

# **KENNEWICK NATIONAL YOUTH BASEBALL**

**2026**

## **Constitution, Bylaws & Rules of Competition**



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## **President's Welcome Note**

January 2025

Dear Kennewick National Youth Baseball families and friends,

I am honored to be your new president and welcome you to the upcoming 2025 baseball season. I'm excited to be part of a league that fosters the love of baseball, sportsmanship, self-confidence, and teamwork.

The 2024 season was one for the books! We witnessed incredible displays of skill, determination, and sportsmanship from our young athletes. From the growth and development in our Rookies, Minors, and Majors teams to our All-Star teams. They all showcased our organization's values with their outstanding performances.

Last year was a remarkable season for our All-Star teams. Our 12u All-Stars won the Ironman Bracket championship at the Cal Ripken World Series in Branson, Missouri. Their hard work, dedication, and exceptional skills were on full display throughout the tournament. The 11u All-Stars had a strong showing at the state tournament, showcasing their talent and potential. Our 10u All-Stars had a successful season, with many players developing their skills and contributing to the team's success. Finally, our 9u All-Stars won the state tournament and made a strong showing at the regional level, highlighting the bright future of our league.

I would like to extend my appreciation to the outgoing board members for their invaluable contributions. Their dedication and leadership were instrumental in shaping the success of our league. Building on the momentum of last year's successful season, we're excited to announce the start of the 2025 baseball season. We're committed to providing a positive and inclusive environment where kids can learn, grow, and develop a lifelong love for baseball.

You can expect a full schedule of games, practices, and special events. Our experienced coaches are passionate about the game and dedicated to developing young athletes. We encourage all parents and guardians to get involved. Your support is crucial in making our league a success.

To ensure a smooth start to the season, please register your child as soon as possible. We also encourage you to volunteer as a coach, umpire, or help with other league activities. To stay informed about the latest news, updates, and events, be sure to follow our league's social media pages and website.

Finally, we want to thank our sponsors for their continued support. Their generous contributions help us provide quality baseball experiences for our players. If you or your business are interested in becoming a sponsor, please contact us to learn more about the opportunities available.

Let's work together to make this season the best one yet!

Sincerely,

Tyler Nipper  
President  
Kennewick National Youth Baseball  
[President@knyb.org](mailto:President@knyb.org)



## Board Members Code of Conduct

As a member of the Kennewick National Youth Baseball Board of Directors, I pledge to support the concepts and philosophies of KN and the Cal Ripken League. I promise to assist in the administration of the League acting with professionalism and in the best interest of the League and its members.

- I will always conduct business with the understanding that the program is for the children involved not the adults.
- I will make every effort to be knowledgeable in the area of League administration.
- I will do my best to provide a safe playing situation for all players.
- I will provide support for players, coaches, umpires, and parents to provide positive and enjoyable experiences for all.
- I will require all coaches and umpires to be trained in the responsibilities of being a volunteer within the Kennewick National Youth Baseball organization and that they uphold the KN Code of Conduct.
- I promise to keep informed about current events involving youth sports programs.
- I promise to perform my duties with open and honest communication and will do my best to ensure my words and actions uphold the integrity of the League whether they are used in face-to-face, electronic or through social media discussions.
- I will abide by and enforce the rules, constitutions, and by-laws of Kennewick National Youth Baseball to the best of my ability.
- I will conduct all business of the League in an open and honest manner with the good of the youth of the League my priority.

Failure to abide by the rules, regulations, and Code of Conduct of Kennewick National Youth Baseball may result in disciplinary actions being taken against the offender as outlined in the League Constitution.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Board Member (Print Name)

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Board Members Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



## Board Members Conflict of Interest

As a member of the Kennewick National Youth Baseball (KNYB) Board of Directors, I pledge to not have any known conflicts of interest towards KNYB and/or the Cal Ripken League.

Absence of conflict of interest. A member of the authorized body does not have a conflict of interest with respect to a compensation arrangement or property transfer only if the member:

(If any of the boxes below are checked false, the member has a conflict of interest.)

	True	False
1. Is not a disqualified person participating in or economically benefitting from the compensation arrangement or property transfer, and is not a member of the family of any such disqualified person;	_____	_____
2. Is not in an employment relationship subject to the direction or control of any disqualified person participating in or economically benefitting from the compensation arrangement or property transfer;	_____	_____
3. Does not receive compensation or other payments subject to approval by any disqualified person participating in or economically benefitting from the compensation arrangement or property transfer;	_____	_____
4. Has no material financial interest affected by the compensation arrangement or property transfer; and	_____	_____
5. Does not approve a transaction providing economic benefits to any disqualified person participating in the compensation arrangement or property transfer, who in turn has approved or will approve a transaction providing economic benefits to the member.	_____	_____

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\_\_\_\_\_  
 Board Member (Print Name)

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 Board Members (Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date



## Coaches Code of Conduct

- Support and practice the “Everyone Plays”, “Good Sportsmanship” and “Positive Coaching” philosophies of Kennewick National Youth Baseball.
- Be reasonable in your demands on a young player’s time, energy, enthusiasm, and performance on the field.
- Impress on your players that they must abide by the Rules of the Game at all times.
- Develop team respect for the ability of opponents and for the judgment of umpires and opposing coaches.
- Ensure that your players’ KN experience is one of fun and enjoyment, winning is only part of it.
- Players should never be yelled at or ridiculed for making mistakes or losing a game.
- Set a good example and be generous with your praise when it is deserved. Children need a coach they can respect.
- Keep informed of sound principles of coaching, growth, and child development.
- Check your equipment and playing facilities. They should meet safety standards and be appropriate for the age and ability of the players.
- Follow the advice of a physician when determining when an injured player is ready to play again.
- I have read the Constitution and Bylaws and will abide by them.

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 Coaches Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date



# Parent Code of Conduct

As a parent, you play a special role in contributing to the needs and development of young players and the League. Through your encouragement and good example, you can help assure that all boys and girls learn good sportsmanship and self-discipline. In Kennewick National Youth Baseball, young people learn to work together, to sacrifice for the good of the team, to enjoy winning and deal appropriately with defeat, all while becoming physically fit and healthy. Best of all, they have fun.

**Support Your Child.** Supporting your child by giving encouragement and showing interest in their team is very important.

- Help your child work toward skill improvement and good sportsmanship in every game.
- Teach your child that hard work and an honest effort are often more important than victory-that way your child will always be a winner despite the outcome of the game!

**Always Be Positive.** Parents serve as role models for their children. Be aware of this and work to be a positive role model.

- Applaud good plays by your child's and the opposing team.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from youth sports activity.

**Remember That Your Child Wants to Have Fun.** Remember that your child is the one playing baseball, not you. It is very important to let children establish their goals-to play the game themselves. Take care not to impose your own standards and goals on them.

Don't put too heavy a burden on your child to win games. Children play for the fun of playing.

**Reinforce Positive Behavior.** Positive reinforcement is the best way to help your child achieve their goals and their natural fear of failure. Nobody likes to make mistakes. If your child makes one, remember its all part of learning, so encourage your child's efforts and point out the good things your child accomplished.

**Do Not Be a Sideline Coach or Umpire.** Coaches, Umpires, and Board Members are usually parents just like you. They volunteer their time to help make your child's baseball experience a positive one. They need your support too.

- Refrain from coaching or umpiring from the bleachers. As a volunteer organization, there's always an opportunity for you to take your interest in coaching or umpiring to the next level and become one yourself!

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Parents Signature

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Date



## Player Code of Conduct

As a player at Kennewick National Youth Baseball, it is your job to have fun and enjoy the game of baseball. Good sportsmanship, teamwork, and learning the rules of the game are all a part of your experience. Please read the players code of conduct carefully, and ask your parent or coach to explain any that you don't understand. By understanding and playing by these rules will help you to become a better ball player and an important part of your team.

- Play for the fun of it, not just to please your parents or coach.
- Play by the Rules of the Game.
- Never argue or complain about Umpire's calls or decisions.
- Control your temper. Most of all resist the temptation to retaliate when you feel you have been wronged.
- Concentrate on playing baseball with your best effort. Work equally hard for your team as for yourself.
- Be a good sport by cheering all good plays, whether it's your team or your opponent's.
- Treat all players, as you would like to be treated.
- Remember that the goals of the game are to have fun, improve your skills, and feel good. Don't be a showoff or a ball hog.
- Cooperate with your coaches, teammates, opponents and the umpires.

Failure to abide by the rules, regulations, and Code of Conduct of Kennewick National Youth Baseball may result in disciplinary actions being taken against the offender as outlined in the League Constitution.

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 Players Signature

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 Date



**2026 Kennewick National Youth Baseball Board of Directors**

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Fall Ball Director	Landon Zuhlke	fallball@knyb.org
Concession Manager	Misty Hendrickson	concession@knyb.org



# Constitution

## C.1 Identification and Affiliation

The identification of this organization shall be Kennewick National Youth Baseball (KN). KN is and shall be a nonprofit organization. KN, chartered under the authority of Babe Ruth League, Inc., encompassing the Cal Ripken Baseball. The league shall adhere to the official rules and regulations of Babe Ruth League, Inc., including all divisional supplements. KN shall maintain full affiliation with the Cal Ripken Jr. Division of Babe Ruth League, Inc., a New Jersey corporation.

## C.2 Purpose

The purpose of KN is to teach the game of baseball to the youth of Kennewick within the KN League Boundaries with a focus on participation. The objective of KN is to use the game of baseball to develop in our youth the qualities of physical fitness, self-confidence, discipline, good sportsmanship, and a love for playing the game of baseball.

## C.3 Organization

### C.3.1 Members

### C.3.2 Eligibility

The members of KN shall consist of the KN properly registered players, player parents, managers and coaches, umpires, and Board of Directors. The KN members are bound to abide by its Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules of Competition. Excluding the players, the KN members have voting rights at the Annual General Meeting. All references to the league members, players, player parents, managers and coaches, umpires, and Board of Directors are assumed to be KN members unless otherwise stated.

### C.3.3 Suspension or Termination of Membership (Non-Player and Player)

Resignation or action of the Board may terminate membership. The Board shall have the authority to discipline or suspend a member or to terminate the membership of a member when the conduct of the member is considered to be detrimental to the best interests of KN or Babe Ruth Baseball Cal Ripken Jr. Division.

For any offense that occurs on the field of play, or is related to the field of play, the Board has delegated the authority to define and carry out disciplinary action to the Disciplinary Committee. The definition of the term "season," as it is used in this section of the Constitution, denotes both the regular season and the post season. The post season includes the Inter-City Tournament games, the All-Star team games, and the Select team games. The Disciplinary Committee is composed of five (5) Board members, which shall include the Vice President, the Umpire in Chief, the Player Agent, and two (2) Division Representatives appointed by the President. In the case of disciplinary action against a player, the Player Agent shall sit as the fourth member of the committee. In the case of disciplinary action against any other KN



member (i.e., Manager, Coach, parent, League Official, etc.) then the affected Division Representative shall sit as the third member of the committee. If there is a conflict of interest of any of the Disciplinary Committee members reviewing an offense, the President will assign an impartial Board member as an alternate.

Conflict of interest is defined as any activity or issue involving any of the defined Disciplinary Committee members.

For any offense (typically an ejection) that occurs on the field of play, the umpire in charge of the game shall provide a written report describing the incident to the President and Umpire in Chief within 24 hours of the incident. The Manager of the affected team and the Manager of the other team shall provide a written report describing the incident to the President and Vice President within 24 hours of the incident. Additionally, the individual being disciplined (if not one of the individuals already providing a report) shall provide a written report describing the incident to the President and Vice President within 24 hours of the incident. Any other ancillary information pertinent to the offense can be submitted in writing to the President and Vice President within 24 hours of the incident.

The Disciplinary Committee shall meet within 48 hours following receipt of the incident reports and will render a decision on the offense within 72 hours of the incident. The offending party may present testimony in person to the Disciplinary Committee prior to the Committee's decision. It is the responsibility of the offending party to notify the committee of this request when submitting their written statement.

The Disciplinary Committee shall determine if disciplinary action is warranted and the appropriate action to be taken. The disciplinary action to be taken by the Disciplinary Committee may include any of the following, based on the severity of the action as determined by the Disciplinary Committee:

- Written warning which could include additional discipline, such as designated number of hours of community service at KNYB Facility, a one-game suspension can be imposed if the offense is deemed excessive by the Disciplinary Committee (includes both the regular season and post season), or any other discipline the Disciplinary Committee deems valid.
- Suspension for a period of a one-game minimum, and a maximum of three games (includes both the regular season and post season), to be determined by the Disciplinary Committee.
- League suspension for the remainder of the season (includes both the regular season and the post season).
- Any other actions deemed necessary by the Disciplinary Committee.
- Post-season refers to the Inter-City tournament, the All-Star team games, and the Select team games.

#### C.3.4 Board of Directors

The Board of Directors (Board) has the authority and responsibility to conduct all business functions, enforce the Constitution, develop and enforce Rules of Competition, develop and enforce Bylaws, and represent KN in all matters.

The Board shall consist of at least 4 and up to 25 voting members. Only the Board positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be elected positions by a simple



majority vote of the general membership at the Annual General Meeting. The incumbent Board members and newly elected Executive Board shall elect all other open Board positions.

All Board positions shall be opened for nominations on an annual basis or when a Board member resigns. In the interest of maintaining the greatest focus on coaching, the President shall not hold the position of Manager of a Major 70 Division team without special permission by the Board. Following election of KN Board Members, all incumbent and newly elected Board members must successfully pass a nationwide background check prior to final acceptance as KN Board Members. This background check will be valid for a two-year period. A person convicted of one or more of the following crimes will not be eligible to serve as a Board Member:

- Crimes against individuals
- Crimes involving minors
- Crimes of financial deception
- Felonies involving drugs or alcohol
- Exceptions to this rule will require a unanimous vote of the Executive Board (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer – or a replacement member, if there is a perceived conflict of interest with any Executive Board Member). The vote shall be conducted by secret ballot without the Member in question present.

Board Members may simultaneously hold multiple Board positions, but this should be considered only in special circumstances (e.g., lack of interest from other qualified KN members or a Board Member resigning) and only until a suitable replacement is found. In the event a Board Member holds more than one position, that member is only allowed one vote in Board decisions.

Any member of the Board who is absent without cause from three consecutive meetings of the Board, or who willingly neglects his/her duties to KN, shall be deemed to have forfeited the position. A two-thirds vote of the Board is required to declare a position forfeited.

In the event that a vacancy occurs on the Board, the position is to be filled as soon as possible. The vacancy shall be filled with a majority vote of the Board at any regular or special meeting.

The Board members are as follows:

- President\*
- Vice President\*
- Secretary\*
- Treasurer\*
- Registrar
- Player Agent
- Umpire-in-Chief
- Major 70 Division Representative
- Major 60 Division Representative
- Minor Division Representative
- Rookie Division Representative
- Coach Pitch Division Representative
- Facility Director
  - Field 1 Maintenance Manager (none voting position)



- Field 2 Maintenance Manager (none voting position)
- Field 3 Maintenance Manager (none voting position)

Concession Stand Director  
Fundraising Director  
Sponsorship Director/Advertising/Signs Manager  
Uniforms Director/Team Parent Representative  
Equipment Director  
Tournament Director  
Training Director  
Communications Director  
Fall Ball Director

\* Denotes minimum Board Members required to operate KN.  
The responsibilities of these Board Members are as specified in the Bylaws.

### C.3.5 KN Divisions

KN consists of four Divisions structured to fit the wide range of ages and playing abilities of the KN members.

### C.3.6 Minor Division

The Minor Division, including both Major 60 and Minor, is intended to teach the players the fundamentals of the game while providing a transition from the Rookie Division to the Major 70 Division.

### C.3.7 Rookie Division

The Rookie Division is the basic instructional Division that introduces young players to the game. The emphasis in this Division is learning the game and having fun, not competition.

### C.3.8 Coach Pitch/T-Ball Division

The Coach Pitch/T-Ball Division teaches the players the fundamentals of the game without the frustration of trying to hit a pitched ball until the player is ready for that challenge.

## C.4 Administration

### C.4.1 Powers

In addition to the powers expressly or implicitly conferred on it by law, KN shall have the power to make and enforce rules and regulations to govern itself on a local basis, but consistent with and not contrary to any rules and regulations promulgated by Babe Ruth League, Inc. or by the Regional or State echelons of Babe Ruth League, Inc.

### C.4.2 Constitution Amendment (Continued)

2/3-majority vote by the qualified voters attending the January Board of Directors Meeting. Proposed



changes to the Constitution must be proposed in writing to the Board at least 30 days prior to the January Meeting. The Secretary and Communications Director shall issue the proposed Constitution changes to the KN members preceding the January Meeting.

#### C.4.3 Rules of Competition Formation and Modification

The Rules of Competition are binding for all KN sponsored games. The Rules of Competition are intended to identify for each Division the rules to be followed in playing the games. The Rules of Competition can only be changed by a 2/3-majority vote of the Board at a duly constituted meeting. It is possible but not desirable for the Rules of Competition to be changed after the start of a playing season.

#### C.4.4 Bylaws Formation and Modification

Bylaws are binding for all KN members. Bylaws are intended to provide implementing instructions on KN matters and Board decisions. Bylaws can be added, changed, or eliminated at any time by the Board by a 2/3-majority vote at a duly constituted meeting.

#### C.4.5 Meetings

All KN meetings shall be open to the public. The conduct of the meetings shall be governed by the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order as a guide, if not otherwise specified by the Bylaws. Voting may be by secret ballot or by show of hands, as designated by the Board prior to conducting any vote.

#### C.4.6 Board Meetings

Board meetings shall be held each month. At least one half of the voting Board Members must be present to conduct business.

The President shall set the order of business for the Board meetings. The topics to be addressed at the Board meetings shall include review and approval of previous Board meeting minutes, Treasurer's Report, unfinished business, Board Member reports, and new business.

#### C.4.7 Boundaries

To be eligible for play in KN sponsored Divisions, a player must have a permanent residence OR attend a school that is within the geographical boundary set forth by the State Commissioner. The boundary includes residences (1) west of Highway 395 in Kennewick, WA and south of 10th Avenue, or (2) west of Vancouver Street and North of 10th Avenue. Additionally, the boundary extends west of Kennewick to include all of Richland, West Richland, and Benton City.

#### C.4.8 League Colors – Regular Season and Post-Season Play

Uniform jerseys for regular season play will vary depending on the team a player is assigned to. The pants color, currently white, for regular season play will be specified on handouts provided at registrations.

The Official KN colors for the All-Star team uniforms will be red and gray. These colors shall also be used when required in any official correspondence, banners, etc. Accent colors, such as white and black, may also be used on All-Star post-season uniform colors as needed. White, grey, or black may be used as the primary or accent jersey/pant color for uniforms for teams that are not representing KN as official "Tournament Trail" teams.



### C.4.9 Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting shall be scheduled by the Board to be held in September or October. The Annual General Meeting shall be held to elect the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and to discuss proposed changes to the Constitution and/or Bylaws. The Board may appoint a committee to discuss possible changes to the Bylaws and bring their recommendations to the Annual General Meeting.

Nominations for Board positions shall be accepted prior to and at the Annual General Meeting prior to any voting for election of officers. A special Board meeting consisting of the newly elected President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer and the incumbent Board Members shall be held following the Annual General Meeting to select new Board Members from those nominated.

### C.4.10 Financial Requirements

The Board shall decide all matters pertaining to the financing of KN and it shall place all income in a common league treasury. The funds from the treasury shall be expended such that no team or individual is given an advantage in competition with other teams or individuals within the League.

KN shall not permit the contribution of funds or property to individual teams. Funds shall be distributed fairly among teams to equalize benefits to KN.

KN does not permit the solicitation of funds in the name of KN unless all funds so raised are placed in the KN treasury. KN does permit teams to raise funds for the use of the team by activities such as a car wash, but only with prior approval from the Board. In such cases the funds raised shall be used for such things as equipment (bats, balls, etc.), team parties, or training and not for more elaborate uniforms.

The Board shall not permit the disbursement of KN funds other than for conduct of KN activities in accordance with the KN policies. No member of KN shall receive directly or indirectly any salary, compensation, or emolument from KN for service rendered as a member or Board Member.

All monies received shall be deposited to the credit of KN in any accredited bank, savings and loan, savings bank or credit union approved by the Board. The financial institution must have either FDIC or NCUSIF insurance covering balances of up to \$250,000 in an account. All disbursements shall be made by a check that is approved by the Treasurer and President or another Board member designated by the Board. In the event the Treasurer is unable to fulfill this obligation, the President and a designated member of the Board may sign checks.

The Fiscal year of KN begins October 1 and ends on September 30 of the following year.

The financial books and accounts of KN shall be reviewed/audited by a Certified Public Accountant as deemed necessary by the board to comply with outside funding sources on an annual basis and the results presented to the Board. The review should be done within six months of the fiscal year-end.

The annual fiscal year financial statements shall be presented to the Board members at the October board meeting.

Upon dissolution of KN and after all outstanding debts and claims have been satisfied, the members shall distribute the property of KN to such other 501(c)(3) exempt organization(s) maintaining an objective similar to that of KN.



# BYLAWS

## B.1 Rules and Protest Committee

The Rules and Protest Committee shall be composed of the Vice President, the Umpire-in-Chief, the Player Agent, and two (2) Division Representatives appointed by the President. The Rules and Protest Committee shall hear and decide protests as allowed in the Official Baseball Rules. The judgment of the Rules and Protest Committee shall be FINAL. In the event of a conflict of interest of any of the Rules and Protest Committee members reviewing an offense, the President will assign an impartial Board member as an alternate.

## B.2 Assignment of Teams to Managers

Any incumbent KN Major 70 Division Manager who wishes to manage a team will retain the team that individual managed the prior year. Any newly selected Manager will be assigned a team based on the following criteria:

If an individual is sponsoring a team or is employed by the sponsorship team, that individual will have priority consideration in being assigned that team.

If an individual has an approved vested interest in a team, that individual will have priority consideration of being assigned that team. The individual must provide a written request, with reason of vested interest, to the Division Representative for review. The Division Representative will review the request and provide a ruling. In the event of a conflict of interest, the President shall select an impartial alternate to review the request.

The Division Representative and Player Agent will make all other team assignments collectively.

The Division Representative members will evaluate the manager's qualifications and team abilities, and do their best to consider equity among the team talent when assigning a team to a manager.

### B.2.1 Background Checks

All incumbent and prospective Managers, Coaches, and designated Team Parent (these are the only adults allowed in the dugout during game play) must successfully pass a nationwide background check and Abuse Prevention Systems (APS) training, prior to coaching.

In Emergency, or other extenuating, circumstances an individual who meets the above requirements will be permitted to step into the dugout to assist a team, with the approval of the President.

A person convicted of one or more of the following crimes will not be eligible to serve as a Manager, Coach or Team Parent:

- Crimes against individuals
- Crimes involving minors
- Crimes of financial deception
- Felonies involving drugs or alcohol

Exceptions to this rule will require a unanimous vote of the Executive Board (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer – or a replacement member, if there is a perceived conflict of interest with any Executive Board Member). The vote shall be conducted by secret ballot without the person in question present. Additionally, all incumbent and prospective Managers



and Coaches are required to complete and pass the Babe Ruth Coaching Certification prior to managing or coaching a team in any KN Division prior to the start of the regular season.

### B.3 Major 70 Division Manager Selection Process

Advertising for applicants for Major 70 Division Manager positions shall be made by the Division Representative through various channels of communication, by November 30th of each year.

Any person(s) interested in managing a Major 70 Division (M70) team must inform the M70 Division Representative by December 31st and include an application with pertinent information of their baseball/managing qualifications/experiences. M70 Division Managers shall be selected based on their experience in coaching, participation in KN League activities (Fund Raisers, Work Parties, Board Support, Sponsorships), and the recommendation of the KN Manager Selection Committee.

Any incumbent M70 Division Manager from the previous season can retain their position and team with approval by a majority vote from the Board of Directors.

The Manager Selection Committee shall include the Vice President, UIC, M70 Division Representative, Major 60 Division Representative, and the Player Agent. In the event of a conflict of interest in any of the five members of the committee (A committee Member is applying for a Manager position), the President shall select an impartial alternate(s).

The Manager Selection Committee shall review the candidates for manager positions. The Manager Selection Committee may interview any candidates it sees fit. The Manager Selection Committee is to present to the Board the ranked recommendations for the manager positions.

The Board is to consider the Committee's recommendations and to vote on the candidates in the order of ranking by the Committee until acceptable candidates are found for all open Manager positions. A majority vote of the Board is required to select a Major 70 Division Manager. If in the opinion of the Board acceptable candidate(s) are not available, then it is the responsibility of the Manager Selection Committee to identify further candidates.

The names of Assistant Coaches (2) and the Team Parent (1) of the Managers team must be submitted and approved by the Board and must successfully pass a background check, APS training and Babe Ruth Coaching Certification (certification not needed for Team Parent). The first Assistant Coach must be approved before the player draft by a majority vote by the Board of Directors. The second Assistant Coach and Team Parent should be approved by the Board by a majority vote at the next scheduled Board meeting following the M70 Division player draft.

### B.4 Major 60, Minor, Rookie, and Coach Pitch/T-Ball Division Coach Selection Process

Coaches for the Major 60, Minor, Rookie, and Coach Pitch/T-Ball teams are recruited and selected by the respective Division Representative. If a person has a direct interest in coaching at these levels, then they may contact the respective Division representative without being recruited. The Division Representatives are to present to the Board the coach candidates. A majority vote by the Board is required to approve all coach candidates for the Major 60, Minor, Rookie, and Coach Pitch/T-Ball Divisions.

### B.5 Formation of Major 70 Division Teams

The Board should approve the number of teams based on registrations received at the time of the February Board meeting. Therefore, registration shall be closed for this division as of that day as dictated by the approved annual calendar. The Board shall set the number of Major 70 Division teams dependent on the level of league age participation within KN, as recommended by the Major 70 Division Representative.



Major 70 Division teams shall be made up of no less than twelve (12) players or no more than fifteen (15) players, a Manager, a Team Parent, and up to two (2) Assistant Coaches. The players may be league age 11 or 12 years of age (10 year old players are not allowed to participate in the Major 70 Division). In accordance with the Cal Ripken Jr. rules, each team shall be composed of not more than eight (8) 12-year old players.

Children (league age 12 or 11) of the Manager will be assigned to the team without trying out. Prior to Major 70 tryouts the named Manager may select the 1st Assistant Coach. Such a selection would result in the child of the 1st Assistant Coach being assigned to the team without trying out. Managers may not name the 2nd Assistant Coach prior to completion of the player draft. In such situations as both the incumbent Manager and 1st Assistant Coach return to a team in the following year, no new 1st Assistant Coach may be named. The Manager and 1st Assistant Coach's children can only be placed on the team if done so following the guidelines for the player draft in section B.5.2.

Players assigned to a Major 70 Division team the previous season are automatically assigned to the same team. If the team from the previous season has been dissolved, the players on that roster will re-enter the draft process.

In the event it is necessary to add a team to the Major 70 division, a supplemental draft will occur prior to the Major 70 Division player draft. In the supplemental draft, each expansion team will pick four 12- year-old players from the eligible pool. If more than one expansion team is created, then the supplemental draft order will be through random assignment.

If any selected player has re-entered the draft from an existing major team, the team that loses the player in the supplemental round will be awarded a compensation pick in the Major 70 Division player draft in the draft order of the expansion team's first round pick. If there is more than one re-entered player selected, each team that lost a player gets a compensation pick in Round 1 of the Major 70 Division player draft (as determined by B 5.2 establishing the creation of draft picks depending on the reverse order).

In addition, if a player is selected in the supplemental draft from a draft re-entry from an existing team, the expansion team will select the child of the named 1st assistant coach in Round 2 of the Major 70 Division player draft.

After the supplemental team(s) has selected their four 12 year olds from the eligible pool, the draft order for the newly formed team for the Major 70 Division player draft will be randomly decided, but must occur within picks 1 through 4. Existing teams will move down in order to accommodate the expansion team(s).

In the event the Board determines the major-70 division shall play with less teams than the previous year, the determination of which pre-existing team(s) shall be dissolved will be made using the following rules applied in succession:

1. Team(s) without a returning head coach
2. Team(s) without a returning 1st named assistant
3. Team(s) with the fewest number of returning players
4. Team(s) without a returning major-70 sponsor

Returning players of the dissolved team(s) will re-enter the draft as 1st year major-70 players. The Player Agent or Major-70 division rep shall notify parents of all players affected by this action as soon as possible after dissolved Major-70 team is identified. In the event that a team is selected to dissolve before the application of rule 4 occurs but there is also a sponsor not returning in the major-70 division, sponsorship may be re-assigned to returning head coaches or teams. However, returning major-70 head coaches with a different sponsor from the previous year will still draft in order of the coaches placing during the previous regular season.

### B.5.1 Tryouts



All players must tryout to be eligible for the Major 70 draft, except for the children (league age 12 or 11) of the Manager and named 1st Assistant Coach, who may be assigned to the team without trying out. Any player who does not tryout, will be placed in their appropriate age-based Division. All league age 12 year-old players who do not tryout for the Majors 70 will be assigned to a Major 60 team.

Major 70 Division tryout dates shall be posted and open to all KN Division league age 12 and 11 year-old players. Depending upon player participation, tryouts for Major 70 and Major 60 Division teams may be combined or separated to selected days. The Player Agent shall coordinate player tryouts with the assistance of the Major 70 Division Representative. The player tryouts shall be arranged such that all players have an equal opportunity to demonstrate their fielding, throwing, running, and hitting skills for evaluation by the Major 70 Division Managers. The Player Agent shall specify the format of the tryouts.

With notification prior to the tryout date and with the Player Agent approval, a player who is unable to tryout because of extraordinary circumstances may be eligible for a Major 70 Division team roster in the same manner as the players who were not drafted but did tryout.

### B.5.2 Draft

The Player Agent, with assistance from the Major 70 Division Representative, shall coordinate and preside over the Major 70 Division player draft.

Major 70 Division teams shall draft players in reverse order of their position in the standings at the end of the regular season the previous year.

To be eligible for Major 70 Division play the child of a team Manager who has not previously been assigned to a Major 70 Division team must be selected:

1. In the fourth round of the draft if the child is League age 11
2. In the third round of the draft if the child is League age 12

To be eligible for Major 70 Division play the child (League age 12 or 11) of a named 1st Assistant Coach who has not previously been assigned to a Major 70 Division team must be selected in the first round.

A team does not have to use a draft pick to choose the Manager's child if that player chooses not to play in the Major 70 Division.

In such situations as a returning Major 70 Division player changes teams by re-entering the draft as called for in section B.5.3, the following actions will take place:

1. Following selection of the re-entry player by a team, the team losing the re-entry player will receive a compensation pick by receiving the next selection in the draft.
2. Following the compensation pick, the draft will resume as normal.

In such situations as a returning Major 70 Division player changes teams by re-entering the draft as called for in section B.5.3 and the re-entry player is a child of the Manager or named 1st Assistant Coach, the following actions will take place:

1. The team in which the player is moving to will forfeit its 1st round selection,
2. The team which the player is moving from shall receive a compensation pick in the first round in the draft order position of the team receiving the re-entry player, and
3. The re-entry player must be selected in the second round by the receiving team.

A player who is League age eligible for the draft and has a sibling already assigned to a Major 70 Division team must be selected in the fourth round of the draft by the same team of the sibling. Additional siblings of



the same or of other players on the team must be selected every two rounds until all are selected. In the event that a parent wishes siblings to not play on the same team, then this rule does not apply; however this request must be made in advance of tryouts.

In the event siblings (such as twins) are eligible for the draft, the team that selects one of them must select the other two rounds later. If neither is selected they shall be assigned alphabetically to the same team in a lower division.

If a team requires seven or more players to fill a 12-player roster, they shall be awarded an extra selection at the end of the fourth round of the draft.

The draft will continue until each Manager has selected a minimum of 12 players and up to the 15 players required to fill their draft roster. Once a Manager has made a selection for his last available draft roster position, his participation in the draft selection is complete.

### B.5.3 Exceptions and Draft Re-Entry

The parents of a player eligible for tryouts (League age 11 or 12) may request that the player not be assigned to a particular team. This request must be presented in writing to the President and will only be known to the President, Player Agent, Division Representative, and Manager of the affected team. The request must be made 30-days prior to tryouts or by the last scheduled registration date and the affected Manager notified by the Player Agent as far in advance of the draft as practical. The President and Player Agent shall decide if sufficient reason exists to grant the request. Such a request may only remove one team from consideration for the player.

The parents of a player already assigned to a Major 70 Division team may request that the player be allowed to re-enter the draft. This request must be presented in writing to the President as far in advance of the tryouts as possible. The President and Player Agent shall decide if sufficient reason exists to grant the request. If the request is granted, then that player must attend the tryout or the player will be returned to their original team, except for the children of the Manager or 1st named Assistant who may be assigned to the team without trying out. Since Cal Ripken Jr. Rules prohibit a Major 70 Division player from being assigned to a lower playing division, if selected, the player can only be assigned to a Major 70 Division team. If the player is not selected in the draft by another team or if the request to re-enter the draft is denied, then the player shall remain assigned to the original team.

Because re-entry into the draft can only be done by a returning Major 70 Division player and the team the player was assigned to the previous year loses a returning player, a compensation pick will be awarded. Compensation shall occur in the 1st round (if the re-entry player is a child of the Manager or named 1st Assistant Coach on the receiving team) or in the round that the re-entry player is drafted, as specified in section B.5.2. Following the compensation pick, the draft will resume as normal.

### B.5.4 Replacing a Major 70 Division Player during the Season

If a team loses a player during the 1st half of the season (only if team roster is less than 12 players), a 12U Major 60 Division player who tried out for the Major 70 Division shall be selected as a replacement. The Manager of the team requiring the replacement shall make the selection based on a list of eligible players provided by the Player Agent. The player is not required to change from the Minor to Major 70 Division if they so choose.

A replacement player shall be identified and moved as soon as practical when a vacancy occurs. It is the responsibility of the Player Agent to ensure vacancies are identified and filled in a timely manner.

### B.5.5 Late Registration of League Age 11U or 12U players



If a player, league age 11- or 12-years old registers after the close of tryouts and Major 70 Division draft selection, it shall be the responsibility of the Major 70 and Major 60 Division Representatives and Player Agent, to hold a special tryout, to evaluate the player's ability and determine which division to place the player. The player will be placed in the appropriate division and assigned (in order of registration) to the team who would have drafted next in the original draft order. Players will continue to be placed in this manner until each team has no more than 15 players. However, Major 70 Division Managers will not be forced to place more than 12 players on their roster.

At the option of the Manager, it is not necessary to fill vacancies that occur during the last half of the season. In the event that no 12-year old Major 60 Division player is willing to fill the vacancy or the team has its quota of eight 12U players, then an 11U Major 60 player who tried out for the Major 70 Division may be considered.

## B.1 Formation of Major 60 and Minor Division Teams

The Major 60 and Minor Division Representatives shall recommend the number of Major 60 and Minor Division teams, based on the level of league age registered players, for their respective divisions. The Board should approve the number of teams based on registrations received at the time of the February Board Meeting. Registration shall be closed for this division as of the day of the draft as dictated by the approved annual calendar.

### B.6.1 Formation of Major 60 Teams

Major 60 Division teams shall be made up of no less than twelve (12) players or no more than fifteen (15) players, a Manager, a Team Parent, and up to two (2) Assistant Coaches. The players may be league age 10, 11, or 12 years of age. A 9U player may petition to play in the Major 60 Division provided that they meet all three of the following criteria:

- A parent or legal guardian must sign the Parental Request/Authorization Form
- The player must have played in the Minor Division the previous year.
- The player must tryout.

Once these criteria have been met, the player must still go through the draft process. If the 9U is not drafted, the player will be placed on a Minor team.

If the Major 60's Division Representative and Major 60's Coaches believe there is a safety concern for an 11-year old player due to the players skill level. That player will be placed on a Minor team.

### B.6.2 Major 60 Tryouts

Players must tryout to be eligible for the Major 60 draft. League age 10, 11, and 12 year old players are eligible for the Major 60 division. A player younger than 11U that does not tryout will not be eligible for a Major 60 roster. A 9U player, who made it through the petition process, will be grouped with 10 year olds for the Major 60 Draft.

### B.6.3 Major 60 Draft

All players who tryout for a Major 70 Division team but are not selected for a final team roster will be guaranteed a roster position on a Major 60 Division team. All league age 11 and 12 year old players not already assigned to a Major 70 Division team will be given a roster position on a Major 60 division team (unless otherwise requested by parent). Draft order will be determined by a random draw out of a hat. The draft order will reverse/"snake" each round (i.e., the team that picks first in round 1 will pick last in round 2). In the early rounds, all players will be eligible to be selected (regardless of age). Starting in the fifth round,



all 11 and 12 year olds that have not previously been chosen will be selected until all players of that age group are off the draft board. Once all eligible 11 and 12 year olds have been drafted, the draft will continue with the younger players still eligible to be drafted.

To be eligible for Major 60 Division play, the child (league age 12, 11 or 10) of a named 1st Assistant Coach must be selected in the first round.

To be eligible for Major 60 Division play, the child of a team Manager must be selected:

- In the fourth round of the draft in the child is league age 11/12.
- In the third round of the draft if the child is league age 10.

In the event of a sibling pair (such as twins) are eligible for the draft, the team that selects one of them must select the other, two rounds later. If neither is selected, they shall be assigned alphabetically to the same team in a lower division.

The draft will continue until each manager has selected up to a minimum of 12 players and maximum of 15 players. Note that each team must include at least 12 players that are 10, 11, or 12-year old league age players (for example, a manager that selects one 9-year old player will have to roster at least 13 players). Once a manager has reached that number, their participation in the draft has concluded. Players not drafted by a Major 60 team will be assigned to a Minor team.

#### B.6.4 Replacing a Major 60 Player during the Season

If a team loses a player during the 1st half of the season (player roster is less than 12 players), a 10-year old Minor Division player who tried out for the Major 60 Division shall be selected as a replacement. The Manager of the team requiring the replacement shall make the selection based on a list of eligible players provided by the Player Agent. The player is not required to change from the Minor to Major 60 Division if they so choose. A replacement player shall be identified and moved as soon as practical when a vacancy occurs. It is the responsibility of the Player Agent to ensure vacancies are identified and filled in a timely manner.

At the option of the Manager, it is not necessary to fill vacancies that occur during the last half of the season.

In the event that a 10-year old Minor Division player cannot be identified to fill the vacancy, then a 9-year-old player who tried out for the Major 60 Division may be considered.

#### B.6.5 Formation of Minor Teams

Minor Division teams shall be made up of no less than twelve (12) players or no more than fifteen (15) players, a Manager, a Team Parent, and up to two (2) Assistant Coaches. The players may be league age 8, 9, 10, or 11 years of age. 11 year old players should only be considered for Minors in the interest of player safety. A 7-year old player may petition to play in the Minor Division provided that they meet both of the following criteria:

A parent or legal guardian must sign the Parental Request/Authorization Form  
The player must be approved by the Minor Representative and the Player Agent.

A skills evaluation will be held for Minors to assist the coaches in drafting teams. All 10 year-old (or older) players not assigned to a Major 60 team, and all 8 and 9 year old players will be assigned by a draft at a meeting attended by the Minor Division Representative and Minor Managers. Draft order will be determined by a random draw out of a hat.



The draft order will reverse (i.e., “snake”) each round (i.e., the team that picks first in round 1 will pick last in round 2) with players from each age group available in every round. The draft will continue until all eligible children are placed on a Minor team.

All players who tryout for a Major 60 Division team but are not selected for a final team roster will be guaranteed a roster position on a Minor Division team. Note, players that do not attend the skills evaluation are not eligible to be drafted (excluding those that are automatically assigned due to being the child of a Manager or Coach), but instead will be randomly placed on teams after all eligible players have been drafted.

To be eligible for Minor’s Division play, the child (league age 8, 9, 10 or 11) of a named 1st Assistant Coach must be selected in the first round.

To be eligible for Minor’s Division play, the child of a team Manager must be selected:

- In the fourth round of the draft if the child is league age 8.
- In the third round of the draft if the child is league age 9/10/11.

In the event of a sibling pair, the second child will be selected in two rounds following the original sibling selected. This rule will be in effect for any sibling set taken in the draft. If a team loses a player during the season, an 8-year old Rookie Division player shall be selected as a replacement.

The Manager of the team requiring the replacement shall make the selection based on a list of eligible players provided by the Player Agent. The player is not required to change from the Rookie to Minor Division if they so choose. A replacement player shall be identified and moved as soon as practical when a vacancy occurs. It is the responsibility of the Player Agent to ensure vacancies are identified and filled in a timely manner.

At the option of the Manager, it is not necessary to fill vacancies that occur during the last half of the season.

### B.6.1 Late Registration of League Age 10-year old players

If a player, league age 10 years old, registers after the close of tryouts and Minor Division draft selection, it shall be the responsibility of the Minor Division Representative and Player Agent, to hold a special tryout, to evaluate the player’s ability and determine which division to place the player. The player will be placed in the appropriate division and assigned (in order of registration) to the team who would have drafted next in the original draft order. Players will continue to be placed in this manner until each team has no more than 15 players.

### B.7 Formation of Rookie Division Teams

Rookie Division ages shall be league age 6, 7, and 8 years of age. The Rookie Division Representative shall recommend the number of Rookie Division teams dependent on the level of registrants, for Board approval. Rookie Division team rosters shall be determined by the Player Agent working with the Rookie Division Representative and coaches. All efforts to form teams around neighborhoods or schools will be made. Rookie Division teams shall be made up of no less than twelve (12) players or no more than fifteen (15) players, a Manager, a Team Parent, and up to three (3) Assistant Coaches. One assistant can be named before the team is formed and two more after the team is formed. As many teams will be formed as necessary to accommodate the number of players.

Rookie Division players may be moved to Minor Division teams after the beginning of the season.



## B.8 Formation of Coach Pitch/T-Ball Division Teams

The Coach Pitch Representative shall recommend the number of Coach Pitch/T-Ball Division teams dependent on the level of registrants, for approval by the Board. Coach Pitch age group shall be made up of league age 4, 5, and 6 year olds.

The Player Agent shall determine the Coach Pitch/T-Ball Division team rosters with the assistance of the Coach Pitch/T-Ball Division Representative and coaches. All efforts to form teams around neighborhoods or schools will be made. Coach Pitch/T-Ball Division teams will be made up of not less than 12 but not more than 15 players, a Manager, a Team Parent, and Assistant Coaches. As many teams will be formed as necessary to accommodate the number of players.

## B.9 Manager/Coach Duties

All KN Managers and Coaches will be required to obtain the Cal Ripken League Coaches Certification and attend the league sponsored coaching clinics. Managers and coaches are required to successfully pass a nationwide background check and APS training.

Managers and Coaches are expected to be proficient in teaching the fundamentals of the game and to develop these skills in the team.

Managers shall set a good example of sportsmanship and personal conduct at all times and shall refrain from and prohibit the use of profanity at all games and practices. Managers are accountable for the behavior of their players, coaches, and spectators.

Managers are responsible for the appearance of the team and are to ensure the proper League uniform is worn to all games.

Managers are responsible to ensure all players wear the appropriate safety equipment at the proper times, including warm-up and practices.

Managers and Coaches are expected to participate in all KN Field Cleanup Day events.

**Managers are responsible to ensure all KN equipment is collected and returned to the Equipment Director at the end of the season. Failure to return assigned equipment may result in disciplinary action by the Board, which could include financial restitution to KN or loss of future coaching position.**

Coaches are to assist the Manager in any capacity requested and are to observe the same rules of conduct specified for Managers.

## B.10 All-Star Team Formation – 12U Players

The All-Star Team shall be made up of a minimum of 12 players and a maximum of 15 players, a Manager, and up to 3 Assistant Coaches. Candidates for the position of Manager shall inform either the President or Major 70 Division Representative in writing of their interest in managing at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled post season manager's interviews. Managers shall be selected based on their experience in coaching, participation in the KN League activities (i.e., Fund Raisers, Work Parties, Board Support, Sponsorships), and the recommendation of the Major 70 Division Manager's Committee and the Board Selection Committee. The All-Star Manager shall be selected from the declared candidates by a simple majority vote of the Major 70 Division Managers' Committee and the Board Selection Committee. The selection shall be made at a special meeting organized by the Major 70 Division Representative that will take place the first week of May. A simple majority vote requires selection on more than 50 percent of all ballots cast.



The Major 70 Division Manager's Committee shall be made up of the managers from the top two teams and the bottom two teams (based on standings as of two days prior to the selection meeting). In the event of a conflict of interest\* or other extenuating circumstances (such as not enough managers to fill the positions), the President shall select an impartial alternate manager. Board Selection Committee shall be made up of the Vice President, Major 70 Division Representative, and Player Agent. In the event of a conflict of interest\* in any of the members of the Board Selection Committee, the President shall select an impartial alternate. The committee shall interview all candidates and vote by secret ballot. The ballots shall be collected and sealed until after the first 10 members of the All-Star team are selected. At that time, the ballots will be tallied and the All-Star Manager named. The KN President shall notify the selected manager. The All-Star Manager is then allowed to select up to 3 Assistant Coaches.

**\*Note:** *A conflict of interest is a situation in which a person is in a position to gain personal benefit from actions or decisions made in their official capacity. Potential conflicts will be identified, discussed and decided on by the members of the Board selection committee. Such conflicts include, but are not limited to: members of the same regular season coaching staff on the committee, family members on the committee, others as decided.*

The team selection process will begin with all 12-year old Major 70 Division players voting for the first five (5) 12 year old All-Star team members from all 12-year old Major 70 Division players. The Player Agent will conduct the voting using secret ballots. Only 12-year old Major 70 Division players are eligible to vote for members of the 12-year old All-Star team. Players are not allowed to vote for players from their regular season team. If there is a tie for the fifth spot on the team, all the tied players will be elected to the All-Star Team. The player vote will take place no more than 5 days prior to the All-Star selection meeting.

Next, the Major 70 Division Managers will choose any remaining positions to get the team roster to 10 (league age 12-year old or 12U) players. The All-Star team players shall be selected from a roster of all 12U players nominated by the Major 70 Division Managers for consideration for selection to either the All Star or Select team (referred to as the 12U selection roster). The selection shall be made at a special meeting organized by the Major 70 Division Representative that will take place any time on or after May 1st, but no later than May 15th. Those members present during All-Star team formation are to include the President, Vice President, Player Agent, Major 70 Division Representative, and the Major 70 Division Managers or their Proxies (one per team total). The Managers can discuss the players' skill, attributes, and season statistics. Then, rounds of voting by the Major 70 Division Managers are used to select the All-Star players from the 12U selection roster. A Major 70 Division Manager may not vote for any nominated player that is a player on his regular season team.

- A player must receive 100% of the votes in the first round of voting to be placed on the team.
- A player must receive 80% of the votes in the second round of voting to be placed on the team.
- A player must receive 60% of the votes in the third round of voting to be placed on the team.
- A player must receive at least 60% of the votes in all subsequent rounds to be placed on the team
- "Rounds" are conducted until the roster has been filled to 10 (league age 12-year old or 12U) players

After the Major 70 Division Managers' choices are made to get the team up to 10 players, the All-Star team Manager must choose two additional players from the 12U selection roster. If the manager chooses to carry more than 12 players on the roster, the 12th-15th selections will be made by the Major 70 Division Managers, taking into account input by the All-Star team manager to fulfill needs of the team. Following that selection, the Major 70 Division Managers will select 3 additional players from the 12U selection roster as alternates. If a player is not on the 12U selection roster, they cannot be selected to the 12U All-Star team.

The All-Star team Manager will contact the selected players within 24 hours after the Managers selection meeting is finished. Any selected player who declines a position on the All-Star team can keep his/her name on the 12U selection roster for consideration on the Select team. Any resulting team openings will be filled, in order of selection, from the list of alternates. All individuals at the Managers selection meeting will



hold the final player roster in confidence until the All-Star Manager has contacted each selected player.

### B.11 Select Team Formation – 12U Players

The Select team shall be made up of a minimum of 12 players and a maximum of 15 players, a Manager, and up to 3 Assistant Coaches. Candidates for the position of Manager shall inform either the President or Major 70 Division Representative in writing of their interest in managing at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled post season manager's interviews. Managers shall be selected based on their experience in coaching, participation in the KN League activities (i.e., Fund Raisers, Work Parties, Board Support, Sponsorships), and the recommendation of the Major 70 Division Manager's Committee and the Board Selection Committee. The Select team Manager shall be selected from the declared candidates by a simple majority vote of the Major 70 Division Managers' Committee and the Board Selection Committee. The selection shall be made at a special meeting organized by the Major 70 Division Representative that will take place the first week of May. A simple majority vote requires selection on more than 50 percent of all ballots cast.

The Major 70 Division Manager's Committee shall be made up of the managers from the top two teams and the bottom two teams (based on standings as of two days prior to the selection meeting). In the event of a conflict of interest\* or other extenuating circumstances (such as not enough managers to fill the positions), the President shall select an impartial alternate manager. The Board Selection Committee shall be made up of the Vice President, Major 70 Division Representative, and Player Agent. In the event of a conflict of interest\* in any of the members of the Board Selection Committee, the President shall select an impartial alternate. The committee shall interview all candidates and vote by secret ballot. The ballots shall be collected and sealed until after the first 10 members of the Select team are selected. At that time, the ballots will be tallied and the Select team Manager named. The KN President shall notify the selected manager. The Select team Manager is then allowed to select up to 3 Assistant Coaches.

***\*Note:*** *A conflict of interest is a situation in which a person is in a position to gain personal benefit from actions or decisions made in their official capacity. Potential conflicts will be identified, discussed and decided on by the members of the Board selection committee. Such conflicts include, but are not limited to: members of the same regular season coaching staff on the committee, family members on the committee, others as decided.*

The team selection process begins with the Major 70 Division Managers choosing the first 10 players from the selection roster. There will not be any tryouts for the Select team. The selection shall be made at a special meeting organized by the Major 70 Division Representative that will take place any time on or after May 1st, but no later than May 15th. Those members present during Select team formation are to include the President, Vice President, Player Agent, Major 70 Division Representative, and the Major 70 Division Managers or their proxies (one per team total). The Managers can discuss the players' skill, attributes and season statistics. Then rounds of voting by the Major 70 Division Managers are used to select the Select team players from the 12-year old selection roster. A Major 70 Division Manager may not vote for any nominated player that is a player on his regular season team.

- A player must receive 100% of the votes in the first round of voting to be placed on the team.
- A player must receive 80% of the votes in the second round of voting to be placed on the team.
- A player must receive 60% of the votes in the third round of voting to be placed on the team.
- A player must receive at least 60% of the votes in all subsequent rounds to be placed on the team
- "Rounds" are conducted until the roster has been filled to 10 (league age 12-year old) players

After the regular season Major 70 Division Managers' choices are made to get the team up to 10 players, the Select team Manager must choose two additional players from the 12U selection roster. If the manager chooses to carry more than 12 players on the roster, the 12th-15th selections will be made by the Major 70 Division Managers, taking into account input by the All-Star team manager to fulfill needs of the team. Following that selection, the Major 70 Division Managers will select 3 additional players from the 12U selection roster as alternates. If a player is not on the 12U selection roster, they cannot be selected to the



## 12U Select team.

The Select team Manager will contact the selected players within 24 hours after the Managers selection meeting is finished. Players selected to the Select team who elect to decline the position will no longer qualify for post season play (if on the Alternate List for the All Star team will also be removed). Any resulting team openings from declining a selection will be filled, in order of selection, from the list of alternates. All individuals at the Managers selection meeting will hold the final player roster in confidence until the Select team Manager has contacted each selected player. If there are not enough players on the 12U selection roster to form a team, other 12-year olds and 11- year old players who played in the Major 70 Division can be considered for selection by the Major 70 Division Managers.

## B.12 All-Star Team Formation – 11U Players

The All-Star team shall be made up of a minimum of 12 players and a maximum of 15 players, a Manager, and up to 3 Assistant Coaches. Candidates for the position of Manager shall inform either the President or Major 70 Division Representative in writing of their interest in managing at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled post season manager's interviews. Managers shall be selected based on their experience in coaching, participation in the KN League activities (i.e., Fund Raisers, Work Parties, Board Support, Sponsorships), and the recommendation of the Major 70 Division Manager's Committee and the Board Selection Committee. The All-Star Manager shall be selected from the declared candidates by a simple majority vote of the Major 70 Division Managers' Committee and the Board Selection Committee. The selection shall be made at a special meeting organized by the Major 70 Division Representative that will take place the first week of May. A simple majority vote requires selection on more than 50 percent of all ballots cast.

The Major 70 Division Manager's Committee shall be made up of the managers from the top two teams and the bottom two teams (based on standings as of two days prior to the selection meeting). In the event of a conflict of interest\* or other extenuating circumstances (such as not enough managers to fill the positions), the President shall select an impartial alternate manager. The Board Selection Committee shall be made up of the Vice President, Major 70 Division Representative, and Player Agent. In the event of a conflict of interest\* in any of the members of the Board Selection Committee, the President shall select an impartial alternate. The committee shall interview all candidates and vote by secret ballot. The ballots shall be collected and sealed until after the first 10 members of the All-Star team are selected. At that time, the ballots will be tallied and the All-Star team Manager named. The KN President shall notify the selected manager. The All-Star team Manager is then allowed to select up to 3 Assistant Coaches.

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The team selection process begins with the Major 70 Division Managers choosing the first 10 players from the selection roster. The selection shall be made at a special meeting organized by the Major 70 Division Representative that will take place any time on or after May 1st, but no later than May 15th. Those members present during All-Star team formation are to include the President, Vice President, Player Agent, Major 70 Division Representative, and the Major 70 Division Managers or their proxies (one per team total). The Managers can discuss the players' skill, attributes and season statistics. Then rounds of voting by the Major 70 Division Managers are used to select the All-Star team players from the 11U selection roster. A Major 70 Division Manager may not vote for any nominated player that is a player on his regular season team.

- A player must receive 100% of the votes in the first round of voting to be placed on the team.
- A player must receive 80% of the votes in the second round of voting to be placed on the team.
- A player must receive 60% of the votes in the third round of voting to be placed on the team.



- A player must receive at least 60% of the votes in all subsequent rounds to be placed on the team
- “Rounds” are conducted until the roster has been filled to 10 (league age 11U) players

After the Major 70 Division Managers’ choices are made to get the team up to 10 players, the All-Star team Manager must choose two additional players from the 11U selection roster. If the manager chooses to carry more than 12 players on the roster, the 12th-15th selections will be made by the Major 70 Division Managers, taking into account input by the All-Star team manager to fulfill needs of the team. Following that selection, the Major 70 Division Managers will select 3 additional players from the 11U selection roster as alternates. If a player is not on the 12U selection roster, they cannot be selected to the 11U All-Star team.

The All-Star team Manager will contact the selected players within 24 hours after the Managers selection meeting concludes. Any selected player who declines a position on the All-Star team may retain their name on the 11U selection roster for consideration on the Select team. Any resulting team vacancies will be filled, in order of selection, from the list of alternates. All individuals present at the Managers selection meeting will maintain confidentiality regarding the final player roster until the All-Star Manager has contacted each selected player.

### B.13 Select Team Formation – 11-year old Players

The Select team shall be made up of a minimum of 12 players and a maximum of 15 players, a Manager, and up to 3 Assistant Coaches. Candidates for the position of Manager shall inform either the President or Major 70 Division Representative in writing of their interest in managing at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled post season manager’s interviews. Managers shall be selected based on their experience in coaching, participation in the KN League activities (i.e., Fund Raisers, Work Parties, Board Support, Sponsorships), and the recommendation of the Major70 Division Manager’s Committee and the Board Selection Committee. The Select team Manager shall be selected from the declared candidates by a simple majority vote of the Major 70 Division Managers’ Committee and the Board Selection Committee. The selection shall be made at a special meeting organized by the Major70 Division Representative that will take place the first week of May. A simple majority vote requires selection on more than 50 percent of all ballots cast.

The Major 70 Division Manager’s Committee shall be made up of the managers from the top two teams and the bottom two teams (based on standings as of two days prior to the selection meeting). In the event of a conflict of interest\* or other extenuating circumstances (such as not enough managers to fill the positions), the President shall select an impartial alternate manager. The Board Selection Committee shall be made up of the Vice President, Major 70 Division Representative, and Player Agent. In the event of a conflict of interest\* in any of the members of the Board Selection Committee, the President shall select an impartial alternate. The committee shall interview all candidates and vote by secret ballot. The ballots shall be collected and sealed until after the first 10 members of the Select team are selected. At that time, the ballots will be tallied and the Select team Manager named. The KN President shall notify the selected manager. The Select team Manager is then allowed to select up to 3 Assistant Coaches.

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The team selection process begins with the Major 70 Division Managers choosing the first 10 players from the selection roster. There will not be any tryouts for the Select team. The selection shall be made at a special meeting organized by the Major 70 Division Representative that will take place any time on or after May 1st, but no later than May 15th. Those members present



during Select team formation are to include the President, Vice President, Player Agent, Major70 Division Representative, and the Major 70 Division Managers or their proxies (one per team total). The Managers can discuss the players' skill, attributes and season statistics. Then rounds of voting by the Major 70 Division Managers are used to select the Select team players from the 11U selection roster. A Major70 Division Manager may not vote for any nominated player that is a player on his regular season team.

- A player must receive 100% of the votes in the first round of voting to be placed on the team.
- A player must receive 80% of the votes in the second round of voting to be placed on the team.
- A player must receive 60% of the votes in the third round of voting to be placed on the team.
- A player must receive at least 60% of the votes in all subsequent rounds to be placed on the team
- "Rounds" are conducted until the roster has been filled to 10 (league age 11U) players

After the regular season Major 70 Division Managers' choices are made to get the team up to 10 players, the Select team Manager must choose two additional players from the 11U selection roster. If the manager chooses to carry more than 12 players on the roster, the 12th-15th selections will be made by the Major 70 Division Managers, taking into account input by the All-Star team manager to fulfill needs of the team. If a player is not on the 11U selection roster, they cannot be selected to the 11U Select team.

The Select team Manager will contact the selected players within 24 hours after the Managers selection meeting is finished. Players selected to the Select team who elect to decline the position will no longer qualify for post season play (if on the Alternate List for the All-Star team will also be removed). Any resulting team openings from declining a selection will be filled, in order of selection, from the list of alternates. All individuals at the Managers selection meeting will hold the final player roster in confidence until the Select team Manager has contacted each selected player. If there are not enough players on the 11U selection roster to form a team, other 11U players who played in the Major 60 Division can be considered for selection by the Major 70 Division Managers.

#### B.14 All-Star Team Formation 10U Players

The All-Star team shall be made up of a minimum of 12 players and a maximum of 15 players, a Manager, and up to 3 Assistant Coaches. Candidates for the position of Manager shall inform either the President or Major 60 Division Representative in writing of their interest in managing at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled post season manager's interviews. Managers shall be selected based on their experience in coaching, participation in the KN League activities (i.e., Fund Raisers, Work Parties, Board Support, Sponsorships), and the recommendation of the Major 60 Division Manager's Committee and the Board Selection Committee. The All Star Manager shall be selected from the declared candidates by a simple majority vote of the Major 60 Division Managers' Committee and the Board Selection Committee. The selection shall be made at a special meeting organized by the Major 60 Division Representative that will take place the first week of May. A simple majority vote requires selection on more than 50 percent of all ballots cast.

The Major 60 Division Manager's Committee shall be made up of the managers from the top two teams and the bottom two teams (based on standings as of two days prior to the selection meeting). In the event of a conflict of interest\* or other extenuating circumstances (such as not enough managers to fill the positions), the President shall select an impartial alternate manager. The Board Selection Committee shall be made up of the Vice President, Major 60 Division Representative, and Player Agent. In the event of a conflict of interest\* in any of the members of



the Board Selection Committee, the President shall select an impartial alternate. The committee shall interview all candidates and vote by secret ballot. The ballots shall be collected and sealed until after the first 10 members of the All Star team are selected. At that time, the ballots will be tallied and the All-Star team Manager named. The KN President shall notify the selected manager. The All-Star team Manager is then allowed to select up to 3 Assistant Coaches.

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The team selection process begins with the Major 60 Division Managers choosing the first 10 players from the selection roster. The selection shall be made at a special meeting organized by the Major 60 Division Representative that will take place any time on or after May 1st, but no later than May 15th. Those members present during All-Star team formation are to include the President, Vice President, Player Agent, Major 60 Division Representative, and the Major 60 Division Managers or their proxies (one per team total). The Managers can discuss the players' skill, attributes and season statistics. Then rounds of voting by the Major 60 Division Managers are used to select the All- Star team players from the 10U selection roster. A Major 60 Division Manager may not vote for any nominated player that is a player on his regular season team.

- A player must receive 100% of the votes in the first round of voting to be placed on the team.
- A player must receive 80% of the votes in the second round of voting to be placed on the team.
- A player must receive 60% of the votes in the third round of voting to be placed on the team.
- A player must receive at least 60% of the votes in all subsequent rounds to be placed on the team
- "Rounds" are conducted until the roster has been filled to 10 (league age 10U) players

After the regular season Major 60 Division Managers' choices are made to get the team up to 10 players, the All-Star team Manager must choose two additional players from the 10U selection roster. If the manager chooses to carry more than 12 players on the roster, the 12th-15th selections will be made by the Major 60 Division Managers, taking into account input by the All-Star team manager to fulfill needs of the team. Following that selection, the Major 60 Division Managers will select 3 additional players from the 10U selection roster as alternates. If a player is not on the 10U selection roster, they cannot be selected to the 10U All-Star team.

The All-Star team Manager will contact the selected players within 24 hours after the Managers selection meeting is finished. Any selected player who declines a position on the All-Star team can keep his/her name on the 10U selection roster for consideration on the Select team. Any resulting team openings will be filled, in order of selection, from the list of alternates. All individuals at the Managers selection meeting will hold the final player roster in confidence until the All-Star Manager has contacted each selected player.

### B.15 Select Team Selection – 10U Players

The Select team shall be made up of a minimum of 12 players and a maximum of 15 players, a Manager, and up to 3 Assistant Coaches. Candidates for the position of Manager shall inform either the President or Major 60 Division Representative in writing of their interest in managing at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled post season manager's interviews. Managers shall be selected based on their experience in coaching, participation in the KN League activities (i.e., Fund Raisers, Work Parties, Board Support, Sponsorships), and the recommendation of the Major 60 Division Manager's Committee and the Board



Selection Committee. The Select team Manager shall be selected from the declared candidates by a simple majority vote of the Major 60 Division Managers' Committee and the Board Selection Committee. The selection shall be made at a special meeting organized by the Major 60 Division Representative that will take place the first week of May. A simple majority vote requires selection on more than 50 percent of all ballots cast.

The Major 60 Division Manager's Committee shall be made up of the managers from the top two teams and the bottom two teams (based on standings as of two days prior to the selection meeting). In the event of a conflict of interest\* or other extenuating circumstances (such as not enough managers to fill the positions), the President shall select an impartial alternate manager. The Board Selection Committee shall be made up of the Vice President, Major 60 Division Representative, and Player Agent. In the event of a conflict of interest\* in any of the members of the Board Selection Committee, the President shall select an impartial alternate. The committee shall interview all candidates and vote by secret ballot. The ballots shall be collected and sealed until after the first 10 members of the Select team are selected. At that time, the ballots will be tallied and the Select team Manager named. The KN President shall notify the selected manager. The Select team Manager is then allowed to select up to 3 Assistant Coaches.

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The team selection process begins with the Major 60 Division Managers choosing the first 10 players from the selection roster. There will not be any tryouts for the Select team. The selection shall be made at a special meeting organized by the Major 60 Division Representative that will take place any time on or after May 1st, but no later than May 15th. Those members present during Select team formation are to include the President, Vice President, Player Agent, Major 60 Division Representative, and the Major 60 Division Managers or their proxies (one per team total). The Managers can discuss the players' skill, attributes and season statistics. Then rounds of voting by the Major 60 Division Managers are used to select the Select team players from the 10U selection roster. A Major 60 Division Manager may not vote for any nominated player that is a player on his regular season team.

- A player must receive 100% of the votes in the first round of voting to be placed on the team.
- A player must receive 80% of the votes in the second round of voting to be placed on the team.
- A player must receive 60% of the votes in the third round of voting to be placed on the team.
- A player must receive at least 60% of the votes in all subsequent rounds to be placed on the team
- "Rounds" are conducted until the roster has been filled to 10 (league age 10U) players

After the regular season Major 60 Division Managers' choices are made to get the team up to 10 players, the Select team Manager must choose two additional players from the 10U selection roster. If the manager chooses to carry more than 12 players on the roster, the 12th-15th selections will be made by the Major 60 Division Managers, taking into account input by the All-Star team manager to fulfill needs of the team. Following that selection, the Major 60 Division Managers will select 3 additional players from the 10U selection roster as alternates. If a player is not on the 10U selection roster, they cannot be selected to the 10U Select team.

The Select team Manager will contact the selected players within 24 hours after the Managers selection meeting is finished. Players selected to the Select team who elect to decline the position will no longer qualify for post season play (if on the Alternate List for the All Star team will also be removed). Any resulting team openings from declining a selection will be filled, in order of selection, from the list of alternates. All individuals at the Managers selection meeting will hold the final player roster in confidence until the Select team Manager has contacted each selected player. If there are not enough players on the 10U selection roster to form a team, other 10U players who played in the Minor Division can be considered for selection by the Major 60 Division Managers.



## B.16 All-Star Team Formation – 9U Players

The All-Star team shall be made up of a minimum of 12 players and a maximum of 15 players, a Manager, and up to 3 Assistant Coaches. Candidates for the position of Manager shall inform either the President or Minor Division Representative in writing of their interest in managing at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled post season manager's interviews. Managers shall be selected based on their experience in coaching, participation in the KN League activities (i.e., Fund Raisers, Work Parties, Board Support, Sponsorships), and the recommendation of the Minor Division Manager's Committee and the Board Selection Committee. The All Star Manager shall be selected from the declared candidates by a simple majority vote of the Minor Division Managers' Committee and the Board Selection Committee. The selection shall be made at a special meeting organized by the Minor Division Representative that will take place the first week of May. A simple majority vote requires selection on more than 50 percent of all ballots cast.

The Minor Division Manager's Committee shall be made up of the managers from the top two teams and the bottom two teams (based on standings as of two days prior to the selection meeting). In the event of a conflict of interest\* or other extenuating circumstances (such as not enough managers to fill the positions), the President shall select an impartial alternate manager. The Board Selection Committee shall be made up of the Vice President, Minor Division Representative, and Player Agent. In the event of a conflict of interest\* in any of the members of the Board Selection Committee, the President shall select an impartial alternate. The committee shall interview all candidates and vote by secret ballot. The ballots shall be collected and sealed until after the first 10 members of the All Star team are selected. At that time, the ballots will be tallied and the All-Star Manager named. The KN President shall notify the selected manager. The All-Star team Manager is then allowed to select up to 3 Assistant Coaches.

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The team selection process begins with the Minor Division Managers choosing the first 10 players from the selection roster. The selection shall be made at a special meeting organized by the Minor Division Representative that will take place any time on or after May 1st, but no later than May 15th. Those members present during All-Star team formation are to include the President, Vice President, Player Agent, Minor Division Representative, and the Minor Division Managers or their proxies (one per team total). The Managers can discuss the players' skill, attributes and season statistics. Then rounds of voting by the Minor Division Managers are used to select the All-Star team players from the 9U selection roster. A Minor Division Manager may not vote for any nominated player that is a player on his regular season team.

- A player must receive 100% of the votes in the first round of voting to be placed on the team.
- A player must receive 80% of the votes in the second round of voting to be placed on the team.
- A player must receive 60% of the votes in the third round of voting to be placed on the team.
- A player must receive at least 60% of the votes in all subsequent rounds to be placed on the team
- "Rounds" are conducted until the roster has been filled to 10 (league age 9U) players

After the regular season Minor Division Managers' choices are made to get the team up to 10 players, the All-Star team Manager must choose two additional players from the 9U selection roster. If the manager chooses to carry more than 12 players on the roster, the 12th-15th selections will be made by the Minor Division Managers, taking into account input by the All-Star team manager to fulfill needs of the team. Following that selection, the Minor Division Managers will select 3 additional players from the 9U selection roster as alternates. If a player is not on the 9U selection roster, they cannot be selected to the 9U All-Star team.

The All-Star team Manager will contact the selected players within 24 hours after the Managers selection



meeting is finished. Any selected player who declines a position on the All-Star team can keep his/her name on the 9U selection roster for consideration on the Select team. Any resulting team openings will be filled, in order of selection, from the list of alternates. All individuals at the Managers selection meeting will hold the final player roster in confidence until the All-Star Manager has contacted each selected player.

### B.17 Select Team Selection – 9U Players

The Select team shall be made up of a minimum of 12 players and a maximum of 15 players, a Manager, and up to 3 Assistant Coaches. Candidates for the position of Manager shall inform either the President or Minor Division Representative in writing of their interest in managing at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled post season manager's interviews. Managers shall be selected based on their experience in coaching, participation in the KN League activities (i.e., Fund Raisers, Work Parties, Board Support, Sponsorships), and the recommendation of the Minor Division Manager's Committee and the Board Selection Committee. The Select team Manager shall be selected from the declared candidates by a simple majority vote of the Minor Division Managers' Committee and the Board Selection Committee. The selection shall be made at a special meeting organized by the Minor Division Representative that will take place the first week of May. A simple majority vote requires selection on more than 50 percent of all ballots cast.

The Minor Division Manager's Committee shall be made up of the managers from the top two teams and the bottom two teams (based on standings as of two days prior to the selection meeting). In the event of a conflict of interest\* or other extenuating circumstances (such as not enough managers to fill the positions), the President shall select an impartial alternate manager. Board Selection Committee shall be made up of the Vice President, Minor Division Representative, and Player Agent. In the event of a conflict of interest\* in any of the members of the Board Selection Committee, the President shall select an impartial alternate. The committee shall interview all candidates and vote by secret ballot. The ballots shall be collected and sealed until after the first 10 members of the Select team are selected. At that time, the ballots will be tallied and the Select team Manager named. The KN President shall notify the selected manager. The Select team Manager is then allowed to select up to 3 Assistant Coaches.

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The team selection process begins with the Minor Division Managers choosing the first 10 players from the selection roster. There will not be any tryouts for the Select team. The selection shall be made at a special meeting organized by the Minor Division Representative that will take place any time on or after May 1st, but no later than May 15th. Those members present during Select team formation are to include the President, Vice President, Player Agent, Minor Division Representative, and the Minor Division Managers or their proxies (one per team total). The Managers can discuss the players' skill, attributes and season statistics. Then rounds of voting by the Minor Division Managers are used to select the Select team players from the 9U selection roster. A Minor Division Manager may not vote for any nominated player that is a player on his regular season team.

- A player must receive 100% of the votes in the first round of voting to be placed on the team.
- A player must receive 80% of the votes in the second round of voting to be placed on the team.
- A player must receive 60% of the votes in the third round of voting to be placed on the team.
- A player must receive at least 60% of the votes in all subsequent rounds to be placed on the team
- "Rounds" are conducted until the roster has been filled to 10 (league age 9U) players

After the regular season Minor Division Managers' choices are made to get the team up to 10 players, the Select team Manager must choose two additional players from the 9U selection roster. If the manager chooses to carry more than 12 players on the roster, the 12th-15th selections will be made by the Minor Division Managers, taking into account input by the All-Star team manager to fulfill needs of the team.



Following that selection, the Minor Division Managers will select 3 additional players from the 9U selection roster as alternates. If a player is not on the 9U selection roster, they cannot be selected to the 9U Select team.

The Select team Manager will contact the selected players within 24 hours after the Managers selection meeting is finished. Players selected to the Select team who elect to decline the position will no longer qualify for post season play (if on the Alternate List for the All Star team will also be removed). Any resulting team openings from declining a selection will be filled, in order of selection, from the list of alternates. All individuals at the Managers selection meeting will hold the final player roster in confidence until the Select team Manager has contacted each selected player. If there are not enough players on the 9U selection roster to form a team, other 8U players who played in the Minor Division can be considered for selection by the Minor Division Managers.

### B.18 All-Star Team Formation – 8U Players

Formation of 8U All Star Team may be considered with the following prerequisites in mind:

- 8U Players eligible for the 8U All-Star team must have played in the Minor Division.
- 7U Players are eligible for the 8U All-Star team but must have played in the Minor Division.

The All-Star team shall be made up of a minimum of 12 players and a maximum of 15 players, a Manager, and up to 3 Assistant Coaches. Candidates for the position of Manager shall inform either the President or Minor Division Representative in writing of their interest in managing at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled post season manager's interviews. Managers shall be selected based on their experience in coaching, participation in the KN League activities (i.e., Fund Raisers, Work Parties, Board Support, Sponsorships), and the recommendation of the Minor Division Manager's Committee and the Board Selection Committee. The All Star Manager shall be selected from the declared candidates by a simple majority vote of the Minor Division Managers' Committee and the Board Selection Committee. The selection shall be made at a special meeting organized by the Minor Division Representative that will take place the first week of May. A simple majority vote requires selection on more than 50 percent of all ballots cast.

The Minor Division Manager's Committee shall be made up of the managers from the top two teams and the bottom two teams (based on standings as of two days prior to the selection meeting). In the event of a conflict of interest\* or other extenuating circumstances (such as not enough managers to fill the positions), the President shall select an impartial alternate manager. The Board Selection Committee shall be made up of the Vice President, Minor Division Representative, and Player Agent. In the event of a conflict of interest\* in any of the members of the Board Selection Committee, the President shall select an impartial alternate. The committee shall interview all candidates and vote by secret ballot.

The ballots shall be collected and sealed until after the first 10 members of the All Star team are selected. At that time, the ballots will be tallied and the All-Star team Manager named. The KN President shall notify the selected manager. The All-Star team Manager is then allowed to select up to 3 Assistant Coaches.

***\*Note: A conflict of interest is a situation in which a person is in a position to gain personal benefit from actions or decisions made in their official capacity. Potential conflicts will be identified, discussed and decided on by the members of the Board selection committee. Such conflicts include, but are not limited to: members of the same regular season coaching staff on the committee, family members on the committee, others as decided.***

The team selection process begins with the Minor Division Managers choosing the first 10 players from the selection roster. There will not be any tryouts for the All-Star team. The selection shall be made at a special meeting organized by the Minor Division Representative that will take place any time on or after May 1st, but no later than May 15th. Those members present during All-Star team formation are to include the President, Vice President, Player Agent, Minor Division Representative, and the Minor Division Managers or their proxies (one per team total). The Managers can discuss the players' skill, attributes and season



statistics. Then rounds of voting by the Minor Division Managers are used to select the All-Star team players from the 8U/7U selection roster. A Minor Division Manager may not vote for any nominated player that is a player on his regular season team.

- A player must receive 100% of the votes in the first round of voting to be placed on the team.
- A player must receive 80% of the votes in the second round of voting to be placed on the team.
- A player must receive 60% of the votes in the third round of voting to be placed on the team.
- A player must receive at least 60% of the votes in all subsequent rounds to be placed on the team
- "Rounds" are conducted until the roster has been filled to 10 (league age 8U/7U) players

After the regular season Minor Division Managers' choices are made to get the team up to 10 players, the All-Star team Manager must choose two additional players from the 8U/7U selection roster. If the manager chooses to carry more than 12 players on the roster, the 12th-15th selections will be made by the Minor Division Managers, taking into account input by the All-Star team manager to fulfill needs of the team. Following that selection, the Minor Division Managers will select 3 additional players from the 8U/7U selection roster as alternates. If a player is not on the 8U/7U selection roster, they cannot be selected to the 8U All-Star team.

The All-Star team Manager will contact the selected players within 24 hours after the Managers selection meeting is finished. Any team openings will be filled, in order of selection, from the list of alternates. All individuals at the Managers selection meeting will hold the final player roster in confidence until the All-Star Manager has contacted each selected player.

### B.19 KN Game Scheduling

It is the responsibility of the Player Agent to prepare and Division Representatives to oversee game scheduling. It is the practice of KN to not schedule regular season games on Sunday or during the week of the Kennewick School District Spring Break. The KN Board will approve the number of games that each Division will play and shall review and approve the proposed division game schedules.

### B.20 Minimum Playing Time – Regular Season and Post-Season All-Star/Select teams

Players in the Major 70 Division shall play a minimum of 4 innings per game (unless more than 12 players are in the lineup, then a 3-inning minimum instead). There is no requirement that a player must play a certain number of innings in the infield or outfield during each game.

Players in the Major 60 or Minor Divisions shall play a minimum of 4 innings per game (unless more than 12 players are in the lineup, then a 3-inning minimum instead). At least one inning per game in the infield is required for each player.

Those players who do not meet these requirements due to extenuating circumstances such as games shortened due to a time limit or mercy rule, shall be compensated by starting those players in the next scheduled game.

For post-season tournaments except Cal Ripken Championship Trail tournaments, each player shall play a minimum of one at bat or two innings in the field per game, or in the alternative, 25% of the total tournament innings.

The decision on playing time is made solely by the Manager within this guideline. If the decision of the Manager is outside of this guideline, the Manager must contact the Player Agent and/or the President to validate his decision. It is the responsibility of the Manager to ensure that playing time cut short due to league mandated time limits is made up in future games.



Cal Ripken Championship Trail tournaments (i.e., State, Regional, National) shall be exempt from these provisions.

Players in Rookie Division shall play equal innings. The Manager must rotate the players on the bench into the game each inning. It is the responsibility of the Manager to ensure playing time is equally and fairly distributed.

Playing time in Coach Pitch/T-Ball is not an issue since all players are participating in the game all the time.

### B.21 Division Championship Tournament/ Intercity Tournament

Each year, the Board of Directors will vote for either a KN division championship tournament or participate in the intercity tournament with Kennewick American Youth Baseball (KAYB). A majority vote by the Board of Directors will be required.

If the Board of Directors votes to participate in the intercity tournament, KNYB will host in even years and KAYB will host in odd years. Games shall be played at both facilities and the scheduling of games should be as equitably divided as possible. The host league will have the option to host all or some of the tournament championship round game(s).

The Division Championship Tournament shall be organized and run by the respective Division Representatives with the assistance of the Tournament Director and the Umpire-in-Chief.

The tournament shall be double elimination and the championship bracket shall be as specified by the Cal Ripken Jr. Rules. The seeding order shall be the position in the standings from the regular season.

### B.22 Board of Directors Member Responsibilities

#### B.22.1 President

The President shall oversee all activities of KN and shall serve as chairperson at all General and Special Board meetings. The President shall see that the Constitution, Bylaws, Rules of Competition, and decisions of the Board of KN are followed. The President may establish committees and appoint administrators as required. The President shall vote as a member of the Board; in case of a tied vote, the President's vote will carry the decision. The President is responsible for approving and thereby putting into use all changes to the Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules of Competition as presented to them by the KN Secretary. The President shall preside over all award ceremonies for postseason tournaments or KN recognition events. When the President is unable to fill their term of office, the Vice President shall perform their duties for the remainder of the term.

The President shall coordinate all activities relating to insurances such as property and casualty, directors and officers, medical and liability coverage. The President will handle all insurance claims filings and report to the Board claims filed against the insurance companies.

#### B.22.2 Vice President

The Vice President shall be a voting member of the Board and shall execute the duties of the President in their absence. The Vice President may also hold another position on the Board. In the event that the Vice President holds another position and is required to replace the President on anything other than a temporary basis, then a replacement for the other position must be appointed as soon as possible. The General Membership may choose to elect up to two Vice Presidents, although one is preferable.



### B.22.3 Secretary

The Secretary is a voting member of the Board. The primary duties of the Secretary are to record, publish, and distribute minutes of Board meetings, prepare KN correspondence, prepare changes to the Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules of Competition, as directed by the Board and submit these changes to the President for approval. The Secretary shall maintain the files of official KN correspondence, Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules of Competition. The Secretary shall work with the Communications Director in publishing information as required to support KN.

### B.22.4 Treasurer

The Treasurer is a voting member of the Board. The Treasurer shall account for all KN money, give a receipt for all monies, and deposit all money in a chartered bank in the name of KN. All amounts must be paid by checks co-signed by the Treasurer and President or another Board member designated by the President, or the President and the designated Board Member in the absence of the Treasurer. The Treasurer shall present at the Board meeting an accounting of receipts and disbursements during the preceding period. The Treasurer shall prepare and maintain the KN tax-exempt status report and income tax filings, and chair a budget committee to prepare an annual budget to be presented at the January board meeting.

### B.22.5 Registrar

The Registrar is a voting member of the Board. The Registrar shall maintain official team rosters and adequate records on all members of KN and shall obtain, keep, and submit all information required by the Babe Ruth Baseball Cal Ripken Jr. Division. The Registrar shall develop an annual budget to submit to the budget committee for approval by the Board for expenses necessary to meet these requirements.

The Registrar shall develop and implement procedures for the registration of KN members. The Registrar shall maintain a member listing by team roster and special listings identifying coaches, umpires, and Board Members.

### B.22.6 Player Agent

The Player Agent is a voting member of the Board. The Player Agent shall act as the players' representative to KN. The Player Agent shall ensure all KN Bylaws, Rules of Competition, and Guidelines are enforced in matters concerning assignment of players to team rosters including transfers and late additions. 1

The Player Agent shall be responsible to ensure all properly registered KN players are assigned to an appropriate team. The Player Agent shall act as the arbitrator for all disputes between a player (or player's parent) and the League. The Player Agent shall preside over the Major 70 Division and Major 60 player try-out and draft, and Minor, Rookie, and Coach Pitch/T-Ball player assignments.

The Player Agent shall be responsible for preparing the game scheduling. All Division Representatives shall work with the Player Agent to develop the schedules.

### B.22.7 Umpire-in-Chief

The Umpire-in-Chief is a voting member of the Board. The Umpire-in-Chief shall oversee the assignment and training of Umpires used for Major 70 Division, Major 60 and Minor Divisions games as well as any KN sponsored postseason tournaments. The Umpire-in-Chief shall strive to maintain the highest standards possible for sportsmanship and fair play within KN. The Umpire-in-Chief is responsible for generating an annual budget to submit to the budget committee for necessary protective equipment for approval by the



Board.

The Umpire-in-Chief shall chair a Rules and Protest Committee to hear and rule on protests emanating from KN hosted games.

The Umpire-in-Chief shall inform all umpires that they are independent contractors and they will be treated as such. Before any umpire will be paid, each umpire must complete an IRS form W-9 that will be supplied to the Treasurer. Umpires will be issued an IRS form 1099-MISC for a calendar year when it is required by applicable federal income tax codes.

### B.22.1 Major 70 Division Representative

The Major 70 Division Representative is a voting member of the Board. The Major 70 Division Representative is responsible for ensuring that all KN Rules of Competition and Guidelines are communicated to and followed by the Major 70 Division coaches. The Major 70 Division Representative serves on a committee to evaluate applicants for open Major 70 Division coaching positions, assists the Player Agent in resolving disputes between players and coaches, ensures the Major 70 Division playing field is properly maintained by communicating any substandard conditions to the Field Maintenance Director, works with the Player Agent to develop the Division game schedule, and schedules the use of the Major 70 Division field.

The Major 70 Division Representative is responsible for coordinating the Major 70 Division Championship Tournament in accordance with the Guidelines.

### B.22.2 Major 60 Division Representative

The Major 60 Division Representative is a voting member of the Board. The Major 60 Division Representative is responsible for assignment of players and coaches to Major 60 Division teams in accordance with the Bylaws and for developing the Division game schedule. The Major 60 Division Representative is responsible for ensuring that all KN Rules of Competition and Guidelines are communicated to and followed by the Major 60 Division coaches. The Major 60 Division Representative assists the Player Agent in resolving disputes between players and coaches, ensures that the Major 60 Division playing field is properly maintained by communicating any substandard conditions to the Field Maintenance Director, works with the Player Agent to develop the Division game schedule, and schedules the use of the Major 60 field.

The Major 60 Division Representative is responsible for coordinating the Major 60 Division Championship Tournament in accordance with the Guidelines.

### B.22.3 Minor Division Representative

The Minor Division Representative is a voting member of the Board. The Minor Division Representative is responsible for assignment of players and coaches to Minor Division teams in accordance with the Bylaws and for developing the Division game schedule. The Minor Division Representative is responsible for ensuring that all KN Rules of Competition and Guidelines are communicated to and followed by the Minor Division coaches. The Minor Division Representative assists the Player Agent in resolving disputes between players and coaches, ensures that the Minor Division playing field is properly maintained by communicating any substandard conditions to the Field Maintenance Director, works with the Player Agent to develop the Division game schedule, and schedules the use of the Minor Division field.

The Minor Division Representative is responsible for coordinating the Minor Division Championship Tournament in accordance with the Guidelines.



#### B.22.4 Rookie Division Representative

The Rookie Division Representative is a voting member of the Board. The Rookie Division Representative is responsible for assignment of players and coaches to Rookie Division teams in accordance with the Bylaws and for working with the Player Agent to develop the Division game schedule. The Rookie Division Representative is responsible for ensuring that all KN Rules of Competition and Guidelines are communicated to and followed by the Rookie Division coaches.

The Rookie Division Representative assists the Player Agent in resolving disputes between players and coaches, and ensures the KN Rookie Division playing field is properly maintained by communicating any substandard conditions to the Field Maintenance Director.

#### B.22.5 Coach Pitch/T-Ball Division Representative

The Coach Pitch/T-Ball Division Representative is a voting member of the Board. The Coach Pitch/T-Ball Division Representative is responsible for assignment of players and coaches to Coach Pitch/T-Ball Division teams in accordance with the Bylaws and for working with the Player Agent to develop the Division game schedule. The Coach Pitch/T-Ball Division Representative is responsible for ensuring that all KN Rules of Competition and Guidelines are communicated to and followed by the Coach Pitch/T-Ball Division coaches. The Coach Pitch/T-Ball Division Representative assists the Player Agent in resolving disputes between players and coaches.

#### B.22.6 Field Maintenance Director

The Field Maintenance Director is a voting member of the Board. The Field Maintenance Director is responsible for ensuring that the KN facilities are maintained in safe condition. The Field Maintenance Director shall prepare and submit to the Board an annual budget request for maintenance and upgrade of the facilities.

The Field Maintenance Director shall have authority for approval of all planned facility upgrades or repairs.

The Field Maintenance Director is responsible for organizing work parties or groups to perform the required maintenance activities and to organize and coordinate the annual spring cleanup work party. The Field Maintenance Director shall ensure that all expenditures for field maintenance activities remain within the allotted budget.

#### B.22.7 Concession Stand Director

The Concession Stand Director is a voting member of the Board and is responsible for operation of the KN concession stand. The duties include arrangement of support worker schedules, ordering of supplies, accounting of funds, and working with the Treasurer to ensure funds are properly deposited and accounted for.

The Concession Stand Director is responsible for the cleaning services for all KNYB restrooms and the clubhouse; including any contracted services for this scope of work.

This position shall also monitor the condition of the concession facility and notify the Field Maintenance Director of any conditions requiring repair.

#### B.22.8 Fund-Raising Director

The Fund-Raising Director is a voting member of the Board. The Fund-Raising Director is responsible for directing KN fundraising activities (for regular season and post season fundraising efforts) not related to



sponsorship or the concession stand. The Fund-Raising Director shall work with the Treasurer to ensure all monies raised are properly handled.

The Fund-Raising Director will be the Chair of the end of season party committee, responsible for planning and coordinating the end of season party.

#### B.22.9 Sponsors Director/Advertising/Signs Manager

The Sponsors Director/Advertising/Signs Manager is a voting member of the Board. The Sponsors Director/Advertising/Signs Manager shall secure financial support for KN from local organizations and businesses in accordance with the Babe Ruth Baseball Cal Ripken Jr. Division Rules and Regulations.

The Sponsors Director/Advertising/Signs Manager is responsible to ensure the sponsor advertising signs are installed at the beginning of the season, appropriately displayed, in good repair, and properly stored at the end of the season. The Sponsors Director/Advertising/Signs Manager shall arrange for an advertising sign for any new sponsor or to replace any sponsor sign, which has fallen into disrepair. The Sponsors Director/Advertising/Signs Manager shall prepare and submit to the Board an annual budget request for the purpose of generating/repairing sponsor signs. The Sponsors Director/Advertising/Signs Manager shall ensure that expenditures for sponsor signs remain within the allotted budget.

#### B.22.10 Uniforms Director/Team Parents Representative

The Uniforms Director/Team Parents Representative is a voting member of the Board. The Uniforms Director/Team Parents Representative is responsible for organizing the team parents' network, organizing team photographs, and communicating the necessary information to the team parents. The Uniforms Director/Team Parents Representative shall assist the Concession Stand Director in staffing the concession stand with team parents from each Division.

The Uniforms Director/Team Parents Representative shall procure and issue the KN supplied uniforms. In addition, the Uniforms Director/Team Parents Representative shall order all post-season tournament uniforms. The Uniforms Director/Team Parents Representative shall prepare and submit to the Board an annual budget request for purchase of KN supplied uniforms.

#### B.22.11 Equipment Director

The Equipment Director is a voting member of the Board. The Equipment Director shall maintain batting helmets, catcher's gear, bats, balls, scorebooks, and other equipment as required. The Equipment Director shall prepare and submit to the Board an annual budget request for purchase of KN equipment. The Equipment Director shall ensure that expenditures for equipment remain within the allotted budget.

The Equipment Director is responsible for issuing and tracking facility keys. They are also responsible for the issuance of KN equipment to all team Managers and tracking the return of the issued equipment at the end of the season.

#### B.22.12 Tournament Director

The Tournament Director is a voting member of the Board. The Tournament Director is responsible for organizing all KN sponsored post-season tournaments. The Tournament Director is also responsible for scheduling and entering all KN teams into post-season tournaments. All-Star and Select team Managers must go through the Tournament Director to register for post-season tournaments.

The Tournament Director is responsible for planning/scheduling the intercity tournament for even years (if the Board votes to participate in the intercity tournament).



The Tournament Director is responsible for the coordination of lodging for all KN post season teams traveling out of town for tournament play.

The Tournament Director is responsible for the planning/scheduling of any Cal Ripken Jr. trail tournaments hosted by KN; providing support to the Cal Ripken Jr. Commissioner(s).

#### B.22.13 Website/Communications Director

The Website/Communications Director is a voting member of the Board. The Website/ Communications Director shall coordinate all information that will be placed on the KN website and other forms of media.

#### B.22.14 Training Director

The Training Director is a voting member of the Board. The Training Director is responsible for developing and implementing training for KN coaches and players. This person is also responsible for notifying coaches of mandatory training requirements, such as the Babe Ruth Coaching Certification, and record keeping.

#### B.22.15 Fall Ball Director

The Fall Ball Director is a voting member of the Board. Responsibilities include marketing for the fall ball league, formulating the fall ball schedule and working with members of the Board to ensure proper support services are in place for the operations of the fall ball league.

#### B.23 Special Meetings

The President may call a special meeting at any time.

The Board of Directors may call a special meeting by delivering a written petition to the Secretary specifying the intended purpose of the special meeting and signed/endorsed by a simple majority of the voting members. Within three days of receiving such a petition, the Secretary shall provide notice to the Board of Directors of the date, time, location, and purpose of the special meeting. Voting members will be given as much notice as possible for all special meetings with a minimum of 24 hour notice. Normal meeting rules will apply to special meetings including the required quorum and parliamentary procedure.

##### B.23.1 Cyber Meetings

The Board of Directors will make every attempt to hold meetings in person. In the event an urgent matter arises that cannot wait until the next regularly scheduled Board meeting and it is not feasible to call a special meeting, a cyber vote may be used as a last resort.

A cyber meeting/vote may be motioned by any voting member but must be approved by the President. The motion will then be forwarded to the Secretary or Vice President for recording and to email members of the Board of Directors. A discussion period of not less than 12 hours shall be allowed and time communicated to the voting members. At the expiration of the discussion period the President or his/her designee shall call for a vote and set an expiration time not less than 12 hours for the voting period. Voting will close at the end of the voting period or when all Board members have submitted votes, whichever comes first.

Normal rules for voting shall apply, including a quorum of replies. The Secretary shall record the votes and enter results into the league minutes and official record.



## B.24 Team Sponsor Selection and Fees

The Board shall set the sponsorship fee for all KN Division teams.

A team sponsor may not pay his sponsorship fee in trade. Sign sponsors may pay annual sign sponsorship fees in trade (services, material, equipment, etc.) provided the value of the in-trade services equals or exceeds the current cost of the sign sponsorship and is approved by the President, Sponsorship Director, and Treasurer.

New team sponsors for Major 70 Division teams shall be chosen by the Board from the list of sponsors maintained by the Sponsors Director. The Sponsors Director shall assign team sponsors for Major 60, Minor, Rookie, and Coach Pitch Division teams.

## B.25 Regular Season Player Registration Fees

Players are expected to bear a portion of the KN operating expenses through registration fees and by participating in special fund-raising activities. It is the policy of KN to attempt to keep the cost of membership registration as low as possible. Inability to pay registration fees shall not mean that a player cannot play baseball in KN. In the event a player cannot afford the registration fees the player may complete a scholarship application and submit it to the President for approval. The annual scholarship amount available shall be approved as part of the annual budget.

The annual registration fees for KN shall be set by the Board and reviewed annually.

## B.26 Appeal Process

In the event of a request for a bylaw variance, a written appeal may be submitted to the KN Board. The league President will appoint a committee consisting of at least 4 Board members. The committee will include the following Board members or their delegates: President, Vice President, Player Agent, and the board member specifically involved with the appeal or in the case of a general matter, a board member selected at the President's discretion. The committee will review the appeal and provide a written decision so as to be maintained in the league files.

The appeal, the decision, and the rationale will be provided (for information purposes only) to the Board at the next regularly scheduled board meeting.

## B.27 All-Star and Select team Player Registration Fee and Uniforms

Fees associated with post-season play will include the cost of the approved post-season package by the Board; assessed annually.

A flat rate of \$40 per player will also be assessed to the players on the 9U, 10U, 11U, and 12U All-Star teams (12U60s and 12U70s) as an additional cost incorporated with the Cal Ripken state tournaments. An additional charge of up to \$25 per player may also be added on a team-by-team basis, depending on the tournaments and subsequent fees selected for that team. All coach and player travel, per diem, lodging and meal expenses are to be paid by the coaches and players.

The All-Star and Select team uniforms shall only bear the logo of KN or others as required by Babe Ruth Cal Ripken, Jr. Division. KN will be responsible for ordering one (1) uniform set (jersey(s) and hat) that each player will purchase and keep at the conclusion of the postseason tournament play. The KN league's Uniforms Director will take the lead on coordinating the uniform ordering, per an amount determined annually and no later than the May Board Meeting. Additional uniform items may be purchased at the player's own expense.



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Managers and coaches will receive their own uniform jersey(s) and hat paid for by KN.

KN will be responsible to pay for the tournament trail entry fees associated with state, regional and World Series games, along with a minimum of three (3) other tournament entry fees for the 9U, 10U, 11U, and 12U All-Star teams. KN will pay up to a maximum of 4 tournament entry fees for the 9U, 10U, and 11U Select teams, that are non-trail post-season teams, as well as 3 tournaments for 8U All-Star team. The KN League's Tournament Director, with support from the entire Board of Directors, will take the lead on choosing the non-trail tournaments for the post-season teams.

KN may provide scholarship/fundraising opportunities to ensure that players, who cannot afford the uniform fee, still get to participate.



## RULES OF COMPETITION

### R.1 Standard Rules of Competition for Major 70s, Major 60s, and Minors

The rules for competition in the KN Major 70, Major 60, and Minor Divisions shall be the current Babe Ruth Baseball Cal Ripken Jr. Division Rules and Regulations (Cal Ripken Jr. Rules) with the following additions:

R.1.1 - No "slug bunting" shall be allowed. A batter who hits or attempts to "slug bunt" shall be immediately called out.

R.1.2 - Catchers (to include coaches while squatting) warming up in the bullpen or in between innings on the field must wear the protective equipment required by the Cal Ripken Jr. Rules.

R.1.3 - A base runner must attempt to avoid contact with the defensive player when approaching any base when there is a play at that base. The penalty for failure to avoid contact in this situation is the base runner shall be called out. A fair slide shall be considered to be one method for avoiding contact but is not the required method.

R.1.4 - The Mercy Run Rule as described in the Babe Ruth Cal Ripken Jr. Tournament Regulations shall apply to both Major 70s and Major 60s. It does not apply to Minors. For Minors Division a team's at bat shall be complete when a total of four runs have been scored. No more than four runs shall be recorded for that inning. This rule shall not apply to the sixth inning where it is an open inning if time allows.

R.1.5 - Any player that damages the outfield grass by "digging" with their cleats shall be warned by the umpire. Continuation of this behavior after Umpire warning is grounds for ejection from the game.

R.1.6 - No new innings will begin after 1 hour and 50 minutes of play for Major 70s and Major 60s, and 1 hour **45** minutes for Minors. If the game is tied at the end of six complete innings prior to the time of play expiring, tiebreaker innings using the "Kansas City" format will be used to decide the game until the time limit described above has been reached. All innings once started, including tie-breakers will be completed. In the event of a tie, a tied game shall be recorded. A new inning has begun when the third out is recorded in the previous inning.

R.1.7 - Scorekeeping: The home team will keep the official game score. Both home and away teams should report game scores and pitching records to the league.

R.1.8 - Players may be freely substituted subject to the Pitching Limitations.

R.1.9 - Batting order rotates through the entire roster. In the event that a player is ejected because of intentional acts, discipline, or unsporting behavior, an "out" will be recorded every time his/her batting roster spot comes to the plate. If, in the event of an accident, injury with another player, or parent commitment, when the absent player's turn to bat comes up, then the position is passed over to the next batter with no penalty. (Also, Teams can play with only 8 players if necessary).

R.1.10 - For Minor Division: Base stealing shall be phased in over the course of the season.



Starting the first half of the season, open stealing, with the exception of stealing home will be allowed. The second half of the season, open stealing, including home, will be added. Base stealing includes advancing on wild pitches, passed balls, and over throws back to the pitcher or other baseman. The Minor Division Representative will be responsible to inform the coaches and UIC of the calendar date of the start of the second half of the season.

Stealing is not allowed when a pitcher is on the mound in contact with the rubber, in possession of the ball and the catcher is behind the plate in the catcher’s box. Any base runners not in the process of stealing when these conditions are met must return to their base and are not allowed to leave the base until the pitch has been delivered and has crossed home plate. At any time these conditions are not met, base runners may steal at their own risk. This includes straight steals and advancing on passed balls and overthrows. A runner may steal home.

R.1.12 - Pitching: Regardless of age or division, pitchers are held to the following limitations as set forth by Rule 0.06 section 8 of current Babe Ruth Baseball Cal Ripken Jr. Division Rules and Regulations.

Games where an illegible pitcher has been used (pitched a ball to a batter) will be declared forfeited.

Starting pitchers may return to the mound as long as the limitations have not been exceeded. Called games prior to becoming regulation (i.e. rain out) do not count against limitations.

The Cal Ripken Jr. pitch count sheet shall be utilized as a pitching record for all KN games (reference pitch count table below). The home team will keep the official pitch count record for the game; both team Managers must sign the pitch count sheet at the conclusion of the game. The winning team Manager must deliver the signed pitch count sheet to the “pitch count sheet inbox” located at the KN clubhouse within one hour of the conclusion of the game. Pitch count sheets will be collected by the respective Division Representative and maintained as records with the Division Representatives until the conclusion of the season.

AGE	DAILY MAX (PITCHES IN GAME/DAY)	REST PERIOD			WEEKLY MAXIMUM
		0 DAYS	1 DAY	2 DAYS	SUNDAY-SATURDAY
7-8	50	1-20	21-35	36+	80
9-10	75	1-40	41-65	66+	100
11-12	85	1-40	41-65	66+	120

**R.2 Rookie Division Rules**

The rules for competition in the KN Rookie Division shall be the current Babe Ruth Baseball Cal Ripken Jr. Division Rules and Regulations with the following additions:

R.2.1 - All batters, base runners, and base coaches must wear helmets. (Adults excluded)

R.2.2 - Offensive coach/adult and/or mechanical pitching machine pitches to their own players. No walks are allowed when the coach/adult or mechanical pitching machine pitches. A player hit by a pitch from the coach/adult or mechanical pitching machine is not allowed to take first base.

R.2.3 - Only four runs per at bat are allowed.



R.2.4 - No leading off or stealing.

R.2.5 - Base runners may not leave the base until the pitch crosses the plate.

R.2.6 - No new innings will be started after 1 hour and 30 minutes of play. The game will be terminated after 2 hours of play.

R.2.7 - Batting line-up rotates through the entire roster and then repeats.

R.2.8 - Bunting or “slug bunting” is not permitted. A batter who hits or attempts to bunt or “slug bunt” shall be immediately called out.

R.2.9 - The In-Field-Fly rule does not apply. All catches are earned.

R.2.10 - Defensive coaches are allowed in the outfield.

R.2.11 - Catchers must wear protective equipment as specified in the Cal Ripken Jr. Rules.

R.2.12 - A runner can advance only one base on an overthrow.

### R.3 Coach Pitch/T-Ball Rules

The Suggested Coach Pitch/T-Ball Rules contained in the Cal Ripken Jr. Rules shall be the governing rules for KN sponsored games.

R.3.1 - All batters, base runners, and base coaches must wear helmets (adults excluded).

R.3.2 - Each batter gets six (6) pitches from the coach. If the ball is not hit fair, then the batter hits off a tee until the ball is hit fair. Batters cannot strike out.

R.3.3 - Batting line-up rotates through the entire roster, and then repeats the following inning.

R.3.4 - No outs are recorded, so each batter will be a runner after each at bat. The last batter should be encouraged to keep running until getting home since the inning is over after their at bat.

R.3.5 - No leading off or stealing. Base runners may not leave the base until the pitch crosses the plate.

R.3.6 - Defensive coaches are allowed in the outfield during play.

R.3.7 - The number of defensive players is not limited to 9. All players can and should play defense during any inning.

R.3.8 - Games will be terminated after 2 complete innings of play. An inning is over when the entire batting order bats.

R.3.9 - No score is recorded, and no win/loss record is kept.