



GATEWAY BABE RUTH, INC.

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**SERVING THE CHARTERS OF BARNSTABLE, BOURNE, DENNIS/YARMOUTH,
FALMOUTH, FAIRHAVEN/ACUSHNET, GATEWAY, LOWER CAPE, MASHPEE,
MARTHA'S VINEYARD , NEWBEDFORD AND SANDWICH BABE RUTH
GATEWAY BABE RUTH LEAGUE, INC.**

REGIONAL BYE LAWS

As amended January 31th, 2020

INTRODUCTION

The name of this League shall be Gateway Regional League.

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

This league shall be affiliated with Babe Ruth League, Inc., and shall be governed by, and shall comply with, the principals, rules and regulations, enunciated and decreed by Babe Ruth League, Inc.

The principal operations of ~~this~~ the Regional Gateway league shall be the Babe Ruth Charters of, Barnstable, Bourne, Dennis/Yarmouth, -(Mattapoisett, Marion, Rochester) also known as ORR regional, Wareham, New Bedford, Acushnet, Lower Cape, Martha's Vineyard, Mashpee and Sandwich within the County of Plymouth, County of Barnstable, and Bristol County of the State of Massachusetts, but may extend into such areas as provided for by the State, Regional, and National Headquarters rules and regulations.

The Gateway Board shall have the following powers in addition to the powers expressly or implicitly conferred on it by law: To make and enforce rules and regulations to govern itself on a local basis, but consistent with and not contrary to any rules and regulations promulgated by Babe Ruth League, Inc., or by the Regional, or State echelons of said Babe Ruth League, Inc., to which this league is subject.

ARTICLE I – REGIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

The officers will consist of a President, Vice President, Clerk, and Equipment manager, Umpire Coordinator, Web Master and 2 Player Agents per Chartered League. The President will vote only in cases of tie votes. In the event the President is a Team Manager or representative, his or her team will be represented by someone of his or her choosing, unless his or her team is already represented by a voting member of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE II – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. President - The duties of the office of the President shall be to (a) preside at all meetings of the League and perform all duties usual pertaining to this office; (b) assume all responsibilities for the operation of the League, appoint all committees, and supervise the activity of the committees; (c) insure that the League adheres to the rules, regulations and policies of the Gateway Regional League; (d) have final authority for all League protests and disputes. (e) The President shall be responsible to pay all League costs by doing the following: (a) To receive funds to pay all league fees generated by the Regional League from each Charter. To pay the following (Playoff Umpire fees, All Star costs, ~~Team and Individual awards~~)

2. Vice President - The duties of the Vice President shall be as follows: (a) to be at all Board Meetings (b) To Represent President at meetings in case of absence. (c) In charge of coordinating the awards ceremony. (d) Monitor the weekly innings pitched by all pitchers.

3. Clerk - The duties of the Clerk shall be as follows: (a) to keep minutes of all meetings and proceedings and records of the same; (b) maintain the official records of the League's activities; Send all reported League news and scores to All Local news papers in the Gateway Regional Area.

4. Player Agent - The duties of the Player Agent shall be as follows: (a) maintain and update all records of team rosters; (b) supervise the League's annual registration and draft procedures; (c) insure player eligibility as to age and residence; (d) prepare a list of all eligible candidates for tryouts; (e) supervise all tryouts, (f) Supervise player draft sessions; and (g) maintain a pool of the players, eligible candidates not selected by draft or late registrations. (h) Securing the fields for each League, (i) to attend all Gateway regional meetings and events during the season. (J) To insure that all their Chartered Coaches and Umpires are Coried and to supply in writing to the Gateway President that all Cori's in their Charter have been completed.

5. Equipment Manager - The duties of the Equipment Manager shall Offer his services to Each Charter for any equipment requested.

6. Umpire Coordinator – the duties of the Umpire Coordinator will be as follows: (a) to work with the umpire assigner to ensure all regular season, playoff and make-up and suspended games are covered.(b) To communicate with the umpire assigner on issues relating to poor player/coaching behavior.

LEAGUE OFFICERS

1. CORI Coordinator – The duties of the CORI Coordinator should be as follows: ENSURE all Charter player reps have submitted him their Cori acknowledgments to the Gateway League.

2. Scheduling Coordinator – the duties of the Scheduling Coordinator will be as follows: a) to obtain school schedules from our local middle and high schools. b) To schedule practice times, regular season and playoff games for the league. c) To create schedules in the scheduling software, and work with Player reps so schedules will be made available on the gatewaybaberuth.com web site. d) To reschedule rainouts and suspended games.

3 Web Master- Up Dates the website on a regular basis. Input scores, schedules, highlights and any news about the league.

4. Town Commissioners-- The Commissioners will be the 4 contacts for the Varsity and Babe Ruth American and National leagues. They will help coordinate any needs or handle issues that come up during the regular season and will position on the Regional the Board.

Article III: League Team Managers and Town Commissioners

1. Team Manager – the duties for the Team Manager will be to develop, teach and practice with their team on a consistent basis. The Team Manager must make their team number 1 priority over any other baseball organization he or she is involved with. The Manager will provide the League President the Final Team Roster completely filled out on the official Roster form no later than 2 weeks prior to Opening Day. (~~April 5th~~) Town Commissioners will be responsible for calling the Umpires for Rain outs only. If the Town Commissioners need to cancel a game not due to bad weather he must call the League President, Vice President or Regional Commissioner for that decision. The Managers will send game results, innings pitched, stars of the game 2 from winning Team and 1 from losing Team and Umpires who worked the games to The President, Vice President and Web Master. (within 1 day of the played game.) The Manager will be responsible to follow all the rules of the Game and all bye laws. They must make sure their Team is represented at all Gateway Team meetings. The team manager is responsible for inputting his /her team rosters, stats on his Team Web site and keep it up dated on a regular basis.

The Gateway Varsity and Babe Ruth Leagues will be split into 2 Divisions.

1. “American League” = All Teams in Barnstable County.
2. “National League” = All Teams in Plymouth County and Bristol County

There may be instances that a Team be moved from one League to another depending on location of the Town and addition or loss of a Town Team. Location will be final factor on placing Teams in League.

Scheduling for Babe Ruth League:

1. National league will have Charter Divisions
2. American League will have Charter Divisions

The National & American Leagues will have separate regular season schedules as much as possible then the National League Champ will play the American League Champ for the Regional Championships.

Scheduling may change Year to Year depending on amount of Teams in League. Inter- league play is a possibility when the schedule calls for it.

Scheduling for Varsity League:

There will be one League for the Varsity Teams.

There will be 1 Divisions,

Scheduling may change Year to Year depending on amount of Teams in League.

The Playoffs are as follows.

4 Teams make the Playoffs.

Playoffs will follow single game elimination

ARTICLE IV: BOUNDARIES

The Gateway Regional League shall be made up of the following Charters and considered Districts of Gateway Babe Ruth Regional league. BARNSTABLE, BOURNE, FALMOUTH, DENNIS/YARMOUTH, GATEWAY, LOWER CAPE, MASHPEE, MARTHA'S VINEYARD, FAIRHAVEN/ACUSHNET, NEW BEDFORD AND SANDWICH.

A player shall not be eligible to play in our Spring League unless he or she resides within the boundaries of Gateway Regional League. Any player who moves from one Charter to another shall have the option to remain with his or her team until his or her eligibility has expired. All players must meet the National Babe Ruth standards to play in the league. A player's parent's residence shall determine the Charter in which he plays, except if a player attends a school in

another charter from that of his parent's residence he or she shall have the option to play for that charter.

ARTICLE V: ROSTERS

SECTION A

1. Each team shall have a Manager and 3 coach's – additional Coaches may be added with written approval of Board of Directors. Managers will inform the League President (Varsity), Vice President (Babe Ruth) and respective Player Agent immediately when a Coach or Player departs or is added to a team. The Board will notify the league when any moves happen to keep rosters up to date. Coaches are required to be in uniform by wearing a type of shirt or jacket representing their teams

2. Roster vacancies shall be filled with the assistance of the Player Agent. All teams shall carry a minimum of ten (10) players on their Babe Ruth roster and (12) on the Varsity roster.

3. Completed Team Rosters shall have the following listed.

- Names and for players,
- Up and down players noted at bottom of roster
- Names and contact numbers of team manager and coaches

4. Team Composition: Team composition for a Varsity League Team may consist of, 14, 15 and 16 year old players with no limit of sixteen year olds per team.

Varsity players are eligible to play in the Babe Ruth division

5. Team composition for a Babe Ruth League Club may consist of 13, 14, 15 and 16 Year old players. Eligibility to play on a Varsity Babe Ruth League club is based on ability and level of play, as determined by the Varsity League coaches and Player Agent, during Try-outs - and NOT by age.

Babe Ruth Teams will have no more than a combined total of 5 -15/16 year olds, a minimum of 3 -13 year olds and the remaining roster of 14 year olds

6. 16 year old players that play in the Babe Ruth division are not allowed to pitch in the Babe Ruth Division. If a Babe Ruth Division player is on the call up list to Varsity then they may pitch in a Varsity Game.

7. Additional players may be added or dropped to any roster up until Memorial Day. All moves must be sent to the President and League Commissioners. Then all teams will be notified of any roster changes. The use of a non roster/ unregistered player will result in the forfeiture of a game.

8. Managers are encouraged to draft eligible 14-16-yr olds in the Varsity division.

SECTION B: ELIGIBILITY

If any team has less than twelve (12) players, its manager shall submit a request to the Board of Directors to add a player or players. These players must not have played for any organized Baseball League during the year with the exception of High School (see Article XVIII) Players added must come from the Charter in which the team is located, as stipulated in Article IV Boundaries. All roster changes must be in writing to the President and the player agent. Any team that plays an ineligible player shall forfeit all games in which such player has participated. Player information must be sent to President so the League can be informed and rosters adjusted.

ARTICLE VI: LEAGUE FEES

League fees shall be paid by each Charter at the Boards Request to insure every team is insured, rosters are completed 100% and all fees are collected. Failure to comply may, at the discretion of the Board of Directors may result in the suspension from league play until the fees has been paid and then the team will reinstated by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VII: BEHAVIOR

SECTION A: MANAGER/ COACH PERFORMANCE/CONDUCT

1. Board of Directors may ask for a Manager's or League Officials immediate resignation for misconduct. If the Manager or Board Member requests a review of the action by his peers, the President will temporarily suspend the Manager and schedule the review as soon as possible but within seven days.

2. Any Varsity or Babe Ruth Team that forfeits 3 games during the regular season due to the failure to field a team shall be ineligible for post season play and the manager shall be considered on probation unless the Board of Directors takes other action.

3. Manager or Coaches ejected from a game shall be suspended for the following game. Any appeal shall be filed with the Board of Directors, whose decision shall be final. The suspension shall be held in abeyance until the appeal has been decided.

4. IF A COACH OR PLAYER IS SUSPENDED THE UMPIRE WILL SEND REPORT TO UMPIRE IN CHIEF WHO WILL SEND IT TO THE GATEWAY REGIONAL OFFICE

5. All Coaches/Mangers must submit a CORI form and have a valid coaching certification on file prior to the Tryout date.

SECTION B: PLAYER CONDUCT

1. If a player is ejected from a game, this will result in an automatic one game suspension. Any appeal shall occur within 48 hours and the umpire must give a report to the Player Agent within 24 hours of the game. This rule shall also be applicable during the playoffs, however the time for review may be shorter, if necessary for the review to occur prior to the next game.

2. If a player is ejected from a second game in a season, A hearing before the Board of Directors is mandatory - said hearing to be within seven (7) days of the ejection. The player shall not play in any games until the Board has reviewed the matter. The Board shall act in accordance with its view of the facts. Dismissal from league play shall be the final punishment.

3. Punishment for behavior and conduct unbecoming a league participant: Any league participant (player, coach, umpire, parent or spectator) who has a complaint filed against them with the league as a result of behavior or conduct unbecoming or in violation of any rule of the league shall be subject to the disciplined procedure contained within Article VII section B of these by-laws. When a complaint has been filed with the league, it will be the Player Agents duty to review the complaint, swiftly and carefully investigate the complaint, and then determine what punishment should be administered for the actions committed. The Player Agent will have the right to give a verbal and/or written warning to the party, suspend, or expel any party who in his/her sole and exclusive opinion requires to be reprimanded in such a stern fashion. Any party aggrieved by the action of The Player Agent shall have a right to request a hearing before the Board of Directors in accordance with the provisions of Article VII, however, the requesting of a hearing shall not delay the punishment imposed by the Player Agent. Any player ejected from a game by the Player Agent or the Umpire as a result of conduct unbecoming a league participant shall be suspended for the Next League game played by his or her Team. The Manager of each

Team shall at all times require their team and its fans to abide by all Gateway and National Babe Ruth Rules and Regulations.

SECTION C: PERMANENT EXPULSION

A seventy five (75) percent affirmative vote of the present and voting members of the Board is needed for permanent expulsion of a fan, parent, player, team, manager or coach.

ARTICLE VIII: PROTESTED GAMES

Only an interpretation of the Babe Ruth Baseball Rules, Varsity League Baseball Rules, and the rules of Gateway Regional Baseball League will be considered. Umpires will be informed at the time of the protest and BOTH teams will enter it into their score book. A phone call MUST be made to the President and League Commissioner within twenty four (24) hours and a written report presented to him within forty eight (48) hours for a protest to be considered. The President and two (2) members of the Board of Directors appointed by the President will make up the protest committee. In the event one of the teams involved is the President's team, he will appoint a third neutral member of the Board. The Umpire must submit a written report. The protest must be resolved within ten (10) days. Umpire in Chief will be available for any interpretation of the rules in question.

ARTICLE IX: EQUIPMENT

SECTION A: BASEBALLS

Only accepted brand baseballs, Babe Ruth Brand or better will be Used.

SECTION B: BATTING HELMETS

Each team must have a minimum of five (5) batting helmets with Double earflaps and a catcher's helmet/ mask. The batter, the on deck Batter and all base runners must wear batting helmets at all times.

Exactly matching helmets, the same color as hat color may be worn on the field for defense, with the exception of the pitcher.

SECTION C: PLAYER EQUIPMENT

Each player on the field must be fully equipped, and in full uniform or he or she will not be allowed to take his or her position on the field.

Uniforms will be worn properly on and off the playing field. KEEP SHIRTS TUCKED IN AT ALL TIMES.

ARTICLE X: LEAGUE GAMES

Games will be played in accordance with Babe Ruth rules with the following exceptions:

1. Postponed Games: No team will play more than four games per week (Monday through Sunday) unless one additional game is approved by the Regional League President because of rain outs or other unforeseen events. Teams will not be rescheduled for an A.M. start following a late- night game whenever possible.

Make up games must be rescheduled within 7 days and played within 14 days. The Home team manager shall be responsible for postponing games because of rain or other weather conditions prior to 4:30pm on WEEK NIGHTS AND ONE HOUR PRIOR TO GAME TIME ON WEEKENDS. The Home Team Manager is responsible for notifying the other manager and umpire(s).

When teams arrive at the field, the home plate umpire will be responsible to determine if the games should be played, regardless whether or not a pitch has been thrown. Postponed games will be rescheduled and played within 2 weeks from the original canceled game or that game will be dropped from the schedule and will be considered a tie. Failure to cancel correctly causing the payment of Umpires will be directly charged to that particular chartered team.

2. Postponements: Non weather related postponements will be allowed only for school functions or events related to school functions. Any other postponements must be of a catastrophic nature, such as death, illness, accident, or act of God. Only the President or Vice President shall have the authority to approve postponements for unusual circumstances. Penalty for non-compliance will result in forfeiture of any game that was postponed.

3. Suspended Games: Any Varsity League Game – or Babe Ruth League Game, having completed one inning and then called by the umpire for any reason (weather, darkness, curfew, field unavailability) failing to reach the regulation minimum of 4½ or 5 innings played shall be declared “suspended”. Suspension shall mean that all things are "frozen". A suspended game shall resume in accordance with baseball rule 4.11(d). Both managers and the Scheduling Coordinator shall meet to determine when the suspended game shall be resumed, provided, however, said game shall be resumed and completed immediately preceding the next scheduled game between the two teams if at all possible. In the event rescheduling of a suspended game cannot occur, the suspended game shall be called a tie. If a game is called by the umpire before the completion of one full inning, then said game shall be declared “NO Game” per baseball

Rule 4:10(e) and must be re-played as a new game. The Scheduling Coordinator and the Team managers shall determine when the games are rescheduled.

4. Starting Time: Games must be started not later than 15 minutes after the scheduled time unless held up by inclement weather or availability of the field. A varsity game must begin on time if both teams have at least nine (9) players at game time or a forfeit SHALL BE declared. Babe Ruth division games must have at least 8 players to begin a game with the ninth position an automatic out until a rostered ninth player is present. Teams that cannot field a team within 15 minutes of the scheduled starting will forfeit the game.

All Teams (Coaches and Players) will make every attempt to make sure a minimum of 9 players will attend the games.

All weekday games shall start at 5:30 pm unless otherwise scheduled.

5. Schedule: The Board of Directors shall set the league schedule annually on or before April 21st.

6. Reentry: If a Manager chooses to play all his players and a player is injured or ejected the opposing Manager will select a player from the bench to reenter the game. If a team chooses to use a ten (10) player line-up (extra hitter) the team must finish the game with a ten (10) player line –up if 10 players are available. A team may finish the game with only 9 players – should a team begin with 10, and a player should get hurt or walk off. The 10th batting spot will be considered an out if the player walks off. There is no penalty if a player is unable to play because of an injury. If ejected the game will be a forfeit.

6a. Continuous batting line up greater than 10 players: In the case that a team chooses to bat a continuous lineup the open spot created by the departure of a player via ejection or walk off will result in the vacant batting position being recorded as an out. If a player is removed because of injury there is no penalty.

7. Ground Rules: Managers and Umpires must go over the ground rules for playing at the start of the game. Home Team shall decide what bench they will take for the game.

Home team will provide the umpire with 2 new game balls. The home team manager may also provide the umpire with a slightly used 3rd baseball if one is available. You must remind the umpires whether the game being played is a Varsity or Babe Ruth game.

8. Non-Roster Personnel: No one will be allowed on the bench or field of play during a game unless they are on the current team roster. This must be closely monitored in view of the strict insurance requirement in case of injury or accident. Only team players and coried individuals are allowed.

9. Pre game Warm-ups: The visiting team shall take the field first, with each team receiving 10 minutes pre-game warnings. Visiting team shall finish infield at least 15 minutes prior to game time. No batting practice of any kind after 5:00 P.M.

10. Reporting Game Results will be emailed by the Team Managers with score, ~~2 stars of game if winning team and 1 star of game if they are the losing team~~ and innings pitched by all pitchers in game to the President, Vice President and Website coordinator within 24 hours after the game.

11. See rule 1 under section X. Delete the following.

12. RUN RULE Any game that has reached the status of a "regulation game" (5 innings) and one team possesses a 15 RUN LEAD THE GAME shall be terminated. 10 RUN LEAD IN THE 6TH THE GAME SHALL BE TERMINATED

It is understood that each team shall have an equal number of times at bat, or the home team will be leading by ten runs at the completion of the half inning. This includes Babe Ruth League games.

13. Pitching week shall start on Monday and end on Sunday (BR Rule .06 (2), with each pitcher allowed 7 innings per week maximum. No pitcher can pitch more that 95 pitches per game BUT HE CAN COMPLETE THE AT BAT.

A mandatory 2 calendar days rest required when a pitcher throws 75 or more pitches.

DAYS REST FOR PITCHERS

13 TO 15 YEAR OLDS 95 PITCH MAX

1 TO 45 PITCHES 0 DAYS REST

46 TO 75 PITCHES 1 DAYS REST

76 TO 95 PITCHES 2 DAYS REST

The opposing teams will keep track of the pitchers innings pitched. 1 pitched ball is considered an inning. The Managers will record it in the score books and sign the opposing Teams book to verify the umpires worked and the innings pitched.

14. (a) Babe Ruth League Games: All Regular Season Babe Ruth league games will play 7 innings, or shall have a 2:30 hour time limit. (A new inning may start prior to the 2:30 limit, and will be declared LAST inning.) The inning in progress at the end of the time limit shall be completed. Any regulation game at the completion of the time limit whose score is tied shall be declared a tied game. ~~A lineup may start at 8 to 15 players on it in the Babe Ruth division at the~~

~~Managers discretion and free defensive substitutions used. A team must finish the game with the same lineup as they started with.~~

14. (b.) There are forfeits in Babe Ruth League. You MUST have 8 players. If only 8 players are available the 9th batting spot is declared an automatic out)

14. (c.) If there is a forfeit at a game, the forfeiting Team's charter will be responsible for paying the umpires.

14.(d) If there is a forfeit the Teams may ask the Umpires to stay and Umpire a 5 inning scrimmage since they are going to be paid for being there.

15. The Babe Ruth League may utilize a "courtesy runner" in an attempt to prevent an undue delay of the game. When there are two outs, a courtesy runner may be substituted for the catcher to allow the catcher to put on equipment for the next inning. This courtesy runner may ONLY be the player who made the last out in the inning.

16. Babe Ruth League. Visits to the mound: During the regular season, a coach may visit the mound two times per pitcher. The 3rd trip will constitute the removal of that particular pitcher.

17. Babe Ruth League Balks: During the regular season, upon the first balk call per pitcher, the umpire will inform the pitcher and coach what he/she did to constitute a balk. This will be a "warning" and no base runners will advance. After the initial warning, base runners will advance. This rule will be dropped on May 31st and runners will advance on the first balk.

18. Varsity League Games will play under Babe Ruth tournament rules.

ARTICLE XI – GATEWAY ALL STAR PARTICIPATION

Players from each chartered team will be selected evenly unless there are not enough player spots then a vote by the Board will select the remaining players to fill in the roster spots.

ARTICLE XII – PLAYOFFS

Varsity League

Babe Ruth tournament rules will apply. In the event of a tie for any of the playoff positions, head to head record will be used to establish position, 2nd Tie breaker will be least runs against.

Home field advantage will be determined by season record, The Board of Directors prior to of each Season shall set the playoff schedule. Modifications may be made pending on how many Teams are represented in the Varsity League Year to Year.

Babe Ruth League

The Babe Ruth League Post-Season schedule will be determined by Regular Season record. In all other respects the Babe Ruth League playing rules will be the same. Modifications of playoff format will be updated year to year based on number of teams.

DIVISION 1 PLAYOFFS TOP RECORD TEAMS COMPETE IN SINGLE ELIMINATION

DIVISION 2 PLAYOFFS BOTTOM RECORD TEAMS COMPETE IN SINGLE ELIMINATION

To be eligible for post-season play, each player must have played a minimum 50% games with their Babe Ruth league team. In other words, a player who played the majority of the season with a Varsity team may not participate in the Babe Ruth league post season, unless said player has played in 50% regular season games with that team. If there is any question, the coach of the player must provide his official score book to documentation purposes.

ARTICLE XIII – AWARDS

1. Awards:

a. The CHAMPIONS the Regional playoffs DIVISION 1 AND 2 are guaranteed HOODIES

b. Individual Team awards provided by local charters are as follows:

Top pitcher, MVP, Unsung Hero. Golden glove

c. Gateway SHOW CASE players 13U TEAMS, 14 YEAR OLD AND 15/16 YEAR OLD TEAMS WILL RECEIVE SHOWCASE HATS AND WINNING TEAM AT EACH AGE LEVEL WILL RECEIVE MEDALLIONS

D THE VARSITY CHAMPION WILL RECEIVE HOODIES

2. Babe Ruth Charter playoffs:

Each Charter is responsible for conducting their own playoffs to Crown their Charter Champion and awarding their teams as they see fit.

ARTICLE XIV - DISCRETIONARY POWERS

Because of the legal liabilities that are incumbent with the Board of Director's positions they have the authority not to comply with a By-Law or carried motion if they feel it will place them in a compromising or illegal position. In addition, the President in coordination with other Directors may override any of the Bye-Laws if compliance with the Bye-Law would result in a clear inequity or detriment to the League. If any of the above circumstances develop, the President must notify Managers at a meeting within seven days of his decision not comply with a By-Law or carried motion. His veto may be overruled only by a vote of $\frac{3}{4}$ of the votes.

ARTICLE XV - 'EXTRA HITTER' RULE

See rule 6 section X.

ARTICLE XVI - 'BELLY-BUTT SLIDE' RULE

If a runner is to be either forced or tagged out at any base (including home plate) he must slide either head first or feet first, or veer away from the play and not hinder the fielder in making a further play. Cross body blocks, rolling blocks, and leg whips are not permitted. This applies when a fielder has the ball or is about to receive the ball and on or near (within three feet of) the base. If the runner fails to slide he is automatically out and if the

fielder has a second play (for example on a double play) that runner or batter-runner is also out. Since this is interference, runners will return to the last base touched before the interference call was made. In the event the batter-runner has not reached first base, all runners shall return to the base occupied at the time of the pitch. If a fielder is more than three feet from the base, with the ball or about to catch the ball, the runner does not have to slide.

If in the umpire's judgment, a runner attempts to use excessive force, for example, throwing an elbow, using his arms in a blocking manner, or using a body block, the runner is also ejected from the game, however, he will not be made to sit out the next or subsequent game unless in the judgment of the Umpire there was an intent to injure, if so he shall be reported to the President per Article VI B. If the situation allows for a collision, the runner may protect himself by putting his arms in front of his body (for protection only - not to use force or to push off) before the collision.

ARTICLE XVII - MEETINGS

1. Regular Board meetings shall be held each month except December at a time and date set by the President.
2. Special meetings may be called by the President, Board of Directors or at the request of at least three (3) teams.
3. Team meetings will be held during the regular season and after Board Meetings if announced.
4. A quorum shall be equal to one half (1/2) of the Board Members in the league at the time of any meeting.

ARTICLE XVIII - DUAL PARTICIPATION

A player in the League shall be allowed to participate in any other organized baseball league during the regular season. Such players need to be made aware of their commitment to the team. If participation in another league causes said player to miss four games, the player may lose his/her placement on the team. This rule **does not** apply for any school Sports

A Team Manager should be discouraged from Managing or Coaching in any other organized baseball league. However, if a manager chooses to participate in another league, it cannot be in a league, which may at some point in time, compete against the Gateway Babe Ruth League.

Any manager with dual participation status shall have his/her first allegiance to the Gateway Regional League. Any participation in another league shall be limited to said manager having no scheduled games or practices in the League on the day in question. Any violation of this rule will result in a one-week suspension for the first offense, and dismissal for any further offense. This shall not apply to high school, middle school.

The Priority order for Gateway League as listed. For All Players, Coaches, Board members.

(1) School.

(2) Gateway Babe Ruth,

(3) Any other baseball organization. (AAU) (PONY) (JR LEGION)

Gateway Takes pride in their League and will not tolerate players missing games for other organized baseball games the player plays in except for School Baseball.

To avoid forfeits and affecting the rest of players, coaches, Umpires and families the Gateway League encourages all players to attend every Game scheduled or Gateway reserves the right to remove the player from the roster.

Any violations to these priorities will result in a Hearing with the Board.

The Board shall act in accordance with its view of the facts. Pending on the severity of the violation Suspensions, Resignation or Dismissal from the league shall be the final punishment.

CORI ACKNOWLEDGEMNT FORM.

Each Charter will fill out and sign acknowledgment form that their Coaches and Umpires have been Cori. These forms must be sent to board prior to opening Day.

GATEWAY WEB SITE

The league supplies every Team with a website to post stats, communicate to their Teams and add any comments that they wish. It is important that the Team Manager fills in the roster on the web site and post innings pitched on a daily basis. Posting the stats is optional but encouraged to post.

The Team managers need to supply team photos to the league prior to the beginning of the season.

GATEWAY YEAR BOOK

The Gateway Year book is given to every player who plays in the Gateway League.

It is up to each team to supply team picture, action shots of their players, Coach's comments to his team at the end of the season. The President will send out the guidelines when certain parts of the Year book are due.

Chartered Presidents or Representatives are required to address the league in a small write up for the Year book.

Teams in playoffs are responsible for playoff pictures.

Teams will not be chased down, it's up to the Teams to supply all information need for Year Book or they will not get one.

ARTICLE XIX

Proposed amendments to the Constitution or Bylaws require written

Notice to all members of The Board of Directors at least ten (10) days

Prior to the next Board of Directors meeting. A two-thirds (2/3) vote is required.