

CONSTITUTION and BY-LAWS

CONCORD NORTHEAST BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL LEAGUE, INC.

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## ARTICLE I

### NAME AND COMPOSITION

A. This organization shall be known as “CONCORD NORTHEAST BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL LEAGUE, INC.” It shall be incorporated under the laws of the State of New Hampshire within the geographical boundaries, as established and approved.

B. In accordance with Section 501(c)(3) of the Federal Internal Revenue Code, CONCORD NORTHEAST BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL LEAGUE, INC. shall operate exclusively as a non-profit educational organization providing a supervised program of baseball and softball games. Said organization is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of future federal tax code.

## ARTICLE II

### MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of CONCORD NORTHEAST BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL LEAGUE, INC. is to provide local youth with the maximum opportunities to experience, and enjoy the benefits of baseball and softball. This is achieved through healthy competition while learning skills, sportsmanship, fair play, teamwork, and a respect for others and the rules of the games. CONCORD NORTHEAST BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL LEAGUE, INC. is committed to providing its youth a safe environment and the best educational and fun sports experience possible through quality adult guidance, equipment and facilities.

## ARTICLE III

### MEMBERSHIP IN CONCORD NORTHEAST

### BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL LEAGUE, INC.

A. Any individual interested in active participation to effect and to further the objectives of the CONCORD NORTHEAST BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL LEAGUE, INC. may become a member.

B. There shall be the following classifications of membership in CONCORD NORTHEAST BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL LEAGUE, INC.

1. **PLAYER Members:** Any boy between the ages of 5 and 12 years old as of April 30 of the calendar year and any girl between the ages of 5 and 16 years old as of January 1 of the calendar year, of amateur standing and who resides within the authorized boundaries of CONCORD NORTHEAST BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL LEAGUE, INC. may be eligible to participate in the programs of CONCORD NORTHEAST BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL LEAGUE, INC. but shall have no rights, duties, or obligation in the management or in the property of CONCORD NORTHEAST BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL LEAGUE, INC.

2. **REGULAR MEMBERS:** Regular members shall be made up of the Board of Directors, Managers, and the designated Coach for each team, plus any other person who is making a contribution to CONCORD NORTHEAST BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL LEAGUE, INC. In order for a Regular Member who is considered to be a person who is making a contribution to the league, to vote at the Annual Meeting, you must have attended two regular meetings since the previous annual meeting. Regular members, including elected and appointed officials, should be active and in good standing. Regular members are invited and urged to attend all the regular and special meetings of CONCORD NORTHEAST BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL LEAGUE, INC., and to express their views pertaining to the affairs of the League for subsequent consideration and action by their representatives on the Board of Directors.

3. **HONORARY MEMBER (optional):** Any person may be elected as Honorary Members by the unanimous vote of all Directors present at any duly held meeting of the Board of Directors but shall have rights, duties, or obligation in the management or in the property of CONCORD NORTHEAST BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL LEAGUE, INC.

4. **SUSTAINING MEMBERS (optional):** Any person, not a regular member, who makes financial or other contributions to CONCORD NORTHEAST BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL LEAGUE, INC., may, by a majority vote of the Board of Directors become a Sustaining Member, but such person shall have no rights, duties, or obligations in the management or in the property of CONCORD NORTHEAST BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL LEAGUE, INC.

C. As used hereinafter, the word “member” shall mean a Regular Member unless otherwise stated.

D. Membership may be terminated by resignation or actions of the Board of Directors.

E. The Board of Directors, by a two-thirds vote of those present at any duly constituted meeting, shall have the authority to suspend or terminate the membership of any Member of any class when the conduct of such person is considered detrimental to the best interests of CONCORD NORTHEAST BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL LEAGUE, INC., and/or its affiliation with national baseball and softball organizations. The Member involved shall be notified of such meeting, informed of the general nature of the charges, and given an opportunity to appear at the meeting to answer such charges.

F. The Board of Directors shall, in the case of a Player Member, give notice to the manager of the team of which the player is a member and the player member’s parents or legal guardian. The manager shall appear, in the capacity of an advisor, with the player before a duly appointed committee of the Board of Directors, which shall have full power to suspend or revoke such player’s rights to future participation.

## ARTICLE IV

### GOVERNMENT

A. "LOCAL LEAGUE" operation, business, and administration, shall be carried out by CONCORD NORTHEAST BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL LEAGUE, INC. under the system of government established herein.

B. Governmental structure and the activities of CONCORD NORTHEAST BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL LEAGUE, INC. must comply with the purposes, objectives, standards, and regulations of affiliations with national baseball and softball organizations which the League from time to time chooses to affiliate or associate with.

C. The annual meeting of CONCORD NORTHEAST BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL LEAGUE, INC. shall be held, with public notice, on the third Sunday of October, or within fourteen (14) days thereof. The Board of Directors may set the exact date. The annual meeting shall be held for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors, receiving reports, and for the transaction of such business as may properly come before the meeting. The appointed Nominating Committee shall present nominations for the Board of Directors at the annual meeting and further nominations shall be allowed from the floor. The nominations will be submitted in ballot form for voting purposes. All members of the Board of Directors shall be elected by secret ballot by all Regular Members in attendance and in good standing. Each member will be elected to the board of directors (not to a position on the board – refer to Article V, paragraph A) if they receive simple majority (or more than half of the vote).

D. Notice of the Annual Meeting of the Membership shall be posted in the Concord Monitor and/or e-mailed to a member's last recorded address at least ten (10) days in advance of the Annual Meeting.

E. Special Meetings of the Members may be called by the Board of Directors or by the Secretary or the President at their discretion. Upon written request of twenty (20) Members, the President shall call a special meeting to consider a specific subject. No business other than that specified in the motile of the meeting shall be transacted at any special meeting of the Member.

F. A majority of the Regular Members present at the Annual Meeting or a Special Meeting will rule and be considered a quorum if at least twelve (12) Members appear. Only Regular Members shall be entitled to vote at any Annual or Special Meeting.

G. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the conduct of all meetings. The order of business shall include:

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS
2. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE SECRETARY'S REPORT
3. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE TREASURER'S REPORT
4. REPORTS OF THE BOARD AND STANDING COMMITTEES
5. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES
6. SPECIAL ORDERS

7. UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS
8. GENERAL ORDERS
9. NEW BUSINESS
10. COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER
11. ADJOURNMENT

## ARTICLE V

A. The management of CONCORD NORTHEAST BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL LEAGUE, INC. shall be vested in a Board of Directors. Election of all Board of Directors positions of CONCORD NORTHEAST BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL LEAGUE, INC. shall take place at the first meeting of the Board of Directors following the Annual Meeting of the Membership.

1. Officers of CONCORD NORTHEAST BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL LEAGUE, INC. shall include the President, Executive Vice President(s), Vice President of Major/Triple A League Baseball, Vice President of Double A Baseball and Vice President of Single A and Tee Ball League Baseball, Vice President of Softball, Treasurer, and Secretary and other positions deemed necessary or advisable by the Board of Directors from time to time.

2. Members of the Board of Directors shall be elected to the positions of Player Agent for Baseball, Player Agent for Softball, Safety Officer, Equipment Manager, Uniform Manager, League Registrar, Field Maintenance Supervisor, Umpires in Chief for baseball and softball, League Information Officer, Sponsorship/Fundraising Manager, Concessions Stand Manager, and other positions deemed necessary or advisable by the Board of Directors from time to time.

3. There shall be at least one (1) team manager, and one (1) volunteer umpire included on the Board of Directors.

4. There may be up to four (4) Directors-at-Large (as defined in Article V, paragraph 6) included in the membership of the Board of Directors.

5. The Board of Directors shall, therefore number at least fifteen (15), and not more than twenty-one (21).

6. Officers of CONCORD NORTHEAST BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL LEAGUE, INC. and the manager of the concession stand shall, upon their own resignation of their positions within CONCORD NORTHEAST BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL LEAGUE, INC. be removed from the Board of Directors. They may be appointed to Directors-at-Large positions on the Board of Directors, but initially must make room for other interested members to serve CONCORD NORTHEAST BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL LEAGUE, INC.

7. If any vacancy occurs on the Board of Directors by death, resignation, or otherwise, the remaining term may be filled by a majority vote of the remaining Directors at any regular meeting of the Board of Directors or at any Special Meeting called for that purpose.

8. The first Regular meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held no later than thirty (30) days from the Annual Meeting. The President or the Secretary may, whenever either of them deems it advisable, and the Secretary shall at the request of any member of the Board of Directors, issue a call for a Special Meeting of the Board of Directors. Notice of each meeting shall be given by the Secretary following the criteria contained in the BY-LAWS of CONCORD NORTHEAST BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL LEAGUE, INC., or in the case of a Special Meeting, by

telephone or personal notice twenty-four (24) hours preceding the meeting. A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. All meeting of the Board of Directors shall be open to the membership of CONCORD NORTHEAST BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL LEAGUE, INC. except executive session meetings (typically meetings of disciplinary action or personal matters.).

9. The Board of Directors shall have the power to appoint such standing committees as it shall determine and to delegate such powers to the committee as the Board shall deem advisable and which it may properly delegate. The Board may adopt such rules and regulations for the conduct of its meetings and the management of CONCORD NORTHEAST BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL LEAGUE, INC., as it may deem proper.

10. The Board of Directors shall have the power, by a two-thirds vote of those present at any regular or special meeting to discipline, suspend, or remove any Director or Officer or Committee member of CONCORD NORTHEAST BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL LEAGUE, INC. in accordance with the procedure set forth in ARTICLE III, Section D.

B. Terms for all of the Board of Directors shall be one year except for the Officers/Executive Board which will be two (2) year terms.

C. There shall be no limit to the number of terms an interested individual may serve.

D. Conduct of the affairs of CONCORD NORTHEAST BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL LEAGUE, INC. shall be governed by the CONSTITUTION and the BY-LAWS, the provisions of which shall be changed and/or adopted by the Board of Directors as set forth in ARTICLE IX –AMENDMENTS.

E. Any decision and/or vote of the Board of Directors may be nullified and/or countermanded by the vote of a majority of the Regular Members (including Board members) present at the Annual Meeting or a Special Meeting of CONCORD NORTHEAST BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL LEAGUE, INC. if at least thirty (30) regular members appear. Only Regular Members shall be entitled to vote at any Annual or Special Meeting.

## Article VI

### OFFICERS AND BOARD APPOINTEES - DUTIES, AND POWERS

A. The officers of CONCORD NORTHEAST BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL LEAGUE, INC. shall consist of a President, Executive Vice President, Vice President of Major/Triple A League Baseball, Vice President of Double A, Vice President of Single A, Vice President of Tee Ball, Vice President of Softball, Treasurer and Secretary.

1. Officer terms shall be for two (2) years starting with the date of their election and ending with the election of board members two (2) years later. If an office becomes vacant for any reason, the board may fill the office for the remainder of the office's unexpired term.

2. In order to provide continuity, starting with the election of officers in 2013, the officer terms shall be staggered so that half of the officer terms expire every year.

3. Transition provisions:

- a. In 2013, the offices of President, Treasurer, Vice President of Major/Triple A Baseball and Vice President of Single A Baseball shall be elected for two (2) year terms.
- b. In 2013, the offices of Executive Vice President, Secretary, Vice President of AA Baseball, Vice President of Tee Ball, and Vice President of Softball shall be elected for one (1) year. Starting in 2014, those officers shall be elected for two (2) year terms.

B. The President shall:

1. Conduct the affairs of CONCORD NORTHEAST BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL LEAGUE, INC. and execute the policies established by the Board of Directors.
2. Present a report of the condition of the CONCORD NORTHEAST BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL LEAGUE, INC. at the Annual Meeting.
3. Communicate to the Board of Directors, such matters as deemed appropriate, and make suggestions as may tend to promote the welfare of CONCORD NORTHEAST BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL LEAGUE, INC.
4. Be responsible for the conduct of CONCORD NORTHEAST BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL LEAGUE, INC., as agreed to under the conditions of charter issued to CONCORD NORTHEAST BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL LEAGUE, INC. by nationally affiliated baseball and softball organizations.
5. Designate, in writing, other officers if necessary, to have power to make and execute for/and in the name of CONCORD NORTHEAST BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL LEAGUE, INC. such contracts and leases as may have received prior approval of the Board of Directors.
6. Investigate complaints, irregularities and conditions detrimental to CONCORD NORTHEAST BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL LEAGUE, INC. and report thereon to the Board of Directors as circumstances warrant.
7. Prepare and submit an annual budget to the Board of Directors and be responsible for the proper execution thereof.
8. With the assistance of the Player Agent, examine the application and supporting proof-of-age documents of every player candidate to certify as to residence and age eligibility before the player may be accepted for tryouts and selections.

C. The Executive Vice President(s) shall:

1. In the case of the absence or disability of the President, and provided he/she is authorized by the President or Board of Directors so to act, perform the duties of the President, and when so acting, shall have all the duties and powers of that office.
2. Have such other duties as from time to time may be assigned by the Board of Directors or by the President.

D. The Secretary shall:

1. Be responsible for recording the activities of CONCORD NORTHEAST BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL LEAGUE, INC., and maintain appropriate files, mailing lists, and necessary records.
2. Perform such duties as are herein specifically set forth, in addition to such other duties as are customarily incident to the office of Secretary or as may be assigned by the Board of Directors.

3. Maintain a list of all Regular, Sustaining, and Honorary Members, Directors, and committee members and give notice of all meetings of CONCORD NORTHEAST BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL LEAGUE, INC., the Board of Directors, and Committees.
4. Conduct all correspondence as directed at meetings of CONCORD NORTHEAST BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL LEAGUE, INC.
5. Conduct all correspondence not otherwise specifically delegated in connection with said meetings and shall be responsible for carrying out all orders, votes, and resolutions not otherwise committed.

E. The Treasurer shall:

1. Perform such duties as are herein specifically set forth and such other duties as are customarily incident to the Office of Treasurer or may be assigned by the Board of Directors.
2. Receive all monies and securities, and deposit them in a depository approved by the Board of Directors.
3. Keep records for the receipt and disbursement of all monies and securities of CONCORD NORTHEAST BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL LEAGUE, INC., including the Concession stand, approve all payments from allocated funds and draw checks therefore.
4. Prepare an annual budget, under the direction of the President, for submission to the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting.
5. Prepare an annual financial report under the directions of the President, for submission to the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting.

F. The Vice President of Major/Triple A League Baseball, the Vice President of Double A/Single A League Baseball, the Vice President of Softball and the Vice President of Tee Ball shall:

1. Serve as supervisors of their respective leagues.
2. Resolve all disputes within his or her division.
3. Appoint personnel to handle publicity, schedules, and other assignments required to make the League run smoothly.
4. Recommend, to the Board of Directors, those persons to serve as Managers and Coaches in their respective leagues.
5. Conduct the tryouts for the Player Draft within their respective leagues and certify to the Player Agent those players eligible for the draft based on attendance at tryouts.
6. Have final decision over re-scheduled games, make-up games, practices, etc.
7. In the absence of an Umpire-in-Chief, serve as Umpire-in-Chief of their league.

Appointees of the Board of Directors will have the following duties and powers:

A. The Player Agent(s) shall:

1. Record all player transactions and maintain an accurate and up-to-date record thereof.
2. Receive and review applications for player candidates and assist the President in checking residence and age eligibility.
3. Conduct the player draft and all other player transactions or selection meetings.
4. Prepare the Player Agent's list.
5. Prepare for the President's signature and submission to the national affiliated baseball and softball organizations team rosters, including players claimed, and the tournament team eligibility affidavit.

6. Notify the national affiliated baseball and softball organizations of any subsequent player replacements or trades.

B. The Safety Officer shall:

1. Oversee all safety related issues relative to Concord Northeast league operations.
2. Assure background checks for adults in supervisory roles.
3. Work with coaches, umpires and league board members to maintain a safe environment and practices.

C. The Equipment/Uniform Manager(s) shall:

1. Conduct, maintain and manage equipment asset inventory accurate inventory management.
2. Supervise the distribution and return of equipment to coaches and other officials.
3. Work with the Safety Officer to ensure that equipment is safe for use.
4. Establish proper controls with primary suppliers to ensure that orders are not inappropriately placed.
5. Create and maintain an inventory database.
6. Place orders for baseball and softball equipment and supplies, and uniforms, including all-stars.

D. The Registrar shall:

1. Conduct the registration.
2. Assemble player lists for draft.
3. Prepare rosters following draft.
4. Develop and maintains database.
5. Communicate lists to the National organization.

E. The Information Officer shall:

1. Develop, maintain and update the league website.
2. Post notices on the league website.

F. The Umpires-in-Chief for baseball and softball shall:

1. Recruit, train and schedule umpires.
2. Notify umpires for cancellations.
3. Assure adequate and safe umpire equipment.
4. Umpire when others are not available.

G. The Field Maintenance Supervisor shall:

1. Supervise all activities related to the maintenance of the Sanel Park complex and the three fields.
2. Recruit and assign volunteers to assist with field maintenance.

H. The Field Maintenance Assistant shall:

1. Coordinate and work with the Field Maintenance Supervisor in all activities related to the maintenance of the Sanel Park complex and all three fields.
2. Help recruit and supervise volunteers to assist with field maintenance.

I. The Concessions Stand Manager shall:

1. Develop the menu and pricing.
2. Directly procure or order supplies and food items.
3. Create and communicate schedule for volunteer workers.
4. Be responsible for food preparation and inventory control.
5. Provide training of directors and volunteers on proper operation.
6. Be responsible for proper handling of daily income.
7. Clean the concession stand.
8. Maintain separate checking account into which daily deposits are made and from which supplies are paid, and report account status at board meetings.
9. Transfer the account balance, less start-up amount, to league treasurer at the end of the season.

J. The Sponsorships/Fundraising Manager shall:

1. Solicit new sign and team sponsors and follow up with letters, visits, phone calls as necessary.
2. Solicit renewals of sign and team sponsors.
3. Coordinate with sign maker.
4. Collect money from sign sponsors and forward to the treasurer.
5. Provide periodic updates to board.
6. Follow-up to insure that signs are paid for and installed properly.
7. Consider other fundraising projects.

## ARTICLE VII

### Managers, Coaches, and Umpires

A. Managers and Coaches shall be nominated by the Vice President of Major/Triple A League Baseball, the Vice President of Double A/Single A League Baseball, the Vice President of Softball, and the Vice President of Tee Ball, and be approved by the Board of Directors. Managers shall be responsible for the selection of their teams and for their actions on the field.

B. All managers and their coaches shall be carefully screened to assure they possess the understanding, patience, stability, and sensitivity to work with youngsters; an essential knowledge of the games superior qualities of leadership, integrity, character and communicative skills worthy of respect and of the trust placed in them.

C. Umpires shall be appointed annually by the Umpire-In-Chief, who shall be responsible for their assignments and for their actions on the field.

D. While holding such office, player agents shall not manage or coach in their respective leagues.

## ARTICLE VIII

### Affiliation and Rules

A. CONCORD NORTHEAST BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL LEAGUE, INC. shall annually apply for a charter from such national or regional baseball and/or softball organizations, as it deems appropriate or advisable, and shall do all things necessary to obtain and maintain such charter.

B. The official playing rules and regulations as published by the affiliated national baseball and softball organizations shall be binding on this league.

C. The official playing rules and regulations as set forth for the City of Concord Tournament and the affiliated national baseball and softball District Tournament(s) shall apply as necessary.

E. The Board of Directors may adopt local rules.

## ARTICLE IX

### Financial and Accounting

A. The Board of Directors shall decide all matters pertaining to the finances of CONCORD NORTHEAST BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL LEAGUE, INC. and it shall place all income, including concessions stand funds, in common league treasury, directing the expenditure of same in such a manner as will give no individual team an advantage over those in competition with such individual team.

B. The Board of Directors shall not permit the contribution of funds or property to individual teams but shall solicit same for the common treasurer of CONCORD NORTHEAST BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL LEAGUE, INC., thereby to discourage the favoritism among teams and to endeavor to equalize the benefits of CONCORD NORTHEAST BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL LEAGUE, INC.

C. The Board of Directors shall not permit the solicitation of funds in the name of affiliated national baseball and softball associations unless all of the funds so raised are placed in the CONCORD NORTHEAST BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL LEAGUE, INC. treasury.

D. No Directors, Officer, or Member of CONCORD NORTHEAST BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL LEAGUE, INC. shall receive, directly or indirectly any salary, compensation or emolument from CONCORD NORTHEAST BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL LEAGUE, INC. for services rendered as Director, Officer, or Member.

E. All monies received, including funds from the Concession Stand, shall be deposited to the credit of CONCORD NORTHEAST BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL LEAGUE, INC., in the

account(s) approved by the Board of Directors of CONCORD NORTHEAST BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL LEAGUE, INC. and all disbursements shall be made by check.

F. The CONCORD NORTHEAST BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL LEAGUE, INC. Treasurer and/or President shall sign all checks, provided that any disbursement of more than \$1,000.00 shall require the signatures of both the Treasurer and the President.

G. Not less often than quarterly, a board member other than the Treasurer shall review the bank statements, records of receipts, and records of disbursements of the CONCORD NORTHEAST BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL LEAGUE, INC. The President shall designate a different board member for each such review in any calendar year and the designated board member and the Treasurer shall use their best efforts to have the review conducted at mutually convenient time and place. The designated board member shall report to the President on the results of the review and shall also report to the board at the next meeting of the board.

H. The fiscal year of CONCORD NORTHEAST BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL LEAGUE, INC. shall begin on the first day of January and shall end on the last day of December.

I. Upon dissolution of CONCORD NORTHEAST BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL LEAGUE, INC. and after all outstanding debts and claims have been satisfied, the Members shall distribute the property of CONCORD NORTHEAST BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL LEAGUE, INC. to such other organization or organizations maintaining an objective similar to that set forth herein, which are or may be entitled to exemption under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or any future corresponding provision.

## ARTICLE X

### Amendments

The Constitution and By-Laws may be amended in whole or in part by a majority vote at any duly organized meeting of the Members provided that notice of the proposed change or changes is included in the notice of such meeting.

## ARTICLE XI

### General Rules Regarding Players and Tryouts

A. All players not listed on a roster from the previous year must attend at least one tryout to be eligible for any Triple A League, Major League or Senior League team. The Board of Directors or Player Agent (s) will consider extenuating circumstances.

B. All eligible players for Tee Ball, Double A or Single A League do not need to try out.

C. Notification of tryouts and a schedule will be posted at the time of registration and published in the Sports Section of the CONCORD MONITOR.

D. All players from outside the geographical boundaries of CONCORD NORTHEAST BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL LEAGUE, INC. who receive a waiver to play outside their respective leagues, and who seek to play in the CONCORD NORTHEAST BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL LEAGUE, INC., must be considered on a case-by-case basis.

## ARTICLE XII

### Major and Minor League baseball and softball drafts

A. The Player Agent shall conduct the draft.

B. The draft shall be held no more than seven (7) days after the tryouts have been completed.

C. Major League Managers will select their team rosters first, followed by the Triple A League Managers. Team rosters for Double A League and Single A League will be decided upon by the Player Agent, or his designee, and may include the Double A and / or Single A League Managers in an informal session. Single A League assignments will be made with consideration given to "Neighborhood Leagues." Tee Ball team rosters will be decided by the Player Agent, or his/her designee, with consideration given to "Neighborhood Leagues."

D. Each team will have not more than two representatives at the draft with only one designated to select for his or her team.

E. Notice of the place and time of the draft will be communicated to all Managers and CONCORD NORTHEAST BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL LEAGUE, INC. Board Members, prior to the draft, by the Player Agent. Email notice on the day of the draft satisfies the requirements of this paragraph.

F. Immediately prior to the draft, the names of the team representative shall be made known to the Player Agent and he or she will be the only voice for that respective team.

G. The names and ages of players on each team's roster shall be made known to all other team representatives prior to the start of the draft and any relation to any player being drafted shall be so designated next to that player's name.

H. The order of player selection during the draft will be in the reverse order of finish from the previous regular season (excluding playoff games). A coin flip will determine any ties and the same order shall continue throughout the remainder of all of the draft rounds.

I. All Major League rosters will consist of as many as fifteen (15) and not less than eleven (11) players.

1. There are two types of draft rounds. In “open rounds,” teams may draft eligible players of any age. In “12-year old rounds,” teams may only draft 12-year olds. The draft order for the first 12 year old round will be determined by one of the following methods: If the number of available 12 year old players is “greater” than the number of teams, the draft order will be as stated in H. If the number of available 12 year old players is “less” than the number of teams, the first pick would be by the team needing to draft the “most” players and work backwards to the team needing the “least” until all 12 year old players are drafted. If additional rounds are required, the second, and any additional 12 year old rounds, will start with the team needing to draft the “most” players and work backwards to the team needing the “least” until all 12 year old players are drafted.

2. The first round of the draft will always be an open round. Open rounds will continue until the number of open slots on the team needing the fewest players, the number of teams, and the number of undrafted 12-year olds requires that the next round(s) be 12-year old rounds. Open rounds will continue after any 12-year old rounds. The “player agent” will determine which rounds will be the 12 year old rounds before the start of the draft. The “player agent” will adjust as necessary if 12 year olds are drafted in the “open rounds.”

3. The intent of these rules is that all 12-year olds in the draft will be selected at some point in the draft (subject to the exception provided in paragraph J below), and that those selected in the 12-year old rounds are distributed as evenly as possible among the teams. It also the intent of these rules that when a 12-year old is one of the best players in the draft, the same team does not get both the best 12-year old and first pick of the rest of the younger players in the draft.

4. The children of managers and rostered coaches, and the siblings of rostered players are protected from being drafted by other teams. If such a player is drafted by the team with his or her sibling/manager/coach, the selection must be made no later than the third open round of the draft; provided that if a team has more than one such child or sibling in the draft, the first child/sibling selection by that team must be made no later than the third open round of the draft and selections from the fourth open round on by the affected team must be of the other children/siblings covered by this rule until all such players are drafted. Player Agents and designated team representatives are encouraged to confer before the draft begins so that there are no misunderstandings regarding this rule..

5. Each Major League team is limited to two (2) nine year old draftees; unless the Player Agent determines that there are not enough eligible older players to fill the rosters.

6. Nine year old players must have played one year in a AAA League to be eligible to play in the Major League. Ten year old players must have played one year in a AAA league to be eligible to play in the Major League, unless the Player Agent and the Vice President of Baseball (for a baseball player) or the Vice President of Softball (for a softball player) agree that the player should be eligible. If the relevant Vice President has a conflict, then the Executive Vice President shall replace that Vice President for the purposes of this rule.

7. The Player Agent (s) will strictly enforce the draft process.

J. Exceptions to the rule requiring that all 12-year olds be drafted will be made by the majority of the Board of Directors and the Player Agent(s) for safety reasons, or parental requests on an individual basis prior to the draft.

K. Any player chosen for a Major League team must play for that team or he/she shall forfeit their eligibility to play in a Triple A or Double A League team. Exceptions will be based upon written request of the parents at the time of registrations. Players so excepted will not be eligible to participate on a Major League team during that season.

L. All players not selected for a Major League team will be eligible to play on a Triple A or Double A League team.

M. All Triple A League rosters will consist of as many as fifteen (15) and not less than eleven (11) players. The following rules are intended to parallel the rules for the Major League draft set forth above. Please refer to the examples given therein for guidance as to how to implement these rules.

1. There are two types of draft rounds. In “open rounds,” teams may draft eligible players of any age. In “11-year old rounds,” teams may only draft 11-year olds. The draft order for the first 11 year old round will be determined by one of the following methods: If the number of available 11 year olds is greater than the number of teams, the draft order will be as stated in H. If the number of available 11 year olds is less than the number of teams, the first pick would be by the team needing to draft the “most” players and work backwards to the team needing the “least” until all 11 year olds are drafted.

2. The first round of the draft will always be an open round. Open rounds will continue until the number of open slots on the team needing the fewest players, the number of teams, and the number of undrafted 11-year olds requires that the next round(s) be 11-year old rounds. Open rounds will continue after any 11-year old rounds. The “player agent” will determine which rounds will be the 11 year old rounds before the start of the draft. The “player agent” will adjust as necessary if 11 year olds are drafted in the “open rounds.”

3. The intent of these rules is that all 11-year olds in the draft will be selected at some point in the draft, and that those selected in the 11-year old rounds are distributed as evenly as possible among the teams. It also the intent of these rules that when a 11-year old is one of the best players in the draft, the same team does not get both the best 11-year old and first pick of the rest of the younger players in the draft.

4. The children of managers and rostered coaches, and the siblings of rostered players are protected from being drafted by other teams. If such a player is drafted by the team with his or her sibling/manager/coach, the selection must be made no later than the third open round of the draft; provided that if a team has more than one such child or sibling in the draft, the first child/sibling selection by that team must be made no later than the third open round of the draft and selections from the fourth open round on by the affected team must be of the other children/siblings covered by this rule until all such players are drafted. Player Agents and designated team representatives are encouraged to confer before the draft begins so that there are no misunderstandings regarding this rule.

5. Seven-year old players must have played one year in a AA League to be eligible to play in the AAA League. Eight-year old players must have played one year in a AA league to be eligible to play in the AAA league, unless the Player Agent and the Vice President of Baseball (for a baseball player) or the Vice President of Softball (for a softball player) agree that the player should be eligible. If the relevant Vice President has a conflict, then the Executive Vice President shall replace that Vice President for the purposes of this rule.

6. The Player Agent (s) will strictly enforce the draft process.

N. Any player chosen for an AAA League team must play for that team or he/she shall forfeit their eligibility to play on a Double A or Single A League team. Exceptions will be based upon written request of the parents at the time of registrations. Players so excepted will not be eligible to participate on a AAA League team during that season.

O. The draft ends when the rosters of all the teams are filled and/or there are no registered applicants remaining.

P. A minimum of three members of the Board of Directors must be present prior to the beginning of the draft. These members should include: the Player Agent, the Registrar, and the Vice-President of the Division.

## ARTICLE XIII

### Girls' Senior League

A. All Senior League rosters will consist of not more than fifteen (15) players and not less than eleven (11) players.

1. All players new to the Senior League will be drafted from a common pool regardless of age.

2. The children of managers and rostered coaches, and the siblings of rostered players are protected from being drafted by other teams. If such a player is drafted by the team with his or her sibling/manager/coach, the selection must be made no later than the third round of the draft; provided that if a team has more than one such child or sibling in the draft, the first child/sibling selection by that team must be made no later than the third round of the draft and selections from the fourth round on by the affected team must be of the other children/siblings covered by this rule until all such players are drafted. Player Agents and designated team representatives are encouraged to confer before the draft begins so that there are no misunderstandings regarding this rule.

3. Twelve year olds can be drafted up but can only appear on one (1) roster under Babe Ruth rules and regulations. If they are rostered on a Major League team, then they will be affiliated with the Senior League team, but the Major League team will take priority if a schedule conflict occurs. If they are rostered only on the Senior League team, then they may not "play down" in a Majors game.

4. All 13 to 16 year olds must be placed on teams before drafting up 12 year olds.

5. The Player Agent(s) will strictly enforce the draft process.

B. Twelve year olds who are rostered on a Major League team are eligible to play in a Senior League game only if the team has fewer than 11 players who are 13 to 16 years old available for that game.

## ARTICLE XIV

### Meetings

A. Notice of the times and place of the meeting of CONCORD NORTHEAST BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL LEAGUE, INC. Board of Directors and membership shall be posted at the League Building located at Sanel Field at 25 Old Suncook Road on Concord, NH (during the regular season of play) and shall be listed in the Sports section of the CONCORD MONITOR.

B. Meeting notices shall, in as much as possible, be posted and listed seven (7) days prior to each meeting, but in no case shall less than two (2) days notice be posted or listed.

C. Meetings of CONCORD NORTHEAST BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL LEAGUE, INC. shall be presided over by the President of CONCORD NORTHEAST BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL LEAGUE, INC. or in his/her absence, the following officers in order of succession: Executive Vice President, Vice President of Major/Triple A league Baseball, Vice President of Double A/Single A League Baseball, Vice President of Softball, Vice President of T-Ball, Treasurer, and Secretary.

D. The meetings of CONCORD NORTHEAST BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL LEAGUE, INC. shall be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order. A Parliamentarian, appointed by the President, shall rule on all points of order, and provide interpretation of the Constitution and By-laws when necessary.

E. A quorum must be present in order for a meeting to begin, but is not required after the start of the meeting. A quorum shall be defined as the number of individuals present at a meeting provided that the total number present is equal to at least one-half of the total membership of the Board of Directors, plus one.

F. Votes taken at meetings of CONCORD NORTHEAST BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL LEAGUE, INC. shall be determined as either Affirmative or Negative by a Majority of those voting.

## ARTICLE XV

### Committees

A. The following standing committees may exist within CONCORD NORTHEAST BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL LEAGUE, INC.:

1. Sponsorship
2. Equipment
3. Budget
4. Fundraising
5. Manager & Coach Selection

6. Photography
7. Field Maintenance
8. Scheduling
9. Tryouts & Draft
10. Umpires & Scheduling
11. Registration
12. All Stars
13. Nominating