

Bylaws of Willamette Area Babe Ruth Baseball

Article I- Objective:

The purposes of WABR shall be to develop and operate a baseball program in affiliation with Willamette Valley Babe Ruth Baseball, Inc., in conformity with and pursuant to the principles, rules, and regulations enunciated by WVBR. The objective of WABR is through the medium of a supervised, competitive baseball program guided and governed by WVBR-to implant in the youth of our community ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage, and reverence, so that they may be finer, stronger and happier youths who will grow to be good, clean, healthy citizens.

Article II-Statement of Affiliation

WABR shall be affiliated with, governed by, and comply with the principles, rules and regulations enunciated and decreed by WVBR.

Article III-Operation

Age Groups: WVBR presently recognizes only one team from each area in the following age groups.

- Rookies (9 and under)
- AAA (11 and under)
- Major Minor (12 and under)
- Majors (12 and under)
- Prep 13 (age 13 only)
- 13/14 (13 through 14)

Area Players Eligibility by Residence:

- A. All players must reside within the boundaries of WABR and each player must play for the Area Team in which his/her primary residence is located. The exception would be a pool player from the previous year returning.
- B. In the event a player is in a Shared Custody arrangement, the player must play for the Area Team where they reside when they go to school.

Article IV-Board of Directors

The business and affairs of WABR shall be managed and controlled by the Board of Directors

Board of Directors Selection Process: The board shall consist of nine members each having an equal vote. Term of the Board Members shall be two year terms. When a Board Members term

is up he/she may apply again for another two year term. New Board Members are elected by a majority vote of the current Board after an open to the public interview process. The number of Board Members can be expanded if the Board of Directors feels it is in the area best interest.

Regular Meetings: Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at least once a month at such times and places to be designated by the Board of Directors.

Special Meetings: Special meeting of the Board of Directors may be called by the president or by agreement of no less than 50% of all members of the Board of Directors.

Powers and Duties: The Board of Directors shall have the following power in addition to the powers expressly or implicitly on it by law.

- A. To make or enforce rules and regulations to govern itself on a local basis, but consistent with all rules and regulations adopted by WVBR and any of its national, regional, or state governing bodies, to which WVBR is subject.
- B. AREA COMMITTEES. Each Board Member except the Area Director and Secretary shall Chair at least one, and no more than two, of the following area committees:
 1. Try Out and Award
 2. Fund Raising
 3. Coach Selections, Organization and Information
 4. Area Information, Parent Organization and Apparel
 5. Field Preparation and Maintenance
 6. Sportsmanship
 7. Baseball Season Operation

A Board Member other than the Area Director or the Secretary will need to serve on the follow League Committees:

1. All-Star
2. Sportsmanship
3. Field Complex
4. Fundraising

Article V-Officers

DESIGNATION. The officers of WABR shall be an Area Director, President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer and shall be elected by the Board of Directors pursuant to nomination process established at the regular meeting that is to take place on or before October 1st of each year by the newly formed Board of Directors. All officers shall be elected no later than October 15th of each year.

RESIGNATION. An Officer may resign at any time by delivering written notice to the Board of Directors

DUTIES. Each officer has the authority and shall perform the duties set forth in these Bylaws.

AREA DIRECTOR. It must be noted that the Area Director is the only member of our area that is recognized by the league. He has duties that are specified by the league. As far as the league is concerned he is the only person in charge and he must sign a document with the league saying he accepts the responsibilities. His duties involve going to monthly WVBR meetings and reporting back the information to WABR Board of Directors.

PRESIDENT. The President shall preside at all meetings and of the Board of Directors. He/she will follow the following agenda:

1. Meeting call to order
2. Approval of minutes of previous meeting
3. Area Director report of League meetings and issues
4. Financial report by Treasurer
5. Report from league committee representatives and action
6. Report from area committee representatives and action
7. Other old business and action
8. Other new business and action

The President is also responsible for interacting with the area committee chairmen to make sure the committees are active and on task.

VICE PRESIDENT. The Vice President shall have the powers as the President in the absence of the President or during the President's disability or inability to act.

TREASURER. The Treasurer shall perform those duties in connection with the administration of the financial affairs of WABR as the President of the Board of Directors may designate, together with the following. The Treasurer shall keep and maintain the WABR league account. Shall prepare and deliver, no less than monthly, a complete, written accounting of all WABR account activity. The Treasurer shall be an authorized signed on WABR league account.

SECRETARY. The Secretary shall keep a book of minutes of all meeting of the Board of Directors showing the time and place of the meeting, whether it was a regular or special meeting, the names of those present at such meetings, and the proceedings at those meetings. The Secretary shall keep on file all coach's agreements. Replacement or additional coaches shall not be allowed to take the field unless they have filed an appropriate Coach's agreement with the

Secretary. The Secretary shall be responsible for reviewing all team rosters and certifying that all players' ages are correct as required by WVBR. The Secretary is also responsible for updating WABR website and for all mailings.

Article VI-Players

Players must play on the team they were selected on after the tryout process has been completed. If a player doesn't want to play on a particular team, his/her parent or guardian should petition the Area Director, prior to tryout, and it will be taken into consideration.

Article VII-Coaches

All head coaches shall be selected by Board of Directors majority vote after an interview process has been completed. Coaches must also sign a coaches agreement form and required to have a background check done on them.

Article VIII-Amendments to Bylaws

These Bylaws may be altered, amended, or repealed only by the affirmative vote of no less than 66% of all members of the Board of Directors at any annual, regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors.

THESE BYLAWS WERE ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON THE 4TH DAY OF APRIL, 2005.