

LONGVIEW YOUTH BASEBALL

BY-LAWS

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Whenever, in the following pages, the pronoun “he” is used as a word or part of a word, it shall be used for literacy purposes and is meant in the generic sense to include all humankind or both male and female sexes.

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of this league shall be Longview Youth Baseball, herein after referred to as the “local league” or “Longview” or “LYB”.

ARTICLE II

Objective

Section 1. The objective of LYB is to implant the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage and respect for others while teaching the fundamentals of baseball to players ages 4 through 12 years of age.

Section 2. To achieve this objective, LYB will provide a supervised program under the Rules and Regulations of Cal Ripken Baseball (a division of Babe Ruth League, Inc.). All Directors, Officers, parents and volunteers shall bear in mind that the attainment of exceptional athletic skill or the winning of games is secondary and the molding of future citizens is prime importance. In accordance with Section 501(c) (3) of the Federal Internal Revenue Code, LYB shall operate exclusively as a non-profit, educational organization providing a supervised program of competitive baseball. No part of the net earnings shall inure to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual; no substantial part of the activities of which is carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation and which does not participate or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

ARTICLE III

Affiliation

LYB shall be affiliated with Babe Ruth League, Inc., and shall comply with the principles, rules, and regulations identified in the most current Babe Ruth League, Inc., “Baseball Rules and Regulations and Official Playing Rules”.

ARTICLE IV
Site of Operations

The operations of this league shall be located at John Null and Archie Anderson Parks, in the city of Longview, county of Cowlitz, state of Washington. The Wahkiakum affiliation of LYB will operate at Mule Fields, city of Cathlamet, county of Wahkiakum, state of Washington.

ARTICLE V
Authority

LYB shall have the following authority, in addition to the authority expressly or implicitly conferred on it by law, which is vested in the Board of Directors and Executive Board.

Section 1 – Rules. The league shall have the right to make and enforce rules and regulations and to govern itself. No rules or regulations established herein shall be contrary to any rules and regulations promulgated by Babe Ruth League Inc.

Section 2 – Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall, with approval from the Executive Board, have the right to appoint such standing and special committees, to establish and implement the policies of LYB. In addition, the Board of Directors has the right to make and enforce rules and regulations to govern itself as noted above, in the best interest of LYB.

Section 3 – Discipline. The Executive Board and the Board of Directors shall have the right to discipline, suspend, or remove any director or member of LYB in accordance with the procedures set forth in Article VI, Section 3.

ARTICLE VI
Membership

Section 1 - Eligibility. Any person sincerely interested in active participation in furthering the objective of LYB is eligible to be considered for membership as identified below.

Section 2 - Classes. There shall be the following classes of members:

- A. **Player Members.** Any player meeting the requirements of LYB set forth by the Board of Directors and who resides within the authorized boundaries of the league, shall be eligible to participate.

- B. **Regular Members.** Any person actively interested in furthering the objectives of LYB may be a regular member. All directors, officials, committee members, managers, coaches, volunteers and other elected or appointed officials are

considered regular members. As used hereafter, the word “member” shall mean a regular member, unless otherwise stated.

Section 3 - Suspension or Termination. Membership may be terminated by resignation or may be suspended or terminated by action of the Executive Board or the Board of Directors as is described below.

- A. Accused members shall be notified of the alleged detrimental conduct, and notified of the meeting where the detrimental conduct will be discussed by the appropriate group as specified. The accused shall be given the opportunity to appear at the meeting to respond to the allegations.
- B. The Executive Board, by a majority plus one of all Executive Board members, at a special meeting called for said purpose, shall have the authority to discipline, suspend, or terminate any director or member when their conduct is considered detrimental to the best interests of LYB.
- C. If the accused member is an Executive Board member, the President shall appoint three Board of Director members, who are not on the Executive Board, to serve on an Ad Hoc committee to review the conduct of the member in question. The President shall serve as the Chair of this committee, unless the allegation involves the President in which the Vice President, as designated, will Chair the committee. The Ad Hoc committee will review the conduct of the accused member and will have the authority to make a recommendation to dismiss the issue or to discipline, suspend, or terminate the member.
- C. If the accused member is a player member; a parent, the player’s team manager, and/or one Board of Directors member, shall appear in the capacity of an advisor with the player, before the Executive Board. The Executive Board shall have full authority to discipline, suspend, or remove the player’s right to current and future participation, including pre-season, regular season, and post-season play.
- D. The Executive Board and/or the Board of Directors reserve the right to suspend or terminate any Board of Directors member, by majority vote, should the board member not attend three meetings in a row and/or has abandoned his responsibilities on the board as outlined here within.

ARTICLE VII

Board of Directors

Section 1 – Board of Directors. The management of the property and affairs of LYB shall be vested in the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors shall consist of the following members:

President	Equipment Manager
Vice President- John Null	Executive Assistant
Vice President- Archie	Tournament Coordinator
Vice President-Wahkiakum	Uniform Manager
Secretary	Facilities Manager- John Null
Co-Treasurers (2 positions)	Facilities Manager- Archie
Player Agent- Upper Division	Umpire in Chief
Player Agent- Lower Division	Concession Manager- John Null
Safety Officer	Concession Manager- Archie
Public Relations Coordinator	Webmaster
Chief Scorekeeper	Minor Minor Division Director
Majors Division Director	T-ball Division Director
Major-Minor Division Director	Rookie Division Director
Building Maintenance Manager- John Null	Building Maintenance Manager- Archie

Section 2 – Executive Board. The Executive Board of the Board of Directors shall consist of the President, three Vice Presidents, the Secretary, two Treasurers, and both Player Agents. The role of the Executive Board is to oversee management and affairs of the league when the Board of Directors is not in session. Any decisions being made by the Executive Board will be shared with the Board of Directors at the next regular meeting of the league. The Executive Board will exercise general supervision and control of the invested funds and property of the league. The Executive Board has the duty to transact the affairs of LYB including interpreting and implementing policy and procedures and to study all matters referred to it by the members of the league. The Executive Board will perform such other duties as may be deemed to pertain to the advancement, welfare and in the best interest of LYB and all its members.

Section 3 – Eligibility. Those persons who display a concern for the welfare of the program, the youth of the community, who are willing and able to devote the necessary time towards the conscientious procession of the duties of the desired position, and who meet the criteria established below, shall be considered eligible for membership on the Board of Directors. The member must pass a background check in order to serve on the Board of Directors.

- A. Executive Board. Any member in-good-standing, who has served at least one year on the Board of Directors, within the last three years. Spouses or members of the same primary household, hereinafter referred to as family member, will not be eligible for serving simultaneously on the Executive Board. The member elected to the highest position on the Executive Board will be considered as the family member eligible for the Executive Board.
- B. Board of Directors. Any person in-good-standing with LYB and who has passed a background check.

Section 4 – Number of Directors. The number of directors shall be not less than five (5). The existing Board of Directors shall determine the number of directors to be elected for the upcoming year at the nomination meeting. The number of directors may be adjusted, at any

regular or special meeting of the members. If the number is increased, the additional directors may be elected at the meeting at which the increased number of directors is voted upon. Elections of increase of directors shall be by majority vote of those present during the meeting.

Section 5 - Nominations. Nominations for Board of Directors shall be made at the nomination meeting no sooner than one week prior to the annual meeting. Nominations may be made in writing and must be received by the President no later than at the nomination meeting. Nominations may also be made in person at the nomination meeting. No new nominations may be made for contested positions after the nominations have been closed at the nominations meeting.

Section 6 – Elections. The Board of Directors shall be elected at the annual meeting. Those persons eligible to vote on the selection of the Board of Directors shall consist of standing members of the Board of Directors, nominees, persons making a nomination, and those persons who were present and signed-in at the nomination meeting. Write-in ballots will be accepted for those persons eligible to vote if their ballot is received by the President prior to the time of the election. The ballot will need to be sealed and the outside of the envelope signed to ensure that it is valid. Elections of directors shall be by a simple majority vote of those eligible to vote. Votes will be tallied by a three person committee established by the President at the annual meeting and who are not nominated for a board position.

Section 7 – Term. The directors shall, upon election, immediately enter upon the performance of their duties and shall continue in office until their successor has been duly elected or appointed. Duties of the directors shall extend from pre-season through the post-season in a similar capacity unless otherwise approved by the Executive Board.

Section 8 - Vacancies. If any vacancy occurs on the Board of Directors, it may be filled by a majority vote of the remaining directors at any regular meeting or at any special meeting called for that purpose. In the event the President is not able to fulfill his duties once elected, the Board of Directors will hold a meeting to vote a new President into office. The candidates for President will be the three current members serving in the Vice President’s role.

Section 9 - Past Presidents. Past presidents will be honorary members to the Board of Directors in an advisory capacity to the board with no voting rights.

ARTICLE VIII

Duties

Section 1 – President. The President shall be responsible for conducting the affairs of the LYB and for executing the policies established by the Board of Directors. The President’s duties include, but are not limited, to the following:

- Present a report identifying the condition of the league at the annual meeting and at such other times as he or the board shall deem appropriate.

- Communicate and recommend to the Board of Directors suggestions that promote the welfare of the league.
- Enforce the code of conduct and code of ethics for all directors, members, and players of LYB in strict conformity to the policies, principles, rules and regulations of Babe Ruth Baseball, Inc., and LYB.
- Preside at all the meetings of the Board of Directors, Executive Board, and members.
- The Executive Board members shall report to the President.
- Investigate complaints, irregularities, and conditions detrimental to LYB and report the results of his findings and recommendations for action to the appropriate board.
- Help prepare and submit an annual budget to the Board of Directors and assume responsibility for the proper execution thereof.
- Assist the Player Agents in examining the applications and supporting proof of age document, residence location, and eligibility of every player candidate before the youth may be accepted for tryouts and selection.
- Be a standing member on all committees.
- Notify directors and members of their election or appointment.

Section 2a - Vice President- John Null. The Vice President shall assist the President in the execution of his duties for the good of the league. In the absence of the President, and as authorized by the President and the board, the Vice President shall perform the duties of the President and shall have all the authority of that office. The Vice President shall be available to assist the President in implementing the policies and conducting the affairs of the league. The Vice President will represent LYB with concentration on operations and activities at the John Null location.

Section 2b - Vice President- Archie Anderson. The Vice President shall otherwise be available to assist the President and other Vice Presidents for the good of LYB. In the absence of the President, and as authorized by the President and the board, the Vice President shall perform the duties of the President and shall have all the authority of that office. The Vice President will represent LYB with concentration on operations and activities at the Archie Anderson location.

Section 2c - Vice President- Wahkiakum. The Vice President shall otherwise be available to assist the President and other Vice Presidents for the good of LYB. In the absence of the President, and as authorized by the President and the board, the Vice President shall perform the duties of the President and shall have all authority of that office. The newly elected President of the Wahkiakum affiliation of LYB will be automatically seated in this position and will represent LYB with concentration of operations and activities at the Wahkiakum location.

Section 3 – Secretary. The Secretary is responsible for recording the activities of the league and maintaining appropriate files, mailing lists, and necessary records. Maintain a list of all the directors, committee members, and other members and give notice of all meetings of the Board of Directors to said members and the media. Notifications of the Board of Directors meetings shall be published no less than three days prior to the meeting. The official publication of LYB shall be the league website. Keep the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors and record the minutes in a book kept for that purpose. Provide copies of prior meetings minutes to the Board of Directors at each meeting. Prepare all correspondence of the league, not otherwise

specifically delegated by the Board of Directors or President, and be responsible for carrying out all orders, votes, and resolutions, not otherwise completed by committee. Publish meeting notices, sign-up notices, work party notices, and other notices needed for the good of the league.

Section 4 – Treasurer- Two Positions. Perform such duties as are customary to the office of Treasurer or as may be assigned to him by the Board of Directors. Keep records for the receipt and disbursement of all monies and securities of the league. Approve all payments from allotted funds and draw checks as approved by the Board of Directors. Under the direction of the President, the Treasurer shall prepare an annual budget for submission to the Board of Directors at the annual meeting. Prepare and submit budget reports at all regularly scheduled meetings of the Board of Directors.

Section 5a - Player Agent- Upper Division. Record all player transactions and maintain an up to date record thereof. Receive and review applications for player candidates and assist the President in checking residence and age eligibility. Conduct the player try outs and drafts to ensure they are fair and consistent across divisions. In addition, the Agent will assist in all other player transactions or player selection meetings in the majors, major minor and minor minor divisions. Prepare team rosters, including players claimed and the Tournament team eligibility affidavit, for the President's signature and submission to Babe Ruth League, Inc. Notify Babe Ruth League, Inc., of any subsequent player replacements or trades.

Section 5b - Player Agent- Lower Division. Record all player transactions and maintain an up to date record thereof. Receive and review applications for player candidates and assist the President in checking residence and age eligibility. Conduct the player try outs and drafts to ensure they are fair and consistent across divisions. In addition, the Agent will assist in all other player transactions or player selection meetings in the rookie and t-ball divisions. Prepare team rosters, including players claimed and the Tournament team eligibility affidavit, for the President's signature and submission to Babe Ruth League, Inc. Notify Babe Ruth League, Inc., of any subsequent player replacements or trades.

Section 6 – Safety Officer. Establish safety policies and procedures that are known, understood, and practiced by the players and members. Conduct periodic inspections and maintenance of playing facilities and equipment. Conduct preparation for emergencies and training in first aid as well provide education on concussions and reporting requirements. Provide investigation of accidents and present recommendations for corrective measures to Board of Directors. Assist in processing of Babe Ruth League, Inc. insurance claims, coaching certifications and background checks through the Washington State Patrol on all adults affiliated with the league.

Section 7 – Public Relations Coordinator. The coordinator shall be responsible for soliciting and organizing sponsors for each team in the league and for obtaining sponsors for the individual signboards for the outfield fences of each field that LYB operates on. This coordinator shall make arrangements for the income from the sponsors to be turned over to the Treasurer. The coordinator will also organize and implement approved league fundraising activities, including team photographs. The coordinator organizes team moms to help with fundraising, treat distribution and concession duties.

Section 8 - Chief Scorekeeper. The Chief Scorekeeper is responsible for scorekeeping in all divisions and shall schedule and conduct scorekeeping clinics. The Chief Scorekeeper shall be the league's official scorer. Keeps division standing boards updated and post updates on a weekly basis. Conduct scorebook checks to ensure pitching counts are adhered to and books are complete. Provide all final league standings to divisional Vice Presidents and Secretary for recording by the webmaster.

Section 9 – Division Directors for Majors, Major-Minor, Minor-Minor, Rookie and T-Ball. The Division Directors are the officials in charge of their respective division programs. The Director for each division acts as Umpire-in-Chief of that division and is responsible for scheduling the umpires in that division (along with the umpire in chief), scheduling of league games in that division and conducting regular meetings with the managers and coaches in their respective divisions. Schedule make up games. Notify concessions of changes to schedule including make-up games.

Section 10 - Webmaster. Responsible for reporting league activities and information to the community through print and news media in order to encourage interest, support, participation and an understanding of the leagues rules and regulations. Responsible for maintaining the LYB official website and posting current and relevant information in a timely manner. May be called upon at times to help assist Public Relations Coordinator and Secretary with promotional and media activities. Post league standings weekly.

Section 11 - Umpire-in-Chief. Coordinate and supervise the league's umpires. Assign umpires to all Major games in working with the Majors League Director. Conduct clinics on rules and field positions for coaches, managers and parents for all divisions of the league. Be responsible for ensuring umpires have proper equipment to perform umpire duties and oversee conduct of all umpires. Assist with encouraging and recruiting parent volunteers for umpire duties. Be sure all umpires know proper LYB protest procedures.

Section 12a – Equipment Manager. Procure and distribute equipment for each division and maintain inventory of equipment and field supplies at all times. Ensure an adequate supply of baseballs is available for all games. Make arrangements for the All Star and Tournament teams to have the proper equipment. Complete inventory and quality control checks on all equipment associated with LYB to ensure there is sufficient, safe equipment and supplies to operate the league. Provide reports to the Board of Directors of any damaged or items which need to be replaced. Obtain at the minimum two bids for equipment to be purchased and present information to the Board for approval.

Section 12b - Equipment Manager Assistants- John Null/Archie Anderson. The Equipment Manager Assistants shall assist the Equipment Manager in the execution of his duties for the good of the league. In the absence of the Equipment Manager, and as authorized by the President, the Equipment Manager shall perform the duties of the Equipment Manager Assistants and shall have all the authority of that office.

Section 13a - Uniform Manager. The Uniform Manager will insure and be responsible for obtaining bids and ordering all uniforms for LYB. The Uniform Manager will also be responsible for obtaining bids and the ordering of All Star and Tournament teams. The Uniform Manager will seek bids from two to three uniform suppliers for regular and post season uniforms and provide the quotes received from the suppliers to the Board of Directors, for approval.

Section 13b – Uniform Manager Assistant. The Uniform Manager Assistant shall assist the Uniform Manager in the execution of his duties for the good of the league. In the absence of the Uniform Manager, and as authorized by the President, the Uniform Manager Assistant shall perform the duties of the Uniform Manager and shall have all authority of that office.

Section 14a - Concessions Manager- John Null/Archie Anderson. Provides general management for the operations of the concessions stand at location in which elected. Coordinates with the Public Relations Coordinator in identifying personnel to work in the concession stand. Purchase the necessary supplies for operation of the concessions stand. Ensure that the income from the concessions stand is deposited in accordance with established policies or is turned over to a member of the Executive Board.

Section 14b – Concessions Manager Assistants- John Null/Archie Anderson. The Assistants shall assist the Concessions Manager, at the elected location, in the execution of his duties for the good of the league. In the absence of the Concessions Manager, and as authorized by the President, the Concessions Manager Assistant shall perform the duties of the Concessions Manager and shall have all the authority of that office.

Section 15a – Facilities Managers- John Null/Archie Anderson. The Facilities Manager is responsible for organizing work parties and getting the playing fields into game shape at the elected field location. The Facilities Manager ensures that the playing fields are properly groomed and lined for all games. He is responsible for maintaining field equipment, mowers, edgers, and all other equipment associated with the maintenance of the fields.

Section 15b – Facilities Manager Assistants- John Null/Archie Anderson. The Assistants shall assist the Facilities Managers, at the elected location, in the execution of his duties for the good of the league. In the absence of the Facilities Manager, and as authorized by the President, the Facilities Manager Assistant shall perform the duties of the Facilities Manager and shall have all the authority of that office.

Section 16 - Tournament Coordinator. Schedules tournaments to be held at LYB fields and informs other leagues of the tournament dates. Collects information from other leagues about tournaments they are holding and distributes them to the All Star and Tournament teams' managers. Creates tournament flyers and related materials to promote events associated with LYB. Assists the All Star and Tournament teams in coordinating their participation in tournaments.

Section 17 – Executive Assistant. The Executive Assistant shall be available and utilized to assist the Board of Directors, the Executive Board and the President for the good of the league. The Executive Assistant's duties will include locating grant funding opportunities, grant writing

and assisting the Public Relations Coordinator and Secretary with fundraising, scholarship and sponsorship duties as well as assisting with registration of players for the league.

Section 18- Building Maintenance Managers- John Null/Archie Anderson. Responsible for ensuring all buildings and facilities utilized at the designated site are functional, operating and up to code. Will provide general board with regular feedback on preventative maintenance and repair needed and timeframes for completion. Organize work parties concerning projects designated by Manager as needing to be completed. Obtain bids from two or more vendors for work to be completed. Assist Facilities Managers in their duties as needed.

ARTICLE IX Committees

Section 1 - Finance Committee. The Board of Directors may appoint a finance committee consisting of three to five current members of the Board. The Treasurers shall be standing members of this committee. The committee shall investigate ways and means of financing the operations of LYB and assist in developing a recommendation for the registration fee each season.

Section 2 - Buildings, Grounds, and Property Committee. The Board of Directors may appoint a building, grounds, and property committee consisting of three members of the Board of Directors. The committee shall investigate and recommend plans for development and shall work in cooperation with the finance committee. The committee shall be responsible for supervising the performance of approved projects.

Section 3 - Playing Equipment Committee. The Board of Directors may appoint a playing equipment committee that shall secure bids on needed supplies and equipment. The committee shall be responsible for the proper issuance of such supplies and equipment and for the repair, cleaning, and storage thereof at the close of the season.

Section 4 - Umpire Committee. The Board of Directors may appoint an Umpire Committee consisting of three directors. The President shall be the chairman of the umpire committee. The committee shall recruit, interview, and recommend to the Board of Directors a staff of umpires, and replacements as necessary. The staff of umpires shall be under the direction and supervision of the President.

Section 5 - Auditing Committee. The Board of Directors shall appoint an Auditing Committee consisting of three directors. The President, Treasurers, and Secretary, as signatories of the leagues checks, shall not serve on this committee. The committee shall review LYB's books, records, and annual financial statement prepared by the President and Treasurers; or may, if directed by the Board of Directors, secure the services of a Certified Public Accountant to accomplish the review.

Section 7 - All Stars Balloting Committee. The All Star Balloting Committee will consist of three members of the Board of Directors who do not have a child affiliated with the specific

division being polled, if at all possible. The President shall consider conflicts of interest that may occur as a result of director's children on major division teams when assigning members to the All Star Balloting Committee. The committee will confirm counts of all the ballots for each division, prior to the All Star positions being announced.

Section 8 – All Star, Tournament and Team Managers Selection Committee. The Executive Board will select and provide recommendations for the All Star, Tournament and Team Managers based on applications received. The applicants are all presented to the Board of Directors at the following meeting and discussion will take place concerning the qualifications of each applicant. The Executive Board will vote to determine the managers selected for each division for regular and post season play based on feedback provided in the applicable meeting. If a Board member or member of LYB objects to the manager appointment, the individual has 24 hours to provide information to the Executive Board the reasoning as to why the manager should not be appointed.

Section 9 – Scheduling Committee. The committee will be responsible for organizing and generating schedules for each division of LYB, with the assistance of the Player Agents. The committee ensures each field, if applicable, will have an umpire schedule.

Section 10 – Fundraising Committee. This committee will be responsible for generating ideas and researching various fundraising concepts to assist in reducing registration fees for player members.

ARTICLE X Meetings and Quorums

Section 1 – Nomination Meeting. A nomination meeting shall be held no sooner than one week prior to the annual meeting for the purpose of making nominations for the Board of Directors and conducting all other business as may be brought before the existing board.

Section 2 - Annual Meeting. The annual meeting of LYB shall be held the fourth Tuesday in September of each year, for the purpose of electing directors, receiving reports, and conducting other business that may come before the board. Those elected into a Board of Directors position at the annual meeting will serve in their position beginning on the date elected. The term of service will continue until the following annual meeting in which a new Board of Directors is elected.

Section 3a - Notice of Meetings. Notification of the nomination meeting shall be made no later than two calendar weeks prior to the date of the meeting. Notification of the annual meeting shall be made no later than one calendar week prior to the meeting. Notification of all other Board of Directors meetings shall be published no less than three days prior to the meeting, unless the President calls a meeting that is of urgent nature. All meeting notifications shall identify the time, place, and purpose of the meeting. The official publication of LYB shall be the LYB website and reader board at John Null Park.

Section 3b – Meetings. Regular Board of Director meetings will be held typically on the second Tuesday of each month or as scheduled by the acting President and Executive Board. The Executive Board reserves the right to alter the date for the nomination, annual and regular board meetings as it deems necessary due to scheduling conflicts.

Section 4 - Special Meeting. Special meetings of the members may be called by the Board of Directors, the Executive Board, or the President at their discretion. The President shall call a special meeting to consider a specific subject upon receipt of written notice signed by ten regular members. No business other than that specified in the notice of the meeting shall be transacted at any special meeting.

Section 5 - Quorum. Five members of the Executive Board and a majority of the entire board members shall constitute a quorum for the Board of Directors. The majority of members present will constitute a quorum for the Executive board and all committees.

Section 6 - Voting. Only Board of Directors shall be entitled to vote at any meeting of LYB. Members holding an Assistant position to the Board of Directors do not possess voting rights, except for the Executive Assistant. The President of LYB does not vote at the Executive Board or Board of Director meetings, unless in the event of a tie, in which the President will cast the deciding vote.

ARTICLE XI Amendments

The by-laws may be amended at any regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors by a majority vote of the Board of Directors present at the meeting, provided that the amendment was presented at the previous regular meeting and there is a quorum. Approved amendments shall be numbered and annexed to the present by-laws. The deleted portion the existing by-laws shall be “lined through” by the Secretary to identify the amended portion of the by-laws.

ARTICLE XII Dues

The Board of Directors has the authority to establish a reasonable participation fee for each player who is registered to assure the continued operation of LYB. At no time will payment of this fee be a prerequisite for participation in this league.

ARTICLE XIII Parliamentary Authority

“Roberts Rules of Order” shall be the parliamentary authority on all matters not covered by the By-Laws of LYB.

ARTICLE XIV
Financial and Accounting

Section 1 – Financial. The Executive Board and Board of Directors shall decide all matters pertaining to the financing of the LYB. The board shall place all income in a common league treasury. No funding shall be expended in a manner that will give a team or individual an advantage over any other team or individual in competition.

Section 2 – Solicitation of Funds. All funds solicited on behalf of LYB, and the teams and divisions of the league, shall be placed in the league treasury for use as directed by the board. The board shall not permit the contribution of funds or property to individual teams so as to discourage favoritism among teams and to endeavor to equalize the benefits to the league.

Section 3 – Distribution of Funds. The board shall not permit the distribution of LYB funds for any reason other than the conduct of league activities in accordance with the by-laws, rules, and policies of the league. All funds received shall be deposited to the credit of LYB in an accredited bank approved by the board. All disbursements shall be made by check.

The Board of Directors will be made aware and vote on purchases made in excess of \$1001. When purchases are required prior to approval by the board, approval may be obtained from the President and the Treasurer, until the Board of Directors can sanction approval of the purchase.

Section 4 – Compensation or Gratuities. No director or member of LYB shall receive, directly or indirectly, any salary, compensation, benefit, perk, or privilege from the league, or private party, for services rendered as an official or member of the league.

Section 5 – Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the local league shall begin on the first day of October and shall end on the last day of September.

Section 6 – Insurance. LYB shall be covered by Group Accident and Commercial General Liability insurance in accordance with the provisions of Babe Ruth League, Inc. Additionally, LYB shall be covered by Directors and Officers insurance. Coverage shall be in effect prior to try-outs or practices.

Section 7 - Distribution of Property upon Dissolution. Upon dissolution of the league and after all outstanding debts and claims have been satisfied, the members shall distribute the property of the league to other such organization or organizations maintaining an objective similar to that set forth herein, which are, or may be entitled to exemption under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code or any corresponding provision.

ARTICLE XV
Code of Ethics

Section 1 – Code of Ethics. All directors, members, players, parents, and others associated with LYB shall abide by the Code of Ethics policies adopted by the Board of Directors and attached

here within. All parties must review, agree to and sign the Code of Ethics to be considered a player member or member of LYB.

Section 2 – Complaints. Complaints shall be addressed as follows:

- A. Informal Complaints. Complaints may first be submitted verbally by members, players, parents, or others, to the designated team Manager for resolution. If resolution cannot initially be reached, the Division Director of the division where the complaint originated should be contacted by the Manager for assistance in resolution of the issue. If resolution cannot be reached, a formal complaint must be submitted as described below.

- B. Formal Complaints. Formal complaints submitted to LYB must be submitted in writing and must bear the signature of the originator. Formal complaints may be presented to the President or any Board of Directors member for forwarding to the President. The President will present all formal complaints to the Executive Board for resolution. Formal complaints that include alleged misconduct of directors, members, or players, will be handled in accordance with Article VI, Section 3, of these by-laws.