

ELK GROVE CAL RIPKEN BASEBALL LEAGUE

Rules and Bylaws

(updated January 2009)

PART ONE – BYLAWS

ARTICLE 1 – NAME

The name of this organization is the Elk Grove Cal Ripken Baseball League hereafter referred to as the “League”. Adopted by the Board of Directors, hereafter referred to as the “General Board”, on December 29, 1983, with subsequent amendments.

ARTICLE 2 – OBJECTIVE

The primary objective of the League is to develop and promote in children (usually of ages five (5) to twelve (12)) through the medium of properly supervised and competitive: (1) good sportsmanship; (2) understanding and respect for rules, coaches, and umpires; (3) courage in defeat; (4) tolerance and modesty in victory; and (5) a spirit of cooperation and team play. In the attainment of this objective, the instilling of a desire to win, or the winning of games, is to be the secondary objective.

ARTICLE 3 – TERRITORY

The boundaries of the League are as follows:

- **Northern boundary** – begins where 47th Avenue meets Highway 99, north on Sunrise Boulevard then east to the Sacramento/El Dorado County line.
- **Southern boundary** – begins where Dillard Road meets Highway 99, and ends where Meiss Road meets Lone Road.
- **Western boundary** – Highway 99.
- **Eastern boundary** – Sacramento/El Dorado County line to the Sacramento/Amador County Line.

ARTICLE 4 – DIRECTORS AND MEETINGS

Section 1. Executive Board of Elk Grove Cal Ripken Baseball League

All citizens within the boundaries of the Elk Grove Cal Ripken Baseball League are eligible to be nominated and elected for any Executive Board position. It is the responsibility of the outgoing General Board to determine if the nominated person is qualified for the position. One year term is from September 1 – August 31.

President – Responsible for overseeing and facilitating all Executive Board meetings. Represents the League at all Babe Ruth District, State, or National functions as appropriate. The term will be two (2) years, elected every even year.

Vice President – Coaching coordinator for the League teams. Responsible for all matters related to obtaining, developing, monitoring, certifying, and implementing discipline by the CRC. Responsible for fingerprinting/livescanning. Will facilitate try-outs. Acts on behalf of President in his/her absence. The term will be two (2) years, elected every odd year.

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Secretary – Responsible for recording and distributing all pertinent information and decisions made by the Executive Board and/or General Board. Responsible for processing all forms, along with the Treasurer, pertaining to preparing and sending any League financial obligations (i.e., tax returns, letters of incorporation). The Secretary shall be the Bylaws Custodian: responsible for maintaining, updating, and distributing the Bylaws. The term will be one (1) year.

Treasurer – Responsible for the fiscal accountability of the League. Create and maintain the League budget. Monitor the sub-committee budgets (i.e., Snack Bar, Fields, Equipment). With the Secretary, responsible for preparing and sending any League financial obligations (i.e., tax returns, letters of incorporation). The term will be one (1) year.

Head Player Agent – Responsible for receiving and processing all registrations and creating try-out grids. Will provide the Board with the number of teams needed in all divisions. Will conduct the Majors, Major Minors, AAA and AA drafts. Head Player Agent will perform evaluations in the even players need to be moved to another division. Responsible for training and helping other future player agents (including the Non-Competitive Player Agent) of the League. The term will be one (1) year.

Equipment Manager – Responsible for equipment operating budget directly related to the playing and practicing of Cal Ripken Baseball. Responsible for the oversight of the equipment. Responsible for obtaining and maintaining all equipment including but not limited to: balls, uniforms, catcher's gear, trophies, etc. The term will be one (1) year.

Section 2. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sub 1. Consists of the Executive Board and thirteen (13) Primary Board Assignments (Fundraising, Publicity, and Fields Chairpersons and ten (10) Divisional Managers)

Fund-Raising Chair – Responsible for all fundraising events and duties related to generating revenue for the League with the exception of registration fees and the Snack Bar. With the Treasurer, assure the fiscal needs of the League are met.

Publicity Chair – Responsible for communications with the parents of the League and the community on all pertinent information. Includes publishing a League newsletter at least quarterly, communication with the newspapers and all advertising associated with League business including registration, fundraisers, etc.

Fields Chair – Responsible for the maintenance of all fields, and necessary equipment and supplies, to be used by the League for games and practices. Coordinates with Community Services District and the Elk School Unified School District regarding maintenance on non-Cal Ripken operated fields. Responsible for operating budget for same.

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Divisional Managers – Responsible to act as a communication and distribution medium from the League to the managers and coaches within their division. DMs are also responsible for organizing the coaching staffs for their division and submitting them to the Board for ratification. During the year, the DM will coordinate volunteers for work at the Snack Bar, work parties, and complete a manager/coach evaluation form for all managers and coaches. All completed forms will be given to the Executive Board to be used for the following season. DMs are elected to their positions by the outgoing Board of Directors.

Sub 2. Secondary Assignments (Non-Voting)

Master Scheduler – Responsible for creating, distributing, and maintaining all game and practice schedules, including rainouts and post-season play-offs.

Umpire Coordinator – Responsible for assuring qualified umpires are present at all Majors, Major Minors, AAA and AA Division league games (this may be done through an agreement with an umpires' association). The umpire coordinator shall be the point of contact for all coaches regarding issues involving umpires.

Conduct and Rules Committee (CRC) Chairperson – Head of the Conduct and Rules Committee. Responsible for conducting all CRC hearings and matters. Responsible to ensure all CRC hearings are conducted pursuant to the rules and bylaws. Responsible for reporting the results of any CRC hearing or investigation to the Board of Directors.

Snack Bar Coordinator – Responsible for operating and maintaining the League's Snack Bar. Responsible for operating budget for same.

Assistant Player Agent (Non-Competitive) – Responsible for organizing and assembling the Single A and Rookie Division teams, assisting the Head Player Agent, and helping with the coordination and operation of the drafts.

Summer League Coordinator(s) - Responsible for organizing and overseeing the Summer Baseball program.

Opening and Closing Ceremonies – Responsible for organizing and scheduling of the Opening Day and Closing Day ceremonies.

Tournament Coordinator(s) – Responsible for the organization, recruitment of teams and scheduling of all EGCRBL tournaments. The tournaments shall be Memorial Day weekend, the Pre-State and any State/Regional/World Series that the EGCRBL should be awarded to host.

Competition Coordinator – Responsible for organizing All-Star try-outs, assembling the All-Star books for tournament play, and acts as a liaison between the League and Nor-Cal Cal Ripken for all All-Star coaches.

Assistant Equipment Manager – Responsible for assisting the Equipment Manager in the delivery, replacement and collection of all equipment supplied the League.

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Assistant Field Maintenance – Responsible for assisting the Fields Chairperson in maintaining all EGCRBL fields.

Section 3. VACANCIES AND ABSENCES

Any vacancy on the General Board shall be filled and approved the majority vote of the Executive Board. This shall take place at the first available meeting following the notification to the General Board of the vacancy. Any member missing two (2) consecutive meetings without notification to the Executive Board, or four (4) meetings during their term will be removed from their position.

Section 4. NOMINATIONS

The August meeting of the General Board will be held for the purpose of confirming all Board members. Each member shall serve one (1) year, unless voted out by a majority of the Board. The Executive Board will vacate their offices annually on August 31. New directors for the following year will be nominated and voted on at the August meeting. Any Board member may be elected to successive terms.

Section 5. VOTING AND AMENDMENTS

Sub 1. Voting

Each member of the General Board shall have one (1) vote, and must vote in person. Any General Board member holding two (2) or more positions on the Board shall still have only one (1) vote. The President will vote only in the event of a tie vote.

Sub 2. Amendments

Any proposed amendments to these bylaws shall be submitted in writing and read at a regularly scheduled General Board meeting. A vote shall be taken at the next regularly scheduled meeting requiring a simple majority to pass.

Sub 3. Emergency Amendments

Any article or section of these bylaws or rules may be amended or repealed, or any new article or section may be added thereto, by the General Board on a two-thirds affirmative vote of the members present. This can only be done in the presence of a quorum. Notice of any special General Board meeting in which emergency legislation is to be voted on requires personal notification by the League Secretary twelve (12) hours prior to the meeting.

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Section 6. MEETINGS

All meetings shall be conducted under the Roberts Rules of Order and the following agenda:

1. Executive Officers Reports
2. Old Business
3. New Business
4. Other Reports Deemed Necessary by the Executive Board
5. Adjourn
6. Closed Session

Regularly scheduled monthly meetings are to be held twice per month during the regular season, starting in January and ending with the first meeting in June. Thereafter, the full Board of Directors will meet once a month at a time and place to be designated by the President. The subsequent meeting date, time, and location will be announced prior to the conclusion of each meeting. It is strongly suggested that standing committees meet at least once per month on a year round basis. An annual public meeting of the General Board will be held each October on a date to be designated by the President. At least ten (10) days notice will be provided through a local newspaper announcement. The residents of the League's participation boundaries will be given the opportunity to provide written questions, comments, or make oral presentations.

Section 7. QUORUM

One-half plus one (1) member of the current sitting General Board shall constitute a quorum.

Section 8. AUDIT

The President will appoint an audit committee at the July meeting to audit the "books" for a final financial report due at the August meeting.

Section 9. FISCAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

All General Board members responsible for handling money shall be required to make a written report at every General Board meeting listing the amount of money received and spent.