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Article I – Name

This non-profit, non –stock organization shall be known as “South Meriden Baseball”. SMB will be an acceptable designation.

Article II – Objective

SMB shall instill in the children of South Meriden and surrounding geographic areas allowed by associated leagues the ideals of good sportsmanship, loyalty, honesty, courage, respect for authority, and to enable them to grow into good, happy, healthy, strong and trustworthy citizens.

To achieve this objective SMB will provide a supervised baseball program under the rules and regulations of Cal Ripken Baseball, Babe Ruth Baseball, TD Banknorth, and with any other future association organized baseball league. All Board Members and league members shall bear in mind that realization of exceptional athletic skill and the winning of games is secondary to the molding of our future citizens which is the prime importance.

Article III – Affiliation

1. Affiliation.

- 1) SMB may affiliate with Cal Ripken, Babe Ruth Baseball, and TD Banknorth Leagues Incorporated or other national and independent organization sponsoring youth baseball for the purpose of program enrichment and expanded competitive play at the local, state, regional and national levels.
- 2) League affiliation or non-affiliation will have no bearing on the status of SMB and affiliation may not be a requirement of its operation.
- 3) SMB shall apply its energies to the activities authorized by its constitution and it shall not operate any other program.
- 4) A change in status of league affiliation from: one affiliation to another, affiliation to non-affiliation, or non-affiliation to affiliation will be so recorded by amendment to this constitution.

2. Rules and Regulations.

Official Playing Rules and Regulations as published by Cal Ripken, Babe Ruth Baseball and TD Banknorth shall be binding for SMB unless where such rules are modified by the league.

3. SMB Local Rules.

Local rules, including local playing rules established for each division of SMB shall be adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote by a quorum of the Board of Directors. Such local rules shall continue unless revised and approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all current Board of Directors. These local rules shall in no way conflict with the Rules and Regulations of Cal Ripken, Babe Ruth or TD Banknorth Baseball. Refer to SMB Playing Rules for important league restrictions and rules.

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4. **Principal Operations.** The principle operations of SMB shall be in and about the city of Meriden, county of New Haven, and state of Connecticut, but extend into such areas as may be required or necessary for SMB activities, or as provided by state, regional and national headquarters rules and regulations of the leagues affiliated with such an organization.
5. **Powers.** SMB shall have the following powers in addition to the powers expressly or implicitly conferred on it by law:
 - 1) To develop and operate a baseball program for the benefit of the youth of Meriden and surrounding areas.
 - 2) To make and enforce rules and regulations to govern itself on a local basis.
 - 3) To amend any rule or regulation so as to be consistent and not contrary to any rules and regulations as may be permutated by a national youth or independent organization to which SMB may be associated through affiliation.
 - 4) To solicit contributions and donations.
 - 5) To engage in fund-raising activities.
 - 6) To solicit sponsors.
 - 7) To collect fees deemed necessary for SMB operation.

Article IV – Membership

1. **Eligibility.** Any person (volunteer) sincerely interested in active participation to affect the objective of SMB may apply to become a member.
2. **Player Members.** Any player candidate meeting the requirements of Cal Ripken, Babe Ruth Baseball, and TD Banknorth Leagues Incorporated and who reside within the authorized boundaries of SMB shall be eligible to compete for participation but shall have no rights, duties or obligations in the management of property of SMB. Players have no SMB organizational voting privileges.
3. **SMB Members.** SMB membership shall be limited to Board Members, Managers, Coaches, and Parent/Legal Guardian of player members. League members shall receive no compensation. SMB officers must be members in good standing.
 - A. **Executive Members:** Shall be limited to Board Members.
 - B. **SMB Members:** Shall be limited to Board Members, Managers, Coaches, and Parent/Legal Guardian of player members.
 - C. **SMB membership shall be attained by:**
 - I. Board Members upon election or appointment.
 - II. Managers and Coaches upon acceptance by the Board Members, registration with SMB, which shall include, but not limited to name, address, phone numbers (home & cell), e-mail address, and a certified coach by passing the Cal Ripken/Babe Ruth Coaching Education Program.

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- III. Players upon meeting age requirements (5-19 years of age), completion of proper registration information, and payment of any registration fees currently in force, if any. The Board Members may waive requirements of payment fees on an individual basis, depending on need.
- IV. SMB Membership shall provide the following privileges:
 - a. Coverage by SMB insurance policies, as specified by such policies, if any, during SMB events.
 - b. Free attendance at most SMB functions and activities.
 - c. Use of SMB facilities as long as such is not in violation of city or state guidelines or in competition with SMB events.
 - d. Attendance at Board of Directors meetings.
 - e. Participation in certain special events as may be held during the year; such participation may be limited.
 - f. SMB Membership voting privileges refer to Article V, item #4 Voting.
- 4. **Other Affiliations.** SMB Board Members, Managers, and Coaches should not be actively engaged in the promotion and/or operation of any other baseball program.
- 5. **Suspension or Termination.** SMB membership may be terminated by resignation or action of the Board Members.
 - A. The Board Members, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present at any duly constituted meeting, shall have the authority to discipline, suspend or terminate the membership of any member when the conduct of such person is considered detrimental to the best interests of SMB and its affiliations. The member involved shall be notified of such a meeting, informed of the general nature of the charges and given an opportunity to appear at the meeting to answer such charges.
 - B. The Board Members shall, in case of a player member, give notice to the team manager of which the player is a member and the Parent/Legal Guardian of player member. Said manager may appear, in the capacity of an advisor, with the player before a duly appointed committee of the Board Members, which shall have full power to suspend or revoke such player's right to future participation.

Article V – Membership Meetings

- 1. **Board Meetings.** Regular and annual meetings shall be called by the President and must be held in the city of Meriden, Connecticut. Minimum of four regular meetings and one annual meeting must be held yearly.
- 2. **Special Meetings.** A special meeting and an Executive Board meeting may be called at any time by the President.

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3. **Annual Meeting.** The annual meeting will take place between October 1 and January 1, will be called by the President, will be held in Meriden Connecticut and will be open to all members in good standing. The President will submit an annual financial report. Officer elections will be held as the final business and new officers will take office at the close of the meeting. The newly elected President will appoint any vacant positions.
4. **Notice of Meetings.** Regular meeting notices will be posted on the SMB web site and via email to board members by the SMB Secretary at least one week in advance. Notification of the annual meeting will be by mail to the current membership at least one week in advance. Nomination of Board Members should precede the meeting and the slate should be part of the notice to league members if possible.
5. **Voting:**
 - A. Only members in good standing are allowed to vote on SMB matters.
 - B. Players have no SMB organizational voting privileges.
 - C. Directors/Officers have one vote per person.
 - D. Parents/Legal Guardians (Name(s) on player registration form) of player members are allowed two votes per family. Members must be present to cast a vote. Parents/Legal Guardians of active players may vote in board member elections and on league issues that require a membership vote. Parents/Legal Guardians may not vote on items on executive board meeting items.
6. **Quorum.** A quorum shall consist of at least 50% + 1 of the membership in attendance for that meeting.
7. **Absentee Ballot.** No absentee ballots are allowed on any matters to be voted upon. Members must be present at the meeting to vote.
8. **Rules of Order.** Robert's Rules of order (conflicts resolved in favor of The Scott, Foresman Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised 1990 10th Edition (or later) shall govern the proceedings of all meetings, except where same conflicts with the Constitution or By Laws of SMB.

Article VI – Fees

A reasonable participation fee will be assessed to ensure the operational stability of SMB. Prerequisites for participation in SMB may include and not limited to SMB code of conduct, participation in tryouts, participation in team/organizational functions, and payment of participation fees.

Article VII – Executive Committee

1. Board members: President, League Vice President, Division VP's, Treasurer, Secretary, Division Reps, Players Agent(s), Sponsor Agent, Fund Raising Agent, Safety Officer, Equipment Manager, Concession Manager, and Field Manager.

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Article VIII – Other Committees

1. The board shall create such standing committees as shall be desirable for smooth and proper operation of SMB. Board members shall chair and/or participate on a committee.
2. Committee members shall be appointed by the President from among Board Members in good standing. The President may serve on committees.
3. When active, committees shall be comprised of a committee chairman and one or more committee members.
4. Committee members shall not receive compensation for their services.
5. Committees shall report to the President.
6. Standing committee shall include but not limited to:
 - A. **Grounds Committee:** Shall be responsible for the care and maintenance of the playing fields, buildings, and grounds. It shall operate within the amount appropriated in the approved budget for that purpose.
 - B. **Managers Committee:** Shall consist of three Player Agent(s) and divisional Vice President. The managers committee shall interview and investigate prospective managers and coaches, for every playing level, and recommend acceptable candidates to the Board of Directors for appointment. The managers committee shall during the season observe the conduct of managers and coaches and report its findings to the Board Members of SMB. The managers committee shall at the request of the Board Members investigate complaints concerning managers and coaches and make a report thereof to the Board Members.
 - C. **Tournament Committee:** Shall be responsible for SMB complying with regional and national rules that SMB teams compete in. The Tournament Committee shall also explore other tournaments which will provide the best competition for SMB teams.
 - D. **Playing Equipment Committee:** Shall be chaired by the Equipment Manager. The Equipment Manager shall secure bids on needed supplies and equipment and make recommendations for their purchase to the Board Members. The Playing Equipment 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.
 - E. **Umpire Committee:** Shall be chaired by the Umpire in Chief and shall consist of divisional Vice Presidents and other appointed members if needed. The Umpire Committee shall recruit, interview and recommend to the President for appointment a staff of umpires, including a chief umpire and replacements. When appointed, the staff of umpires shall be under the personal direction and responsibility of the chief umpire who shall train and ensure all umpires obtain certification prior to officiating games, observe and schedule staff. In the event SMB decides to use an umpire organization to do SMB games the chief umpire will be responsible for scheduling and the calling of rain out games.
 - F. **Safety Committee:** Shall ensure SMB complies with the Safety Awareness Programs at the local level. Arrange for first aid and CPR training for SMB managers and coaches. Implement an SMB “Prevention and Emergency Management Program”.

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- G. **Protest Committee:** Shall consist of three (3) directors, SMB President, Umpire in Chief, Player agent of the division the protest is in. The Protest Committee shall be responsible to determine the proper application of the rules and other sanctions in the event of protest or other rule violation by the managers, coaches, or other affected parties.
- H. **Amendment Committee:** Shall consist of at least one Board Member and additional SMB members. Committee shall review and update the Constitution and By Laws of SMB as the need arises for change in the SMB organization and brought before the Board Members for review before membership vote.

Article IX – Board Members, Duties and Powers

1. **Election.** Election of officers to serve a two year term and can be re-elected at the annual election meeting. Approximately half of the Board members are to be elected in alternating years to allow for staggered terms. An individual who is not a member of SMB may be nominated by a member to serve on the Board and if elected will thereby become a member for the length of their term of office. Appointed officials serve a one year term.
2. **Directors/Board Members.**
 - A. The officers of SMB shall consist of a President, League Vice President, one or more Division VP's, a Secretary, a Treasurer, Player Agent(s), Safety Officer, Division Reps., Sponsor Agent, Fund Raiser Agent, Equipment Manager, Concession Manager, and Equipment Manager.
 - B. Alternate Board Members other than the President may be desirable to complete SMB business up to 17.
 - C. Board Members taken together shall be known as the executive committee and shall be elected for a term of two years at the annual meeting.
 - D. Board Members shall receive no compensation.
 - E. To be eligible for election to Board Member, candidates must be at least 21 years of age and must be nominated by a current officer or director.
 - F. Vacancies occurring during a term of office shall be filled by nomination of the President and approval of a majority of the remaining officers. A vacancy of the office of the President shall be filled by the League Vice President. If the League Vice President cannot complete the term of office, the President shall appoint one of the divisional Vice Presidents for succession at the first meeting of the board.
 - G. No Board Member may hold more than two positions with the exception of the President, who may not hold any other position.
 - H. All board positions are for a two year term. Board members who wish to run for another open board position must resign their current position after one year, then run for the open position. If elected to that position that board member must complete the two year term before seeking another position.

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3. **President.** The President shall:
- A. Conduct the affairs of SMB and execute the policies established by the Board of Directors, preside at meetings.
 - B. Calls all meetings, including special meetings, as necessary.
 - C. May not also hold the office of Secretary or Treasurer.
 - D. Present a report of the condition of SMB at the annual meeting.
 - E. Prepare and submit an annual budget to the Board of Directors and be responsible for the proper execution thereof.
 - F. Ensures SMB has proper medical and liability insurance.
 - G. Signs checks in the Treasurers absence.
 - H. Approves and cosigns SMB indebtedness agreements including charge accounts, loans or lines of credit.
 - I. Has executive privilege to approve league expenditures up to \$1000.00.
 - J. Ensures corporate documents are filed in a timely manner.
 - K. Represents SMB at outside functions pertaining to SMB, either in person or through a designated representative.
 - L. Communicate to the Board of Directors, matters as deemed appropriate, make suggestions as to promote the welfare of SMB.
 - M. Be responsible for the conduct of SMB in conformity to its policies, principles, Rules and Regulations of Cal Ripken Baseball, Babe Ruth Baseball, as agreed to under the conditions of the charter issued by SMB organization.
 - N. Designate in writing, other officers, if necessary to have power to make and execute for and in name of SMB, contracts and leases they may receive and have had prior approval by the board of directors.
 - O. Appoints an acting manager for teams whose manager is unable to complete the season. Appointee must meet all rules of eligibility.
 - P. With the assistance of the Player Agent(s), examine the proof of age documents of every All Star player prior to the team participating in tournament play.
 - Q. Be an ex-officio member of each committee but vote only to break a tie.
 - R. As the final course of action, if all previous attempt to resolve issues, investigate complaints, irregularities and conditions detrimental to SMB and report on them to the Board as circumstances warrant.
 - S. The President will cast the tie breaking vote on all Board items voted upon when needed.

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4. **League Vice President.** The League Vice President shall:
 - A. Assume the responsibilities of the league President if the President is unable to complete the term.
 - B. Presides over meetings and functions in the absence of the President.
 - C. Assists the President in League presidential responsibilities.
 - D. Ensures SMB Managers and Coaches have copies of Cal Ripken or Babe Ruth, and SMB rules and rule book.
 - E. Acts as liaison for league problems that cannot be resolved at the divisional level.
 - F. Ensures SMB awards are presented upon conclusion of the season's play.
 - G. Be SMB tournament director for all tournaments SMB is conducting or associated with.
 - H. Works in conjunction with the Treasurer to oversee expenditures and recommend cost savings.

5. **Division Vice President(s).** The Divisional Vice President(s) shall:
 - A. Communicate to the Board of Directors, matters as deemed appropriate, make suggestions as to promote the welfare of SMB.
 - B. Attempt to resolve issues, investigate complaints, irregularities and conditions detrimental to their division and report on them to the Board as circumstances warrant.
 - C. Oversees divisional manager and coaching performance and behavior.
 - D. Reschedules rainouts, cancellations and notifies the President, affected managers, and chief umpire. T-Ball division need not reschedule such games.
 - E. Ensures official scorebooks are completed properly and are available for tournament eligibility use.
 - F. Shall oversee field readiness including dugouts.
 - G. Acts as liaison for divisional problem resolution.
 - H. Ensures divisional player awards are purchased and distributed.

6. **Treasurer** – The Treasurer shall:
 - A. Perform duties set forth and are customarily to the office of Treasurer or as may be assigned by the Board of Directors.
 - B. Furnishes a bond, at SMB expense, covering the amount equal to the maximum total cash on hand at any time during the previous year.
 - C. Receive all monies and securities, and deposit same in a depository approved by the Board of Directors.
 - D. Presides at meetings in the absence of the President and League Vice President.

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- E. Keep records for the receipt and disbursement of all monies/securities, checks, deposit receipts, bank statements, invoices, receipts, tax documents, etc. of SMB. Approve all payments from allotted funds and draw checks therefore in agreement with policies established in advance of such actions by the Board of Directors. Treasurer signs checks.
 - F. Keeps SMB financial records in the form of a chart of accounts, monthly financial reports and annual report.
 - G. Establishes with approval of the President, SMB charge accounts, loans or credit lines as necessary for SMB operation.
 - H. Reports on the status of SMB funds at regular meetings.
 - I. Ensures timely payment of SMB obligations.
 - J. Prepare an annual budget, under the direction of the President, for the submission to the Board of Directors at the annual meeting.
 - K. Prepare an annual financial report, under the direction of the President, for the submission to the membership and Board of Directors at the annual meeting.
 - L. Ensures timely completion of tax reporting documents.
7. **Secretary.** The Secretary shall:
- A. Preside at meetings in the absence of the President, Vice President and Treasurer.
 - B. Secures a meeting place for all meetings.
 - C. Reads the minutes of the previous meeting when requested.
 - D. Maintains attendance records of SMB meetings.
 - E. Perform duties set forth and are customarily to the office of Secretary or as may be assigned by the Board of Directors.
 - F. Be responsible for recording the activities of SMB and maintain appropriate files, records, and mailing addresses.
 - G. Maintain a list of all members, Directors, Committee members and give notice of all meetings of SMB.
 - H. Notifies members of approaching regular meetings and the annual meeting seven days in advance.
 - I. Keep and record minutes of Board Meetings.
 - J. Conduct all correspondence delegated, collect and file SMB correspondence issued and received in connection with meetings.
 - K. Collects minutes of committee meetings from committee chairman since last meeting.
 - L. Maintains a roster of eligible voting members.
 - M. Notify Directors, Committee members, and members of their election or appointment.

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- N. Records nominations to office and results of voting.
 - O. Ensure game reports are submitted to local newspapers in a timely manner.
 - P. Helps with publicity for SMB activities.
 - Q. Acts as liaison with local sports reporting departments and staff.
8. **Player Agent(s)** – The Player Agent shall:
- A. Determine a player’s eligibility including league age.
 - B. Provides each manager with a list of eligible players prior to tryouts and drafting.
 - C. Secures necessary sign-up and roster forms.
 - D. Conducts and supervises annual SMB player registration and player evaluations.
 - E. Oversees and coordinates all player trades, transfers, and approves legality prior to player and parent/legal guardian notification.
 - F. Record all player transactions and maintain accurate and up to date records of players, managers, and coaches.
 - G. Arranges for a facility for player tryouts and drafts.
 - H. Ensures announcement is made in the newspaper and web site of all tryout dates at least 3 days in advance; registrations at least one week in advance.
 - I. Prepare a “Players Agents List” of players eligible for the draft.
 - J. Presides over the player draft and all other player transactions, trades, selection events, and coaches meetings.
 - K. Supervises player movement between divisions. Ensures manager notification and parent/legal guardian approval have taken place.
 - L. In Minor and Instructional Divisions, supervises the distribution of players among teams ensuring approximately similar age groups on each team.
 - M. Ensures rosters adhere to rules for team composition and size.
 - N. Collects and presents final rosters to SMB President and division managers.
 - O. Responsible for scheduling games and pre-season practices.
 - P. Conducts and oversees balloting of Major Division all-star manager and Cal Casey, Eddie Doyer and Joe Landa awards.
 - Q. Assist the league Vice President in checking age and eligibility of All Star or Tournament players.
 - R. Prepare for the Presidents signature and submission to Cal Ripken/Babe Ruth District state and national commissioners, final team rosters and any tournament team eligibility requirements.
9. **Player Rep(s)** – The Player Rep(s) shall:
- A. Collects and presents final rosters to SMB player agents.
 - B. Collect player’s registration fees and presents all monies to SMB Treasurer.

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- C. Assists Division Vice President in assigned matters.
 - D. Assist with playing field maintenance and care.
10. **Safety Officer** – The Safety Officer shall:
- A. Frequently inspect all playing areas stands and bleachers for holes, damage, glass and other foreign objects, report any major safety issues/concerns or vandalism to appropriate Division Vice President.
 - B. Make sure all fences, screens and dugouts are in safe condition.
 - C. Have arrangements in place in advance of all games and practices for emergency medical services.
 - D. Be responsible to make all members aware of all safety procedures found in the Cal Ripken/Babe Ruth Safety rules.
 - E. Ensure adequate first aid supplies are available for all SMB teams and fields including concession stand(s).
 - F. Arrange first aid and CPR training for managers and coaches.
 - G. Handle all accident claims promptly and maintains all records pertaining to all injuries and include any claims for liability. Ensure all documents are given to SMB Secretary to be kept as records.
11. **Equipment Manager** – The Equipment Manager shall:
- A. Maintain an inventory of all SMB equipment.
 - B. Communicate and order for timely receipt team equipment (uniforms etc.) at least 10 days prior to the start of each season and for All Star Teams.
 - C. Collect, review and inspect all the leagues playing equipment to ensure it's compliance with Cal Ripken/Babe Ruth Baseball requirements at the end of each season. Outdated and worn equipment is to be replaced.
 - D. Be given the authority to solicit minimum of 2 bids for SMB equipment and uniforms (hats, jerseys, socks etc.), and any expenses in excess of \$500.00.
 - E. Purchases items after bid review by the Board of Directors and presents receipts and invoices to the Treasurer.
 - F. May receive needed revenues from the Treasurer, although most payments will be from invoice.
 - G. Be responsible for providing a complete list of equipment inventory to the Board of Directors at the annual meeting.
12. **Sponsor Agent** - The Sponsor agent shall:
- A. Solicit appropriate sponsors for SMB teams and tournaments.
 - B. Report all donations to the Treasurer.
 - C. Work in conjunction with the Fund Raiser Agent to develop a mutually beneficial relationship between the League and sponsors.

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13. **Fund Raiser Agent** – The Fund Raiser Agent shall:
- A. Organize fund raising events throughout the year to help support SMB.
 - B. Report all donations to the Treasurer.
 - C. Work in conjunction with the Sponsor Agent to develop a mutually beneficial relationship between the League and sponsors.
14. **Concession Manager** – The Concession Manager shall:
- A. Be responsible for supply purchases and staffing.
 - B. Ensure concession stands are kept clean in accordance with local Board of Health regulations.
 - C. Supervise the operation of SMB concession stand.
 - D. Report all earnings to the Treasurer.
 - E. Review concession stand operation with the league Vice President on a monthly basis.
 - F. Be responsible for formation of a Concession Stand Committee.
 - G. Work in conjunction with the Treasurer to review product costs and pricing.
15. **Field Manager**. Shall:
- A. Be responsible for formation of a Field Committee.
 - B. Be responsible for the field maintenance of SMB's playing fields.
 - C. Notify the Board of Directors of necessary field care expenses and receive approval prior to purchases or service arrangements.
 - D. Ensure team Manager's and Coach's help with field maintenance duties.
 - E. Assist in securing necessary field supplies such as lime, dirt, grass seed, tools, etc.
 - F. Ensure coaches are complying with pre-game and post-game responsibilities (clean dugout, refuse removal).

Article X – Managers, Coaches and Umpires

1. **Team Managers and Coaches** shall be appointed by the Board of Directors. Team Managers must be a certified coach by passing the Cal Ripken/Babe Ruth Coaching Education Program. Managers and Coaches shall be responsible for their actions on the field. Managers are responsible for the selection of their teams in accordance with established draft procedures. Team Managers may be required to attend SMB Board Meetings as needed. Existing team managers have the right of first refusal at the start of a new season unless issues are brought before the Board of Directors. New candidates for open Team Managers and Coaches must appear before the Board of Directors and submit coaching qualifications and be voted upon by the Board of Directors for all Manager and Coaches openings.

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2. **Umpires** shall be responsible for their assignments and for their actions on the field. SMB may operate with paid contract or volunteer umpires. The League is making a conscientious effort to develop a volunteer core of umpires. All umpires must receive training and be certified umpires in games for which they are assigned. All umpires are employees of SMB.
3. **Any Board Member and Player Agent while holding office** may manage or coach in any division, including their respective divisions. Board members and Player Agents may not umpire any official games within their affiliated division with the exception of the Umpire in Chief. No person shall umpire a game in which their child/relative is participating in.

Article XI – Financial and Accounting

1. In accordance with Section 501(C) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, SMB shall operate exclusively as a non profit organization providing a supervised program of complete baseball games.
2. The Board of Directors shall decide all matters pertaining to the finances of SMB and it shall place all income including auxiliary funds in a common league treasury and directing the expenditure of same in such a manner as will give no individual or team an advantage over those in competition with such individual or team.
3. The Board shall not permit the contribution of funds or property to individual teams but shall solicit some for common treasury of SMB, thereby discouraging favoritism among teams and to attempt to equalize the benefits of SMB.
4. The Board shall not permit the solicitation of funds in the name of Cal Ripken/Babe Ruth Baseball unless all of the funds so raised are placed in the SMB treasury.
5. The Board shall not permit the disbursement of SMB funds for other than to conduct SMB activities in accordance with the rules and policies of Cal Ripken/Babe Ruth Baseball.
6. No Board Director of SMB shall receive, directly or indirectly, any salary, compensation of any form from SMB for services rendered as a Board of Director.
7. All monies received, including auxiliary funds, shall be deposited to the credit of SMB in a local bank and all disbursements shall be made by check. All checks shall be signed by the SMB Treasurer and such other officers or person or persons as the Board of Directors shall determine.
8. The fiscal year of SMB shall begin on the first day of January and shall end on the last day of December (January 1st to December 31st).
9. Any capital expenditures in excess of \$1,000.00 must be approved beforehand by a majority of the Board of Directors during an official meeting,

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10. Distribution of property upon dissolution. Upon dissolution of SMB and after all outstanding debts and claims have been satisfied, the Board of Directors shall direct the remaining property of SMB to:
- A. Any monetary assets, such as bank account funds or investment instruments shall be donated to the Meriden YMCA/YWCA.
 - B. Any sports equipment or assets shall be donated to other youth baseball leagues in the city of Meriden, Connecticut, or if none exist, to the Boy's Club of Meriden, Connecticut.
 - C. Any other remaining assets shall be sold at auction, with the proceeds to be donated to the City of Meriden Parks and Recreation Department for the care and maintenance of city ballparks.
 - D. No member shall receive any proceeds or assets from the dissolution.

Article XII – Amendments

This Constitution and Bylaws may be amended, repealed or altered in whole or in part by a two-thirds (2/3) vote at any duly organized meeting of the Members provided notice of the proposed change is included in a notice of such meeting. An amendment to this Constitution and By Laws must be adopted by the following procedure:

- 1. A resolution may be presented to the executive committee, by a SMB member with voting rights, outlining the amendment to be adopted, together with an explanation as to why the amendment is necessary or desirable, at any regular meeting.
- 2. Upon review by the executive committee for appropriateness, the amendment shall be put before the membership at the next regular meeting. If appropriate, the President may call a special meeting to consider the amendment.
- 3. For adoption, an amendment needs the approval of at least 2/3 of the eligible and present SMB membership, which shall include the Board Members, Managers, and Coaches.
- 4. Upon approval, the amendment shall become effective immediately, and the Constitution and By Laws shall be amended by the Secretary and be updated on the SMB web site and e-mailed to the members within 30 days of passage.

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Section 1 - The Umpire in Chief - shall:

1. Appointed by SMB President to administer SMB umpire activity.
2. Ensure all SMB games have patched umpires. (Except for T-Ball division)
3. Schedule and contact umpires (paid & volunteer) for all games in divisions requiring umpires.
4. Ensure umpires are paid in a timely manner.
5. Ensure umpires game reports/logs and pitching logs are filled out.
6. Determine field playing conditions along with the divisional Vice President's and postpone games if conditions are poor.

Section 2 - Umpires. Shall:

1. Umpires will be available for Minor, Major and Babe Ruth level play, and be optional for Rookie division.
2. All umpires used for SMB games shall be patched and are considered employees of SMB.
3. No umpires will be used in instructional play (T-Ball).
4. SMB umpire fees will be set for SMB umpires by the SMB Board of Directors.
5. If necessary, coaches may be asked to act as umpires but will not receive compensation.
6. If necessary an umpire organization may be used to umpire games at SMB. Fees to be approved by the Board of Directors.
7. Refer to governing Babe Ruth rule book for general umpiring instruction rules.
8. TD Banknorth League provides umpires for all league games.

Section 3 - Managers. Shall:

1. Refer to Article X, section 1, in the SMB Constitution for responsibilities.
2. Be nominated by members in good standing and become members upon acceptance as a manager.
3. Select up to two coaches and submit their names to the player agent at least two weeks prior to the start of the season.
4. Participate in a player draft and are responsible for choosing team players from eligible candidates in the Major Division.
5. Maintain team rosters and notify the Player Agent of changes to the player or coaching staff.
6. Complete insurance forms in the case of injury to team members.
7. Be released by vote of the Board of Directors if continued participation is deemed detrimental to SMB.

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8. Have managerial vacancies occurring during the season filled by appointment by the President.
9. Assist with playing field maintenance and care. Away game managers are responsible for the emptying of the field garbage cans after their game.
10. Be responsible for conducting player practices (at least one per week) and for ensuring proper and safe operation of all equipment.
11. Be responsible for adherence to SMB and affiliated organizations baseball rules by coaches and players.
12. Be responsible for return of all team SMB equipment at the end of the regular season play. Equipment is to be returned to the Equipment Manager.
13. Be trained in CPR and general first aid.

Section 4 - Coaches. Shall:

1. Be certified to Cal Ripken/Babe Ruth Educational Program.
2. Be selected by a manager from members in good standing and become members upon acceptance as a coach.
3. Be approved by the Player agent.
4. Assist the Manager in all assigned duties.
5. Assist with playing field maintenance and care.
6. Be released by the Manager at any time by notice to the Player Agent and Divisional Vice President.
7. Have coaching vacancies occurring during the season filled by the team Manager with approval of the Player Agent.
8. Be trained in CPR and general first aid.

Section 5 Board Meeting:

Regular monthly meetings of the Board of Directors will be called by the President between January 1 and December 31. Meeting minutes will be recorded by the Secretary. Order of business will be:

- A. Old business
- B. Reading of last minutes
- C. Treasurer's report
- D. Committee reports
- E. Outstanding business
- F. New business
- G. Adjournment

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Section 6 General Meetings:

Meetings between the Board of Directors and SMB Managers and Coaches will be called by the President as needed throughout the year. A quorum will be ½ of the members present in good standing, including ½ of the Board of directors.

Divisional Vice Presidents may call meetings with their respective Managers and coaching staffs as needed to discuss division operation. The President will be notified of and invited to such meetings. No SMB business will be transacted.

Notification of meetings will be one week in advance.

Section 7 Executive Meetings:

The President may call an executive meeting at any time to consider a special topic or concern. Only Board of Directors will be present at the meeting.

Section 8 Special Meetings:

The President may call a special meeting at any time to consider a special topic or concern. No other business will be transacted other than that specified for the purpose of the meeting. All members may be included. At the written request of at least ten (10) members, the President must also call a special meeting to address the topic of concern presented by the group, and must call such a meeting within 15 days; otherwise the ten members may convene a meeting on their own, open to the membership, to address the business outlined in the written request. Notification (preferably email) will be at least one day in advance but preferably at least one week in advance if possible.

Section 9 Board of Directors:

- A. The affairs of SMB will be administered by SMB officers elected for a two year term by a majority vote at the annual meeting. Any officer may be re-elected. Approximately one half of the Board of Directors will be up for election on alternating years.
- B. The principle responsibilities of the Board of directors are:
 1. Oversee SMB operation.
 2. Ensure adequate funds for SMB programs.
 3. Obtain team sponsors.
- C. The Board of Directors will consist of:
 1. President
 2. League Vice President
 3. Vice President Major Division
 4. Vice President Minor Division
 5. Vice President Rookie Division
 6. Vice President T-Ball Division
 7. Vice President Babe Ruth Senior Division

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8. Vice President Babe Ruth Junior Division
 9. Treasurer
 10. Secretary
 11. Player Agent(s) – Maximum of 2
 12. Representative Babe Ruth Senior Division
 13. Representative Babe Ruth Junior Division
 14. Sponsor Agent
 15. Fund Raiser Agent
 16. Safety Officer
 17. Equipment Manager
 18. Concession Manager
 19. Field Manager
 20. Alternates or assistants to #2 to #19 as may allow smooth operation of SMB, at the discretion of the incumbent President.
- D. Board Members have one vote each regardless of how many positions they hold..
- E. Board Members receive No compensation
- F. Board Members missing three (3) consecutive or a total of six (6) Board of Directors meetings in their elected term will be dismissed from the Board unless a reasonable excuse is forwarded to the Board of Directors before the end of the third meeting.
- G. Board member vacancies may be filled by appointment of the President, with notification to the membership by the end of the next general meeting.
- H. The League Vice President will succeed to the Presidency if the office of President becomes vacant.
- I. A Board Member's two year term of office extends to the end of the annual meeting.
- J. The Board of Directors may remove any Board Member who in their opinion is not representing the best interests of SMB. Notification of such action must be made to the membership at the next general meeting.
- K. The Board of Directors has the power to suspend or remove any regular member or player that violated SMB rules.
- L. Board members are to be diligent in the performance of their duties and attendance at meetings.

Section 10 Standing Committees:

- A. **Protest Committee:** Appointed by the President from the Board of Directors. The Protest Committee shall review and rule on all protests in writing within one week. Protest Committee shall consist of three (3) members. Refer to Protest Committee defined in the constitution.

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- B. **Manager Selection Committee.** Appointed by the President to seek out and recommend candidates for open manager positions. Manager Selection Committee shall consist of three (3) plus members. Refer to the Manager Committee defined in the constitution.
- C. **Tournament Committee.** Appointed by the League Vice President to supervise the operation of SMB sponsored tournaments. Tournament Committee shall consist of three (3) plus members.
- D. The President of SMB may appoint other committees as necessary.

Section 11 Paid Help:

- A. SMB may hire certain support positions on an as needed basis (non salaried) to enable smooth program operation.
- B. Whenever possible, volunteer help should be sought.
- C. Fees for these positions will be set by the Board of Directors.
 - 1. Umpires
 - 2. Groundskeeper
 - 3. Scorekeeper
 - 4. Announcer
 - 5. Janitor
 - 6. Other positions as deemed necessary by the Board of Directors.

Section 12 SMB Divisions:

SMB is organized into divisions guided by player age, with the primary focus on player safety and taking into account player ability.

- A. **Instructional Division (T-Ball).** Players with little or no baseball knowledge. Administered by an instructional manager and various coaches/helpers. Focus is on developing basic baseball skills such as throwing, batting, running and fielding. No scores or statistics are kept. This division is for players of 5 to 7 years of age.
- B. **Rookies Division.** Players with little baseball knowledge and developing basic baseball skills. Administered by a Board of Directors VP., team managers and coaches. Focus is on developing baseball knowledge and skills in throwing, batting, running and fielding. This division is for players of 6 to 8 years of age. Nine (9) year olds may be allowed after evaluation of ability. Refer to attachment.
- C. **Minor Division (B).** Players who are developing more baseball skills but whose ability is weak in one or more areas of throwing, batting, running and fielding. Administered by a Board of Directors VP., team managers and coaches. Focus is on more competitive play and on improving baseball skills and baseball knowledge. This division is for players of 8 to 10 years of age.

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- D. **Major Division (A).** Players who exhibit advanced baseball skills and knowledge as well as better coordination and physical dexterity. Administered by a Board of Directors VP., team managers and coaches. Focus is on competitive play and advancing baseball skills in preparation for tournament play. This division is for players of 11 to 12 years of age. Refer to draft rules and guidelines. Note: 10 year old players may be called up.
- E. **Babe Ruth Junior Division.** Players 13 to 15 years of age who play on a regulation (90 ft.) baseball field and are expected to have baseball knowledge and ability. Administered by a Board of Directors VP., team managers and coaches. Focus is on learning Major league baseball rules and developing physical abilities for playing on the large field.
- F. **Babe Ruth Senior Division.** Players (16 to 18 years of age for Babe Ruth), (16 to 19 years of age for TD Banknorth League) who exhibit advanced baseball skills and knowledge and also play High School baseball. Focus is on maintaining and improving a player's baseball skill level over the summer and fall seasons in conjunction with the local area High School programs.
- G. All players, managers and coaches must be covered by medical and liability insurance provided by SMB.

Section 13 Rules:

- A. SMB will operate by Major League Baseball rules as published except where such rules are modified by Cal Ripken, Babe Ruth or SMB affiliations and SMB.
- B. Rule books will be made available to all managers and coaches prior to the start of regular season play.

Section 14 Player Eligibility:

- A. Player must meet divisional age requirements (per Cal Ripken & Babe Ruth guide lines) by presenting proof of age (birth certificate) at registration.
- B. Player's eligibility for tournament play will be required to have proof of age available also at that time.
- C. Players must complete proper registration form(s) and submit the required registration fee. (The Board of Directors may waive payment on an individual basis depending on need.)
- D. Parent(s)/legal guardian(s) may wish to have children receive a physical prior to commencement of play to ensure their child is ready for a competitive sport.
- E. Parent(s)/legal guardian(s) will need to provide a medical release form a doctor stating their child is cleared to play the sport of baseball upon returning from an injury to the team manager. A signed medical release form must be returned with registration form.

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Section 15 Registration and Player Evaluation:

- A. Registration usually is held in January and February. Notification by newspaper ad and SMB web site will occur at least one week prior to registration.
- B. Tryouts are usually held in February at a site to be announced. Notification by newspaper and SMB web site will occur at least one week prior to tryouts.
- C. Babe Ruth (13 – 18 yrs of age), TD Banknorth (19yrs.prior to Jan. 1st of season year) registration and tryouts are typically held later in March and April. Notification by newspaper ad and SMB web site will occur at least one week prior to registration.

Section 16 Player Selection:

- A. Instructional Division (T-Ball) players are placed by age due to low previous playing experience.
- B. Rookie Division players are placed by age and assigned to a team.
- C. Minor (B) Division players are placed after tryouts based on age and skill. Returning Minor Division players will play on the same team as the previous year.
- D. Major (A) Division players are selected through a player draft after tryouts. Babe Ruth Baseball draft rules are used as a guide. Returning Major Division players do not tryout and return to the same team as the previous year. Once a player is drafted into the Major (A) Division, they shall stay in the Major (A) Division. Should the parent, guardian, or player not wish to play in the Major (A) Division, the players parents/guardians are to contact the coach and player agent to inform them of their circumstances and/or reasons for not participating in the “A” division with the expectation of an amicable resolution or refund of fees. The board of directors may become involved for the best resolution for the player. All 11 and 12 year old non Major (A) Division players shall tryout for the Major (A) Division unless special circumstances exist.
- E. Babe Ruth Division players are placed by a player draft after tryouts. Returning players do not tryout if by age are staying in the same Babe Ruth division and return to the same team as the previous year. Players advancing to the senior division because of age need to tryout for the senior division team.
- F. Managers in all SMB divisions have options to have their children play on their team if they meet the age and skill requirements. During Major and Babe Ruth divisional drafting, managers also have the option to pick up a sibling of a player on their team. Refer to draft rules attachment.

Section 17 Trade/Reassigned Players:

- A. Major (A) Division and Babe Ruth players may be traded to other SMB teams.
- B. Trades may only take place after drafting is complete and before the start of the regular season.
- C. Draft choices cannot be used in a trade.

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- D. Trades must be first announced to the Player Agent, then to all division managers, parents/legal guardians and then players involved. All parties involved must agree (affected team managers, parents/legal guardians, and players) to the trade.
- E. Illegal trades are immediately void upon discovery.
- F. The Board of Directors may reassign a player due to extraordinary circumstance or a request by a parent/legal guardian that is in the best interest of the player.
- G. Reassignment of players may only take place after drafting is complete and before the start of the regular season.
- H. Reassignments must be announced first to the Player Agent, then to all division managers, to the parents/legal guardians and then the players. All parties involved must agree (affected team managers, players and their parents/legal guardians in the reassignment).
- I. Refer to Trade Guidelines.

Section 18 Fields:

SMB has four fields for its program and generally divides their use along divisional lines.

1. "A" - Field Major and Minor Divisions
2. "B" – Field Minor and Rookies Divisions
3. "C" – T Ball Field
4. Babe Ruth Field – Senior and Junior Babe Ruth Divisions

The "A" and "B" fields are identical in layout/size and are used interchangeably throughout the season. Major games are typically played on the "A" field while minor games are played on the "B" field. Playing schedules for both fields will be distributed and posted before the start of the season. Pre-season practices are also scheduled.

Priority for field usage goes to the games. Practicing teams on all three fields must give up the field to teams needing to play a postponed/rained out game.

Section 19 Player Promotion:

- A. Player promotion will be on an individual game basis only.
- B. Players may be moved up from one division to the next to help fill roster slots caused by injury or vacancy.
- C. Players can only be sought after when one of the team's rosters is down to nine (9) players. Only one additional player can be brought up at this point. A team can only fill their roster to ten (10) with lower division players.
- D. Players filling a temporary vacancy on a roster become a permanent member of the team if they play 1/3 of the scheduled games.
- E. Managers may promote only one player from one team. Promotion of additional players must come from teams that have not had any players promoted.

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- F. Players filling a temporary vacancy on a roster will be returned to the team they were pulled from when original team players return.
- G. Players may not be promoted to Babe Ruth Division from Cal Ripken Division.

Section 20 Protests:

- D. All protests must be formalized in accordance with major league baseball rules.
- E. All protests arising in the course of play will be presented in writing within 48 hours of the game to the President who will pass it along to the Protest Committee. The committee will rule on the protest within one week.
- F. A Board of Director member has no specific authority while on the playing field except if the board member is a team manager or coach and only in the capacity of a manager or coach. The Board of Director's member must remove himself from judicial involvement in any protest resulting during such play.

Section 21 Expansion/Reduction:

In the event SMB needs to expand/reduce from the present number of teams, the method of selecting players in the expansion/reduction teams will be as follows:

- A. **Reduction:** Players are placed in a draft pool and must be drafted before any other players and cannot be cut.
- B. **Expansion and Draft Guidelines:**
 1. There will be no pool of players formed from existing teams for the expansion team to draft from.
 2. All teams will continue to need to be at least seven (7) players at the end of round one. All teams will receive, regardless of returning roster/players a 1st round draft choice based upon the previous year finish order, the expansion team will receive the very first pick.
 3. Options: Sibling Rule – A sibling must be taken with the managers 3rd pick (this is not necessarily the 3rd round pick). The son of a manager can be taken at any time.
 4. The actual expansion will be based upon a mirror image or snapshot taken of the returning year's rosters to base the guidelines for how expansion team players will be drafted. The definition of the mirror/snapshot image is this: The average mean age for each group (9,10,11,12) for the Major (A) Division based upon current returning rosters. See example given.
- C. Babe Ruth Baseball expansion guidelines will be used as a guide.

Section 22 Tournament Play:

- A. All star teams will be organized after the second week in May.
- B. All star players must be selected from regular season player rosters.
Note: 9 and 11 year old players can play up one age group based on need and /or skill.

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- C. Interested all star managers in the all divisions will be chosen by ballot with one vote cast by each team manager. All star managers must be regular season managers or coaches. Any manager or coach on a SMB roster is eligible. A tie vote will be broken by the Board of Directors. Managers for the 10 to 12 all star and tournaments must come from the Major (A) Division. If manager spots need to be filled Minor (B) Division managers are to be asked. Managers are to be picked first prior to voting on team rosters. The first ten (10) roster spots to be filled by the top vote received players. The manager will then fill the remaining two spots from the players receiving votes. Managers will receive a maximum of twelve (12) votes for all star teams from players nominated. All managers can nominate players for all star selection. Only Major (A) Division managers can vote for 11&12 yr. old all stars. All managers can vote nine 9&10yr. old all stars. Minor and Rookie managers vote on eight (8) yr. old all stars.
- D. SMB inter-league all star managers of the Minor (B) and Rookie Division are the manager's of the top finishing teams at the end of the regular season.
- E. All star managers of the all Babe Ruth divisions will be chosen by vote of the Babe Ruth Division Managers.
- F. Babe Ruth Division all star teams may enter both Babe Ruth and non-Babe Ruth tournaments.
- G. All star team managers are responsible for choosing two coaches from the season's coaching rosters.
- H. Managers may be reimbursed for tournament related expenses.
- I. Managers are responsible for obtaining tournament eligibility documents including player proof of age (Birth certificate, proof of insurance, team rosters and play books. Babe Ruth tournaments also require arm patch emblems.
- J. SMB pays any tournament fees.
- K. SMB will provide player all star uniforms.
- L. All star players, managers and coaches receive an award depending on availability of SMB funds. Teams must participate in tournament play to be eligible for awards.
- M. SMB may sponsor and host tournaments.
- N. SMB may hold the Eddie Doyer Tournament: Intramural Major Division single elimination tournament is held at the end of regular season play.
- O. City Series: City wide tournament for first and/or second place Major and Minor Division teams.

Section 23 Playing Awards:

- A. All awards are subject to availability of SMB funds.
- B. Players of first and second place division winners will receive individual trophies.
- C. Cal Casey Award. A plaque presented to a Major Division 12 year old player selected by manager ballot. Award recognizes a high level of sportsmanship, team spirit and playing ability. The award honors Cal Casey, a past League President and coach.

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- D. Eddie Doyer Rookie of the Year Award. A plaque presented to a Major Division player in two categories: 9/10 years old and 11/12 years old; each is chosen by manager ballot for exhibiting outstanding playing ability in the players first year in the Major Division. The award honors the late Edmond Doyer, a long time friend and benefactor of SMB.
- E. Sportsmanship Award. An award presented to one player from each Minor and Rookie Division team, nominated by the team's manager for being a teammate to all players and showing all round sportsmanship during the regular season.
- F. Awards are presented at the SMB yearly banquet.
- G. Eddie Doyer Tournament award \$10.00 sports shop gift certificate for each player on the winning team.
- H. If a SMB team wins the City Series, the team's players, manager and coaches receive an award and SMB is awarded one year possession of the Mayor's Cup.
- I. Joe Landa Award. Presented to a graduating senior Babe Ruth Division player for being an exceptional teammate and the complete team player along with being an outstanding young person with integrity and determination to succeed in life. This award honors Joe Landa, a long time friend and benefactor of SMB.
- J. Babe Ruth Rookie of the Year Award. Presented to a first year Babe Ruth player for exceptional all round play among SMB piers. Nominated by the managers of Junior Babe Ruth Division for showing obvious growth in playing ability during the regular season.
- K. An annual \$500.00 minimum scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior division player (19yrs. of age) who has played in the SMB system from B Division to the senior Babe Ruth division. This scholarship shall be awarded to a player that has shown leadership, all round team player and as selected by the team manager and coaches.

Section 24 Sponsors:

- A. Team sponsors will be sought for at each level of play.
- B. Sponsors will pay an annual fee set by the Board of Directors.
- C. The sponsor will have no direct influence on SMB organization, such as choice of team players, etc.
- D. Sponsors are invited to the SMB league banquet.
- E. Sponsor of Division winners will receive a sponsor trophy award, and all sponsors will receive a team plaque award.

Section 25 Ejection Policy:

SMB's ejection policy applies to any person/player's behavior and/or actions which is deemed unruly. A person may be ejected for verbal outbursts, aggressive actions, disruptive behavior, argumentative behavior and any other behavior or actions deemed unruly by the game umpire or SMB board member.

- A. The first occurrence of unruly behavior or actions by a person will receive a verbal warning from the game umpire.

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- B. If the unruly behavior or actions continues the umpire is empowered to stop the game and that person will be ejected from the game.
- C. The umpire will contact a board member of the ejection and will receive support/assistance from the board member if needed.
- D. The ejected person will be required to leave the game and field area immediately.
- E. The game will resume once the ejected person has left and calm is restored to the situation.
- F. Players ejected from a game will serve a one game suspension. Players ejected for a second time will be suspended from SMB for the balance of the season.

Section 26 Draft Guidelines:

Draft Guidelines will apply to SMB Major (A) Division Teams.

- A. SMB Major Teams (A's) will consist of a 12 player roster.
- B. No more than 8 players of the same league age are allowed on each team's final roster. League age is determined from the official Babe Ruth Age Chart.
- C. The minimum number of 12 year old players on each roster is to be four (4).
- D. Draft order is the reverse of the previous year's regular season final standings. An expansion team will have the overall first pick in the draft and follow expansion team draft rules.
- E. All teams must have a 7 player modified roster at the end of the first round of the draft. Additional first round picks will be granted to teams in order to meet this requirement. This will be based upon prior year order of finish.
- F. Options: Two types of options exist: Manager/player option and a Sibling option.
- G. Before the draft begins, the player agent will ask all managers to declare which players in the draft will be covered by an "Option", either manager/player(s) or siblings of players already on Major "A" rosters. Managers who wish to ensure that these players will be available to them must state the name(s) of the players they wish to "Option" at this time.
- H. Sibling Rule – A sibling must be taken with the manager's third pick (this is not necessarily the third round pick).
- I. The son/daughter of a manager can be taken at any time. No special consideration will be given for coaches sons unless there is a sibling already on the team.
- J. If during the ensuing draft, one of these players is drafted by another team, the "Option" may be exercised by the team holding the "Option". If this occurs, the optioned player becomes the draft choice of the team holding the option in the current round of the draft. If it is the manager's son/daughter, the pick drops automatically into the second round position unless the draft has gone beyond that point. An option must be used in the round an "Option" player is drafted.

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- K. After an option has been exercised, the player agent must review the draft, and if necessary, have the managers re-draft because of an opening caused by the exercise of an option. The draft will be reversed to the point that an exercised “Option” causes an opening and all teams will re-draft based on the modified list of players still available. Options must be exercised in the round that the player is originally drafted. If a round is completed, and no “Options” are exercised the round is considered complete and no overlooked option may be exercised in later rounds.
- L. It is the responsibility of the player agent:
- To ask for options before the draft opens.
 - To record the options for reference during the draft.
 - To administer the re-draft when options are exercised.
- M. It is the responsibility of each manager:
- To know which players in the draft pool are subject to the option(s).
 - To declare those options he is interested in keeping.
 - To exercise the options at the correct time.
 - To force other teams to exercise their option(s).
 - To be aware of the impact options will have on the draft.
- N. If there are siblings in the draft pool who have no sibling on a drafting team’s roster, the team that drafts the first sibling from the pool acquires an option on the sibling not yet drafted. This is then treated just as any other option from the standpoint of the draft. This also allows the manager drafting the first sibling some control in keeping siblings together. The second sibling must be drafted by two rounds later if the manager wishes to obtain that player.
- O. Any disputes arising from exercising options and the re-drafting that then occurs will be resolved by the player agent as part of his responsibilities for administering the draft.
- P. Only players who attend “tryouts” are eligible for the draft. A player who has signed up and missed tryouts has their name placed in a “hat”. After the draft is complete, the player agent will pick names from the “hat” (blindly) and announce a name from the hat. The order will be the same order used in the draft. The manger may take the name for his roster or pass on the pick. It is then made available to other managers in the draft order. Once you pass on a name from the hat you cannot pick again from the hat.
- Q. Managers can only acquire coaches through the draft process. There is No matching or pairing of coaches to specific managers or specific teams moving up through the lower divisions prior to the draft. This policy is to stop the possibility of creating unbalanced or stacked teams by sidestepping the draft process.

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Section 27 Parents code of Conduct:

I pledge to provide positive support, care and encouragement for my child participating in the South Meriden Baseball:

1. I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, umpires and any league officials at every game, practice or associated event.
2. I will place the emotional and physical well being of my child ahead of MY personal desire to win.
3. I will insist that my child play in a safe and healthy environment.
4. I will support coaches and officials working with my child, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.
5. I will require a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco and alcohol and will refrain from their use at all South Meriden Baseball events.
6. I will remember that the game is for the kids – NOT ADULTS.
7. I will do my best to make South Meriden Baseball FUN for my child.
8. I will expect my child to treat other player, coaches, fans and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed or ability.
9. I will help my child enjoy the South Meriden Baseball experience by doing what ever I can, including being a respectful fan, assisting with volunteer activities.
10. I will abide by all the rules and regulations of South Meriden Baseball and I know that I am responsible to read and know them.

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Typical Draft

	6 th Place	5 th Place	4 th Place	3 rd Place	2nd Place	1 st Place
1	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X	X	X	X
4	X	X	X	X	X	X
5	X	X	3	X	X	X
6	X	X	7	X	X	X
7	1	X	8	X	X	X
8	9	2	11	X	X	6
9	15	10	17	X	5	14
10	21	16	23	4	13	20
11	26	22	28	12	19	25
12	30	27	31	18	24	29

1. All teams get a first round pick.
2. Expansion team picks to reach 7 players continue to draft until reaching seven players.
3. All teams then resume draft till each team has 12 players.

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Typical Expansion Draft

	Exp. Team	6 th Place	5 th Place	4 th Place	3 rd Place	2nd Place	1st Place
1	1						
2	8						
3	9						
4	10						
5	11			4			
6	12			14			
7	13			15			
8	16	17	3	19			7
9	23	24	18	26		6	22
10	30	31	25	33	5	21	29
11	36	37	32	39	20	28	35
12	41	42	38	43	27	34	40

1. All teams get a first round pick.
2. Expansion team picks to reach 7 players (using mirror image guidelines).
3. All teams less than seven players, than pick to reach seven players.
4. All teams then resume draft till each team has 12 players.

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All proposed amendments to this Constitution and Bylaws adopted by the Board of Directors and the membership shall be submitted to Cal Ripken/Babe Ruth Baseball Incorporated for final approval prior to formal implementation.

Dated: 3/18/2014

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