

# **SOUTH COAST YOUTH BASEBALL ALLIANCE**

## **ARTICLE I Membership and Organization**

I. South Coast Youth Baseball Alliance Membership shall be comprised of the Town of Marion and Town of Mattapoisett Youth Baseball Leagues.

II. The governing body shall be a Board of Directors which shall comprise of two team managers from each town (one representing the Major League Division and one representing the Minor League Division), the head umpire from each Town and a Commissioner. Each Board member shall have a single vote, the Commissioner voting only to break a tie. Only those in attendance may vote. Proxy representation by an approved alternate is allowed.

III. The Commissioner shall be elected by the Board each fall on the first Monday of October. The outgoing Commissioner shall vote unless he/she is being considered for reappointment. The Commissioner must reside within one of the Towns and cannot have a child playing within the Alliance.

IV. In addition to the voting members, there shall be two advisory non-voting members. The advisory members shall be an active member of the Recreation Committee for their respective Town and shall act as liaison between the South Coast Youth Baseball Alliance and the Committees.

## **ARTICLE II Alliance Objective**

It is the intent of the South Coast Youth Baseball Alliance to promote and develop the sport of baseball in the towns of Marion and Mattapoisett. By encouraging inter-town play the athletes of our towns will play and compete against players of similar age, size and ability, providing a level playing field and a more rewarding and productive experience.

## **ARTICLE III Roles and Responsibilities**

I. Commissioner

It is the role of the Commissioner to call and chair all Board of Directors and league meetings, document the minutes of meetings, maintain the rules of play, and cast tie breaking vote on issues before the Board, and to promote the Alliance within the community.

II. Board of Directors

Define the rules of play and entertain protest based on the interpretation of the rules of play.

Develop and implement the schedule.

Define the play-off format and oversee the implementation

Determine the awards

Review the rosters and verify conformance to the age limits.

Develop coaching at all levels

## **ARTICLE IV**



1. The current Little League Baseball Rule Books shall be the authority in effect except for the following regulations, which have been implemented by the Board of Directors.
2. All protest or infractions to the rules will be brought to the Board of Directors via the Commissioner in writing within 48 hours.
3. The Major League will consist of ages nine to twelve. The Minor league will consist of players Nine to Eleven years of age. Each team is required to submit an official roster with birth certificate for each player to the Commissioner prior to opening day. Any changes to team roster must be approved by the Commissioner. Each team shall have available copies of the roster and birth certificates at every game for inspection by the Umpire and/or coach of opposing team.
4. Each team must maintain a roster of at least eleven players but not more than twelve. If a team loses a player during the season the manager must notify the Commissioner prior to the next game. The player must be replaced prior to the third game from the loses of the player or forfeit the game, i.e. no more than two games can be played without a full roster.
5. If a player moves out of a town before opening day, that player is no longer eligible to play except if that player moves within the tri-town area, in which case he will be allowed to finish the season. If a player moves out of town after opening day that player will be allowed to finish the season.
6. No team will be regularly scheduled to play more then three (3) games in a week. In the case of postponements or playoffs where time is a factor, there maybe no alternative but to force the playing of a three (3) or more games in a single week.
7. Home team is responsible for getting the field ready for the game, which includes putting out bases, raking the mound and in-field, lining the field, etc. and supply two new balls to the umpire before each game.
8. It shall be the responsibility of the home team to provide umpires (2) for each game. Umpire working behind the plate shall be at least 17 years of age and those doing the bases shall be at least 15 years of age. Home team shall pay umpires at the rate of \$35.00 per game.
9. All games scheduled during the week shall start promptly at 5:30 p.m. unless a different time is scheduled by the Commissioner or head umpire.



Rain or Weather Cancellation Policy.

- a. The head umpire shall consult with the recreation committee director of the respective Town (home team) whenever weather conditions are such that the games may be cancelled. The respective director shall notify the home team head coach by 4:30 p.m. or at least one hour prior to schedule game time, if the game is cancelled. The coach shall then notify the head coach of the visiting team before 4:45 p.m. (45 minutes prior to game time). If the game has not been cancelled by the recreation director at least one hour prior to scheduled game time, then the teams should go to the assigned field and the decision to play will be determined by the assigned home plate umpire.
  - (b) No game shall be postponed or cancelled unless said postponement is weather related or as a result of a previously scheduled school sponsored event, program or activity which results in one team not having nine players available to play. Coach should contact the Commissioner at least one week prior to the scheduled game to make arrangements for the postponement and re-scheduling of any such game.
  - (c) All make-up games will be played on the Saturday immediately following the postponed game. If inclement weather forces a postponement of the make-up game, that game will be played on the following Saturday. To avoid playing a double header the make-up game can be played on the next day (Sunday).
11. If a team is leading by twelve (12) or more runs after 5 complete innings of play (or 4 ½ if appropriate), the game will be considered completed.
  12. All players on the game roster must play the minimum time required by Little League Baseball Rules. Benching of a player for disciplinary action during the game is not allowed
  13. There shall be a maximum of eight (8) 12 year old players on any one team. (Note. The maximum number of 12 year old players will be reviewed after the each year, with the goal to reduce the maximum to six (6)).
  14. For pitching purposes, the week is from Monday through Sunday. Note this is only exception to the Little League rule on pitching rotation.
  15. If a pitcher hits any batter/batter's 3 times in a single game, that pitcher must be removed from that position for the remainder of the game.
  16. Sliding Rules.
    - (a) The Major League will follow the official Little League ruling on sliding (7.08(a)). Head first slides are allowed except at home plate.
    - (b) The Minor League Slide Rule; No head first slides, first offense is a warning the second offense by the same player, the player will be ejected from the game. The second offense by the same team (different player) the player will be called out. (Rule (7.08(a))).



- (c) A batter attempting to FAKE BUNT (slash) and then taking a full swing at the ball will be called out. The second offense by the same player in the same game will result in ejection from that game.
- (d) Runners are required to slide into a base where there is a play, except for first base. Rule 7.08 (a). If it is the opinion of the umpire that there is a deliberate attempt to cause injury to a player, the player attempting to cause such injury (runner or fielder) will be ejected from the game.

#### 17. Behavior

- (a) Any throwing of equipment or unsportsmanlike actions are cause for immediate ejection from the game. Coaches must enforce this rule, Umpires have the right and obligation to enforce this rule. For a given player the first offense may result in a warning while the second offense shall result in ejection from the game.
- (b) If a player is ejected from a game for any reason, said player shall remain out of the lineup for the remainder of said game and shall be ineligible to play in the next game played by his/her team. Said player must remain on the bench until the end of the game. A player who has received a suspension must be present and listed on the lineup for the suspension game as ineligible in order to satisfy the game suspension requirement. All ejections shall be reported by the head coach to the Commissioner immediately following the game from which the player was ejected. Additional action may be taken by the Commissioner in accordance with Rule 9:05 (a-c).
- (c) Any individual, player, coach, parent or spectator may be expelled from the field if in the opinion of the home plate umpire their conduct is detrimental to the continuation of the game. At any time during the game if the home plate umpire determines that an individual is being disruptive he shall call time, proceed to the home team head coach and request that the head coach inform the individual to cease and desist from such behavior. If the individual fails to respond to the head coach or continues in the behavior which in the opinion of the umpire is detrimental to the continuation of the game the umpire shall suspend the game and immediately report the individual's name to the commissioner

#### 18. Investigation

- (a) The Commissioner or highest uninvolved league official shall conduct a preliminary investigation to determine whether additional action is warranted. Any board member, umpire, coach, or individual, citing such person for detrimental behavior shall make his or her intentions known to the cited person or persons prior to leaving the ballpark area and shall request the home plate umpire to make a formal report to the Commissioner.

(b) The head coach for both teams, in addition to the umpire, shall make out a written report and contact the investigating official in person or by telephone

within eight hours following the incident. If further action is warranted, the



ting official shall notify directly, the involved parties of the time and place of a special meeting of the Board of Directors to consider what action, if any, should be taken. It shall be the responsibility of the involved parties to notify witnesses in their behalf of the meeting and/or to submit a written report to the Board of Directors at the special meeting. The special meeting shall be called within seven days of the incident with every effort made to have the involved parties present. The incident shall be resolved within this time frame with or without the cited person or persons present.

19. Expulsion or Suspension.

At the conclusion of the special meeting authorized in paragraph 18(b) above, the Board of Directors shall vote and upon a majority vote of those present and eligible to vote an order of permanent expulsion or suspension of the person or persons involved in the incident may be rendered. The action to be taken by the Board of Directors shall be governed by the severity of the incident and based upon the previous conduct of the parties involved in the incident and other matters as may be deemed relevant by the committee.

20. Extra Hitter Rule; (Minor League)

The coach must arrange a batting order consisting of ten players (Assuming that there are that many players available). The tenth player will be the 'extra hitter'. The extra hitter is to be treated like any other position as it can be substituted or exchanged freely within the Little League rules (Rule #3.03) for a position player. In short, this means that the ten players may change positions in the field every pitch if the coach chooses, but if a substitute is inserted, the starter may only return to the same place in the batting order after six consecutive outs, and the 'sub' becomes ineligible. It should be noted, that although the child in the extra hitter position may have the minimum number of at-bats, the child still must play the required two innings (six outs) in the field.

21. Extra Hitter Rule; (Major League)

The Extra Hitter option is available for both regular season and playoffs. The Extra Hitter may appear in any position in the line up, however, in electing to use the Extra Hitter the team will be required to carry the ten man line up throughout the game. The Extra Hitter is just that, an Extra Hitter and is not hitting in place of any other offensive player. The Extra Hitter can not be substituted for until he or she has made at least one appearance at the plate. The Extra Hitter may be used defensively, continuing to bat in the same position in the batting order, but his or her replacement as Extra Hitter must be a player who has not appeared in the game, unless all players have made an appearance prior to his or her moving to a defensive position. All rules applicable to the starting players apply, including Little League Rule 3.03 (re-entry rule) and Little League Regulation IVi (Minimum Play Time Rule). Teams that start a game with the ten man line up must complete the game with the same number. Wilful violation of this rule shall be grounds for forfeiture of the game. Suspected violations must be reported to the Commissioner pursuant to the Rules of Protest and will be reviewed according to same.

22. **ALL STAR PARTICIPATION**

The League shall field at least one all star team in each division. Selection of each all star team shall be made by nomination of the team managers. Each manager shall nominate up to five (5) players to be considered. Selection of the first twelve players nominated will be by secret ballot voted by the managers (one vote per team). Each manager may vote for twelve (12) players. The top 12 players shall be elected. A player may receive, as the maximum number of votes, the number corresponding to the number of teams. Any alternates or additional players shall be selected by the All Star team manager from the list of players who were nominated but not voted to the team. The votes for All Star Team Rosters shall occur by the third weekend of June.

All Star managers for the year shall be selected as follows:

The manager of the All Star team will be the manager of the team in first place in each division at the end of play on the second Sunday of June provided his or her team has played a minimum of ten (10) games. Each manager may select two (2) assistant coaches and a score keeper. If he or she is unable or does not wish to manage the All Star team, it is passed down to the manager whose team has the next highest winning percentage, and so on down the league standings.