

**BYLAWS  
OF  
RIVER PARK YOUTH BASEBALL, INC.**

**SECTION 1**

**NAME**

The name of the organization is River Park Youth Baseball, Inc. ("League"), which shall operate as a California nonprofit mutual benefit corporation.

**SECTION 2**

**OBJECTIVE**

The objective of the League is to form a children's baseball league in which the managers and coaches will teach the players to play the game of baseball and shall promote the ideals of good sportsmanship, teamwork, honesty, loyalty, courage and respectfulness. The objective will be achieved by providing supervised baseball practices and games. The board members, officers, managers, coaches and other representatives of the League shall act in a manner to promote the ideals described herein, shall model appropriate behavior and shall help the players develop positive life skills. The primary responsibility of all League representatives shall be to promote the ideals described herein and to act responsibly, while the attainment of exceptional athletic skill and concerns over winning games shall be secondary.

**SECTION 3**

**LOCATION, TERRITORY AND RULES**

**Section 3.1 Location.** The principal operations of the League shall be within the City of Sacramento, State of California. The League should maintain a post office box.

**Section 3.2 Territory.** The territory for which the League may draw players is described in **Exhibit "A"** hereto, as may be altered by the state, regional or governing bodies of Babe Ruth Baseball, Cal Ripken Division or their affiliates.

**Section 3.3 Playing Rules.** All League games shall be played according to the official baseball rules listed in the official Babe Ruth, Cal Ripken Division rules and regulations book, and the League's local rules which are contained in these bylaws.

**SECTION 4**

**DIRECTORS AND MEETINGS**

**Section 4.1 Definition and Duties.** The corporate and administrative powers of the League shall be vested in the board of directors ("board"), which shall consist of the following officers, who shall be elected annually at the August meeting of the board and shall serve as the directors. The board may appoint no more than two unassigned directors and a manager and coaches for each team in the League. Each board member shall be permitted to vote on all matters coming before the board. Each board member entitled to one vote per position. The board member duties may be

altered, added to, or contracted by a majority vote of the Board from time to time. Upon the adoption of these bylaws, the operational officers shall consist of the following:

**President** - Presides at all League meetings and sets the agenda; assumes responsibility for the operation of the League; appoints all committees and supervises the activity thereof; ensures that the League adheres to the rules, regulations and policies of Babe Ruth Baseball, Cal Ripken Division; secures the annual charter from Babe Ruth headquarters; secures the insurance for the League on an annual basis; represents the League at district, regional and international meetings as required; delegates duties as necessary or as required; and is ultimately responsible for League protests and disputes. No person may serve as president unless he/she has served at least one term in another position on the board. (It is recommended, but not required, that the president should not be connected with any team such as a manager or coach. The president shall not be an umpire of the League.)

**Vice President** - Presides in the absence of the president and carries out such duties and assignments as delegated by the president; is responsible for securing and scheduling qualified umpires for regular season and tournament play; coordinates League and team pictures; and is responsible for planning and coordinating picnic day and All-Star awards.

**Secretary** - Records the minutes of all meetings; distributes the minutes; provides notice of the next board meeting or other League meeting to all board members and operational officers at least two days prior to the next meeting (such notice may be given in person, by phone, by letter, by facsimile, by email or by such other means reasonably calculated to reach the intended recipient); maintains the official record of League activities; is responsible for all League correspondence; and performs other such related duties as the office may require.

**Treasurer** - Collects all monies of the League and deposits the same in a bank designated by the board; signs all checks (unless two signatures are required as determined by the board) and disburses funds as authorized by the board to satisfy debts incurred; keeps financial records and provides monthly statements at board meetings; provides an annual financial report to the League; and provides all financial reports as required by law.

**Player Agents** - The League shall have a player agent for each division. Each player agent shall perform the duties described herein for the division for which he or she is responsible. Assists with the annual registration of players; coordinates and conducts tryouts; conducts player draft sessions; maintains a current record of all team rosters; one week prior to the first regular season game, maintains a list of players not selected in the draft and all late sign-ups (player pool); distributes candidates from the player pool to teams in an equitable manner maintaining equal membership and balance of strength among teams; assists in the preparation of All Star team credential books; coordinates and conducts, with the assistance of the president, All Star selection meetings; supervises the activities of managers and coaches; and addresses the concerns of managers, coaches, parents, guardians and players related to playing games or participating in practices.

**Registrar** - Conducts the annual registration of players, coaches and managers; prepares flyers publicizing sign-ups and try-outs and distributes them to area schools; develops a roster of players to be used by managers and coaches at tryouts; maintains a file of birth certificates; ensures player eligibility; sends for and maintains Babe Ruth ID cards for the All Star players; assists in the preparation of All Star team credential books; and maintains a list of all League members, players, parents, managers, coaches, officers and officials.

**Concessions Director** - Secures necessary personnel to operate the concessions; develops a schedule identifying when each team is responsible for operating the snack shack; secures all

supplies for the snack shack, banquets or other scheduled events; maintains a record of all purchases, expenditures and income; and reports same to the board.

**Publicity Director** - Solicits sponsors and advertisers for the League; coordinates efforts to produce an annual program which includes the team rosters, game schedules, ads and calendar of events; works as a public relations person interacting with the media as necessary; and oversees the ad campaign program.

**Equipment Manager** - Obtains and distributes equipment, uniforms, and other baseball supplies needed for practices, regular season games and tournament games; maintains a storage facility for all equipment, uniforms and other supplies; assures that all equipment used by the League meets or exceeds necessary safety standards and requirements of Babe Ruth Baseball, Cal Ripken Division.

**Field Maintenance Director** - Maintains the field, trees, fences, stands, dugouts, and other facets of Ciavarella Field; works with vendors who supply maintenance services to the League, including but not limited to, gardeners, landscapers, tree pruning contractors, trash removal companies, and plumbers; and organizes work parties as needed.

**Scheduling Director** - Develops and maintains all game schedules and practice schedules; and secures field permits for all games and practices from the City and other agencies that control the use of the fields.

**Webmaster** – Develops and maintains league website with current information as directed by the board, and manages other online communication as deemed appropriate by the board.

**Events Coordinator** – Manages league events, such as Opening Day, Hit-a-thon, Broken Bat Ball, Movie on the Mound, and other events the League agrees to conduct.

**Section 4.2 Vacancies**. Any vacancy in the board may be filled upon the nomination of a nominee by any board member, as approved by a majority of the board members. Any board member missing four or more meetings in one calendar year without notifying the board may be removed from office by a majority vote of the board.

**Section 4.3 Term**. Annually, a meeting of the board will be held for the purpose of electing all board members. Except for the president, each board member shall serve one year, unless voted out by a two-thirds majority of the board. The president shall serve a two-year term.

A. The president shall be elected once every two years by a majority vote of the board of directors at the August meeting in the appropriate year and the term shall continue for two years and until the next election of the president, unless voted out by a two-third's majority of the board.

B. All other board positions, excepting the president who is elected every two years, shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the board of directors at the August meeting each year and the term shall continue for one year and until the next annual election, unless voted out by a two-third's majority of the board.

**Section 4.4 Meetings**. The board shall have regular meetings and, as necessary, may have special meetings as set forth herein.

A. The board shall have between eight and twelve regular meetings each year and shall have at least one meeting each month from January through June each year.

B. At each regular meeting, the board shall set the date for the next regular meeting. No other notice of the next regular meeting shall be required.

C. A quorum of the board members must be in attendance for any action taken at a regular board meeting to be valid, except that those board members in attendance not constituting a quorum may adjourn the regular meeting to another date.

D. The president or any three members of the board may call a special meeting at any time for any reason and must give at least two days notice to all board members of the special meeting (such notice may be given by telephone, by letter, by facsimile, by email or by such other means reasonably calculated to reach the intended recipient). A quorum of the board members must be in attendance for any action taken at a special meeting of the board to be valid, except that those board members in attendance not constituting a quorum may adjourn the special meeting to another date.

E. Notices of special meetings shall be given by the secretary, president or any three board members to all members of the board, the unassigned directors and operational officers at least two days prior to said meeting. The agenda for any special meeting shall be set by those calling the meeting.

F. Meetings shall be limited to board members. However, interested parties may request to address the board in person prior to any board meeting during a period of public comment before the meeting begins.

G. All regular meetings shall be conducted in an orderly manner pursuant to the following schedule:

- (1) Presiding officer calls the meeting to order;
- (2) Minutes of the previous meeting read and approved;
- (3) Treasurer's report;
- (4) President's report;
- (5) As appropriate, reports of other board members, unassigned directors and operational officers;
- (6) Old business;
- (7) New business; and
- (8) Adjournment.

#### **Section 4.5 Voting.**

A. The board members, unassigned directors and operational officers shall each have one vote. Voting by proxy is permitted provided the president or the other presiding officer is notified of the proxy before the vote.

B. All voting shall be by majority unless specifically set forth otherwise in these bylaws.

**Section 4.6 Quorum.** One half of the members of the entire board (including board members, unassigned directors and operational officers) constitutes a quorum.

## **SECTION 5**

### **TEAM MANAGERS AND COACHES**

**Section 5.1 Duties.** The duties of the team managers include, but are not limited to, the following:

A. Prospective managers and coaches must annually submit to the registrar an application to request to manage or coach. Each manager and coach must receive the endorsement of the board and must be willing to submit to a background check performed by a city, county, state or federal law enforcement agency as selected by the board. As part of such a background check, each manager and coach must be willing to be fingerprinted. Each prospective manager and coach by signing the coaching application agrees that he or she has read and will abide by a coach's oath substantially similar to **Exhibit "B"** attached hereto. The application must be submitted to the registrar by the close of registration in January of each year. In the event that a manager does not have a primary coach, such coach may not be appointed until after board approval.

B. Each manager (or in his or her absence, the coach or assistant coach) has the complete responsibility for the activities, conduct and welfare of his or her team while on the playing field either at a practice or a game.

C. Each manager may have only one coach and one assistant coach. During a game in the minor or major division, each team may only have its manager, coach and assistant coach in the field of play. During a game in the rookie division, each team may only have its manager, coach and assistant coach in the field of play, in addition to a team parent to assist in the dugout.

D. Managers and coaches shall conduct themselves in an adult and courteous manner at all times. Managers and coaches represent the League to the children in our community and their parents or guardians. The healthy development, training, well-being, and positive experience of the children in the League is of the utmost importance. Managers and coaches must display good sportsmanship, fairness, obedience to all rules and regulations, and positive attitudes at all times.

E. In the case of a protest, all managers and coaches must conduct themselves in a courteous fashion and demonstrate good sportsmanship. Any protest shall be resolved as set forth in Section 6.2.

F. Each manager plays a key role in the success of the League. The manager is responsible for training the children in baseball and in good sportsmanship while meeting individual and team needs. It is not the manager's job to question an umpire's decision on any call (unless it is a rule interpretation and then only in a respectful manner). Each manager is also responsible for the conduct of the fans of his or her team. Disciplinary action can and will be taken by the board when necessary. It is each manager's job to follow and support all programs developed and adopted by the board. Any manager or coach involved in disciplinary action shall have the opportunity to appear before the board and explain his or her conduct before the board takes any disciplinary action.

G. If a manager or a coach is ejected from a game for improper conduct, the manager or coach ejected shall, in addition to any other discipline imposed by the board, sit out one additional full game before being permitted to manage or coach in another game.

H. It is the duty of the winning manager of a League tournament ("Tournament") game in each division to report the score to the player agent for that division or the League's designated Tournament statistician.

**Section 5.2 Manager and Coach Discipline.** The board may vote to suspend or expel a manager or coach or impose such other discipline upon a manager or coach as the board deems appropriate for his or her failure to act in the manner prescribed herein or in the coach's oath. Such action shall require a two-thirds vote of the board and may not be appealed. The board may delegate its ability to discipline a manager or coach to the grievance committee and any such decisions made by the grievance committee shall be final.

**Section 5.3 Equipment.** A team's equipment and uniforms are the responsibility of the manager. The board may require each manager to pay a deposit upon receipt of the team's equipment at the beginning of the season. Any such deposit will be returned to the manager at the end of the season upon the return of all equipment and uniforms to the League. The manager must return the equipment and uniforms within two weeks of the end of the season along with a written explanation of any missing equipment or uniforms. The board will review the explanation and, if the loss is deemed negligent, the deposit will be forfeited and a fine not to exceed \$50 may be assessed against the offending manager to cover the loss. A manager who fails to pay the fine will not be allowed to manage or coach in the ensuing seasons until the fine is paid. A manager may be held liable for missing equipment and/or uniforms.

## SECTION 6

### **CONDUCT AND RULES COMMITTEE**

#### **Section 6.1 Committee.**

A. The League shall have a Conduct and Rules Committee ("CRC") to address protests, complaints and disciplinary matters involving players, parents, managers, coaches, spectators and umpires.

B. The CRC shall consist of two Player Agents and one Board member who is not also a manager or coach. The Player Agent for the relevant division shall serve as the chairperson of the CRC and shall select the other Player Agent and the other Board member to serve on the CRC for the matter at hand. The composition of the CRC may change depending on which division is involved in the matter at hand and the individuals who are involved in the matter at hand. For example, if the matter involves an issue in the major division, the major division Player Agent shall serve as the CRC chairperson and shall select the other members of the CRC for that matter. If there are multiple matters to be addressed simultaneously, there may be more than one CRC with different members in existence at the same time. If the Player Agent who would normally serve as the chairperson of the CRC is unavailable, has a conflict of interest or is subject to being disciplined by the CRC in the matter at hand, the President shall choose another Player Agent to serve as the chairperson and that person shall select another Player Agent and the other Board member (not a coach or manager) to serve on the CRC. If, under the circumstances, due to unavailability, a conflict of interest or potential disciplinary action, a CRC cannot be constituted as contemplated herein, the President shall select the three members of the CRC, at least one of whom shall not also be a manager or coach.

#### **Section 6.2 Protests.**

A. To be valid, a protest regarding a call made in a game (1) must be made verbally by the manager or coach to the umpire in charge immediately at the time of the disputed decision and

before the next ball is pitched, and (2) the manager or coach must submit a written report of the protest to the Player Agent for the relevant division within 24 hours after the start of the game being protested. Both steps must be taken in a timely manner for the protest to be considered. If these timelines are not adhered to, the protest will not be considered.

B. If the protest is submitted as required herein, the CRC shall convene as soon as possible (in person or by phone) and shall hear from the manager or coach filing the protest, the opposing team's manager or coach, the umpire of the game under protest and others as the CRC deems appropriate. The CRC shall render a decision as quickly as the circumstances will allow. The chairperson of the CRC shall report the CRC's decision to the managers or coaches and umpire involved. All decisions of the CRC regarding protests are final.

### **Section 6.3 Complaints.**

A. All complaints regarding the behavior or actions of players, parents, managers, coaches, spectators and umpires shall be submitted to the Player Agent for the relevant division or, if the Player Agent is not available, has a conflict of interest or is subject to being disciplined by the CRC, shall be submitted to the President who shall forward it to the person serving as the CRC chairperson for the matter at hand.

B. To be considered, the complaint must be submitted in writing within 24 hours of the incident in question. If the complaint is not in writing and is not submitted within 24 hours of the incident, the complaint will not be considered.

C. If the complaint is submitted as required herein, the CRC shall convene as quickly as possible (in person or by phone), shall review the report, and shall hear from the complainant, the person(s) subject to the complaint and others as the CRC deems appropriate. The CRC shall render a decision as quickly as the circumstances will allow. The chairperson of the CRC shall report the CRC's decision to the complainant and person(s) subject to the complaint as soon as possible. All decisions of the CRC regarding the complaints of an individual's behavior or actions are final, except as stated in Section 6.4.

### **Section 6.4 Disciplinary Guidelines.**

A. If the CRC or the full Board, as appropriate, determines that discipline is appropriate, the range of discipline shall include a verbal warning, written warning, suspension and expulsion.

B. In determining the appropriate level of discipline, the CRC and the full Board adopt the following guidelines:

(1) Conduct that may warrant immediate expulsion from the League includes (a) the physical assault or battery of a person at any League activity; (b) the bringing of a firearm or other weapon to a League activity; (c) the attendance by any person at a game or practice while intoxicated or under the influence of an illegal substance; and (d) the discovery of an individual's criminal history or other activity which the CRC or full Board, as appropriate, deems inconsistent with the objectives of the League, given the nature and severity of the conduct and the time that has passed since the conduct occurred.

(2) Conduct that may warrant the imposition of a minimum three game suspension includes (a) the verbal assault of a person at any League activity and (b) any unwelcomed physical contact (unless the contact is made in an attempt to break up an altercation).

(3) Conduct that may warrant the imposition of a minimum one game suspension includes (a) the ejection by an umpire of a player, parent, manager, coach or spectator; (b) the use of profanity or the making of a profane gesture by a player, parent, coach, manager or spectator at any game or practice; (c) the violation of a player participation rule or a pitching rule (whether such participation or pitching rule is an Official Rule of Baseball, a Cal Ripken division rule or a rule set forth in these Bylaws) by a manager or coach; (d) the throwing of any object in disgust by a player, parent, coach, manager or spectator at any game or practice; or (e) unsportsmanlike conduct by a player, parent, coach, manager or spectator at any game or practice.

C. The above are guidelines. The CRC or full Board, as appropriate, reserves the right to exercise its discretion to impose whatever discipline it deems appropriate based on the circumstances at hand. The CRC and the Board, as appropriate, reserve the right to impose harsher discipline on any person who violates multiple rules or standards of conduct or who violates the same rule or standard of conduct more than once.

D. During the period of suspension, the player, parent, manager, coach or spectator may not attend the game(s) of his or her team unless the CRC or full board determines otherwise.

E. Any decision by the CRC to suspend anyone for more than three games or to expel anyone from the League shall be reviewed by the Board at a regular or special meeting called in accordance with these Bylaws. In such circumstances, the CRC's decision will be treated by the Board as a recommendation and the Board may choose to hear from those involved in the incident before rendering a final decision.

F. The child of any adult suspended or expelled from the League may also be excused from games or practices and/or have his or her registration to play in the League canceled, if determined appropriate by the board.

## **SECTION 7**

### **PLAYERS**

#### **Section 7.1 Player Participation.**

A. Except for players in the T-ball division, each player in good standing, present at a regularly scheduled, make-up or Tournament game must, at a minimum, participate in at least three full innings in the field, unless the game is shortened due to weather, darkness, the 10-run mercy rule, or time limitations. If, for the reasons noted, a player does not achieve this minimum participation in a game, the player's manager shall make every reasonable effort to insure that the player starts the next game.

B. Each player shall play on only one team at a time. If a player moves from one team to another, that player shall no longer play for the first team. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a player may play for his or her current team and may play as a fill-in on a team in a higher division for up to only three games in any season. Each player playing on a team in another division shall not, either in the field or in the line-up, take precedence over the rostered players on the team in the other division. The pitching limitations set forth herein apply to any player regardless of the team upon which he or she plays, whether regularly or as a fill-in.

C. Each manager must submit a roster of team players containing name, age, birth date, address, phone number and uniform number to the player agent or the president of the League at least one week prior to opening day.

D. During games, all players shall wear the jersey (including the official patch on the left sleeve of the jersey) and hat issued by the League. All male players in the Rookie, Minor and Major divisions shall wear a protective cup during practices and games.

E. It is the intent of the League to maintain a strong major division with at least four teams. Any player deemed capable should be encouraged to play at this level. To remain in the minor division, a letter to the board from the player's parents or guardians prior to the draft is necessary. However, the player agent, after close observation and discussion with the board, has the authority to promote a player over the objection of the parents or guardians from the minor division to the major division, or to demote a player from the major division to the minor division, to ensure the safety and well being of all the players.

F. Parents or guardians have no choice regarding the team upon which their child will play. Parents or guardians may in writing prior to tryouts request a certain team or that siblings play on the same team and the League may attempt to accommodate such a request. However, the final decision shall be made by the League.

G. All players in each division return to the draft each year.

H. Each parent or guardian by signing the player application agrees that he or she has read and will abide by a parent's oath substantially similar to **Exhibit "C"** attached hereto.

I. Any injured player under a doctor's care must have a signed medical release submitted to the player's manager or the player agent for that player's division prior to being allowed to return to practice or game play.

J. At no time will any player be allowed to participate while wearing a cast or other device prescribed or in use due to an injury. The failure to follow this rule shall result in a forfeiture by the team at fault.

## **SECTION 8**

### **GAME PLAY**

#### **Section 8.1 Start times.**

The board will determine the schedule and start times of all games, but start times may be delayed by the umpire because of prior games running long, weather, field conditions, or any other issue the umpire decides warrants a delayed start time. The teams in the major division and the minor division must have at least eight players present at the start of the game or the game will be forfeited. The teams in the rookie division must have at least seven rostered players present at the start of the game or the game will be forfeited. A game begins with the first pitch or five (5) minutes after the originally scheduled or delayed start time, whichever occurs first. Games are six innings, but may be shorter. For example, no new inning shall start after two hours from the beginning of the game unless the score, at that time, is tied, and there is no game scheduled after the game being played, and there is sufficient daylight, and both managers and the umpire agree to play one extra inning. In those circumstances, the teams may play one more inning only.

#### **Section 8.2 Home and away team responsibilities.**

The home team occupies the first base side of the field. In the event of a non-scheduled game, the home team is decided by the flip of a coin. The home team shall have the field 15 minutes prior to

the start of the game. Both the home team and the visitor team are responsible for setting up the field for play, for grooming the field after the game, for cleaning up the dugout and stands after the game, and for ensuring that anyone working in the concessions stand closes up and leaves the ballpark safely.

### **Section 8.3 Game rules.**

A. Players in all games in all divisions follow a continuous batting order during their teams' at-bats. If a player misses an at-bat due to injury, it must be immediately brought to the attention of the umpire. The player may be skipped in the batting order without penalty, but may not re-enter the game.

B. In the rookie division, a team's inning is over when the fifth run is scored. In the minor division, a team's inning is over when the eighth run is scored. This rule is waived for the sixth inning, and any subsequent inning if the criteria for an extra inning is met. This rule is still in effect even if the fifth, fourth, or earlier inning is judged to be the last inning of the game.

C. There is a ten run "mercy" rule in all games for the rookie, minor, and major divisions. If a team is ahead by ten runs or more after four innings, that team is declared the game winner.

D. A game must reach 4 innings, or 3 1/2 innings if the home team is ahead, to be considered a regulation game. If a game fails to reach the regulation limit due to weather or other reasons, it must be replayed as a new game. No records (pitching or otherwise) are kept and pitching eligibility, etc., is intact as it was prior to the beginning of the "no game" situation. It is as if no pitch was thrown, no ball hit or caught. If a game reaches the regulation limit, but is shortened due to weather or other reasons, the score at the end of the last full inning (or half inning if the home team is ahead) shall be the final score of the game.

### **Section 8.4 Tournament and championship games.**

A. The season shall be divided into regular season games, tournament games, and championship games. There are no tournament or championship games for the T-ball division. All games, whether regular season, tournament, or championship games, are considered local league games. Tournament games are each team's final games of the season, unless a team advances to the championship game.

B. The number of tournament games vary depending on number of teams in each division. If there are 8 or 10 teams in a division, the division should be split in two at random before the season, and the tournament games shall be played in round robin style within a four or five team subdivision. The winners of the two subdivisions shall meet in the championship game. There should not be a nine-team division. If there are five, six, or seven teams in a division. The tournament should be single round robin. If there are four teams in a division, the tournament should be a double round robin. There is no seeding for the tournament. The league does not track teams' regular season records.

C. Participants in each division's championship game shall be determined by each team's tournament record. Tournament wins are worth three points. Tournament ties are worth one point (a third of a win). The division's teams with the most points at the end of the tournament shall meet in the championship game; the team with the most points shall be the home team. If point totals are tied at the end of the tournament, the first tiebreaker is the head-to-head record in tournament games among the teams that are tied at the end of the tournament. If that record is also tied, the next tiebreaker is the qualifying team with the fewest runs allowed during the whole tournament. If that is equal as well, the fewest runs allowed head-to-head during the tournament among the teams

that are tied at the end of the tournament will be the final tiebreaker. If a division's tournament is split between two subdivisions, the same rules and tiebreakers apply, but to just one team in each subdivision.

D. The championship games for each division should not end in a tie, but should be played until there is a winner. There are otherwise no special rules for tournament or championship games.

### **Section 8.5 Special rookie division rules.**

The following rules shall apply to games played in the rookie division.

A. Each team shall be permitted to score a maximum of five runs per inning until the sixth inning in which no such limitation shall apply.

B. There shall be no "infield fly" rule.

C. Pitcher position should play just in front of the pitching machine, either to the left or right side. Pitcher needs to have at least one foot on the dirt of the mound.

D. Ten defensive players are allowed on the field, provided the tenth player is an additional outfielder.

E. Any baseball that hits the pitching machine, batted or thrown, shall be a live ball.

F. On a ball hit out of the infield (past the baselines), base runners may not advance past the base to which they are running once the defense returns the ball to the infield (past the baselines), even if the ball is overthrown or otherwise not controlled by the defense. Runners may not advance past the base to which they are running on balls overthrown in a put-out attempt. This applies to all runners at all bases, regardless of where the overthrow is made. Runners are not awarded an extra base on a ball overthrown into the dugout or otherwise out of play.

G. No stealing or leading off shall be allowed.

H. No bunting, intentional or not, shall be allowed.

I. Each batter shall receive five pitches from a pitching machine. Any pitch not swung at is considered a ball, but there are no walks. Players may see more than five pitches if they foul off the last pitch. If a player fails to swing at the fifth or subsequent pitch, he or she is out.

## **SECTION 9**

### **TEAM COMPOSITION**

**Section 9.1 Divisions.** The League shall consist of four divisions: majors, minors, rookies and T-ball.

**Section 9.2 Player Selection in the T-Ball Division.** The League's registrar and T-Ball player agent shall determine the rosters for the T-Ball teams and, in doing so, will attempt to accommodate the reasonable requests of parents of T-Ball players to play on specified teams or with certain other players.

**Section 9.3 Player Selection in the rookie, minor and major Divisions.** After tryouts, the player agents for the rookie, minor and major divisions shall call a meeting of managers and coaches for each division to conduct a draft to determine the rosters of these teams.

A. The player agent shall determine the draft order of the teams.

B. Persons attending the draft are restricted to the managers, coaches, player agent(s), president, registrar and any others the board deems necessary to be present. The manager is the only spokesperson for the team.

C. Only the child(ren) of the manager and the child(ren) of one coach shall be designated protected players to the team the manager and coach represent. All protected players must be designated before the draft. Before the draft, the player agent will identify the protected players. All protected players are rated by the player agent and placed in the proper round of the draft based on the rating. The teams may lose one or more draft picks based on the player agent's placement of the protected players in the appropriate rounds. Siblings will be given consideration in placement.

D. To be eligible to play on a major, minor or rookie division team, all children who have signed up must attend such number of the scheduled tryouts held by the League as determined by the board. The parent or guardian of a player who cannot attend a tryout must submit a written statement to the player agent setting forth the reasons for the player's inability to attend a tryout. The board shall consider the written statement in determining whether the player shall be allowed to be part of the draft without attending a tryout.

E. If two players are already designated as protected players on a team for the draft and there exists a special need (common child care, car pool, other relative, etc.) for another player to be on the same-team, this player becomes an option player. Before the draft, the names of the option players will be read and the reasons given. An option player may be selected by another manager at any time during the draft, forcing the manager who placed the option on the player to exercise his option by filling the next draft position with this player. If that manager fails to draft the option player at that time, the option player shall be added to the roster of the team of the other manager. The intent of this rule is to prevent teams with a strong core of players from procuring high draft choices as option players, and allows lesser teams to add balance and gain equivalence. The player agent has discretion in administering the option player process.

F. A vacancy on a roster shall be reported to the player agent immediately. Managers in need of players after the conclusion of the draft must contact the player agent only. No recruiting is permitted. Managers must not contact any player, parent or guardian, directly or indirectly. The player agent has discrepancy as to which players to use to fill vacancies on teams, attempting at all times to keep the number of players on each team equal, and to attempt to achieve competitive balance between the teams.

**Section 9.4 Pitching Limitations (Local Rule).**

A. A pitcher, regardless of age, may pitch only six innings per calendar week, which is defined as Monday through Sunday.

(1) The above rule applies to all regulation local league games regardless of when played and includes rescheduled, make-up, tournament, and championship games.

(2) If a pitcher delivers one pitch in an inning, that pitcher shall be charged for one inning pitched.

(3) An inning is considered three outs, two innings is considered six outs, etc. (A pitcher's "inning" may not coincide with a game inning.)

B. A pitcher must have two full days rest between pitching assignments in which he or she pitches in more than two innings. Each game in which a pitcher throws one pitch is considered an assignment. (Example: A player who pitches two full innings and throws one pitch to a batter in a third inning on Sunday cannot pitch again until Wednesday.)

C. 20 Pitches: A pitcher who throws more than 20 pitches must rest a full calendar day before pitching in another game.

D. A pitcher who throws more than two innings may not thereafter play catcher in the same game.

E. Games in which an ineligible pitcher has been used as specified herein shall be forfeited.

F. In the minor division, in addition to the other pitching limitations set forth herein, each pitcher shall throw no more than 55 pitches in any one game (unless the pitch limitation occurs during an at-bat, in which case the pitcher shall be allowed to complete the at-bat) regardless of the number of innings pitched.

G. In the major division, in addition to the other pitching limitations set forth herein, each pitcher shall pitch no more than 65 pitches in any one game (unless the pitch limitation occurs during an at-bat, in which case the pitcher shall be allowed to complete the at-bat) regardless of the number of innings pitched.

H. No curve balls may be thrown by any pitcher in any division. A curve ball will be considered a "dead" ball and the batter will be awarded first base as a "walk." If the batter hits a pitch that the umpire determines is a curve ball, play will be stopped immediately, the batter will be awarded first base as a "walk," the result of the play will be the same as if a regular walk had been earned, and the game will resume. The umpire will warn the pitcher after the first curve ball is thrown and will direct the manager or coach to replace the pitcher with another player after the second curve ball is thrown by the pitcher. The umpire's decision on these matters is final and nonappealable.

## **Section 9.5 All Star Selection and Games.**

A. The League shall make every effort each year to field a 12-year old and under All Star team and a 10-year old and under All Star team. Players who are 11 years old and 12 years old are eligible for the 12-year old and under All Star team, regardless of the division in which they play. Players who are 10 years old and under are eligible for the 10-year old and under All Star team, regardless of the division in which they play.

B. Each All Star team shall consist of 12 players.

C. The roster for each All Star team shall be determined in accordance with this paragraph. A number of players, as determined by the Board, of each All Star team shall be selected by the players themselves. Specifically, the players in the Major division shall be given a ballot distributed by the player agents or a board committee and shall be permitted to vote for up to the Board-determined number of players to play on the 12-year old and under All Star team. Similarly, the players in the Minor division shall be given a ballot distributed by the player agents or a board committee and shall be permitted to vote for up to the Board-determined number of players to play

on the 10-year old and under All Star team. 10 year olds in the Majors, or 11 year olds in the Minors, may be given the opportunity to vote for players on both All Star teams. The ballots shall be tabulated by a committee of board members. In the event of a tie for the last player chosen by the players, the manager selected by the board for that team shall, in his or her sole discretion, determine which players from the group of players involved in the tie shall make the All Star team. After the initial Board-determined number of players are selected, the manager shall, in his or her sole discretion, determine the remaining players who shall play on the All Star team. In making these selections, the manager will be encouraged to consult with the other managers in the League. However, the manager shall be the final arbiter in determining the final players to be included on the All Star roster. The manager shall also develop a list of alternates who will be named to the All Star roster in the event any of the 12 selected players is unable to commit to attending the practices and games of the All Star team or has to withdraw due to illness or injury or for any other reason. In establishing the list of alternates, the manager will be encouraged to consult with the other managers in the League. However, the manager shall be the final arbiter in determining the list of alternates. The list of alternates shall not be announced.

D. If it is necessary to fill a vacancy on an All Star team, the manager of that team shall select a player to fill the vacancy from the list of alternates.

E. Each All Star manager is encouraged to play each rostered player in each official Cal Ripken Division All Star game at least two innings in the field and for one at-bat. However, the manager shall ultimately decide whether a rostered player plays in such a game, in which position, and for how long. Per Cal Ripken Division rules a manager is not required to play every rostered player.

F. The manager for each All Star team shall be selected by the board. In making this selection, the board may consider the team records for that year of the managers under consideration. However, the board shall make the selection after determining which manager will best represent the League, develop the skills of the players and promote the ideals of the League as set forth in these bylaws.

#### **Section 9.6 Player Discipline.**

A. The manager or a coach may bench a player for coming late to games or practices, missing games or practices without notifying the manager or coach, improper conduct at practices or games or any other legitimate reason. Any uniformed player not participating in a league game must be brought to the attention of the opposing manager and umpire before the game.

B. The board may suspend or expel a player or impose such other discipline as the board deems appropriate for improper conduct at practices or games or for any other legitimate reason. If a player is ejected from a game for improper conduct, the player ejected shall, in addition to any other discipline imposed by the board, sit out one additional full game before permitted to play in another game. In the discretion of the board, the suspension may be for more than one game. During any suspension, the player shall not be permitted to attend any game played by his or her team or observe any such game as a fan.

C. The board may delegate its ability to discipline a player to the grievance committee and any such decisions made by the grievance committee shall be final.

**Section 9.1 Spectator Discipline.** An umpire may eject a spectator from any game. Upon an ejection, the spectator must leave the playing area and surrounding area immediately or the team supported by that spectator may, in the discretion of the umpire, be compelled to forfeit the game. The board may suspend or expel a spectator, or impose on a spectator any other discipline as the

board deems appropriate, for improper conduct at games or practices or for any other legitimate reason. The board may delegate its ability to discipline a spectator to the grievance committee and any such decisions made by the grievance committee shall be final.

## **SECTION 10**

### **SPONSORSHIPS**

#### **Section 10.1 Sponsors.**

- A. Any sponsor of the League shall be approved by the board.
- B. Any fee or assessment payable by any sponsor shall be determined by the board.
- C. In the event a team is sponsored, that sponsor shall not have any control or authority whatsoever over the team.
- D. A sponsor shall have the right to renew its sponsorship each season, unless the board deems the renewal inadvisable.

## **SECTION 11**

### **T-BALL**

#### **Section 11.1 Batting.**

- A. All rostered players present for a game may be positioned in the field on defense each inning.
- B. All rostered players present for the game shall bat in order each inning. An inning shall be over when the entire lineup has batted. The batting order shall remain the same throughout the game, except that a player who shows up late shall be added to the lineup. The last batter of the inning, once reaching first base safely, may continue to run the bases until he or she crosses home plate.
- C. Each batter shall be permitted to hit the ball either from a batting tee or as pitched by the batter's manager or coach. The tee shall be adjusted to a height such that the batter is able to swing level.
- D. No bunting shall be allowed.
- E. The pitcher should stand on or near the pitcher's mound before the batter swings at the ball.
- F. If a batter hits part of the ball and part of the tee, the ball shall be fair if the ball lands in fair territory.
- G. No stealing or leading off shall be permitted.

#### **Section 11.2 Fielding.**

- A. All players present for a game shall play defensively. The players shall rotate positions each inning.

B. One manager and two coaches for the team in the field may be positioned in the field of play during the game to provide instruction to all defensive players.

C. If the ball is hit to the outfield, it shall be considered dead once it crosses that plane of the infield on a throw from an outfielder.

**Section 11.3 Game.**

A. A game shall consist of two innings, or one hour, whichever comes first.

B. No score shall be kept.

**SECTION 12**

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**Section 12.1 Bylaws.** Each member of the board and each manager will be given a copy of the bylaws when accepted to the position, or directed to an electronic copy. Before the first League game, each manager and coach must sign a statement indicating that he or she has reviewed and will conform to the standards of conduct set forth in these bylaws and in any other document prescribed by the board.

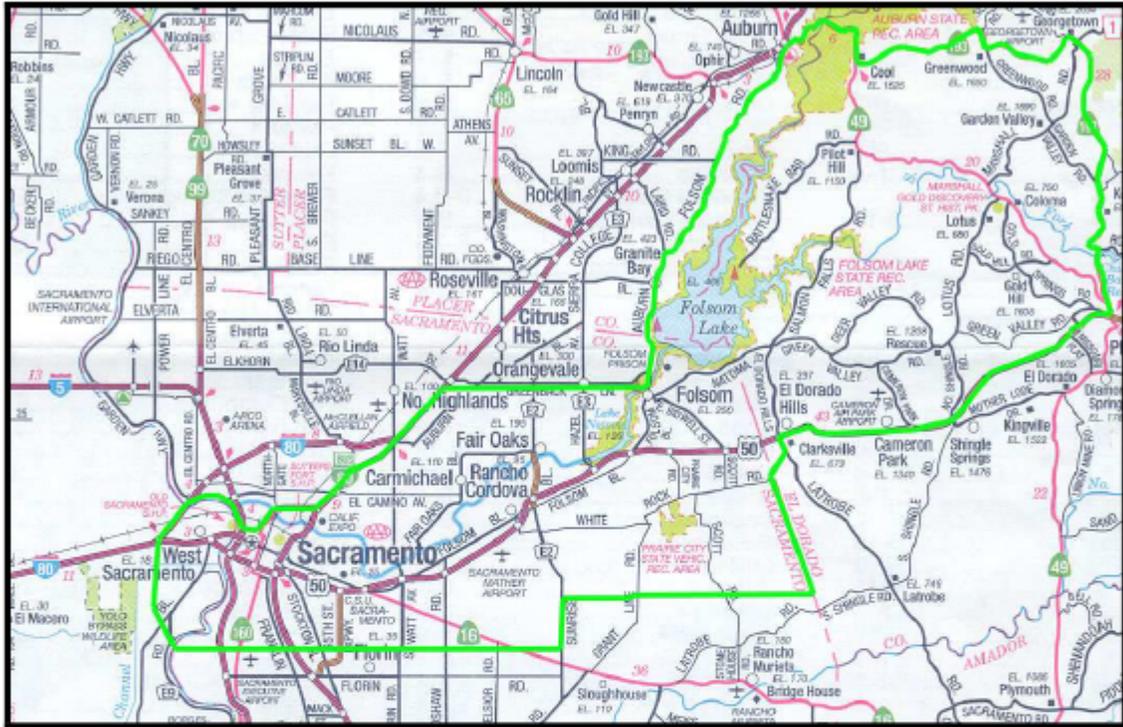
**Section 12.2 Amendment of the Bylaws.** Any article or section of these bylaws may be amended or repealed or any new article or section may be added thereto, by the board of directors on a two-thirds affirmative vote of the board present at any meeting of the board so long as a quorum is in attendance and notice of the meeting was given in accordance with Section 4.4.B. A copy of each proposed change shall accompany the notice. Whenever these bylaws are amended or new bylaws are adopted, the amendment or new bylaws shall be inserted with the original bylaws in the corporate records of the League. The fact of any repeal of any bylaw shall also be duly noted in the records of the League.

**Section 12.3 Membership.** The League, as a corporation, has no members or shareholders. The board of directors has the power and authority to take any action which could be exercised by the members or shareholders if such existed.

**Section 12.4 Effective date.** Upon the effective date of these bylaws, the board of directors then in office shall constitute the League's board of directors, and shall remain such until the election of their successors.

**Section 12.5 Interpretation.** These Bylaws shall be construed and interpreted in accordance with the provisions of the California Corporations Code, as amended.

***River Park Youth Baseball League  
Northern California Babe Ruth District 7  
Boundary Map***



**Northern Boundary:** Hwy. 80 to Madison Ave. to Auburn Folsom Rd. to Hwy. 193

**Southern Boundary:** Begins at the Yolo/Sacramento County Line. East to Hwy. 99 and east on 47<sup>th</sup> Ave. to Sunrise. North on Sunrise then east to the Sacramento/El Dorado County Line.

**Western Boundary:** West Sacramento City Limit

**Eastern Boundary:** Hwy. 193

Amended February 24, 2008

**EXHIBIT “B”**  
**River Park Youth Baseball**  
**Oath of Conduct for Managers and Coaches**

1. I acknowledge that I have read, that I understand and that I will abide by the Bylaws of River Park Youth Baseball (“League”).
2. I agree to uphold the mission and philosophy of the League by modeling appropriate behavior at all practices and games and by teaching the players on my team to act in a sportsmanlike manner, to honor the game of baseball and to show respect for the rules, umpires, managers, coaches, players and spectators of the League.
3. I commit to learning the rules of the game as set forth in the Official Rule Book for Babe Ruth Baseball – Cal Ripken Division, as modified in the Bylaws of the League.
4. I recognize that I am coaching children of varying abilities.
5. I will refrain from engaging in unsportsmanlike conduct with any player, umpire, manager, coach, parent or spectator in any game or practice. I will not argue the calls of an umpire. I will not taunt, ridicule, demean or belittle anyone at any practice or game. I will not use profane language or make a profane gesture at any practice or game. I will not make any gesture to indicate that an umpire, manager or coach is unfit to perform, or is ignorant of, his or her duties. I will not throw any object in frustration or disgust. I will respect all aspects of the game (rules, umpires, coaches, managers, players and spectators) regardless of the outcome of the game. I will honor the game by the manner in which I conduct myself at practices and games.
6. I will not under any circumstance physically confront an umpire, player, coach, manager, parent or spectator.
7. I will take full responsibility for my actions at any practice or game. I will remember that I represent the League. I will act modestly in victory and graciously in defeat and I will work with my players to act in the same manner.
8. I will remember that the game is for the players – not the adults – and will do my best to make the game fun for each member of my team. I will remember that each game is only a game and not a matter of paramount importance to any player, coach, manager, umpire, parent or spectator.
9. I will attend the managers’ and coaches’ meeting to be scheduled by the League as announced by the Board of Directors. I will attend the groundskeeping meeting to be scheduled by the League at Ciavarella as announced by the Board of Directors. I will attend the fingerprinting meeting, the date and location of which are to be determined.
10. I will help to prepare the field for play before each game and I will help to prepare the field for the next game after my team’s game is completed. I will make sure that all trash is disposed of and that the dugout and field of play are cleaned up after each practice and game.
11. I will complete and turn in my team’s official roster to the League President no later than Opening Day.
12. I will not attend any game or practice while under the influence of alcohol or any controlled substance.
13. I will be responsible for the equipment provided to me by the League and I will return the equipment promptly upon the conclusion of the season. I will reimburse the League the cost

to replace any lost or damaged equipment.

14. I acknowledge that disciplinary action may be taken against me if I am found to be in violation of the rules of the game, the Bylaws of the League, this Oath of Conduct, or for other reasons deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors of the League. This disciplinary action may include suspension, which will preclude me from attending games and practices for a length of time determined by the Board of Directors.

## **EXHIBIT “C”**

### **River Park Youth Baseball Oath of Conduct for Parents and Guardians**

1. I agree to uphold the mission and philosophy of River Park Youth Baseball (“League”) by modeling appropriate behavior at all practices and games and by encouraging my child to act in a sportsmanlike manner, to honor the game of baseball and to show respect for the rules, umpires, managers, coaches and players of the League.
2. I recognize that the practices and games are played by children of varying abilities.
3. I will refrain from engaging in unsportsmanlike conduct with any player, umpire, manager, coach, parent or spectator in any game or practice. I will not argue the calls of an umpire. I will not taunt, ridicule, demean or belittle anyone at any practice or game. I will not use profane language or make a profane gesture at any practice or game. I will not make any gesture to indicate that an umpire, manager, coach or player is unfit to perform, or is ignorant of, his or her duties. I will not throw any object in frustration or disgust.
4. I will respect all aspects of the game (rules, umpires, opposing players and spectators) regardless of the outcome of the game. I will honor the game by the manner in which I conduct myself at practices and games.
5. I will not instruct or coach the players during a practice or a game unless requested to do so by the team’s manager or coaches.
6. I will not under any circumstance physically confront an umpire, player, coach, manager or parent or spectator.
7. I will take full responsibility for my actions at any practice or game.
8. I will act modestly in victory and graciously in defeat and I will work with my child to act in the same manner.
9. I will remember that the game is for the players – not the adults – and will do my best to help make the game fun for my child.
10. I will not attend any game or practice while under the influence of alcohol or any controlled substance.
11. I will remember that each game is only a game and not a matter of paramount importance to any player, coach, manager, umpire, parent or spectator.
12. I acknowledge that disciplinary action may be taken against me if I am found to be in violation of the rules of the game, the Bylaws of the League, this Oath of Conduct, or for other reasons deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors of the League. This disciplinary action may include suspension which will preclude me from attending games and practices for a length of time to be determined by the Board of Directors and may include expulsion from the League, in which case my child will also be expelled from the League.

