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I. ORGANIZATION

PARK RIDGE BASEBALL/SOFTBALL, INC IS A STATE OF ILLINOIS NON PROFIT CORPORATION BEGINNING ITS 67th SEASON. THE ORGANIZATION IS AN AFFILIATE OF THE PARK RIDGE RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT AND IS SUPPORTED FINANCIALLY BY REGISTRATION FEES AND TEAM SPONSORS.

II. DIRECTORS OF THE PROGRAM

THERE ARE 26 DIRECTORS OF THE ORGANIZATION, ALL UNPAID AND EACH RESPONSIBLE FOR VARIOUS LEAGUES AND COMMITTEES. THERE ARE HUNDREDS OF VOLUNTEER MANAGERS AND COACHES WHO TEACH OVER 1400 PARTICIPANTS. ALL OF OUR VOLUNTEERS ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT TO A CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK.

SPECIFIC CONCERNS FROM PARENTS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO YOUR CHILD'S MANAGER, LEAGUE PRESIDENT, OR COMMISSIONER GARRY ABEZETIAN.

III. TEAM FORMATION

TEAMS ARE FORMED EITHER BY THE LEAGUE OR THROUGH A DRAFT PROCESS DEPENDING ON THE SPECIFIC LEAGUE. BOYS LEAGUES AGES 8& OVER AND GIRLS LEAGUES 9 & OVER ARE DRAFTED, ALL OTHER TEAMS ARE FORMED. **REQUESTS FOR SPECIFIC PLACEMENT ON TEAMS CANNOT BE HONORED.**

ALL PLAYERS ARE REQUIRED TO PLAY IN THEIR AGE APPROPRIATE LEAGUE. EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE TO PLACE A PLAYER IN A **LOWER** LEAGUE BASED ON RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PLAYERS COACH. THIS TYPE OF PLACEMENT IS ONLY FOR A CHILD THAT IS DEEMED UNABLE TO DEFEND THEMSELVES IN THEIR CURRENT LEAGUE. THIS PLACEMENT MUST BE APPROVED BY THE LEAGUE PRESIDENT, COMMISSIONER, AND THE CHILD'S PARENTS. ARRANGEMENTS MAY ALSO BE MADE FOR SCHOOL AGE SITUATIONS.

MANAGERS WILL CONTACT THEIR PLAYERS AFTER THE SELECTION PROCESS. IF YOUR CHILD DOES NOT RECEIVE A CALL BEFORE THE FIRST PRACTICE DATE (SEE TRYOUT SCHEDULE), PLEASE E MAIL: nocall@prbaseball.com

IV. TRYOUTS (ASSESSMENTS)

SOME PLAYERS MAY BE REQUESTED AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION TO ATTEND A TRYOUT. THIS TRYOUT LASTS APPROXIMATELY 1 HOUR AND ALLOWS THE MANAGERS TO SEE THE PLAYERS CATCH, RUN AND THROW. ALL PLAYERS, REGARDLESS OF ABILITY ARE PLACED ON TEAMS. IN ADDITION, EACH PLAYER IS ALWAYS IN THE BATTING LINEUP AND MUST AT LEAST SPLIT THE GAME IN THE FIELD. IF A PLAYER IS UNABLE TO ATTEND THE TRYOUT, THEY WILL STILL BE PLACED ON A TEAM, ALTHOUGH EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO ATTEND. **ALL NEW PLAYERS 9 & OVER MUST ATTEND A TRYOUT TO BE PLACED ON A TEAM.**

V. UPCOMING SEASON

PRACTICE FOR PLAYERS 7 TO 14 WILL BEGIN APPROXIMATELY 4/17. 5&6& Colt Boys APPROX. 4/25.

FUTURE STARS (5&6) PLAY 8 GAMES. ALL OTHERS PLAY BETWEEN 12 AND 18 GAMES. THE REGULAR SEASON GENERALLY CONCLUDES BY 7/1 WEATHER PERMITTING. GAMES ARE PLAYED 7 DAYS A WEEK. WEEKDAY GAMES START AT 5:45 PM/6:00PM (SOME GAMES FOR 9-12 YR OLDS ARE AT 7:45 PM. GAMES ON SATURDAYS ARE FROM 9:30 AM UNTIL 10 PM. GAMES ON SUNDAYS ARE AT 1, 3 OR 7:30 PM. WE DO NOT NORMALLY PLAY GAMES OVER THE MEMORIAL DAY OR 4TH OF JULY WEEKENDS.

VI. RULES/UMPIRES

OUR LEAGUES UTILIZE THE BASIC RULES OF BASEBALL & SOFTBALL, HOWEVER THERE ARE SPECIAL RULES FOR EACH LEAGUE BASED ON THE AGE GROUP. YOUR CHILD WILL BECOME FAMILIAR WITH THESE RULES AND CAN MOST LIKELY ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS. IF YOU NEED ANY FURTHER CLARIFICATION, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR TEAM'S MANAGER.

OUR UMPIRES FOR ALL LEAGUES ARE TEENAGERS AND ADULTS FROM OUR PROGRAM AND OUR COMMUNITY. ALL OF OUR UMPIRES ATTEND A VARIETY OF TRAINING SESSIONS. OUR BEGINNER UMPIRES ARE ASSIGNED TO OUR BEGINNER LEAGUES. PLEASE TREAT OUR UMPIRES WITH RESPECT AND AS IF THEY WERE YOUR OWN CHILDREN, BECAUSE ONE DAY YOUR CHILD COULD BE UMPIRING. IT'S A TERRIFIC SUMMER JOB.

VII. EQUIPMENT

THE LEAGUE WILL PROVIDE ALL EQUIPMENT AND UNIFORMS NECESSARY TO PARTICIPATE EXCEPT FOR A GLOVE AND SHOES. THE GLOVE YOU PURCHASE SHOULD BE A GOOD QUALITY LEATHER AND SIZED TO FIT YOUR CHILD. SHOES CAN BE EITHER GYM SHOES OR RUBBER MOLDED CLEATS.

YOUR CHILD WILL RECEIVE A JERSEY, PANTS, CAP, AND SOCKS. THE ENTIRE UNIFORM EXCEPT FOR THE PANTS ARE YOURS TO KEEP. YOU MUST RETURN THE PANTS. PLEASE SEE THAT YOUR CHILD WEARS THE ENTIRE UNIFORM TO EACH GAME, AND DOES NOT ALTER IT

REPLACEMENT HATS, SOCKS, AND PANTS CAN BE PURCHASED AT THE EQUIPMENT ROOM (283 BUSSE HWY ACROSS FROM THE POST OFFICE) ON WEDNESDAYS FROM 8 TO 9 PM OR ON SATURDAYS FROM 8 TO 9 AM.

VIII MEDICAL/FINANCIAL AID

WE CAN NO LONGER OFFER THE OPTION OF PURCHASING A MEDICAL INSURANCE POLICY. INSURANCE CARRIERS NO LONGER OFFER THE INDIVIDUAL POLICIES TO US. EACH PARENT SHOULD HAVE MEDICAL INSURANCE ON THEIR PLAYER(S).

PLEASE INFORM THE LEAGUE AND/OR YOUR CHILD'S MANAGER OF ANY MEDICAL CONDITIONS THAT YOUR CHILD POSSESSES. WE ARE ONLY INTERESTED IN CONDITIONS THAT COULD POSSIBLY INTERFERE WITH HIS/HER PLAY OR BE MISUNDERSTOOD BY COACHES AND OTHER PLAYERS.

IT IS THE INTENTION OF THE BOARD THAT EVERY CHILD HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR PROGRAM. IF A FINANCIAL HARDSHIP SITUATION EXISTS, PLEASE CONTACT ANY BOARD MEMBER SO THAT SUITABLE ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE.

AGE	LEAGUE	PRESIDENT
B/G 5-6	FUTURE STARS	SHERRI GRICIUS
B/G 6	LITTLE SLUGGERS	MICHAEL GRAPENTHIEN
GIRLS 7-8	WILDKIT GIRLS	TED HAUFLE
GIRLS 9-10	JUNIOR GIRLS	VINNY LAVECCHIA
GIRLS 11-12	PRETEEN GIRLS	RON ROTH
GIRLS 13-15	PONY GIRLS	RON ROTH
GIRLS 10-18	PISTOL GIRLS	DAVE HOFFMAN
BOYS 7	BOBCAT	ERIC TARASIEVICH
BOYS 8	WILDCAT	STEVE GIANIKOS
BOYS 9-10	AA	PETER KAPETAN
BOYS 11-12	AAA BOYS	PETER KAPETAN
BOYS 13-14	PONY	JIM CAMPBELL
BOYS 15-17	COLT	FRED ANGELINI
BOYS 17-19	PALAMINO	FRED ANGELINI
BOYS 9-14	WARRIOR BOYS	CRAIG HARTER

COMMISSIONER	GARRY ABEZETIAN
VICE PRESIDENT	TOM FARINELLA
SECRETARY	RON ROTH
TREASURER	JIM CAMPBELL

SCHEDULES	GARRY ABEZETIAN
UMPIRES	FRED ANGELINI
UNIFORMS	TED HAUFLE
TRYOUTS	GEORGE GRIGUS
PICTURES	JIM LANGE
SPONSORS	TOM FARINELLA
CLINICS	TED HAUFLE
MERCHANDISE	ERIN STOJAKOVIC
FACEBOOK	ERIN STOJAKOVIC
BOYS TOURNEY	GERRY SCAFA
GIRLS TOURNEY	DAVE HOFFMAN
SPECIAL EVENTS	ERIN STOJAKOVIC
EQUIPMENT	BOB NOWACZYK