



Junior Baseball Organization, Inc. Minutes  
Board Meeting  
September 21, 2014

**Meeting called to order at 3:10pm by JBO President Rachael Skelton.**

**Introductions**

**Members present:** Shari, Rachel, Terrance, Lynn, Chris, Jason, Brian M, Phil, Misty

**Members absent:** Brian S., Jesse, Todd, Christina

**Guests:** CYO Representative Rick Skayhan, Alex Skelton

**Announcements:** Chris Harbaugh is stepping down as DC from Westside. He will be taking on the role of President of Banks Baseball. Alex Skelton will be the new DC from Westside.

**Meeting Minutes:** Minutes from June 22 meeting were approved at the state coaches meeting in July.

**CYO-Rick Skayhan** CYO wants to partner with JBO in order for their kids to play baseball. They believe that JBO matches up best to CYO's philosophy. 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade would hopefully provide JBO with 40 baseball teams. Feeder schools into 3 high schools: Jesuit, Valley Catholic, and LaSalle. Every HS baseball coach has fully endorsed this idea. LaSalle and Valley have offered up fields: current Junior High fall ball team using Jesuit fields. They fundraise for scholarships. Survey shows 500 kids playing baseball—Little League, Cal Ripken, Babe Ruth, Club Parents, HS coaches want something else. If not us, then somewhere else. Kids would be coming from Catholic/Christian schools only. Not just a parish member. CYO would not be a new District, it would be several new associations within existing Districts.

Later in the meeting after Rick left, it was discussed and decided to tell CYO they are welcome to proceed with the process of applying to play with JBO. Once applications are received, it will be decided which associations fall to Westside or to Clackamas.

**Committee for**

**General Paperwork:** The committee will be the Executive Board. Need to meet and go over general paperwork, make revisions, and bring back to the board for a vote. Board Member Responsibilities – By-laws – Association Application – Team/Player Waiver – Code of Conduct – Rosters – Background Checks – Concussion Training – Yearly Timeline

**Meeting Minutes:** Lynn proposed that the meeting minutes be typed up, approved via email, and then posted to the website, all within a week of the meeting. It would help with full transparency and get information out there in a timely manner.

Motion by Jason to the above proposal  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Terrence.  
Approved

**Championship  
Tournament  
Experiences:**

Overall we had good experiences. Need to address umpire consistency and age requirements.. All tournaments should have programs: Lebanon produced a great program. Announcers need to be informed of what is expected. Tournament is about the players and we need to make it special for them. We need to stress sportsmanship from the very beginning at every level (language, throwing equipment, etc). Need fields with lights at the Senior level. Need adult umpires at both the Junior and Senior levels. It's not about ability; it's about presence on the

**Championship  
Tournament  
Committee:**

Committee of 4 to go through paperwork, t-shirt issues, money issues, redo dates, clearly write out rules, umpire contracts, tournament host packet.  
Volunteers: Shari, Terrance, Jason, Brian M.

**Rule Change  
Proposals:**

Proposals submitted from each District, clarified and sent back with DC's for a vote by their associations. See attached.  
Final vote will be at the October 26<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Equipment and  
Field Standards:**

Think about and consider creating a standard for baseballs. It would help to ensure fairness in league games. Wilson is willing to do a Line Drive program for our associations. An association would set up an account with a Wilson field rep and for every dollar they spend, at the end of the season they get a rebate good for equipment. Players could also purchase items, reference the association, and the association would get the rebate. Wilson would give us a list of the stores where they would set up the individual association accounts. Rebate could potentially be between \$500-\$1000.

Also look at standards for pitching rubbers and batters boxes.

**Website:**

Todd has decided to no longer handle the website. We need to decide whether to continue with current website or start over with a new one. Old site is paid through the end of October. \$32/3 months, but the site is very limited. Alex Skelton volunteers to take this on.

Motion by Chris to find another website and a proposal by the next meeting.  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Jason  
Approved

**Trico:** Trico had a full year to grow and expand its leadership. It hasn't happened and inter-leaguering didn't go well last season. We need to reach out to the Trico associations and invite them to apply to play JBO baseball with an October 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.

Motion by Lynn to absorb the associations currently located in the Trico District into existing JBO Districts.

2<sup>nd</sup> by Chris.

Approved

**Executive Board  
Meeting Dates:**

All meetings held at Wilsonville Library, 3:00pm

Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>, Nov 16<sup>th</sup>, Jan 18<sup>th</sup>, Feb 15<sup>th</sup>, March 15<sup>th</sup>, April 12<sup>th</sup>, May 10<sup>th</sup>, June 21<sup>st</sup>

July-Championship Tournament Coach Meetings Lynn applied and got approval for a donation of air-conditioned meeting rooms at Wellspring Conference Center in Woodburn. Tentative dates are July 7 and July 14. Misty Gendar gets full credit for the idea. THANKS MISTY!

Aug 16<sup>th</sup>- debrief season

**Meeting Adjourned at 5:35 pm**

**Next Meeting:** October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
3:00pm  
Wilsonville Library

# Rule proposals and modifications

First clarification to be added to the rulebook

## Thunder and Lightning Guidelines

Play will be suspended and delayed for 30 minutes once there is an episode of either thunder or lightning. Immediate shelter must be taken to protect players, coaches, officials and spectators. Only after there has been a full 30 minutes after the last episode may play resume. The responsibility falls on the officials to suspend and resume play in accordance with these guidelines and regulations for all game time play. Coaches are responsible for the same parameters during practices and non-game time activities.

## Team Eligibility

Any association intending on participating in the Junior Baseball program must submit a completed "Application for Participation" and "Proof of Accident and Liability Insurance" to the JBO Secretary no later than April 1 of each calendar year. All league activities including games will be suspended and forfeit until proper Association paperwork is submitted.

This will strike the \$200 penalty fee.

# Rule changes

## Playing Regulations by age division

### 1. Midget division

g. a youth may not pitch more than 60 pitches in a game and must follow the pitching event with days of rest. 0-20 pitches = no rest, 21-33 pitches = 1 day of rest, 34-42 pitches = 2 days of rest, 43-50 pitches = 3 days of rest, 51+ = 4 days of rest. In addition a national level player may not pitch more than 40 pitches per game.

### 2. Junior division

g. a youth may not pitch more than 70 pitches in a game and must follow the pitching event with days of rest. 0-26 pitches = no rest, 27-34 pitches = 1 day of rest, 35-54 pitches = 2 days of rest, 55-57 pitches = 3 days of rest, 58+ = 4 days of rest. In addition a national level player may not pitch more than 50 pitches per game.

### 3. Senior division

g. a youth may not pitch more than 80 pitches in a game and must follow the pitching event with days of rest. 0-29 pitches = no rest, 30-35 pitches = 1 day of rest, 36-55 pitches = 2 days of rest, 56-69 pitches = 3 days of rest, 70+ = 4 days of rest. In addition a national level player may not pitch more than 55 pitches per game.

A day of rest is one calendar day. Example if a youth at senior American pitches 33 pitches on May 4<sup>th</sup> the first day of rest is May 5<sup>th</sup> and will be eligible to pitch again on May 6<sup>th</sup>. If the same youth pitches 54 pitches they will not be eligible until the 7<sup>th</sup> to pitch again.

If a youth is currently pitching and reaches the maximum pitch during a players at bat they may finish the current batter only then must be removed from the pitching position.

This applies to league play only.

### **Playing Regulations by age division**

1. Midget Division – any youth whose current school year grade is 3 or 4 in that season is eligible to play at the midget level. A player may be moved up a division however may not be lower to a division.
2. Junior Division – any youth whose current school year grade is 5 or 6 in that season is eligible to play at the junior level. A player may be moved up a division however may not be lower to a division.
3. Senior Division – any youth whose current school year grade is 7 or 8 in that season is eligible to play at the senior level. A player may be moved up a division however may not be lower to a division.

### **Leagues**

d. matrix change

1<sup>st</sup> team for all associations will be American

With 2 teams 1- American 1 – national

The examining matrix stays as is.

### **Playing Regulations by Age division**

Replacing Letter M

For midget national skill level a player may not lead off 3<sup>rd</sup> base until the ball has passed the batter on a pitched ball.

### **Field Decorum and Conditions**

If a homerun fence is present on a field it must be 2.5 time the base length per division.

Example: Senior American 90 feet base path the homerun fence must be a minimum of 225 feet from home plate.

### **Game Playing Regulations**

L. Addition - that all players are required to wear a protective cup during the game.

### **Unsportsmanlike Conduct**

C. Addition – However, notwithstanding the foregoing, if a player's suspension causes his team to forfeit their next game, then the suspension will be deemed to be served after the game is forfeit.