

# **Ashland City Dixie Baseball**

## **Constitution and By Laws**

### **Article I – Objective**

The objective of the League shall be to implant firmly in the boys and girls of the community the ideals of good sportsmanship, team play, commitment, honesty, loyalty, courage and respect for authority, to promote the development of strong character, a right attitude, a sense of responsibility, and citizenship in youngsters, using the game of baseball as a vehicle. The League will provide, as best as possible, an environment that will also remain sensitive to the physical and emotional well being of the boys and girls. It is the Leagues purpose to achieve this goal through fair play, good sportsmanship and congenial fellowship with adult leaders providing the example while with every intention to limit injury caused by overexertion.

### **Article II – Name**

This organization shall be known as Ashland City Dixie Youth Baseball, hereinafter referred to as the “League” or “ACDYB”. ACDYB will uphold the ACDYB Constitution and By-laws as written and approved by the Board of Directors.

### **Article III – Location**

The Board will determine a safe location for our League to reside and play. All player, coach and parent information that is deemed necessary will remain with in this location.

### **Article IV – Gender**

Any word used herein in the masculine gender shall also include the feminine gender in all cases where appropriate.

### **Article V – Membership**

**Members** – A member consists of every parent, legal guardian of a child, and coaches; all who sincerely have an interest in actively participating to support the objectives of the League may be a member.

- a) Members have a duty to participate in the election of the Board and attend all duly called and noticed meeting of the members.
- b) Members also have the responsibility, both individually and collectively to participate in events organized by the Board and to make a genuine attempt to see that all participating children enjoy the facilities of the program in a safe manner as possible.
- c) Any member may be asked to step down after a board review if he or she is arrested.

### **Section 2 – Termination**

Membership may be terminated by resignation or by action of the Board due to just cause. Just cause may be determined as acts or deeds, which are contrary to the welfare of the League or its players including but not limited to violation of the Code of Conduct and/or ACDYB Zero Tolerance Policy. A majority vote is required for termination. To eliminate any vagaries,

behavior shall be defined as acts or deeds of any player or member that are contrary to the objectives of the league. The Board has the right to refuse membership and/or player based on discontented past.

The Board of Directors, by a majority vote of those present at any duly constituted meeting shall have the authority to discipline, suspend or terminate the membership of any member(s) of any class when the conduct of such person is considered detrimental to the best interest of the League as defined above. The member involved shall be informed of the general nature of the charges and given the opportunity to appear at a Board meeting to answer such charges. The deliberations and subsequent vote of the Board of Directors shall be conducted in a closed session and once a decision has been rendered, the President will inform the member of the Board's decision. All decisions of the Board are final.

## **Article VI – Board of Directors**

### **Section 1 – Description**

The Board of Directors is authorized to establish policies and procedures for administering the affairs of the League in accordance with the by-laws.

### **Section 2 – Qualifications**

Nominees must be productive members of at least 21 years of age and have been a member of the association for one full season unless approved by a majority vote of the current Board. A Board member shall have had no written or exclusion-type disciplinary action or reprimand for a period of two (2) years prior to their nomination. Nominees are not required to have a child participating in the League. There shall be no discrimination in this League as to race, sex, color, creed or economic status.

### **Section 3 – Offices**

The offices of the Board of Directors' shall not consist of less than 5 members and shall include the following: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Concessions Director. Other positions may be added that are determined by the Board of Directors to efficiently operate the League. All positions will have voting rights.

### **Section 4 – The Board of Directors**

The Board of Directors' Executive branch is comprised of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Concessions Director.

### **Section 5 – Nominations and Elections**

The Board of Director elections will be held annually at the end of the spring season. Election to the Board shall be determined by a vote of its members. Any member of the League or interested individuals can make nominations for the open positions on the Board. The League will inform all members of the open positions and post the duties to those positions by electronic communication or any other deemed way prior to the end of the spring season. The offices that will be up for re-election are determined upon the year. President, Secretary and

Concessions Director will be elected in the same year and the Vice-President and Treasurer will be elected on the same year but never on same year as President, Secretary and Concessions Director. Each of the Board of Directors appointments will be held for a period of three (3) years beginning with elections held after January 1, 2015. The election will be a silent election with ballots handed out to all members to fill out and return to a ballot box. The ballots will be counted by the exiting officer and a parent representative from each age group. If there are not any outgoing officers, then the parent representatives will choose which officers to help with the counting. Incoming officers will be announced as soon as administratively feasible via electronic communication. Newly elected members will take office immediately following the ballot count.

While one can be nominated for more than one (1) position, no one person may hold more than one (1) position concurrently. However, if there are still vacancies on the ACDYB Board of Directors thirty (30) days after the annual election, a Board Member may submit his/her name for the consideration for the position in question and may accordingly be approved by the Board of Directors. Post-election vacancies that may occur on the Board of Directors due to death, resignation or termination may be filled by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board at any board meetings.

**All Board members who were not re-elected or plan to vacate the Board are asked to assist in training to the newly elected Board Members to facilitate a smooth and organized transition.**

### **Section 6 – Resignations/Terminations**

A member of the Board of Directors may resign by delivering a written resignation to the President or Vice-President of the League. Such resignation shall be effective upon receipt (unless specified to be effective at a later date by the resigning member) and acceptance thereof shall not be necessary to make it effective unless so stated in the resignation. Elected Board Members cannot have more than three (3) absences during the Board year (January to December). Board members should contact any one of the board members if they are unable to attend a scheduled meeting in order for it not to count as an unexcused absence. Termination can be due to just cause and will have a majority vote of the Board of Directors. See Article V section 2. The board of directors should have adequate and substantial documentation to support asking someone to resign from the board. If board member is asked to step down/terminated from board, he/she cannot return to any position in the future. If board member voluntarily resigns, he/she cannot run again for a Board of Directors position for five (5) years, unless the current Board votes to allow that person to run sooner.

### **Section 7 – Meeting and Quorums**

Regular meetings of the Board of Directors may be held at any such time as the board may determine as long as there is a 48 hour notice. The President or Vice President of the League

may call **special/urgent** meetings of the Board as long as there is a 24 hour notice. A majority of the total members of the Board of Directors or two-thirds attendance of the board constitutes a quorum for a regular meeting. A quorum for special meetings requires a minimum of...

1) President plus two (2) others members of the Board of Directors

OR

2) Five (5) members of the Board of Directors if President not present.

The President may call special/urgent meetings of the Board and shall preside at the special meetings, which may be called due to a specific subject. No other business shall be conducted until the specific subject has been discussed and a decision or plan of action is established.

### **Section 8 – Duties and Powers**

The Board of Directors shall have the power to appoint special committees as it shall determine and to delegate such powers to them as the Board shall deem advisable. The Board may adopt such rules and regulations for the conduct of its meetings and the management of the League, as it may deem proper. The Board shall have the power by a two thirds vote of those present at any regular or special meeting to discipline, suspend or remove any director, committee member or member of the League in accordance with the provisions set forth in Article V.

### **Section 9 – Voting**

All members are invited to vote pertaining to the election of the Board. The elected Board can vote on matters at any meetings of the League that are not executive level decisions. All decisions of ACDYB must be approved by a majority vote of the Board. If a Board member can not be present at a meeting, they may cast a vote by a written proxy or text message to a Board member of their choice prior to the Board Meeting. All matters decided and voted on by the Board shall be final and may only be amended by majority vote of the Board of Directors. This includes By-laws and Local League Rules.

**Article VII – Officer Duties and Powers** (which will be added to the ballots).

### **Section 1 – Duties and powers of the League officers**

All elected Board members are expected to be available and help whenever the President calls for volunteers whether or not it involves their respective age groups. This includes registrations, drafts, opening day, concession duty, field maintenance throughout the year, equipment hand out and return and any other League sponsored activity. Any member unable to attend must contact the President or appointed member prior to the schedule date.

### **Section 2 – President’s Duties**

- a) Is the Chief Executive Officer of the organization (subject to the control of the remaining members of the Board) and shall have general charge and supervision of the affairs of the organization.
- b) Preside at all meetings of the Board

- c) Be primarily responsible for conducting the affairs and executing such policies and procedures that may from time to time be established by the Board.
- d) Be responsible for the conduct of the league in strict conformity to league affiliations including; the policies, principles, Rules and Regulations of Dixie Youth (ages 5 to 12) and Dixie Boys (ages 13 to 14), as agreed to under the conditions of the Charter.
- e) Shall have the power to make and execute for/and in the name of the League such contracts and leases as may have been received and prior approved by the Board.
- f) Shall investigate complaints, irregularities and conditions detrimental to the league and report thereon to the Board as circumstances warrant.
- g) Shall communicate to the Board, such matters as deemed appropriate, and make such suggestions as may tend to promote the welfare of the League.
- h) Represent the League at any District, National or other baseball programs of which the League is associated with and have the authority to act in the best interest of the League.
- i) Assure that all necessary permits are attained to allow the efficient operation of the organization regarding fields, fundraising, the concession stand and opening day activities.
- j) Shall help examine the applications and supporting proof of age documents of every player candidate and certify to the age and residence eligibility before the player may be accepted for selection.
- k) Shall, along with the Vice-President, preside over the draft of the League teams for all the divisions.
- l) Shall oversee all activities pertaining to the League.
- m) Shall communicate with the parents and coaches about the status of the association.
- n) Shall be able to coach as long as he/she is able to perform the presidential duties.
- o) Shall perform other duties and powers as the Board may delegate.
- p) Shall preside over All Star selection process where the head coaches for that respective age group will select players.

**Section 3 – Vice-President**

- a) Shall have and may exercise all of the powers and duties of the President during the absence of the President or in the event of his/her inability to act.
- b) Shall be responsible for assisting in registration.
- c) Shall be responsible for acting as a liaison between the League and the sponsors of the League by keeping them informed of League activities. This would include securing sponsors for current season and corresponding with prior sponsors.
- d) Shall perform other duties and powers as the Board may delegate.
- e) Shall be able to coach as long as he/she is able to perform the vice-presidential duties.

- f) Shall preside over All Star selection process where the head coaches for that respective age group will select players.
- g) Accompany President with draft
- h) Shall research prices for any equipment which is necessary for the operation of the League during the upcoming season with special attention given to the quality of the items, the vendor's ability to provide the desired items and the services provided by the vendor.
- i) Shall provide to the President an itemized list of needed equipment with associated cost for purchase.
- j) Shall procure equipment upon approval of the Board of Directors.
- k) Shall make necessary arrangements for the distribution and collection of equipment and shall maintain an inventory of all equipment.
- l) Shall be responsible for the overall appearance, maintenance and upkeep of all facilities, maintenance equipment, tools and supplies of the League.

**Section 4 – Treasurer**

- a) Shall be the Chief Financial Officer and the Chief Accounting Officer of the Organization.
- b) Shall be in charge of the Organizations financial affairs and shall safeguard all funds, securities and valuable papers.
- c) Shall keep full and accurate records thereof.
- d) Shall report on the financial affairs at each meeting of the Board.
- e) Shall receive all monies, securities and deposit these funds in a depository approved by the Board.
- f) Shall monitor and administer the monies allocated to the operation of the concession stand, umpires, equipment procurement, fund raising activities, etc.
- g) Shall be responsible for assisting in registration.
- h) Shall perform other duties and powers as the Board may delegate.
- i) Shall be able to coach as long as he/she is able to perform the treasurer duties.

**Section 5 – Secretary**

- a) Shall be responsible for recording the activities of the Organization and maintaining appropriate files, mailing list and necessary records.
- b) Shall be custodian of the Constitution, By-laws, and all agreements and shall have said articles at all Board meetings.
- c) Shall maintain a list of the members of the Board, committee members (if applicable), coaches, assistant coaches, players, parents, umpires and any volunteers.
- d) Shall give notice, keep the minutes, which can be recorded, maintain records and conduct such correspondences as may be required of all Board meetings and committee

meetings of the Organization. If the Secretary is absent from any meeting, a temporary secretary will be chosen at the meeting who shall exercise the duties of the Secretary at that meeting.

- e) Shall be responsible for ensuring that sponsors are matched with the appropriate teams.
- f) Shall plan, organize run and distribute all designated and Board approved fund-raising activities in support of the Organization. This will include opening day activities.
- g) Shall perform other duties and powers as the Board may delegate.
- h) Shall be responsible for assisting in registration.
- i) Shall be able to coach as long as he/she is able to perform the secretarial duties.

#### **Section 6 – Concessions Director**

- a) Be responsible for the operation of the concession stand.
- b) Be responsible for the procurement of the necessary goods to sell.
- c) Be responsible for the choosing, training and scheduling of members to man concession stand during operating hours. These members will be responsible for the opening and cleaning of rest rooms, preparation of food, delivery of food and cleaning the concession stand at the end of operating hours.
- d) Be responsible for assisting in registration.
- e) Be able to coach as long as he/she is able to perform the Concession Director duties.
- f) Perform other duties and powers as the Board may delegate.

#### **Article VIII – Players/Parents**

##### **Section 1 – Players**

- a) Shall have fun in learning the game of baseball, how to have good sportsmanship, respect for authority.
- b) Shall develop strong character, a great attitude and a sense of responsibility and citizenship.
- c) Shall learn how to be a team player.
- d) Shall be honest, loyal, courageous and respectful at all times.
- e) Shall not get into any trouble at school. If suspended, in school or home, the player will not be allowed to play for the number of days of suspension.

##### **Section 2 – Parents**

- a) Shall provide a safe and fun environment for all players, parents, coaches and umpires.
- b) Shall show support, in a sportsmanship to all players, parents, coaches and umpires regardless of league or team.
- c) Shall make themselves available for all meetings called for by the League.
- d) Shall maintain a safe environment for all players to play in.
- e) Shall abide by the ACDYB Parent/Player Pledge and Zero Tolerance Policy.
- f) Shall be responsible to comply with the guidelines established by the League.

- g) Shall have all fees paid for prior to the first practice of the season unless payment arrangements have been approved by the Board.
- h) If there is a concern, the parent should go the coach first during non-practice/game time. If it is not resolved, then the parent is recommended to seek any board member who will go to the Board with the information.

**Article IX – Coaches, Assistant Coaches and Umpires**

**Section 1 – Coaches and Assistant Coaches**

All coaches and assistant coaches:

- a) Shall read and understand the Official Rules and Regulations set forth by Dixie Youth Baseball (ages 5 to 12) and Dixie Boys Baseball (ages 13 to 14). Each head coach will be given a copy of rule book.
- b) Shall read and understand the Special Rules and Regulations set forth by ACDYB. Each head coach will be given a copy.
- c) Shall be present in front of the Board of Directors during a prescheduled meeting.
- d) Shall be approved by the Board of Directors.
- e) Shall submit to a background check.
- f) Shall maintain a safe environment for their players to play in.
- g) Shall make themselves available for all meetings called for by the League or dictated by the League. (E.g. Certification classes, training clinics, League meetings, etc.)
- h) Shall abide by the ACDYB Coaches Pledge and Zero Tolerance Policy.
- i) Shall be required to attend a Coaches Certification Clinic or submit a coaching certification.
- j) If there is a pending legal offense against a coach and the board has not been notified, it results in immediate suspension.
- k) Coaches will be responsible for keeping in touch with the parents about team information.
- l) Coaches and assistant coaches will be responsible for maintaining order in the dugout.
- m) Any issue brought to a coaches' attention that cannot be resolved should be passed onto the Board.
- n) Coaches and assistant coaches will not be allowed to accept sign-up fees unless in the form of a check.
- o) Coaches will check & sign-off on using park equipment. If not returned at the end of the season, could face a fine, termination of coaching next season and/or other remedies the board might decide on.
- p) Shall have fields prepared for practices and game days. Prepared meaning fields should be walked prior to the start of any activities to ensure the safety of the players and coaches, watered, and lined prior to any home games.

- q) Shall ensure adherence to the Parent and Player agreements and the Zero Tolerance policy of the League.

## **Section 2 – Umpires**

- a) Shall be approved by the Board of Directors.
- b) Shall be identified by the Head Umpire or the Board of Directors as applicable.
- c) Shall read and understand the Official Rules and Regulations set forth by Dixie Youth Baseball (ages 5 to 12) and Dixie Boys Baseball (ages 13 to 14).
- d) Shall read and understand the Special Rules and Regulations set forth by ACDYB. Each umpire will be given a copy.
- e) Shall be certified.
- f) Shall maintain a safe environment for all players to play in.
- g) Shall maintain control of the game.
- h) Shall issue and or collect equipment distributed by the League.
- i) Shall be responsible to comply with the guidelines established by the League.
- j) Shall be responsible for actions of the coaches, players and parents that are assigned to his/her field.
- k) Shall make themselves available for all meetings called for by the League or dictated by the League. (I.e. Certification classes, training clinics, League meetings, etc.)
- l) Shall abide by the ACDYB Umpire Pledge, Zero Tolerance Policy and all other rules pertaining to the coaches.

## **Article X – Finances and Accounting**

### **Section 1**

The Board of Directors shall decide all matters pertaining to the finances of the League and it shall place all income in a common league treasury.

### **Section 2**

The Board of Directors shall not permit the disbursement of League funds for the purpose other than to conduct league activities.

### **Section 3**

Two signatures will be required (one by the Treasurer and the other by Concessions Director) for the disbursement of funds.

### **Section 4**

There will be no unauthorized charges to the League; any person making such charges will be held responsible. Cash purchases made without acquiring a check from the Treasurer is subject to not being reimbursed. NO reimbursements will be made without a receipt.

### **Section 5**

No Director, Officer or Member of the League shall receive directly or indirectly any salary or compensation from the League for services rendered as an officer.

## **Section 6**

The fiscal year of the League shall begin the first day of January and shall end on the last day of December.

## **Section 7**

Upon dissolution of ACDYB and after all outstanding debts and claims have been satisfied, the members shall distribute the property of ACDYB to such other Leagues maintaining an objective similar to that set forth herein.

## **Article XI – Policies**

The League has created policies (see League Policies and Local League Rules) to outline certain operational procedures as mandated by the Board. League policy may be created, altered or amended in whole or in part by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

## **Article XII – Dues**

### **Section 1**

Dues for player members may be fixed at such amounts as the Board shall determine prior to the beginning of any season.

### **Section 2**

At no time, may payment of any fee be a prerequisite for participation in the league program; however, *the Board of Directors will have full authority to designate other duties to the parents during the season in exchange for parent payment.*

### **Section 3**

Fees are to be paid by cash, check or money order at the time of registration. Partial payments will be accepted at registration but payment must be in full by March 1<sup>st</sup> for Spring ball and September 1<sup>st</sup> for Fall ball.

### **Section 4**

There will be a \$25.00 processing fee charged on all checks returned from the bank for any reason.

### **Section 5**

No refunds of registration or other fees will be made after the player is assigned to a team. If exceptions are made, it will be in extreme cases, a refund may be granted at a later date, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors and reduced by expenses already incurred by the league.

## **Article XIII – Sponsors**

### **Section 1 – League Sponsors**

The League encourages for Board members, coaches and parents to solicit for League Sponsors. These sponsorship fees will go into the League's maintenance fund.

The League will determine the fee to be paid by each League sponsor prior to upcoming season.

## **Article XIV Awards**

The League will purchase individual participation trophies that will be awarded to all players who complete 75% of the spring season. Any additional trophies will be discouraged for obvious reasons.

#### **Article XV – Amendments**

Constitution and by-laws of the League may be amended, repealed or altered in whole or in part by a majority vote at any meeting of the Board of Directors at the end of fall season and would take effect at the beginning of next season.

## **Ashland City Dixie Baseball League Rules and Regulations**

#### **Preamble**

The League Rules and Regulations, except, as they are inconsistent with provisions of the Constitution and By-laws, shall govern and control all of the baseball teams under jurisdiction of this League. Said rules and all effective amendments thereto hereby are adopted, made a part hereof and incorporated herein as though the same were set forth in full herein. All League rules are to be reviewed and/or modified annually by the Board of Directors and subject to approval by the majority. Published rules may not be changed during the season except in dire cases a majority vote from the entire Board is required.

All ACDB By-laws, League Rules and Regulations will be distributed to and signed-off by all head coaches prior to each season along with the Dixie Youth (ages 5 to 12) and Dixie Boys (ages 13 to 14) Rules and Regulations published by the National Board of Directors of the respective sanctioning body.

If there is not a rule in the ACDB By-Laws or in the League Rules and Regulations, then you must go by the Dixie Youth (ages 5 to 12) and Dixie Boys (ages 13 to 14) Rules or that of the Official Rules of Baseball, as set out by professional baseball. The ACDB Board reserves the right to amend any and all rules, but any amendments will be included in the Leagues Rules and Regulations and must have a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

#### **Section I – Coaches**

- a) All coaches, umpires and league volunteers are required to:
  - i. Be certified and are urged to attend any clinics that the League suggests.
  - ii. Read the rulebook, know the rules and properly teach the rules to our players.
  - iii. Attend coaches meetings as deemed necessary by the Board.

- iv. Be responsible for the players, leagues and other coach's equipment and that it are in safe and working condition. If it is not safe or in working condition, do not allow equipment to be used. Coaches will sign-out park equipment and sign-in at the end of the season.
  - v. Follow all schedules as provided by the Board and do not alter any schedules without approval from the Board.
  - vi. Dress in a neat manner. No cutoff shorts, shirts or flip flops. During games all it will be **mandatory** for all coaches to wear the league provided coach's shirts.
- b) Under no circumstances shall a coach or league volunteer:
- i. Negatively judge any umpire before, during or after a game either directly or indirectly. Coaches are to respect judgment call regardless of any individual viewpoints.
  - ii. Protest or argue any judgment call regardless of field position or "better angle".
  - iii. Publically embarrass a player, coach, parent, or Board member.
  - iv. Use profanity on or off the field especially in the presence of our children.
  - v. Be under the influence of any mood altering substances, including alcohol and prescription medication while in the presence of the team.
  - vi. Allow their team to exhibit poor sportsmanship at any time on or off the field.
  - vii. Change or add games without the consent from the Board of Directors.
  - viii. Trade players for any reason after Draft Day.
  - ix. Willfully hide or cover up activities of a player(s) or any prospect involved in such a scheme will be ineligible for any association or participation in ACDYB.
- c) Any member of a team and/or parent will be subject to ejection from a ball game if he/she makes derogatory remarks, such as any type of obscene or abusive language, directed toward any players, coaches, umpires or anyone connected with the game and will be fined \$25.00 per offense.
- d) Each team will be allowed one (1) head coach and two (2) assistant coaches, except for 5-6 age group which may have one (1) head coach and three (3) assistant coaches. Of these coaches one can act in any official capacity for the team and the other coach can act as head coach he/she has the official capacity for the coaching only.
- e) Each head coach may choose his own assistant coaches.
- f) All coaches and assistant coaches will be approved by the Board.
- g) The Head Coach will be held accountable for any inappropriate behaviors from any of his/her players, parents or spectators who are viewing his/her team.
- h) Any head or assistance coaches who is ejected from a game will be automatically be suspended and possibly being on probation with the League for up to one year, also will be fined \$25.00. Any ejections must be reported to any board member before 11pm on

game day and the fine must be paid before returning to any League functions, including away games. The coach will be asked to appear in front of the Board to discuss incident and any further actions that may occur. If any further incidents occur during this probation period permanent suspension for any involvement from the League may occur.

- i) No coach, parent or volunteer should remain at a ballpark after an ejection from any game. Any ACDYB member refusing to leave the facility after being warned may cause the game to be terminated and forfeited.
- j) *All consequences will be judged as individual cases and not every case may have the same outcome.*
- k) **Consequences for inappropriate Behavior.**
  - i. **First Offense** – verbal warning or possible game suspension
  - ii. **Second Offense** – game suspension or extension of suspended games
  - iii. **Third Offense** – Complete withdrawal from all League functions and possibly a formal complaint filed with League.

## Section 2 – Teams/Games

- a) Only players, head coaches and assistant coaches that are on the official roster will be allowed in the dugout.
- b) Each coach will turn in a line up no later than 10 minutes prior to game time to the official scorekeeper. The scorekeeper will check both line-ups to insure that they are the same. After line-ups have been checked the scorekeeper will give each coach a copy. Included in the line –up should be batting order, name of player, number on jersey and ALL coaches present at games.
- c) The first scheduled game each day/night will start at the appointed time and each team will be a 15 minute grace period on the first game before a team will be required to forfeit due to the minimal player rule.
- d) Each team will receive a 5 minute warm up prior to the start of the game. The visiting team will take the field at 5:50 and the home team will take the field at 5:55.
- e) The game starts when the umpire calls play ball and the first pitch should be thrown at that time.
- f) All protest game scenarios will be handled based on current Dixie Youth (ages 5 to 12) and Dixie Boys (ages 13 to 14) rules. However when a coach informs the umpires that the game is under protest at that time the umpire shall stop the game and inform the scorekeeper that the game is being played under protest. The head umpire will at that time ask for a \$50.00 deposit to be put up. The money or check will be turned over to the Treasurer. If the coach wins the protest he/she will be refunded the deposit,

however if the protest is not overturned the coach will forfeit the deposit and it will go into the Leagues general fund. Under no circumstances can a judgment call be protested and balls and strikes are judgment calls. If you wish to speak to the umpire during the game, time must be called and the coach must wait for the umpire to grant you time before going onto the field. The consequence could possibly be an ejection from the game but is determined by the head umpire.

- g) It may be necessary or games to be cancelled throughout the year due to unsafe field conditions. The President or Vice-President will check conditions of the playing fields for overall safety. If either indicates it is not safe to play, the game will be cancelled, postponed, or rescheduled. The President or Vice-President will then notify all scheduled head coaches (including the visiting team) of field conditions. This decision is final, but should be made as early as possible. It is the head coaches' responsibility to inform his/her team of any changes or cancellations.
- h) It is mandated in our park that every rostered player bats throughout the while game. This rule also applies to any visiting team playing at our park.
- i) See Dixie rules regarding replacement players.

### **Section 3 – Draft**

- a) The coach shall have the right to place any player in the draft due to conflicts with the player/parent from the previous season.
- b) New players and players *requesting* not to return to the previous seasons coach will be placed in the draft.
- c) All head coaches will be able to select no more than 5 player picks.
- d) Once all players are drafted the draft will officially end.
- e) The President or Vice-President will administer the draft according to these rules. In instances when the draft process gets out of control with disagreements and arguments between coaches, the officials will end the draft and all teams will be chosen by a blind draft by the Board. The coaches involved may face disciplinary action, see Section I, K.

### **Section 4 – Trading Players**

- a) After the draft has officially ended, coaches that interested in trading players may do so in the presence of the President and Vice-President. Any trade(s) that are put on the table must have all coaches in that age groups approval before the trade can precede, not just the coaches involved. If all coaches are not in agreement the trade can not happen. .
- b) In instances whether the trading process gets out of control with disagreements and arguments between coaches, the officials will end the trading session and there will be

no trades allowed, even those that had happened prior to disagreement. The coaches involved may face disciplinary action, see Section I, K.

- c) Once the trading session closes there will be no trades allowed at any time.

#### **Section 5 – All Stars**

- a) All Stars try-outs are optional.
- b) The head coaches from each division will decide on the all-starts for their age division.
- c) If a player moves up in regular season (e.g. 10 year old player as of April 30 of that season being rostered on 11-12 age group team), he/she cannot play on the All Star team for his/her natural age group (e.g. 9-10 age group in previous example).
- d) If a player gets picked for All Star team, that player needs to make sure that he or she is there for **all** of the tournament games.
- e) If a player is not able to play in all of the All Star tournament games due to an injury, then one of the alternates will replace that player.

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