Central Perkiomen Youth Association

Constitution and By-Laws

A governance document for Central Perkiomen Youth Association (CPYA)

CONSTITUTION

Article I – Name

The name of this association shall be the Central Perkiomen Youth Association, henceforth referred to as “CPYA”.

Article II – Object

The purpose for which this association is organized is to develop and operate a baseball and softball program in affiliation with Babe Ruth League, Inc., a New Jersey corporation, in conformity with and pursuant to the principles, rules and regulations enunciated by said Babe Ruth League, Inc. In conjunction with such purposes, the objective of this association is that, through the medium of a supervised, competitive baseball and softball program, guided and governed by said Babe Ruth League, Inc., this association will seek to implant in the youth of the community ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage and reverence, so they may be finer, stronger and happier youths who will grow to be good, clean, healthy adults.

Article III – Statement of Affiliation

This association shall be affiliated with Babe Ruth League, Inc., a New Jersey corporation, and shall be governed by, and shall comply with the principles, rules and regulations enunciated and decreed by Babe Ruth League, Inc.

Article IV – Sites of Principal Operations

The principal operations of this association shall be in and about the city of Schwenksville, County of Montgomery, and State of Pennsylvania, but may extend into such areas as provided for by the State, Regional, and National Headquarters rules and regulations.

Article V – Powers

This association shall have the following powers in addition to the powers expressly or implicitly conferred on it by law.

A. To make and enforce rules and regulations to govern itself on a local basis, but consistent with and not contrary to any rules and regulations promulgated by Babe Ruth League, Inc., a New Jersey corporation, or by the Regional, or State echelons of said Babe Ruth League, Inc., to which this association is subject. B. Interpret, alter or clarify, as they see fit, any statements made within this constitution.

Article VI – Membership

Requirements for membership in the league and the privileges of membership in the league are specified in the by-laws.

Article VII – Officers

Officers are President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Director of Baseball and Director of Softball. Eligibility requirements, time of election and term of office as well as provisions for filling vacancies are detailed in the by-laws.

Article VIII – Board of Directors

There will be 10 directors on the board. Eligibility requirements, time of election and term of office and provisions for filling vacancies are detailed in the by-laws.

Article IX – Standing Committees

The name of each standing committee should be listed in the by-laws including the number of members and general duties. The board must approve the establishment of additional standing or special committees.

Article X – Meetings and Quorum

Meetings and Quorum are defined in the by-laws.

Article XI – Amendment

The method for submission of amendments, notice (if any) desired, and vote required for adoption is defined in the by-laws.

BY-LAWS

Article I – Membership

Section 1. ELIGIBILITY. Parents, legal guardians, players, and other interested parties are eligible for CPYA membership.

Section 2. BOUNDARIES. All members must reside within the geographical boundaries as defined by Babe Ruth League, Inc. Any request to extend such boundaries must be approved by both Babe Ruth League, Inc and the board.

NORTH:

Upper Hanover Township east of Berks County line and south of Lehigh County line east to Township Line Road between Franconia and Hatfield townships.

Encompasses Upper Hanover, Marlborough, Salford and Franconia townships. Encompasses Telford, 18969.

EAST:

Township Line Road between Franconia and Hatfield townships south to Route 63 south to Route 363 south to Ridge Pike.

Encompasses parts of Towemencin and Worcester townships. South: Ridge Pike west to Route 29 south to Schuylkill River west to Limerick Township line.

Encompasses parts of Lower Providence, Upper Providence, Limerick, New Hanover and Douglass townships.

WEST:

Limerick Township line to New Hanover Township line to Douglass Township line to Upper Hanover Township line.

Encompasses Skippack, Perkiomen, Lower Salford, Upper Salford, Lower Frederick and Upper Frederick townships.

THESE BOUNDARIES REFLECT REGISTRATIONS OF CHILDREN THAT PRESENTLY PLAY AT CENTRAL PERKIOMEN YOUTH ASSOCIATION.

Section 3. CLASSES. Membership is divided into the following classes:

1. PLAYERS. Any youngster satisfying the requirements established by the CPYA is eligible to participate, but shall have no rights or obligations in the management of this organization.
   - Players must reside within the boundaries defined by CPYA. The CPYA boundaries are identical to the official Babe Ruth boundaries.
2. REGULAR MEMBERS.
   - All parents or legal guardians of players automatically become Regular Members upon payment of all CPYA registration fees and participation in the annual fundraising program.
   - An individual 18 years of age or older, genuinely interested in furthering the objective of this organization, may apply for membership. Membership must be approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors unless otherwise provided for herein. Other members may be required to pay a special membership fee as determined by the Board of Directors.

- Directors, commissioners, committee members, and coaches are automatically Regular Members.

3. ACTIVE MEMBERS. An Active Member is a regular member who attends 50% or more of the monthly league meetings and is therefore considered an active member of the league.

Membership will be valid November 1 through October 31, coinciding with elections and the end of the fall ball season.

All members are required to sign and abide by our parents' code of ethics. Recognizing the considerable effort and resources required to successfully manage all CPYA programs, every member must actively participate. Members may choose from any of several assignments throughout the year; if constraints or limitations preclude a member from actively participating, the Board of Directors may offer the option of paying an additional non-participation fee. Under normal circumstances, members will be required to choose a specific assignment at registration, or pay the additional fee listed on the annual registration form. Players may be prohibited from participation until full compliance with all above mentioned requirements are met.

Section 4. SUSPENSION OR TERMINATION. Membership may be terminated by action of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors, by a two-thirds vote of those present at any duly constituted meeting, shall have the authority to discipline, suspend, or terminate the membership of any member of any class when the conduct of such person is deemed in violation of CPYA's established Code of Conduct.

The member involved shall be notified in writing of such meeting, informed of the general nature of the accusations, and provided an opportunity to appear at the meeting to answer such accusations.

Article II – Board of Directors

Section 1. BOARD AND NUMBER.

Responsibility for the management and administration of the CPYA is assigned to the Board of Directors, henceforth referred to as "Board". The Board and its officers will direct all affairs, activities, and functions of the CPYA.

The Board may adopt such rules and regulations for the conduct of its meetings and the management of the league as it may deem proper that are not in conflict with Babe Ruth Rules and Regulations.

The board will be comprised of ten (10) positions, and each member will be individually elected as an officer of the CPYA. Members include the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Baseball Director, Softball Director, Concessions Director, Complex & Equipment Director, Fundraising & Sponsorship Director, and Website Director. If a person holds more than 1 (one) board position, he/she only gets 1 (one) vote in any election.

Section 2. ANNUAL ELECTION AND TERM OF OFFICE.

The term of office for any elected officer will be two years. President, Secretary, and Director of Softball will be elected in "A" election year. The Vice President, Treasurer, and Director of Baseball will be elected in "B" election year. "A" and "B" election years will alternate annually. The term of office for any elected league commissioners will be one year.

- Nominations for league officers will be held at the September monthly meeting.
- Elections for officers and commissioners will be held at the October meeting.
- Term of office for elected league officers will begin at the November meeting.
- Only Active Members, as defined above, are given the right to vote in a league election.

- In the event that an individual holds more than one board position, that person is permitted only one vote.

Section 3. VACANCY

When vacancies occur due to death or resignation, the board may fill the position until the next scheduled election. If that election does not coincide with the usual election of said position, the newly elected person shall serve for one year, until the position is back up for election during its regular rotation.

Section 4. CONTRIBUTIONS OR SOLICITATION OF FUNDS

The board shall not permit the contribution of funds or property to individual teams or members but shall solicit funds for the common treasury of the CPYA.

Section 5. COMPENSATION PROHIBITED

No director, officer, or member of the CPYA shall receive, directly or indirectly, any salary or compensation from the CPYA for services rendered.

Section 6. BIDS (Change to and note new procurement policy?)

Solicit bids for field improvements and special projects as needed. A minimum of three (3) bids must be received before one can be awarded. All improvements and/or modifications to the property must be presented to the Board for approval.

Section 7. CALENDAR OF EVENTS

A master calendar for the league will be created and approved by the Board. The calendar will include events such as League Meetings, League Day & Picture Day, Games, Playoffs, Tournament Team Tryouts, CPYA Carnival, Tournament Trail, etc.

Recreation league activities are expected to take place Monday-Thursday, plus Saturday, with Friday evenings and Sunday afternoons being used for makeups as necessary.

Travel team activities can take place Friday evenings or Sundays, from March-May, so as not to interfere with rec activities. Travel team activities during the rec season are limited to two per week and shall not occur on the same day or consecutive days. After May (end of rec season), travel teams are expected to practice twice during the week and once on the weekend, adjusted based on the team's game schedules.

Article III – Directors & Elected Positions, Duties, and Powers

Section 1. PRESIDENT.

1. Preside at all league meetings.

2. Assume full responsibility for the operation of the association.

3. Appoint all committees and supervise the activity thereof.

4. See that the association adheres to the rules, regulations, and policies of Babe Ruth League, Inc.

5. Attend all Ripken meetings for District and State tournaments.

6. Be sure the charter application or continuation form is submitted to Babe Ruth Headquarters.

7. Be responsible for local league protests and disputes (it is highly recommended a local league president not be connected with any team, such as a manager or coach, and not be an umpire of his league).
8. Review finances with the Treasurer.
9. In February, apply for and coordinate with Treasurer to pay for the Ripken charter thru Babe Ruth in Trenton.
10. Conduct the affairs of CPYA and execute the policies established by the Board of Directors.
11. Represent CPYA regarding all matters or issues involving the association and the surrounding community.
12. Communicate to the Board such matters or issues deemed appropriate, and offer recommendations as may tend to promote the welfare of CPYA. Present a year-end report at the annual meeting describing the condition of the association, and introducing tentative proposals for the upcoming year.
13. Prepare and submit an annual budget to the Board of Directors by the first monthly meeting of the year (November), and be responsible for the proper execution thereof.
14. The President shall be in charge of being the escalation point on top of all major league fundraising activities, coordinating closely with the Fundraising Director.
15. Create and agree to the calendar with the Secretary.

Section 2. VICE PRESIDENT.

1. Presides in the absence of the President and carries out such duties and assignments as may be delegated by the President.
2. Perform other duties as are customarily incident to the office of Vice President.
3. Shall be in charge of the initial field scheduling, assigning divisions to fields regularly for the spring and fall seasons. The VP should work with the Directors of Baseball and Softball to assign fields for travel teams when available during the rec season, and then for the summer months. The VP will be responsible for the overall master schedule of field usage at CP, inclusive of when tournaments will be run.
4. Shall be in charge of ensuring all activities related to spring and fall ball (registration through game activities) are handled in the proper fashion at the right time.

Section 3. SECRETARY.

1. Records the minutes of all meetings and distributes minutes of previous meetings.
2. Responsible for sending out notice of regular and special meetings
3. Maintains an official record of the league's activities, correspondence, and other necessary files.
4. Notifies all officers of election and the names of newly elected members of the Board and performs such other duties as this office may require.
5. Prepares and manages all correspondence not otherwise specifically delegated.
6. Performs other duties customarily incident to the office of secretary, as well as the duties of publicity director.
7. Order and distribute the league raffle tickets to the commissioners
8. Shall be in charge of organizing and running League Day, securing outside dignitaries and organizing the league commissioners and travel teams for all activities during the day of the event (Slugfest, fundraising, activity coverage, etc.)

9. Shall be responsible for ensuring there is picture day coverage, finding a volunteer to develop the master schedule for all teams across all divisions. This may require assistance from the league commissioners to make the schedule work.

10. Shall be in charge of all league communications, promoting upcoming events, reminders of deadlines, and decisions reached at league meetings.

Section 4. TREASURER.

1. Signs checks (should be one of "two signatures" required), dispenses league funds as approved by league officers, reports on the status of league funds, keeps financial records, and assumes the responsibility for all local league finances.

2. Prepare an annual budget and financial report, under the direction of the President, with input from the Board, for submission to the Board.

3. In conjunction with the President and Executive Board, develop a capital plan by September 30 for any additional projects to be completed and to spend down any excess funds.

4. Receive all monies and securities, and deposit in a depository approved by the Board.

5. Keep all records of receipt and disbursement of all monies and securities of CPYA, including the Snack Stand, approve all payments from allotted funds and draw check therefore in agreement with policies established in advance of such actions by the Board.

6. File the league's tax return by May 15th

7. Responsible for obtaining proper accident and liability insurance coverage for the protection of the league players and volunteers. Completes insurance applications, maintains records of injuries and incidents, and is also responsible for filing claims with the insurance companies.

8. Perform other duties as are customarily incident to the office of treasurer as well as the duties of insurance coordinator.

Section 5. BASEBALL DIRECTOR

1. Coordinates annual league registration and try-outs, presides at player and team manager selection meetings, supervises and coordinates the draft of players, facilitates all tournament related activities including try-outs, selection of players, selection of coaches, selection of tournaments, and administration of team rosters and ID cards.

2. Ensure a fair and balanced league schedule and prepare for submission to the board.

3. May not be an elected league commissioner.

4. Ensure each baseball team is equipped with the proper uniform attire (shirts provided for a maximum of 3 coaches per team).

5. Must attend all Ripken District and State level tournament meetings.

6. Coordinates the ordering of uniforms for all travel teams (hats & jerseys).

7. Sets the tryout dates for the tournament teams and will alert the league secretary & website for league wide communications..

8. Organizes and runs CP's coverage of the Carnival Parking during the annual event.

9. Assigns the baseball travel teams practice nights for the fields allocated by the VP.

10. Orders all trophies required for the spring season.

11. Communicates and secures all needed umpires for games and tournaments held at the complex.

12. Conducts annual travel parents meeting.

Section 6. SOFTBALL DIRECTOR

1. Coordinates annual league registration and try-outs, presides at player and team manager selection meetings, supervises and coordinates the draft of players, keeps up-to-date records of team rosters, check's player's eligibility, facilitates all tournament related activities including try-outs, selection of players, selection of coaches, selection of tournaments, and administration of team rosters and ID cards.
2. Ensure a fair and balanced league schedule and prepare for submission to the board.
3. Ensure each softball team is equipped with the proper uniform attire (shirts provided for a maximum of 3 coaches per team).
4. May not be an elected league commissioner.
5. Coordinates the ordering of uniforms for all travel teams (visors, shirts, shorts if desired, socks, belts).
6. Sets the tryout dates for the tournament teams, and will alert the league secretary & website for league wide communications.
7. Works closely with the Baseball Director on CP's coverage of the Carnival Parking.
8. Assigns the softball travel teams practice nights for the fields allocated by the VP.
9. Conducts annual travel parents meeting.
10. Communicates and secures all needed umpires for games and tournaments held at the complex.

Section 7. CONCESSIONS DIRECTOR

1. Secure enough personnel for operation of snack stand.
2. Secure necessary supplies for snack stand.
3. Maintain records of purchases using Square.
4. Make the necessary arrangements for cash revenues to be turned over to Treasurer.
5. Submit an annual financial plan to the President in early November for inclusion in the annual budget cycle. Submits a year-end financial budget report at the November meeting for snack stand revenues. Report out financial progress throughout the season on sales.

Section 8. COMPLEX/EQUIPMENT DIRECTOR

1. Responsible for field maintenance and facility management.
2. Prepare a list of field improvements for improvement and/or safety.
3. Facilitate preparation for annual CPYA Carnival.
4. Submit in early November proposed expenditures for the upcoming league year for league approval at the November meeting. Inclusive should be a plan for the work that needs to be done during the league year, which fields should be closed when, etc.
5. Coordinate all complex open and close activities in March and November
6. Responsible for ensuring equipment is adequate and safe for each baseball and softball league.
7. Responsible for end-of-season inventory and proper storage of equipment.
8. Procure and distribute equipment, uniforms, and adequate supply of baseballs or softballs for all rec teams.

Section 9. FUNDRAISING & SPONSORSHIPS DIRECTOR

1. Evaluate league needs and prepare fundraising campaign

2. Select a product or program that will be easy to sell to raise funds needed.

1) Coordinate all sponsorships for the league, including those on the website, league signs, backs of jerseys, and for other fundraising activities such as the golf outing.

2) Solicit sponsors for field signs and teams to cover expenses.

Section 10. WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA DIRECTOR

1. Keep the web site up to date by posting upcoming events, important announcements, registration forms, game schedules and results, etc.

2. Coordinate all league registration activities on the website, including Spring signups, fall ball, fundraising events, etc.

3. Assist the coaches with the loading of rosters, scheduling of games, and running of tournaments

4. Create any necessary league signup activities such as League Day coverage, coverage at Dicks Sporting Goods, Carnival , etc.

5. Coordinate with the League Secretary on any league wide communication emails

6. Work as the primary point of contact with online registration platform (i.e. SportsEngine, Crossbar, etc).regarding the registration process for each season.

Section 11. LEAGUE COMMISSIONERS (as appointed by the Board of Directors)

Baseball: Connie Mack, Major, Minor, Rookie, Pony, Quick Ball Softball: Senior, Major, Minor, Rookie, Pony

1. Adhere to the guidelines and standards provided by the director.

2. Responsible for assembling teams and coaches, including the online rostering on the website prior to the season starting; keeps up-to-date records of team rosters, player eligibility, and pitch counts where applicable.

3. Responsible for setting up the practice and game schedules prior to the season starting

4. Hold meeting with the coaches prior to the season starting to set expectations, review league rules, and schedule the Minors/Majors draft; included would be discussing the player ratings and as a group look to calibrate as necessary, to ensure an equal distribution of skill across the division.

5. Make decisions regarding cancellations and update the team and app accordingly

6. Communicate all uniform and field needs to the necessary board members

7. Work in coordination with the other commissioners on player development and field availability/needs

8. Maintain equipment in the shed(s)

9. Conduct clinics to help new players transition up from lower divisions in the spring and fall (recommended for majors and minors at minimum)

10. Responsible for the scheduling of League Day activities s for their divisions

11. For baseball majors, the commissioner is responsible for handling the ordering of the bats for the 12U graduates to present at the end of season. (ensure prior approval from Treasurer for the expected spend).

Article VIII – Safety

In accordance with Act 34 and Act 151, a copy of both a criminal record check and child abuse history clearance will be completed and submitted to the Executive Committee by a third-party agency. Volunteers must complete these background checks prior to participating in any league activities.

1. There will be zero tolerance for any record of child abuse or neglect.
2. The Board reserves the right to disallow a person from volunteering based upon their criminal record.
3. Coaches must sign and abide by the coaches' code of ethics.
4. Any league official that observes or hears about potential abuse outside of the complex is required to report it to the Board of Directors and the State of Pennsylvania.

Article IX – Meetings and Order of Business

Section 1. ANNUAL MEETING.

The regular meeting scheduled for the third Thursday of October shall be known as the annual meeting, and shall be for the purpose of electing directors and other elected positions.

Section 2. REGULAR MEETINGS.

Unless otherwise ordered by the board, regular meetings shall be held the third Thursday of each month. The usual order of business for all regular meetings is as follows:

1. Call to Order, by the Presiding Officer
2. Roll call or sign in form managed by the Secretary
3. Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, by the Secretary.

(Followed by the necessary questions and a vote for acceptance of the minutes).

4. Commissioners Reports
5. Accounting Report from the Treasurer
6. Baseball Director Report
7. Softball Director Report
8. Website
9. Concessions
10. Sponsorships & Fundraising
11. Complex & Equipment Director
12. New Business
13. Adjournment

Section 3. QUORUM

In order to legitimately transact business at any meeting, a quorum of current board members must be present. One-half + 1 of current board members will constitute a quorum.

Section 4. SPECIAL MEETINGS

Special meetings may be called by the Board or by the President; at their discretion.

Article X – Tournament Guidelines

Section 1. SELECTING A TOURNAMENT TEAM

1. To be eligible, players must play in 75% of their team's scheduled recreation league games prior to the start of tournament play.
2. Open tryouts will be held for each tournament team. Tryout dates will be selected in early fall and instructions will be communicated to all interested individuals.
3. Evaluations will be conducted by a set of independent other CP travel coaches for all players in the tryout. For example, the 12U coaches should rate the 10's, and vice versa. The Baseball Director will participate as well. Each age bracket is required to have a minimum of 2 tryout dates. If after 2 tryouts, the coaches still need to see more from the participants, additional practices or scrimmages may be scheduled.
4. Any player requesting to play in a higher age group must be evaluated as one of the top 3 players of the higher age group and/or present a unique set of skills that would benefit the team.
5. One common evaluation form will be used for all tournament teams and will include ratings for fielding, pitching, and hitting.
6. Only the Gold teams are eligible to participate in the Ripken District and State level tournaments. The Black teams are eligible to participate in a "B" level District / State "Iron Man" level tournament should a "B" team exist.

Section 2. SELECTING A TOURNAMENT TEAM MANAGER

1. The league should solicit from softball and baseball travel coaches if they are interested in returning for the following season by November 1st. No coach is assumed to have a position and their child must still qualify for the team via tryouts. When a manager is not interested in returning, all interested managers from the age group must express their interest as tournament team manager in writing prior to February 1st. The Officers (President, VP, Treasurer, Secretary) + Baseball/Softball Director will then select the candidate for the season post conducting interviews. Decisions will be publicized at the February league meeting.
2. Should there be an issue with a softball or baseball travel manager, the board will have the ability to replace that person, and solicit new volunteers for the coaching position. Like (a), interested parties should apply in writing and the Officers select the final candidate post interviews being conducted. Baseball will have teams at the 12U, 11U, 10U, 9U, and 8U levels (2 teams at each level if able to field). Baseball will also have a travel prep program at the 7U level.
3. The manager, once selected, will choose his own assistant coaches for the tournament team after the team has been selected. The manager, before accepting this position, must be sure he has the time to fulfill the obligations of the positions.
4. Softball will have tryouts for the potential age groups (8U, 10U, 12U, 14U, 16U) and determine if there are enough players to field a team. A manager will be selected from the chosen players' parents for each age group.

Section 3 – Tournament Team Manager Responsibilities

1. Needs to identify a team Treasurer that does not reside in the same household as the Team Manager.
2. Ensures that the team Treasurer submits a budget & reconciliation at the end of the league season in October to the Treasurer as well as monthly bank statements for any team accounts.

3. Communicate the team's preliminary budget prior by November 1st, once teh team has been selected.
4. Hold a preseason meeting with all families to review the upcoming schedule, costs and fundraising opportunities.
5. Run all practices
6. Sets the schedule of games and tournaments for the season, and shares that schedule with the Director of Baseball/Softball.
7. Ensures that all players and parents have read and signed the code of conduct policy for travel guidelines
8. Schedules fall/spring activities based on team interest; schedule shall not conflict with recreation activities.
9. Secures winter workout timeslots if desired.
10. Decides if their team wants to host a tournament at CP. If so, must inform exec board, and director of baseball / softball. Must run all activities for the tournament including the recruitment of teams, handling of snack bar duties, purchasing of concessions, field maintenance, and ordering & presenting of trophies.

Section 4. SELECTING TOURNAMENTS

1. CPYA will participate in Babe Ruth district tournaments for both baseball (12U, 11U, 10U, 9U, 8U) and softball (16U, 12U, 10U, 8U). For any baseball "B" teams, the Ironman tournament is available as well.

Section 5. HOSTING TOURNAMENTS

CPYA requires that the board approve all tournaments to be hosted by CPYA. Travel teams are responsible for covering the snack bars should they wish to use them. Travel teams must repay for any used league materials such as field line, field dry, and snack bar items. Also, they should pay for any non-routine port-o-potty cleanings that took place.

Any teams hosting a tournament at CPYA are required to pay a lease fee of $300.00 for use of the complex to CPYA organization. This does not include hosting a state tournament.

Teams hosting tournaments get first right of refusal for hosting the following year during the same weekend, so long as it doesn't overlap with district or state events at CP.

Article XI – Recreation Season Team Assignments (Baseball)

For the Baseball Divisions, teams will be setup as follows for each division:

Spring Baseball (13+):

Connie Mack: there will be teams at the A, B, and C levels (as able). The commissioner will place players on to each team, creating as much balance as possible so that each team can compete equally.

Majors (11 & 12)/Minors (9 & 10): there will be a draft to put players on to teams for both the Majors and Minors divisions. Here are the key parameters for conducting the draft.

- Each player will have a rating assigned in advance of the draft.

- The player's rating will be adjusted by -1 if the player is moving up divisions for the upcoming season. A 4.0 in majors from the prior season will remain a 4.0, while a 4.0 in minors last year will become a 3.0 for next season.
- The player's rating will be adjusted for playing travel ball. The player will receive a +1.0 for playing on the 9U/11U Gold team the prior year, +0.75 for playing on the 9U/11U Black team the prior year, +0.5 for playing on the 10U/8U Gold team the prior year, and +0.25 for playing on 10U/8U Black the prior team. The first 2 adjustments take into account the kids are a year older and have already played on the new sized field and more advanced rules.
- The commissioner or board has the right to override ratings to try and balance them out where skewed. As an example, we would expect the top age travel kids to be in the top 12-15 rated kids for the division. If there are 110 kids in the draft, we would expect the majority (doesn't have to be all) of travel kids to be in the top 40-50, and the commissioner should ensure that. For example, a returning 11U Gold player should not be rated 35th overall, given that player you'd expect to be in the top 12-15 overall for the division. Exceptions may apply.
- Coaches will forfeit draft picks for where their kids would be drafted. As an example, if there are 12 teams in a division, if the kids are rated 10th, that coach would forfeit a 1st round pick given their "slotting".
- At the end of each round, each team's total ratings are added up, and the order for the next round will be set by lowest total to highest. Do not take into account points for players assigned to later rounds (i.e. at the end of round 3, add up each team's evaluations for players drafted rounds 1-3 to set the round 4 order).
- In setting the order for round 1, set the order for those not forfeiting picks by looking at the composition of what they have in later rounds. If the coach has a high second round player (i.e. 15th overall rank), that team should pick near the end of round 1 then to balance out the talent. A team with 2 late round picks should pick early round 1, especially to try and get them a pitcher. At the end of round 1, the order for round 2 should look close to a snake draft assuming players were picked near the evaluation.

Rookie (7 & 8): there will not be a draft for the Rookie Division. The commissioner will place kids on to teams, taking into account special requests to keep friends/carpools together. The teams should be as balanced as possible, taking into account known skill levels, ages, etc. to create a fair division. For example, one team should not have all of the known travel interested players on it. This is a great opportunity to spread out the coaches across teams to develop more kids at this level, in preparation for Minors. Once the tryouts have taken place for the 8U travel team, those kids making the Gold team ONLY will have the option to move up to Minors for that spring season to better prepare for the upcoming summer travel season.

Pony (6)/Quick Ball (5): The commissioner will place kids on to teams, highly leveraging the special requests, friend requests, and carpools. When able, the commissioner should try and balance the teams age wise, so that teams have a mix of ages.

The above ages are the targets for each division. During registration a parent can ask for a waiver to be placed in a different division. This will be addressed on a case-by-case basis, including the Officers, Director and Commissioner. Kids will generally need to stay within their age group unless special circumstances have been agreed upon by the Board.

Fall Season:

Connie Mack: No change

Majors/Minors: Commissioner will assign teams, no draft. The teams should equally parse out the travel players, but can take into account friend requests/carpools as able. The commissioner should try and understand any new kids coming into CP, and if they played on travel teams outside of CP over the summer.

Rookie: Limited change, but balance the talent so that each team has an equal number of players moving up from Pony – don't have 1 experienced team and 1 inexperienced team. Also, look to balance the players participating in the 7U program across teams, don't stack on a single team.

Pony / Quick Ball: No Change

Article XII – Babe Ruth League, Inc. Rules and Regulations

Babe Ruth Rules and Regulations and those rules and regulations, duly established by the respective state and provincial organizations, are to be considered binding on this association.

Article XIII – Parliamentary Authority

"Roberts Rules of Order" shall be the parliamentary authority on all matters not covered by the Constitution and By-Laws of this association.

Article XIV – Amendment

The by-laws may be amended, repealed, or altered in whole or in part by a majority at any duly organized meeting of the Board of Directors.