

**WALTHAM BABE
RUTH**

BYLAWS

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RULES AND REGULATIONS

for

2009

WALTHAM BABE RUTH BYLAWS

ARTICLE 1.

Name – Purpose – Number of Teams

SECTION 1. The Name of this organization shall be the Waltham Babe Ruth League.

SECTION 2. The purpose of this recreational Baseball League shall be to provide, recreation and instruction through organized league games to youth of the City of Waltham between the ages of 13 years and 15 years old. In addition, we want to encourage good sportsmanship and teamwork among the participants, to foster wholesome competition, to implement the national effort to improve the physical fitness of its participants and to provide interest and entertainment to the parents, friends and families of the players and the residents of Waltham.

SECTION 3. The number of teams participating in League play will be decided by a majority vote of the Board of Directors at the Leagues annual meeting in October and prior to the league's annual draft.

ARTICLE II ADMINISTRATION

SECTION 1. OFFICERS

- A.** The elected officers of the League shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Field Director, Equipment Manager, Shack Director, League Registrar and League Scheduler
- B.** All league officers shall be elected at the annual meeting held in October and shall serve for one (1) year term or until the next annual meeting. Unfilled positions may be appointed by the League President.
- C.** Any officer may be removed from office by a two thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- 1) The Board of Directors will consist of all elected officers of the League: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Field Director, Equipment Manager, Shack Director, League Registrar and League Scheduler
- 2) Elections will be held annually usually in the month of October. The following criteria are required to be eligible for a Board Position:

President: Board Member for 1 year and in the League for two years as a manager or coach.

Vice President: Board Member for 1 year and in the League for two years as a manager or coach

All other Board positions: No League requirement

Elections will be held by written ballot with one vote per official manager or coach and one for each Board member if not representing a team. In order to vote you must be a manager or official coach of a Team. Official is defined as coaching during a minimum of 75 % of the regular season games for one of the Senior or Prep League teams and having a CORI check performed.

B: The President of the League shall serve as Chairman of the Board of Directors, The Vice President shall serve as Vice Chairman of The Board of Directors, the Secretary of the League shall serve as Secretary of the Board of Directors.

C: A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business of the board.

SECTION 3. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A: The Executive Committee shall consist of three elected officers: President, Vice President, and secretary.

B: The Chairman of the Executive Committee shall be the President of the League. The Vice Chairman of the Executive Committee shall be the Vice President of the League. The Secretary of the Executive Committee shall be the Secretary of the League.

C: A majority of officers shall constitute a quorum for the transactions of the Committees business, and all questions before the committee shall be decided by a majority vote.

D: Executive committee meetings may be called at anytime, with 24 hour notice to the membership by either the Chairman or Vice Chairman.

E: The President, if he deems it necessary, because of emergency or other unusual circumstances, may exercise all of the rights and powers of the Executive Committee, providing that immediately upon such exercise, he shall request a meeting of the Executive Committee to ratify his action.

F: After conducting due process procedures as set forth in Article IV, Section 10, the Executive Committee may suspend any League member for violation of League Bylaws and regulations which is/are detrimental to the best interest of the League.

SECTION 4. THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

A: The Finance Committee shall be appointed by the President consisting of three members and will include the Treasurer of the League. This committee shall prepare the annual budget for the approval of the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting. The Finance Committee will also monitor the Leagues finances throughout the year.

SECTION 5. THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The President of the League shall appoint a nominating committee consisting of three members of the Board of Directors. They shall present a slate of officers for election at each Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE III DUTIES OF LEAGUE OFFICERS AND MANAGERS

SECTION 1. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors shall be the policy making body of the League.

SECTION 2. CONDUCT

The League, its organization, the players of the games and the conduct of managers and players shall be subject to and governed by Babe Ruth rules except as provided in these bylaws or expressly modified by the Board of Governors. Coaches, Managers, Umpires and League Officials will be held to the highest Zero Tolerance standards while representing Waltham Babe Ruth in any capacity. Any and all issues arising during a game must be addressed in a calm professional manner. Any behavior deemed inappropriate by the Board of Directors will be subject to immediate action up to and including suspension or termination from the league. This rule applies off the field as well when the individual is acting on behalf of the Waltham Babe Ruth.

SECTION 3. PRESIDENT

The President of the League shall be the Chief Administrative Officer of the League. He shall make all contractual agreements for the League with the approval of the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors. He shall appoint all committee's not provided for in the bylaws. (Rules Committee, Purchasing Agent, Protest Committee, President of Women's Auxiliary etc.) He shall be responsible for overseeing operations of Babe Ruth League support groups. He shall administer and enforce the bylaws except where provided otherwise in the bylaws, and perform such other duties as naturally fall on him.

SECTION 4. VICE PRESIDENT

The First vice President of the League shall perform the duties of the President in the Presidents absence or inability to act, and shall also perform such other duties as the President may direct.

SECTION 6. SECRETARY

The secretary of the League shall keep records of all meeting of the Executive Committee and of the Board of Directors. He or she shall be responsible for the safekeeping of such minutes. The Secretary shall be responsible for all facets of the League Correspondence as the President may direct. Copies of any and all correspondence by Officers of the League with any and all parties doing business with the League will be presented to the Secretary of the League for safe keeping. He or she shall make written reports at all Board meetings.

SECTION 7. TREASURER

The Treasurer shall receive and deposit in the appointed bank all moneys belonging to the League. He or she shall pay all bills incurred by the League and presented in the appropriate manner and forms and approved by the President. He or she shall provide an up-to-date financial report at each meeting of the Executive Committee and of the Board of Directors or at the request of the President. He or she shall assist the President in presenting the annual budget to the Board of Directors. He or she shall provide for annual audit of the books of the League. He shall make written reports at all Board meetings.

SECTION 8. FIELD DIRECTOR

The Field Director will take care of the field and make the final decision on the field conditions in determining when games should be postponed for rain or field conditions. The Field Director may also recruit help for raking and lining the field and otherwise maintaining the field as he sees fit.

SECTION 9. EQUIPMENT MANAGER

The equipment coordinator is responsible for purchasing all team equipment including uniforms within the approved budget by the board. They are also responsible for the upkeep maintenance of the field.

SECTION 10. SHACK DIRECTOR

The shack Director will be responsible for all the equipment, supplies and organization of the shack.

SECTION 11. LEAGUE REGISTRAR

The Registrar will process all registrations for players, in lieu with the Treasurer. The registrar will be responsible for reporting player information at the drafts and board meetings. The registrar will also be responsible for obtaining payment and missing registrations for players.

SECTION 12. LEAGUE SCHEDULER

The League Scheduler will set up the original league schedule for approval by the Board of directors. In addition, he will be the coordinator for all fields and procure the necessary permits from the Waltham Park & Recreation Dept. and/or the Waltham School Dept., etc. He will work closely with all managers and teams for rescheduling rainouts, league playoffs and summer travel teams and the Babe Ruth Tournament.

SECTION 13. MANAGERS

The Managers must be individuals that are well respected in the community. Their conduct must demonstrate good sportsmanship and leadership at all times. They must be willing to deal directly with young players and control situations that will be beneficial to both the players and the league. The Manager is specifically charged with the following:

1. Maintain the respect of the players and instill inspiration.
2. Not discriminate and respect the rights of all the players.
3. Not use foul or abusive language toward any player, official or league member.
4. Accept responsibility for the conduct of his team, his coaches and the parents/relatives of his players.
5. Adhere to all the rules, regulations and interpretations of the League.
6. Instruct players in all aspects of the game of baseball.
7. In order to maintain discipline, take reasonable action as necessary. (i e sitting a player down for a game).
8. Not use or allow to be used any tobacco product on the playing field.
9. Provide information for CORI background check to be performed on all managers and coaches.

ARTICLE IV RULES

SECTION 1. SPONSORSHIP AND PLAYERS FEES

Annual sponsorship fees shall be determined by the Executive Committee and shall be payable to the League prior to April 1st. Extensions for payment may be permitted by the President. Player's fees shall be determined by the Executive Committee and are to be paid prior to a player being placed on a roster or at a time so designated by the President.

SECTION 2. SCHEDULE

The schedule, drafted by the scheduler shall be approved by the Board of Directors, The schedule shall be carried out without changes unless agreed to by the President of the League.

SECTION 3. TOURNAMENTS

Participation in tournaments by League All Star players shall be decided by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. Should the League host a tournament, a budget reflecting anticipated income and expenses shall be presented to the Board of Directors for approval. (see Local Rules)

SECTION 4. ROSTERS

The size and make up of individual team rosters shall be decided by a majority vote of the Board of Directors based upon recommendation from the League President and the League Player Agent. If possible, a place on a team roster will be made available to any player wishing to play providing the player can and will comply with all League rules.

SECTION 5. MANAGERS/COACHES

It will be the responsibility of the team managers/coaches to conduct baseball business with the Officers of the League. To fill a vacant position as a team manager or a coach, recommendations will be made to the League President by members of the League. The President will review the recommendations and then present the name(s) to the Board of Directors for a majority vote.

SECTION 6. PLAYERS

- A:** All players in the League should be permanent residents of the City of Waltham. (League season shall be defined as April through March 31).
- B:** Players are eligible to play in multi-leagues and/or non-school teams during the League season provided they maintain proper attendance according to Local Rules.
- C:** Rules to allow a player to be transferred from one team to another are to be established by the Board of Directors and be presented to the League under Local Rules.
- D:** If a player is listed on an official roster and moves out of the City limits during the year of play, he/she shall be eligible to complete that year in Waltham Babe Ruth. (year of play shall mean April through March 31).
- E:** Any player misusing league property or engaging in other misconduct (Throwing of equipment) shall be subject to disciplinary action by the League President.
- F:** All players shall remain inside the fence during games.
- G:** There shall be no eating or drinking on the bench during games except when permission has been approved by the Manager/Coach.
- H:** All players must register and pay the registration fee no later than 10 days prior to Opening Day. Special consideration may be given by the League President in cases of financial difficulty.
- I** **If a player is injured they may re-enter the game when they are available**

SECTION 7. EJECTION FROM GAME

Any manager, coach or player ejected from a League game will be subject to further disciplinary action by The President and/or the Executive Committee and must serve a one game suspension for being thrown out of a game.

SECTION 8. GAMES

All games will be played in accordance with Babe Ruth Baseball rules with modifications approved by the Board of Directors and established under local rules.

SECTION 9. PROTESTED GAMES

A protested game shall be completed as scheduled and the protest must be filed in writing with the President or his designated representative within 24 hours after the game is completed. The President or his designated representative will respond to the protest within 48 hours.

SECTION 10. DUE PROCESS

All players, team managers, other personnel will be accorded due process whenever disciplinary action is contemplated against them for violation of the League bylaws or rules promulgated there under. The President will notify any of the above persons about whom the League intends to conduct an investigation And will afford an opportunity for the accused to be heard prior to undertaking any disciplinary action. An aggrieved party may wish to appeal the findings or penalties of the President and/or the Board of Directors, such appeals must be directed to the Board of Directors within (7) days of the decision. The Board of Directors shall hear the appeal and render a decision within (7) days of the filing of said appeal.

SECTION 11. PARLIMENTARY PROCEDURES

The conduct of all meetings of the Waltham Babe Ruth League, shall be by rules of Parliamentary Procedures.

ARTICLE V PLAYOFFS

A method of playoffs, and rules governing them, shall be adopted annually by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VI AWARDS

Awards shall be given annually at a time and place designated by the President.

- 1: LEAGUE CHAMPIONS (both Senior and Prep leagues)
- 2: LEAGUE RUNNER UP (both Senior and Prep leagues)
- 3: ALL STAR TEAMS (13-14-15) at discretion of the board
- 4: PITCHING AWARDS for (No hit games)(Senior and Prep leagues)
- 5: LARRY DAVIS MEMORIAL PITCHING AWARD (Senior and Prep league) best winning %.
- 6: HOME RUN CHAMPION (both Senior and Prep league)
- 7: BATTING CHAMPION (both Senior and Prep league)
- 8: ROOKIE OF THE YEAR (Major Division only)
- 9: PETER GILLMORE MEMORIAL SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD (both Senior and Prep league)
- 10: LEAGUES MOST VALUABLE PLAYER (both Senior and Prep leagues)

ARTICLE VII AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws may be amended by a majority vote with a quorum of the Board of Directors provided that the proposed change is noted in writing to each Director seven (7) days or sooner before the vote is taken. Amendments to the Bylaws and or Local League Rules, may be voted upon only between September 1 and March 31. Under no circumstances shall a rule be amended during the course of the regular season or during the play-off schedule.

**RULES AND REGULATIONS for
BABE RUTH BASEBALL**

0.01 REQUIREMENTS FOR CHARTER

- A. Pay appropriate application fee. B. A player must play within the league’s geographical boundaries in which he/she resides. (parent’s legal residence)

0.02 JURISDICTION

All teams must be covered by group accident insurance before the team will be permitted to compete in ANY Babe Ruth competition.

0.03 BIRTH DOCUMENTS, ROSTERS, SCHEDULE, SCORE BOOKS

Players enrolled on a Babe Ruth League roster MUST present to their respective League President, before their FIRST REGULARLY SCHEDULED GAME, an original record of their birth or a certified copy or notarized Photostat...or an Official laminated Babe Ruth I.D. Card. (State, County or City Record; Baptismal Cert. Hospital Cert., School Cert., Bureau of Census, or a Babe Ruth League Inc. Letter of Waiver.)

0.04 FILING TEAM ROSTERS

A team roster and league schedule shall be filed with:

- 1) Headquarters 2) District 3) State Commissioners...before the league's first regularly scheduled game.

0.05 TEAM COMPOSITIONS

Each team shall consist of no less than 11 players nor more than 15 players, a manager, and a maximum of 3 coaches. (DEPENDING ON AVAILABLE PLAYERS)

0.06 PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

Games in which an ineligible player has been used shall be declared forfeited. Prep league players can only be called to the same team twice

0.07 PROTESTS AND THE RULE INTERPRETATIONS

1. Each league shall adopt rules governing procedures for protests.
2. All disputes and protest shall be decided by local League President or by his appointed committee provided the decision does not violate Official Baseball Rules or Babe Ruth Rules and Regulations.

**The WALTHAM BABE RUTH LEAGUE
LOCAL LEAGUE RULES**

CHAPTER 1 – THE LEAGUE

1.00 THE LEAGUE WILL CONSISTS OF TWO DIVISIONS.

1.01 BABE RUTH DIVISION (Senior League)

1. Number of teams determined by players available.
2. No 13-year-olds allowed to be drafted.
3. Players from the Prep League Division are allowed to be called up to the Senior Division to prevent forfeits. (The team would have to be down to 9 players). No player may be called up to the same team more than three times.
4. Players from the Babe Ruth Senior Division are allowed to be called down to prevent forfeits in the Prep Division. No player may be called down to the same team more than twice.
5. Senior Division League teams should try to have equal # of 14-year-olds & 15-year-olds on each team.

1.02 PREP LEAGUE DIVISION

1. Number of teams to be determined by players available.
2. All 13-year-old players must play in Prep League along with any 14-year-olds who do not get drafted into the Babe Ruth Division. (Exception could be made for a 15-year-old.)
3. Players may be called up by the Senior Division to prevent forfeits. **No player may be called up to the same team more than twice. If a player is called more than twice the Senior league team will incur a forfeit.**
4. When necessary to prevent forfeits, a player may be borrowed from another Prep Division team if approved by the opposing team manager and/or the Board of Directors. That player is not allowed to pitch or catch and the borrowed player may not play more innings than any member of the team he is playing for.
5. Balks will be called after June 1st. During the first half of the season the pitcher will be instructed on the infraction and no runners will advance.

1.03.1 All age groups should be spread as equally as possible among the teams. The number of players on each team should be as equal as possible. The President may assign and/or direct a player(s) to a team so as to comply with these rules.

1.03.2 Pitchers are not eligible to pitch or catch until the day after their final game of their High School Season.

1.04 Catchers will be allowed to catch only on days that they do not have a High School game.

1.04.1 Catchers will not be permitted to pitch until the day after the final game of their High School season.

1.06 The Babe Ruth League playing week shall begin on **Monday AND END ON Sunday**. (Defined to comply with the pitching rules)

1.07 Players shall appear at their games in complete team uniform in order to be considered eligible to play.

1.08 If a player is ejected from a game for misbehavior, he/she shall leave the bench immediately.

1.09 Each player shall play at least **THREE (3) INNINGS** in every seven inning game and shall appear at the plate at least **ONCE IN EVERY TWO (2) GAMES** played unless that player is being disciplined.

1.09A There will be no use of a re-entry rule.

1.10 Pitching Limitations

1. Any pitcher may pitch a maximum of seven (7) innings per calendar week (regardless of age). This rule applies to all games regardless of when played and includes rescheduled and make-up games. If a pitcher delivers one (1) pitch in an inning, that pitcher shall be charged for one (1) inning pitched.
2. The calendar week shall be on Monday and end on Sunday.
3. A pitcher who pitches less than four (4) innings in a pitching assignment must have at least one full day of rest; and a pitcher who pitches four or more innings in a pitching assignment must have at least two full days rest (not including the day of the game they are pitching) between pitching assignments. Each game in which a pitcher pitches is considered as an assignment except for a **"NO GAME"** situation.

EXCEPTION: If a pitcher participates in a pitching assignment of one (1) or two (2) innings and has a game the following day, he will be allowed to pitch one (1) or two (2) innings not to exceed three (3) innings total in two consecutive days. He then, however, must rest for **two** full days.

4. The word assignment means that each game in which the pitcher pitches is considered one (1) assignment. Therefore, a pitcher in the same game may start out as the pitcher, play another position, and return to the mound and this would be still considered as one (1) assignment.
 5. If a game is called before it has become a regulation game and the umpire declares it a **“NO GAME”** situation. (Innings pitched WILL COUNT) (see Rule 2.03A) Pitching rule “3” exception will apply for less than three innings pitched.
 6. Games in which an ineligible pitcher has been used as specified in paragraphs 1, 2, and 3 shall be declared forfeited.
 7. A pitcher must be removed from the game as a pitcher after the **THIRD TRIP** to the mound by his manager or coach in a game, or on the **SECOND TRIP** to the mound in same inning.
 8. Beginning on June 1st of the season, balks will be called by the Umpires in the Prep league.
- 1.12 Practice time **BEFORE THE START OF THE SEASON SHALL BE TWO (1.5) HOURS**, and shall be assigned on a lottery basis. **AFTER THE START OF THE SEASON, WEEKEND PRACTICES ARE LIMITED TO ONE AND ONE HALF (1 ½) HOURS;** beginning at 8:00 AM. Practices can be signed up on a weekly basis, however, no team will allowed the same time each week.
- 1.13 Trades shall be allowed provided that each trade is equal and not for the sole purpose of improving team’s composition. A player may be traded only once in his career in the Babe Ruth League. The Player Agent shall be notified immediately of any trade and shall not become official until approved by the League President and the Player Agent.
- 1.14 The number of games each team will play will be determined by a vote of the Board of Directors.
- 1.15 The tie breaker rule for the playoffs will determine the order of the draft.
- 1.16 The League draft shall be held in the Spring. The order of the draft shall be held in reverse order of regular season finish. Any ties for a draft spot shall be decided by these rules as specifically set forth.
- 1.16A If a Manager does not wish to make a selection in his proper turn, he may pass, but in doing so will forfeit that particular choice and may not pick again until his next regular turn. Any team who wishes to take an extra player may do so only after all other teams have reached the minimum number of players required to be drafted. Extra players may be then be drafted in the same order as the draft process.
- 1.16B Points for Forfeited Games: Any team that forfeits a game for any reason, shall have two (2) points added to their league accumulative points, for the sole purpose of determining the draft order.
- 1.17 Designated Hitter
A designated hitter may be used or not used at any time by either team at the manager’s discretion.

CHAPTER 2 – GAME RULES

- 2.01** **MAXIMUM LENGTH FOR A GAME SHALL BE 2 ¼ HOURS. NO INNING SHALL START AFTER THIS CURFEW TIME LIMIT.** Exceptions are post season play and tournaments. If there is only one scheduled game, the lights may be turned on to finish a game. **THE GAME MUST STILL GO FIVE INNINGS BEFORE THIS CURFEW IS CALLED.**
- 2.02** **EXTRA INNINGS WILL NOT BE PLAYED TO BREAK A TIE IF THE GAME CURFEW TIME LIMIT HAS BEEN MET.**
- 2.03** Line ups shall be presented to the Official Score Keeper at least **FIVE (5) MINUTES** prior to the scheduled start of the game.
- 2.03A** At the **conclusion of each game** the manager or Coach from each team shall verify that:
A: All players are listed in the Official Score Book.
B: All pitchers and innings pitched are recorded properly and
C: Visiting manager shall sign the Official Score Book.
- 2.04** There will be **NO SUSPENDED GAMES**, except during interrupted playoffs.
- 2.05** **IN A SHORTENED GAME, ANY PLAYER NOT PLAYED MUST START NEXT GAME.**
- 2.06** Postponements or Cancellations of a scheduled league game shall be made by the League President, or in his absence, the next ranking officer. Every effort must be made to play a scheduled game. However, once a game is canceled, team manager, umpires, scorers and Ladies Auxiliary must be notified as soon as possible of the postponement. Once the game begins, the game is in the hands of the umpires.
- 2.07** The teams that are to play in a scheduled game are responsible for getting the field ready for play.
- 2.08** The home team shall be decided by the League playing schedule, with the home team having the following responsibilities:

A: Shall use the third base side of the field.
B: Shall put out all game equipment on the field and return it to the equipment room at conclusion of the game.
C: Shall see that the building is closed and secured at the conclusion of the final game of the day.
- 2.09** EACH TEAM **MAY BAT A DESIGNATED HITTER**, provided there are at least **TEN (10)** eligible players present. **If a team chooses to use a ten (10) man batting order, they must designate two (2) players at the start of the game to be their designated hitters. The first designated hitter will bat in the designated hitter's spot in the line-up for the first three (3) innings and then play the field for the remainder of the game. The second designated hitter will play the field for the first three (3) innings and then become the designated hitter for the remainder of the game. Both players will bat for the entire game and their batting position the order will not change. There are no restrictions on the amount of games a player can be used as a designated hitter.**

- 2.10** A forfeit shall be declared when a team does not field at least nine (9) eligible players **ANY LATER THAN FIFTEEN (15) MINUTES** after the scheduled game time. However, a forfeit may be averted if a team is short one (1) player and the opposing team has a player available who shall be a designated player and volunteer to play for the team needing a player. This designated player shall not pitch or catch. At the conclusion of the game if the team who was short a player should win the game then each team shall receive one (1) point. If the team with all its players should win then they shall receive two (2) points. If a player should arrive at the game after it begins but before the completion of the first inning, that player may enter the game but the points received shall be in compliance with this rule. If the player arrives after the completion of the first inning (start of the second inning) then that player shall not play unless there is an injured player. If both team fail to field nine players it will be a double forfeit
- 2.09A** A team which is down to 9 players or less may call up a player from the Prep League to avoid a forfeit. This player will not be allowed to pitch or catch and may not play any more innings in the field than a regular on that team. There will not be any penalty of points as in Rule 2.09.
- 2.10 Slaughter Rule:** If a team should be ahead by **Ten (10) RUNS** after **FIVE** complete innings, the game shall be called and the team leading shall be declared the winner.
- 2.11** On school nights, or by curfew, no inning can start after **10:30 P.M.**
- 2.12** SLIDE / Avoid Contact RULE: THE INTENT OF THE SLIDE RULE IS TO ENSURE THE SEFETY OF THE DEFENSIVE PLAYER, ON A PLAY AT ANY BASE, INCLUDING HOME PLATE.
 A: The runner must **try** to avoid contact on **ANY PLAY OR ATTEMPTED PLAY** by the defense at any base. The runner may be called out for interference.

CHAPTER 3 – “ALL STAR” Teams and Summer Tournament Teams

- 3.01** The ALL STAR tournament team managers shall be picked by the Board of Directors.
- 3.02** The ALL STAR team manager shall select his own coaching staff subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.
- 3.03** The players for the ALL STAR/Travel teams shall be selected by the designated managers. All managers will set up and announce and hold open tryouts for the team.
- 3.04** Removed
- 3.05** Players selected for an ALL STAR/Travel team participating in a tournament shall play for the ALL STAR team. League play will be suspended on days the tournament team is playing. The President has the option of interceding.

CHAPTER 4 – PLAY OFFS

4.01 Babe Ruth Division Playoffs shall follow the conclusion of the regular season with at least a **TWO (2) DAY** separation between the final day of the season and the first day of the playoffs.

Senior League Playoffs:

The top six teams will qualify for the playoffs

- 1) The top two teams (TEAM 1 & TEAM 2) shall draw a bye in the first round of playoffs.
- 2) In the first round, TEAM 3 shall play TEAM 6 and TEAM 4 shall play TEAM 5 in a best of three (2 out of 3) series. Winners will move on.
- 3) In the semi-final round, the Top Seed (TEAM 1) will play the lowest seed remaining and TEAM 2 will play the higher seed remaining. Those four teams will enter into individual best of three (or 2 out of 3) series. Winners will move on to the finals.
- 4) The finals will be a best of five series (or 3 out of 5) between the winners from the semi-final round.
- 5) Between each round (first round, semi-final and finals) there will be a two day rest and the pitching will reset for each team.
- 6) Top seed will be the Home Team for the first game of each series and then alternate. The lower seed will be the “Home” team for the second game of each series and then alternate.
- 7) In the event of a tie in the final league standings, the tie breaking rule applies:
 - Whichever team has the most wins
 - The team that has the best record against the team(s) that it tied with
 - The team that allowed the least runs against the team(s) that it tied with
 - The team that has the best record among the other teams in the playoffs.

Prep League Playoffs:

All five teams in the Prep League qualify for the playoffs

- 1) The prep League playoffs will begin with Team 4 to play Team 5 in a single elimination “Play-In Game” round.
- 2) In the semi-final round, the top seed (TEAM 1) will play the winner of the “Play-in” game and TEAM 2 shall play TEAM 3 in individual best of three (or 2 out of 3) series.
- 3) The finals will be another best of three series (2 out of 3) between the winners from the semi-final round.
- 4) Between each round (single elimination, semi-final and finals) there will be a two day rest and the pitching will reset for each team.
- 5) Top seed will be the Home Team for the first and third game of each series. The lower seed will be the “Home” team for the second game of each series.
- 6) In the event of a tie in the final league standings, the tie breaking rule applies:
 - Whichever team has the most wins
 - The team that has the best record against the team(s) that it tied with
 - The team that allowed the least runs against the team(s) that it tied with
 - The team that has the best record among the other teams in the playoffs

- 4.02 The home team in the playoff will alternate during each series. The top seed will be the home team as determined by the order that the teams finished in. In case of a tie, whoever wins according to the tie breaker rule is the home team. When the higher seed has one loss and the other team is undefeated that team is the home team.
- 4.03 In the event the regular season should end the same week the playoffs begin, the pitching rule shall be waived provided the player has had at least two (2) days rest.
- 4.04 Rain interrupted playoff games will be picked up where they were stopped. They do not start over.
- 4.05 There will be no time limit enforced during the playoffs.

CHAPTER 5 – SUPPLEMENTAL

- 5.01 The President is authorized to set a rule, policy or interpretation not covered by the Bylaws or Local Rules & Regulation of Waltham Babe Ruth Baseball.
- 5.02 **ALL HIGH SCHOOL PLAYERS** (varsity, junior varsity and freshmen) are subject to the following restrictions. Their names will be placed on a **“INELIGIBILITY LIST”** in the following categories:

LIST A VARSITY, LIST B JUNIOR VARSITY, LIST C FRESHMAN

1. Any player on **LIST A (VARSITY)** is ineligible to **PLAY OR PRACTICE**.
2. Any player on **LIST B OR LIST C** is ineligible to **PRACTICE**. Any player who is transferred to Varsity becomes ineligible to **PLAY WHILE THAT PLAYER IS AT VARSITY (PLACED ON LIST A)**
3. Any player listed as a **PITCHER OR CATCHER FOR HIS HIGH SCHOOL IS INELIGIBLE TO PITCH OR CATCH**.

NOTE: IT SHALL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH PLAYER TO NOTIFY THE MANAGER/COACH OF HIS PLAYING STATUS.

This directive shall apply to any player at **ANY HIGH SCHOOL**. These rules shall apply for all **scheduled games, makeup games and post season play**. The player **shall remain ineligible until 12:00 midnight** on the last day of play. Any team, who violates this directive, shall immediately forfeit any game that an ineligible was used and shall be assessed points in determining draft position.

- 5.03 The President is authorized to over-rule any Rule or Regulation set forth in Chapters 1 through 4 that he determines to be in the best interest of Waltham Babe Ruth Baseball. He shall report his action to the Board of Directors at the next scheduled meeting. Any such action taken by the President may be reviewed by the Board of Directors upon a vote of the majority of the membership.
- 5.04 Any Rule or Regulation established by National or State Babe Ruth Incorporated shall have precedent over any Local Rule that may be conflict.
- 5.05 A bat may not weigh, numerically, more than **five units less** than the length of the bat for the Prep League and **Three units less** than the length for the Senior League (eg. a 33-inch bat cannot weigh less than **28 ounces**). This rule would come under rule 6.06d of the baseball rule book. The batter is out for using an illegal bat. If the batter enters the batters box with an illegal bat, he is out (he or she doesn't have to hit the ball to be out). This can be an appeal play or the batter can be called out by the umpire without an appeal. Any hit that the batter gets will be nullified and runners will return as long as a pitch has not been thrown to the next batter.

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