

# **BOLINGBROOK YOUTH BASEBALL LEAGUE, INC.**

## ***CODE OF CONDUCT***

Since the Board in its official capacity is acting in the name of the League, and since actions or statements made by Board members may be construed or interpreted as the official position or decision of the Board; the following Code of Conduct shall be strictly adhered to by the Board Members.

Board members who fail to adhere to this Code of Conduct shall be subject to censure and the Board shall determine appropriate action to deal with the situation, remaining on the Board constitutes acceptance of these Codes of Conduct.

Failure to carry out League Business within the time frame of Presidential directives, dereliction of defined duties, or any abuse of office shall be sufficient grounds for censure or dismissal from the Board of Directors. The Board will decide appropriate action.

## ***CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS***

Players live clean and play hard. Players play for the love of the game; winning without boasting, losing without excuse, but never quitting. Players respect officials and accept their decisions, and never forget that when people judge a player's action they judge not only the player, but also the team, the league, the community the player represents.

Managers and Coaches inspire in the players a love for the game and a desire to win, teaching that it is better to lose fairly than to win unfairly. Managers and coaches teach players and spectators to respect officials by setting a good example. Managers and coaches are the type of people they want the players to be. Smoking is prohibited at any BYBL event.

Officials know the rules, are fair and firm in all decisions and call them as they see them. Officials treat players, managers and coaches courteously and demand the same treatment for themselves. Officials know the game is for the players and let them have the spotlight.

Spectators never boo officials or players or managers or coaches.

***A "No Tolerance" rule will be STRICTLY enforced. Officials should not allow any behavior contrary to the defined Code of Conduct for Members***

Spectators appreciate a good play, no matter who makes it. Spectators know that their community get the blame, or the praise, for their conduct, and recognize the need for more sportsmen and few "sports".

The Code of Conduct shall be read at the team's first parents' players meeting and also shall be included in the rules and by-laws book.

# **BOLINGBROOK YOUTH BASEBALL LEAGUE, INC.**

## **LOCAL RULES**

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Bolingbrook Youth Baseball League (the League) will be governed, with few exceptions, by all organizational and playing rules set forth by Pony Baseball, Incorporated (Pony Baseball) of Washington, PA. These rules are detailed in the PONY BASEBALL BLUE BOOK, OFFICIAL BASEBALL RULES (The Sporting News), and PONY BASEBALL RULES AND REGULATIONS (Mustang, Bronco, Pony, Colt, and Palomino versions).

The following is a list of amendments to the aforementioned rules. These amendments were prepared in an effort to better serve the local needs of the League. For the purpose of these amendments, unless specified otherwise, the term “coach” is interchangeable with “manager” and “business manager”.

### ***I. League Boundaries***

League boundaries will extend from the existing village limits of incorporated Bolingbrook to the existing village limits of all neighboring incorporated communities and will include all unincorporated areas within these boundaries.

### ***II. Legal Players***

In order to participate in the League, a player must be of legal playing age as outlined by Pony Baseball and reside with his/her natural parent(s), adoptive parent(s), or court appointed guardian(s) within the parent/guardian’s PRINCIPLE residence located within the league boundaries. The player’s official school records must support residency.

All questions and/or waiver requests regarding this rule, such as changes in residency or school enrollment status, must be brought before the League’s Board of Directors (the Board) by the player’s parent/guardian for resolution. The Board will have final and absolute authority in regards to the interpretation and application of this rule.

### ***III. Selection of Managers/Coaches/Business Managers***

The President of the League will appoint a Manager/Coach Selection Committee (Selection Committee) to establish requirements needed to be met by all first year BYBL prospective Managers.

For the purpose of these rules, an “approved” coach is one who has met the Selection Committee’s established requirements but has not been assigned to a specific team. A “rostered” coach is an “approved” coach who HAS been assigned to a team.

The Selection Committee will interview all individuals who have expressed an interest in coaching within the League, determine whether or not the established requirements have been met, and present a list of those individuals interviewed to manage and/or

coach, along with recommended divisional assignments, to the Board for approval. All coaches are subject to a background check. The Board of Directors must approve all rostered coaches.

The Board will notify all individuals interviewed regarding their coaching status. An individual not approved to coach will be allowed to appear before a joint executive session of the Selection Committee and Board to appeal the decision.

#### ***IV. Managers and Coaches - General***

Managers will be responsible for passing along all information coming from all League and Manager's meetings including league schedules, umpire schedules, concession schedules and any other league information to their coaches and player's parents/guardians. If a Manager is unable to attend a meeting, they are responsible for insuring that a representative from their team is present and they are informed of all actions and information coming from the meeting.

Managers will be responsible for submitting any "team rules" to the Board for approval. These rules must be submitted by your designated draft night. The League will not support teams rules not submitted or approved. Approved team rules must be given to each player on the team. Managers will be responsible for all equipment and uniforms issue to their team. Failure to return or account for the equipment and uniforms at the end of the season will be sufficient reason for the Board to refuse the Manager to participate in the League in any capacity in subsequent seasons.

Managers will be responsible for monitoring and controlling their team member's use of Park District property. This will include such destructive acts as hitting or throwing baseballs, rocks, or other objects into fencing, backstops, buildings, etc. Managers who fail to comply will be subject to action by the Board.

**Managers will be responsible for keeping their team member's medical release forms throughout the season and making them readily available for the plate umpire to inspect at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to the start of each game. Only those players (including call-ups) whose medical release forms are available for inspection AT THE START OF THE GAME will be allowed to participate in any given game. If a Manager is unable to produce enough medical release forms prior to a game, their team will forfeit that game.**

**Managers will be responsible for their own conduct, as well as the conduct of their coaches, players, player's parents/guardians, and team's fans. Failure to control the conduct of the afore-mentioned individuals will be sufficient reason for the Board to refuse the Manager to participate in the League in any capacity in subsequent seasons.**

Managers will be required to schedule a minimum of two (2) practices per "non-game" week and one (1) practice during weeks with one or two scheduled games. Managers may be asked to submit their practice schedule to the Board at any point before or during the season. Managers who fail to comply will be subject to action by the Board.

All Managers and rostered Coaches must appear at a minimum of 50% of team games in an “on-the-field” coaching capacity. For the purpose of this rule, the dugout is considered “on-the-field”. If a Manager or Coach is going to miss two (2) CONSECUTIVE games, they are required to notify either their Commissioner or a member of the Board. The first offense of this rule will result in the offending Manager or Coach being suspended for one (1) game. The second offense, at the discretion of the Board, will result in the dismissal of the offending Manager or Coach.

All Managers will be required to sign the official “Game Report”, supplied by the head umpire, at the end of every game. Unless irrefutable evidence can be produced to the contrary, failure to sign the Game Report will result in the Manager and/or Coach being declared absent from the game.

Only rostered and/or approved coaches will be allowed to coach the base paths. If a rostered and/or approved coach is not available, a rostered player wearing a helmet will be allowed to coach.

All rostered and/or approved coaches, coaching “on-the-field”, are strongly recommended to be dressed in the uniform matching the uniform of their team.

### ***V. Umpire Requirements***

The Division Commissioner(s) will be responsible for establishing all guidelines pertaining to umpires within the League. These will include, but not be limited to, umpiring requirements, clinics, rules of conduct, dress code, level of authority, and game scheduling.

**Each team will be scheduled to provide an adult to umpire up to half of their scheduled games. Failure to meet these umpiring responsibilities may result in a suspension and considered not in good standing.**

All Umpires will be required to sign the official “Game Report” and obtain signature by both team managers at the end of every game. Unless irrefutable evidence can be produced to the contrary, failure to sign the Game Report will result in being declared absent from the game.

All umpires will be required to abide by all guidelines established by the League. Failure to abide by these guidelines will result in the offending umpire being suspended or expelled from any further participation within the League. The game’s head umpire may ask for, inspect, and verify each team’s medical release forms at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to the start of each game. All coaches are required to adhere to all normally accepted rules governing their relationship with umpires, with the following being emphasized.

1. Coaches are not allowed to protest called balls and strikes. Following the first offense, the protesting coach will be warned. Following the second offense, the umpire will eject the coach from the game. If a coach is ejected from

more than one- (1) game FOR ANY REASON, the coach will be required to appear before the Board. The Board will have the right to suspend or expel the coach from any further participation within the League.

2. Unless notified in advance of a rainout, coaches from both teams, through consultation with the head umpire, will determine if the field is playable. After the game has started however, the game's head umpire will have COMPLETE AND TOTAL control of field and lighting conditions.

## **VI. Selection of Players – Mustang**

The Mustang division will use the player evaluation (tryouts) and draft system for player distribution. All Unprotected players must attend tryouts! Any player that is unable to attend tryouts that has played in the league previously can be rated **by a minimum of two coaches** and/or board members present at draft night, so that he/she can be drafted. If the player is new to the league, or there are no coaches that are able to give a rating, the player will be placed on a team through a blind draft. A blind drafted player cannot be traded.

The draft order will be determined by a random draw. Every odd numbered round of the draft will begin at the TOP of the draft grid and go down, every even numbered round will begin at BOTTOM and go up. The first team needing a player in a given round will pick first, the next team needing a player will pick next, and continue until either all teams have made a selection or the draft grid is filled for the round.

“Protected” players will consist of the child (or children) of the team’s Manager and one “protected assistant” coach’s child. Protected players will be placed on the prospective team’s draft grid in the following manner” (1) Assistant coach’s child positioned in round #4 (2) Managers child positioned into Round #1. A returning manager also has the option to retain up to (2) additional players from his/her prior year’s spring team. A returning roster assistant can retain up to (2) players if the returning manager has either moved up in division or has left the league. These players will be declared before the draft begins, and will be positioned in rounds (2) and (3). These players will be declared before the draft begins, and will be positioned in rounds (3) and (4). Slots 1 and 2 must be filled before any players (protected or not) are placed in slots 3 or 4 in the draft grid. For instance if a coach has no protected prior year players the assistant coach’s child moves up to round #2. All other players will be available through the draft at every level. Unless specifically requested by a child’s parent/guardian, all brothers and sisters of players selected in any round will be that team’s last pick in the draft. In the event there are additional brothers and sisters of players, they will be that team’s next to last pick, etc.

If a parent/guardian requests that their child/children not be on a certain team, the coaches will be notified prior to the draft. If the child/children is picked by said team, the Player Agent shall have final determination.

Any protected players must be confirmed and approved no later than 48 hours prior to the draft.

## **VII. Selection of Players –, Bronco, and Pony**

These divisions will use the player evaluation (tryouts) and draft system for player distribution. All Unprotected players must attend tryouts! Any player that is unable to attend tryouts that has played in the league previously can be rated **by a minimum of two coaches** and/or board members present at draft night, so that he/she can be drafted. If the player is new to the league, or there are no coaches that are able to give a rating, the player will be placed on a team through a blind draft. A blind drafted player cannot be traded. Division I players will be selected first followed by Division II. Any player eligible to play Division I must participate at evaluations (tryouts) unless board approved exception has been granted.

The draft order will be determined by a random draw. Every odd numbered round of the draft will begin at the TOP of the draft grid and go down, every even numbered round will begin at BOTTOM and go up. The first team needing a player in a given round will pick first, the next team needing a player will pick next, and continue until either all teams have made a selection or the draft grid is filled for the round.

“Protected” players will consist of the child (or children) of the team’s Manager and one “protected assistant” coach’s child. Protected players will be placed on the prospective team’s draft grid in the following manner” (1) Assistant coach’s child positioned in round #4 (2) Managers child positioned into Round #1. A coach also has the option to retain up to (2) additional players from his/her prior year’s team. These players will be declared before the draft begins, and will be positioned in rounds (2) and (3). Slots 1 and 2 must be filled before any players (protected or not) are placed in slots 3 or 4 in the draft grid. For instance if a coach has no protected prior year players the assistant coach’s child moves up to round #2. **Note: Bronco 1/Pony Division 1 teams are selected before “additional” players are protected.** All other players will be available through the draft at every level. Unless specifically requested by a child’s parent/guardian, all brothers and sisters of players selected in any round will be that team’s last pick in the draft. In the event there are additional brothers and sisters of players, they will be that team’s next to last pick, etc.

If a parent/guardian requests that their child/children not be on a certain team, the coaches will be notified prior to the draft. If the child/children is picked by said team, the Player Agent shall have final determination.

## **VIII. Selection of Players - Colt & Palomino**

The Board of Directors will determine from year to year if any or all of these divisions will be playing at Division I or Division II levels of competition. In the event different levels are to be played, the Board will be responsible for assigning players to teams in a fair and equitable manner.

## **IX. Sponsors**

When applicable, team sponsors will sponsor their child’s team.

## **X. Trading of Players**

All proposed trades must be submitted to the Player Agent for approval. Trading must take place within 48 hours of the draft. Any proposed trades after the stated deadline must be submitted to the Board of Directors for approval.

## **XI. Assigning Players to Teams**

Players who are not initially selected or assigned to teams because of late registration, illness, changing residences, etc. will be required to contact the Player Agent for team assignment. The Player Agent will either assign the player to a team or refuse the player from participating during the current year. Managers who are assigned players by the Player Agent are required to abide by the decision. Failure to comply with the decision will be sufficient reason for the Board to suspend or expel the Manager from any further participation within the League.

## **XII. Equipment**

Pitchers will not be allowed to wear any white or gray garment under their team jersey that extends below the team jersey sleeve. Jackets and other outer garments will not be allowed to be worn by any player on the field except base runners and players coaching base path. Pony League patches for each division need only be worn on the uniform during tournaments.

Metals spikes **WILL NOT BE WORN** in the Mustang and Bronco divisions.

## **XIII. Safety Rules – Mustang**

1. BYBL requires that all players wear athletic supporter with cup.
2. If a batter unintentionally throws his bat, the umpire shall warn him. Should the same batter unintentionally throw his bat a second and/or subsequent times during a game, he shall be declared out. No runners shall be allowed to advance ... **DEAD BALL**.

## **XIV. Participation/Playing Rules - Mustang**

### **1. MINIMUM PLAY RULE**

All players within this division that arrive in uniform within 15 minutes before official scheduled start time, will play a minimum of two (2) complete innings in the field (defensive) by the end of the fourth inning and a total of three (3) by the end of the sixth inning. No player may play more than one defensive inning more than any other player except when a player arrives late or leaves early before the end of the game. Any late player will be added to the end of the batting order immediately and play half the remaining innings. If the number of the remaining innings is odd, then the late player must play half of the remaining innings minus one (i.e. 5 remaining innings; player must play a minimum of 2 innings).

Managers failing to comply with the must-play rule will be subject to the following actions:

1. Following the first offense, the offending Manager will be suspended from

the following game.

2. Following the second offense, the offending Manager will be suspended from participating in their team's next game, and will be required to appear before the Board.

3. Should the problem continue, The Board will have the right to suspend or expel any offending Manager or Coach from any further participation in the League.

#### 1a. DISCIPLINARY RULES

A player who misses 1/3 of his/her scheduled games or practices or who is a proven disciplinary problem, may have his/her playing time limited to one inning on defense and one time at bat until his/her attendance and/or conduct improves. Approval of the League President is necessary for every game that this rule is to be enforced. In addition, Managers and Commissioners/League President will jointly inform his/her parents, opposing manager, and umpires of this disciplinary action prior to the game.

#### 2. REQUIRED NUMBER OF PLAYERS

In the event a team is unable to start a game with 9 eligible players, due to injury or unforeseen circumstances, the game will start and continue with 8 players. If the number of eligible players goes to seven, the team will forfeit. If a ninth player arrives to the game later, he/she will be eligible to play immediately. Eligible player will be entered last in the batting order. Pony Baseball Rules, section 18 C states that a team has 15 minutes from the scheduled starting time to field a team. The interpretation of this is that a game must start on time or as soon as 8 eligible players arrive at the playing fields. If 8 eligible players are not available within 15 minutes of the scheduled starting time, the game will be declared a forfeit.

#### 3. LEADOFFS / STEALING

Runners will be allowed to leadoff a maximum of 4 feet from all bases and may attempt to steal second and third base once the pitcher releases the ball. The base runner is allowed only the base they are attempting to steal with no further advancement. Base runners **CANNOT** attempt to steal or lead off more than 4 feet prior to the pitcher releasing the ball. During the first half of the season (Opening Day thru May 31<sup>st</sup>), each team will be given one warning per game for an infraction of this rule. Once a team has been warned all further infractions will result in the base runner being called out. Starting June 1<sup>st</sup>, teams will not be warned and an infraction of this rule will result in the base runner being called out. **EXCEPTION:** If the pitcher is in the **WIND UP**, the runner may attempt to steal once the pitcher releases the non-pivot foot (left foot for a right handed pitcher) from the rubber. In the windup, the time of pitch is the instant when one of the following occurs: the pitcher commits to taking a step backward, or he takes a step to the side.

During the first half of the season (Opening Day thru May 31<sup>st</sup>), the runners on third base **WILL NOT BE ALLOWED** to steal home on a wild pitch or passed ball.

Starting June 1<sup>st</sup>, runners **MAY ADVANCE** on a wild pitch or passed ball.

**EXCEPTION:** In the event any defensive player initiates a play at any base, the runner at third base may attempt to score. A bad throw from the catcher back to the

pitcher is not to be interpreted as initiating a play. If the catcher leaves the box and makes an attempt the runner may advance.

#### 4. SLIDE RULE

No base runner may intentionally run into a fielder just to knock the ball out of his possession. If, in the judgment of the umpire this occurs, the base runner will immediately be called out. If it is a flagrant violation, the player at fault may also be ejected from the game. The offensive player must slide or avoid contact at all times.

#### 5. DROP THIRD STRIKE RULE

The batter will be out on a dropped third strike.

#### 6. FIVE RUN RULE

No team may score more than five runs in an inning during the first three innings of the game. If there are less than three outs when a team scores five runs, the teams shall change sides. (This rule does not apply in the fourth, fifth or sixth innings or extra innings.)

#### 7. 10 RUN RULE

If a team is leading its opponent by at least 10 runs after four or more innings have been played, or after three and one half innings if the home team has a 10 run lead, or before the completion of its fourth inning, the game shall be terminated and the team in front shall be declared the winner.

#### 8. PITCHING RULES

Pitchers shall not be allowed to pitch in more than three innings in one calendar day. Pitchers shall not be allowed to pitch in more than eight innings in any one-calendar week (Monday-Sunday). Pitchers, after pitching in three innings in the same calendar day, shall have 40 hours of rest before pitching again. **Also, a 9 or under must pitch 1 inning by the completion of the 3<sup>rd</sup> inning.** This requirement can be met by a pitcher in one of two (2) ways: 3 outs= 1 inning, or 5 runs in one inning= 1 inning.

Any pitcher that hits three batters in the same game shall be removed from pitcher. All balks will be administered as a warning. No base will be awarded for a balk. If the same pitcher balks three times in a game a pitching change must be made.

Managers are allowed two trips onto the field each half inning, on the second trip while the same pitcher is pitching; a pitching change must be made.

9. No intentional Walks are allowed.

### ***XVI. Participating/Playing Rules - Bronco, Pony, Colt, Palomino, and Travel Teams***

These divisions/teams will adhere to all rules and regulations of the Conference in which they participate.

### ***XVII. Players Substituting in Other Divisions - Mustang***

A player (substitute) will be allowed to participate in a division other than their own only with consent from the Player Agent or Commissioner, the player's regular coach and the player's parent/guardian and under the following conditions:

1. Players(s) can be substituted to play out of their own division **ONLY** to avoid a forfeit or possible forfeit.
2. The playing time of a player who has been substituted to a team **CANNOT EXCEED** the playing time of any player already on that team.
3. All substitute players must be placed at the end of the batting order.
4. A substitute player must fill the outfield position(s) first and never play pitcher/catcher.

### ***XVIII. Unnecessary Roughness/Unsportsmanlike Conduct***

When a runner is approaching ANY BASE, and the fielder is IN POSSESSION OF THE BALL, the runner must make every attempt to avoid the tag without colliding with the fielder, yet remain in the base path. (I.e. slide, go around the fielder).

If, in the judgment of the umpire, the runner purposely attempted to collide with the fielder, the runner will be called out and EJECTED from the game.

If, in the judgment of the umpire, the fielder purposely attempted to hurt the runner with an unnecessarily hard tag or similar action, the fielder will be EJECTED from the game.

If, in the judgment of the umpire, a player, coach or fan conducts themselves in an unsportsmanlike manner, including, but not limited to, abusive language, actions, gestures, throwing equipment, etc. The offending player, coach, or fan will be EJECTED from the game.

The head umpire will report all ejections on the official Game Report.

If a player is ejected from more than one game FOR ANY REASON, the player, along with his/her parent or guardian, will be requested to appear before the Board.

If a coach is ejected from more than one game FOR ANY REASON, the coach will be required to appear before the Board.

The Board will have the right to suspend or expel any player or coach from any further league participation.

### ***XIX. Protests (Mustang Only)***

Should a disagreement occur, both managers and both umpires should calmly discuss the problem for a maximum of five (5) minutes. Discussions should be held behind the pitcher's mound and should not involve the players or coaches.

After this discussion the umpires will make a final decision. No protest will be allowed.

If a manager or coach decides to pull their team off the field without finishing the game, that team will forfeit the game.

### ***XX. Suspended/Postponed/Length of Games - Mustang***

For the purpose of this rule, suspended, postponed, and protested games that are upheld by the Decisions Committee will be called “suspended” games.

Unless approved by the Board of Directors, no regular season game will be re-scheduled because of a coach’s personal business.

Opposing team Managers whose game is suspended for any reason must contact the League Commissioner within 24 hours after the game is suspended for the purpose of re-scheduling.

The League Commissioner will be responsible for re-scheduling all suspended games. The League Commissioner will have absolute Board approval when re-scheduling games. When possible, suspended games will be completed prior to the start of the next scheduled game between the opposing teams.

Suspended games will be re-scheduled on the next available date, including Sundays after 12:00 PM. When possible, re-scheduling of games will be determined by the original schedule, with the first suspended game being re-scheduled first, etc.

In case of continuous rain, the League Commissioner will be responsible for re-scheduling all games in order to finish the season.

Unless specifically approved by the Vice President, no team within these divisions will play more than three (3) games per week.

Any game called for darkness will be considered a complete game. No inning shall begin on an unlit field in accordance with the following:

No new inning shall begin 2 hrs after actual start time of the game. All games will conclude at 2.5 hours and revert back to the last completed inning if necessary. In an effort to minimize the impact of this rule we will use speed up rules consisting of courtesy runners for catchers and or pitchers with two outs. The courtesy runner will be the last player to make an out.

### ***XXI. Suspended/Postponed Games - Bronco, Pony, Colt, Palomino, and Travel Teams***

These divisions will adhere to all scheduling rules of the Conference in which they participate.

## **XXII. Selection of Tournament Team Managers – Mustang, Bronco, and Pony**

*Tournament teams will be made up of players from in-house divisions only.*

The President of the League will appoint a Tournament Team Manager Selection Committee (Selection Committee) to establish requirements needed to be met by all prospective Tournament Team Managers.

The Selection Committee will review all individuals who have expressed an interest in coaching a Tournament Team, determine whether or not the established requirements have been met, and present a list of those individuals reviewed to manage a Tournament Team, along with recommendations to the Board for approval. The Board of Directors must approve all Tournament Team Managers and Coaches.

Tournament team Managers will be allowed to select their own coaching staff. The League strongly urges that the Managers select their coaches from the pool of coaches within the team's respective division. Any coach selected from outside the appropriate division however, must be an approved coach within the League and the Board must approve the selection.

The Manager of any tournament team, when there is a tournament team, will automatically manage that team in any tournament in which it is entered.

## **XXIII. Tournament Team Managers - General**

Tournament team Managers are required to be in attendance at all tournament games except in cases of illness or emergency. The Board must be notified of any planned absence. The Board will have the authority to appoint substitute tournament team Managers.

## **XXIV. Selection of Tournament Team Players - Mustang, Bronco and Pony**

The Board will notify all Managers within these divisions concerning the number of tournament teams the League plans to field per division. The Managers will in turn notify their coaches of these plans.

The Board will supervise the selection of each tournament team. Once the tournament team is selected the tournament team Manager will be responsible for notifying all players selected to the team.

Travel team players are not eligible for selection to tournament teams.

## **XXV. Selection of In-House All-Star Game Players**

Each in-house team manager will submit two (2) non-tournament team players for each age for participation in the game. A player playing up a level during the regular season must play up if nominated for the all-star game as well. For example a ten year old playing Bronco is not eligible to play with the ten year old age group. This player must play with the eleven year olds.

***XXVI. Other Committee Rules***

Various standing committees within the League, including, but not limited to Umpire Selection Committee, Manager/Coach Selection Committee, and Fields and Facilities Committee have prepared specific rules and guidelines. These rules and guidelines have been filed with the Board.

***XXVII. Amendments***

All amendments to these local rules must be prepared and presented by the By-Laws and Rules Committee and approved by the Board of Directors.

These rules or any section thereof may be amended by a majority vote of quorum of the Board of Directors present at any meeting during the course of the year. Notice of such meeting or intent to amend said rules need not be made public to the general membership of the League.

***XXVIII. Final Authority***

The Board will have absolute and final authority for the application, determining the intent, and rhetorical interpretation of all local rules, by-laws, and amendments, as well as resolving all disputes, questions, and ambiguities resulting from said local rules, by-laws, and amendments.

## **FALL BALL RULES**

*(Rules not listed below will adhere to those used during the BYBL spring season)*

### ***I. Selection of Players – All Divisions***

- a. No tryouts
- b. There will be no “protection” of players

### ***II. Participating/Playing Rules - Mustang Division***

#### **LEADOFFS / STEALING**

There will be no stealing of home for the entire Fall season.

#### **FIVE RUN RULE**

No team may score more than five runs in an inning during the first five innings of the game. If there are less than three outs when a team scores five runs, the teams shall change sides. (This rule does not apply in the sixth inning.)

#### **PITCHING RULES**

Pitchers shall not be allowed to pitch in more than two innings in one calendar day.

### ***III. Participating/Playing Rules - Bronco, Pony Divisions***

These divisions will adhere to all GDPBA DIVISION 2 rules and regulations.

### ***IV. Suspended/Postponed/Length of Games - All Divisions***

For the purpose of this rule, suspended, postponed, and protested games that are upheld by the Decisions Committee will be called “suspended” games. The Fall Ball Coordinator will have final say as to whether suspended and/or postponed games will be completed or rescheduled.

# **BOLINGBROOK YOUTH BASEBALL LEAGUE, INC.**

## **BY-LAWS r.3/09**

### **Article I - Name**

This organization shall be known as Bolingbrook Youth Baseball League, Incorporated, a member of Pony Baseball, Incorporated of Washington, Pennsylvania.

### **Article II - Purpose**

Bolingbrook Youth Baseball League, Inc. seeks to “Protect Our Nation’s Youth” by implanting in the youth of this community ideals of good sportsmanship, courage, obedience, loyalty, truth, and reverence, so that they may be finer, stronger, and happier young people and grow to be good, clean, healthy adults. This objective will be reached by providing supervised competitive athletic games. The supervisors shall bear in mind at all times that the attainment of exceptional athletic skill or the winning of games is secondary and that the molding of future citizens is of prime importance.

### **Article III - Organization**

- (A) The government of the league shall be under the direct supervision of the Board of Directors.(B) The Board of Directors shall include the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Player Agent, Equipment Manager, Assistant Equipment Manager, Chief Umpire, Pony Commissioner, Bronco Commissioner, Mustang Commissioner, Director of Fields and Facilities/BAC Representative, Publicity Director, President of the Parent Auxiliary and Vice President of the Auxiliary.
- (C) The meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held monthly, normally the second Wednesday of the month, to properly conduct the business of the organization. The President or any two board members may call a meeting of the board. Any such meeting shall be open to any member who wishes to attend. Notice or change of monthly meetings shall be publicized seven (7) days prior to such meeting.
- (D) An annual meeting of the general membership shall be held during the month of July for the purpose of the election of board members and any other business, which may come before the organization. Additional meetings may be called as necessary by the President or by any three board members or by 10% of the voting membership at large.
- (E) All matters of policy shall be decided by a majority vote of a quorum of the Board of Directors, A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum at a meeting.
- (F) For issues requiring Board of Directors decisions or actions that could not be completed at scheduled meetings, or which require resolution before the next scheduled Board of Directors meeting, conducting business by email shall be allowed and will be governed by Roberts Rules of Order, with the following modifications/clarifications:

- i. Any Executive Board member who has voting rights under the bylaws may make a motion.
  - ii. The Secretary shall serve as the Coordinator unless the Secretary is unavailable or ineligible to serve, in which case the President shall appoint another Executive Board member to serve as the Coordinator.
  - iii. A majority of the board members must vote to constitute a quorum. This is determined as votes are received by the Coordinator.
  - iv. For this purpose, a vote of "abstention" shall count as a vote cast toward the quorum. If the Coordinator does not receive a number of eligible votes equal to or greater than the quorum by the deadline for voting, the question shall fail.
  - v. The Coordinator shall use all due diligence to assure that all Board members eligible to vote have received notice of the vote to be taken and any information or discussion necessary to be fully informed of the matter to be voted on and the consequences of the vote.
  - vi. Votes will be sent to the Coordinator, and/or Bolingbrook Youth Baseball Board if desired, to approve, oppose, or abstain. If no vote is received from a voting board member, that person is recorded as "not voting." In the event email is not available he/she may telephone his vote. The Coordinator shall determine that all Executive Board members have the capability of receiving and sending email in a timely manner.
  - vii. The Coordinator shall set a reasonable time for response of not less than 36 hours and make the deadline a prominent part of the call for ballot.
  - viii. The Coordinator may announce the result of the vote before the deadline if the outcome has been decided.
- (G) "Robert's Rules of Order, Revised" shall govern the proceedings in all meetings, except where the same conflicts with the By-Laws of the League.

#### **Article IV - Parent Auxiliary**

- (A) Parent Auxiliary organization may be formed for the purpose of assisting the Board of Directors in fund-raising activity, concession stand operation, and other activities as suggested by the Board of Directors.
- (B) All activities of the Parent Auxiliary are subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.
- (C) The President of the Parent Auxiliary shall become a voting member of the Board of Directors upon election and for their term of office.

#### **Article V – Membership**

Bolingbrook Youth Baseball League, Inc., Board approved adult managers, adult coaches, and adult umpires, as well as the Vice President and Secretary of the Parent Auxiliary. Voting members shall be adult managers, adult coaches, adult umpires, Board members, as well as the Board of Directors of the Parents Auxiliary.

Parents or guardians of players, team sponsors, and other contributors, managers, coaches, and other volunteer leaders shall be eligible for membership. Any person having an active interest in Pony Baseball, Inc. may be invited to become a member or an honorary member of the Board of Directors.

### **Article VI - Hearing and Appeal Procedures**

Bolingbrook Youth Baseball League, Inc. strongly recognizes its obligation and commitments to providing and maintaining a safe, healthy, and fun environment for all. To this end, the BYBL has adopted a Code of Conduct and various rules and regulations. However, to the extent that any person's conduct violates the same, or is otherwise detrimental to a safe, healthy and fun environment, it must be understood that any manager, coach, parent, spectator, official, participant or any other person may be removed, suspended, probationed, or banned by the League.

The B.A.C. encompasses nine volunteer youth organizations. It serves as an advisory board in matters of youth sports. Council meetings are generally held the first Tuesday of the month from 8:00 to 10:00 pm. The B.A.C. is independent of and not part of the Bolingbrook Park District.

The following procedures are intended to provide a fair and timely opportunity for individuals to respond to any request for formal disciplinary action and to appeal any adverse ruling.

- A. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to suspend, banish, discharge, or otherwise discipline any manager, coach, parent, spectator, participant, or any other person whose conduct is or has been considered to be detrimental to the best interests of the League or who has violated any portion of the League's adopted Code of Conduct, rules, regulations, By-Laws or governing document such as the PONY BASEBALL BLUE BOOK.
- B. The Board President shall, upon evidence of misconduct of any person, notify the person of such alleged misconduct and a hearing will be timely held before an executive session of the Board of Directors for consideration of appropriate action. When a player is involved the coach/manager may appear in the capacity of an advisor to the player, and when the player is a minor, the players parents or guardian shall be advised of, and invited to attend, such meeting.
- C. In the review of such matters the Board will initially review any submitted signed, written statements from witness, the person(s) making the allegations, and the person who the accusations were made against. These people will be informed of the date and time of the hearing, and be invited to attend the board hearing to speak to the issue. Such a hearing may be held at the next regular scheduled board meeting following the incident or at a special meeting to be convened by the Board, whichever will sufficiently expedite the process. No person will be permitted to speak to the issue unless a signed, written statement is received by the Board President no later than 48 hours before the hearing, unless otherwise agreed

to by the Board President. Unsigned statements will be disregarded and the person will not be permitted to speak at the hearing.

- D. The Board of Directors will review the matter, maintaining its impartiality and will vote to determine the appropriate disciplinary action. In these matters the Board will meet as a Committee of the Whole, and no individual board member will act alone in passing judgment. If a board member feels he/she cannot be impartial in judging an incident, he/she may decide or may be asked by his/her other board members to remove him/herself from a vote in such proceedings. Any disciplinary action will require 2/3 vote of the remaining board members.
- E. Actions considered warranting disciplinary action, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:
- Use of obscene or foul language
  - Physical violence or threat of same
  - Verbal abuse, harassment or other offensive behavior
  - Unsportsmanlike conduct
  - Repeated rule violations
  - Inciting poor behavior
  - Damage to equipment, supplies or facilities
  - Code of Conduct/Ethics violations
  - Not adhering to By-Laws
- F. Disciplinary action may include, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO:
1. Probation – a warning letter will be written to the offender notifying him/her of the infraction and what steps should be taken to avoid a repeat violation.
  2. Suspension – a letter will be written to the offender notifying him/her of a suspension from games and/or activities for a specified period of time.
  3. Banishment – a letter will be written to the offender notifying him/her that he/she will be prohibited from participating in any and all association/league activities. Banishment will minimally be for the remainder of the season, but may extend to subsequent seasons under extraordinary circumstances.
- G. Notwithstanding the League's option to use progressive discipline, the League is not required to do so and may in its sole discretion, forego lesser forms of discipline at any time and proceed with the most severe form of discipline.
- H. Appeal process to the Bolingbrook Athletic Council.
1. The decision to suspend or banish cannot be appealed ONLY THE METHOD OF ARRIVING AT THE DECISION CAN BE APPEALED.
  2. The B.A.C. President will set up a hearing panel consisting of all B.A.C. Representatives and Executive Board.
  3. Any person suspended or banished may appeal the League's decision to the Bolingbrook Athletic Council (B.A.C.), in writing. Written notice for appeal must be forwarded to the B.A.C. within 14 days upon receipt of written notice

of suspension or banishment. The B.A.C. will not consider appeals forwarded beyond said time requirements.

4. In review of such matters, the panel will initially review any submitted signed, written statements from witness, the person(s) making the allegations and the person who the accusations were made against. These people will be informed of the date and time of a hearing, and be invited to attend the panel hearing to speak to the issue. Such a meeting may be held at the next council meeting following the incident or at a special meeting convened by the council President. No person will be permitted to speak to the issue unless a signed, written statement is received by the B.A.C. Unsigned statements will be disregarded and the person will not be permitted to speak at the hearing.
5. The panel will review the matter, maintaining its impartiality and will vote to determine the method of arriving at the suspension or banishment. No individual panel member will act alone in passing judgment. If a panel member feels h/she cannot be impartial in judging an incident, he/she may decide, or may be asked by his/her other panel members, to remove him/herself from a vote in such proceedings. Any action from the panel will require a 2/3 vote of the panel members.
6. THE DECISION OF THE B.A.C. PANEL IS FINAL.

The Board of Directors shall have the authority to suspend, discharge, or otherwise discipline any member, manager, coach, player, league official, umpire, or other person whose conduct is or has been considered to be detrimental to the best interest of the league or who has violated any portion of the league's By-Laws, local rules, or governing document such as the PONY BASEBALL BLUE BOOK.

The Board of Directors shall have the authority to reject the reinstatement of any prior member, manager, coach, players, league official, umpire, or other person if their prior conduct has been determined to have been detrimental to the best interest of the league. A prior member, manager, coach, player, league official, umpire, or other person is one who has willingly or unwillingly dropped out of the league for any reason and for any period of time.

The league President shall, upon evidence of misconduct of any member or prior member, notify the member of such alleged misconduct and a hearing will be held before an executive session of the Board of Directors for consideration of appropriate action. When a player is involved, the manager shall appear in the capacity of an advisor with the player and the player's parents or guardian shall be advised of, and invited to attend, such meeting.

#### **Article VII - Financial Policy**

- (A) The Board of Directors shall decide all matters pertaining to the finances of the league, bearing the responsibility to conduct the financial affairs of the league in a sound, businesslike manner.
- (B) To equalize the benefits of the league for all participating teams, solicitation of funds shall be for the treasury of the league, and contributions to individuals or teams shall be discouraged.

- (C) No member of the Board of Directors shall conduct financial business with the league without unanimous approval of all Board Members.
- (D) The Board of Directors shall institute policy relative to the preparation and acceptance of an annual budget, periodic annual presentation of financial reports, and an annual audit of the books of the league.
- (E) A checking account shall be opened for the purpose of documenting monies and expenditures of the organization. Signature cards shall be signed by the President, Treasurer, and Secretary in that order. The latter two signatures shall be used only in the event of the indisposition of the President.
- (F) The Treasurer of the organization and of the Parents Auxiliary shall be bonded in the amount decided upon by the board, usually for any amount equal to the maximum amount of its assets.
- (G) The annual dues shall be paid once per year at the time of player registration. The amount of such dues and dates of registration shall be determined by the Board of Directors each year prior to registration. All dues paid to the organization are not refundable after the playing of the first scheduled game.
- (H) Fiscal year of the organization shall be October 1 through September 30. Said fiscal year shall apply to all organization business.
- (I) The Board must approve any purchase over one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

### **Article VIII – Affiliation**

The league shall apply each year for a Certificate of Membership in Pony Baseball, Inc. of Washington, Pennsylvania. The playing of all games shall be in accordance with the rules and regulations issued by Pony Baseball, Inc.

### **Article IX - Duties of Officers**

#### **(A) President**

The President shall have a two- (2) year term of office expiring in odd-numbered years. The President shall have the usual executive powers of supervision and management of the organization. He/She shall preside at all organization meeting and Board of Directors meetings. He/She shall appoint all committees and committee chairpersons with the approval of the Board of Directors. The President shall be responsible for the relinquishing of all organization books, records, monies, etc. to the Board of Directors at the end of the fiscal year. This position has voting privileges.

#### **(B) Vice President**

The Vice President shall have a two- (2) year term of office expiring in even-numbered years. The Vice President shall perform the President's duties in the President's temporary disability or absence and shall have other such duties as the President of Board of Directors may assign. He/She shall be responsible for soliciting sponsors. He/She shall assist in all fund raising activities. He/She shall be chairman of the

tournament team sites and schedules. He/She shall be responsible for disbursement of sponsor plaques and communication with sponsors. This position has voting privileges.

(C) Secretary

The Secretary shall have a two- (2) year term of office expiring in even-numbered years. The Secretary shall be in charge of the records of the organization. He/She should be responsible for mailing or publication of notices to the members, the proper recording of the proceedings of meetings of the organization and of the Board of Directors. He/She shall maintain a register of members and a record of the organization's activities. This position has voting privileges.

(D) Treasurer

The Treasurer shall have a two- (2) year term of office expiring in odd-numbered years. The Treasurer shall be responsible for all financial matters of the organization, the keeping of accurate financial records, and the submissions of a written statement of account to the Board of Directors at each meeting. He/She shall submit an end of the year financial report to the State of Illinois before the end of the fiscal year in accordance with the rules of the corporation. This position has voting privileges.

(E) Equipment Manager

The Equipment Manager shall have a two- (2) year term of office expiring in odd-numbered years. The Equipment Manager shall be responsible for the disbursement and collection of league equipment, and shall be the agent to solicit bids for all purchases of equipment uniforms. This position has voting privileges.

(F) Assistant Equipment Manager

The Assistant Equipment Manager shall have a two- (2) year term of office expiring in even-numbered years. The Assistant Equipment Manager shall assist for the disbursement and collection of league equipment, and shall be the agent to solicit bids for all purchases of equipment uniforms. This position has voting privileges.

(G) Player Agent

The Player Agent shall have a two (2) year term of office expiring in even-numbered years. The Player agent shall maintain a record of all members. The Player Agent shall be in charge of player selection and assignment. He/She shall conduct annual tryouts and drafts, and assist the President in checking birth records and eligibility of players. He/She shall supervise the selection of all tournament players and managers as per local rules. This position has voting privileges.

(H) Chief Umpire

The Chief Umpire shall have a two (2) year term of office expiring in odd-numbered years. He/She shall be responsible for preparing and distributing the umpire schedules for all patched umpires. He/she shall work with the Treasurer to coordinate all payments, fees and tax forms (1099's). He/she shall also oversee all of the on field clinics. This position has voting privileges.

(I) Mustang Commissioner

The Mustang Commissioner shall have a two- (2) year term of office expiring in odd-numbered years. He/She shall be responsible for preparing and distributing the regular season playing schedules for the Bronco division The Mustang Commissioner shall be responsible for the solicitation, training, assigning, and paying of all umpires within the division. He/She shall be responsible for preparing and distributing all changes to the regular season playing schedules for the Mustang division. He/She shall be responsible for maintaining current standings for the appropriate divisions. This position has voting privileges.

(J) Bronco Commissioner

The Bronco Commissioner shall have a two- (2) year term of office expiring in even-numbered years. He/She shall be responsible for preparing and distributing the regular season playing schedules for the Bronco division The Bronco Commissioner shall be responsible for the solicitation, training, assigning, within the division. He/She shall be responsible for preparing and distributing all changes to the regular season playing schedules for the Bronco division. He/She shall be responsible for maintaining current standings for the appropriate divisions. This position has voting privileges.

(K) Pony Commissioner

The Pony Commissioner shall have a two- (2) year term of office expiring in odd-numbered years. He/She shall be responsible for preparing and distributing the regular season playing schedules for the Pony division The Pony Commissioner shall be responsible for the solicitation, training, assigning, within the division. He/She shall be responsible for preparing and distributing all changes to the regular season playing schedules for the Pony Division. He/She shall be responsible for maintaining current standings for the appropriate divisions. This position has voting privileges.

(L) Director of Fields and Facilities/BAC Representative

The Director of Fields and Facilities shall have a two (2) year term of office expiring in odd-numbered years. The Director of Fields and Facilities shall be responsible for assuring that all playing fields and other facilities are maintained in a proper manner. He/She shall be responsible for the solicitation, training, assigning, and paying of any workers deemed necessary by the Board of Directors to assist in such maintenance. As BAC Representative, he/she shall act a liaison person between the organization and the BAC. He/She shall attend all BAC meetings to apprise them of the concerns, problems, requests, and considerations of the organization, and in turn report back to the Board of Directors with any information regarding the organization. This position has voting privileges.

(M) Publicity Director

The Publicity Director shall have a two (2) year term of office expiring in even-numbered years. The Publicity Director shall be responsible for publicizing all general membership meetings. He/She shall be responsible for the publication of all game write-ups and any special events held by BYBL. He/She shall be responsible for promoting and expanding the public interest in Bolingbrook Youth Baseball via the media. He/She shall schedule the photographer and picture date for the entire BYBL

League and Travel/All-Stars. He/She shall be the agent to solicit bids for all league awards. This position has voting privileges.

(N) President of the Parents Auxiliary

The President of the Parents Auxiliary shall have a two (2) year term of office expiring in even-numbered years. The President of the Parent Auxiliary shall have the usual executive powers of supervision and management of the Parent Auxiliary organization. He/She shall coordinate the operation of concessions, as well as any fund raising activities with the Vice President of the Parents Auxiliary. This position has voting privileges.

(O) Vice President of the Parents Auxiliary

The Vice President of the Parents Auxiliary shall have a two (2) year term of office expiring in odd-numbered years. The Vice President of the Parent Auxiliary shall assist the President of the Parents Auxiliary with all of his/her assigned duties. He/she shall perform the President of the Parent Auxiliary's duties in the President of the Parents Auxiliary's temporary disability or absence and shall have other such duties as the President of Board of Directors may assign. This position has voting privileges.

(P) Travel Director

The Travel Director shall have a two (2) year term of office expiring in even-numbered years. The Travel Director shall coordinate all travel team activities. These activities include acting as liaison between travel teams and the league they participate as well as between BYBL and the travel teams. The Travel Director shall assist / organize / coordinate all travel team related activities. This position has voting privileges.

### **Article X - Dismissal/Resignation of the Board of Directors**

(A) The entire Board of Directors or any of its members may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the members present in person at a meeting, if the conduct of the Board of Directors or any of its members become diametrically opposed to the purposes of the organization. Such a vote is not binding unless advance notice or intent is given to all voting members at least 14 days prior to such a meeting and the person accused of such conduct is given the opportunity to defend him/herself. Willful failure of the accused person to appear at the meeting will constitute an automatic resignation of his/her part and the post shall be declared vacant.

(B) Vacancies in any elected office shall be filled by appointment by a vote of a majority of the Board of Directors. Such appointments shall continue for the remainder of the current elected term.

(C) In case of resignation of the entire Board of Directors, the officers shall remain on the board in a caretaker capacity until the new officers are elected by the membership in a special election to be held within 30 days of the resignation of the board.

### **Article XI - Dissolution**

The Bolingbrook Youth Baseball League, Incorporated may be dissolved by a two-thirds vote of the voting members present in person at a general meeting if the organization's purpose becomes irrelevant. After such a vote, the organization's property shall be given to a charitable organization selected by a majority of the voting membership present at such a meeting.

### **Article XII - Committees**

The Board of Directors shall appoint such committees as shall be deemed necessary, and the chairperson of said committee would be appointed by the President. The role of the committees shall be limited solely to the gathering and dissemination of information or as directed by the Board of Directors.

### **Article XIII – Amendments**

These By-Laws or any section thereof may be amended by a majority vote of the voting membership present at a general meeting provided notice of such meeting is published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Village of Bolingbrook at least 10 days prior to the meeting at which the proposed change is to be submitted to vote.