

Cal Ripken League of Winnipeg Constitution

A – Introduction

This constitution covers the fundamental rules while the by-laws usually explain how these fundamental rules are to be administered. As an example, this constitution would specify the officers to be filled while the by-laws would detail how the officers would be administered.

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C- Constitution

Article I

The name of this league shall be “The Cal Ripken League of Winnipeg.”

Article II

The purpose for which this league is organized is to develop and operate a baseball program in affiliation with Babe Ruth League, Inc., a New Jersey corporation, in conformity with and pursuant to the principles, rules and regulations enunciated by said Babe Ruth League, Inc. In conjunction with such purposes, the objectives of this league is that, through the medium of a supervised, competitive baseball program, guided and governed by said Babe Ruth League, Inc., this league will seek to implant in the youth of the community ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage and reverence, so they may be finer, stronger and happier youths who will grow to be good clean, healthy adults.

Article III

This league shall be affiliated with Babe Ruth League, Inc., a new Jersey corporation, and shall be governed by, and shall comply with the principles, rules and regulations enunciated and decreed by Babe Ruth League, Inc.

Article IV

The principal operations of this league shall be in and about the city of Winnipeg, within the Province of Manitoba, but may extend into such areas as provided for by the Regional, and national Headquarters rules and regulations.

Article V

This league shall follow powers in addition to the powers expressly or implicated conferred on it by law.

- A. 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., a new jersey corporation, or by the Regional, or State echelons of said Babe Ruth League, Inc., to which this league is subject.
- B. Cal Ripken League of Winnipeg holds the right to solicit contributions for the betterment of league.
- C. Cal Ripken League of Winnipeg holds the right to enter into contracts as agreed upon by the Board of Directors.
- D. Cal Ripken League of Winnipeg holds the right to enter into negotiations to hold and own property used exclusively by the Cal Ripken League of Winnipeg.

Article VI

The Cal Ripken League of Winnipeg will have annual Members. These members will include all active participants between the ages of 6 and 13 years old, as well as both legal guardians of said participants. The membership will be honored by the Cal Ripken League of Winnipeg from March 1 through February 28 of the following calendar year. Membership shall include all active participants being invited to all General meetings, the bi-annual Board of Directors meeting, and any special meeting so desired by the Board of Directors.

Article VII

Officers for the Cal Ripken League of Winnipeg will be appointed by the President. The Officers positions will be Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Director of Player Development, and Umpire in Chief. The length of term shall be at the determination of the President. All NEW officer positions will commence immediately after the Officers meeting to be held annually on the third Wednesday of September.

Article VIII

Directors for the Cal Ripken League of Winnipeg will elected by any, and all active Cal Ripken Members. Director positions shall include Insurance Coordinator, Fundraising Coordinator, Equipment Manager, and Director of Facilities. Positions will be filled during the Board of Directors meeting to be held annually on the last Wednesday of November. Nominations will be heard during election / re-election procedures, and any nominated candidate will be asked to make presentation stating why they are applying for the position. A 50% quorum of membership is required for nominees to be appointed to the position of Director. Directors will hold positions for one year, which will span from November 1 – October 15 of the following calendar year, but can be re-elected at the annual General meeting to be held the last Wednesday of November. At the conclusion

of the November Board of Directors meeting, it will be the right of the president to fill any vacant Directors positions by appointment.

The Board of Directors will include all appointed Officers and all nominated Directors.

Article IX

Standing committee positions are also available for any Member who wishes to help develop Cal Ripken Baseball. Committee positions are Equipment Committee, (Equipment Manager), Field Procurement Committee, (Director of Facilities), Records Committee, and Sponsor Committee, (Fundraising Coordinator). All Committee Members will be asked to make their names public, and will actively work for, and report to the Directors for which that position encompasses. Committee members will be active for one year, similar in dates to the position of Director.

Article X

Officers Meeting

Third Wednesday of September

Board of Directors Meeting

Last Wednesday of October

First Wednesday in April

General Meetings

Last Wednesday of November

Last Wednesday of January

Second Wednesday of March

- Special meeting to be held as needed, with all Members being given three weeks notices, unless disciplinary actions are needed during the playing season, upon which time meeting may be convened with little or no notice.

Article XI

The method for submission of amendments, notice desired, and vote required for adoption. The adoption vote requirement should not be less than two-thirds of those voting. Voting requirements for amendments ranges from two-thirds of those present, to three-fourths vote of not less than two thirds of the total membership.

D – By-Laws

Article I

The duties of the Officers are as follows:

President

1. Preside at all league meetings.
2. Assume full responsibility for the operation of the local league.
3. Appoint all Officers, and supervise the activity thereof.

4. See that the league adheres to the rules, regulations and policies of Babe Ruth League, Inc.
5. Be sure the Charter application or constitution form is submitted to babe Ruth Headquarters.
6. Be responsible for local league protests and disputes.
7. Review finances with treasurer.

Vice-President

Presides in the absence of the President and carries out such duties and assignments as may be delegated by the President.

Secretary

Records the minutes of meetings. The secretary is also responsible for sending out notice of regular and special meetings, maintaining an official record of the league's activities, notifying all Officers of election and the names of newly elected members of the Board performing such other duties as this office may require.

Treasurer

Keeps financial records, prepares budget and assumes the responsibility for all local league finances.

Director of Player Development

This Officer will be responsible for all activity on Player / Coach development Mondays. Activities are as such:

1. Secure instructors as needed within Monday practice plans.
2. Produce detailed practice plans for coaches for following three practices.
3. Provide detailed practice plan for skill all development tailored for athletes.

Umpire in Chief

The umpire in chief is appointed by the league President to coordinate and supervise the league's umpires and be responsible for the following duties:

1. Assign umpires to all league games
2. Conduct clinics on rules and field positions
3. Be responsible for notifying umpires of cancellations.
4. Be sure all umpires know proper local league protest procedures.

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Article III

Annual membership dues for the Cal Ripken League of Winnipeg are \$195 for every active participating athlete. There are no charges for legal guardians to be considered members.

Article IV

Babe Ruth Rules and regulations and those rules and regulations, duly established by the respective State and Provincial organizations, are to be considered binding on this league.

Article V

“Roberts Rules of Order” shall be the parliamentary authority on all matters not covered by the constitution and By-Laws of this league.

Article VI

Submission procedures, notice required, and vote required for adoption. Refer to comments on Article VIII of the constitution.

Article VII

The usual order of business is as follows:

1. Call to order, by the President
2. Roll Call – by the Secretary
3. Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, by Secretary.
4. Treasurer’s report
5. Report of committees
6. Unfinished business
7. New business
8. Adjournment