



**SOUTH LEXINGTON YOUTH BASEBALL
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ARTICLE I – NAME AND ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

1.01 - Name

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

1.02 – Organizational Structure

Articles 5 and 6 contain the approved organizational structure for SLYB

ARTICLE 2 - OBJECTIVES

The objectives of SLYB shall be:

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

ARTICLE 3 – GENERAL INFORMATION

3.01 – Player Member

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

- (A) A player who moves into the league boundaries after team assignments shall be added to a team roster with the approval of the respective League Vice President and Player Agent.
- (B) All player members will be responsible for participating in at least one fund-raiser each year.
- (C) All players are responsible for participating in practices, games, and other team activities. Failure to participate may result in removal from the team. Missing three consecutive games or seven practices may be grounds for a manager to remove a player from his/her roster. However, any player who misses practices or games because of injury, illness or family crisis is not subject to removal.
- (D) All 9, 10, 11 and 12 year-olds are encouraged to try out for the Major League. Those players that are not selected or do not tryout for the Major League will be placed on a Minor League roster after completing the skills assessment. If an opening becomes available on a Major League team, a player from the Minor League cannot be selected unless they participated in tryouts. If any player is selected by a Major League

team and refuses to play, the player is ineligible to play in the Major League for the current year plus one year.

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

3.02 – Parent Member

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

- (A) Seeing that the player member is at team functions.
- (B) Assisting the player member in participation in the league fundraiser.
- (C) Working in the concession stand a minimum of one game per child playing in the league.
- (D) Cooperating with team managers and coaches.
- (E) Attending the Parent Meeting.

3.03 – Volunteer Members

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

3.04 – Member Requirements

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

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

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

3.05 - Finances

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

3.06 - Managers

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

3.07 – Inclement Weather

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

3.08 – End of Year Reports

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

ARTICLE 4 – FEES

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

ARTICLE 5 - OFFICERS

5.00 - Requirements

All officers and Board members shall be at least 21 years of age. All officers and Board members shall support all by-laws, rules and regulations of SLYB and attend all Board meetings. The following chart sets forth the authorized positions on the Board of Directors:

South Lexington Youth Baseball

Board of Directors

Voting

President
Vice-President
Player Agent
Secretary
Treasurer
Vice-President Concessions
Vice-President Umpires
Vice-President Communications
Vice-President Equipment
Vice-President Field Maintenance
Vice-President Sponsors
Vice-President Minor League
Vice-President Rookie League
Vice-President T-Ball League
Manager A's
Manager Astros
Manager Braves
Manager Cardinals
Manager Cubs
Manager Orioles
Manager Pirates
Manager Reds
Manager Royals
Manager White Sox

Non-Voting

Past President

5.01 - President

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

Responsibilities

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

5.02 - Vice-President

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

Responsibilities

- 1) In the absence of the President, presides over the SLYB meetings.
- 2) Coordinates SLYB's fund raising project. This includes the following:
 - a. Selection of a project(s) to be decided by a committee formed by the League Vice-President, Vice-President of

Sponsors and at least one other Board member. The committee decision shall be presented to the Board for approval.

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

5.03 - Secretary

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

Responsibilities

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

5.04 - Treasurer

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

Responsibilities

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

5.05 - Player Agent

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

Responsibilities

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

- 1) Assists the President in establishing and maintaining the eligibility of player personnel. Cal Ripken Regulations and SLYB require each candidate to present acceptable proof of age prior to player selection.
- 2) Supervises League sign-ups, try-outs, and player selection draft. Ensures the

completion of the sign-up card (Exhibit 1) or internet sign up application. Prior to the Major League Draft, announces to Managers the option selected by parents of each sibling eligible to be drafted.

- 3) Prepares the Major, Junior Major, Minor, Rookie and T-Ball league playing schedules and pre-season and regular season practice schedules. Reschedules games as necessary. As appropriate, the Player Agent may assign the responsibility for completing the practice and game schedules to a designated representative of the Minor, Rookie and T-Ball leagues
- 4) Maintains records of players not selected in the draft from which player replacements may be selected.
- 5) Maintains all team and player records of player releases and replacements.
- 6) Submits rosters of each team showing name, address, and birth date of each player to Babe Ruth Headquarters within seven (7) days before the first regularly scheduled game.
- 7) Reports to Babe Ruth Headquarters replacements of players after submission of team rosters.
- 8) Supervises selection of the league's All-Star teams.
- 9) Serves with the President on a committee to rule on all protested games.
- 10) Prepares the practice and game schedule for Fall Ball and assigns players to teams for all Fall Ball leagues.

5.06 - Vice President of the Minor League

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

Responsibilities

- 1) Chairs the Minor League Committee. Shall attend all SLYB Board meetings or appoint a representative.
- 2) Selects suitable managers for the teams after reviewing their qualifications.
- 3) Meets with the SLYB Player Agent after Major League selections have been made to determine the number of eligible players available to establish teams for the Minor League.
- 4) With the Player Agent, fairly assigns players to each team based on the player's skills assessment scores. Once the teams are established, team rosters will be provided to the approved Managers.
- 5) Coordinates with the Player Agent the practice and game schedule and provides the information to the SLYB Board of Directors.
- 6) Serves as the Chief Liaison Officer between the Minor League and the SLYB Board of Directors. Coordinates requests for equipment, insurance, and registration fees collection, etc., with the appropriate SLYB League Officers. Fund raising programs will be coordinated directly with the SLYB Vice President.

- 7) Establishes, in coordination with the SLYB President, a date for the pre-season Parents' Meeting. The two will preside at that meeting.
- 8) Coordinates the transfer of players, as necessary, from the Minor League Teams to the Major League Teams.
- 9) Fills all Minor League Committee positions.

5.07 - Vice President for Rookie League

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

Responsibilities

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

5.08 - Vice President for T-Ball League

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

Responsibilities

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

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

It is recommended that a representative Manager from the Minor, Rookie and T-Ball league Managers be appointed by the Vice President of the respective league to attend Board meetings as a non-voting participant.

5.09 - Vice President for Concessions

The Vice President for Concessions is elected for a period of one year but may succeed himself/herself if re-elected. The Vice President for Concessions may present to the Board for approval an agreement with a third party for the daily operations of the concession stand at Shillito Park or may select two (2) assistants to oversee the daily operation of the two (2) concession stands, Shillito Park and Southland.

Responsibilities

- 1) Provides, for the January Board Meeting an estimate of the revenue, which Concessions will provide for League operation during the coming year.
- 2) Organizes and supervises all Concession functions.
- 3) Plans and coordinates SLYB Fun Day.
- 4) Provides a Concessions financial report at each Board meeting during the months the concession stand is open.
- 5) Provides, to each Concession team parent, a schedule for needed concession stand workers. The concession team parent shall be responsible for scheduling parents to work concessions during their designated time slots. Each parent shall be required to work a minimum of one time slot for each child playing in the league.
- 6) Inform all Concession team parents of Concession and Fun-Day activities.
- 7) Provides assistance and advice to concession stand volunteers and workers.
- 8) Coordinates with the Vice President of Field Maintenance any maintenance projects required for the Concession stands.

- 9) Coordinates with the League President any major equipment purchases for concessions exceeding \$150.
- 10) Oversees the concession stand during Fall Ball.
- 11) Weekly shall deposit all funds collected from Concessions in such bank account as the Board of Directors shall designate.
- 12) Makes all disbursements over \$25.00 by check only. Funds in the concession account may only be disbursed for concession stand operation and/or maintenance.
- 13) Shall receive \$1,000 from the Treasurer at the beginning of the season. This money shall be returned to the Treasurer on or before May 15th.
- 14) Closes the Concessions books at the end of the regular season and transfers funds to the League account.

5.10 - Vice President for Equipment & Uniforms

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

Responsibilities

(A) Equipment:

- 1) Inspects each team's uniforms and equipment along with the Vice-President of each league to determine condition. This will include the Major League, Minor League, Rookie League and T-Ball equipment. Using the authorized equipment lists (Page 18) establishes the replacement equipment needed to ensure all authorized equipment will be available and in good condition.
- 2) Establishes a total list of requirements from 1. above. Contacts at least three sporting goods suppliers. Gets bids from the suppliers on those items and will select the lowest bid. Baseballs will be purchased in a single lot from the lowest bidder. All bids shall be submitted to the Board for approval of allotment and payment. Baseballs must be available by March 1st.
- 3) Replaces damaged or faulty team equipment throughout the season. An inspection of such equipment must be made prior to replacement.
- 4) Purchases the required uniform patches for placement on all new uniforms prior to April 1st.
- 5) Using the information from the inspection, the scheduled games, equipment bids, etc. prepares a detailed budget for the year, indicating quantities, prices, etc. This will be coordinated with the League Treasurer and President and ready for presentation to the Board at the January Board Meeting.
- 6) After approval of the budget, equipment will be purchased so as to complete the authorized equipment for each team. This equipment will be in the equipment bags in time for the first game.

- 7) Maintains an adequate supply of game baseballs at all times. Supplies game baseballs to the umpires prior to all games. Each participating team will receive one of the balls following each game.
- 8) At the conclusion of the season, any Manager, not returning to manage the following year, will provide all equipment and uniforms to the Vice President for Equipment & Uniforms.
- 9) Purchases the shirts and other equipment as needed for the Junior Major League and Fall Ball.

(B) Uniforms:

- 1) Arranges for the purchase of one jersey per player for each Major and Minor League team at a maximum cost per team as agreed upon by the Board each year.
- 2) Determines yearly uniform requirements before January 1st of each year to take advantage of pre-season savings. Uniforms scheduled for replacement may be ordered prior to budget submission and approval since sponsorships provide the income to cover the costs.
- 3) Establishes the kind and price limits of uniforms to be purchased with Board approval and arranges for team Managers to select the uniforms.
- 4) Establishes the kind and price limits of caps to be purchased with Board approval and arranges for team Managers to select the caps.
- 5) Purchases All Star team shirts and caps.
- 6) Following All Star Tournament play collects from each Manager all All-Star uniforms. They will be inspected and stored. This is done immediately following the last game of each team.
- 7) Purchases a shirt and hat for the Rookie and T-Ball League umpires.

5.11 - Vice President for Sponsors

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

Responsibilities

The major responsibilities of the Vice President of Sponsors are to pursue new sponsors as required and to act as the League's contact with all present sponsors.

Specifically he/she will:

- 1) Assure that all teams within the Major League have a sponsor by February 1st. This will require personal contact with previous sponsors to ensure their support, in addition to contact with potential sponsors until sufficient sponsors are available for all leagues.
- 2) Works with the respective League Vice Presidents to obtain sponsors for their respective teams.
- 3) Collects sponsor fees, prepares and presents sponsor certificates upon receipt of funds. Sponsor fees are outlined in the league fundraising brochure. Current Fundraising brochure is attached as Exhibit 4. Sponsor

fees will be set and approved by the Board annually. All sponsor fees are to be paid prior to the lettering of uniforms, or April 1.

- 4) Invites sponsors to opening games and other league activities to develop closer relationships with them.
- 5) Serves on the Fund raising committee.

5.12 - Vice President for Field Maintenance

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

Responsibilities

- 1) Supervises the maintenance of all fields and practice areas. Coordinates all maintenance work to be performed on SLYB fields, including obtaining personnel, materials and coordinating with appropriate Parks and Recreation Officials.
- 2) Prepares the fields for play. This task may be delegated as appropriate.
- 3) Ensures a First Aid kit is available at both Shillito and Southland.
- 4) Verifies that the teams involved have cleaned dugouts. If not, reports to the League President.

5.13 - Vice President of Communications

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

Responsibilities

- 1) Generally responsible for the advertising functions of the League. Using public media as to adequately cover such functions.
- 2) Works with the Player Agent to keep the League community informed of all actions such as: Sign-ups, Try-outs, Tournaments, Fundraisers, Parents Night, etc.
- 3) Prepares fliers to be distributed within the League Boundaries. These fliers will indicate League Boundaries, Required Information, Fees, Dates, and Locations of Sign-ups and Try-outs.
- 4) Responsible for Major League Opening Day ceremonies. Each respective league Vice President will be responsible for coordinating Opening Day ceremonies for their respective league with the VP of Communications. The President shall approve plans for these ceremonies.
- 5) Responsible for compiling and maintaining statistics for Major League, Junior Major and Minor League Teams. Generally statistics for Rookie and T-Ball leagues are compiled and maintained by the respective managers.

- 6) Hires official scorekeepers for the Major, Junior Major and Minor league games. Official scorekeepers generally are not provided for Rookie and T-Ball games. Parent volunteers serve in this capacity.
- 7) Instructs and supervises the scorekeepers in their responsibilities and duties.
- 8) Compiles and distributes the League Newsletter (Pitchout) with input from each respective League Vice President biweekly during the season. The Pitchout should include information concerning league standings, announcements and requests for volunteers.
- 9) Responsible for providing information for publication on the SLYB website.
- 10) Supplies summary statistics for All Star selections.
- 11) Responsible for collecting and tabulating votes for the Eddie Evans Award.

5.14 - Past President

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

5.15 - Vice President of Umpires

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

Responsibilities

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

5.16 - Manager and Coach

(A) Requirements

- 1) Each new Manager shall be approved by a three-fourths majority vote of the entire Board of Directors (See Article 7.06). Managers must be at least 21 years of age and Coaches must be at least 18 years of age. Both Manager and Coach should be of excellent character with high moral standards and integrity. Knowledge of baseball is secondary to the ability to lead his/her players.
- 2) At the first meeting of the Board of Directors in August of each year, the performance of each Manager shall be reviewed and discussed openly by the Board of Directors. At the first meeting of the Board of Directors in September of each year, the Board shall vote by secret ballot to either retain each Manager for the following year or to dismiss the Manager. A Manager shall be retained for the following year unless a three-fourths majority of the entire Board of Directors (as defined in Article 7.06) vote to dismiss the Manager.
- 3) The President of the League is responsible for collecting all votes (including absentees) and along with the Vice President, counting the results and making only the results known to the Board
- 4) At no time shall the President or Vice President communicate to any individual or group the actual vote count except any Manager wishing to know his/her individual vote count may inquire to the President within 10 days for his/her results. After 10 days the President shall not communicate to any Manager his/her vote count.
- 5) Each Manager is allowed three coaches who must be approved prior to each season by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.
- 6) If the Manager decides not to return for the next season, the resignation should be submitted to the Board in writing.

(B) Responsibilities

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

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

5.17 - Selection of New Major League Managers

(A) Selection

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

(B) Vacancy

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

(C) Application

Applications for managerial positions (See Exhibit 2) vacated between seasons should be submitted to the Manager Selection Committee as early as possible, ideally early enough to be considered and approved generally at the regular October meeting. The committee shall review applications (See Article 8.02(B)) before presentation to the Board. The applicant may not request a specific team. The applications must include pertinent qualifications. All applications will be considered concurrently and assignments to teams will be at the discretion of the Board of Directors. Applications must be submitted each year to be considered for any managing positions.

5.18 - Selection of New Minor, Rookie and T-Ball Managers and Assistant Coaches for all Leagues

Each nominee for the position of Minor League, Rookie League and T-Ball Manager will be required to complete an application (See Exhibit 2) for that position and submit to the Vice President of the respective league prior to being considered by the Board. The Vice President from each respective League will recommend applicants to the Board of Directors for approval by a majority vote. In addition, the Board should review and approve individuals requesting to become assistant coaches prior to the start of the season.

5.19 – Standards of Field Decorum

- 1) The actions of Players, Managers, Coaches, Umpires and League Officials must be above reproach.
- 2) Uniformed Players and Bat Boys/Girls, News Photographers, Managers, Coaches and Umpires are the only individuals who shall be permitted within the confines of the playing field just prior to and during games.
- 3) Except for the Batter, Base Runners, the Player on Deck, and Coaches at first and third bases, all players shall be in their dugouts or in the bullpen when a team is at bat.
- 4) When a team is on defense, all players shall be in their dugouts or in the bullpen.

- 5) A Manager shall not leave the bench or dugout except to confer with a player or an Umpire.

Authorized Team Equipment List

	<u>Major</u>	<u>Minor</u>	<u>Rookie</u>	<u>T-Ball</u>
Catcher's Mitt	2 Each	1 each	1each	
Chest Protector	2 each	1 each	1 each	
Bats	3 Total			
Shin Guards	2 sets	1 set	1 set	
Safety Helmets	6 each	6 each	*4each	4 each
Catcher's Mask	2 each	1 each	1 each	
Equipment Bag	2 each	2 each	2 each	
Safety Helmet Bag	1 each	1 each	1 each	
First Aid Kit	1 each	1 each	1 each	
Batting Tee	1 each			

*1 with mask

ARTICLE 6. - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

6.01 - General Powers

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

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

6.02 - Elections

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

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

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

6.03 - Membership

The Board of Directors shall consist of all duly elected Officers of the Corporation and all Cal Ripken Major League team Managers. The number of Major League Managers on the Board of Directors shall not exceed a minority of the

membership of the Board of Directors. Each member of the Board of Directors shall hold office for the term for which he/she is elected or until his/her successor shall have been appointed or elected, unless dismissed by $\frac{3}{4}$ majority vote of the entire Board.

6.04 - Manner of Acting

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

6.05 - Method of Voting

(A) All voting will be conducted by voice or show of hands except, if requested, seconded and approved by the Board, voting on a specific issue may be completed by secret ballot.

(B) The Board shall only accept absentee voting if made in writing to the President prior to the selected time of the meeting.

(C) Article 7.05 and 7.06 addresses the definitions of different methods of voting.

6.06 - Vacancies

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

6.07 - Past Interpretations

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

ARTICLE 7 - MEETINGS AND QUORUM

7.01 - Regular Meetings

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

7.02 - Special Meetings

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

7.03 - Notice of Meetings

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

7.04 - Quorum

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

7.05 - Majority Vote

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

7.06 - Vote of the Entire Board

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

ARTICLE 8. - COMMITTEES

8.01- Membership

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

8.02- Standing Committees

(A) Nominating Committee

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

- 1) Vice President
- 2) Minor League Vice President
- 3) Rookie League Vice President
- 4) T-Ball League Vice President
- 5) Player Agent
- 6) Two Managers from the Major League selected by all of the Major League Managers. No Manager shall serve consecutive years.

All current members shall be contacted to determine status for the following year. All new candidates shall submit an application to any member of the nominating committee.

This committee will solicit feedback from the general membership, compile a list of the candidates and present them to the board for consideration near the conclusion of the Major League regular season.

(B) Manager Selection Committee

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

Composition of this committee will include:

- 1) President
- 2) Player Agent
- 3) Vice President
- 4) Two Managers from the Major League selected by all of the Major League Managers. No Manager shall serve consecutive years.

(C) Protest Committee

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

- 1) President
- 2) The Vice President for the respective League
- 3) Player Agent

(D) Registration Committee

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

- 1) President
- 2) Vice President for each League
- 3) Vice President
- 4) Secretary
- 5) Player Agent

- 6) Vice President for Communications
- 7) Any other member of the Board of Directors stating a willingness to serve on the committee.

ARTICLE 9 – AUTHORITY

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

ARTICLE 10 – LEAGUE YEAR AND SEASON

10.01 – League Year and Season

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

ARTICLE 11 – FINANCIAL POLICY

11.01 – Responsibility

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

11.02 – Common Treasury

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

11.03 – Contributions

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

11.04 – Independent Financial Review

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

11.05 – Booster Club

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

ARTICLE 12 - MAJOR LEAGUE ROSTERS

12.01- Draft Meeting

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

12.02 - Draft Method

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

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

EXAMPLES:

***First Round**

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

Second Round

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

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

12.03 - Draft of Previously Selected Players

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

12.04 - Team Size

All teams should have 13 active players on the team at all times. Beginning in 2018, the maximum number of players of any one age group is five per team, other than the 12 year-old group of 2018, where the maximum remains six players in an age group per team.

12.05 - Player Duration

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

12.06 - Forfeiture of Eligibility

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

- (1) The request must be in writing and signed by the player's parents with copies submitted to the League President, the Player Agent and the player's coach no later than try-outs of the current year. A copy of the Player Release form is shown as Exhibit 3.
- (2) It must be communicated in writing to the parents of the player involved, that the player, after playing one full season in the Minor League, can re-enter the draft the following season. The team that released the player originally would have the first option of re-drafting the player as their first round draft pick. The team would have to declare the pick before the first player of the draft is chosen, otherwise, any other team would be eligible to draft the player at any point in the draft.
- (3) Any player that forfeits his eligibility during the season and was not on a Major League roster as of the final game of the season would be subject to the provisions as outlined in Article 12.03 of these by-laws.

12.07 - Player Trades

No trading of players shall be permitted in SLYB.

ARTICLE 13 - DRAFT PROTECTED PLAYERS

13.01- Managers Sons/Daughters

The son/daughter of a Manager must be “declared” before the first round of draft. The selection round will be designated by a committee consisting of the Player

Agent and two Major League Managers (appointed by the Player Agent), based on the ability of the son/daughter.

13.02 - Siblings

(A) Siblings (brother or sister already on a team)

A second (or more) brother/sister is protected by the sibling rule regardless of any option indicated by the parent. This sibling should be “declared” before the draft begins and is automatically assigned the lowest available position on the roster. If he is not “declared” by the Manager holding that option, his/her status is then determined by the option indicated by the parent. A Manager may still pick the player in a later round providing no other team has selected him/her. If the parent will not allow siblings to play on different teams then the player is ineligible for draft by any other team and must play in the Minor League. If the parents permit the siblings to play on separate teams, the player is then eligible for the draft on any other team.

(B) Siblings (two or more siblings at try-outs - no sibling on a team.)

1) If a parent indicates that the siblings cannot play on separate team:

When the first of siblings is drafted, the Manager must declare his intention regarding the remaining sibling(s) and automatically assign the sibling to the lowest available position on the roster. If the Manager indicates he does not wish to draft the remaining sibling(s) he (they) is (are) not eligible for selection by any other team and must play in the Minor League.

2) If the parent indicates that the siblings may play on separate teams:

When the first sibling is selected, the Manager may indicate his intention to declare the remaining sibling(s) and automatically assign the sibling to the lowest available position on the roster, but he is not obligated to do so. The remaining sibling(s) is eligible for selection by any other team at any point in the draft if not declared by the Manager selecting the first sibling.

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

13.03 - New Managers Son/Daughter

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

ARTICLE 14 - MAJOR LEAGUE COMPOSITION

14.01 - Team Names

The SLYB will be composed of 10 teams in two (2) divisions, National and American, which will remain the same from year to year as follows:

<u>National</u>	<u>American</u>
A's	Astros
Cardinals	Cubs
Braves	Orioles
Pirates	Reds
Royals	White Sox

14.02 - Dugout Limits

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

14.03 - Team Name Change

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

ARTICLE 15 - MAJOR LEAGUE CHAMPION

15.01 - League Tournament Champion

The League Tournament shall be a single elimination tournament consisting of the top six (6) teams with the best overall records. The winners of each division shall receive a first round bye. The number 3 seed shall play the 6 seed and the 4 seed shall play the 5 seed. The winner of the 3 vs. 6 game shall play the number 2 seed. The winner of the 4 vs. 5 game shall play the number 1 seed. Seeding is based on overall record. In case of a tie, head to head competition will determine the seeding. If it still remains tied, the winner of the coin toss shall be awarded the seed.

If two (2) teams tie for the sixth playoff spot, and head to head competition cannot determine the winner, there will be a one (1) game playoff between the two (2) teams.

If three (3) or more teams tie for the final playoff spot(s), and head to head competition does not settle the tie, the team(s) that allowed the fewest total runs scored in the regular season is awarded the seed(s) for the tournament (similar to the World Series Tiebreaker rule).

15.02 - Division Champion

The 10 Major League Teams are divided into two (2) divisions, American and National. The champion of each division will be the team with the best overall record.

- 1) If two (2) teams tie use best 2 of 3 (Head to Head Record).
- 2) If more than two (2) teams tie, use Best Division Record.
- 3) If more than 2 teams tie when using Best Division Record, and there are two teams, which have the best identical division records, then the tiebreaker as stated in 15.02 (1) above is used.
- 4) If two or more teams tie with same best records (Season & Division) head to head competition among these teams will determine the Division winner.

ARTICLE 16 - MAJOR LEAGUE ALL STAR TEAM SELECTION

16.01 - Player Nomination

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

16.02 - Selection Date

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

16.03 - Player Selection

(A) The Vice President of Communications will consolidate the team lists and add the statistics that have been compiled. The final consolidated lists shall be given to each Manager no later than two (2) days prior to the All Star selection meeting.

(B) Generally, the only persons authorized to be present at the All-Star selection are: League President, Player Agent, Major League Managers, (or their qualified representatives). The following method shall be used to select players for all the All Star Teams:

- 1) The Player Agent will conduct the vote with the players and Coaches for the 12-year-old All Star team. The selection shall be made from the entire list of eligible players. Each player and Coach shall select the names of eleven (11) players he feels are best qualified to play on the All-Star Team. players and Coaches may not vote for their own team members. Player's votes will be aggregated and reduced to equal one (1) vote for the eleven players receiving the most votes for the 11 & 12 year olds only. Coach's votes will be aggregated and reduced to equal one (1) vote for the eleven players receiving the most votes. The vote will be included in

the first round vote at the All-Star selection meeting.

2) Each Manager will submit a list to the Player Agent from each age group upon arrival at the selection meeting. It shall include the names of the eleven (11) players he feels are best qualified to play on the All-Star team. (See Article 16.05 below). The players cannot be from their own team.

3) The names on the players, Coaches, and Managers lists will be read and votes recorded on a board for all to see.

4) Players receiving nine (9) votes will be accepted as members of the team. (Should more than 11 players receive 9 or more votes, voting by the Managers shall be repeated.)

5) The remaining players that received at least one "first round" vote will be re-listed on the board. From this list, a new vote will be taken for the remaining number needed to select 11 players. Beginning with the second round, each Manager may vote for a player from his own team. Votes will be secret but all votes will be read aloud. This process is repeated until 11 All-Star players are selected. (See Article 16.05 below). Players receiving seven (7) votes will be accepted on the team. However, if fewer OR more than 11 players qualify, the Player Agent shall have the discretion to increase or decrease the number of players a Manager may vote for in a given round. The Player Agent should announce such conditions prior to each voting round.

6) The All Star Manager has the discretion to make zero, one, or two wild card picks from this list. If the Manager makes two wild card picks, the players may not be from the same team.

7) Voting process (steps 2 - 6) shall be repeated for the 9, 10, and 11-year-old All Star teams.

16.04 - All Star Managers

(A) All Star Managers or Coaches selection should come from the approved Major League Manager & Coaches.

(B) The Manager with the best win-loss record will have his choice of All Star teams he prefers to manage.

(C) The Manager with the second best record will have the second choice, and shall continue in order of League finish. In the event of a tie in the overall win-loss record, head to head competition will be used. In the event an additional tiebreaker is required, a coin flip will be used. Except under extraordinary circumstances, major league managers shall not decline the opportunity to manage an All Star team.

16.05 - All Star Eligibility

(A) 9 year olds can play on the 10-year-old All Stars only if voted on.

- (B) 11 year olds can play on the 12-year-old All Stars.
The above players cannot be an All Star Manager's wild card pick.

ARTICLE 17 - MINOR LEAGUE

17.01 - Purpose

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

17.02 - Organizational Structure

(A) The Minor League Vice President is a voting member of the Board of Directors. Article 5.06 includes the job responsibilities for the Minor League Vice President.

(B) The Minor League Committee shall govern the Minor League. The Minor League Committee members shall oversee the daily operations of the Minor League consistent with the guidelines set forth by the SLYB Board of Directors. The members are:

- 1) Minor League Vice President
- 2) Player Agent
- 3) Three (3) adult representatives as appointed by the Minor League Vice President.

17.03 Minor League Team Selection

(A) The number of teams and league format shall be left up to the Minor League Vice President and the Player Agent. The format shall be presented and approved by the Board prior to the Major League draft.

(B) Following the regular season, a tournament will be played, format to be determined by the Minor League Vice President.

(C) One All Star Team will ordinarily represent the Minor League. The selection process for the Minor League All-Stars shall be the same as the Major League process outlined in Article 16.03. All Star teams will be limited to a total of 14 players. The coach with the best win-loss record will have first choice to manage the All Star team.

ARTICLE 18 - ROOKIE LEAGUE

18.01 - Purpose

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

18.02 - Organizational Structure

(A) The Rookie League Vice President is a voting member of the Board of Directors. Article 5.07 contains the job responsibilities for the Rookie League Vice President.

(B) The Rookie League Committee shall govern the Rookie League. The Rookie League Committee members shall oversee the daily operations of the Rookie League consistent with the guidelines set forth by the SLYB Board of Directors. The members are:

- 1) Rookie League Vice President
- 2) Player Agent
- 3) Three (3) adult representatives as appointed by the Rookie League Vice President.

18.03 - Rookie League Team Selection

(A) Rookie League teams will be formed by draft of players following a tryout.

(B) Following the regular season, a tournament will be played with the format to be determined by the Rookie League Vice President.

(C) One sanctioned All Star team from each age group will represent the Rookie League. The selection process for the Rookie League All Stars shall be the same as the Major League process outlined in Article 16.03. All Star teams will be limited to a total of 14 players. All Star Coaches will be selected at the discretion of the VP of Rookie and the Rookie Committee with consideration of the regular season record.

ARTICLE 19 - T-BALL LEAGUE

19.01 - Purpose

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

19.02 - Organizational Structure

(A) The T-Ball League Vice President is a voting member of the Board of Directors. Article 5.08 contains the job responsibilities of the T- Ball League Vice President.

(B) The T-Ball League Committee shall govern the T-Ball League. The T-Ball Committee members shall oversee the daily operations of the T-Ball League consistent with the guidelines set forth by the SLYB Board of Directors. The members are:

- 1) Vice President of T-Ball League
- 2) Player Agent

3) Three (3) adult representatives as appointed by the T-Ball League Vice President.

19.03 – T-Ball League Team Selection

(A) The number of teams and league format shall be left up to the T-Ball League Vice President and the Player Agent. The format shall be presented and approved by the Board.

(B) Following the regular season, a tournament will be played with the format to be determined by the T-Ball League Vice President.

(C) One or more select teams may represent the T-Ball League in post-season tournament play.

ARTICLE 20 – FALL BALL

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

ARTICLE 21 - BYLAW AMENDMENTS

21.01 - Votes

Bylaws may be amended at any Board meeting of the organization by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the entire Board, provided written notice of the proposed revision has been given to each member at least ten (10) days in advance of any meeting. Written notice by mail post marked fourteen (14) days in advance of any meeting is sufficient to satisfy the notice requirement.

21.02 - Proper Form of Amendments

(1) These bylaws may not be amended orally. All amendments must be in writing and properly noticed as required in Article 21.01.

(2) The Board may orally amend written amendments before a final vote.

21.03 - Passage of an Amendment

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

(1) The Secretary shall keep the original with the minutes.

(2) The Secretary shall distribute to all Board members a copy of any new amendments and to any other persons who may request a copy.

21.04 - Updating By Laws

(1) The Secretary shall update these By Laws with all amendments newly

enacted by the Board every January and distribute the updated set of By Laws to all Board members and any other person requesting a copy in accordance with Article 22.

(2) The Secretary shall sign and date the certification statement at the end of the By Laws each time an update of these By Laws is made.

ARTICLE 22 - AVAILABILITY OF BY LAWS

22.01 - Persons Requesting Copies

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

22.02 - Copies to Board Members

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