

CONSTITUTION BYLAWS Castle Rock Toutle Lake Youth Baseball

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CONSTITUTION

C.1 Identification and Affiliation

The identification of this organization shall be Castle Rock - Toutle Lake Youth Baseball, in short form referred to as CRTL. CRTL is and shall be a nonprofit organization. CRTL shall maintain full affiliation with the Cal Ripken Division of Babe Ruth League, Inc., a New Jersey corporation. CRTL shall operate in conformity with the rules and regulations of the Cal Ripken Division of Babe Ruth League, Inc.

C.2 Purpose

The purpose of CRTL is to teach the game of baseball to the youth of Castle Rock and Toutle Lake within the CRTL physical league boundaries established by the Cal Ripken Division the Babe Ruth League, Inc., with a focus on inclusive participation. The objective of CRTL is to use the game of baseball to develop in our youth the qualities of physical fitness, self-confidence, discipline, good sportsmanship, and a love for playing the game of baseball.

C.3 Organization

C.3.1 Members

The members of CRTL shall consist of the properly registered players, player parents/ guardians, managers and coaches, umpires, and Board of Directors.

C.3.2 Eligibility

The CRTL members are bound to abide by its Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules of Competition. Excluding the players, the CRTL members have voting rights at the Annual General Meeting. All references to the league members, players, player parents/ guardians, managers and coaches, umpires, and Board of Directors are assumed to be CRTL members unless otherwise stated.

C.3.3 Suspension or Termination of Membership (Non-Player and Player)

Resignation or action of the Board may terminate membership. The Board shall have the authority to discipline or suspend a member or to terminate the membership of a member when the conduct of the member is considered detrimental to the best interests of CRTL or Babe Ruth League, Inc., and its affiliated programs.

For any offense that occurs on the field of play, or is related to the field of play, the Board has delegated the authority to define and carry out disciplinary action to the Disciplinary Committee. The Disciplinary Committee is comprised of five (5) Board members, which shall include the Vice President, the Umpire in Chief, the Registrar, and two (2) Division Representatives appointed by the President. In the case of disciplinary action against a player, the Registrar shall sit as the fourth member of the committee. In the case of disciplinary action against any other CRTL member (i.e., Manager, Coach, parent, League Official, etc.) then the affected Division Representative shall sit as the third member of the committee. If there is a conflict of interest of any of the Disciplinary Committee members reviewing an offense, the

President will assign an impartial Board member as an alternate. Conflict of interest is defined as any activity or issue involving any of the defined Disciplinary Committee members.

The definition of the term “season”, as it is used in this section of the Constitution, denotes both the regular season and the post season. The post season includes All-Star team games.

For any offense (typically an ejection) that occurs on the field of play, the umpire in charge of the game shall provide a written report describing the incident to the President and Umpire in Chief within 24 hours of the incident. The Manager of the affected team and the Manager of the other team shall provide a written report describing the incident to the President and Vice President within 24 hours of the incident.

Additionally, the individual being disciplined (if not one of the individuals already providing a report) shall provide a written report describing the incident to the President and Vice President within 24 hours of the incident. Any other ancillary information pertinent to the offense can be submitted in writing to the President and Vice President within 24 hours of the incident.

The Disciplinary Committee shall meet within 48 hours following receipt of the incident reports and will render a decision on the offense within 72 hours of the incident. The offending party may present testimony in person to the Disciplinary Committee prior to the Committee's decision. It is the responsibility of the offending party to notify the committee of this request when submitting their written statement.

The Disciplinary Committee shall determine if disciplinary action is warranted and the appropriate action to be taken. The disciplinary action to be taken by the Disciplinary Committee shall follow the following guidelines:

- First Offense: Written warning. A one-game suspension can be imposed if the offense is deemed excessive by the Disciplinary Committee (includes both the regular season and post season).
- Second Offense: Suspension for a period of a one-game minimum, and a maximum of three games (includes both the regular season and post season), to be determined by the Disciplinary Committee).
- Third Offense: League suspension for remainder of the season (includes both the regular season and the post season).

It should be noted that the above guidelines are in reference to “normal” type offenses (i.e., coach ejected for arguing umpire calls). A more stringent disciplinary action may be warranted based on the severity of the offense. For instance, if a coach is ejected for being involved with a fight, that offense should be deemed more severe than a “normal” offense. The stricter disciplinary action will be at the discretion of the Disciplinary Committee and shall be commensurate with the severity of the offense. Once the Disciplinary Committee renders a decision, the Committee shall notify the President of their decision. The President will then notify the offending party and the Board of Directors of the Committee's decision. The decision of the Disciplinary Committee is FINAL. Any suspensions will take effect starting the next game following notification of the Committee's decision. If an offender does not follow the action recommended by the Committee, that individual SHALL be IMMEDIATELY suspended for the remainder of the season. A member/player suspended for the season MAY NOT be reinstated for that season (includes both regular season and post-season). Additionally, anyone involved in a disciplinary action which leads to potential (real or threatened) legal action, shall be removed from their current role such as to not further complicate or increase league or individual liability until the matter(s) is/are resolved.

Any offenses assigned by the Disciplinary Committee do not carry over to the next year's season (for instance if an individual was sanctioned with their second offense this season, that individual still starts next season with no offenses). That is not to say that the individual could not be denied, for instance a coaching position next season because of a history of unprofessional behavior not consistent with the leagues code of conduct.

C.3.4 Board of Directors

The Board of Directors (Board) has the authority and responsibility to conduct all business functions, enforce the Constitution, develop and enforce Rules of Competition, develop and enforce Bylaws, and represent CRTL in all matters.

The Board shall consist of at least 5 and up to 25 voting members. Only the Board positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be elected positions by a simple majority vote of the general membership at the Annual General Meeting. The Executive board consists of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, and Umpire in Chief. The incumbent Board members shall elect all other open Board positions.

All Board positions shall be open for nominations on an annual basis or when a Board member resigns. In the interest of maintaining the greatest focus on coaching, Following the election of CRTL Board Members, all incumbent and newly elected Board members must successfully pass a nationwide background check prior to final acceptance as CRTL Board Members. This background check will be valid for a two-year period. A person convicted of one or more of the following crimes will not be eligible to serve as a Board Member:

- Crimes against individuals
- Crimes involving minors
- Crimes of financial deception
- Felonies involving drugs or alcohol

Exceptions to this rule will require a unanimous vote of the Executive Board (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Registrar, (or replacement board member if there is a perceived conflict of interest with any Executive Board Member). The vote shall be conducted by secret ballot without the Member in question present.

In the event a Board member holds more than one position, that member is only allowed one vote in Board decisions.

Any member of the Board who is absent without notice from three meetings of the Board, or who willingly neglects his/her duties to CRTL, shall be deemed to have forfeited the position. A two-thirds vote of the Board is required to declare a position forfeited.

In the event that a vacancy occurs on the Board, the position is to be filled as soon as possible. The vacancy shall be filled with a majority vote of the Board at any regular or special meeting.

The Board members are as follows:

President*

Vice President*

Secretary*

Treasurer*
Registrar/ Registrar
Umpire-in-Chief
Major Division Representative
Minor Division Representative
Rookie Division Representative
T-Ball Division Representative
Field Maintenance Director
Sponsorship Director/Advertising/Signs Manager
Equipment Director
Tournament Director

* Denotes minimum Board Members required to operate CRTL.

The responsibilities of these Board Members are as specified in the Bylaws.

C.3.5 CRTL Divisions

CRTL consists of four Divisions structured to fit the wide range of ages and playing abilities of the CRTL members.

C.3.6 Major Division

The Major Division is the most competitive Division and is intended to contain the players with the greatest playing ability.

C.3.7 Minor Division

The Minor Division, is intended to teach the players the fundamentals of the game while providing a transition from the Rookie Division to the Major Division.

C.3.8 Rookie Division

The Rookie Division is the basic instructional Division that introduces young players to the game. The emphasis in this Division is learning the game and having fun, not competition.

C.3.9 T-Ball Division

The T-Ball Division teaches the players the fundamentals of the game without the frustration of trying to hit a pitched ball until the player is ready for that challenge. The emphasis in this Division having fun.

C.4 Administration

C.4.1 Powers

In addition to the powers expressly or implicitly conferred on it by law, CRTL shall have the power to make and enforce rules and regulations to govern itself on a local basis, but consistent with and not contrary to any rules and regulations promulgated by Babe Ruth League, Inc. or by the Regional or State echelons of Babe Ruth League, Inc.

C.4.2 Constitution Amendment

The CRTL Constitution is the rules by which the organization is operated and is binding for all CRTL Members. The Constitution may only be changed by a 2/3-majority vote by the qualified voters attending the January Board of Directors Meeting. Proposed changes to the Constitution must be proposed in writing to the Board at least 30 days prior to the January Meeting. They shall issue the proposed Constitution changes to the CRTL members preceding the January Meeting.

C.4.3 Rules of Competition Formation and Modification

The Rules of Competition are binding for all CRTL sponsored games. The Rules of Competition are intended to identify for each Division the rules to be followed in playing the games. The Rules of Competition can only be changed by a 2/3-majority vote of the Board at a duly constituted meeting. Prior to Board vote on proposed rule changes, Board Secretary must confer with league insurance provider to ensure changes are compliant with existing insurance policies. Proposed changes not compliant with insurance policies may not be voted upon without an accompanying insurance policy proposal. It is possible but not desirable for the Rules of Competition to be changed after the start of a playing season.

C.4.4 Bylaws Formation and Modification

Bylaws are binding for all CRTL members. Bylaws are intended to provide implementation instructions on CRTL matters and Board decisions. Bylaws can be added, changed, or eliminated at any time by the Board by a 2/3- majority vote at a duly constituted meeting.

Bylaws are intended to clarify rather than replace or modify the Constitution. The Board shall not utilize Bylaws to circumvent the Constitution.

Bylaws are primarily an instrument of the Board; however, they may be modified in the same manner by the general membership as the Constitution. CRTL members may also request a change or addition to the Bylaws at any Board Meeting.

C.4.5 Meetings

All CRTL meetings shall be open to the public. The conduct of the meetings shall be governed by the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order. Voting may be by secret ballot or by show of hands, as designated by the Board prior to conducting any vote.

C.4.6 Board Meetings

Board meetings shall be held each month. At least one half of the voting Board Members must be present to conduct business.

The President shall set the order of business for the Board meetings. The topics to be addressed at the Board meetings shall include review and approval of previous Board meeting minutes, Treasurers Report, unfinished business, Board Member reports, and new business.

C.4.7 Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting shall be scheduled by the Board to be held in October. The Annual General Meeting shall be held to elect the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and to discuss proposed changes to the Constitution and/or Bylaws. The Board may appoint a committee to discuss possible changes to the Bylaws and bring their recommendations to the Annual General Meeting.

C.4.8 Financial Requirements

The Board shall decide all matters pertaining to the financing of CRTL and it shall place all income in a common league treasury. The funds from the treasury shall be expended such that no team or individual is given an advantage in competition with other teams or individuals within the League.

CRTL shall not permit the contribution of funds to individual teams. Funds shall be distributed among teams to equalize benefits to CRTL.

CRTL does not permit the solicitation of funds in the name of CRTL unless all funds so raised are placed in the CRTL treasury. CRTL does permit teams to raise funds for the use of the team by activities such as a carwash, but only with prior approval from the Board. In such cases the funds raised shall be used for such things as equipment (bats, balls, etc.), team parties, or training and not for uniforms.

All monies received shall be deposited to the credit of CRTL in any accredited bank, savings and loan, savings bank or credit union approved by the Board. The financial institution must have either FDIC or NCUSIF insurance covering balances of up to \$250,000 in an account. All disbursements shall be made by a check that is approved by the Treasurer and President or another Board member designated by the Board. In the event the Treasurer is unable to fulfill this obligation, the President and a designated member of the Board may sign checks.

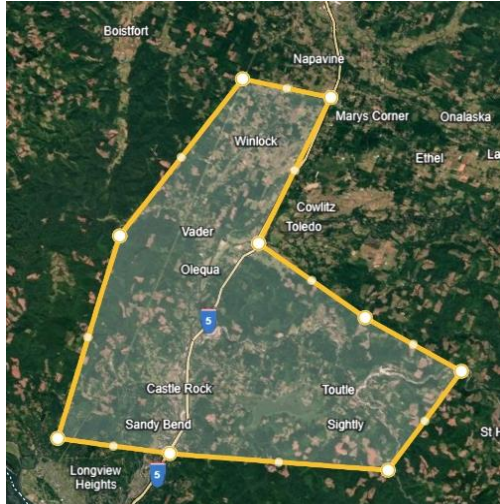
The Fiscal year of CRTL begins October 1 and ends on September 30 of the following year.

The annual fiscal year financial statements shall be presented to the Board members at the October board meeting.

Upon dissolution of CRTL and after all outstanding debts and claims have been satisfied, the members shall distribute the property of CRTL to such other 501(c)(3) exempt organization(s) maintaining an objective similar to that of CRTL.

C.4.9 Boundaries

To be eligible for play in CRTL sponsored Divisions, a player must have a permanent residence that is within the geographical boundary set forth by the State Commissioner. The boundary includes residences in image below and description is; On the map- North along I5, on the west side to Avery Rd West. East on Highway 506 to Ryderwood. West 1 mile up Toledo Cut off Rd and up Tower Rd. East Up Headquarters, down South Silver Lake rd. Up Spirit Lake Highway to the end. South to Southard Rd and Walnut Acres. West on Delameter to Woodside Drive.



C.4.10 League Logo & Colors – Regular Season and Post-Season Play

The official league colors are Red (CMYK 11/100/84/2) and Blue (CMYK 96/84/11/1). Accent colors are white, black and gray team uniforms, both regular season and post season, will adhere to the league's official colors. These colors shall also be used when required in any official correspondence, banners, etc.

The official league logo is a blue capital letter T with serifs overlaid by a red capital sanserif CR, this logo can also be white or black.

If fall league is played as CRTL, league colors are not required.



BYLAWS

B.1 Rules and Protest Committee

The Rules and Protest Committee shall be composed of the Vice President, the Umpire-in-Chief, the Registrar, and two (2) Division Representatives appointed by the President. The Rules and Protest Committee shall hear and decide protests as allowed in the Official Baseball Rules. The judgment of the Rules and Protest Committee shall be FINAL. In the event of a conflict of interest of any of the Rules and Protest Committee members reviewing protest, the President will assign an impartial Board member as an alternate.

B.2 Team Composition Assignment of Teams to Managers

Composition of CRTL teams includes a team Manager and one Coach and players, no fewer than ten, but no more than 15. Once all teams within individual divisions have managers, then second coach can be named prior to draft night.

B.3 Manager and Coach Selection Process

B.3.1 Advertising Process

Advertising for Manager applicants for all divisions shall be done by January 1st.

- Email to previous season's Manager roster
- Email to previous season's league non-player members
- On website
- On social media

B.3.2 Declaration of Interest

People interested in Managing a team in Majors, Minors, Rookies or T-Ball must submit their interest in writing to a member of the Board or by emailing the league email.

Anyone who wishes to manage or coach a Major Division team for the following season must inform the Major Division representative or Registrar by December 31.

Any incumbent CRTL Manager who wishes to continue to manage a Major Division team for the following season must inform the Major Division Representative or Registrar by December 31. Applications by potential new Managers for any open Major Division Manager positions must also be received by this date. A background check and Babe Ruth Coaching Certification is also required prior to managing or coaching a team.

B.3.3 Manager Selection Committee

The Manager Selection Committee shall be made up of the Vice President, Division Representatives, and the Registrar. In the event of a conflict of interest in any of the five members of the committee, the President shall select an impartial alternate.

The Manager Selection Committee shall review the candidates for manager positions. The Manager Selection Committee may interview any candidates it sees fit. The Manager Selection Committee is to present to the Board the ranked recommendations for the manager position.

Major Division Managers shall be selected based on their experience in coaching, participation in the CRTL Leagues activities (Fund Raisers, Work Parties, Board Support, Sponsorships), and the recommendation of the CRTL Manager Selection Committee.

B.3.4 Assignment of Team

The Board is to consider the Committee recommendation and to vote on the candidates in the order of ranking by the Committee until acceptable candidates are found for all manager positions. A majority vote of the Board is required to select a Major Division Manager. If in the opinion of the Board acceptable candidate(s) are not available, then it is the responsibility of the Manager Selection Committee to identify further candidates.

All incumbent and prospective Managers and Coaches must successfully pass a nationwide background check form prior to coaching. A person convicted of one or more of the following crimes will not be eligible to serve as a Manager or Coach:

- Crimes against individuals
- Crimes involving minors
- Crimes of financial deception
- Felonies involving drugs or alcohol

Exceptions to this rule will require a unanimous vote of the Executive Board (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Registrar or a replacement member, if there is a perceived conflict of interest with any Executive Board Member). The vote shall be conducted by secret ballot without the person in question present. Additionally, all incumbent and prospective Managers and Coaches are required to compete and pass the Babe Ruth Coaching Certification prior to managing or coaching a team in any CRTL Division prior to the start of the regular season.

B.4 Manager and Coach Selection

Coaches for the Major, Minor, Rookie, and T-Ball teams are recruited and selected by the respective Team Manager.

Division Representative. If a person has a direct interest in coaching at these levels, then they may contact the respective Division representative without being recruited. The Division Representatives are to present to the Board the coach candidates. A majority vote by the Board is required to approve all coach candidates for the Major, Minor, Rookie, and T-Ball Divisions.

All incumbent and prospective Managers and Coaches must successfully pass a nationwide background check prior to coaching. A person convicted of one or more of the following crimes will not be eligible to serve as a Manager or Coach:

- Crimes against individuals

- Crimes involving minors
- Crimes of financial deception
- Felonies involving drugs or alcohol

Exceptions to this rule will require a unanimous vote of the Executive Board (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Registrar – or a replacement member, if there is a perceived conflict of interest with any Executive Board Member). The vote shall be conducted by secret ballot without the person in question present. Additionally, all incumbent and prospective Managers and Coaches are required to compete and pass the Babe Ruth Coaching Certification prior to managing or coaching a team in any CRTL Division prior to the start of the regular season.

B.5 Formation of Regular Season Teams

The Board shall approve the number of teams in each Division based on projected numbers at January and February meetings.

Teams shall be made up of no less than twelve (12) players or no more than fifteen (15) players, a Manager and up to two Assistant Coaches. The second Assistant Coach may not be named until all teams within Division have Managers.

Majors, Minors and Rookie players shall participate in tryouts and be drafted to teams. T-Ball players are assigned teams and do not tryout.

Divisions are made up of the following age groups:

Division	League Age
Majors	Age 11/ 12
Minors	Age 10/ 9
Rookie	Age 8/ 7
T-Ball	Age 6/ 5/ 4/3.5

B.5.1 Tryouts

All players must tryout to be eligible for the draft, except for returning Majors players who will remain with their previous season's team and the Manager and named Coaches picks who may be assigned to the team without trying out. Manager and coaches kids, as well as returning major players are not permitted to tryout.

Tryout dates shall be posted to the CRTL website and included in registration advertising and emails. The Registrar shall coordinate player tryouts with the assistance of Major, Minor and Rookie Division representatives. Division Representatives are responsible for the day-of tryout set up and operations. The player tryouts shall be arranged such that all players have an equal opportunity to demonstrate their fielding, throwing, and hitting skills for evaluation by the Managers.

Any player who does not tryout will be placed in their appropriate age-based Division.

B.5.2 Draft

The Registrar shall coordinate and preside over the Major, Minor and Rookie player draft. Managers and their named Assistant Coaches may attend the draft for their respective Division but may not attend the draft for other Divisions.

Draft order for all divisions is drawn at random "out of a hat". The draft order will reverse (i.e., "snake") each round (i.e., the team that picks first in round 1 will pick last in round 2). The draft will continue until all eligible children are placed on a team.

Once the draft is complete for a division, similar round trades are allowed if all parties are in agreeance and the board feels they are straight across trades. Once a manager/coach leaves the clubhouse, all teams are final. No more trading allowed.

Draft rounds go as follows:

Round #	
1	OPEN
2	OPEN
3	Manager Coach Pick
4	Asst. Coach Pick/ OPEN if no Asst. Coach
5	Asst. Coach Pick/ OPEN if no Asst. Coach
6	Brother option/Sibling Option
7	OPEN/ Majors Returning Player
8	OPEN/ Majors Returning Player
9	OPEN/ Majors Returning Player
10	OPEN/ Majors Returning Player
11	OPEN/ Majors Returning Player
12	OPEN

The parents of a player already assigned to a Major Division team may request that the player be allowed to re-enter the draft. This request must be presented in writing to the President or Registrar made at least 5-days prior to tryouts or by the last scheduled registration date and the affected Manager notified by the Registrar as far in advance of the draft as practical. The President and Registrar shall decide if sufficient reason exists to grant the request. If the request is granted, then that player must attend the tryout or the player will be returned to their original team.

In such situations as a returning Major Division player changes teams by re-entering the draft and the entry player is a child of the Manager or named Assistant Coach, the following actions will take place:

- 1) The team in which the player is moving to will forfeit its 1st round selection,
- 2) The team which the player is moving from shall receive a compensation pick in the first round in the draft order position of the team receiving the re-entry player, and
- 3) The re-entry player must be selected in the second round by the receiving team.

A player who is League age eligible for the draft and has a sibling already assigned to a Major Division team must be selected in the sixth round of the draft by the same team of the sibling. Additional siblings

of the same or of other players on the team must be selected every two rounds until all are selected. In the event that a parent wishes siblings to not play on the same team, then this rule does not apply; however this request must be made in advance of tryouts.

The draft will continue until each Manager has selected a minimum of 12 players and up to the 15 players required to fill their draft roster. Once a Manager has made a selection for his last available draft roster position, his participation in the draft selection is complete.

The parents of a player eligible for tryouts may request that the player not be drafted to a particular team. This request must be presented in writing to the President or Registrar and will only be known to the President, Registrar, Division Representative, and Manager of the affected team. The request must be made 5-days prior to tryouts or by the last scheduled registration date and the affected Manager notified by the Registrar as far in advance of the draft as practical. The President and Registrar shall decide if sufficient reason exists to grant the request. Such a request may only remove one team from consideration for the player.

B.5. XX Formation of Majors Teams

Players assigned to a Major Division team the previous season are automatically assigned to the same team.

In the event it is necessary to add a team to the Major Division, a supplemental draft will occur prior to the Major Division player draft. In the supplemental draft, each expansion team will pick four 12-year-old players from the eligible pool. If more than one expansion team is created, then the supplemental draft order will be through random assignment.

If any selected player has re-entered the draft from an existing Major team, the team that loses the player in the supplemental round will be awarded a compensation pick in the Major Division player draft in the draft order of the expansion team's first round pick. If there is more than one re-entered player selected, each team that lost a player gets a compensation pick in Round 1 of the Major Division player draft (as determined by B 5.2 establishing the creation of draft picks depending on the reverse order).

In addition, if a player is selected in the supplemental draft from a draft re-entry from an existing team, the expansion team will select the child of the named 1st assistant coach in Round 2 of the Major Division player draft.

After the supplemental team(s) has selected their four 12 year olds from the eligible pool, the draft order for the newly formed team for the Major Division player draft will be randomly decided, but must occur within picks 1 through 4. Existing teams will move down in order to accommodate the expansion team(s).

In the event the Board determines the Major Division shall play with less teams than the previous year, the determination of which pre-existing team(s) shall be dissolved will be made using the following rules applied in succession:

- 1) Team(s) without a returning head coach
- 2) Team(s) without a returning 1st named assistant
- 3) Team(s) with the fewest number of returning players

Returning players of the dissolved team(s) will re-enter the draft as 1st year Major players. The Registrar shall notify parents of all players affected by this action as soon as possible after dissolved team is identified.

A player may be considered or petition to play in a Division one League age older provided that they meet the following criteria:

- 1) A parent or legal guardian must be an Assistant Coach
- 2) The player is deemed a safety threat by the Division Representatives
- 3) There is available roster space in the division

A player granted the opportunity to “play up” must participate in the tryout AND be drafted by a Manager or be named a Coach’s pick in the player draft. There is no guarantee a player will be selected for a team in a Division above their league age.

B 7.1 Minor and Rookie Draft

Teams within Minor and Rookie divisions will be formed by the draft. There are no players that carry over from year to year.

A player may be considered or petition to play in a Division one League age older provided that they meet the following criteria:

- 1) A parent or legal guardian must be an Assistant Coach
- 2) The player is deemed a safety threat by the Division Representatives
- 3) There is available roster space in the division

A player granted the opportunity to “play up” must participate in the tryout AND be drafted by a Manager or be named a Coach’s pick in the player draft. There is no guarantee a player will be selected for a team in a Division above their league age.

B.8 Formation of T-Ball Division Teams

The Registrar shall recommend the number of T-Ball Division teams dependent on the number of registrations received by the registration deadline. The T-Ball Division age group shall be made up of league age 4, 5, and 6 year olds.

This is the only Division in which team/ coach requests will be accepted. The Registrar will make all efforts to form teams around requests, neighborhoods and schools. T-Ball Division teams will be made up of not less than 10 but not more than 15 players, a Manager, Team Parent and two Coaches.

B.6.6 Late Registration

If a player registers after the close of tryouts, but before the draft, they player will be placed “in the hat”.

If a player registers after the draft, the player will be placed in the appropriate division and assigned (in order of registration) to the team who would have drafted next in the original draft order. Players will continue to be placed in this manner until each team has no more than 15 players.

Returning Majors players that have registered late, but before the draft, will be placed on their team from the year prior. Returning Majors players that have registered *after* the draft will be assigned (in order of registration) to the team who would have drafted next in the original draft order. Players will continue to be placed in this manner until each team has no more than 15 players.

B.9 Manager/Coach Duties

All CRTL Managers and Coaches will be required to obtain the Cal Ripken League Coaches Certification and attend the league sponsored coaching and umpire clinics. Managers and coaches are required to successfully pass a nationwide background check.

Managers and Coaches are expected to be proficient in teaching the fundamentals of the game and to develop these skills in the team.

Managers shall set a good example of sportsmanship and personal conduct at all times and shall refrain from and prohibit the use of profanity at all games and practices. Managers are accountable for the behavior of their players, coaches, and spectators.

Managers are responsible for the appearance of the team and are to ensure the proper League uniform is worn to all games.

Managers are responsible to ensure all players wear the appropriate safety equipment at the proper times, including warm-up and practices.

Managers and Coaches are expected to participate in all CRTL Field Cleanup Day events.

Managers and Coaches are expected to fulfill all Umpire duties as assigned by Scheduler and/or Umpire in Chief.

Managers are responsible to ensure all CRTL equipment is collected and returned to the Equipment Director at the end of the season. Failure to return assigned equipment or uniforms may result in disciplinary action by the Board, which could include financial restitution to CRTL or loss of future coaching position.

Coaches are to assist the Manager in any capacity requested and are to observe the same rules of conduct specified for Managers.

B.10 All-Star Team Formation – 12-Year-Old, 11-year olds, 10-year olds, and 9-year old teams

At the 8U/Rookie level, the Machine Pitch team can have a maximum of two 9 year old players on the roster. Those players are not allowed to turn 10 years old during the all- star season. Please see Cal Ripken guidelines for more information on the two 9 year olds playing machine pitch.

B.18 CRTL Game Scheduling

It is the responsibility of the Scheduler to prepare and to oversee game scheduling. It is the practice of CRTL to not schedule regular games on Sunday or during the week of the Castle Rock and Toutle Lake School District's Spring Break.

The CRTL Board will approve the number of games that each Division will play.

The Major and Minor Divisions regular season may consist of up to 20 scheduled games.

The Rookie and T-Ball seasons shall contain the number of games that can be reasonably accommodated by the playing facilities available (typically two games per week). Exception to this rule is if the league decides to host the Tournament of Champions at the end of the season, Rookie, Minor, and Major teams will play multiple games, over a 2 day period.

B.19 Minimum Playing Time – Regular Season and Post-Season All-Star

Players in the Major and Minor Divisions shall play a minimum of 3 innings per game with at least one time at bat for all regular season games. Those players who do not meet these requirements due to extenuating circumstances such as games shortened due to the 10 run rule, shall be compensated by starting those players in the next scheduled game.

The decision on playing time is made solely by the Manager within this guideline. If the decision of the Manager is outside of this guideline, the Manager must contact the Division Representative to validate his decision. It is the responsibility of the Manager to ensure that playing time cut short due to league mandated time limits is made up in future games. There is no requirement that a player must play a certain number of innings in the infield or outfield during each game.

Players in Rookie Division shall play equal innings. The Manager must rotate the players on the bench into the game each inning. It is the responsibility of the Manager, to the best of their ability, to ensure playing time is equally and fairly distributed.

Playing time in T-Ball is not an issue since all players are participating in the game all the time

Post Season playing time- There is no minimum play time guaranteed.

B.23 Board of Directors Member Responsibilities

B.23.1 President

The President shall oversee all activities of CRTL and shall serve as chairperson at all General and Board meetings. The President shall see that the Constitution, Bylaws, Rules of Competition, and decisions of the Board of CRTL are followed. The President may establish committees and appoint administrators as required. The President shall vote as a member of the Board only in case of a tie. The President is responsible for approving and thereby putting into use all changes to the Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules of Competition as presented to him by the CRTL Secretary. The President shall preside over all award ceremonies for postseason tournaments or CRTL recognition events. When the President is unable to fill his term of office, the Vice President shall perform his duties for the remainder of the term.

- a. Be a voting member of the Board, but only in the event of a tie
- b. Preside over all Board and League meetings and ceremonies
- c. Assume responsibility for the overall operation of the local League
- d. Appoint all committees and supervise the activity thereof
- e. Ensure compliance with the rules, regulations and policies of Cal Ripken Baseball, *a division of Babe Ruth Baseball*
- f. Serve as liaison between North County Recreation Association and CRTL
- g. Serve as liaison between North County Recreation Association and other leagues
- h. Monitor fields for weather related, *or other*, safety and playability issues with Field Director

Vice President

The Vice President shall be a voting member of the Board and shall execute the duties of the President in his absence. The Vice President may also hold another position on the Board. In the event that the Vice President holds another position and is required to replace the President on anything other than a temporary basis, then a replacement for the other position must be appointed as soon as possible. The General Membership may choose to elect up to two Vice Presidents, although one is preferable.

Babe Ruth Vice President

The Babe Ruth Vice president is only be a voting member if discussion is regarding Babe Ruth age division. This Babe Ruth Vice President shall be the contact in conjunction with the Babe Ruth Player agent and bring all issues to the Board of Directors or Executive board, depending on the nature of the issue. The Vice President will absorb any duties of the Babe Ruth Players Agent if the elected position becomes vacant during the year but will actively attempt to find a replacement.

Secretary

The Secretary is a voting member of the Board. The primary duties of the Secretary are to record, publish, and distribute minutes of Board meetings, prepare CRTL correspondence, prepare changes to the Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules of Competition, as directed by the Board and submit these changes to the President for approval. The Secretary shall maintain the files of official CRTL correspondence, Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules of Competition. This person is responsible for monitoring the leagues social media.

B.23.4 Treasurer

The Treasurer is a voting member of the Board. The Treasurer shall account for all CRTL money, give a receipt for all monies, and deposit all money in a chartered bank in the name of CRTL. All amounts must be paid by checks co-signed by the Treasurer and President or another Board member designated by the Board, or the President and the designated Board Member in the absence of the Treasurer.

The Treasurer shall present at the Board meeting an accounting of receipts and disbursements during the preceding period. The Treasurer shall prepare and maintain the CRTL tax-exempt status report and income tax filings, and chair a budget committee to prepare an annual budget to be presented at the January board meeting.

B.23.5 Registrar

The Registrar is a voting member of the Board. The Registrar shall maintain official team rosters and adequate records on all members of CRTL and shall obtain, keep, and submit all information required by the Babe Ruth Baseball Cal Ripken Jr. Division. The Registrar shall develop an annual budget to submit to the budget committee for approval by the Board for expenses necessary to meet these requirements.

The Registrar shall develop and implement procedures for the registration of CRTL members. The Registrar shall maintain a member listing by team roster and special listings identifying coaches, umpires, and Board Members

Registrar shall act as the players' representative to CRTL and ensure all CRTL Bylaws, Rules of Competition, and Guidelines are enforced in matters concerning assignment of players to team rosters including transfers and late additions.

The Registrar shall be responsible to ensure all properly registered CRTL players are assigned to an appropriate team, act as the arbitrator for all disputes between a player (or player parents) and the League, and preside over player try- out and draft, and team player assignments.

The registrar shall schedule pictures for the spring season.

The registrar is responsible for ordering league uniforms and hats for all players and coaches. In addition, the Registrar shall order all post-season tournament uniforms. The Registrar shall prepare and submit to the Board an annual budget request for purchase of CRTL supplied uniforms.

League Scheduler

The Scheduler shall be responsible for preparing the game scheduling and assist the umpire in chief with assigning coaches their umpire duties. This position shall also do picture day schedule. Scheduler is in charge of notifying the league coaches of canceled games, closed fields, and any schedule changes. This position shall work with other leagues to schedule other games within the leagues voted on by the CRTL board.

B.23.6

B.23.7 Umpire-in-Chief

The Umpire-in-Chief is a voting member of the Board. The Umpire-in-Chief shall oversee the assignment and training of Umpires used for Major and Minor Divisions games as well as any CRTL sponsored postseason tournaments. The Umpire-in-Chief shall strive to maintain the highest standards possible for sportsmanship and fair play within the CRTL. The Umpire-in-Chief is responsible for generating an annual budget to submit to the budget committee for necessary protective equipment for approval by the Board.

The Umpire-in-Chief shall chair a Rules and Protest Committee to hear and rule on protests emanating from CRTL Major Division and Minor Division games.

Babe Ruth Player Representative

The Babe Ruth Division Representative is a voting member of the Board and is responsible for ensuring that all CRTL Babe Ruth Rules of Competition and Guidelines are communicated to and followed by the Division coaches. The Babe Ruth Division Representative serves on a committee to evaluate applicants for open Babe Ruth Division coaching positions, assists the Registrar in resolving disputes between

players and coaches, ensures the High School playing field is properly up-kept communicating any substandard conditions to Registrar and coordinate any field work and duties that need accomplished on High Schools field prior to season start and in conjunction with the school district.

B.23.8 Major Division Representative

The Major Division Representative is a voting member of the Board. The Major Division Representative is responsible for ensuring that all CRTL Rules of Competition and Guidelines are communicated to and followed by the Major Division coaches. The Major Division Representative serves on a committee to evaluate applicants for open Major Division coaching positions, assists the Registrar in resolving disputes between players and coaches, ensures the Major Division playing field is properly maintained by communicating any substandard conditions to the Field Maintenance Director and coordinate all field work parties and duties that need accomplished on Majors division field prior to season start and before any post season play.

B.23.10 Minor Division Representative

The Minor Division Representative is a voting member of the Board. The Minor Division Representative is responsible for assignment of players and coaches to Minor Division teams in accordance with the Bylaws. The Minor Division Representative is responsible for ensuring that all CRTL Rules of Competition and Guidelines are communicated to and followed by the Minor Division coaches. The Minor Division Representative assists the Registrar in resolving disputes between players and coaches, ensures that the Rookie playing field is properly maintained by communicating any substandard conditions to the Field Maintenance Director, coordinate all field work parties and duties that need accomplished on Minors division field prior to season start and before any post season play.

B.23.11 Rookie Division Representative

The Rookie Division Representative is a voting member of the Board. The Rookie Division Representative is responsible for assignment of players and coaches to Rookie Division teams in accordance with the Bylaws. The Rookie Division Representative is responsible for ensuring that all CRTL Rules of Competition and Guidelines are communicated to and followed by the Rookie Division coaches.

The Rookie Division Representative assists the Registrar in resolving disputes between players and coaches, and ensures the CRTL Rookie Division playing field is properly maintained by communicating any substandard conditions to the Field Maintenance Director as well as coordinate all field work parties and duties that need accomplished on rookie division field prior to season start and before any post season play.

B.23.12 T-Ball Division Representative

The T-Ball Division Representative is a voting member of the Board. The Coach Pitch/T-Ball Division Representative is responsible for assignment of players and coaches to Coach Pitch/T-Ball Division teams in accordance with the Bylaws. The Coach Pitch/T-Ball Division Representative is responsible for ensuring that all CRTL Rules of Competition and Guidelines are communicated to and followed by the Coach Pitch/T-Ball Division coaches. The Coach Pitch/T-Ball Division Representative assists the Registrar in resolving disputes between players and coaches. This person is also responsible for helping

the rookie division rep with field Maintenance prior to season starting and assist with softball work party when possible.

B.23.13 Field Maintenance Director

The Field Maintenance Director is a voting member of the Board. The Field Maintenance Director is responsible for ensuring that the CRTL facilities are maintained in safe condition. The Field Maintenance Director shall prepare and submit to the Board an annual budget request for maintenance and upgrade of the facilities.

The Field Maintenance Director shall have authority for approval of all planned facility upgrades or repairs.

The Field Maintenance Director is responsible for organizing work parties or groups to perform the required maintenance activities and to organize and coordinate the annual spring cleanup work party. The Field Maintenance Director shall ensure that all expenditures for field maintenance activities remain within the allotted budget. The field maintenance director shall communicate what work needs done on each field to perspective division reps and oversee that the projects get completed.

- a. Be a voting member of the Board
- b. Schedule, organize and manage pre-season field work parties
- c. Ensure fields are kept properly groomed throughout the season
(*i.e., mowed, weeded, foul lines properly marked, etc.*)
- d. Ensure supplies for preparing fields for play are properly stocked
(*i.e. chalk, paint, stringline, bases, field conditioner, rakes, drags, tape measures, etc.*)
- e. Manage overall cleanliness/ appearance of CRTL common areas
- f. Communicate facility expectations with coaches
- g. Monitor fields for weather-related, *or other*, safety and playability issues with President

B.23.16 Sponsors Director/Advertising/Signs Manager

The Sponsors Director/Advertising/Signs Manager is a voting member of the Board. The Sponsors Director/Advertising/Signs Manager shall secure financial support for CRTL from local organizations and businesses in accordance with the Babe Ruth Baseball Cal Ripken Jr. Division Rules and Regulations.

The Sponsors Director/Advertising/Signs Manager is responsible to ensure the sponsor advertising signs are installed at the beginning of the season, appropriately displayed, in good repair, and properly stored at the end of the season. The Sponsors Director/Advertising/Signs Manager shall arrange for an advertising sign for any new sponsor or to replace any sponsor sign, which has fallen into disrepair. The Sponsors Director/Advertising/Signs Manager shall prepare and submit to the Board an annual budget request for the purpose of generating/repairing sponsor signs. The Sponsors Director/Advertising/Signs Manager shall ensure that expenditures for sponsor signs remain within the allotted budget.

B.23.18 Equipment and Safety Director

The Equipment Director is a voting member of the Board. The Equipment Director shall maintain batting helmets, catcher's gear, bats, balls, scorebooks, and other equipment (first aid kit stocked, ect) as

required. The Equipment Director shall prepare and submit to the Board an annual budget request for purchase of CRTL equipment. The Equipment Director shall ensure that expenditures for equipment remain within the allotted budget.

B.23.19 Tournament Director

The Tournament Director is a voting member of the Board. The Tournament Director is responsible for organizing all CRTL sponsored post-season tournaments. The Tournament Director is also responsible for scheduling and entering all CRTL teams into post-season tournaments. All-Star and Select team Managers must go through the Tournament Director to register for post-season tournaments.

B.24 Sponsor Selection and Fees

The Board shall set the sponsorship fee.

Sign sponsors may pay annual sign sponsorship fees in trade (services, material, equipment, etc.) provided the value of the in-trade services equals or exceeds the current cost of the sign sponsorship and is approved by the President, Sponsorship Director, and Treasurer.

B.25 Regular Season Player Registration Fees

Players are expected to bear a portion of the CRTL operating expenses through registration fees and by participating in special fund raising activities. It is the policy of CRTL to attempt to keep the cost of membership registration as low as possible. Inability to pay registration fees shall not mean that a player cannot play baseball in CRTL. In the event a player cannot afford the registration fees the player may contact the CRTL Board of Directors and see if we have opportunities available.

The annual registration fees for CRTL shall be set by the Board and reviewed annually.

B.26 Appeal Process

In the event of a request for a bylaw variance, a written appeal may be submitted to the CRTL Board. The league president will appoint a committee consisting of at least 4 board members. The committee will include the following board members or their delegates: President, Vice President, Registrar, and the board member specifically involved with the appeal or in the case of a general matter, a board member selected at the President's discretion. The committee will review the appeal and provide a written decision so as to be maintained in the league files.

The appeal, the decision, and the rationale will be provided (for information purposes only) to the board at the next regularly scheduled board meeting.

B.27 Post-Season Player Registration Fee, Uniforms, and Tournament Selection

The All-Star team uniforms shall only bear the logo of CRTL or others as required by Babe Ruth Cal Ripken Division. CRTL will be responsible for ordering, at minimum, one (1) uniform (jersey(s) and hat(s)) that each player will purchase and keep at the conclusion of the post- season tournament play.

The CRTL league's registrar will take the lead on coordinating the uniform ordering, per an amount determined annually and no later than the April Board Meeting.

Additional uniform items may be purchased at the player's own expense or by league approved fundraising.

Managers and coaches will receive their own uniform jersey(s) or pull overs and hat(s) paid for by CRTL.

The CRTL League's Tournament Director, with support from the entire Board of Directors, and All –star managers, will take the lead on choosing tournaments for the post-season teams. Fees include the cost of participation in three (3) tournaments. If the team wishes to participation in additional tournaments, an additional fee will be assessed. All star managers are required to host one all star tournament to make a minimum of 4 tournaments per age division.

Castle Rock Toutle Lake Babe Ruth

Constitution and Bylaws

Castle Rock Toutle Lake Babe Ruth, referred to as CRTL Babe Ruth going forward, is based out of Castle Rock, WA and ran by the Castle Rock Toutle Lake Youth Baseball non profit organization.

CRTL Babe Ruth is ran by the Castle Rock Toutle Lake Youth Baseball board of directors with two annually elected positions to represent CRTL Babe Ruth on the board of directors, those position are, Vice President of Babe Ruth and Babe Ruth Player Agent. Both elected positions are voting positions when decisions are regarding Babe Ruth issues. All issues or decisions to be made will be brought to the CRTL Youth baseball board or executive board. Any rules or regulations not covered in the following pages, please refer to the Castle Rock Toutle Lake Youth Baseball Constitution and Bylaws.

Team Colors and Logo

The official league colors are Red (CMYK 11/100/84/2) and Blue (CMYK 96/84/11/1). Accent colors are white, black and gray team uniforms, both regular season and post season, will adhere to the league's official colors. These colors shall also be used when required in any official correspondence, banners, etc.

The official league logo is a blue capital letter T with serifs overlaid by a red capital sanserif CR, this logo can also be white or black.

If fall league is played as CRTL, league colors are not required.

Team Composition Assignment of Teams to Managers

Composition of CRTL teams includes a team Manager and one Coach and players, no fewer than ten, but no more than 15. Once all teams within individual divisions have managers, then second coach can be named prior to draft night.

Manager and Coach Selection Process

Advertising Process

Advertising for Manager applicants for all divisions shall be done by January 1st.

- Email to previous season's Manager roster
- Email to previous season's league non-player members
- On website
- On social media
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Declaration of Interest

People interested in Managing a team must submit their interest in writing to a member of the Board or by emailing the league email. If returning to Manage a team from the previous season, Manager must have their interest in by December 1st. A background check and Babe Ruth Coaching Certification is also required prior to managing or coaching a team.

Manager Selection Committee

The Manager Selection Committee shall be made up of the Vice President, Division Representative, and the Registrar. In the event of a conflict of interest in any of the members of the committee, the President shall select an impartial alternate.

The Manager Selection Committee shall review the candidates for manager positions. The Manager Selection Committee may interview any candidates it sees fit. The Manager Selection Committee is to present to the Board the ranked recommendations for the manager position.

Babe Ruth Division Managers shall be selected based on their experience in coaching, participation in the CRTL Leagues activities (Fund Raisers, Work Parties, Board Support, Sponsorships), and the recommendation of the CRTL Manager Selection Committee.

Assignment of Team

The Board is to consider the Committee recommendation and to vote on the candidates in the order of ranking by the Committee until acceptable candidates are found for all manager positions. A majority vote of the Board is required to select a Babe Ruth Division Manager. If, in the opinion of the Board, acceptable candidate(s) are not available, then it is the responsibility of the Manager Selection Committee to identify further candidates.

All incumbent and prospective Managers and Coaches must successfully pass a nationwide background check form prior to coaching. A person convicted of one or more of the following crimes will not be eligible to serve as a Manager or Coach:

- Crimes against individuals
- Crimes involving minors
- Crimes of financial deception
- Felonies involving drugs or alcohol

Exceptions to this rule will require a unanimous vote of the Executive Board (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Registrar or a replacement member, if there is a perceived conflict of interest with any Executive Board Member). The vote shall be conducted by secret ballot without the person in question present. Additionally, all incumbent and prospective Managers and Coaches are required to

compete and pass the Babe Ruth Coaching Certification prior to managing or coaching a team in any CRTL Division prior to the start of the regular season.

Formation of Regular Season Teams

The Board shall approve the number of teams in each Division based on projected numbers at January workshop unless numbers are lower than normal then team numbers will be decided in February.

Teams shall be made up of no less than twelve (10) players or no more than fifteen (15) players, a Manager and up to two Assistant Coaches. The second Assistant Coach may not be named until all teams within Division have Managers.

New players shall participate in tryouts and be drafted to teams.

Divisions are made up of the following age groups:

Division	Leage Age
Babe Ruth 13's	Age 12/13 new 14's
Babe Ruth 14-16	Age 14/15/16

Tryouts

Skills Evaluation for 13's team placement and A and B teams if needed

Tryouts for NEW 14, 15, 16- Tryouts with DRAFT.

All players must tryout to be eligible for the draft, except for returning 14/15/16 players who will remain with their previous season's team and the Manager and named Coaches picks who may be assigned to the team without trying out. Manger and coaches kids, as well as returning players to the 14/15/16 division are not permitted to tryout in the 14/15/16 Division.

Tryout dates shall be posted to the CRTL website and included in registration advertising and emails. The Registrar shall coordinate player tryouts with the assistance of Division representative. Division Representative are responsible for the day-of tryout set up and operations. The player tryouts shall be arranged such that all players have an equal opportunity to demonstrate their fielding, throwing, and hitting skills for evaluation by the Managers.

Any player who does not tryout will be placed in their appropriate age-based Division.

Draft

The Registrar shall coordinate and preside over the player draft. Managers and their named Assistant Coaches may attend the draft for their respective Division but may not attend the draft for other Divisions.

Draft order for all divisions is drawn at random "out of a hat". The draft order will reverse (i.e., "snake") each round (i.e., the team that picks first in round 1 will pick last in round 2). The draft will continue until all eligible children are placed on a team.

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Once the draft is complete for a division, similar round trades are allowed if all parties are in agreeance and the board feels they are straight across trades. Once a manager/coach leaves the clubhouse, all teams are final. No more trading is allowed.

Draft rounds go as follows:

Round #	
1	OPEN
2	OPEN
3	Manager Coach Pick
4	Asst. Coach Pick/ OPEN if no Asst. Coach
5	Asst. Coach Pick/ OPEN if no Asst. Coach
6	Brother option/Sibling Option
7	OPEN/ Majors Returning Player
8	OPEN/ Majors Returning Player
9	OPEN/ Majors Returning Player
10	OPEN/ Majors Returning Player
11	OPEN/ Majors Returning Player
12	OPEN

The parents of a player already assigned to a team may request that the player be allowed to re-enter the draft. This request must be presented in writing to the President or Registrar made at least 5-days prior to tryouts or by the last scheduled registration date and the affected Manager notified by the Registrar as far in advance of the draft as practical. The President and Registrar shall decide if sufficient reason exists to grant the request. If the request is granted, then that player must attend the tryout or the player will be returned to their original team.

In such situations as a returning player changes teams by re-entering the draft and the entry player is a child of the Manager or named Assistant Coach, the following actions will take place:

1. The team in which the player is moving to will forfeit its 1st round selection,
2. The team which the player is moving from shall receive a compensation pick in the first round in the draft order position of the team receiving the re-entry player, and
3. The re-entry player must be selected in the second round by the receiving team.

A player who is League age eligible for the draft and has a sibling already assigned to a 14/15/16 Division team must be selected in the sixth round of the draft by the same team of the sibling. Additional siblings of the same or of other players on the team must be selected every two rounds until all are selected. In the event that a parent wishes siblings to not play on the same team, then this rule does not apply; however this request must be made in advance of tryouts.

The draft will continue until each Manager has selected a minimum of 10 players and up to the 15 players required to fill their draft roster. Once a Manager has made a selection for his last available draft roster position, his participation in the draft selection is complete.

The parents of a player eligible for tryouts may request that the player not be drafted to a particular team. This request must be presented in writing to the President or Registrar and will only be known to the President, Registrar, Division Representative, and Manager of the affected team. The request must be made 5-days prior to tryouts or by the last scheduled registration date and the affected Manager notified by the Registrar as far in advance of the draft as practical. The President and Registrar shall decide if sufficient reason exists to grant the request. Such a request may only remove one team from consideration for the player.

Formation of Teams

Players assigned to a 14/15/16 Division team the previous season are automatically assigned to the same team.

In the event it is necessary to add a team to the Division, a supplemental draft will occur prior to the 14/15/16 Division player draft. In the supplemental draft, each expansion team will pick four 14/15/16-year-old players from the eligible pool. If more than one expansion team is created, then the supplemental draft order will be through random assignment.

If any selected player has re-entered the draft from an existing team, the team that loses the player in the supplemental round will be awarded a compensation pick in the player draft in the draft order of the expansion team's first round pick. If there is more than one re-entered player selected, each team that lost a player gets a compensation pick in Round 1 of the player draft establishing the creation of draft picks depending on the reverse order.

In addition, if a player is selected in the supplemental draft from a draft re-entry from an existing team, the expansion team will select the child of the named 1st assistant coach in Round 2 of the player draft.

After the supplemental team(s) has selected their four 14/15/16 year olds from the eligible pool, the draft order for the newly formed team for the player draft will be randomly decided, but must occur within picks 1 through 4. Existing teams will move down in order to accommodate the expansion team(s).

In the event the Board determines a Division shall play with less teams than the previous year, the determination of which pre-existing team(s) shall be dissolved will be made using the following rules applied in succession:

1. Team(s) without a returning head coach
2. Team(s) without a returning 1st named assistant
3. Team(s) with the fewest number of returning players

Returning players of the dissolved team(s) will re-enter the draft as 1st year 14/15/16 year old players. The Registrar shall notify parents of all players affected by this action as soon as possible after dissolved team is identified.

A player may be considered or petition to play in a Division one League age older provided that they meet the following criteria:

- 1) A parent or legal guardian must be an Assistant Coach
- 2) The player is deemed a safety threat by the Division Representatives
- 3) There is available roster space in the division

A player granted the opportunity to “play up” must participate in the tryout AND be drafted by a Manager or be named a Coach’s pick in the player draft. There is no guarantee a player will be selected for a team in a Division above their league age.

Manager/Coach Duties

All CRTL Managers and Coaches will be required to obtain the required League Coaches Certification and attend the league sponsored coaching and umpire clinics. Managers and coaches are required to successfully pass a nationwide background check.

Managers and Coaches are expected to be proficient in teaching the fundamentals of the game and to develop these skills in the team.

Managers shall set a good example of sportsmanship and personal conduct at all times and shall refrain from and prohibit the use of profanity at all games and practices. Managers are accountable for the behavior of their players, coaches, and spectators.

Managers are responsible for the appearance of the team and are to ensure the proper League uniform is worn to all games.

Managers are responsible to ensure all players wear the appropriate safety equipment at the proper times, including warm-up and practices.

Managers and Coaches are expected to participate in all CRTL Field Cleanup Day events.

Managers and Coaches are expected to fulfill all Umpire duties as assigned by Scheduler and/or Umpire in Chief.

Managers are responsible to ensure all CRTL equipment is collected and returned to the Equipment Director at the end of the season. Failure to return assigned equipment or uniforms may result in disciplinary action by the Board, which could include financial restitution to CRTL or loss of future coaching position.

Coaches are to assist the Manager in any capacity requested and are to observe the same rules of conduct specified for Managers.

Post Season Team Formation – -13 Year old and 14/15/16 Year old Teams

Managers and coaches from regular season should submit their All-star coaches interest letter by April 25th to a board member or the league email. Coaches will be picked by the board of directors on April 26th, players who have expressed interest in post-season on the regular season registration, or notified the league of their interest in post-season play, by April 26th, 2026, will be invited to a tryout. Together, the elected coach and the board will compose an “A” team of the most competitive kids per age division. Board has final call on all players that are chosen. If there are remaining players in a division, and a willing coach, a second team will be composed.

Game Scheduling

Babe Ruth teams will play their regular season games through Longview Babe Ruth (LBR) league and the schedule will come directly from LBR. There may be some games played through Lewis County Babe Ruth as well. Games will begin in end of March or beginning of April through May, but will always be a minimum 6 week season.

Appendix

Appendix A: Board Members Code of Conduct



Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest Attestation

As a member of the Castle Rock-Toutle Lake Baseball Board of Directors, I pledge to support the concepts and philosophies of Castle Rock-Toutle Lake Baseball (CRTL) and the Cal Ripken League. I will assist in the administration of the League, acting with professionalism and in the best interest of the League and its members.

- I will conduct business knowing the program is for the children, not the adults.
- I will be knowledgeable of League administration and activities.
- I will provide a safe playing environment for all players.
- I will ensure players, coaches, umpires and parents provide positive experiences for all.
- I will ensure my words and actions uphold the integrity of the League.
- I will perform my duties as identified in the position description and assist other Board members.
- **I will maintain confidentiality of Board discussions and not discuss sensitive matters with others.**
- I will abide by and enforce the rules, constitutions, and by-laws of CRTL Baseball.
- I will conduct all business of the League with the good of the youth as my priority.

As a member of the Castle Rock-Toutle Lake Baseball Board of Directors, I pledge to not have any known conflicts of interest with CRTL Baseball and the Cal Ripken League. I have no material financial or property interest or compensation benefit to gain from my position on the CRTL Board of Directors.

I hereby confirm that I will perform the duties of my CRTL Board of Directors position and abide by the Code of Conduct set forth above.

Signature

Applicable Season

Print Name

Date

Appendix C: Coaches Code of Conduct

- Support and practice the “Everyone Plays”, “Good Sportsmanship” and “Positive Coaching” philosophies of Castle Rock - Toutle Lake Baseball.
- Be reasonable in your demands on a young player’s time, energy, enthusiasm, and performance on the field.
- Impress on your players that they must abide by the Rules of the Game at all times.
- Develop team respect for the ability of opponents and for the judgment of umpires and opposing coaches.
- Ensure that your players’ CRTL experience is one of fun and enjoyment, winning is only part of it.
- Players should never be yelled at or ridiculed for making mistakes or losing a game.
- Set a good example and be generous with your praise when it is deserved.
- Children need a coach they can respect.
- Keep informed of sound principles of coaching, growth, and child development.
- Check your equipment and playing facilities. They should meet safety standards and be appropriate for the age and ability of the players.
- Follow the advice of a physician when determining when an injured player is ready to play again.

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Coach Signature

Date

Appendix D: Parent Code of Conduct

As a parent, you play a special role in contributing to the needs and development of young players and the League. Through your encouragement and good example, you can help assure that all boys and girls learn good sportsmanship and self-discipline. In Castle Rock - Toutle Lake Baseball, young people learn to work together, to sacrifice for the good of the team, to enjoy winning and deal appropriately with defeat, all while becoming physically fit and healthy. Best of all, they have fun.

Support Your Child. Supporting your child by giving encouragement and showing interest in their team is very important.

- Help your child work toward skill improvement and good sportsmanship in every game.
- Teach your child that hard work and honest effort are often more important than victory-that way your child will always be a winner despite the outcome of the game!

Always Be Positive. Parents serve as role models for their children. Be aware of this and work to be a positive role model.

- Applaud good plays by your child's and the opposing team.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from youth sports activity.
- Remember That Your Child Wants to Have Fun. Remember that your child is the one playing baseball, not you. It is very important to let children establish their goals to play the game themselves. Take care not to impose your own standards and goals on them.

Don't put too heavy a burden on your child to win games. Children play for the fun of playing.

Reinforce Positive Behavior. Positive reinforcement is the best way to help your child achieve their goals and their natural fear of failure. Nobody likes to make mistakes. If your child makes one, remember it's all part of learning, so encourage your child's efforts and point out the good things your child accomplished.

Do Not Be a Sideline Coach or Umpire. Coaches, umpires, and Board Members are usually parents just like you. They volunteer their time to help make your child's baseball experience a positive one. They need your support too.

- Refrain from coaching or umpiring from the bleachers. As a volunteer organization, there's always an opportunity for you to take your interest in coaching or umpiring to the next level and become one yourself!

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Appendix E: Player Code of Conduct

As a player at Castle Rock - Toutle Lake Baseball, it is your job to have fun and enjoy the game of baseball. Good sportsmanship, teamwork, and learning the rules of the game are all a part of your experience. Please read the players code of conduct carefully, and ask your parent or coach to explain any that you don't understand. By understanding and playing by these rules will help you to become a better ball player and an important part of your team.

- Play for the fun of it, not just to please your parents or coach.
- Play by the Rules of the Game.
- Never argue or complain about Umpire's calls or decisions.
- Control your temper. Most of all resist the temptation to retaliate when you feel you have been wronged.
- Concentrate on playing baseball with your best effort. Work equally hard for your team as for yourself.
- Be a good sport by cheering all good plays, whether it's your team or your opponent's.
- Treat all players, as you would like to be treated.
- Remember that the goals of the game are to have fun, improve your skills, and feel good. Don't be a showoff or a ball hog.
- Cooperate with your coaches, teammates, opponents and the umpires.

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Player Signature

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