



**Junior Baseball Organization, Inc. Minutes  
Board of Commissioners Meeting  
November 13, 2016**

**Meeting called to order at 3:00 p.m. by JBO President Rachael Skelton**

**Members Present** Terrence Haimoto, Rachael Skelton, Jay Faxon, Christy Wedding, Misty Gendhar, Alex Skelton, John Graham, Lynn Robinson, Troy Stearns

**Members Absent** Shari Smith

**Update** Welcome to our new VP, Troy Stearns. We offered the Tournament Director position to Amy Guretzki and a Member-at-Large position to Brian McCoy: both turned down those positions.

**Meeting Minutes** October minutes were approved and posted on the JBO website.

**Finance Committee** Our By-laws state that we must have a finance committee consisting of the VP, Treasurer and at least 1 DC. Oregon Non-Profit Law, Chapter 65, does not require us to have a finance committee. Because our treasurer, Terrence Haimoto, gives a detailed financial report every month, and because the Executive Committee and/or Board votes on all funds going out, we feel we have plenty of oversight; therefore, we would like to update our By-laws by removing the requirement for a Finance Committee.

**Motioned by John Graham 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jay Faxon Unanimously Approved**

**Rule Proposal Vote** Please see attached

**Championship  
Tournaments**

Last week of July is dead week. We need to change the schedule for championship tournaments. July 4<sup>th</sup> is on a Tuesday and it makes weekend of July 8<sup>th</sup> very difficult. After much discussion, we will move championship tournaments to the following.

Coach Meeting July 11	Tournaments July 13-16	MN, MA, MF, JN
Coach Meeting July 18	Tournaments July 20-23	JA, JF, SN, SA
Coach Meeting July 25	Tournaments July 27-30	SF

We will need the entire board to cover these tournaments.

**Motioned by Alex Skelton 2<sup>nd</sup> by Misty Gendhar Approved 7-1**

**Board Apparel**

Everyone is happy with what we had last year. We will stay with the same products. Lynn will email everyone and see if anyone needs new or replacement apparel.

**Donation**

Clackamas Junior Baseball had a pitching machine stolen. Insurance only covers liability, not property. Friends of Baseball is out of funds to help them. We would like to give them a donation of \$500 to help with the replacement of the machine. Jay Faxon with Les and Bob's offered to help them out by selling them a machine at cost.

**Motioned by** Lynn Robinson **2<sup>nd</sup> by** Christy Wedding **Unanimously Approved**

**Reminders**

Please come to next meeting ready to discuss

1. Umpire RFP and Prospective Host Packet
2. Running of the Bulls (ROTB)
3. Championship logo
4. Quotes: trophies, rulebooks, t-shirts
5. Champ. Tourn 10-run rule: any changes?
6. Host possibilities for Champ Tournaments (3 from each District)
7. Defining "Unable to Service"

**Meeting adjourned at 5:05 pm.**

**Next Meeting**

January 8, 2017, Wilsonville Public Library  
2:30 – 3:00 Executive Committee  
300 – 5:00 Board of Commissioners



## 2017 JBO RULE PROPOSALS AND VOTE

### PROPOSAL 1

#### X. PLAYING REGULATIONS BY GRADE DIVISION

##### 3. Senior Division

#### Current Rules

B. Bases are to be eighty 80 feet apart for National and 90 feet apart for American and Federal skill levels.

C. Pitching distance is 55 feet for National, and 60 feet 6 inches for American and Federal skill levels.

#### Proposed Rules

B. Bases are to be 90 feet apart.

C. Pitching distance is 60 feet 6 inches.

**Explanation:** Adoption of these rules would modify The Senior National field size to be consistent with the field size of the Senior American and Senior Federal Divisions.

**Analysis:** This proposal would move Senior National play to base lengths of 90 feet and pitching distance of 60 feet 6 inches. This is preferred over the current field size for the following reasons

- Many JBO associations lack access to 80ft fields. These associations are forced to play their Senior National level players at the American level which hinders their ability to grow as baseball players and their enjoyment in participating in JBO. This is at odds of stated mission of JBO to create competition at equal levels of ability. All associations have access to 90ft fields which would alleviate the problem.
- All skill levels in each of the other age divisions play on the same size field. The Senior division should be the same. This makes it easier for off-season training and pre-season evaluations where players from all skill levels of a specific age group will practice together.
- Team movement between the National and American/Federal division is challenging because of the different field size.

**YES= 5**

**NO = 1**

**ABSTAIN = 2**

**PASSED**

## PROPOSAL 2

### VIII. GAME PLAYING REGULATIONS

#### CURRENT RULE

- J. There shall be free defensive substitutions, including pitchers. Each player must play a minimum of six defensive outs. If a player arrives late and is unable to complete his/her defensive outs, they must be inserted immediately and play until the game is completed or they have played their required six defensive outs, should the game go into extra innings.

#### PROPOSED RULE

- J. There shall be free defensive substitutions at all positions, excluding pitchers. Once a pitcher has been removed from the mound during the course of the game, they may not re-enter for any reason as a pitcher, for the duration of the game. Each player must play a minimum of six defensive outs. If a player arrives late and is unable to complete his/her defensive outs, they must be inserted immediately and play until the game is completed or they have played their required six defensive outs, should the game go into extra innings.

#### Position Statement

- Similar rules have been implemented across many other Leagues due to safety concerns regarding the warm-up and cool-down of pitcher's arms and the adverse impacts of re-entering a pitcher once they have been initially removed from the mound.
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- This rule would promote and incentivize coaches to develop deeper starting/relief bull pen rosters as well as emphasize the understanding of proper pitcher warm-up and cool-down techniques across all levels of JBO.

**YES = 4**

**NO = 2**

**ABSTAIN = 2**

**Letter C.**

**PASSED** The first 2 sentences of the rule will also be in section IX.

### PROPOSAL 3

#### X. PLAYING REGULATIONS BY GRADE DIVISION

##### 1. Midget Division

#### CURRENT RULE

N. For the National skill level, a runner may not steal home and may only advance as a result of a hit ball, walk, pickoff attempt, rundown, or penalty.

#### 1<sup>ST</sup> PROPOSED RULE

N. For the National skill level, there is no leading off. The runner can steal after the ball has crossed the plate. That also means that a runner can steal home on a passed ball or once a play is made.

**YES = 2**

**NO = 6**

**ABSTAIN = 0**

**FAILED**

#### 2<sup>ND</sup> PROPOSAL TO SAME RULE

N. For the National skill level, a runner may not lead off third base and may not steal home. A runner on third may only advance as a result of a batted ball, walk, or penalty.

**YES = 7**

**NO = 1**

**ABSTAIN = 0**

**PASSED**

**All examples will be removed in Letter N.**

### ADMINISTRATIVE RULE CHANGES/CLARIFICATIONS and VOTE

1. RULEBOOK CHANGE and CLARIFICATION – Need to put this in section IX as well. Under Definition of Terms, Pitching Regulations, it says “Please note, as this applies to both starting and relieving pitchers, that a pitcher is official and must pitch to one batter by rule if he/she steps on the rubber with the ball during warm-ups.” This needs to also appear in section IX. JBO League Pitching Regulations , All Levels

**Strike the rule in Under Definition of Terms, Pitching Regulations, but put it in the Championship tournament rules. If we find a way to change tournament to pitch count, then we will strike the rule altogether.**

**YES = 8**

**NO = 0**

**PASSED**

## 2. CHANGE IN RULEBOOK

### I. TEAM ELIGIBILITY

**Letter D**, states “Each team accepted for participation in Junior Baseball must file a team roster and any waivers, report cards, and all verification paperwork, to their District Commissioners no later than their first league game. The Commissioners will then **verify all rosters and paperwork and** submit ~~them~~ **these rosters and paperwork** to the JBO Vice President no later than May 25th. Any District not submitting rosters and paperwork by the deadline will be fined \$50/team, and team will not be allowed in post-season play. Additions to team rosters after their first league game will only be allowed prior to completing 50% of the team’s League games. Players may not move between team rosters without a "Player/Team Waiver Form" (see Section IV for additional information), signed by the District Commissioner. All players are still subject to the "player eligibility" requirements in order to participate in the JBO Championship Tournament (see Section II.L for additional information). Players added after 50% of the team’s league games will require a “Player/Team Waiver Form” signed by the District Commissioner. Player will be considered an eligible player for the remainder of the season; however, the team is no longer eligible for any post-season play. Not subject to Appeal. A revised Team Roster with any appropriate waivers must be submitted to the JBO Vice President before additions are eligible to participate.

**Add the following as a new letter in Team Eligibility. JBO, Inc. will verify rosters and paperwork of ALL teams qualifying for post-season play. Any team with a roster or paperwork that is incomplete or cannot be verified will be disqualified from the JBO Championship Tournament. The District will produce another qualified/eligible team.**

**YES = 6**

**NO = 2      PASSED      Also adding this to section XII. Post-Season Play**

## 3. CHANGE IN RULEBOOK

### II. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

**Letter C** Approval of the player waiver must be obtained from the Association the player resides in, the requesting Association, and the District Commissioner. If the waiver request is denied, an appeal can be filed with the JBO Vice President "in writing" for a ruling. ~~A fee of \$25 must accompany the request. If the request is granted, the fee will be returned.~~

**YES = 8**

**NO = 0      PASSED**

**Letter H.** A player who is attending an out of district school under the open enrollment law is allowed to play JBO baseball in the Association which encompasses the attended school, without a waiver. Proof of open enrollment: current year report card **or copy of their school ID card** from the school which they are attending. This will be submitted with the team roster as verification of eligibility.

**YES = 8**

**NO = 0      PASSED**

**Letter L** Any player may go to a bordering association as long as their home association cannot provide service. This means if a program does not have enough players to field a team ~~and must turn away a player, that player~~ **those unserviceable players** may go to a bordering association without a waiver, becoming a resident of that association for the season. It must be verified that the home association cannot service the child, but it will not count against the 3-waiver rule, as the player does not require a waiver to go to a bordering association that can provide a team to be played on. **Verification must be submitted with the team roster.**

**YES = 8**

**NO = 0**      **PASSED**

4. CHANGE IN RULEBOOK

III. UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT.

**Letter B** Ejected coaches **or spectators** must leave the contest immediately, **must NOT be seen or heard**, and shall not be allowed further contact with team members for the duration of the contest. Ejected players must remain on the bench for the duration of that contest.

**YES = 8**

**NO = 0**      **PASSED**

**Letter D.** Physical contact between a ~~player/coach and~~ **player, coach, spectator, and/or** an official is a gross act of unsportsmanlike conduct. The offending player, coach, **and/or spectator** is immediately ejected and is suspended for a minimum of two contests. Both associations shall notify the District Commissioner and JBO President within 48 hours of the end of the contest.

**YES = 8**

**NO = 0**      **PASSED**

5. CHANGE IN RULEBOOK

XI. GAME PROTEST

~~1-General~~ **No protests to JBO, Inc. will be allowed.**

~~A. It shall be the responsibility of the District to act on all protests and render a decision on purported violations of this book.~~

~~B. The decision of the District shall be final.~~

~~C. In all cases of protest, a filing fee of \$25 shall be submitted to the District. If the protest is upheld, the fee shall be refunded.~~

~~D. A protest on a ruling interpretation must be filed with the District Commissioner, in writing, within 48 hours (two days) of the end of the game. No protests shall be allowed on a judgment call.~~

**YES = 8**

**NO = 0**      **PASSED**

## 2016/17 ADMINISTRATIVE RULE CLARIFICATIONS

### CLARIFICATION – NO CHANGE IN RULEBOOK

Under Administration, it says “Any request for variances from JBO Rules at the district level must be approved by a majority vote of the JBO Board”

This is why last season Westside was able to play SN at 90’ bases. We discussed it as a board. If this happens again, we need to make sure we don’t just discuss, but actually take an official vote of the JBO board.

### CLARIFICATION – NO CHANGE IN RULEBOOK

Under Definition of Terms, Associations, it says “Any request from new organizations and/or Boundary changes from existing Associations, must be approved by the JBO, Inc. board of directors. JBO, Inc. board of directors has sole authority to place requesting (new) Associations in the District as determined by JBO, Inc.”

Right now, when associations change boundaries within a district, on behalf of the JBO board, the JBO secretary accepts the changes without going to the JBO board. If District has approved boundary changes and sent application to the JBO secretary, paperwork goes through. In the case of Gervais and Mt Angel, their paperwork came from Valley District as new associations. They were approved by JBO secretary. We need to go further with those kinds of approvals and put it to the entire board.

We need better communication. If a new association wants to come aboard, Districts need to come to JBO right away, JBO needs to go to the Districts right away. If paperwork comes in late (after Jan 1<sup>st</sup>?) District can say no but accept them as part of a mentor program. Districts also need to communicate with JBO and each other)

### MOVE IN RULEBOOK

#### Game Playing Regulations

**I Junior Baseball Organization, Inc. has adopted the ten-run rule for all leagues, with the exception of the JBO Championship Tournament championship or ‘what if’ games.** The ten-run rule provides that a game will end after five innings for Cubs and Seniors, four innings for Juniors and Midgets, or any inning thereafter, when a team is 10 or more runs behind and has completed its turn at bat. Games called as a result of this rule DO NOT waive the six defensive out rule.

This part in bold is not listed in XII. 4 JBO Championship Tournament Rules. We need to list it there as well.

**Added or ‘what if’ games to better clarify**