



# Operating Procedures

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## **ARTICLE I      Coordination Committees**

The Board of Directors may appoint such committees, as they deem necessary. Committees must have a least two (2) active LBSA members. Committee heads do not have to be Board members, nor must they attend board meetings. Committee meetings do not need to be publicly announced or minutes recorded. The primary function is to submit reports and recommendations to the respective Board member coordinators for action by Board Member Vote.

### **Section 1      Coaching**

Team coaches must be a leader who is well respected in his community.

The coaches are the adults designated by the league to interact with the young players. They hold key positions, directly affecting each participant and the degree to which he/she benefits by involvement in the league. Since the coaches are the individuals having direct contact with the players, they become the most important persons in determining the success of your league.

Players are strongly influenced by their coaches in establishing their own ideals and aspirations. It is important the coaches be people who can be respect by their players, not only because they might lead them to the league championship, but because they do their job in providing the players with the inspiration to become better citizens via proper mental and physical development.

As the role of the coaches is vital in determining the success of a league, we strongly recommend a “Managers and Coaches Selection Committee” be appointed. This committee should make a determined effort to recruit the best adults with the proper baseball and softball knowledge as well as the other important qualities mentioned above, including a history of supportive care and safe treatment of youth.

### **Section 2      Clinics**

Proper instruction of all players within the league should – and must – be of paramount importance. The Clinic Coordinator should arrange with local high school and other senior programs, and/or college coaches or other knowledgeable baseball and softball sources to conduct an instructional clinic(s) for all managers and coaches within the league. How to organize a successful one hour and a half practice session that will keep all players active, interested and enthused, must be stressed in the clinic.

### **Section 3      Website**

Should be interested in computers and have at least elementary PC proficiency, but does not necessarily need to be skilled in website design or technical computer issues. Responsible for updating league’s informational resources, online rosters and registration and act as the primary contact in conjunction with the official online provider.

### **Section 4      Team Administration**

Each team should be assigned a Team Administrator or Team Parent. The Team Administrator or Team Parent duties and responsibilities are to do the administrative tasks for the team which will allow the coach to concentrate on coaching the players and team development.

- Team Administrator or Team Parent Meeting – Attend the Team Mom/Dad meeting and receive the information to pass on to the parents. Pick up the fundraiser (if any) for those players electing to participate in the fundraiser. You may also receive the team’s uniforms. Be sure to bring them to

the practice and pass them out to the team after you have written down which jersey number will go to what teammate.

- List of players– Make a list of all players and include their name, parents’ name and telephone number. It is a good idea to put a parent as a contact in your cell phone as well. In case of an unexplained absence, you’ll quickly be able to call the parent. Always carry your cell phone with you. A player might miss a game or practice because they have the wrong time.
- Team roster – Be responsible for making a team roster and snack schedule. Begin by listing the scheduled game date, location and time. Next add the team player that will be responsible for bringing snacks that day (numerical jersey order is a good place to start). It’s easier to combine the roster, game and snack schedule on the same form.
- Email parents – Obtain each parent’s email address and send out a “Hey I’m Team Mom” email as soon as you can. You will want to always keep parents informed of what’s going on. If the coach hasn’t done so already, be sure to let them know when practices are expected, how early they need to show up before the game, etc. Always include a signature at the bottom of your emails and always put your cell phone number. This way, parents won’t have to search for a previous email with your number.
- Uniforms – You may have to coordinate uniform pickup and distribution. They should be passed out to all players and their name and uniform number recorded.
- Order the Team Banner/ Player Banner – For baseball/softball, you typically know the team name already so order the banner right away and let the parents know what their share of the cost will be. Ideally you want to have the banner ordered and received before the first game. After you’ve ordered the banner, let each parent know what the cost per player is and collect for the banner. Most likely you will also be responsible for bringing the banner to each game.

Snack bar duty – Sometime during the season your team will be assigned a snack bar duty day. It will be your responsibility to politely recruit the parents to volunteer to help in the snack bar. You’ll have to let them know the date, time and the required hours they need to be there. Snack bar shifts require one adults over the age of 18 during the set time.

- Picture day – You will need to coordinate picture day with the team. This includes receiving the picture packets to pass out to parents.
- Plan team party – There are tons of places you can have a team party. Some suggestions are:  
Coach’s home or a team member’s home.  
Bowling alley  
Park  
Pizza parlor  
Restaurant

## **ARTICLE II      Remuneration**

### **Section 1**

Stipends, hiring and pay must be approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE III Tryouts**

### **Section 1**

LBSA has five baseball divisions, T-ball (ages 5 & 6), Rookies (ages 7 & 8), Minors (ages 9 & 10), Majors (ages 11 & 12), and Prep/Babe Ruth (ages 13-15). Ages are determined by the player's age on May 1 of the current year. LBSA has varying numbers of softball divisions, dependent up on age range of the player population. Ages are determined by the player's age on January 1st of the prior year.

### **Section 2**

Each league, Minors and older, having more than 18 players in the division shall hold open tryouts for any registered player in that age league in order to facilitate a draft.

### **Section 3**

Any player may try out for the next older league. No guarantee is made as to selection on a team. A consensus vote of approval by the upper leagues coaches is required before any of these players will be allowed to enter the draft. All others will be sent back to their age-league.

## **ARTICLE IV Coaches**

### **Section 1**

All coaches and assistant coaches will be approved through an application process with the Board of Directors. Only elected members of the Board of Directors shall vote to approve/refuse coaches. The board has the right to approve the coaches that it feels will best serve the interests of the players and LBSA as a whole and reject any coach that may conflict with these interests. All coaches will be approved by a  $\frac{3}{4}$  majority vote.

### **Section 2**

Coaches are expected to conduct themselves both on and off field in such manner as to be above reproach. The following requirements were created to foster the best coaching standards for the community and will be paid for by the LBSA.

#### ***Part A***

All coaches applying for a position with Livingston Baseball Softball Association may be subjected to Criminal Background Checks each year.

#### ***Part B***

Head baseball coaches, coaching in Rookies and above must be certified by taking the *Coaching Youth Baseball* (Level I) administered through Babe Ruth League, Inc. Head baseball coaches, coaching in Majors and above must also be certified *Coaching Advanced Baseball* (Level II) through Babe Ruth League, Inc. Copies of certification records will be held by the league.

#### ***Part C***

Softball coaches must be certified through USA Softball's ACE Coaching Certification Program. Copies of certification records will be held by the league.

***Part D***

All Head Coaches and Assistant Coaches in the league will be certified through the Positive Coaching Alliance as a Double-Goal Coach, who pursues winning and the even more important goal of teaching life lessons through baseball and softball.

**Section 3**

Any situation where a coach is suspected of violating the rules and policies of Livingston Baseball Softball Association, Babe Ruth Baseball, Cal Ripken Baseball, USA Softball, or the laws of the State of Montana, shall be investigated by members of the Dispute Committee. Failure to cooperate with this process shall lead to immediate dismissal from coaching within Livingston Baseball Softball Association. Any violation of Montana Law will be turned over to law enforcement immediately. The board may take any action to remedy the situation up to and including expulsion from LBSA.

**Section 4**

Coaches shall maintain communication with their respective Player Representatives, parents, players, and umpires.

**ARTICLE V      Baseball**

**Section 1    Tee Ball**

***Part A***

Tee-Ball is open to both boys and girls, between the ages of five and six.

***Part B***

The team manager will maintain order throughout the game. When on offense, an assistant coach must stay in the dugout and as many as 4 coaches may take position at the bases and act as umpires. Defensive team may have up to 3 coaches in the field.

***Part C***

Only the batter should have a bat. The “on deck” batter should be ready with a helmet and remain in the dugout until called to bat.

***Part D***

Sliding is discouraged, if sliding is to occur it must adhere to LBSA’s adopted rules governing sliding.

***Part E***

Tennis shoes are permissible, NO open toed shoes are allowed.

***Part F***

Each team should field a minimum of 7 players. Teams can “trade” players for the purpose of making the game happen.

***Part G***

There are no player re-entry rules, however the batting order at the start of the game must remain the same.

### ***Part H***

No score will be kept.

### ***Part I***

The game will last no more than 3 innings or 1 hour.

An inning is defined as each team batting once through the lineup.

The inning is over when each batter has batted once

There is no out limit, a player put out simply returns to the bench.

No inning shall start after 55 min but any inning started must be completed in full.

### ***Part J***

There are no walks or strikeouts. A batter continues his turn until the ball is put in play. After 7 attempts the coach can help.

### ***Part K***

Runners may only advance one base on infield hits. The infield is defined as the portion of the field inside the base lines.

### ***Part L***

Runners may advance around the bases on balls hit beyond the infield, however they may only advance to the next base beyond the last corner turned once the ball is returned to the infield.

### ***Part M***

Play stops, and runners are held on their bases when the ball is returned to a player on the mound or any base. Time is called.

### ***Part N***

Base runners may not advance on overthrows or foul balls.

### ***Part O***

All players will play every inning in the field and at least one inning in the infield. The infield will only have the 4 standard players plus one catcher and one pitcher all of whom will be positioned in realistic positions. Remaining players will be spaced appropriately in the outfield at least 10' behind the base lines.

### ***Part P***

Players should be rotated around the field every inning and no player can play the same position more than 2 innings. Innings played at pitcher and first base will be combined toward the limit.

### ***Part Q***

Protests are not allowed; rule disagreements will be settled on the field between coaches while displaying good sportsmanship.

## **Section 2 Rookies**

In addition to all applicable local league adopted rules, LBSA adopts Babe Ruth League's suggested Rookie Rules and regulations except if they contradict with the following rules, which will prevail. Any other rule relevant to this age group found in the Babe Ruth League, Inc. rulebook will also be enforced.

### ***Part A***

LBSA adopts Babe Ruth League's suggested Rookie Rules and regulations except if they contradict with the following rules which will prevail. Any other rule relevant to this age group found in the Babe Ruth League, Inc. rulebook will also be enforced.

### ***Part B***

The LBSA Rookie league shall be a coach pitch league, no player pitching allowed.

### ***Part C***

To keep the game moving at a reasonable pace, coaches shall throw seven (7) pitches, some discretion may be allowed here. For example, if a player is starting to foul off balls an additional pitch may be delivered to promote player growth. Coaches are encouraged to 'soft toss' as necessary. If after 7 pitches the player has not hit a fair ball the player is out.

### ***Part D***

There are no walks in the rookie division.

### ***Part E***

If the player hits a ball that stays in the infield, the batter-runner shall be held at 1st base. Promote the idea that the runner should run through the 1<sup>st</sup> base bag, AND that the infield players should make the throw to first base.

### ***Part F***

No extra bases are allowed on an overthrow. Promote defensive players to make the throws to try and get an out.

### ***Part G***

All available players will play defense in the field.

### ***Part H***

If a player is put out, he returns to the bench.

### ***Part I***

If 3 outs are made, the ½ inning is over. If 3 outs are not made, the "last" batter will run through all the bases and home, the ½ inning is then over.

### ***Part J***

A game consists of 4 innings or 1½ hours of play.

### ***Part K***

Coaches will umpire their own games.

### ***Part L***

Protests are not allowed; rule disagreements will be settled on the field between coaches while displaying good sportsmanship.

### **Section 3 Minors**

In addition to all applicable local league adopted rules, LBSA adopts Babe Ruth League's suggested Minors Rules and regulations except if they contradict with the following rules, which will prevail. Any other rule relevant to this age group found in the Babe Ruth League, Inc. rulebook will also be enforced.

#### ***Part A Base Running***

A base runner may only advance one (1) base on an overthrow. A base runner may only steal one (1) base per pitch. A walk does not count as a stolen base attempt.

#### ***Part B Scoring***

To move the game at a reasonable pace, a team is only allowed to score a maximum of four (4) runs per 1/2 inning, except for the last inning played. The last inning played shall be an open innings; meaning there shall be no limit on the number of runs a team may score in the inning.

The two opposing coaches and home plate umpire shall agree upon the last inning of play. The ten (10) run rule shall be in effect during Livingston Baseball Softball Association league and tournament play. The game may be continued as agreed between the two opposing coaches. In such case, all Babe Ruth and local league rules shall apply and innings shall be counted against pitchers.

#### ***Part C Ten Player Rule***

Minor League teams will play with ten players in the field and in the batting order. Teams can play with nine players if only nine players are available.

### **Section 4 Majors**

In addition to all applicable local league adopted rules, LBSA adopts Babe Ruth League's suggested Majors rules and regulations except if they contradict with the following rules, which will prevail. Any other rule relevant to this age group found in the Babe Ruth League, Inc. rulebook will also be enforced.

#### ***Part A***

Balks – Coaches and umpires will help young pitchers During the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the season all balks are enforced. Pitchers will have 3 warnings provided each warning is for a different balk infraction. The fourth balk of any kind will be enforced. The second time the same balk infraction occurs it will be enforced.

#### ***Part B***

The 10-Run rule applies to the Major division. The game may be continued as agreed between the two opposing coaches. In such case, all Babe Ruth and local league rules shall apply and innings shall be counted against pitchers. There is no rule limiting the number of runs that can be scored in an inning.

#### ***Part C***

70-foot fields - Runners may lead off & the batter-runner may attempt to take first base on a dropped 3rd strike.

### **Section 5 Babe Ruth**

In addition to all applicable local league adopted rules, LBSA adopts Babe Ruth League's suggested Babe Ruth rules and regulations except if they contradict with the following rules, which will prevail. Any other rule relevant to this age group found in the Babe Ruth League, Inc. rulebook will also be enforced.

## **ARTICLE VI     Softball**

### **Section 1     8U League Rules**

#### ***Part A***

Games will begin at 6:30 pm. No new inning after 1 hour 15 minutes. Drop dead time will be 8:00 pm and the game score will revert to the score at the end of the last complete inning.

#### ***Part B***

Pitching distance is 32 feet.

#### ***Part C***

Softie 11” balls will be used. Home team will provide 2 balls in good condition per game.

#### ***Part D***

First two innings will be 4-run limit or three outs, whichever comes first. Subsequent innings will be one time through the batting order or three outs. If the two teams don't have an equal number of players, the number of batters will be the same as the roster with the most players. (i.e., one team with 9 and one team with 10, both teams bat 10 players or three outs.) During regular season play, if a team is batting less than 9, the 9<sup>th</sup> spot in the batting order is not an out if both coaches agree prior to the start of the game. During tournament play, batting less than 9 players will be an out each time the 9<sup>th</sup> spot in the batting order comes up. \*\*Short-handed rule will apply during tournament.

#### ***Part E***

First inning is girl-pitched. Subsequent innings are pitching machine.

#### ***Part F***

During girl-pitched innings, the batter will remain up until a strikeout, a hit, or a third out in the field. If the batter gets to four balls, a tee will be used to complete the at-bat.

#### ***Part G***

Girls batting off the tee will have two chances to put the ball into play. An allowable hit off the tee occurs if at least a portion of the ball is struck by the bat, and the ball travels into fair territory. Therefore, incidental contact with the tee by the bat is allowed.

#### ***Part H***

Batters cannot walk in this age division, whether girl-pitched or the pitching machine.

#### ***Part I***

Batters struck directly by a girl-pitched ball, without the ball hitting the ground between the pitcher and batter, will be awarded first base. If the batter is hit by a girl-pitched ball that contacts the ground before hitting the batter, the batter will continue their at bat and will not be awarded first base.\*\*Batters struck by a ball from the pitching machine will not be awarded first base, regardless if the ball hits the ground or not.

#### ***Part J***

No stealing. No bunting. No “Infield Fly” rule.

#### ***Part K***

Ten players can play defense in the field; four of those players must be in the grass.

### ***Part L***

One base allowed on an overthrow per pitch. (Example: If there is an overthrow at first base, the runner can advance to second base only. Encourage girls to get the ball back to the pitcher.)

### ***Part M***

The visiting coach will have the option to travel based on a conversation with the home coach regarding weather conditions. The decision must be made by 4:00 pm by both coaches. Please use common sense based on the age of the girls and the weather conditions anticipated at game time. Also, keep in mind the limited number of extra days available to play make-up games.

### ***Part N***

Girls that are playing in a division lower than their division determined by USA Softball standards have the following restrictions: No Pitching, No Catching & cannot bat higher than the #5 spot in the lineup.

## **Section 2 10U League Rules**

### ***Part A***

Games will begin at 6:30 pm. No new inning after 1 hour 15 minutes. Drop dead time will be 8:10 pm and the game score will revert to the score at the end of the last complete inning.

### ***Part B***

Pitching distance is 35 feet.

### ***Part C***

Regulation 11" softballs will be used. (No Softies.) Home team will provide 2 balls in good condition per game.

### ***Part D***

First two innings will be 4 run limit or three outs, whichever comes first. Subsequent innings will be one time through the batting order or three outs. If the two teams don't have an equal number of players, the number of batters will be the same as the roster with the most players. (i.e., one team with 9 and one team with 10, both teams bat 10 players or three outs.) During regular season play, if a team is batting less than 9, the 9th spot in the batting order is not an out if both coaches agree prior to the start of the game. During tournament play, batting less than 9 players will be an out each time the 9th spot in the batting order comes up. \*\*Short-handed rule will apply during tournament.

### ***Part E***

Girls will pitch all innings.

### ***Part F***

No "Infield Fly" rule.

### ***Part G***

Stealing is limited to one base per pitch, regardless of an overthrow. A runner may only come home on a batted ball or a walk.

### ***Part H***

Batters struck directly by a girl-pitched ball, without the ball hitting the ground between the pitcher and batter, will be awarded first base. If the batter is hit by a girl-pitched ball that contacts the ground before

hitting the batter, the batter will continue their at bat and will not be awarded first base. \*\*Batters struck by a ball from the pitching machine will not be awarded first base, regardless if the ball hits the ground or not.

***Part I***

Sliding and bunting are allowed.

***Part J***

Ten players can play defense in the field; four players must be in the grass.

***Part K***

One base allowed on an overthrow per pitch. (Example: If there is an overthrow at first base, the runner can advance to second base only. Encourage girls to get the ball back to the pitcher.)

***Part L***

The dropped third strike rule will not be used.

***Part M***

The visiting coach will have the option to travel based on a conversation with the home coach regarding weather conditions. The decision must be made by 4:00 pm by both coaches. Please use common sense based on the age of the girls and the weather conditions anticipated at game time. Also, keep in mind the limited number of extra days available for make-up games.

***Part N***

Girls that are playing in a division lower than their division determined by USA Softball standards have the following restrictions: No Pitching, No Catching & cannot bat higher than the #5 spot in the lineup.

### **Section 3 12U and 14U League Rules**

***Part A***

U12s and U14s will adhere to official USA Softball rules throughout the REC Season, including the following modifications and clarifications:

***Part B***

Teams may bat more than 9 players in their lineup.

***Part C***

Open substitutions on defense are allowed.

***Part D***

If teams choose to bat only 9 players in their lineup and they have additional player(s) on the bench, official USA Softball substitution procedures for offense and defense must be followed. (Refer to the 2017 USA Softball Official Rules of Softball and confirm your understanding with the umpire prior to the start of your game.)

***Part E***

Run Ahead Rule is: 15 runs ahead after 3 innings; 12 runs after 4 innings; and 10 runs after 5 innings.

***Part F***

No new inning after 1 hour and 30 minutes, but there is no drop-dead time.

### ***Part G***

Girls that are playing in a division lower than their division determined by USA Softball/USA standards have the following restrictions: No Pitching, No Catching & cannot bat higher than the #5 spot in the lineup.

## **ARTICLE VII Local League Adopted Rules**

### **Section 1 Must Play Rule**

#### ***Part A Regular Season***

All players must play two innings in the field and one at bat. Coaches must use reasonable judgement in making appropriate decisions regarding playing time. If your team is 10-run in 3½ innings and Little Johnny has only played one inning in the field and did not bat, he should probably start the next game.

#### ***Part B – All-Stars, Travel and Tournaments***

Players who participate in post-season all-stars, travel and tournament play are not subject to the Must Play Rule. Coaches must use reasonable judgement during competitive play in order to not only win, but provide for sensible player development.

### **Section 2 Alternate players**

LBSA will allow the use of registered players from a lower division to complete a team. Any team wishing to use a player from a lower division must ask that player's coach and parent for permission. Such alternate players will only be allowed to play outfield positions and must bat last in the batting order. Alternate players may occupy the bench as substitutes on a team that has nine eligible players, however they may not enter the game unless an injury or illness which, in the umpire's judgment, prohibits an eligible player from playing in the game. Any violation of these rules shall, upon discovery, result in forfeiture of the game.

### **Section 3 24-Hour Rule**

If either a parent or coach has a grievance with another parent or coach, he must wait 24 hours before making his grievance. Anyone who hears a grievance in violation of the 24-Hour rule should calmly remind the offender of the rule and inform a board member of the offense's occurrence while being mindful of the 24-hour rule and not discussing the nature of the grievance.

### **Section 4 Game Preliminaries**

The home team shall occupy the 3<sup>rd</sup> base dugout. The home team shall be responsible for prepping and lining the field prior to the first pitch. The home team will drag the field following the completion of the game. The home team shall supply umpires with two new game balls. Both teams will stay off the infield until the start of the game.

### **Section 5 Score Keeping**

The Home team is responsible for maintaining the official scorebook and recording the starting time of the game. Visiting team will run the scoreboard. The home team must furnish the Team Administrator with the final score of the game, innings played, and pitcher assignments with innings pitched immediately following every game. Scorebooks containing "official scores" must be brought to every game regardless of whether you are the home or away team. Umpire(s) must sign the official score book at the end of a game.

## **Section 6 Pitching**

All pitchers will be governed by Babe Ruth League, Inc. rule 0.06. There will be no intentional walks. This section applies to all Cal Ripken regular season and city tournament games.

## **Section 7 Time Limit**

Cal Ripken - No inning shall start after 8:00 pm or more than two hours after the start of the game. An inning begins the moment the 3rd out is made on the home team.

## **Section 8 Diving**

Cal Ripken Players may dive back to a base but not into. A player who dives into a bag shall be called out. The out shall be called as if a play was made to make the out. i.e., a runner who dives into first is out by force. A runner stealing third, who dives, is out but not forced out. The advance of any runners shall be the same as on any other play involving a runner or batter-runner being put out.

## **Section 9 Sliding**

Cal Ripken Players must slide into 2nd, 3rd, and home plate if there is a play being made at the base. A play at the base shall be when a defensive player is actively fielding the ball (not just the ball in flight), or has possession of the ball.

## **Section 10 Concessions**

Concessions will be run by volunteers, as scheduled by the Concessions Manager. If the scheduled volunteer is not in attendance for his/her shift, home teams on Fields 1, 2, 3 and 4 will place a parent in the concessions stand 15 min. prior to the start of their game. Concession shifts will be 2.5 hours long and can be split between 2 volunteers.

## **Section 11 Equipment and Maintenance Sheds**

Managers are responsible for maintaining the security of equipment sheds. Managers may furnish coaches with the combinations to the sheds but will retain responsibility for maintaining the security of the shed themselves. No players or kids are allowed in any shed. Do NOT leave sheds unlocked for any period of time. Immediately lock sheds after removing equipment. For safety reasons, children are not allowed to drive the 'Gator' and any child under the driving age will forfeit his/her right to play in the league. If coaches or parents are found in violation of this policy, the board of directors have the right upon majority vote, to remove this coach/member from the league for the remainder of the season

## **Section 13 Protesting Games**

Livingston Baseball Softball Association adopts the following procedures for protesting a game as directed to do so by Babe Ruth League rule 0.08 and Official Baseball Rule 4.19. No protest shall ever be permitted on judgment decisions by an umpire.

### ***Part A-Protest Procedure:***

Whenever a manager protests a game because of alleged misapplication of the rules, the protest will not be recognized unless the umpires are notified at the time of the play under protest, and before the next pitch is made or a runner is retired. The protested play, assuming not overturned on appeal, shall be noted as such in the books and play shall continue. A protest arising on a game-ending play may be filed with the league President until 12:00 noon the following day, or until the next game involving either team commences. The President of the league shall meet with the umpires and Umpire-in-Chief, to gather facts regarding the protest. The President may also convene the Dispute Committee for help in making a decision. However, the decision to uphold or deny the protest shall be made by the President and such decision shall be final.

A protest that is found to have no merit shall cause the game to be recorded as complete. If a protest is upheld, the game shall be replayed beginning from the point of the protested play only if in the President's

judgment the protested play adversely affected the protesting team's chance of winning the game. In the event the President is involved in a protested game, the Vice President shall assume all duties listed above for the president. In the event the Umpire-In-Chief is involved in a protested game, the Vice President shall assume all duties listed above for the Umpire-In-Chief.

#### **Section 14 Bats**

LBSA will only allow the use of bats that conform to the most recent regulations imposed by Babe Ruth League Inc. (baseball) and USA Softball (softball).

#### **Section 15 Game Cancellations & Rescheduling**

A coach cannot cancel games, except in Tee-ball and Rookie divisions. The Umpire-in-Chief will cancel all games, due to weather, or no games at all. If the Umpire-in-Chief cannot make the call, the player agent will assume the responsibility. This decision will be made at least 1 hour prior to the scheduled game time and be posted on the LBSA website. Coaches will reschedule cancelled games and inform the UIC and player agent of the new game time. Games must be replayed within 2 weeks from the cancelled game. Games that are not made up will be recorded as a loss with 6 runs against for BOTH teams. Games cancelled 10-14 days before the city tournament must be replayed before the tournament week begins. Games cancelled the week before the city tournament will be stricken from the game record. Games cancelled by an umpire before becoming regulation will be rescheduled pursuant sections C & D.

#### **Section 16 End of Season Tournament Seeding**

Seeding will be based on win percentage. Tie games are worth ½ of a win. Ties will be broken 1st by head to head competition, 2nd if not 1st by fewest runs given up 3rd if not 2nd or 1st by most runs scored 4th if not 3rd 2nd or 1st by a coin flip. The higher seeded team in the 1st round of the tournament (or 2nd round if advanced on a bye), is the home team. Home team in subsequent rounds will be determined by a coin flip. The undefeated team in the championship game is home team. In the event of a 2nd championship game a coin flip will determine home team.

#### **Section 17 Dual Participation**

Players or coaches active in other leagues are prohibited from also registering to play baseball with the LBSA, without written approval based on a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

### **ARTICLE VIII All-Stars and Travel Teams**

#### **Section 1**

Travel team membership is only open to registered players of Livingston Baseball Softball Association.

#### **Section 2**

No player will be allowed to play on a LBSA Travel Team and All-Stars who is not age-eligible to play on that team. No exception will be made without the majority approval of the Board of Directors.

#### **Section 3**

Travel Team and All-Stars coaches will be approved through an application process with the Board of Directors.

#### **Section 4**

Tryouts will be conducted for team selection, and any player interested in being on a travel team and All-Stars must attend these tryouts to be eligible for membership on a travel team and All-Stars. Any player

who did not meet this requirement can only be added to a travel team or all-stars roster by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

### **Section 5**

Travel Teams and All-Stars may hold fundraisers, but any other funds must be requested through the Board of Directors. Any funds raised by or in the name of a specific LBSA team must be directed to that team.

### **Section 6**

All tryout procedures must be approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

### **Section 7**

Uniforms shall be approved by the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE IX Regional Travel Expenditures**

### **Section 1**

Travel Teams and All-Stars may, upon Board approval, host tournaments and raise funds for travel via the concessions stand.

### **Section 2**

LBSA will pay the tournament fee for one tournament annually, at each division.