

## BY-LAWS OF THE FLORIDA BABE RUTH LEAGUE, INC.

### ARTICLE I OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

Par. 1 It shall be the duty of the State Commissioner to preside at the Annual Meeting and all special meetings of the Executive Board. He/she shall be able to appoint committees or representatives as necessary, authorize disbursements of funds, and shall have such powers as defined under the Babe Ruth League, Inc. Baseball Rules and Regulations, and other powers necessary in the operation of his corporation which are not specifically covered in this Constitution and By-Laws.

Par. 2 It shall be the duty of the Secretary-Treasurer to keep the minutes of all the proceedings and record same. He/she shall give notice of all meetings, notify all officers of election, shall receive and safely keep all funds of this cooperation and pay out the same only on order of the State Commissioner. He/she shall make an annual report of receipts and disbursements and shall present a report at the annual meeting, and shall perform such other duties as his office of Secretary-Treasurer may require.

Par. 3 It shall be the duty of the District Commissioner to preside at all District meetings and function in all matters as directed by the Executive Board. He/she shall act as liaison with the State Commissioner's office and carry out duties as outlined by the State Commissioner and/or the Executive Board. He/she will be a voting member of the Executive Board representing his respective District. In the event the District Commissioner cannot preside or attend meetings, he/she may be represented by a duly authorized representative designated in writing.

Par. 4 It shall be the duty of the Executive Board to be the lawmaking body of this organization and shall be the final authority concerning all matters pertaining to state operation. The Executive Board shall be made up of the State Commissioner, Secretary-Treasurer, State Umpire in Chief, assistant State Commissioners and elected District Commissioners.

Par. 5 The District Board of Presidents shall be the governing body within their District in concurrence with all State and National Rules and Regulations. They shall establish league rules as necessary, decision on tournament sites dates, etc. and handle all other matters pertaining to the operation of their respective District, and further shall act as an advisory board to the Executive Board through their District Commissioner. In the event a League President cannot attend a meeting he/she may be represented by a duly authorized representative designated in writing. The District Board of Presidents shall be made up of the District Commissioner and the League Presidents within the specified district.

Par. 6 Umpire in Chief shall have the duty of assigning umpires to all State Tournaments with the approval of the State Commissioner. He shall conduct clinics on rules and field positions when deemed necessary by the Board or when requested by the member

leagues. He/she shall be responsible for recruitment of new umpires. He/she shall be responsible for proper dress and conduct of all umpires at State Tournaments.

Par. 7 Assistant State Commissioner shall act as assistant to the State Commissioner in all matters as directed and shall preside in the absence of the State Commissioner.

## ARTICLE II STANDING COMMITTEES

Par. 1 Standing Committees shall be appointed as necessary by the State Commissioner and/or Executive Board.

## ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Par. 1 All Florida State Leagues certified by the State Commissioner as having complied with all Rules and Regulations of the Florida State Babe Ruth League and National Organization. Membership requirements will be furnished by the State Director upon request. A player, team, or league and official of the organization can be expelled by the Executive Board with due cause. The State Commissioner may, in case of an emergency, expel a player or official pending an Executive Board hearing.

## ARTICLE IV DUES

Par. 1 The amount of dues per team shall be established each year by the Executive Board and in compliance with National Headquarters directives. These dues will be forwarded by each league to the State Commissioner prior to beginning of tournament play each year. Failure to pay the state dues prior to the above mentioned deadlines will be cause for ineligibility for all tournament competition, as well as being refused affiliation in the Babe Ruth Baseball program.

## ARTICLE V TOURNAMENT PLAY

Par. 1 The State Tournament Site will be determined by vote of the Executive Committee following recommendations by the State Commissioner. Team bidding on the State Tournaments must satisfy minimum requirements as outlined and submitted by the State Commissioner. Leagues wishing to bid for State Tournaments should submit their intentions to the State Commissioner prior to the annual state meeting in order to be considered. The State Commissioner will appoint a Tournament Director for the State Tournament. Minimum requirements for hosting State Tournaments shall be an addendum to these By-Laws.

Par. 2 The District Tournament site will be determined by the District Commissioner. The District Commissioner shall appoint a Tournament Director from his District.

Par. 3 Tournament Draw shall be an open draw. No seeding or arbitrary standings will be allowed. The host team may arrange the time of games as long as it does not work a hardship on any other team in the tournament. District and State Tournaments shall be double elimination.

Par. 4 Tournament expenses will be the responsibility of the host Babe Ruth League such as umpires' fees, game balls, lodging for umpires, lights, and field expenses. Tournament expenses shall be spelled out in the State and District Tournament Contract. Said document shall be an addendum to these By-Laws.

Par. 5 Umpires for the State Tournament shall be selected by the State Umpire in Chief and approved by the State Commissioner. Umpires for the District Tournaments shall be selected by the District Umpire in Chief and approved by the District Commissioner.

Par. 6 The State Commissioner or his designee, within the limits of the budget, will receive reasonable and prudent reimbursement of expenses incurred while traveling to, being at and returning from the State, Regional and World Series. This is to apply also when the State Commissioner is attending to any other state business which requires travel.

Par. 7 Whenever the State of Florida is host to the Southeast Regional Tournament, each league in the state organization shall be given the opportunity to bid for the right to host the tournament. The State Commissioner shall notify all League Presidents as to when Florida is the host state and also furnish the information necessary for bidding the tournament.

Par. 8 State Tournament charges such as ticket price, umpire cost, etc. shall be determined by the State Commissioner. District Tournament charges shall be determined by the District Commissioner with the approval of the State Commissioner.

## ARTICLE VI RULE AUTHORITY

Par. 1 Babe Ruth League, Inc. Rules and Regulations and those rules and regulations duly established by the Southeast Regional Organization are to be considered to be binding on this league.

Par. 2 Roberts Rules of Order shall be the Parliamentary authority on all matters not covered by this Constitution and By-Laws.

## ARTICLE VII AMENDMENTS

Par. 1 These articles may be amended at any annual or special meeting with 45 days notice mailed to the Executive Board of the Florida State Babe Ruth League, Inc., and

Babe Ruth League International Headquarters. A majority vote of all the Executive Board of the Florida State Babe Ruth League, Inc. shall be necessary for the passage of an amendment.