



DOWN EAST GIRLS SOFTBALL LEAGUE

CONSTITUTION

(Approved February 19, 2009)

- ARTICLE 1.** The name of the organization shall be the Down East Girls Softball League.
- ARTICLE 2.** The purpose for which this league is organized is to develop and operate a softball program in affiliation with Babe Ruth League, Inc., a New Jersey corporation, in conformity with and pursuant to the principles, rules and regulations enunciated by said Babe Ruth League, Inc. In conjunction with such purposes, the objective of this league is, in order of priority to: 1) Provide an opportunity for meaningful participation in the game of Softball for all girls within our geographic boundaries, 2) To develop our players in the game of softball, and 3) To provide a competitive outlet for those developed players through the Babe Ruth national tournament trail. We also believe that through the medium of a supervised, competitive program, guided and governed by said Babe Ruth League, Inc., this league will seek to implant in the youth of our communities ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage and reverence, so they may be finer, stronger and happier youth who will grow to be good, clean, healthy adults.
- ARTICLE 3.** This league shall be affiliated with Babe Ruth League, Inc., a New Jersey corporation, and shall be governed by and shall comply with the principles, rules and regulations enunciated and decreed by Babe Ruth League, Inc.
- ARTICLE 4.** The principal operations of this league shall be in and about the eastern portion of the County of Carteret and State of North Carolina, but may extend into such areas as provided for by the State, Regional and National Headquarters of Babe Ruth League, Inc. The Eastern Portion of the county shall be defined as the attendance boundaries established by the Carteret County Board of Education for East Carteret High School.
- ARTICLE 5.** This league shall have the following powers in addition to the powers expressly or implicitly conferred on it by law.
- A. 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., a New Jersey corporation, or by the Regional or State echelons of said Babe Ruth League, Inc., to which this league is subject.
 - B. To solicit contributions and enter into contracts with businesses for sponsorship of the teams within its jurisdiction.
 - C. To enter into contracts with the local county government and school board for use of the facilities needed to operate the league.
- ARTICLE 6.** Membership is open to anyone who is resident within the area of Eastern Carteret County. Voting membership is limited to one vote per registered player from the current or most recently completed season team and rests in the parents or legal guardians of that player at any given meeting. The members of the elected Board of Directors also have votes on all issues. Election of officers is open to the entire membership.

ARTICLE 7. The League shall be operated by a Board of Directors elected annually at the August meeting of the entire membership. Said Board shall consist of an elected President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Equipment Manager, Umpire-in-Chief (UIC) and one Commissioner for each of the four school districts included: Atlantic, Beaufort, Harkers Island and Smyrna. These officers shall be elected at the August meeting and shall serve for one year until the next election. They are eligible for re-election as often as the membership shall choose to re-elect them.

- A. In the event of a vacancy of any member of the Board of Directors, the President may appoint a league member to fill the vacancy until the next election cycle. In the event of the vacancy in the office of the President, the Vice-President shall fill the office and shall appoint a new Vice-President.

ARTICLE 8. The following committees shall be established:

- A. **The Executive Committee** shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. They shall be responsible for overseeing the day-to-day operation of the league and shall preside over disciplinary hearings for those who violate league rules and regulations. In such cases, they can administer whatever penalties seem appropriate as laid out in the League By-Laws.
- B. **The Protest Committee** shall consist of the President, the Umpire-in-Chief and one other member appointed by the President. This third member shall not be directly involved with either team involved in a protest. The Protest Procedures are outlined in Article 12 of the League By-Laws.
- C. Additional committees shall be established at the discretion of the President. Members are appointed by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 9. Meetings of the organization shall be called by the President.

- A. Regular meetings shall be held:
 - 1) January - to plan for the registration process and set up committees as required, IE: constitution and by-laws review committee, opening ceremonies, etc.
 - 2) February - to review preliminary registration numbers, determine number of teams and assign managers, vote new managers and coaches into membership, vote on revised constitution and by-laws, set up committee to develop preliminary schedule.
 - 3) March - to finalize teams, schedules, opening ceremonies, etc.
 - 4) May - to plan closing ceremonies and elect All-Stars.
 - 5) August - to summarize season, election of officers and plan Fall projects.
- B. The Annual Meeting is in August and shall consist of the election of the Board of Directors.
- C. Special Meetings may be called at the discretion of the President. Commissioners shall notify the members in the areas of the meeting within seven (7) days of the meeting, as well as stating the purpose of the meeting. Business shall be limited to the stated purpose of the special meeting.
- D. A quorum for the purpose of transacting league business consists of 50% of the teams represented.

ARTICLE 10. Amendments to this Constitution shall be presented in writing at any time during the non-playing season to the Board of Directors. After review and positive vote of the Board of Directors (majority-only), the amendment shall come before the membership at the next regular meeting. To be adopted, an amendment to the Constitution requires that 2/3 of those in attendance in favor of the amendment. Failure to receive a 2/3 vote will cause the vote to fail.



DOWN EAST GIRLS SOFTBALL LEAGUE

BY-LAWS

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ARTICLE 1. The duties of the officers of the Down East Girls Softball League are as follows:

- A. President. The President shall perform the following duties:
 - 1) Preside at all league meetings.
 - 2) Assume full responsibility for the operation of the local league.
 - 3) Appoint all committees and supervise the activity thereof.
 - 4) See that the league adheres to the rules, regulations and policies of Babe Ruth League, Inc.
 - 5) Be sure the charter application of continuation form is filed with Babe Ruth Headquarters according to guidelines.
 - 6) Be responsible for local league protests and disputes, in conjunction with the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors.
 - 7) Review finances with the Treasurer and be one of the "two signatures" at the bank.
- B. Vice-President. The Vice-President presides in the absence of the President and carries out such duties and assignments as may be delegated by the President.
- C. Secretary. The Secretary records the minutes of all meetings. The Secretary is also responsible for sending out notices of regular and special meetings, maintaining an official record of the league's activities, notifying all officers of election and the names of the newly elected members of the Board and performing such other duties as this office may require.
- D. Treasurer. The Treasurer signs checks, dispenses league funds as approved by the league President, reports on the status of league funds, keeps financial record, prepares a budget and assumes the responsibility for all league finances.
- E. Local Commissioners. The Commissioners shall be:
 - 1) Elected to serve in their given area: Atlantic, Beaufort, Harkers Island, and Smyrna.
 - 2) Conducts annual registration and assists with the draft of players .
 - 3) Keeps up-to-date records of team rosters and checks player eligibility in accordance with Babe Ruth directives and under the guidance of the President.
- F. Equipment Manager. The Equipment Manager shall:
 - 1) Procure and distribute equipment as needed for all teams.
 - 2) Procure and adequate number of softballs required for all teams.
 - 3) Prepare and submit to the Board of Directors an inventory of existing equipment and replacement needs.

G. Umpire-in-Chief. The Umpire-in-Chief shall:

- 1) Assign umpires to all league games.
- 2) Conduct clinics on rules and field positions for umpires.
- 3) Be responsible for notifying umpires of cancellations.
- 4) Recruitment of new umpires.
- 5) Serve as official rules interpreter for the local League and work in conjunction with the Babe Ruth National Umpires Association for consistency in such interpretation.
- 6) Recommends, with the President, umpires to the District Umpire-in-Chief for use in the Tournament Trail.

ARTICLE 2. Membership. The membership of the League shall consist of the teams involved in the participation of the League and will include a manager and up to two other individuals from each team. Each team is entitled to one (1) vote on League matters.

A. The managers and coaches shall:

- 1) All coaches and managers will become certified to coach according to Babe Ruth League incorporated. Manager and coaches will complete certification process within 30 days from the start of practice or, for coaches who begin service after practice starts, within 30 days of assuming the role and the League rostering that coach.
- 2) Be elected into membership at a regular scheduled meeting (normally February) by those already members and/or the Board of Directors
- 3) Be selected for their leadership skill and their ability to lead players to enjoy the game of softball.
- 4) Sign a contract with the League annually that outlines the expectations of the League for their managers and coaches and what benefits the manager can receive for his services. Violations of this contract will result in disciplinary action taken by the Executive Committee or by the President, acting in their name. The policy for adjudicating these violations is outlines in Article 13 of these By-Laws.
- 5) All coaches and managers are subject to possible background checks.
- 6) The Manager or Coach shall be considered in good standing if the following are

fulfilled.

- a) All team fees are paid to the Treasurer by the end of the regular season, unless other arrangements are made by the Treasurer, with the approval of the Executive Committee.
- b) All provisions of the manager/coaching contract have been fulfilled with no violations.
- c) He/She takes his team as far as it is possible to go within the Babe Ruth League system. This includes the tournament trail, if possible.
- d) The manager or coach does nothing that would be considered as detrimental to the well being of the Down East Girls Softball League.
- e) The manager or coach fulfills all obligations to League members as far as League play is concerned. For example, a manager that refuses to participate in a contest with any other member team when scheduled, shall be considered grounds for removal as manager, following a hearing with the Executive Committee.

- ARTICLE 3.** All teams are considered franchises of the League as far as finances are concerned. The League will establish a franchise fee, which is due and payable before the end of the regular season, unless special arrangements are made by the Treasurer with the approval of the Executive Committee. From this franchise fee, the League agrees to provide each team with:
- A. Liability and Accident Insurance as required by Babe Ruth League, Inc.
 - B. An adequate supply of game balls.
 - C. One League-approved umpire for 8U and 10U play; two umpires for 12U and above play.
 - D. Championship, runner-up and participation trophies for each team at closing ceremonies.
 - E. A minimum of 2 batting helmets complete with chin straps and face mask, one pitcher's face mask (for 8U-12U), catcher's gear and a minimal supply of other equipment.

All teams are expected to participate in any League fundraising efforts, especially, but not limited to Opening Ceremonies, Tournaments, and Closing Ceremonies.

- ARTICLE 4.** Teams are required to provide their own uniforms and supplemental equipment. They may utilize team fundraisers, or sponsors to obtain the necessary funds. Sponsors must be considered suitable for use with youth-oriented programs. No alcohol, tobacco or firearms companies may be considered suitable for sponsorship.

- ARTICLE 5.** Babe Ruth Softball Rules and Regulations and those rules and regulations duly established by the Southeastern Regional Commissioner and/or the Eastern North Carolina State Commissioner are all considered binding upon the League. The Down East Girls Softball League shall be a member in good standing of District 5, Eastern North Carolina in the Southeast Region of the Babe Ruth Softball Program.

- ARTICLE 6.** All meetings shall be run by parliamentary procedure using "Robert's Rules of Order".

ARTICLE 7. Special Playing Rules.

A. All rostered players present at a game must be given the opportunity to participate in the game with a minimum of one (1) inning in the field and one (1) turn at bat. **NOTE: This is not a suggestion it is mandatory.** A game that is ended by the 10-run rule or darkness shall waive this requirement. Managers who fail to accomplish this task are subject to the following penalty:

- 1) For the first offense in a given season, a one (1) game suspension would be in effect for his/her team's next regular scheduled game.
- 2) For a second offense in a given season, a minimum of two (2) game suspensions would be in effect, as well as an Executive Committee hearing to determine the manager's effectiveness within the Babe Ruth system.

B. All games will be limited to one hour and forty-five (1:45) minutes in length. No new inning can be started after the time limit has been reached. Games will start at the specified time. Infield, warm-ups, preparing of scorebooks, etc. will be done prior to game time. There will be no delays for late players, coaches, etc. **GAME TIME IS GAME TIME.** The start time of a game is defined as the time the umpire calls for the first pitch. The scorekeeper will be the official timekeeper and is to annotate the start time on the top of the score sheet at the beginning of each game. The time limit will be waived in accordance with Babe Ruth Tournament rules for local end of season tournament play.

- C. If either team is ahead by ten (10) runs after 4 complete innings of play ($3\frac{1}{2}$, if the home team is ahead) for 12Us and below or 5 complete innings of play ($4\frac{1}{2}$, if the home team is ahead) for 14Us and above, the game is over.
- D. All offensive players must wear a batting helmet complete with chin strap and facemask when on the field. Chin straps will remain properly attached at all times.
 - 1) For the first offense of non compliance, the offending team's manager will be given a warning.
 - 2) For a second or sequential offense in the same game, the offending player(s) will be called out.
- E. For 10U and 12U divisions, the defensive pitcher will wear a protective face mask prior to the beginning of pitch delivery until the ball is dead. For 8U, the defensive player positioned at the pitching machine will wear a protective face mask prior to the beginning of pitch delivery until the ball is dead. For age divisions 14U and older, protective face masks for the pitcher are recommended. In the 8U and 10U divisions, there will be a 6 run rule per at bat. The play in which the sixth run is scored will be played until completion, thus making it possible to score as many as 9 runs in an inning if the bases were loaded when the play began.
- F. Practice limitations will be at the discretion of the team's manager. All Sunday practices are voluntary.

ARTICLE 8. Player Eligibility. The Down East Girls Softball League is open to all girls who reside in the league territory as outlined by the Babe Ruth District Commissioner. Players will play in their age division, if a team is available, but may also double-roster with parental and coach permission. Exception: Due to the limited number of teams and athletes currently playing in the 14U, 16U and 18U age divisions, these age groups will be exempt from this requirement. In the event that a hardship for any player, parent, or guardian prevents participation in the league, that player may seek redress before the Executive Committee by notifying any member of the committee.

- A. All players must meet the eligibility requirements outlined in the Babe Ruth Softball rules with regard to playing age, geography, etc. Except as listed above.
- B. Participants may lose their eligibility to play during the current season for the following reasons:
 - 1) Actions or attitudes, which are found by the Executive Committee to be detrimental to their team and/or to the League as a whole. This can be recommended by their manager, by any coach (in writing), by an umpire (in writing) or by a League officer. An Executive Committee hearing will be held to determine the final action.
 - 2) Quitting their team during the previous season.

ARTICLE 9. Draft and Registration Procedure. The annual draft will be held at a time and place designated by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee and commissioners will conduct the draft with the assistance of the managers involved

- A. Everyone registered must participate in the draft. Players returning in the same age division will return to the team they played on the previous year and are exempted from the draft.
- B. Managers can draft only from registered players who are present on draft day. Players not able to attend the draft will be added later, unless that player has an excused absence from the League President.
- C. Teams draft in reverse order from last year's regular season finish.

- D. Expansion Drafts are held in the following manner:
 - 1) The new team(s) receive(s) the first three picks from the draft. If there is more than one new team in a- age division. they shall flip a coin (or draw names from a hat) for the first three rounds.
 - 2) The draft will then continue with the expansion team picking first, then the returning teams in reverse order as stated in (c) above.
- E. The children of the manager shall automatically be assigned to that team, and will count as the first draft choice in the draft. Coach's children shall become the team's next consecutive draft pick . Any additional children shall be the next consecutive draft picks. , etc.
- F. The sister of a player already on a team shall automatically be assigned to the same team unless otherwise specified by the parents/guardians, and shall count as the team's next consecutive draft pick after the coach's children.
- G. The draft will continue until each team has reached 12 players. Those teams without 12 will continue drafting until they reach 12. When all team reach 12 players, the draft continues with all teams until they reach 15. There shall be no team with more than 15 players.
- H. If the total number of players would require a team to have more than 15 players, the Executive Committee shall make an arrangement to alleviate the situation The League shall establish registration dates and deadline. Players registering after the deadline must pay an additional late registration fee as determined by the league. The registration form will be expeditiously submitted to the League President for addition to the team's official roster.
- I. Any manager or coach allowing a child to practice or play with his/her team who in not listed on the official team roster in anticipation of that child being placed on their roster, is subject to disciplinary action including suspension from coaching in the League.
- J. New players registering after the draft shall be assigned to teams in the appropriate draft order. Registered players failing to attend the draft without excuse will be placed on a team at the discretion of the Executive Committee.
- K. A parent can request a team change at the beginning of the season by contacting any member of the Executive Committee.
- L. A new manager or coach with children on an existing team shall be allowed to negotiate a trade with the manager of his/her child's team. If no trade can be accomplished by the two managers, the President will make the trade for them.

ARTICLE 10. There will be a double elimination closing tournament following the end of the regular season. . In the event conditions such as weather, time, conflict, etc. necessitate a single elimination tournament, the decision will be made by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE 11. Tournament Trail. The following rules will pertain to the selection of the tournament teams that represent the League on the annual Babe Ruth Tournament Trail.

- A. Tournament teams will be subject to all rules and regulations as outlined in the Babe Ruth Rule Book for Tournament play.
- B. Players will play in their own age bracket, if a team is available. Exception: Due to the limited number of teams and athletes currently playing in the 14U, 16U and 18U age divisions, these age groups will be exempt from this requirement. Managers must be vigilant to the fact that the league wants to field the best possible tournament trail team in each age group. If, during the All-Star selection, conflicts with player selection between age groups arise and can't be resolved between the affected managers, the

matter will be taken to the Executive Committee for a final decision. No nominated players will be told of the All-Star selections until all conflicts have been resolved and the official All-Star roster has been finalized.

- C. Tournament teams will be selected by the League managers following the end of the season. **Tryouts for this team WILL NOT be held.** The number of nominees from each team and for each age group will be determined prior to nomination selection.
- D. Each manager shall confidentially nominate from his team's roster, up to the maximum number of nominees previously determined. Managers in each age division will first select the best player from each team and then the best of the remaining players to fill out the team. Each team must be represented by at least one (1) player if available.
- E. The manager or coaches of the regular season champion team of each age division, shall be given the right of first refusal to manage the tournament trail team for that division. If he/she should refuse the team, the rights would follow down the league standings. The manager will select up to two regular season league coaches to assist him/her with the tournament trail team.
- F. The Executive Committee can consider a manager as unfit for the Tournament Trail for violations of the annual coaching contract.

ARTICLE 12. Protests. Protests may be made only for the following reasons:

- A. An umpire's misinterpretation of the playing rules. Umpire's judgment cannot be used for protest.
- B. Use of an ineligible player.
- C. Protests can be lodged by following the procedure outlined in Babe Ruth Softball Rules, 4.19 and including the following League standards:
 - 1) The protesting manager must notify the plate umpire that he/she is protesting before the next legal pitch is thrown. The umpire will then notify the official scorekeeper and the opposing manager that the game is continuing under protest. The scorekeepers from both teams will record the details of the game at the time of the protest. (Inning, team at bat, batter at bat, number of outs, count, etc.)
 - 2) The formal protest must be submitted in writing, along with \$50 in cash or certified check, to the President of the League within 48 hours.
 - 3) The President will then investigate the facts by interviewing the umpires, the managers and the official scorekeeper. The protest committee will then be called with the President outlining all the pertinent material and a ruling will be made. The committee is under no obligation to call in the managers for a hearing, but may choose to do so if they feel it is warranted.
 - 4) The \$50 cash or check will only be refunded if the protest is considered valid and is upheld by the Protest Committee. Otherwise it will be turned in to the treasurer and will be deposited into the league's general fund account.

ARTICLE 13. Conduct of Participants. All participants, managers, coaches, scorekeepers, players and League officials shall conduct themselves in such a manner as to not bring disgrace upon the League. All shall follow the code of ethics outlined in the Manager's and Coaches Annual Contract.

- A. Managers and coaches shall conduct themselves according to their contract. The President, with the approval of the Executive Committee can enforce all discipline

- matters as deemed necessary according to said contract. Penalties can include suspension for a game up to a season. The Executive Committee can also recommend to the Parks and Recreation Department banishment from the County parks during any League event.
- B. Violations of Coaching Agreements and any other disciplinary actions can be made in writing to the President, who will call an Executive Committee hearing on said matters. If a matter is considered severe enough, the President may immediately impose such interim penalties as he/she deems necessary, pending the Executive Committee's review.
 - C. Managers/coaches, scorekeepers or players who are ejected from the game by an umpire for unsportsmanlike conduct shall:
 - 1) Immediately leave the premises of the ball field in question.
 - 2) First ejection - Suspension from their team's next regularly scheduled game or a letter of reprimand to the Manager as determined by the Executive Committee.
 - 3) Second ejection - Suspension from the next regular scheduled game or the remainder of the season and an Executive Committee hearing to determine fitness for further involvement in the League to be determined by the Executive Committee.
 - D. Spectators can be removed from the premises if their behavior is deemed inappropriate. Coaches should contact the local authorities to remove fans from the premises. Persistent problems with a spectator can result in longer bans from League functions.

ARTICLE 14. Special Rules for 8U Rookie Team Play. The league has adopted the Southeast Regional's 8U Rules with the following exceptions:

1. Only one umpire will be used for league play.
2. Coaches will feed the ball into the pitching machine.
3. The district adopted the 6 run rule for both the 8U and 10Us, with the added exception that the play in which the 6th run is scored will continue until the play has ended and time has been called.

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**Babe Ruth League, Inc. – Southeast Region
2009 DISTRICT, STATE, & REGIONAL BABE RUTH SOFTBALL 8U LEAGUE
RULES**

Tournament Rules (and recommended regular season rules):

1. A spring-loaded Louisville Slugger Portable Pitching Machine will be used in Regional Tournament play.
2. Age: 8 & under (must have been registered with Babe Ruth League, Inc.). Players cannot turn 9 before January 1st (2009).
3. Player roster: 12- to 15-player roster with 10 players batting in order.
 - A. There will be four outfielders. ALL outfielders must remain in the grass area of the outfield (cannot bring into the infield).
 - B. One player is placed on either side of the pitching machine assuming the defensive position of the pitcher. Both feet must remain inside the pitchers circle.
 - C. The catcher takes her normal position in full gear.
4. Game length: 6 innings. Each batter receives a maximum of five pitches. If the batter strikes out, or if the ball has not been hit into play after five pitches, the batter is out.
 - A. If the batter fouls the 5th pitch, batter will receive pitches as long as batter continues to foul pitches.
 - B. The inning is over when three outs are made.
 - C. The batter is out if she swings three times and misses the ball.
5. Field dimensions: Standard Babe Ruth 12U Softball Division base length of 60 ft.
6. Pitching machine: The pitching machine is placed at 35 ft. with a speed of 32 mph (established when ball crosses home plate). The front two legs of the machine must be placed in front of the pitching rubber (best if up against the front

edge of the rubber or at least the front edge of any underground base for the pitching rubber). Coaches are not allowed to check the machine before their team bats. Only umpires can make adjustment decisions.

7. UMPIRE will feed the machine. Machine should be checked prior to batting. Only the umpire can make adjustments during play.

8. Dead ball:

A. The ball will be declared dead when the defensive team stops the lead runner or the runner abandons the effort to advance.

B. The ball will be declared dead when a player is injured and in the umpire's judgment is unable to continue the play.

C. When a batted ball hits the pitching machine (Refer to Rule 5.09(f)).

9. Infield fly rule: There is NO INFIELD FLY RULE.

10. Bunting: Bunting is allowed. **However, NO FAKE BUNTING IS ALLOWED. If the batter offers to bunt then she must bunt the ball or pull the bat back to take the pitch. If the batter offers to bunt, pulls the bat back and then swings at the pitch, the batter will automatically be declared out by the umpire.**

11. Base stealing: Base stealing is NOT PERMITTED.

12. Softballs: Must use approved Babe Ruth softballs.

Optional Regular Season Rules but required for Tournament Play (District through Regional):

13. Ten-run rule: The ten-run rule (4 complete innings, or 3-1/2 innings if home team is ahead) will be in effect (tournaments only).

14. Umpires: Two umpires will be on the field at all times (one on the field and one behind the plate). One will feed the pitching machine.

15. Credentials: Approved birth documents, Certificates of Accidental & Liability Insurance, Tournament Team Roster, Letter of Eligibility, Consent for Treatment forms, a 5x7 or 8x10 color or black and white team photo with the players, manager, and coaches identified, and Coaches Certificate of Completion of the Coaches Certification Program are required.

In addition, Babe Ruth Softball patches must be displayed as specified in the current Rule Book.

16. Type of elimination [Note - The 1st and 2nd place State winners advance to the Southeast Regional Level.]: At the Regional level, pool play will be in effect with the teams placing 1st and 2nd in each pool division advancing to the championship round (single elimination).

Please note: In the 8U League, the Pitcher position is only a reference to a "Fielder's" Position (does not throw a pitch). Therefore, there is **NO "Number of Innings Pitched"** rule for the player in the position. The position player must remain within the "mound" 8' circle and behind the machine (on either the right or left side) until the ball is pitched.

Reviewed and approved by Henry P. Sermons, November 08, 2008

ARTICLE 15. Amendments. Amendments to the by-laws of the League shall be submitted to the President in writing and can be considered at the first meeting after the August annual meeting. These by-laws will be reviewed by the Board of Directors and if a positive vote (majority) is taken, it can be brought to the general membership for a vote. A 2/3 majority vote is needed to change the by-laws.

A. No by-law can be changed by an officer, the Board of Directors, a manager or coach without the full process stated above.

B. No by-law can be changed during the regular season.