



# **SOUTH LEXINGTON YOUTH BASEBALL BY-LAWS**

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## **ARTICLE I – NAME AND ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE**

### ***1.1 – Name***

The name of this corporation is South Lexington Youth Baseball League (SLYB).

### ***1.2 – Organizational Structure***

Articles 5 and 6 contain the approved organizational structure for SLYB.

## **ARTICLE 2 – OBJECTIVES**

### ***2.0– Objectives***

The objectives of SLYB shall be:

1. To provide the boys and girls within the league boundaries with the facilities, equipment, and supervision to enjoy and learn the game of baseball.
2. To teach them, while they are learning and playing, the principles of fair play and good sportsmanship.
3. To teach them the proper attitude in both winning and losing.
4. To advance the spirit of teamwork and team play.
5. To guide young boys and girls through a period of maturation into honest, thoughtful, and useful adult citizens of our community.

## **ARTICLE 3 – GENERAL INFORMATION**

### ***3.1 – Player Member***

Any boy or girl meeting the requirements of Cal Ripken and SLYB and who reside within the authorized boundaries, or as otherwise authorized to participate pursuant to Cal Ripken rules, shall be eligible to participate, but shall have no rights, in the management of the property of SLYB.

1. A player who moves into the league boundaries after team assignments shall be added to a team roster with the approval of the respective League Vice President and Player Agent.
2. All player members will be responsible for participating in at least one fundraiser each year.
3. All players are responsible for participating in practices, games, and other team activities. Failure to participate may result in removal from the team. Missing three consecutive games or seven practices may be grounds for a manager to remove a player from his/her roster. However, any player who misses practices or games because of injury, illness or family crisis is not subject to removal.
4. All 9, 10, 11 and 12-year-olds are encouraged to try out for the Major League. Those players that are not selected or do not tryout for the Major League will be placed on a Minor League roster after

completing the skills assessment. If an opening becomes available on a Major League team, a player from the Minor League cannot be selected unless they participated in tryouts.

5. Tryouts will be held on a weekend as determined by the Board. If a player is unable to attend the Major League tryouts, then one make-up session will be held prior to the scheduled draft date.
6. If the player is unable to attend either tryout date, then the player should contact the Player Agent to determine the player's alternatives.
7. All players will wear their team's complete uniform in all games. This will include a hat, shirt and pants. Headbands, barrettes and other jewelry should not be worn during practices or games as these items are unsafe.

### **3.2 – Parent Member**

A parent member is a parent or guardian of a player member. All parent members will be responsible for:

1. Seeing that the player member is at team functions.
2. Assisting the player member in participation in the league fundraiser.
3. Working in the concession stand a minimum of one game per child playing in the league, if requested.
4. Cooperating with team managers and coaches.
5. Attending the parent meeting.

### **3.3 – Volunteer Members**

Any adult that is interested in furthering the objectives of SLYB.

### **3.4 – Member Requirements**

Parents, relatives, friends and other fans are expected to limit their expressions of interest to positive comments and encouragement to all players, coaches, and umpires. The Umpire(s) or any Board member should deal with negativity instantly. Parks and Recreation has issued a Code of Conduct booklet, which will be provided to each member family prior to the start of the season.

The use of tobacco or alcoholic beverages in any form is strictly prohibited on the playing field, benches, bleachers, and dugout areas. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted at the park during practices or games.

Any substantive complaints concerning the behavior of a League Official, Manager, Coach or Parent should be submitted in writing to the President of the League or the respective League Vice President. The Board shall review all written complaints and may provide a written response.

### **3.5 – Finances**

Unless granted an exemption by the President for good cause shown, all players in the league shall participate in at least one SLYB fundraising event. The SLYB Board is the only official body that has the authority to make any financial commitments or fund-raising decisions.

### **3.6 – Managers**

League Managers may be any adult 21 years or older. Anyone wishing to become a manager must complete an application, be subject to a background check and be interviewed by the respective League Committee or Manager Selection Committee as applicable. Applicants should have the ability to teach and motivate young children and have a working knowledge of baseball.

### **3.7 – Inclement Weather**

The Player Agent or his designee will reschedule games that are cancelled. If lightning occurs, the Umpire and coaches will clear the field regardless of the circumstances of the game. Play will resume no sooner than 30 minutes after the last time lightning was seen.

### **3.8 – End of Year Reports**

At the conclusion of the season, each respective League Vice President will provide a report to the Board summarizing the respective leagues activities and present any problems that were encountered during the year. The report should include any recommended rule changes. The SLYB Board of Directors is the only official body that can make official rule changes.

## **ARTICLE 4 – FEES**

### **4.0 – Fees**

Registration fees as set by the Board shall be assessed as a prerequisite for a player member to play annually. Full or partial scholarships may be made available under appropriate circumstances, as determined by the President.

## **ARTICLE 5 - OFFICERS**

### **5.1 – Requirements**

All officers and Board members shall be at least 21 years of age. All officers and Board members shall support all by-laws, rules and regulations of

SLYB and attend all Board meetings. The following chart sets forth the authorized positions on the Board of Directors:

<b>President</b>	<b>VP Communications</b>	<b>Cardinals Manager</b>
<b>Vice President</b>	<b>VP Sponsorship &amp; Tournaments</b>	<b>Cubs Manager</b>
<b>Player Agent</b>	<b>VP Umpires</b>	<b>Orioles Manager</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>VP Minor League</b>	<b>Pirates Manager</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>VP Rookie League</b>	<b>Reds Manager</b>
<b>VP Concessions &amp; Special Events</b>	<b>VP T-Ball League</b>	<b>Royals Manager</b>
<b>VP Equipment &amp; Uniforms</b>	<b>Astros Manager</b>	<b>White Sox Manager</b>
<b>VP Operations</b>	<b>Past President (Non-Voting)</b>	<b>VP of All- Stars</b>

\*\*All positions are voting members unless otherwise noted\*\*

## **5.2 –President**

The League President shall have a minimum of one year of service on the Board of Directors. The President is elected for a period of one year but may succeed himself/herself if re-elected.

### Responsibilities

1. The President is the chief administrative officer of the League. He/She is responsible for conducting SLYB in strict conformity to the policies, principles, rules and regulations of this League and Babe Ruth Baseball as agreed to under the conditions of its charter.
2. Exercises general authority and supervision over all functions of the League, however, specific authority is delegated to specific Board members, other volunteers and hired agents.
3. Meets with each new board member to review their responsibilities.
4. Calls each meeting and prepares the agenda. Presides over each Board meeting. In the event of his/her absence, the President will notify the League Vice-President and provide the agenda, so they can preside over the meeting. The President will be responsible for adding to a meeting agenda any item that is deemed significant by any member of the Board of Directors.
5. The President is the officer with whom Babe Ruth Baseball Head- quarters maintains contact. He/She or a designee will represent the League in all meetings of the local, state or national organization.
6. Completes and returns the application required to renew the League charter each year. This shall be accomplished prior to February 1<sup>st</sup> each year.
7. He/She is the only officer authorized to speak for the League or sign letters written in the name of the League or on League stationery. The President may delegate this authority as necessary.
8. Authorizes and approves all expenditures by reviewing invoices and cosigning all checks over \$25.00.
9. Oversees the general conduct of all officers, managers and coaches and ensures that they are performing their duties accordingly. Informs the Board if someone is not performing their duties as required or their conduct is inappropriate.
10. The President is a voting member of the Board of Directors but votes only to break a tie vote, unless the vote is required of all Board members.
11. At the January meeting, submits, along with the Treasurer, the annual budget for approval of the Board.

## **5.3 Vice President**

The League Vice-President is elected for a period of one year but may Succeed himself/herself if re-elected.

### Responsibilities

1. In the absence of the President, presides over the SLYB meetings.
2. Coordinates SLYB's fundraising project. This includes the following:

- a. Selection of a project(s) to be decided by a committee formed by the League Vice-President, Vice-President of Sponsors and at least one other Board member. The committee decision shall be presented to the Board for approval.
  - b. Presents approved fundraising project to the parents During the Parent's meeting.
  - c. Coordinates collection of fundraising money with respective team parents.
  - d. Purchases and presents gifts to individuals that meet or exceed the goals as specified by the committee.
3. The League Vice-President is responsible for administration of the insurance program for all players, managers, etc. Receives bids, provides detailed information for prospective bidders, and supervises contract agreements and any other matters pertaining to insurance.
  4. Obtains bids from three photographers to take team and individual pictures on "picture day". Submits recommendation to the Board for final approval. Establishes dates for respective league team pictures and coordinates the scheduling with respective team parent. The League may receive income from the photographer but will not be involved in handling payments to the photographer.
  5. Coordinates the Major League closing ceremonies. Assists respective League Vice Presidents in coordinating the closing ceremonies for their respective league.
  6. Gathers information to compile the Redbook, which generally should be distributed within two (2) weeks after the last league's opening ceremonies.

#### **5.4 – Secretary**

The Secretary is elected for a period of one year but may succeed himself/herself if re-elected.

##### Responsibilities

1. Presides over meetings in the absence of the President, Vice-President, and Treasurer. The Secretary shall perform such duties as may be assigned by the President or by the Board of Directors to the following duties:
2. Keeps the minutes of all general membership meetings and of the Board of Directors meetings in one or more books provided for that purpose.
3. Sees that all notices of meetings are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws or as required by law.
4. Serves as the custodian of the corporate records.
5. Performs all duties that a secretary would ordinarily perform including typing letters, rosters, Bylaws, etc.
6. Serves as the custodian of the By Laws including certification of any new amendments adopted in accordance with Article 21.
7. Responsible for receiving and distributing mail to other Board members on a timely basis.

### **5.5 – Treasurer**

The Treasurer is elected for a period of one year but may succeed himself/herself if re-elected.

#### Responsibilities

1. Presides over meetings in the absence of the President and Vice President and perform such duties as may be assigned by the President or by the Board of Directors to the following duties:
2. Deposits funds of the corporation in such bank, or banks, as the Board of Directors shall designate. Generally weekly deposits shall be made, beginning with registration sign up fees and concluding with Fall Ball. The Treasurer may delegate this function as necessary.
3. Endorses for deposit or collection of all checks and notes payable to the corporation or its order.
4. Records all funds received in a cash receipts journal.
5. Co-signs along with the President, all checks over \$25.00 drawn on the account of the corporation.
6. Presents all League financial records for the independent financial review.
7. Records all disbursements in a cash disbursement journal.
8. Reconciles bank statements monthly to assure that the cash balance in the corporate check register and records match the cash balance on the bank statement.
9. Prepares a financial report to be given at each of the regular meetings of the Board of Directors.
10. Prepares an annual operating budget in cooperation with the President to be presented at the January meeting of the Board of Directors.
11. Files Form 990 before January 1st of each year with the Internal Revenue Service to be accomplished by the outgoing Treasurer.
12. Prepares a statement of receipts and disbursements at the end of each fiscal year.
13. Files annual sales tax reports to the State Department of Revenue prior to October 20th.
14. Performs all duties that a treasurer would ordinarily perform.

### **5.6 - Player Agent**

The Player Agent is elected for a period of one year but may succeed himself/herself if re-elected.

#### Responsibilities

Performs such duties as may be assigned by the President or by the Board of Directors the following duties:

1. Assists the President in establishing and maintaining the eligibility of player personnel. Cal Ripken Regulations and SLYB require each candidate to present acceptable proof of age prior to player selection.

2. Supervises League sign-ups, try-outs, and player selection draft. Ensures the completion of the sign-up card or internet sign up application. Prior to the Major League Draft, announces to Managers the option selected by parents of each sibling eligible to be drafted.
3. Prepares the Major, Junior Major, Minor, Rookie and T-Ball league playing schedules and pre-season and regular season practice schedules. Reschedules games as necessary. As appropriate, the Player Agent may assign the responsibility for completing the practice and game schedules to a designated representative of the Minor, Rookie and T-Ball leagues
4. Maintains records of players not selected in the draft from which player replacements may be selected.
5. Maintains all team and player records of player releases and replacements.
6. Submits rosters of each team showing name, address, and birth date of each player to Babe Ruth Headquarters within seven (7) days before the first regularly scheduled game.
7. Reports to Babe Ruth Headquarters replacements of players after submission of team rosters.
8. Serves with the President on a committee to rule on all protested games.
9. Prepares the practice and game schedule for Fall Ball and assigns players to teams for all Fall Ball leagues.

#### ***5.7 - Vice President of the Minor League***

The Vice President of the Minor League is elected for a period of one year but may succeed himself/herself if re-elected. The individual should have adequate knowledge of the game of baseball and should be thoroughly familiar with the purposes of the Minor League Program.

##### Responsibilities

1. Chairs the Minor League Committee. Shall attend all SLYB Board meetings or appoint a representative.
2. Selects suitable managers for the teams after reviewing their qualifications.
3. Meets with the SLYB Player Agent after Major League selections have been made to determine the number of eligible players available to establish teams for the Minor League.
4. With the Player Agent and Managers, draft players to each team based on reverse order of standings from the prior year. Once the teams are established, team rosters will be provided to the approved Managers.
5. Coordinates with the Player Agent the practice and game schedule and provides the information to the SLYB Board of Directors.
6. Serves as the Chief Liaison Officer between the Minor League and the SLYB Board of Directors. Coordinates requests for equipment, insurance, and registration fees collection, etc., with the appropriate SLYB League Officers. Fund raising programs will be coordinated directly with the SLYB Vice President.
7. Establishes, in coordination with the SLYB President, a date for the preseason Parents' Meeting. The two will preside at that meeting.

8. Coordinates the transfer of players, as necessary, from the Minor League Teams to the Major League Teams.
9. Fills all Minor League Committee positions.

### ***5.8 - Vice President for Rookie League***

The Vice President of the Rookie League is elected for a period of one year but may succeed himself/herself if re-elected. The individual should have adequate knowledge of the game of baseball and should be thoroughly familiar with the purposes of the Rookie League Program.

#### Responsibilities

1. Chairs the Rookie League Committee. Shall attend all SLYB Board meetings or appoint a representative.
2. Selects suitable managers for the teams after reviewing their qualifications.
3. Meets with the SLYB Player Agent to determine the number of eligible players and establishes the number of teams for the year.
4. With the Player Agent and Managers, draft players to each team based on reverse order of standings from the prior year in a serpentine fashion. Once the teams are established, team rosters will be provided to the approved Managers.
5. Coordinates with the Player Agent the practice and game schedule of all games and provides the information to the SLYB Board of Directors.
6. Serves as the Chief Liaison Officer between the Rookie League and the SLYB Board of Directors. Coordinates requests for equipment, insurance, and registration fees collection, etc., with the appropriate SLYB League Officers. Fund raising programs will be coordinated directly with the SLYB Vice President.
7. Establishes, in coordination with the SLYB President, a date for the preseason Parent's Meeting. The two will preside at that meeting.
8. Fills all Rookie League Committee positions.
9. Oversees Fall Ball for the Rookie League

### ***5.9 - Vice President for T-Ball League***

The Vice President of the T-Ball League is elected for a period of one year but may succeed himself/herself if re-elected. The individual should have adequate knowledge of the game of baseball and should be thoroughly familiar with the purposes of the T-Ball League Program.

#### Responsibilities

1. Chairs of the T-Ball League Committee. Shall attend all SLYB Board meetings or appoint a representative.
2. Selects suitable managers for the teams after reviewing their qualifications.
3. Meets with the SLYB Player Agent to determine the number of eligible players and establishing the number of teams for the year.

4. With the Player Agent, fairly assigns players to each team. Players returning from the previous year will generally be assigned to the same team as the previous year. Once the teams are established, team rosters will then be provided to the approved Managers.
5. Coordinates with the Player Agent the practice and game schedule of all games and provides the information to the SLYB Board of Directors.
6. Serves as the Chief Liaison Officer between the T-Ball League and the SLYB Board of Directors. Coordinates requests for equipment, insurance, and registration fees collection, etc., with the appropriate SLYB League Officers. Fundraising programs will be coordinated directly with the SLYB Vice President.
7. Establishes, in coordination with the SLYB President, a date for the preseason Parents' Meeting. The two will preside at that meeting.
8. Fills all T-Ball Committee positions.
9. Oversees Fall Ball for the T-Ball league.

#### ***5.10 Vice President for Concessions and Special Events***

The Vice President for Concessions and Special Events is elected for a period of one year but may succeed himself/herself if re-elected. The Vice President for Concessions and Special Events may present to the Board for approval an agreement with a third party for the daily operations of the concession stand at Shillito Park or may select assistant(s) to oversee the daily operation of the concession stand.

##### Responsibilities

1. Provides, for each Board Meetings an estimate of the revenue, which Concessions will provide for League operation during the coming year.
2. Organizes and supervises all Concession functions.
3. Plans and coordinates SLYB Fun Day and other Special Events or fundraising activities as approved by the Board.
4. Provides a Concessions financial report (in conjunction with the Treasurer) at each Board meeting during the months the concession stand is open.
5. Inform all team parents of Concession and Fun Day activities.
6. Provides assistance and advice to concession stand volunteers and workers.
7. Coordinates with the Vice President of Field Maintenance any maintenance projects required for the Concession stands.
8. Coordinates with the League President any major equipment purchases for concessions exceeding \$150.
9. Oversees the concession stand during Fall Ball.
10. Weekly shall deposit all funds collected from Concessions in such bank account as the Board of Directors shall designate.
11. Makes all disbursements over \$25.00 by check only. Funds in the concession account may only be disbursed for concession stand operation and/or maintenance.
12. In conjunction with the Treasurer, closes the Concessions books at the end of the regular season and transfers funds to the League account.

### ***5.11 - Vice President for Equipment & Uniforms***

The Vice President for Equipment & Uniforms is elected for a period of one year but may succeed himself/herself if re-elected. This person must have a general knowledge of baseball equipment and more specifically knowledge relating to safety requirements. Emphasis should be on the ability to select the best buy with the idea of quality vs. cost analysis in mind.

#### Responsibilities

1. Equipment:
  - a. Inspects each team's uniforms and equipment along with the Vice President of each league to determine condition. This will include the Major League, Minor League, Rookie League and T-Ball equipment. Using the authorized equipment lists (Page 18) establishes the replacement equipment needed to ensure all authorized equipment will be available and in good condition.
  - b. Establishes a total list of requirements/needs from Item 5.11.1.A. Contacts at least three sporting goods suppliers. Gets bids from the suppliers on those items and will select the lowest bid. Baseballs will be purchased in a single lot from the lowest bidder. All bids shall be submitted to the Board for approval of allotment and payment. Baseballs must be available by March 1st.
  - c. Replaces damaged or faulty team equipment throughout the season. An inspection of such equipment must be made prior to replacement.
  - d. Using the information from the inspection, the scheduled games, equipment bids, etc. prepares a detailed budget for the year, indicating quantities, prices, etc. This will be coordinated with the League Treasurer and President and ready for presentation to the Board at the January Board Meeting.
  - e. After approval of the budget, equipment will be purchased to complete the authorized equipment for each team, as determined by the Board each year. This equipment will be in the equipment bags in time for the first game.
  - f. Maintains an adequate supply of game baseballs at all times. Supplies game baseballs to the umpires prior to all games. Each participating team will receive one of the balls following each game.
  - g. At the conclusion of the season, any Manager, not returning to manage the following year, will provide all equipment and uniforms to the Vice President for Equipment & Uniforms.
  - h. Purchases the shirts and other equipment as needed for the Junior Major League and Fall Ball.
2. Uniforms:
  - a. Arranges for the purchase of one jersey per player for each Major and Minor League team at a maximum cost per team as agreed upon by the Board each year.
  - b. Determines yearly uniform requirements before January 1st of each year to take advantage of pre-season savings. Uniforms scheduled for replacement may be ordered prior to budget submission and approval since sponsorships provide the income to cover the costs.

- c. Establishes the kind and price limits of uniforms to be purchased with Board approval and arranges for team Managers to select the uniforms.
- d. Establishes the kind and price limits of caps to be purchased with Board approval and arranges for team Managers to select the caps.
- e. Purchases All Star team shirts and caps.

### ***5.12 - Vice President for Sponsors and Tournaments***

The Vice President for Sponsors and Tournaments is elected for a period of one year but may succeed himself/herself if re-elected.

#### **Responsibilities**

The major responsibilities of the Vice President of Sponsors are to pursue new sponsors as required and to act as the League's contact with all present sponsors. Specifically, he/she will:

1. Assure that all teams within the Major League have a sponsor by February 1st. This will require personal contact with previous sponsors to ensure their support, in addition to contact with potential sponsors until sufficient sponsors are available for all leagues.
2. Works with the respective League Vice Presidents to obtain sponsors for their respective teams.
3. Collects sponsor fees, prepares and presents sponsor certificates upon receipt of funds. Sponsor fees are outlined in the league fundraising brochure. Sponsor fees will be set and approved by the Board annually. All sponsor fees are to be paid prior to the issuing of uniforms, or April 1.
4. Invites sponsors to opening games and other league activities to develop closer relationships with them.
5. Serves on the Fundraising committee.
6. Coordinates summer tournaments with required parties such as umpires, concessions, sponsors, teams, Cal Ripken, etc.
7. Serves as or selects a designee to serve as the Tournament Director for any all-star tournaments held at Shillito Park.

### ***5.13 - Vice President for Operations***

The Vice President for Operations is elected for a period of one year but may succeed himself/herself if re-elected. He/She should have a basic understanding of the League's operating software, general maintenance, and the principles of safety and be able to apply them in a practical manner.

#### **Responsibilities**

1. Supervises the maintenance of all fields and practice areas. Coordinates all maintenance work to be performed on SLYB fields, including obtaining personnel, materials and coordinating with appropriate Parks and Recreation Officials.
2. Prepares the fields for play. This task may be delegated as appropriate.
3. Ensures a First Aid kit is available.

4. Verifies that the teams involved have cleaned dugouts. If not, reports to the League President.
5. Assists the Player Agent and others in the development of the rosters, schedules, and registrations for the Spring and Fall seasons.
6. Assists the Player Agent and others in recording scores and schedule updates on the website and overseeing coordination with a third party to provide league statistics for the 9-12 year old leagues.

#### ***5.14 - Vice President of Communications***

The Vice President of Communications is elected for a period of one year but may succeed himself/herself if re-elected. The Communications Vice President shall perform such duties as may be assigned by the President or the Board of Directors.

##### Responsibilities

1. Generally responsible for the advertising functions of the League. Using public media as to adequately cover such functions.
2. Works with the Player Agent to keep the League community informed of all actions such as: Sign-ups, Try-outs, Tournaments, Fundraisers, Parents Night, etc.
3. Prepares fliers to be distributed within the League Boundaries. These fliers will indicate League Boundaries, Required Information, Fees, Dates, and Locations of Sign-ups and Try-outs.
4. Responsible for Major League Opening Day ceremonies. Each respective league Vice President will be responsible for coordinating Opening Day ceremonies for their respective league with the VP of Communications. The President shall approve plans for these ceremonies.
5. Responsible for compiling and maintaining statistics for Major League, Junior Major and Minor League Teams. Generally, statistics for Rookie and T-Ball leagues are compiled and maintained by the respective managers.
6. Hires official scorekeepers for the Major, Junior Major and Minor league games. Official scorekeepers generally are not provided for Rookie and T-Ball games. Parent volunteers serve in this capacity.
7. Instructs and supervises the scorekeepers in their responsibilities and duties.
  8. Responsible for providing information for publication on the SLYB website.
9. Supplies summary statistics for All Star selections.
10. Responsible for collecting and tabulating votes for the Eddie Evans Award.

#### ***5.15 - Past President***

The Past President shall be a non-voting board position occupied by the immediate past president of SLYB. The duty of the Past President shall be to assist the sitting President in performance or his/her responsibilities.

**5.16 - Vice President of Umpires**

The Vice President of Umpires is elected for a period of one year but may succeed himself/herself if re-elected.

Responsibilities

1. Recommends to the Board the Umpire fees for each budget year (January 1st of each year).
2. Supervises, all Umpires on the staff, as required.
3. Hires and schedules Umpires for all Major, Junior Major, Minor, Rookie and T-Ball games including: Rainouts, Playoffs, Tournaments, etc.
4. Meets with all Umpires prior to the start of the season to review South Lexington Rules, Cal Ripken Rules and Baseball Rules to ensure standardization of enforcement.
5. Umpires may be selected from adults of 18 years of age or older who have been certified by the League or by KHSAA.
6. Umpires shall:
  - a. Enforce all South Lexington Rules and Regulations regarding baseball play as follows:
    - i. Conduct of Players, Managers, Coaches and Spectators.
    - ii. Substitution. iii. Pitching Eligibility. iv. Field Decorum.
    - v. Arrive at the game site at least 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start time.
    - vi. All umpires must wear uniforms.
7. The Vice President of Umpires and/or the League President may dismiss an umpire who fails to perform their duties as assigned

**5.17 - Manager and Coach**

1. Requirements
  - a. Each new Manager shall be approved by a three-fourths majority vote of the entire Board of Directors (See Article 7.06). Managers must be at least 21 years of age and Coaches must be at least 18 years of age. Both Manager and Coach should be of excellent character with high moral standards and integrity. Knowledge of baseball is secondary to the ability to lead his/her players.
  - b. At the first meeting of the Board of Directors in the Fall of each year, the performance of each Manager and Coach of all leagues, who is wishing to return, shall be reviewed and discussed openly by the Board of Directors. At a meeting of the Board of Directors in the Fall of each year, the Board shall vote by secret ballot to either retain each Manager or Coach for the following year or to dismiss the Manager or Coach. A Manager or Coach shall be retained for the following year unless a three-fourths majority of the entire Board of Directors (as defined in Article 7.06) vote to dismiss the Manager or Coach.
  - c. The President of the League is responsible for collecting all votes (including absentees) and along with the Vice President, counting the results and making only the results known to the Board

- d. At no time shall the President or Vice President communicate to any
  - a. individual or group the actual vote count except any Manager wishing to know his/her individual vote count may inquire to the President within 10 days for his/her results. After 10 days the President shall not communicate to any Manager his/her vote count.
  - e. Each Manager or coach is allowed three coaches who must be approved prior to each season by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.
  - f. If the Manager or coach decides not to return for the next season, the resignation should be submitted to the Board in writing.

2. Responsibilities

The main responsibility of the Manager and/or Coach is to organize and conduct his team in manners, objectives and principles as outlined by these Bylaws. In addition, he shall do the following:

- a. Familiarize himself with his players' background. He should know his players and their families as much as possible.
- b. Use sound judgment in all areas with the players' safety, health and welfare being of utmost concern.
- c. Call a special meeting of the parents of his players and inform them of League objectives and goals. He should also generally explain his philosophies and methods at this meeting.
- d. Attend all Board meetings.

***5.18 - Selection of New Major League Managers***

1. Selection

Final selection of Managers rests with the Board of Directors. Consideration for Managers will be given to any interested adult.

2. Vacancy

Should a Manager vacancy occur during the season, a Coach from that team will have the first opportunity to move up as Manager with majority Board approval and shall serve the remainder of the season. After the season the position becomes open for selection by the Board of Directors in accordance with Article 8.02(B).

3. Application

Applications for managerial positions vacated between seasons should be submitted to the Board of Directors as early as possible, ideally early enough to be considered and approved generally at the regular October meeting. The committee shall review applications (See Article 8.02(B)) before presentation to the Board. The applicant may not request a specific team. The applications must include pertinent qualifications. All applications will be considered concurrently and assignments to teams will be at the discretion of the Board of Directors. Applications must be submitted each year to be considered for any managing positions.

***5.19 - Selection of New Minor, Rookie and T-Ball Managers and Assistant***

***Coaches for all Leagues***

Each nominee for the position of Minor League, Rookie League and T-Ball Manager will be required to complete an application for that position and submit to the Vice President of the respective league prior to being considered by the Board. The Vice President from each respective League will recommend applicants to the Board of Directors for approval by a majority vote. In addition, the Board should review and approve individuals requesting to become assistant coaches prior to the start of the season.

***5.20 – Standards of Field Decorum***

1. The actions of Players, Managers, Coaches, Umpires and League Officials must be above reproach.
2. Uniformed Players and Bat Boys/Girls, News Photographers, Managers, Coaches and Umpires are the only individuals who shall be permitted within the confines of the playing field just prior to and during games.
3. Except for the Batter, Base Runners, the Player on Deck, and Coaches at first and third bases, all players shall be in their dugouts or in the bullpen when a team is at bat.
4. When a team is on defense, all players shall be in their dugouts or in the bullpen.
5. A Manager shall not leave the bench or dugout except to confer with a player or an Umpire.

**5.21 – Vice President of All-Stars**

The Vice President of All-Stars is elected for a period of one year but may succeed himself/herself if re-elected. The individual should have adequate knowledge of summer ball processes & procedures and shall remain unbiased during the selection of any coach or player to any all-star team. Responsibilities:

- Supervise selection of the league’s summer ball teams including coach selection, player nomination and player selection (currently articles 5.6.8, 16.1, 16.3 & 16.4).
- Develop and/or review the procedures/documentation for summer team manager and player selections, roster submissions, fee and fundraising collection, uniform and equipment issuance, practice scheduling, tournament scheduling, etc. and communicate directly with the all-star managers regarding each of these with assistance, as needed, from the Player Agent.
- Guide new summer ball managers through the process of communication, fundraising, equipment needs, uniform ordering, document submission, tournament scheduling, etc.
- Coordinate, document and assist in collecting summer ball fees alongside the Treasurer.
- Prepare the Major, Minor, Rookie and T-Ball summer practice schedules with input from each all-star manager.
- Review and Approve/Deny any alternate uniform for any summer ball team.
- Properly document and submit the intended spend of summer ball fees and fundraising dollars for each team to the Treasurer. This includes tournament fees, equipment & accessory invoices, and other reimbursable expenses requested by the all-star managers.
- Track the budget and spend for each summer ball team with a reconciliation to be completed by the Treasurer.
- Communicate summer ball success stories to the VP of Communications for email and/or social media distribution.
- Prepare the Fall all-star practice schedules with input from each all-star manager

**ARTICLE 6. - BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**6.1 - General Powers**

The Board of Directors shall manage the business and affairs of the corporation. In the management of the business and affairs, the Board of Directors is hereby vested with all the powers possessed by the corporation itself, so far as this delegation of authority is not inconsistent with the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the Articles of Incorporation or with these Bylaws. The Board of Directors has the power to authorize the Corporation’s President to execute all legal instruments of every kind and nature on behalf of the corporation, including notes, leases, conveyances, contracts and all other legal instruments.

The Board of Directors has the power to adopt all local rules governing the operation of SLYB, Cal Ripken and any other activities involving the corporation, which are not inconsistent with its rules and regulations. All official playing rules and regulations published by Babe Ruth Baseball, Inc. shall be binding on the corporation unless amended by local rules adopted by the corporation’s Board of Directors.

### **6.2 – Elections**

The Board of Directors shall be nominated in accordance with Article 8.02 and shall be elected by the sitting Board of Directors.

In the event that there is more than 1 candidate for a Non Managerial Voting Board of Directors position, each candidate that submits an application to the nominating committee shall have the opportunity to present a brief (no more than 5 minutes) presentation at the Board Meeting (generally the last meeting of the Major League regular season) where the election takes place, expressing his/her reasons for seeking the position.

Unopposed candidates may be approved by voice vote. Otherwise, votes will be secret, but all votes will be read aloud. A sitting board member may not vote in the election for a position for which he/she is a candidate. The candidate receiving the most votes shall be declared the winner. In the event of a tie, the sitting President shall vote to break the tie. If the contested election is for President, the sitting Vice-President shall refrain from voting. However, in the event of a tie, the sitting Vice President shall vote to break the tie.

### **6.3 – Membership**

The Board of Directors shall consist of all duly elected Officers of the Corporation and all Cal Ripken Major League team Managers. The number of Major League Managers on the Board of Directors shall not exceed a minority of the membership of the Board of Directors. Each member of the Board of Directors shall hold office for the term for which he/she is elected or until his/her successor shall have been appointed or elected, unless dismissed by  $\frac{3}{4}$  majority vote of the entire Board.

### **6.4 - Manner of Acting**

The act of the majority of the members of the Board of Directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Directors unless otherwise designated in these Bylaws.

### **6.5 - Method of Voting**

1. All voting will be conducted by voice or show of hands except, if requested, seconded and approved by the Board, voting on a specific issue may be completed by secret ballot.
2. The Board shall only accept absentee voting if made in writing to the President prior to the selected time of the meeting.
3. Article 7.05 and 7.06 addresses the definitions of different methods of voting.

### **6.6 – Vacancies**

Any vacancies occurring in the Board of Directors may be filled by appointment by the Board of Directors for the unexpired term of the vacancy.

**6.7 - Past Interpretations**

Past interpretations by previous Boards as to the meaning of any provisions contained in these By Laws may be considered as persuasive but are not binding on the present Board.

**ARTICLE 7 - MEETINGS AND QUORUM**

**7.1 - Regular Meetings**

The Board of Directors shall generally meet on a monthly basis at such places as may be designated in a notice by the President from the Secretary.

**7.2 - Special Meetings**

Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by or at the request of the President or any three (3) Board members. Special meetings shall be held at such places as may be designated in a notice by the President from the Secretary. The notice of a special meeting must designate the matters to be considered at such special meeting. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent new matters to be considered at a special meeting if the members of the Board approve by voice vote the new matters so considered.

**7.3 - Notice of Meetings**

The Secretary should provide notice of Board meetings either in writing or verbally at least three (3) days in advance of said meeting. Any member of the Board may waive notice of any meeting. The attendance of a member of the Board at any meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting, except where a member of the Board attends a meeting for the expressed purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business because the meeting is not lawfully called or convened.

**7.4 - Quorum**

A majority of the occupied positions of the Board of Directors, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Board of Directors unless otherwise stipulated in these Bylaws.

**7.5 - Majority Vote**

A majority vote whenever called for means a majority of the quorum present.

**7.6 -Vote of the Entire Board**

Notwithstanding any other provision of these bylaws to the contrary, when these bylaws require a vote of “the entire board” or “entire Board of Directors” at least seventy-five (75%) of the occupied positions of the Board of Directors must vote on the issue at a meeting at which a quorum is present. To be countered toward this number an absent Board Member must vote through their Representative as dictated by the bylaws or an absentee ballot, but the absent Board Member shall not count toward a quorum.

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**ARTICLE 8. - COMMITTEES**

**8.1- Membership**

Spouses or relatives shall not both serve as members on any committee.

**8.2- Standing Committees**

1. Nominating Committee

a. A nominating committee will be organized for the purpose of soliciting and presenting candidates each year for the Non-Managerial Board positions. This will be a standing committee that is formed automatically and shall consist of the following Board members:

2. Vice President

3. Minor League Vice President

4. Rookie League Vice President

5. T-Ball League Vice President

6. Player Agent

7. Two Managers from the Major League selected by all the Major League Managers. No Manager shall serve consecutive years.

a. All current members shall be contacted to determine status for the following year. All new candidates shall apply to any member of the nominating committee. This committee will solicit feedback from the general membership, compile a list of the candidates and present them to the board for consideration near the conclusion of the Major League regular season.

8. Manager Selection Committee

a. This is a committee chaired by the President for filling Manager vacancies. This committee will review each prospective Manager's application and hold face-to-face interviews with each.

Recommendations for all qualified applicants will then be presented to the Board of Directors for approval. The Board will then decide whether to vote to fill the vacancies or to hold another session of interviews, to be held in front of the entire Board. If a second session of interviews is to be held, the process shall be chaired by the President who shall act as moderator and run the interview process. After all applicants have been interviewed the voting process can begin; a 3/4 majority is required to approve a new Manager.

b. Composition of this committee will include:

i. President ii.

Player Agent

iii. Vice President

iv. Two Managers from the Major League selected by all the Major League Managers. No Manager shall serve consecutive years.

9. Protest Committee

a. A protest committee will review any valid protest where the Cal Ripken rules for protesting a game have been met. This committee is applicable for each league except T-Ball where protests are not permitted. The composition of this committee will include:

- i. President
- ii. The Vice President for the respective League
- iii. Player Agent

10. Registration Committee

a. The Registration Committee shall be formed at the December Board meeting to facilitate the orderly and complete registration of all players for the upcoming Spring and Fall Ball seasons. The composition of this committee will include:

- i. President
- ii. Vice President for each League
- iii. Vice President
- iv. Secretary
- v. Player Agent
- vi. Vice President for Communications
- vii. Any other member of the Board of Directors stating a willingness to serve on the committee.

**ARTICLE 9 – AUTHORITY**

***9.1 – Authority***

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern this organization in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws. The President shall be responsible for the above at all Board meetings

**ARTICLE 10 – LEAGUE YEAR AND SEASON**

***10.1 –League Year and Season***

The League Year and season shall begin on October 1st each year and end on September 30th of the following year.

**ARTICLE 11 – FINANCIAL POLICY**

***11.1 – Responsibility***

The Board of Directors shall have final authority in all matters pertaining to the

finances of the Corporation.

**11.2 – Common Treasury**

The Board of Directors shall place all income in a common treasury, directing the expenditure of it in such manner as will permit no individual or team to have an advantage over other individuals or teams in any matter. Except as set forth in 11.03, nothing herein shall be construed to prevent the acceptance of funds donated for a designated purpose and the expenditure of those funds shall be restricted to the designated purpose.

**11.3 – Contributions**

Except for financial contributions to fund full or partial scholarships, financial contributions solely for the benefit of individual regular season teams shall be discouraged.

**11.4 – Independent Financial Review**

No later than December 31 of each year, the President and the Treasurer shall arrange for, and present to the Board of Directors, an independent third-party review of the League’s financial activities and condition for the immediately-preceding fiscal year.

**11.5 – Booster Club**

A Booster Club may be organized to help raise funds for SLYB.

**ARTICLE 12 - MAJOR LEAGUE ROSTERS**

**12.1 - Draft Meeting**

Following try-outs, all Major League Managers will meet with the Player Agent and League President at a time and place designated by the Player Agent for the purpose of selecting players by the following draft system.

**12.2 - Draft Method**

The last place team of the preceding season gets the first choice in every round of the draft; the next to last place team gets the second selection in every round; and the remaining teams select in the reverse order of standing. If teams have identical win loss records the team that gets the earlier pick will be determined by head-to-head competition. The second tiebreaker shall be a coin flip executed by the Player Agent. The winner of the coin flip will exercise the right to first pick in the first round and will alternate with the loser in succeeding rounds.

However, in the event a team(s) did not qualify for the playoffs in the preceding season based upon head-to-head competition pursuant to Article 15.01. That team(s) shall not be subject to the alternating rounds provision of this article when tied with team(s) that qualified for the playoffs. In the event two or more teams were eliminated based upon head-to-head competition pursuant to Article

15.01, such teams would be subject to alternating draft rounds but only with other such non-playoff teams.

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**\*First Round**

Last place Manager selects the first player; next to last place Manager selects the second player, etc.; the first place Manager selects the last player.

**Second Round**

Repeat the process used for the first round and continue for as many rounds as are needed to fill all rosters.

\*Five teams finished with identical records. Two teams were eliminated by the head-to-head clause and three teams participated in the playoffs. The two non-playoff teams would be subject to the alternating rounds provision **ONLY** among those two non-playoff teams. The three playoff teams would be subject to alternating rounds provision among the three playoff teams.

***12.3 - Draft of Previously Selected Players***

A player who was previously selected on a Major League team but forfeited his or her eligibility (see Article 12.06) may reenter the draft only after not playing in the Major League for one full playing season.

***12.4 - Team Size***

All teams should always have at least 11 active players on the team. All teams shall have the same number of players. The roster size will be voted on by the Major Managers at the Tryout or Draft. The maximum number of players of any one age group is five per team. The maximum number of eleven and twelve year old players (combined) shall be eight (8).

***12.5 - Player Duration***

Each player acquired shall for the duration of his Major League career, play for the team making the acquisition, unless subsequently replaced. A player shall have the right to continue playing in the League even though his/her residence has changed after becoming a member of the League.

***12.6 - Forfeiture of Eligibility***

Any boy/girl on active Major League roster as of the final game of the season can request at the end of the current season to play in the Minor League the following season subject to the following provisions:

1. The request must be in writing and signed by the player's parents with copies submitted to the League President, the Player Agent and the player's coach no later than try-outs of the current year.
2. It must be communicated in writing to the parents of the player involved, that the player, after playing one full season in the Minor League, can reenter the draft the following season. The team that released the player originally would have the first option of re-drafting the player as their firstround draft pick.

3. The team would have to declare the pick before the first player of the draft is chosen, otherwise, any other team would be eligible to draft the player

at any point in the draft.

4. Any player that forfeits his eligibility during the season and was not on a Major League roster as of the final game of the season would be subject to the provisions as outlined in Article 12.03 of these by-laws.

### ***12.7 - Player Trades***

No trading of players shall be permitted in SLYB.

## **ARTICLE 13 - DRAFT PROTECTED PLAYERS**

### ***13.1- Managers Sons/Daughters***

The son/daughter of a Manager must be “declared” before the first round of draft. The selection round will be designated by a committee consisting of the Player Agent and two Major League Managers (appointed by the Player Agent), based on the ability of the son/daughter.

### ***13.2 – Siblings***

1. Siblings (brother or sister already on a team)
  - a. A second (or more) brother/sister is protected by the sibling rule regardless of any option indicated by the parent. This sibling should be “declared” before the draft begins and is automatically assigned the lowest available position on the roster. If he is not “declared” by the Manager holding that option, his/her status is then determined by the option indicated by the parent. A Manager may still pick the player in a later round providing no other team has selected him/her. If the parent will not allow siblings to play on different teams then the player is ineligible for draft by any other team and must play in the Minor League. If the parents permit the siblings to play on separate teams, the player is then eligible for the draft on any other team.
2. Siblings (two or more siblings at try-outs - no sibling on a team.)
  - a. If a parent indicates that the siblings cannot play on separate team:
  - b. When the first of siblings is drafted, the Manager must declare his intention regarding the remaining sibling(s) and automatically assign the sibling to the lowest available position on the roster. If the Manager indicates he does not wish to draft the remaining sibling(s) he (they) is (are) not eligible for selection by any other team and must play in the Minor League.
  - c. If the parent indicates that the siblings may play on separate teams: When the first sibling is selected, the Manager may indicate his intention to declare the remaining sibling(s) and automatically assign the sibling to the lowest available position on the roster, but he is not obligated to do so. The remaining sibling(s) is eligible for selection by

any other team at any point in the draft if not declared by the Manager selecting the first sibling.

- d. If controversy arises regarding Case 1 or 2 above, the parents of the siblings involved should be contacted by telephone immediately to determine their preference.

### ***13.3 - New Managers Son/Daughter***

If a new Manager has a son/daughter on an existing Major League roster, then he/she may exercise the option of transferring their son/daughter to their own team. In such cases, the new Manager's team will surrender a draft pick as compensation to the player's previous team. The selection round will be designated by a committee consisting of the Player Agent and two Major League Managers (appointed by the Player Agent), based on the ability of the son/daughter.

## **ARTICLE 14 - MAJOR LEAGUE COMPOSITION**

### ***14.1 - Team Names***

The SLYB will be composed of 8 (eight), non-divisional teams, which will remain the same from year to year as follows:

1. Astros
2. Cardinals
3. Cubs
4. Orioles
5. Pirates
6. Reds
7. Royals
8. White Sox

### ***14.2 - Dugout Limits***

The number of people allowed in the dugout, other than players, is limited to the Manager and three (3) coaches only.

### ***14.3 - Team Name Change***

A team can only change its name with a vote of the entire Board.

## **ARTICLE 15 - MAJOR LEAGUE CHAMPION**

**15.1 – League Tournament Champion**

The League Tournament shall be a single elimination tournament consisting of all eight (8) teams.

The number 1 and number 2 seeds shall receive a double round bye. The number 3 and 4 seeds shall receive a single round bye. The winner of the 5 vs. 8 game shall play the number 4 seed. The winner of the 6 vs. 7 game shall play the number 3 seed. The winner of the 4 seed vs. 5 or 8 seed will play the 1 seed. The winner of the 3 seed vs. 6 or 7 seed will play the 2 seed.

Seeding is based on overall record. In case of a tie, head to head competition will determine the seeding. If it remains tied, the team that allowed the fewest number of runs in the regular season shall be awarded the seed. If it still remains tied, the winner of the coin toss shall be awarded the seed.

**ARTICLE 16 – MAJOR LEAGUE ALL-STAR TEAM SELECTION**

**16.1 - Player Nomination**

SLYB Major League shall be represented by 9, 10, 11 and 12-year-old All Star Teams. The Player Agent will prepare a list of all eligible 9, 10, 11 and 12 year olds from each team seven (7) days prior to the All-Star selection meeting.

**16.2 - Selection Date**

The date for the 9, 10, 11 and 12-year-old All Star Team Selection will be determined by the Board of Directors.

**16.3 - Player Selection**

1. The Player Agent will chair the All Star selection meeting.
2. Generally, the only persons authorized to be present at the All Star selection are: League President, Player Agent, VP of All-stars, Major League Managers (or their qualified representatives), and red team managers. The following method shall be used to select players for all the All Star Teams:
  - a. Each Manager will submit a list to the Player Agent the names of the eleven (11) players he feels are best qualified to play on the 12u All Star team (See Article 16.5 below). The players cannot be from their own team in the first round of voting.
  - b. The names on the Managers lists will be read and recorded and displayed for all to see.
  - c. Players receiving five (5) votes will be accepted as members of the team. (Should more than 11 players receive 5 or more votes, the All-Star Manager may agree to accept each qualifying player in lieu of wild card pick(s). Otherwise, voting by the Managers shall be repeated (the Player Agent has the discretion to reduce the number of players each manager may vote for if the vote is repeated.)
  - d. The remaining players that received at least one “first round” vote will be relisted on the board. From this list, a new vote will be taken for the remaining

number needed to select 11 players. Beginning in the second round, each Manager may vote for a player from his own team. Votes will be secret, but all votes will be read aloud and displayed. This process is repeated until 11 All Star players are selected. (See Article 16.5 below). Players receiving five (5) votes will be accepted on the team.

- e. If fewer OR more than 11 players qualify, the Player Agent shall have the discretion to increase or decrease the number of players a Manager may vote for in a given round. The Player Agent should announce such conditions prior to each voting round. However, if more than 11 players qualify for the team, the All-Star Manager may agree to accept each qualifying player in lieu of wild card pick(s). Otherwise, voting by the Managers shall be repeated.
- f. The All Star Manager has the discretion to make zero, one, or two wild card picks from this list. If the Manager makes two wild card picks, the players may be from the same team.
- g. The above voting process shall be repeated for the 9u, 10u, and 11u All Star teams, As with the 12u team, players receiving five (5) votes will be accepted on the team.

#### ***16.4 - All Star Managers***

1. All Star Managers or Coaches selection should come from the approved Major League Manager & Coaches.
2. The Player Agent (or his designee) shall chair a meeting with the Major League Managers (or their designee) after the start of the season, but no later than the midpoint of the season to recommend a slate of All Star Managers to determine which Manager (or coach as necessary) is best qualified to serve as Manager of applicable teams. This recommendation may also include Managers for select teams.
3. A committee consisting of the President, Vice President and Player Agent may approve the slate as presented, resolve any open positions, or may send it back to the Managers for additional consideration and recommendations.
4. Once finalized, the All Star Manager(s) for the upcoming summer season and select team Managers when applicable will be announced. In the second half of the regular season, the league may conduct summer ball showcase events in support of the summer ball player selection process.

#### ***16.5 – All Star Eligibility***

1. 9-year-olds can play on the 10-year-old All Stars only if voted on.
2. 11-year-olds can play on the 12-year-old All Stars.
3. The above players cannot be an All Star Manager's wild card pick.

**16.6 – All Star In Season Roster Addition(s)**

In the event of injured or absent player(s) and / or trips to a Cal Ripken Tournament Trail or similar event, all-star teams may expand the team’s roster. Such a player(s) must be able to be added to the certified roster, and may only be added to the roster with the approval of the team’s All-Star Manager and the SLYB President. Players not receiving a vote for the respective all-star team and younger players “playing up” are eligible to be added as an in-season roster addition(s).

**ARTICLE 17 - MINOR LEAGUE**

**17.1 – Purpose**

The purpose of the Minor League is to provide the opportunity for all eligible boys and girls within the League boundaries to play baseball, gain experience and have fun.

**17.2 - Organizational Structure**

1. The Minor League Vice President is a voting member of the Board of Directors. Article 5.06 includes the job responsibilities for the Minor League Vice President.
2. The Minor League Committee shall govern the Minor League. The Minor League Committee members shall oversee the daily operations of the Minor League consistent with the guidelines set forth by the SLYB Board of Directors. The members are:
  - a. Minor League Vice President
  - b. Player Agent
  - c. Three (3) adult representatives as appointed by the Minor League Vice President.

**17.3 Minor League Team Selection**

1. The number of teams and league format shall be left up to the Minor League Vice President and the Player Agent. The format shall be presented and approved by the Board prior to the Major League draft.
2. Following the regular season, a tournament will be played, format to be determined by the Minor League Vice President.
3. One All Star Team will ordinarily represent the Minor League. The selection process for the Minor League All Stars shall be the same as the Major
4. League process outlined in Article 16.03. All Star teams will be limited to a total of 14 players. The coach with the best win-loss record will have first choice to manage the All Star team.

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**ARTICLE 18 - ROOKIE LEAGUE**

**18.1 – Purpose**

The purpose of the Rookie League is to provide a natural progression from the introductory T-Ball program to a more advanced game resembling a truer form of baseball. This is to be done by stressing fundamentals rather than competition or winning.

**18.2 - Organizational Structure**

1. The Rookie League Vice President is a voting member of the Board of Directors. Article 5.07 contains the job responsibilities for the Rookie League Vice President.
2. The Rookie League Committee shall govern the Rookie League. The Rookie League Committee members shall oversee the daily operations of the Rookie League consistent with the guidelines set forth by the SLYB Board of Directors. The members are:
  - a. Rookie League Vice President
  - b. Player Agent
  - c. Three (3) adult representatives as appointed by the Rookie League Vice President.

**18.3- Rookie League Team Selection**

1. Rookie League teams will be formed by draft of players following tryout.
2. Following the regular season, a tournament will be played with the format to be determined by the Rookie League Vice President.

**18.4. Rookie League All-Star Managers**

1. All Managers and assistant coaches are eligible to apply to be an All-Star Manager.
2. The Rookie League Committee will review the applications and conduct interviews.
3. The Rookie League Committee will make their manager selections for each division and may keep them confidential until the All-Star selection vote.

**18.5 All-Star Player Selection**

1. All coaches must collect the all-star interest forms for their team. This indicates which of their players would like to be on the all-star ballot for their respective ages.
2. Once all interest forms are submitted, the All-Star Committee will send a list to all managers to inform them of who is eligible to receive all-star votes.
3. The league may conduct summer ball showcase events in support of the player selection process.
4. **First Round:** Managers (or their appointed representative) will vote for ten players and cannot vote for players from their own team. Any player that receives at least 80% of possible votes is placed on the all-star roster.
5. **Subsequent Rounds:** Only players that received at least one vote in the first round are eligible to receive votes. Managers may vote for players from their own team. The number of votes will be equal to the number of voted spots remaining (Ten spots minus the number of number of players placed in previous rounds). Each round, the Rookie League Committee will determine the number of votes necessary to make the roster. This will continue until the initial ten spots are filled on the team.
6. If not announced previously, the Rookie League Committee will announce the name of the Red All-Star Manager. The manager will then select either the next highest vote receiving player in the last round and a coaches pick or two coaches picks. All coaches picks must have received at least one vote in the first round. If the manager opts to select two coach's picks, the chosen players cannot be from the same team.
7. The team must consist of twelve players.
8. This process may be repeated with the remaining players to create select teams if deemed necessary by the Rookie League Committee

## **ARTICLE 19 - T-BALL LEAGUE**

### ***19.1 - Purpose***

The purpose of the T-Ball League is to provide the opportunity for all eligible boys and girls within the League boundaries, to play baseball, gain experience and have fun.

### ***19.2 - Organizational Structure***

1. The T-Ball League Vice President is a voting member of the Board of Directors. Article 5.08 contains the job responsibilities of the T- Ball League Vice President.
2. The T-Ball League Committee shall govern the T-Ball League. The T-Ball Committee members shall oversee the daily operations of the T-Ball League consistent with the guidelines set forth by the SLYB Board of Directors. The members are:
  - a. Vice President of T-Ball League
  - b. Player Agent
  - c. Three (3) adult representatives as appointed by the T-Ball League Vice President.

### ***19.3 – T-Ball League Team Selection***

19.3 All-Star and select teams may represent South Lexington in summer ball. Such teams shall be selected according to the Rookie League By-Laws (see 18.3 and 18.4 above) except substitute the T-Ball League Committee for Rookie League Committee.

## **ARTICLE 20 – FALL BALL**

A Board member shall be appointed/elected by the Board of Directors to oversee the Major League Fall Ball. Each respective league Vice President or their designee will be responsible for coordinating Fall Ball for their league(s). The Board should approve the registration fee. Volunteers will be utilized as umpires and scorekeepers.

## **ARTICLE 21 – BY LAW AMENDMENTS**

### ***21.1 - Votes***

Bylaws may be amended at any Board meeting of the organization by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the entire Board, provided written notice of the proposed revision has been given to each member at least ten (10) days in advance of any

meeting. Written notice by mail post marked fourteen (14) days in advance of any meeting is sufficient to satisfy the notice requirement.

***21.2 - Proper Form of Amendments***

1. These bylaws may not be amended orally. All amendments must be in writing and properly noticed as required in Article 21.01.
2. The Board may orally amend written amendments before a final vote.

***21.3 - Passage of an Amendment***

Once the Board properly passes an amendment, the Secretary shall attest to its original authenticity by recording the vote count and the date it occurred on the original and fixing his/her signature.

1. The Secretary shall keep the original with the minutes.
2. The Secretary shall distribute to all Board members a copy of any new amendments and to any other persons who may request a copy.

***21.4 - Updating By Laws***

1. The Secretary shall update these By Laws with all amendments newly enacted by the Board every January and distribute the updated set of By Laws to all Board members and any other person requesting a copy in accordance with Article 22.
2. The Secretary shall sign and date the certification statement at the end of the By Laws each time an update of these By Laws is made.

**ARTICLE 22 – AVAILABILITY OF BY LAWS**

***22.1 - Persons Requesting Copies***

A copy of these By Laws shall be made available to any person requesting such a copy and are also available of the League website. The Secretary shall see that persons making a proper request receive a copy of these By Laws.

***22.2 - Copies to Board Members***

All Board members shall receive a copy of these By Laws.