **SECTION I.**

The Umpires association shall be part of, and controlled by the West Mifflin Baseball League.

A. There shall be a Director of Umpires, who shall be a member of the Board of Directors.

B. By approval of the Board of Directors, an individual living outside the school district limits, can umpire a scheduled game.

### **SECTION II.**

Establishment of fees.

A. All sponsors must submit by March 1, to the league Treasurer, the fee designated by the West Mifflin Baseball League.

## **ARTICLE XI**

### **SECTION I.**

Any individual may be removed from any WMBL team, league position or responsibilities by the Board of Directors whenever in its judgment the best interests of the League are not being served by said individual.

### **SECTION II.**

No alcoholic beverages or drugs are permitted at the WMBL complex during organized play and practices. Anyone violating this rule will be asked to leave the complex and could be brought to the Board for disciplinary actions. This also applies to fans, coaches and managers being rowdy because of alcohol or drugs. Police will be called if necessary.

## **ARTICLE XII**

### **SECTION I.**

Any proposed amendment to any Sections, Divisions or Subsections of these By-Laws, must be submitted in writing, at any regular meeting of the league. Such proposed amendment must be signed by the person proposing the amendment, and it shall be read at the meeting by that said person, and then submitted to the Constitution and the By- Laws Committee. The proposed amendment shall be read at first and second meeting and the discussion would also occur at this time. Only a reading of the

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proposed change would occur on the 3rd reading. This proposal would then become part of the By-Laws, only if approved by a majority vote of the general membership present.

A. Every five years the Board of Directors shall review these By-Laws and make appropriate changes according to Article XII, Section I.

## **SECTION II.**

No one may manipulate these By-Laws or league rules for their personal benefit or their team's exclusive benefit.

These By-Laws were approved by consent of the League Personnel.

Interpretation of these By-Laws, when disputed, shall be decided by Board of Directors consensus.

These By-Laws supersede all previous By-Laws.



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REVISION #	DATE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF CHANGE	INITIATED BY
0	2/22/1994	BY-LAWS MAJOR REVISION	1994 BOD
1	3/2/1995	ADDED ARTICLE VII, SECTION II	Chuck Evanish
2	9/7/1995	ADDED ARTICLE 1, SECTION 1, PART B, #2, 3, 4 & CHANGED CURRENT #2 TO #5 Changed Article II, section II, part 5 Added Article VII, Sec I, Part I, J, K	Gary Chedwick
3	1/4/1996	Changed article xii, section i	Judy Reed
4	3/10/1996	Change article ii, section ii	Judy Reed
5	2/5/1998	Changed article 1, section 1	Mike Gasparovic
6	2/5/1998	Added article ii, section 1a, part 3	Mike Gasparovic
7	2/13/2000	Major revision of the bylaws and rules/regulations	2000 BOD
8	3/1/2000	8-yr old division recognized as separate from instructional	
9	5/7/2000	Moved all star pick to article VII & changed to pick players before manager	Lisa Petruzzi
10	6/4/2000	Added article XI, sec II – no alcohol or drugs	Jim Rispoli
11	1/4/2001	Added Article VII, sec II, F1 circumstances for redraft and draft procedure	Dave Wahl
12	9/6/2001	Changed article VI, Sec 1C. Audit date to January	Joyce Eagan
13	5/5/2002	Changed article VI, Sec 3D: All star tryouts except Williamsport	Chuck Considine
14	4/3/2003	Major amendment change from midget to major, farm to minor	03 BOD
15	5/4/2003	Modify draft procedure to have total redraft	Dave Wahl
16	6/1/2011	Addition of Web Director position (appointed)	Scott Walker
17	1/5/2012	Major revision of bylaws & addition of Travel/metro teams	A Bell & BOD
18	1/5/2013	Major revision of bylaws: Article VIII, Sect II: Addition of Girls Softball/WMYSL; Addition of Board positions VP of Softball, Fastpitch and Slow pitch directors and one softball director at Large.	A Bell & BOD
19	4/10/2013	Amendments to Article VIII/Girls Softball program, addition of Parts E, F. to protect integrity of WMBL board.	Eric Link & A. Bell
20	8/10/2015	Changed Article VIII, Section 1, E., F., G.: Metro/Travel players are not required to play on a WMBL Rec Team.	Justin Fite
21	3/7/2016	Full Review and Major Revision (both content and grammatical), multiple Articles and Sections. Approved by 2/3 vote.	Justin Fite