

CONSTITUTION & BY LAWS

Simsbury Babe Ruth

Simsbury, CT

Ratified by the Board of Directors on January 2021

PURPOSE AND GOALS

The Simsbury Babe Ruth Baseball organization mission is to develop; baseball mental and physical skills, a respect for the game while emphasizing the basic ideals of sportsmanship and fair play.

In all aspects, Simsbury Babe Ruth is committed to providing our participants the very best educational, sports experience possible.

It is our fundamental belief that every child with a desire to play baseball needs to be afforded that opportunity.

Article I- Description and Function of the Organization

Section 1

The Association will be composed of Simsbury Babe Ruth Baseball. The League will be divided into seasons. SBR will have three (3) seasons, one known as Spring League, one known as Summer League, and one known as Fall League

Section 2

The organization will be governed by a Board of Directors and the Board of Directors will oversee all teams involved in the league

Section 3

The Board will meet at least once quarterly and regularly scheduled every second Thursday of the month. A legal act of the Board shall consist of a majority vote of the qualified voters present. A quorum shall consist of 51% of the Board, authorized and present.

Article II

Section 1 - Election of Officers

Officers shall be elected by the Board of Directors during regularly scheduled meetings, with the terms of office to be two years. Should an office become vacant during the term, the President may nominate a replacement to be voted on by the board

The Officers shall consist of:

- President
- Vice President
- Administrative Coordinator
- Treasurer
- Documentation Administrator
- Equipment & Uniforms
- Player Development & Facilities Management
- Season Coordinator
- Social Media/Player Metrics Outreach
- Webmaster / Scheduling / Umpires
- Safety Director

Section 2 - Rules Committee

The Rules Committee shall consist of 6 members: the Rules Chairperson (League Vice President) and one Manager from each Season League, appointed by the respective Season Coordinator

Section 3 - Volunteer Coordinators

League volunteers are nominated by the President and require a majority vote of the board for final approval.

Article III- Powers and Duties

See separate documentation

Team Managers

The powers, duties and responsibilities of the Team Managers are as follows:

1. Cooperate with the Board of Directors to see that the objectives of the league are being fulfilled.
2. Complete coaching online course, and pass appropriate background checks. Provide appropriate documentation to Season Coordinator.
3. Encourage and exhibit good sportsmanship on and off the playing field.
4. Conduct sufficient practice sessions to afford their players a reasonable opportunity to benefit from the baseball program and to attend games and practices.
5. Ensure that all players participate in accordance with League rules.
6. Do their best to implement the provisions and best intentions of this constitution and by-laws.

Article IV- Amendments

1. This Constitution may only be amended at a duly called organization meeting, with a minimum of 15 days notification.
2. A two-thirds majority vote of the Board is required to amend this Constitution.

Article V- Board of Arbitration

1. The Arbitration Board shall be made up of members as follows: the President, Season Coordinator and Rules Chairperson of the League involved and the Supervisor of Umpires of the League involved.
2. No member of the Arbitration Board shall sit in judgment if his or her team or any member of his or her team is involved. The remaining members plus a member of the Association appointed by the President shall sit in judgment.
3. The Arbitration Board shall settle all disputes concerned with other members of a team .

Article VI- Dismissal from the Association

1. Any member of the organization may be removed by a majority vote of the Board.
2. Said individual must be notified by certified mail of the specific charges.
3. A meeting will be scheduled on a date agreeable to both parties, not to exceed 30 days from the date of notification. At said meeting, the individual will be presented the opportunity to show just cause why he/she should not be removed from his/her position.

Article VII- Conflicts of Interest

Conflict of Interest Policy

Any possible conflict of interest on the part of any member of the Board, officer or employee of the organization, shall be disclosed in writing to the Board and made a matter of record through an annual procedure and also when the interest involves a specific issue before the Board. Where the transaction involving a board member, trustee or officer exceeds five hundred dollars (\$500) but is less than five thousand dollars (\$5000) in a fiscal year, a two-thirds vote of the disinterested directors is required. The minutes of the meeting shall reflect that a disclosure was made, the abstention from voting, and the actual vote itself. Every new member of the Board will be advised of this policy upon entering the duties of his or her office, and shall sign a statement acknowledging, understanding of an agreement to this policy. The Board will comply with all requirements of Connecticut law in this area and the Connecticut requirements are incorporated into and made a part of this policy statement. The President or Rules Chairman shall call an immediate meeting of the Board to resolve any matter resulting from a member, coach or organization that threatens the Section 501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 status of Simsbury Babe Ruth.

Article VIII- Dissolution

Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all liabilities of the Corporation, shall distribute the assets for one or more exempt exclusively for the purposes of the Corporation in such a manner or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious or scientific purposes as shall at any time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose.