

SANTA ROSA BABE RUTH LEAGUE, INCORPORATED CONSTITUTION

Article I – Name

This organization shall be known to all and referred to as Santa Rosa Babe Ruth League, Incorporated.

Article II – Objective

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

Article III – Statement of Affiliation

This league shall be affiliated with Babe Ruth League, Incorporated, a new Jersey corporations and shall be governed by and shall comply with the principles, rules and regulations outlined and decreed by Babe Ruth League, Incorporated. The fall league fundraiser will permit recruitment of players from a wider geographical area not currently permitted under the Babe Ruth League, Incorporated charter. All other league rules and regulations, as well as managers' handbook and local league rules will remain in effect during the fall season.

Article IV – Sites of Principle Operations

The principal operations of this league shall be in and about the City of Santa Rosa, County of Sonoma, State of California, but may extend into such areas as provided for by State, Regional and National Headquarters rules and regulations.

Article V – Powers

This league shall have the following powers in addition to the powers expressly or implicitly conferred on it by law:

To make and enforce rules and regulations to govern itself on a local basis, consistent with and not contrary to any rules and regulations promulgated by Babe Ruth League, Incorporated.

Article VI – Membership

No member shall be discriminated against because of race, color, creed, sex, or religion. Requirements for membership in the league and the privileges of membership shall be:

1. Members of this league shall consist of elected board members, players, parents/guardians, managers and coaches.
2. Directors of the league reserve the right to evaluate, suspend, terminate, and/or refuse an individuals membership, application or status.
3. Players placed on a spring team will remain on that specific team roster for the duration of their eligibility within the age group assigned. Player transfers may be considered on a case by case basis by the board of directors. The criteria for entertaining a transfer shall consist of a documented conflict between the player and Manager or coach(s). In the event a player leaves their team during the season they must sit out one season prior to being allowed to be recruited or drafted onto another team. This prevents players from transferring from team to team which would be detrimental to the league.
4. All returning and new players shall register for the current season during the publicized registration dates. Any registration after the published dates but before the draft is on an as space allows basis and may be subject to and required to pay a late fee, determined by the board of directors and published annually.

5. Any player missing the regular registration period, must register no later than 72 hours before draft time to assure placement to previous team (late fees apply).
6. Any player missing the 72 hour registration period will be placed on a team as space allows. All Babe Ruth rules apply.
7. Members of the league including parents, players, and board members may provide goods and services at a reasonable and customary charge to the league. If services are provided such as landscaping, painting, plumbing electrical, etc, the providers will be paid at the prevailing wage, or upon negotiation, less than the prevailing wage or the services may be donated to the league.
8. Members of this league recognize that this league is governed by a group of volunteer board of directors that to the best of their knowledge manage this league with the best interest of its members. Members agree to release from liability any board member, manager, coach, or other volunteers of this league for errors or oversights in managing this league.
9. Actions by any member of this league which results in a harmful, negative or otherwise hurtful impact to this league will result in that member's immediate revocation of membership, and said member will be banned from further involvement in league activities.

Article VII – Directors

1. The voting members of the board of directors of Santa Rosa Babe Ruth League, Incorporated shall be:

President, Vice-President, Player Agent, Secretary, Treasurer, Field Manager, Director of Communications, Equipment Manager, Concessions Chair, Concessions Scheduler, Fundraising Coordinator and Members at Large.

2. The executive board of directors shall be:

President, Vice-President, Player Agent, Secretary and Treasurer.

3. Eligibility for each office shall be the same as “membership in the league” and holding office of one of the privileges of membership.
4. The executive board will be enacted to discuss and vote on matters that require immediate resolution.
5. In November of each year, a slate of officers will be prepared by the board for the coming year. League members interested in serving on the board, shall submit a letter of interest to the leagues post office box prior to the November board meeting. Such letter should state their qualifications, experience, and reasons for seeking office. When an office is vacated during the year, the board will seek a replacement within 60 days.
6. Term of office for the executive board shall be 2 years. All other board members shall be on year, unless such officer voluntarily resigns or is removed from office by a majority vote of the officers/directors. Office terms may be extended by special vote of the board of directors.
7. Provisions for filling vacancies on the board of directors shall be:
 - Interested candidates shall submit a letter of interest stating their qualifications, experience, and reasons for seeking office.
 - Voting directors shall consider and evaluate each candidate’s qualifications.
 - The appointment of office may be filled by a majority vote of the directors, providing a quorum is present.

Article VIII – Standing Committees

Directors may form temporary committees to improve the status of the league. A standing committee’s creation and action shall be established by vote of directors.

Article IX – Meeting and Quorum

1. Regular meetings: Regular meetings are held once monthly throughout the year. Meeting dates shall be scheduled to assure maximum participation of league directors. **Any director missing two consecutive meetings will be removed by a vote of the current members.** Regular

meeting are open to the public. Members of the league or anyone wishing to address the board at a meeting should contact the board prior to the meeting to be put on the agenda.

2. Special meetings: A director may call special meetings at any time with a one-week advance notice. However, if a quorum can be met, then a special meeting may be held immediately. Special meetings may not be open to the public at the discretion of the board of directors.
3. Disciplinary meeting: Disciplinary meetings may not be open to the public at the discretion of the board. However, the party on whose behalf the meeting is held may, at their option, have representation present to speak on his/her behalf. Representation will be given time to speak to the board and then excused from the meeting in order for the directors to continue meeting.
4. Quorum: e A quorum shall be designated as 50% + 1 (fifty percent plus one) of current board members.

Article X – Amendment

Amendments to this constitution shall be discussed at board meetings. Amendments shall require majority approval by league directors. Every director shall vote for each proposed amendment, which shall then become part of the constitution if passed.