

2018

Shelby Co. Babe Ruth, Inc.

By Laws

Officers

President	Mark Tackett
V. P. of Finances	Junior Collins and Mark Tackett
V. P. of Operations	Bart Smith
Secretary	Jason Garrison

League Directors

4-5-6 Year Old Minor Rookie	Mike Phelps, Scott Debaun, and Mark Tackett
7 & 8 Year Old Major Rookie	Junior Collins, Bart Smith
9 & 10 Year Old Cal Ripken Mnr	Ross Ebert, Jason Garrison
11-13 Year Old Cal Ripken Mjr	John Blackwell, Eric Wagoner

Ball Park Directors

Junior Collins	Bart Smith
John Blackwell	Mark Tackett
Jason Garrison	Ross Ebert
Mike Phelps	Scott Debaun
Eric Wagoner	

2018 Committees

Audit/Budget	Tackett, Garrison
By Laws	Tackett, Garrison
Nominating/Election	Collins, Tackett
Opening Day	Tackett, Garrison, Smith
Practice Schedules	Garrison, Tackett
Photos	Tackett
Protest Committee	Tackett, Garrison
Schedules	Garrison, Tackett
Scholarship	Collins, Tackett
Sponsorship	Tackett
Tournament Committee	Tackett, Garrison, Smith
Tournament Directors	Tackett, Smith, Garrison
Trophies/Shirts	Tackett, Smith
Umpires	Bart Smith
Scorekeepers	Home team-Book/Visitors-Scoreboard
Equipment/Grounds	Tackett, Mike Phelps, Ross Ebert
Web Master	Garrison, Tackett
Long Range Outlook	Tackett, Garrison, Smith

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I. CORPORATE NAME

The name of the corporation is Shelby Co. 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 ideals 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 good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage and reverence.
- E. League 1st, 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 notice of a meeting concerning bylaw amendments.
- B. All league rules are included in the bylaws and must be changed under provisions of Art. III, 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 and will be in charge of the following committees: Tourney, Yearbook, 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 Treasure 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 meetings before business can be conducted. Meeting will take place third Wednesday of the month during offseason (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 Officers.**

VI. **BOARD OF DIRECTORS DUTIES**

- A. Shall approve league, all-star, and Travel team managers and 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 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 Registration Dates
- B. Find qualified and knowledgeable Managers for his/her League Teams
- C. Shall supervise and run League Tryouts
- D. Preside at League Draft
- E. Attend as many League games as possible
- F. Preside over Tourney Draw
- G. Stay on top of problems of your League

- H. Give out League, Tourney, and Special Awards
- I. Shall maintain a league director list that includes all players, coaches, names, addresses, phones, and ages provided by Shelby C. Babe Ruth League Secretary
- J. Shall confer with VP of Operations on rainout schedule and INFORM all league managers
- K. Inform League Secretary of League and All-Star Managers, Coaches, names, addresses, phone numbers
- L. Inform all managers of All-Star tryout dates
- M. Accept protests if needed
- N. Shall prepare and display League standings weekly on Mondays
- O. Shall protect all properties of Babe Ruth League as necessary
- P. League and Assistant Director shall not manage or coach a team in their league

VIII. GENERAL LEAGUE RULES

- A. Babe Ruth and 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.
 - 2. The intent of this language runs from the start of the school year thru the IHSAA baseball state finals.
- C. In case of player injury or illness, and all subs have been used, the opposing manager may select a bench player. The selected player will enter in place of the injured or ill player and the injured or ill player cannot return to the game.
- D. The umpire may eject a manager, 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.
- E. Designated hitters will not be used.
- F. No metal cleats or spikes permitted in any leagues except Babe Ruth Leagues.
- G. Teams will be permitted to play with 8 players. 9th position will be an out. Player arriving late will be added to bottom of order. **NO FORFEIT in any league.** Player movement with mutual agreement of coaches will be made to bring a team up to 8 players. Director on duty will make decision if coaches can't reach agreement.
- H. 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.
- I. Failure to adhere to league pitching or substitution rules will result in a forfeit. Director on duty has final decision and game stats will stand.

- J. 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. Subs will be included with first and last name, and number. Official scorekeeper will be responsible to fill out newspaper report.
- K. **Start time is game time.** Infield should be taken prior to start or forfeit infield time.
- L. A team representative must sign official score book after each game.
- M. The league will not pay fees for any non-sanctioned tourney. League uniforms will not be used for these events.
- N. If a player does not receive minimum number of innings due to a shortened game (i.e. run rule, time limit), that player must start the next game and play the minimum innings for that game. (PENALTY = FORFEIT)
- O. All uniforms of players and coaches must remain in the same condition as issued and unaltered.
- P. If a season league game is stopped due to rain it becomes official. If in the following.

4-6	2½ Innings Home Team Leading & everyone batted
7 - 12	3 ½ Innings Home Team Leading
13 and up Leagues	4 ½ Innings Home Team Leading

TOURNAMENT GAMES WILL RESUME REGARDLESS

Q. LEAGUE TOURNEY RULES

- 1. **Season Record will determine Tournament Seeding's**
- 2. Draw dates will be listed on league schedules.
- 3. Tourney games have no time limit.
- 4. All Tourney games will start at 5:30 during weeknights on Diamond 3nly.
- 5. Run rules apply during tourney play
- 6. Pitching rules will continue on from league play

- R. In leagues ages 7-15 all players will be in the batting line-up and the free substitution rule will be used.
- S. Every player must start at least every other game.

X. 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 manager will select coaches and players and be responsible for their actions during games and practice, also **controlling their fans.**
- C. A person may manage 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, and that a helmet be worn. 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.

- G. If a Manager or his/her immediate family member cannot attend the Draft, a Board member will select the Team.
- H. Managers to receive rosters within 72 hours of the draft. Completed, signed roster to be returned to League Secretary two weeks prior to Opening Day.
- I. Coach or Manager must attend 50% of team's games not just as a scorekeeper.
- J. Official scorekeepers will be provided by the league and will maintain scorebook and scoreboard in the designated scorer's area
- K. Each team will be allowed 10 minutes of infield practice. Failure to take infield in this allotted time will result in forfeit of your rights to infield practice.
- L. All coaches must agree to a background check. All background checks will be reviewed by the Board of Directors
- M. All All-Star Coaches by the 2008 Season will need to take and pass the Babe Ruth Cal Ripken Baseball Lifetime Coaching Certification Program on-line at their expense to coach.

XI. Shelby County Babe Ruth ALL-STAR Managers, Coaches, and Players

- A. Nominations for All-Star Managers will be done by the League Director after 2nd week of the League
- B. Shelby County Babe Ruth Board of Directors will approve Managers. Managers will fill coaching staff with 2 Coaches
 - A. Coaching Staff will consist of a maximum of 1 manager and 2 coaches per team
 - B. Manager and Coaches must be on a league roster. All coaches will be approved by the Board of Directors.
- C. Shelby County Babe Ruth Board of Directors will approve All-Star Coaches. All- Star coaching staff will need to take Babe Ruth Cal Ripken Lifetime Coaching Certification Program on-line at their own expense to coach in All-Star Tournaments
- D. All Star players will be selected from two tryouts conducted the last 2 weeks in May
- E. Managers must post tryouts with 1-week notice at the ballpark. League Directors and all League coaches must be notified of dates to inform all league players. Announcements must be made from concession stand to inform parents of tryout dates and times.
- F. All Star rosters may contain a maximum number of 15 players. Each team will have a maximum of 3 coaches on staff
- G.** Mandatory All Star Coaches meeting will be held prior to any team competing in Tournament Play. Entire coaching staff must attend!
- H. All Star rosters due to league secretary_by June 7. Shelby County Babe Ruth Board of Directors will approve rosters.
- I. Rosters must include the following for all players and coaches:
 - A. Name, address, phone, cell# of coaches, League Team Name, Position, Shirt Size
 - B. Jersey Numbers – To be designated by coaches.
- J. Shelby County Babe Ruth League Secretary will post All Star Rosters no later than June the 11th.

- K. The status of Managers, Coaches and Players ejected from All Star Games will be addressed as per National Babe Ruth Cal Ripken Standards
- L. All Star Shirts and Hats
 - \$30 per player
 - NO names on back of shirt
 - Money due when Manager picks up uniforms

XII. Shelby County Babe Ruth Cal Ripken Travel Teams

- A. Shelby County Cub players must be registered with the Shelby County Babe Ruth League. Players in the 7 and 8 year old division must participate in the league in order to play Cub baseball. Players in the age groups above 8 do not have to participate in the league, but must be registered.
- B. Cub players pay \$80 fee if they don't participate in league.
- C. Travel Team Managers need to attend the November or January Board Meeting to inform Board of interest in handing the Travel Team for the upcoming year. Open to age groups 7-15. Need to know early so scheduling of games can take place for upcoming year
- D. Travel teams will have to post tryouts to be held at the park or an indoor facility and advertised in the Shelbyville News Sport Section
- E. The coaching staff and all players of Travel Teams need to be from Shelby County and must be registered with League, however the players do not need to play in the league.
- F. Travel Team Managers and Coaches must attend April Board Meeting and furnish league with copy of team roster and coaching staff. The Board must approve the roster.
- G. Uniforms of travel teams must say Shelby County, and not contain the words All-Star
- H. Pitching rules apply same as Shelby County Babe Ruth Cal Ripken League play rules.
- I. The travel team is not the Shelby County Babe Ruth Cal Ripken All Star Team for State Tourneys. There are no guarantees that Travel Team Players will make the league All Star Team. Travel Players must still try out for Shelby County Babe Ruth Cal Ripken All Star Teams. All Star players must participate in the league in order to play All Stars.
- J. Travel Team Player's birth certificates to be furnished by Manager and not via Park records
- K. Travel Teams will be covered under accident insurance policy of Shelby County Babe Ruth during the dates of policy coverage.
- L. All Shelby County league play and team practices take priority over the travel team games and practices
- M. The President will schedule all home travel games on Sundays in the months of May and June. Sunday times will be as follows:
 - a. 12:30-2:00PM and 4:00-5:30PM
- N. Rainouts are not rescheduled for travel games

- O. In the event that League rainouts must be rescheduled and played on any given Sunday, any affected Travel games will be cancelled and not rescheduled
- P. Please notify the President if you cancel games on any diamond as soon as possible so that slots can be filled
- Q. Concession stand and Rest Rooms will be open. NO COOLERS or FOOD to be brought into the park. Each Team may have one Team cooler in the dugout for players
- R. After games, please pick up trash in dugouts and the park
- S. Ground maintenance and lining the diamonds are the responsibility of the Travel Team. Please rake diamonds and mounds after games
 - a. DO NOT rake infield mix into grass area
 - b. DO NOT cut grass
- T. Rainouts on Sundays will be called by the Vice President of Operations
- U. The status of Managers, Coaches, and Players ejected from Travel Games at Shelby County Babe Ruth Park will be addressed as per Shelby County Babe Ruth By Laws of League Play. Managers MUST control actions of your fans.
- V. The board will review all incidents of serious nature both on and off the field. This applies to ALL Players, Coaches, and Fans in attendance at any League, All Star or Travel game. The Board will assess the situation and take appropriate action.

XII. 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.

XIII. PLAYER REGISTRATION

- A. Registration will be held in February and March. Forms will be available at all schools, Boys Club, and various other locations. Notification will be made through available media. Registration forms will be mailed to players and on-line registration will be available via the website.
- B. Players are responsible for fees and producing a Birth Certificate at time of first registration. Registration fees and a copy of Player's Birth Certificate MUST be received on or before Opening Day for Player to participate. Player is not eligible to play until BOTH are received.
- C. Registrations will be accepted after draft day and can require a \$ 20.00 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. Player's birth certificate must be on file before league participation is permitted. Must have Birth certificate before opening day or CANNOT PLAY.
- E. Registration fee is \$80.00 per player for Cal Ripken, ages 4-12, and \$100.00 for those participating in Babe Ruth Minor, ages 13-15. 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.
- F. Players will receive one raffle ticket for each dollar of fee paid. These can be sold to recover entire cost of registration fees. The board will determine sponsor ads on the back of tickets. One WINNING TICKET to be drawn each Saturday Night during regular season play.
- G. Late registration fee is \$20.00 can be charged draft day.
- H. Late registrations can be refused if the league is full.
- I. No refunds will be issued after opening day without approval.

XIV. **PLAYER ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

- A. Each player may only be enrolled and play in one sanctioned Babe Ruth Cal Ripken League at a time and must reside in Shelby County or the portion of St. Paul in Decatur Co. Each player must live within 1 of the 5 school districts of Shelby County or be grandfathered in from past years.
- B. Age on or before May 1st will determine league age. **Exception:**
 - A. **Players with birthdates between May 1st and July 31st will be able to move up to next age level upon request from parents (6 yr. old to 7-8 league, 8 yr. old to 9-10 league, 10 yr. old to 11-13 league, 12 yr. old to 13-15 league)**
 - B. **Players who do this will only be eligible for the all-star teams of the league they are registered to play in, cannot play down for all-stars.**
- C. League ages:

Minor rookie	4-6
Major rookie	7-8
Cal Ripken Minor	9-10
Cal Ripken Major	11-13

XVI. **PLAYER PLACEMENT**

- A. Try-outs

All players ages **7-15** will be notified of try-outs and will be given the opportunity to try-out. This will provide coaches with an opportunity to evaluate all players. All players will be placed in the player draft pool. Manager's children will be their First round pick. **All players in the 4-6 year old league will be placed on teams by the board of 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 is not permitted.
2. Trading of players under extreme circumstances may be considered if all criteria are met: By the Board

XVII. DRAFT-ABLE PLAYER DEFINITION

- A. All Players in age groups are draft eligible.
- B. The Board and League Directors will assign minimum number of players per team for a maximum participation.
- C. The manager who drafts for a team must select his child with his first-round pick. This is the only option that applies other than the brother / sister option, live in same households, and under unusual circumstances.

If a manager or coach quits while his child is an option player, that player will remain on that team for the remainder of that year.

XVIII. DRAFT SECRECY

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

XVIX. 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.

XXIII. PROTESTS

- A. A protest must be filed on a rules 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.

XXIV. AWARDS 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 league. All League ties for 1st. Trophies will be awarded. League awards to be handed out before teams 1st tourney game played.
- C. If 2 or more teams are tied for second in league, the following tiebreaker will be used:
 - 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 an award.
Tourney and Tourney Runner up awards will also be given.

- E. Player of the Year and Mental attitude awards.
 - 1. 1 Voting ballot per team.
 - 2. An incomplete or invalid ballot will not be counted.
 - 3. List votes in order, points will be counted 5 points for a first place vote, 4 for second etc.
 - 4. The League Director has 1 vote and Board has final decision at Board meeting before tourney starts to make final decisions on award winners.
 - 5. Player of the Year and mental attitude will apply to:
 - a. Major Rookie (Vaughn Drake)
 - b. Cal Ripken Minor (Brad Werner)
 - c. Cal Ripken Major (Officer Andrew Winzenread)
 - d. Babe Ruth Minor (Joe Pilk)
 - e. Babe Ruth Major (Donald L. Johnson)
 - f. 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 Babe Ruth.
 - 2. Scholarship Award: \$1,000 Annual Shelby County Babe Ruth & Coca-Cola Award to be presented on Championship Saturday during regular season finals play
 - 3. Additional awards available from state and national.
 - 4. No other awards will be given without approval of the Board.
- G. Trophy Committee will be the league directors.

XXVI. PARK RULES

- A. No alcohol, drugs or smoking 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 ideals of **sportsmanship, loyalty, and honesty in the minds of our youth.**

XXVII. 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 & 6 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 coaches discretion, a batting tee will be utilized until the ball is batted into play. Every batter will bat twice in 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 a 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 ball is hit.
7. The length of the game shall be one hour and fifteen minutes (1:15) or four (4) Innings or two (2) rotations through line-up.
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 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.
10. This is an Instructional League
11. Team Manager and Coaches will remain in the dugout.
 - Only EXCEPTIONS:**
 - A. Base coaches will be in the designated coach's box.
 - B. Defensive instructors: One will be located on the dirt behind second base at the edge of the outfield grass. One will be located in Left center field. One will be located in Right center field.
 - D. Batting coach/ball collector will be located behind home plate. This coach may not IMPEDE process of the game with his/her actions.
 - E. 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.

- F. The pitch from the offensive manager or coach can be delivered either over or underhand. Both are acceptable.
 - G. 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.
12. Coaches are to instruct ALL players.
 - A. The ball MUST be thrown to a base, not run to by fielders.
 13. No one advances on an attempted throw to 1st 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 2 ½ Innings with the home leading.
 15. Each team representative must sign the official scoring book at the conclusion of the game, to agree and certify individual statistics.
 16. Any secured ball returned to the mound area with the intent of creating a dead ball situation will be ruled a dead ball.
 17. 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.
 18. See league General Rules, Section IX.

MAJOR ROOKIE LEAGUE RULES (7 & 8 YEAR OLDS)

1. Player draft information is **CONFIDENTIAL**.
2. A team will have no more than eight (8), eight (8) year old players. The board will try to keep a maximum of 12 players per team.
 - a. Maximum of 4 coaches per team
3. All players present will be placed in the batting order.
4. Each batter 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.
5. A team's time at bat will end with the third (3rd) out or 7 runs per inning. During the tournament only, they is an unlimited run rule in the 6 inning only.
6. NO base runner may leave a base until the ball is hit. NO stealing or advancing on passed balls is allowed.
7. The defensive team will have ten (10) positions/players. They shall distribute as follows: four (4) outfielders, four (4) infielders, one (1) pitchers 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
8. The length of the game will be one and one-half (1 1/2) hours or six innings.
9. The twenty (20) run rule will become effective after three and one-half (3 1/2) innings.
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 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.
11. The pitching distance will be 35 feet.
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. Team Manager and Coaches will remain in the dugout.

EXCEPTION:

- A. Base coaches will be in the designated coach's box.
- B. Defensive instructors: One will be located on the dirt behind second base at the edge of the outfield grass. With up to the Maximum of 2 coaches located in the outfield.
- C. Batting coach/ball collector will be located behind home plate. This coach will not IMPEDE process of the game with his/her actions.

- 16. 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.
- 17. A team representative must sign the official scoring book at the conclusion of the game, to agree and certify individual statistics.
- 18. A maximum of one (1) base on an overthrow to first will be in effect. The runners will advance this one base at their own risk.
- 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. Pitcher 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.
- 22. Manager and or coaching staff are responsible for putting equipment bags back in the shelter house after last Cal Ripken Rookie League game of the day. The field must be dragged by coaching staff after the last game of the night.
- 23. See league General Rules, Section IX.

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

1. Player draft information is **CONFIDENTIAL**.
2. A team may have no more than eight (8), ten (10) year olds. The Board will try to keep a Maximum number players per team 12.
 - a. Maximum of 3 coaches per team
3. 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.
4. A pitcher may pitch a total of six (6) innings in two consecutive games, with a maximum of four (4) innings per game. One (1) pitch constitutes a chargeable inning. This will be applicable to season and tournament play.
5. Special base runner regulations: When a pitcher is in contact with the pitcher's plate (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 reached the batter, crossed home plate. Any runner seen leaving early will be call 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 1/2) innings.
9. Team Managers and Coaches shall remain in the dugout or in the designated base coach box. **PENALTY EJECTION OF COACH WITH NO WARNING. COACHES TO REMAIN IN DUGOUTS AT ALL TIMES.**
10. All teams will play ten (10) players if ten or more are present. The defensive team will play at least four (4) players in the outfield.
11. The offensive team will not be penalized with an out if only nine players are present.
12. A. If due to shortening of a game, any player/s who has not participated for the minimum number of innings must start the next game and remain in the line up for at least the minimum number of innings.
B. Every player must start at least every other game he or she attends. (Penalty for violation is that manager will be suspended for the following game.)
13. A team representative must sign the official scoring book at the conclusion of the game to agree and certify on individual statistics.

14. A courtesy runner maybe used for the catcher, only after the second out and using the second out player to fill the runner position. (This is not a required action.)
15. 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
16. There is a 7 run scoring limit per inning, however it is unlimited scoring in the 6th inning.
17. The home team will keep the official scorebook during the game. The visiting team will be responsible for running the scoreboard during the game. See League General Rules, Section IX.
18. All pitchers will be reported to the home plate umpire. Both managers will verify on paper all pitchers and innings pitched to umpire. A form will be provided to each coach.

CAL RIPKEN MAJOR LEAGUE (11-13 YEAR OLDS)

1. Player draft information is **CONFIDENTIAL**.
2. A team may not exceed eight (8), twelve (12) year olds. The Board will try to keep a Maximum 12 players per team. All thirteen year olds will be evenly placed.
 - a. Maximum of 3 coaches per team
3. 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. Team Manager has notified opposing manager and scorekeeper 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. A starting pitcher may not re-enter and pitch if he/she has pitched at all. Once a pitcher has been pulled he/she cannot re-enter.
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 or time limit, will become effective after three and one-half (3 1/2) innings.
8. Team Managers and Coaches shall remain in the dugout or the designated base coach box. **PENALTY EJECTION OF COACH WITH NO WARNING. COACHES TO REMAIN IN DUGOUTS AT ALL TIMES.** All coaches must be behind the dugout and close to the dead ball posts
9.
 - A. If due to shortening of a game, any player/s who has not participated for the minimum number of innings must start the next game and remain in the line up for at least the minimum number of innings.
 - B. Every player must start at least every other game he or she attends. (Penalty for violation is that the manager will be suspended for the following game.)
10. A team representative must sign the official scoring book at the conclusion of the game to agree and certify individual statistics.
11. We will be playing real baseball, the base path distances will be 70 feet and the pitchers mound will be 50 Feet.

12. A courtesy runner maybe used for the catcher, only after the second out and using the second out player to fill the runner position. (This is not a required action.)
13. 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.
14. Real Baseball will be played in this division. 50 foot Pitching distance, 70 foot bases, lead offs, advancement on dropped third strikes. (Balks will be addressed by league director on enforcement for season).
15. There is a 7 run rule scoring limit per inning, however scoring is unlimited in final inning.
16. See League General Rules, Section IX.

AUXILIARY BOARD - BYLAWS

PRESIDENT: SCBRI VP of Finance

SECRETARY: To be named.

I. 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 the ideas of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage and reverence.

II. 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 the only with the approval of the board of directors of SCBR.
- B. All board members must have at least 24 hours notice of a meeting concerning bylaw amendments.

III. 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.

IV. 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.

V. BOARD ACTIVITIES

- A. The SCBR board of directors shall approve all the activities of the AUXILIARY BOARD.

VI. MEETINGS

- A. There shall be at least three meetings a year.
- B. The President shall give due notice to all members as to when the meetings 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 players and parents in a courteous and professional manner.
3. **(4)** Strictly observe all rules and regulations of Shelby Co. Babe Ruth, Inc. as well as the state and national organizations.
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 part of players, coaches or spectators.
6. **(4)** Strive to avoid and correct perceptions of favoritism, which might exist, especially as fans.
7. **(4)** Strive to project a positive image to the public, specifically other Babe Ruth organizations.
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 all times possible 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 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 & Coach Code of Conduct

All Managers and Coaches Shall:

1. Comply with all Shelby Co. Babe Ruth, Inc. bylaws as well as State and National Babe Ruth rule.
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 relate to players 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. Attend work sessions at park.
9. Not be directly involved in more than two teams. Manager of one, Coach of one.
10. Refrain from using vulgar language on park grounds, especially in playing areas.
11. Refrain from heated physical contact with an umpire, coach, player or any person associated with the ballpark.
12. Make decisions based on the well being of team members.

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. This penalty must be SCBR board approved before the penalty can be served.

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