

**Mira Mesa Youth Baseball**  
**2012 Season By Laws Meeting - Proposals**  
**6:30pm November 30, 2011 - Hourglass Field House**  
**10440 Black Mountain Road, San Diego, CA. 92126 - Room 305**

Please find below a summary of the proposed By Law changes recommended to the General Membership by the Mira Mesa Youth Baseball Board of Directors at the October 2012 Board Meeting. Please note that this document contains a “summary” of changes. In some cases where the change involves a small part of the By Laws, this summary will contain the complete verbiage of the changed section. The complete text of the MMYB By Laws is available along with this Summary as a Microsoft Word document with “Track Changes” on. Portions being replaced are struck out with the new portions appearing alongside the struck portions.

**Proposal#1: Addition of “Uniform Coordinator” and “Travel Ball Coordinator” to the Board of Directors:**

This proposal involves adding these positions to Article 2, Section 1 of the By Laws and defining duties of these positions by adding Sections 16 and 17 to Article 4 of the By Laws, as defined here:

**SECTION 16: UNIFORM COORDINATOR:** The Uniform Coordinator shall act as a liaison between the League and uniform vendors, working with the Treasurer to ensure orders are placed in a timely fashion for all League uniform needs.

**SECTION 17: TRAVEL BALL COORDINATOR:** The Travel Ball Coordinator shall coordinate and organize Fall participation in local travel baseball leagues and tournaments. Coordination shall include scheduling of tryout sessions with approved managers; maintenance of Travel Ball Team Rosters; collection of player and/or team registration fees; registration with local travel ball leagues and tournaments; scheduling of umpires for games hosted by the League; and other travel ball program related tasks as may present themselves as needed.

In the past the Concessions Coordinator has also been responsible for uniform purchasing and the VP for the Upper Divisions has coordinated Travel Ball arrangements. This proposal spreads the work out more evenly.

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**Proposal #2: Allowance for Team-Based Fundraising.**

The By Laws as currently written have been interpreted to disallow team-based fund raising. This proposal will allow teams to apply to the Board to conduct team-based fund raising as long as a percentage of the revenue goes to the general fund of the League. Article 3, Section 2 is amended to read as follows:

**SECTION 2:** Solicitation of funds shall be primarily for the benefit of the general fund of the League. Individual teams may propose fund raising programs for the benefit of the team to be conducted under the authority of the League and with use of the League's 501(c)(3) status as long as a percentage of the proceeds are designated for the general fund of the League or for specific league-wide purposes. Such proposals, including the percentage to be designated to the general fund of the League or for specific League-wide purposes, shall be subject to approval by the Board of Directors.

This proposal will allow for creative approaches to fundraising to be tested on a team basis. In many cases, a successful team-based approach may be scaled up to support the entire League.

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**Proposal #3: Budget & Finance Committee and Informal Audit of League Books.**

The By Laws as currently written require a formal, independent audit of the League's books each year. This is a costly process, and with the relatively small size of the League's budget and "cash basis" accounting, is not necessary for the "reasonable care" required of the Board of Directors by California non-profit law. In place of a formal independent audit, the By Laws would be changed to require the Board to form a Budget & Finance Committee which will be responsible to conduct an informal audit of the books each year, reporting the results to the Board, which will report to the General Membership.

Article 3, Section 3 will be changed accordingly:

**SECTION 3:** The Board of Directors shall form a standing Budget & Finance Subcommittee to publish policies for the preparation and acceptance of an annual budget and financial reports at least once each quarter. The Budget & Finance Subcommittee shall review and audit the League's books annually and publish an Annual Financial Report on the League's web site.

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**Proposal #4 (Summary): Unifying Player Selection and Team Roster Rules**

The By Laws as currently written have player selection and team roster rules in separate sections with overlapping rules, which has led to confusion in the past as to what part of the By Laws applies to which issues or questions. The proposal is to integrate Article 8 (B) into Article 6. Article 8 (B) will be removed entirely, and Article 6 will be amended as summarized here:

Rule 1: Each team shall be limited to 12 players. The Player Agent has sole authority to set/modify rosters.

Rule 2: Selection of players is supervised by Player Agent, Division Chair and one other member of the Board of Directors.

Rule 3A: Clarifies that Shetland players (4-6 years) are placed in either Shetland Lower (T-Ball) or Shetland Upper (machine pitch) based on comfort with hitting against the pitching machine instead of strictly by age.

Rule 3B: Clarifies that a 7 year old with only one year organized baseball may play an extra year in Shetland Upper. Otherwise clarifies that players may only "play up" at the request of the managers of the lower division when a concern for player safety arises due to a player of unusually larger size and ability than his/her peers, as described below:

"Children League Age 7 and above may "play up" by being registered in the division above his or her normal division by League Age if the managers and coaches in the division in which the child will normally play by virtue of League Age agree that the child's relative size and advanced skills pose a danger to his or her peers. The decision to consider a child for "playing up" may not be initiated by the child's parents. A request for a child to be considered for "playing up" shall be made by managers/coaches in the "normal division" (not the division above) by notifying the Chair for the division. The Chair will notify the Player Agent and Upper Divisions Vice President. The Player Agent shall have the authority to form a subcommittee comprised of the managers/coaches, Division Chair, and Upper Divisions Vice President. The Subcommittee shall approve or deny the request to have the child registered to "play up." The decision of this Subcommittee shall be final and shall not be subject to appeal to the whole Board.

"Except for arrangements made prior to the adoption of this provision, children approved to "play up" in one season shall expressly not be "grandfathered in" for the purposes of subsequent seasons."

This provision will allow the players previously "grandfathered in" but will end any

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future “grandfathering” of players into playing up. A decision to allow a child to “play up” will be limited only to the season in question.

Rule 5H: Clarifies the process for managers freezing players going into the draft. The Player Agent will consult with the Division Chair to prepare a draft round assignment for all “frozen” players, but will not disclose this assignment unless the managers are not able to come to an agreement on the draft round assignment for a frozen player. Upon failure of the managers to agree, the Player Agent will have the authority to unilaterally make the draft round assignment.

Rule 5I: Applies the same provisions to draft round assignment for the “Brother Option.”

Rule 6A-E - Late Signups, Waiting List and Impact Players: Clarifies practices for when a team or teams are skipped in the initial draft because of an uneven number of players. Also clarifies handling of late signups when a team loses a player in the period after the draft and before the Registration Deadline set by the Board. Also clarifies that the “Waiting List” does not come into play until after a Division is “Full” and the process for placing a player on the waiting list on a team.

Rule 6F: Incorporates the provisions formerly in Article 8.

Rule 7: Allows the Board to suspend player selection rules for the Fall Instructional season as needed to facilitate the instructional program.

Rule 8: Allows the establishment of Fall Travel Ball teams.

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**Proposal #5: Local Playing Rules addition acknowledging Travel Ball association rules, as follows:**

“Mira Mesa Youth Baseball Travel Ball teams shall play by the rules of the respective travel ball leagues and tournaments into which they are registered.”

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**Proposal #6: Set eight (8) as the minimum number of players in Article 8B, Rules 1 & 3.**

This proposal simply changes the minimum number of players on a team to play an official game from nine (9) to eight (8) to make it more likely teams will be able to get games in the event of sickness or injury.

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**Proposal #7: Changes Article 10B to refer to “Fall Instructional” instead of “Winter Season”.**

This is merely a change in terms to reflect the fact that what has been called “Winter Ball” is actually played in the Fall.