

SHELBY COUNTY BABE RUTH

2022

BYLAWS

OFFICERS

PRESIDENT - MARK TACKETT
V.P. OF FINANCE - JUNIOR COLLINS
V.P. OF OPERATIONS - BART SMITH
FACILITIES AND GROUNDS – ERIC WAGONER/JUNIOR COLLINS
SECRETARY - AJ MARTZALL

LEAGUE DIRECTORS

4-5 Year Old Minor Rookie	AJ Martzall and Mark Tackett
6 Year Old PeeWee League	Jamie Rodriguez and Kyle Dixon
7-8 Year Old Major Rookie	Adam Frazier and Jared Wilson
9-10 Year Old Ripken Minor	Doug Brown and John Blackwell
11-13 Year Old Ripken Major	Adam Tindall and Josh Thurston

BALL PARK DIRECTORS

Junior Collins	Bart Smith	Doug Brown	John Blackwell
Jared Wilson	Mark Tackett	Mike Phelps	Eric Wagoner
Chad Herndon	Curt Schuman	AJ Martzall	Kyle Dixon
Jaime Rodriguez	Andrew Collins	Ashley Metcalf	Adam Frazier
Adam Tindall	Rick Wilson		

2020 COMMITTEES

Audit/Budget	Tackett, Martzall
By Laws	Tackett, Martzall
Nominating/Election	Collins, Tackett
Opening Day	Tackett, Smith
Practice Schedule	Tackett
Photos	Tackett, Frazier
Protest Committee	Tackett, Martzall
Schedules	Garrison, Tackett
Scholarship	Martzall, Tackett
Sponsorship	Tackett
Trophies/Shirts	Tackett, Smith
Umpires	Smith
Scorekeepers	Tackett
Equipment/Grounds	Wagoner, Smith, Collins
Web Master	Frazier, Tackett
Long Range Outlook	Tackett, Smith

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I. CORPORATE NAME

The name of the corporation is Shelby County Babe Ruth Inc.

II. OBJECTIVES

(The objectives of SCBR are to:)

A. Mission Statement:

The Babe Ruth Baseball Program, using regulation competitive baseball rules, teaches skills, mental and physical development, a respect for the rules of the game, and basic ideas of sportsmanship and fair play. In all aspects, Shelby County Babe Ruth League, Inc. is committed to provide our participants the very best educational, sports experience possible. It is our fundamental belief that every child with a desire to play baseball be afforded that opportunity.

B. Conduct supervised games of baseball for the youth of the community.

C. Teach the finer points of baseball.

D. Firmly implant the youth with the ideals of the good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage and reverence.

E. League first, League All-Star, Travel Baseball

III. BYLAW AMENDMENT PROVISIONS

A. Amendments to the bylaws may be made at any time with a two-thirds majority approval of the board.

All board members must have at least 24 hours not of a meeting concerning bylaw amendments.

B. All league rules are included in the bylaws and must be changed under provisions of Art. 3. A.

IV. OFFICERS

A. The officers shall be President, VP of Operations, VP of Finance, and Secretary/Treasurer.

B. Officers will be elected by the Board of Directors. Each term will be one year with no term limits.

C. Election of officers will be in September while nominations will be in August of each year.

D. The President will preside at all board meetings and will have the general care, supervision, and direction of corporate affairs. The President will vote only in the event of a tie vote.

E. The VP of Operations will preside in the absence of the President and will be in charge of the following committees: Bylaws, Equipment, Protest, Grounds, Nominations, Elections, Umpires, Scorekeepers, Schedules, and Rainout Schedules.

F. The VP of Finance will preside in the absence of the President and the VP of Operations will be in charge of the following committees: Audit, Trophies, Registration, Concessions, Opening Day, and Sponsors.

G. The Secretary shall keep all minutes of the corporation and will be responsible for the organization's records and documentation. Safe keeping of all records and player lists.

H. The Treasurer shall be responsible for all financial duties of the organization and provide monthly and annual financial statements and reports. Will be responsible for all disbursements in the name of the corporation.

I. The President and VP of Finance must sign all checks.

V. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- A. The affairs of the corporation shall be managed by the Board of Directors.
- B. The Board shall consist of a President, VP of Operations, VP of Finances, Secretary/Treasurer, and 8 board members. The Board will have a maximum of 21 members.
- C. At least half of the Board Members must be present at meeting before business can be conducted.(if possible).
- D. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern meetings.
- E. A meeting of the board shall be held at the will of the President or by written request of not less than 3 members.
- F. At any meeting, all actions taken by the board will be considered an act of the Board of Directors.
- G. A special or emergency meeting may be held with 24 hours notice to all members.
- H. If a Board Member misses two meetings unexcused in any given calendar year, the Member will be removed from the Board.
- I. **Board Members must consent to a background check, all background checks will be reviewed by the Elected Officials.**

VI. BOARD OF DIRECTORS DUTIES

- A. Shall approve league coaches.
- B. Shall appoint league directors from within the corporation and determine the duties of this position.
- C. Shall appoint replacements if an officer, director, Board Member, manager or coach vacancy occurs.
- D. May remove any officer, director, manager, or coach for non-compliance with corporate rules.
- E. Shall select league and team sponsors and address all sponsorship problems.
- F. Shall schedule a minimum of 2 directors and or auxiliary members for duty at each session.
- G. All new Board Members will come from the request or recommendations and then be interviewed and approved by the nomination committee, then brought to the Board for Approval.

VII. LEAGUE DIRECTORS DUTIES

- A. Shall be at League workout/tryouts.
- B. Find qualified and knowledgeable Managers for his/her League Teams.
- C. Shall supervise and run League workout/tryouts
- D. Preside at League Draft
- E. Stay on top of problems of your League
- F. Give out League, Tourney, and Special Awards
- G. Shall maintain a league director list that includes all coaches names and contact information
- H. Shall confer with President on rainouts
- I. Accept protests if needed
- J. Shall protect all properties of Babe Ruth League as necessary.
- K. League and Assistant Director shall not manage or coach a team in their league

VII. GENERAL LEAGUE RULES

- A. Cal Ripken rules will be used except when superseded by these bylaws
- B. League games may be rescheduled if:
 - 1. League director determines any valid reason for re-scheduling of a game. Managers anticipating any problems with School functions or player shortages should notify league director preferably 1 week before game date.
- C. The umpire may eject a manger, coach, or player from the game. **Ejection will result in immediate removal from the premises and suspension from next scheduled, played game.** Player and/or coach must be in attendance at the game. Player must be in uniform and remain in dugout the duration of the game.
- D. Designated Hitters will not be used.
- E. No metal cleats or spikes permitted in any leagues.
- F. Teams will be permitted to play with 8 players. Player arriving late will be added to bottom of order. **Forfeit will result if any team has 7 or fewer players. Coaches may agree to shuffle players in order to play. Umpire and Director on duty will call the forfeit.**
- G. It is assumed that all roster players are available to play in a game. A players name inadvertently omitted from a line up card will be eligible for the game.
- H. Failure to adhere to league pitching rules will result in a forfeit. Director on duty has final decision and game stats will stand.
- I. A completed line-up card will be submitted to official scorekeeper at least 15 minutes before game time. Card will include batting order with first and last name, numbers, and positions.
- J. **Start time is game time.** No infield practice prior to game.
- K. If a season league game is stopped due to rain it becomes official. If in the following
 - 4-6 If every player on each team has batted at least one time.
 - 7-13 3 ½ Innings Home Team Leading

TOURNAMENT GAMES WILL RESUME REGARDLESS

- L. LEAGUE TOURNEY RULES
 - 1. **SEASON RECORD WILL DETERMINE TOURNAMENT SEEDING'S**
 - 2. Draw dates will be listed on website.
 - 3. Tourney games will have following time limits

6	90 minutes
7-8	105 minutes
11-13	120 minutes
 - 4. Run rules apply during tourney play.
- M. In league ages 7-13 all player will be in the batting line-up and the free substitution rule will be used.
- N. Every player must start at least every other game.
- O. 4-6, 7-8, and 9-10 year old leagues
 - a. Orange bag at first must be used by the runner. No out can be made by the fielder on a play to first,
- P. 11-13 year old league
 - a. Orange bag must be used by the runner. An out can only be made on the orange bag if it is a drop third strike in foul territory. At this point the fielder will occupy the orange bag and the runner will use the inside white bag.
- Q. Bats
 - a. The use of an illegal bat will be an automatic out in any league. Once the player steps in the batters box they will be called out.

VIII. LEAGUE MANAGERS AND COACHES

- A. Manager should be at least 21 years of age, and it is strongly recommended that all coaches be of adult age. **Persons younger than age 21 must have board approval prior to coaching.**
- B. Each manager and coach will be accountable to the Board of Directors. The manger will select coaches and players and be responsible for their actions during games and practice also **controlling their fan.**
- C. A person may mänge one team and coach one team or may coach two teams; none of these approved combinations may take place in the same league.
- D. It is strongly recommended that adult base coaches be used. If a player is used, headgear must be worn.
- E. Under certain extreme conditions the board may ask a manager or coach to manage or coach another team.
- F. If a Manger or his/her immediate family member cannot attend the Draft, a Board Member will select the team.
- G. Manager must attend 50% of team's games not just as a scorekeeper.
- H. Official scorekeepers will be provided by the league and will maintain scorebook and scoreboard in the designated scorer's area.
- I. All coaches must agree to a background check. All background checks will be reviewed by the Board of Directors.

VIII. SHELBY COUNTY BABE RUTH TRAVEL TEAMS

- A. Shelby County Cub 7U and 8U players must participate in the league in order to play Cub Baseball. Players in the age groups above 8U do not have to participate in the league.

IX. MANAGER, COACH, PLAYER SUSPENSION

The board will review an incident of serious nature, on or off the field. The board will take an assessment and appropriate action. **Ejection will result in immediate removal from the premises and suspension from next scheduled, played game.** Player and/or coach must be in attendance at the game. Player must be in uniform and remain in dugout the duration of the game.

X. PLAYER REGISTRATION

- A. Registration will be opened online no later than January 15. Notification will be made through emails, flyers to schools, and other media outlets.
- B. Player parent's are responsible for fees at the time of registration. Assistance is available where needed.
- C. Registration will be accepted after draft day and will require a \$10.00 late fee until teams are full. EXCEPTION: Players moving into area after draft will be accepted. MOVE IN PLAYERS AFTER SEASON STARTS ON A PRO RATED FEE. In the event that all teams are full, all other players will go on waiting list.
- D. Registration fee is \$80.00 per player. As a multi player discount, no family will pay more than \$240. Multi-player discount applies only if all players live in the same household.
- E. Late registration fee is \$10.00.
- F. Late registrations can be refused if the league is full.
- G. No refunds will be issued after opening day without approval.

XI. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

A. Age on or before May 1st will determine league age. **Exception:**

1. **Players with birthdates between May 1 and July 31 will be able to move up to next age level upon request from parents (6 yr. old to 7-8 league (Rookie Major), 8 yr. old to 9-10 league (Ripken Minor), 10 yr. old to 11-13 league (Ripken Major). Any other request to move up must have board approval.**

B. League ages:

Minor Rookie	4-5
Pee Wee	6
Major Rookie	7-8
Cal Ripken Minor	9-10
Cal Ripken Major	11-13

XII. PLAYER Evaluations

A. Evaluations

All players ages 6-13 will be notified of tryouts/workouts and will be given the opportunity to tryout/workout. This will provide coaches with an opportunity to evaluate all players. All players will be placed in the player draft pool. Manager's players will be placed in a round that is agreed upon by all coaches. **All players in the 4-5 year old league will be placed on teams by their League Directors.**

B. Team Strength

1. Occasionally, the league director will be compelled to assign players to achieve league balance. Managers are encouraged to inform the league director of a numbers problem. The league director will make all adjustments on a case basis with board approval.

C. Trading Players

1. Trading of players under extreme circumstances may be considered if all criteria are met: By the Board.

XIII. DRAFT Confidentiality

A. Draft information is **confidential**. Draft rounds are not to be discussed after draft night. Please protect the kids and keep it to yourself.

XIV. PLAYER DRAFT

A. Draft order will be determined by draw of cards. Draft sequence will be in reverse order in every other round, e.g. first round will be lowest to highest, second round will be highest to lowest, and third round will be lowest to highest.

XV. PROTESTS

- A. A protest must be filed on a rule's violation before the next pitch. The umpire, scorekeeper, and directors on duty will make an immediate ruling prior to the game resuming. If ruling is accepted and not protested, the game resumes in cooperation with the ruling and no further action is taken. If ruling is NOT accepted, the dispute is then logged in detail in the scorebook, and the game will resume in cooperation with the ruling and be played under protest.
- B. A written protest must be submitted to a League Director within 24 hours of the initial protest ruling. If a written protest is not submitted within 24 hours, the results of the game played under protest will stand as final in the record books.
- C. A decision on written protest will be made within 48 hours.
- D. If protest is upheld, game will be replayed starting at point of protest with correct ruling made.

AWARDS TO EACH LEAGUE

- A. Home Runs – Every player hitting a Home Run over the fence will be presented with the ball.
- B. Team and Individual – 1st and 2nd place in league and tourney. If 2 teams tied for 1st or 2nd place, League tiebreakers will go into affect.
- C. Tie Breakers:
 - 1. Head to head won loss record
 - 2. Most runs scored head to head
 - 3. If still tied, dual awards
- D. All Minor Rookie players will receive a participation trophy.
- E. Player of the Year and Mental Attitude awards.
 - 1. Voting ballot per team.
 - 2. An incomplete or invalid ballot with not be counted.
 - 3. List votes in order, points will be counted 3 for 1st place, 2 for 2nd, 3 for 3rd.
 - 4. The League Director has 1 vote and Board has final decision on award winners.
 - 5. Player of the Year award and Mental Attitude will apply to:
 - a. Major Rookie(Vaughn Drake)
 - b. Cal Ripken Minor(Brad Werner and Joe Pilk)
 - c. Cal Ripken Major(Officer Andrew Winzenread and Donald L. Johnson)
 - d. Umpires may be solicited for their input on these awards. If a player or coach has been ejected from a game then he or she is not eligible for any league awards.
- F. Other Awards
 - 1. Dean Kerr: for outstanding catcher in the Cal Ripken Major League.
 - 2. Scholarship Award: \$1,000 Annual Shelby County Babe Ruth to be presented last week of regular season games.
 - 3. No other awards will be given without Board approval.

XVI. PARK RULES

- A. No alcohol, drugs, or smoking (including vapes) is permitted on premises by city ordinance.
- B. Persons suspected to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol will be asked to leave the park.
- C. Unruly spectators will be asked to leave the park.
- D. All people involved with Babe Ruth should keep in mind that our goal is to display and implant the ideas of ***sportsmanship, loyalty, and honesty in the minds of our youth.***

XVII. ENFORCEMENT OF RULES

- A. All Board Members, on or off duty, are empowered to eject any person from the park.
- B. An umpire may ask a Board Member to speak with an unruly fan. Play will not resume until situation has been corrected.

MINOR ROOKIE LEAGUE RULES (4-5 YEAR OLDS)

1. No draft will be held the Board of Directors will place players on each team.
2. All players present will be placed in the Batting Order.
 - a. Maximum of 4 coaches per team
3. Each batter will receive three pitches or at coach's discretion, a batting tee will be utilized until the ball is batted into play. Every batter will bat at least twice a game.
4. A team's time at bat will end with the third(3rd) out or after the 5th run in the inning has scored.
5. No base runner may leave the base until the ball is hit. No stealing or advancing on passed balls is allowed.
6. The defensive team will field all players. They shall be distributed as follows: four (4) infielders, two (2) pitchers – one (1) on each side of the pitcher, one (1) catcher and the balance as outfielders. The pitchers are required to wear the protective equipment provided by the league, and must also be positioned behind the adult pitcher until the ball is hit.
7. The length of the game shall be one hour and fifteen minutes (1:15) or three (3) innings. All teams should bat through the lineup.
8. A ball, which is in the field of play and is successfully controlled by any player in the infield, may stop the play by calling time. However, the player is NOT forced to call time but may continue and make a play on any runner. WHEN time is called runners having advanced beyond the half (1/2) way point will be awarded the next base providing this does not force a lead runner beyond the base he/she should be awarded. In no case shall the batter/runner not be awarded first base if time is called in lieu of making a play.
9. The two pitchers must be positioned behind the adult pitcher until the ball is hit.
10. This is an Instructional League.
11. Base coaches will be within a reasonable area close to the base.
 - A. Defensive instructors: Maximum of three coaches in the field and another behind the plate helping collect baseballs.
 - B. Batting coach will be located at home plate. This coach will not impede process of the game with his/her actions.
 - C. An offensive manager or coach will pitch to his/her team from the pitching rubber. This coach may not impede the process of the game with his/her actions.
 - D. The pitch from the offensive manager or coach can be delivered either over or underhand. Both are acceptable.
12. Coaches are to instruct ALL players.
 - A. The ball must be thrown to all bases, not run to by fielders.
13. No one advances on an attempted throw to any base resulting in an overthrow.

14. With a game in progress and is stopped due to rain, it will be considered a complete game after each team has batted their entire line up at least one time.
15. Manager and/or coaching staff are responsible for putting equipment bags and tees back in the shelter house after last Rookie League game of the day.
16. See League General Rules, Section VII.

Rookie Pee Wee LEAGUE RULES (6 YEAR OLDS)

17. No draft will be held the Board of Directors will place players on each team.
18. All players present will be placed in the Batting Order.
 - a. Maximum of 4 coaches per team
19. Each batter will receive three pitches or at coach's discretion, a batting tee will be utilized until the ball is batted into play. Every batter will bat at least twice a game.
20. A team's time at bat will end with the third(3rd) out or after the 5th run in the inning has scored.
21. No base runner may leave the base until the ball is hit. No stealing or advancing on passed balls is allowed.
22. The defensive team will field all players. They shall be distributed as follows: four (4) infielders, two (2) pitchers – one (1) on each side of the pitcher, one (1) catcher and the balance as outfielders. The pitchers are required to wear the protective equipment provided by the league, and must also be positioned behind the adult pitcher until the ball is hit.
23. The length of the game shall be one hour and fifteen minutes (1:15) or four (4) innings.
24. A ball, which is in the field of play and is successfully controlled by any player in the infield, may stop the play by calling time. However, the player is NOT forced to call time but may continue and make a play on any runner. WHEN time is called runners having advanced beyond the half (1/2) way point will be awarded the next base providing this does not force a lead runner beyond the base he/she should be awarded. In no case shall the batter/runner not be awarded first base if time is called in lieu of making a play.
25. The pitching rubber will be located twenty-three (23) feet from home plate. The two pitchers must be positioned behind the adult pitcher until the ball is hit.
26. This is an Instructional League.
27. Base coaches will be within a reasonable area close to the base.
 - A. Defensive instructors: Maximum of three coaches in the field and another behind the plate helping collect baseballs.
 - B. Batting coach will be located at home plate. This coach will not impede process of the game with his/her actions.
 - C. An offensive manager or coach will pitch to his/her team from the pitching rubber. This coach may not impede the process of the game with his/her actions.
 - D. The pitch from the offensive manager or coach can be delivered either over or underhand. Both are acceptable.

28. Coaches are to instruct ALL players.

A. The ball must be thrown to all bases, not run to by fielders.

29. No one advances on an attempted throw to any base resulting in an overthrow.

30. With a game in progress and is stopped due to rain, it will be considered a complete game after each team has batted their entire line up at least one time.

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31. Manager and/or coaching staff are responsible for putting equipment bags and tees back in the shelter house after last Rookie League game of the day.

32. See League General Rules, Section VII.

MAJOR ROOKIE LEAGUE RULES (7-8 YEAR OLDS)

1. Player draft information is **CONFIDENTIAL**.
2. All players present will be placed in the batting order.
3. All players will receive a maximum of five (5) pitches. The at bat ends when the batter swings and misses a fifth or subsequent pitch, is legally retired or hits safely. Clarification a foul ball on the fifth pitch will result in an additional pitch for the batter.
4. A team's time at bat will end with the third (3rd) out or 7 runs per inning. During the tournament only, there is an unlimited run rule in the 6th inning only.
5. NO base runner may leave a base until the ball is hit. NO stealing or advancing on passed balls is allowed.
6. The defensive team will have ten (10) positions/players. They shall distribute as follows: four (4) outfielders, four (4) infielders, one (1) pitcher's helper and one (1) catcher. No player will sit more than two innings and never two consecutive innings. Players must at minimum start every other game.
7. The length of the game will be one and a half (1 1/2) hours or six innings.
8. The 15 run rule will become effective after 3 ½ innings and 8 run rule after 4 ½ innings.
9. A game is not complete until each player has batted at least two (2) times.
10. A ball, which is in the field of play and is successfully controlled by any player in the infield, grassy area, may stop the play by calling time. However, the player is NOT forced to call time but may continue and make a play on any runner. WHEN time is called runners having advanced beyond the (1/2) way point will be awarded the next base providing this does not force a lead runner beyond the base he/she should be awarded. In no case shall the batter/runner be awarded first base if time is called in lieu of making a play.
11. The pitching distance will be 35 feet. Pitchers have to keep both feet on the inlay throughout the pitch or will be considered a no pitch.
12. One (1) umpire will be utilized to control the field of play.
13. This is an instructional league.
14. An offensive manager or coach will pitch over handed to his/her team from the pitching mound. This coach may not IMPEDE the process of the game with his/her actions.
15. Defense may have two (2) coaches located on the field when on defense.
16. Batting coach/ball collector will be located behind home plate. This coach will not IMPEDE the process of the game with his/her actions.

17. With a game in progress and it is stopped due to rain, it will be considered a complete game after 3 ½ innings with the Home Team leading.
18. A maximum of one (1) base on an overthrow to first base will be in effect. The runners will advance this one base at their own risk. If fielder throws the ball to the next base and it is an overthrow, runners can run freely.
19. Any secured ball returned to the mound area with the intent of creating a dead ball situation will be ruled a dead ball.
20. Real baseball will be used.
21. 5 outfielders permitted and must all be in the grass.
22. Pitchers helpers must wear all required safety equipment provided by the league and must be positioned behind the Cal Ripken rubber until the ball is hit.
23. Manager and or coaching staff are responsible for putting equipment provided by the league in the shelter house after last Rookie Major game of the night.
24. Bats: All 2 ¼ bats are allowed in league play. Any 2 5/8 or 2 ¾ bats must be USA Stamped approved. Any USSSA 2 5/8 or 2 ¾ bats are not allowed. It is the coach's responsibility to check bats. If an illegal bat is used, player and coach will be given a warning. Anytime after that, it will result in an automatic out.
25. See League General Rules in Section VII.

CAL RIPKEN MINOR LEAGUE RULES (9-10 YEAR OLDS)

1. Player draft information is **CONFIDENTIAL**.
2. All players will be inserted in line-up and the free substitution rule will be used. It will be the coach's responsibility to ensure that all players play a minimum of 2 innings in the field. No player will sit consecutive innings. Penalty for violation is a FORFEIT.
EXCEPTIONS ARE:
A situation arises during the game regarding; discipline, injury or illness.
3. A pitcher may pitch a total of six (6) innings in two consecutive games, with a maximum of three innings per game. One (1) pitch constitutes a chargeable inning. This will be applicable to season and tourney play.
4. Once a pitcher is taken out he cannot re-enter to pitch.
5. Special base runner regulations: When a pitcher is in contact with the pitcher's rubber, with possession of the ball. The catcher and batter are in their respective positions the base runner(s) shall not leave their base(s) until the ball has crossed home plate. Any runner seen leaving early will be called OUT and a NO PITCH will be called.
6. IHSAA appeal rule will not be utilized. Proper appeal must be used.
7. Game length will be one hour forty-five minutes (1:45) or six (6) innings.
8. The ten (10) run rule or time limit will become effective after three and one-half (3 ½) innings.
9. Team Managers and Coaches shall remain in close proximity of the dugout and no further forward first or third base.
10. All teams will play ten players if ten or more are present. The defensive team will play at least four (4) outfielders.
11. The offensive team will not be penalized with an out if only nine players are present.
12. Every player must start at least every other game he/she attends.
13. A courtesy runner may be used for the catcher using the last batted out. (This is not a required action.)
14. With a game in progress and it is stopped due to rain, it will be considered a complete game after 3 ½ innings with the Home Team leading.
15. There is a 7 run scoring limit per inning, however it is unlimited scoring in the 6th inning and any extra innings.
16. In extra innings or if game is tied and the time limit is up, we will use a modified California Rules. Last batted out of prior inning will go to second base. We will start with a 1 ball and 1 strike count. If game remains tied after one extra inning, the game will be recorded as a tie.

17. All pitchers will be reported to the home plate umpire.

18. Bats: All $2\frac{1}{4}$ bats are allowed in league play. Any $2\frac{5}{8}$ or $2\frac{3}{4}$ bats must be USA Stamped approved. Any USSSA $2\frac{5}{8}$ or $2\frac{3}{4}$ bats are not allowed. It is the coach's responsibility to check bats.

CAL RIPKEN MAJOR LEAGUE (11-13 YEAR OLDS)

1. Player draft information is confidential.
2. All 13 year old players will be evenly placed.
 - a. Maximum of three (3) coaches per team.
3. All players will be inserted in line-up and the free substitution rule will be used. No player shall sit more than two innings in the field or consecutive innings. Penalty for violation is a FORFEIT.
EXCEPTIONS ARE:
 - A. Team Manager has notified opposing manager and umpire of the circumstances involving discipline, injury or illness prior to the start of the game.
 - B. A situation arises during the game regarding; discipline, injury, or illness.
4. A pitcher may pitch a total of six (6) innings in two (2) consecutive games, with a maximum of three (3) innings per game. One (1) pitch constitutes a chargeable inning. Thirteen year olds can only pitch 2 innings per game. This will be applicable to season and tournament play. Pitchers MUST pitch with proper pitching technique. Once a pitcher has been removed from the pitcher spot, he/she cannot re-enter to pitch.
5. IHSAA appeal rule will not be utilized. Proper appeal must be used.
6. Game length will be 1 hour forty-five minutes (1:45) or six (6) innings.
7. The ten (10) run rule time limit, will become effective after three and one-half (3 ½) innings.
8. Team Managers and Coaches shall remain in close proximity of the dugout and remaining behind first and third base.
9. We will be playing real baseball, the base path distances will be 70 feet and the pitchers mound will be 50 feet, lead offs, advancement on dropped third strikes. Each pitcher will be given one warning per game.
10. A courtesy runner may be used for the catcher using the last batted out. (This is not a required action.)
11. With a game in progress and it is stopped due to rain, it will be considered a complete game after 3 ½ innings with home team leading.
12. There is a 7 run rule scoring limit per inning, however scoring is unlimited in 6th inning and any extra innings.
13. In extra innings or if game is tied and the time limit is up, we will use a modified California Rules. Last batted out of prior inning will go to second base. We will start with a 1 ball and 1 strike count. If game remains tied after one extra inning, the game will be recorded as a tie.

14. Bats: All $2\frac{1}{4}$ bats are allowed in league play. Any $2\frac{5}{8}$ or $2\frac{3}{4}$ bats must be USA Stamped approved. Any USSSA $2\frac{5}{8}$ or $2\frac{3}{4}$ bats are not allowed. It is the coach's responsibility to check bats. BBCORE bats are allowed.
15. See League General Rules, Section VII.

AUXILIARY BOARD – BYLAWS

PRESIDENT: SCBR VP of Finance

SECRETARY: To be named.

1. **OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of the AUXILIARY BOARD are to:

- A. Become more active in SCBR ballpark.
- B. Help with any activities that the SCBR board or park may need help with.
- C. Firmly implant the youth with ideas of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage and reverence.

2. **BYLAW AMENDMENT PROVISIONS**

- A. Amendments to the bylaws of the AUXILIARY BOARD may be made at any time with a two-thirds majority approval of the AUXILIARY BOARD and only with the approval of the Board of Directors of SCBR.
- B. All Board Members must have at least 24 hour notice of a meeting concerning bylaw amendments.

3. **OFFICERS**

- A. The officers shall be PRESIDENT and SECRETARY.
- B. The SCBR Board of Directors shall elect the President.
- C. The President shall be an active member of the SCBR Board of Directors.
- D. The President shall appoint the Secretary.
- E. Election of the President shall be at the same time as the SCBR elections.
- F. The President will preside at all board meetings and will have the general care, supervision and direction of the Auxiliary Board members.
- G. The Secretary shall cause to be kept the minutes of the Auxiliary Board and will be responsible for the safe keeping of these records as well as membership records.
- H. The President will be responsible for contacting all members about all activities of the ballpark as to where board members could help with these activities.

4. **BOARD MEMBERS**

- A. Can be any person that is willing to help with some of the activities of the SCBR league and would like to help with some of the upkeep of the park.
- B. That have an interest in becoming a director of SCBR shall attend as many of the stated meetings as possible, of the SCBR Board of Directors.
- C. The SCBR Board of Directors shall approve all members.

5. **BOARD ACTIVITIES**

- A. The SCBR Board of Directors shall approve all the activities of the AUXILIARY BOARD.

6. **MEETINGS**

- 7. A. There shall be at least three meetings a year.
- B. The President shall give due notice to all members as to when the meeting will be held.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS CODE OF CONDUCT AND JOB DESCRIPTION

Board members shall:

1. (3) Regard Babe Ruth as a recreational priority, which takes precedence over all other baseball organizations.
2. (4) Always relate to player and parents in courteous and professional manner.
3. (4) Strictly observe all rules and regulations of Shelby Co. Babe Ruth, Inc.
4. (2) Refrain from being unduly critical or unruly during Babe Ruth events.
5. (4) Immediately and calmly address incidents of non-sportsman like conduct on the of players, coaches, or spectators.
6. (4) Strive to project a positive image to the public, specifically other Babe Ruth Organizations.
7. (4) Strive to avoid and correct perceptions of favoritism, which might exist, especially as fans.
8. (4) Move to quell potentially explosive situations.
9. (4) Listen to all sides of an issue before rendering a decision or opinion.
10. (3) Refrain from use of tobacco products as stated in the bylaws.
11. (4) Strive to control disagreements between Board Members in a private, quiet and calm manner.
12. (4) Execute all prescribed duties, obligations and responsibilities to the best of their abilities.
13. (4) Believe, teach and practice the Sportsmanship Code of Babe Ruth Baseball.
14. (4) Make all decisions based on the well being of all league players.
15. (4) Be present at the ballpark at times scheduled during the season and tourneys.
16. (4) Attend all meetings (regular and special) unless properly excused.
17. (3) Refrain from using vulgar language on park grounds, especially in playing areas.
18. (4) Be personally responsible for duty nights.
19. (2) Refrain from consuming alcohol before coming to the park.
20. (2) Refrain from heated physical contact with an umpire, player, coach, or any person associated with a game or the ballpark.

All the aforementioned items shall also apply to the Auxiliary Board Members with the exception of item #16.

PENALTIES

- (1) Lifetime suspension. Voted on by a majority of the SCBR Board Members. (2 day notice)
- (2) 2 game to 2-year suspension. Voted on by the protest committee. If the league director of the league involved is on the committee, he will not be allowed to vote. If a committee member is involved he will not be allowed to vote. The penalty must be SCBR Board approved before the penalty can be served.
- (3) 2 game suspension. Voted on by the protest committee. If a league director is on the committee, he will not be allowed to vote. If a committee member is involved, he will not be allowed to vote.
- (4) Verbal warning from the League Director and the League President, if it involves a manager or a coach, if a Board Member, the warning will be given by the League President.

Each recurring offense moves the violation up one level.

MANAGER AND COACH CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Comply with all Shelby Co. Babe Ruth Inc., bylaws.
2. Believe, teach and practice the Sportsmanship Code of Babe Ruth Baseball.
3. Regard Babe Ruth Baseball as a recreational priority, which takes precedence over all other baseball organizations.
4. Always related to player and parents in a courteous and professional manner
5. Give all players equal opportunity at playing.
6. Refrain from consuming alcohol before games or practice.
7. Refrain from use of tobacco as stated in the bylaws.
8. Not be directly involved in more than two teams.
9. Refrain from using vulgar language on park grounds, especially in playing areas.
10. Refrain from heated physical contact with an umpire, coach, player or any person associated with the ballpark.
11. Make decisions based on the well being of team members.

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All Star and USSSA All Star Teams

Players wishing to try out for the end of the season All-Star teams must try out for teams in the age group in which they participated in league ball. Moving up or down divisions will not be allowed for All Star play.