

THE RULES AND  
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NORTH JEFFERSON JUNIOR BASEBALL ASSOCIATION  
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SECTION I: DEFINITIONS OF TERMS

- I.01 RETURNING PLAYER: Any player registering with the Association prior to the registration deadline who played on an Association team during the immediately preceding season of league play.
- I.02 NEW PLAYER: Any player registering with the Association prior to the registration deadline who did not play on an Association team during the immediately preceding season of league play.
- I.03 LATE PLAYER: Any NEW PLAYER or any RETURNING PLAYER registering, or attempting to register, with the Association after the 1ST Registration deadline, and after fall tryouts.
- I.04 RETURNING TEAM: A group of at least six (6) players choosing to play on the same Association team, as they were rostered to the previous season.
- Exception: Less than six (6) returning players may still be considered a team at board's discretion.
- I.05 NEW TEAM: Any Association team that is not a RETURNING TEAM and not a TRANSFER TEAM.
- I.06 TRANSFER TEAM: Any group of player's, age division 8 Competitive thru 14 years old, meeting the eligibility requirements of both RMJBL and NJJBA. Who were members of the same non-RMJBL team during the previous season of play, registering with NJJBA as a team. This does not include NJJBA 8 & Under Program teams. See Section Two 1, D for additional regulations.
- I.07 DIVISION: RMJBL term used to define groups of league levels.
- A.) AAA - National
  - B.) AAA - American
  - C.) AA - National
  - D.) AA - American
- I.08 ASSOCIATION (capitalized) - North Jefferson Junior Baseball Association.

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- I.09 "association" (not capitalized) - A youth sports or baseball organization other than North Jefferson Junior Baseball Association.
- I.10 BIRTH CERTIFICATE: Copy of State-issued Certificate of Live Birth.
- I.11 COACHES CERTIFICATION:
- A.) Head Coach: Having attended and completed 1st Aid Clinic, and a Coaches Clinic, and concussion training as provided or approved by the Association prior to coaching a second season. Head Coach must renew 1st Aid training every 2 years after initial certification. Head Coach must attend at least one coach clinic each season. Head Coach must complete the concussion training each season.
- B.) Assistant Coach: Having completed concussion training as provided or approved by the Association prior to coaching. Assistant Coach must complete the concussion training each season.
- C.) The mandatory coach clinic may be a NJJBA sanctioned clinic or an outside clinic. If an outside clinic is chosen, the Board of Directors will determine if the outside clinic qualifies for certification.
- I.12 HEAD COACH: A Head Coach is one who has submitted both the coach's application, and background form, and has been approved by the Coaches Approval Committee.
- I.13 ASSISTANT COACH: An Assistant Coach is one who has submitted both the coach's application, and background form, and has been approved by the Coaches Approval Committee. There is to be a maximum of 3 Official Assistant Coaches per team.
- I.14 COACHING STAFF: The recognized coaching staff of an Association's team is the approved Head Coach, and the approved Assistant Coaches.
- I.15 REFERRED PLAYER: A player referred to NJJBA by another RMJBL association. A referred player will be drafted or placed on a team if space on a team is available.
- I.19 RMJBL: Rocky Mountain Junior Baseball league. The parent league that all NJJBA teams play their league games through.

SECTION II: REGULATIONS

- II.01 TEAM CLASSIFICATIONS
- A.) There are two types of NJJBA teams:
- 1.) Tournament-only
  - 2.) League
- B.) Tournament-only teams do not participate in RMJBL league games and do not participate in the LEAGUE TRYOUTS or LEAGUE DRAFT.
- C.) Additionally, teams may choose to be classified as a Club team. NJ Club teams must play at AAA or Majors for league and tournament play.
- D.) Teams wanting to become a Club or Tournament-only team must be approved by the NJJBA Executive Board. Applications are due by July 31st.

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II.02 FORMATION OF TOURNAMENT TEAMS

- A.) The TOURNAMENT TRYOUTS will be promoted by NJJBA and be held on fields provided by NJJBA. If there is more than one team at a specific age and level, NJJBA will facilitate a TOURNAMENT DRAFT. Draft order will be based on the previous year's in-class tournament record but, ultimately, is an NJJBA Executive Board decision.
- B.) Tournament-only teams must notify all players within their respective age group attending TOURNAMENT TRYOUTS of the results within 48 hours of the tryouts.
- C.) LEAGUE coaches must not talk to any players at the TOURNAMENT TRYOUTS or during the 48-hour contact window after tryouts.
- D.) Tournament teams have no limits on the number of verified recruits.

II.03 FORMATION OF LEAGUE TEAMS

A.) AAA - National, AAA - American, and AA - National League teams: The Head Coach has the option to decline to accept any RETURNING PLAYER'S request to remain on the same team (see Registration Procedures). Any Head Coach exercising this option must inform such player and Vice President no later than August 1st prior to Fall tryouts of the immediately succeeding season of league play. A 5 day extension of the August 1st date may be requested. The request must be submitted to the Vice President, contain valid reasons for the extension request, and be received by July 31st. Decision of the Vice President to grant or deny the request is final. Such player(s) may then enter TRYOUTS and be drafted by a different team No team shall be allowed to reduce its pre-DRAFT roster to less than eight (8) players by the use of this option. Failure to notify players as such will result in the loss of one Verified Recruit. Any additional penalties, including dismissal of the coach, is at the Board of Directors' discretion.

B.) AA - American League Teams: No team shall be allowed to decline any RETURNING PLAYER'S request to remain on the same team.

Exception: An AA - American team may petition to decline a RETURNING PLAYER'S request. Such request will be denied or granted at board's discretion. A petition to decline a RETURNING PLAYER'S request must be submitted to the Vice President no later than August 1st prior to Fall tryouts of the immediately succeeding season of league play.

C.) TRANSFER TEAMS

- 1.) Transfer teams must submit an application to enter NJJBA no later than August 1st prior to Fall tryouts of the immediately succeeding season of league play. This application must have the coach's and player's names, date of birth, addresses and phone numbers.
- 2.) Any team transferring after tryouts unable to complete a roster must accept players from the NJJBA waiting list.
- 3.) Any previous NJJBA Head or Assistant coach who is a party to the team applying for entry as a transfer team is subject to the Rules and Regulations outlined in Section II.04.
- 4.) NJJBA reserves the right to accept or deny any transfer team. Transfer teams must comply with the following:

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- a.) A minimum of six (6) players, all of whom were teammates on the same non-NJJBA team during the immediate previous season of play, and;
- b.) Verification, acceptable to the Registration Committee of NJJBA is presented indicating that all of the players desiring to register on the same team were, in fact, teammates during the previous season and;
- c.) All of the players desiring to register with NJJBA as a team approve the same individual as the Head Coach of their team and;
- d.) Birth Certificates for all players are submitted to NJJBA and;
- e.) Transfer teams shall be assigned a league level assignment by the Bracketing Committee. The level assignment shall be final and no subsequent appeals shall be acted upon by the Bracketing Committee and;
- f.) The NJJBA Board of Directors must approve transfer teams.
- g.) Transfer teams shall adhere to draft procedures in Section II.08.B.5 and Section II.08.D.
- h.) Transfer teams may be required to attend a tryout as a team to be evaluated by the Bracketing Committee, if requested by the committee.

II.04 SELECTION OF COACHES

- A.) Approval and selection of Head Coaches for Association teams shall be given by the Coaches Approval Committee based on information provided by the applicant on the annual Coach's Application, and Background Form. No person shall be permitted to be the Head Coach of an Association team who does not complete and submit an annual Coach's Application, and Background Form to the Coaches Director.
- B.) The Assistant coach(es) shall be appointed by the approved Head Coach of each team, subject to the approval of the Coaches Approval Committee. No person shall be permitted to be an assistant coach of an Association team who does not complete and submit an annual Coach's Application, and Background Form to the Coaches Director.
- C.) Any previous Association Coach (Head or Assistant) who performs actions that are deemed detrimental to the Association, as determined by the Board of Directors, shall not be allowed consideration by the Coaches Approval Committee for a coaching position for a period to be determined by the Board of Directors.
- D.) Any Association Coach (Head or Assistant) who fails to have at least six (6) players register to return within the Association, regardless of player option of returning to the same team or entering tryouts, from the preceding season may still be allowed consideration for a coaching position for that immediate season. The Coaches Approval Committee shall have final determination in hearing appeals or exceptions to this rule.

II.05 BRACKETING OF TEAMS (League Level Assignment)

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A.) Bracketing of teams shall be a function of the Bracketing Committee, consisting of the Vice President, all the Age-Level Vice Presidents and those appointed by the President. The Committee shall honor requests, by the Head Coach of an Association team, insofar as is reasonable. The Bracketing Committee must adhere to all requirements of the League regarding placement of teams. See SECTION II.08.D.1 for Transfer Teams bracketing.

B.) Bracketing requests must be submitted to the chairperson of the Bracketing Committee by December 1st for the following season.

II.06 LEAGUE REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

A.) ALL PLAYERS must select one of the following options:

1.) OPTION 1 - 9-Year-olds, those desiring to play on a 8 year-old League competitive team, and all new players must tryout.

2.) OPTION 2 - No Longer Used

3.) OPTION 3 - Enter Open Tryouts - Will not play for previous team.

4.) OPTION 4 - Enter Open Tryouts - If not selected to a higher league level team, return to previous team.

5.) OPTION 5 - Return to Team - Do not enter tryouts (10 to 14 year-old players).

6.) OPTION 6 - Verified Recruit - Do not enter tryouts (10 to 14 year-old players)

a.) LATE PLAYERS may be allowed to enter the Supplemental TRYOUTS at the sole discretion of the Registration Committee. No LATE PLAYER shall be considered to be a RETURNING PLAYER, unless desiring to return to the same team AND has received the permission of the Head Coach to return.

b.) Any 7 or 8-year-old seeking a position on a 8-Year-Old Competitive League team must enter the TRYOUTS. Any player not placed on such team(s) shall be assigned to the Association's 8-and-Under Program Instructional Kid Pitch or Major League Machine Pitch team.

c.) The 8-and-Under Director shall form all 8-and-Under teams, including those 7 and 8-year-olds not assigned to a 8-Year-Old Competitive League team. TRYOUTS shall not be conducted.

d.) ALL PLAYERS must adhere to current registration form options.

e.) Any player may state the option to play Club or NOT play Club and the Association shall honor such a declaration.

f.) The Board of Directors shall determine registration deadlines.

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II.07 LEAGUE TRYOUTS

- A.) LEAGUE TRYOUTS shall be conducted, age-group-by-age-group, at such a time and place as determined by the Board of Directors.
- B.) Multiple day TRYOUTS are permitted but not required.
- C.) 8-competitive through 14-year-old tryouts will be held in the fall. Supplemental Tryouts in the spring may be held at the discretion of the NJJB Board and coaching director.
- D.) All nine year olds and 8-Competitive team players must enter TRYOUTS.
- E.) Any Association team cannot draft any player who does not attend TRYOUTS. The Draft Committee shall assign such players to a team or teams in the lowest division level. EXCEPTION: -The Coaching Director has the authority, on a case-by-case basis only, to waive this requirement.
- F.) Players may tryout for only 1 age division per year.

II.08 DRAFT

- A.) ALL 8-year-old competitive baseball players and 9-year-olds must tryout.
  - 1.) The Board of Directors shall appoint a Team Formation Committee to place all 8-year-olds competitive players and all 9-year-olds on teams.
  - 2.) Head Coaches of all 8-year-old competitive and all 9-year-old teams shall be appointed after the formation of said teams with the approval of the Coaches Selection Committee.
  - 3.) The 8-Competitive teams Head Coaches, from the previous season, may petition the Team Formation Committee for the retention of certain players. Honoring the petition is at the sole discretion of the Team Formation Committee, and all decisions are final.
- B.) Club, AAA - National, AAA - American, AA - National, AA - American Leagues.
  - 1.) Draft order, by League, shall be Club, AAA - National, AAA - American league, AA - National league, and then AA - American league. Within each level of play, draft order is determined by the teams' records in league play.
  - 2.) TIEBREAKERS (in order):
    - a.) Head-to-head record in League play (best record drafts first)
    - b.) Runs allowed in League play against common opponents
    - c.) Coin toss-winner of coin toss drafts first in first round of draft.
    - d.) Loser of coin toss drafts first in second round of draft, etc
    - e.) Run differential shall not be used as a draft order tiebreaker.

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- 3.) Any team that qualifies, by winning their league or split league, to move to a higher League level shall be considered to be the worst team in its League - if more than one team moves up to the same League Section II.08.B.2.c. shall apply. Exception: Club. Each team must play at level they draft.
- 4.) Teams requesting to move up a league level (not qualifying by winning their league or split league) shall draft at their last season's league level.
- 5.) Any team finishing last in their league shall be moved down one level. Any team moving to a lower League level shall be considered to be the best team in its League - if more than one team moves down to the same League Section II.08.B.2.c. shall apply.
- 6.) The draft procedure shall be as follows (NOTE: Prior to the draft, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, a scratch team may be formed. The scratch team will be bracketed by the Bracketing Committee).
  - a.) The first round shall be the retention and recruit round. A team must retain a minimum of six (6) returning players in order to draft. Exception: Unless Tryout Option 3 players are lost to higher level teams, or unless the team is allowed to remain a team at the Board of Directors' discretion. The first round will occur prior to fall tryouts and will consist of the following:
    - 1.) Head coach will indicate prior to August 1st which returning players will be retained.
    - 2.) Head coach will indicate which verified recruits he/she wishes to obtain. Head coach may only obtain a maximum of three verified recruits per calendar year.
  - b.) For Subsequent even numbered Draft rounds, the order shall be team with best record in previous year's League play first, followed by team with second best record, etc., with team having worst record drafting last.
  - c.) For Subsequent odd numbered Draft rounds, the order shall be reversed with team having worst record drafting first, followed by team with second worst record, etc., with team with best record drafting last.
- 7.) The supplemental draft, if necessary, is a new draft and NOT a continuation of the previous Fall Draft; draft rotations will start over with participating teams.
- 8.) If a supplemental draft is not held, registered players who did not attend tryouts will be given the option of joining a waitlist or having their deposit refunded thus cancelling their registration.
- 9.) Teams adding more than three verified recruits must obtain approval from the Board of Directors.

C.) NEW TEAMS

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- 1.) The Board of Directors may, at their discretion, form other age teams.
- 2.) Teams will be formed from those eligible players in a given level.

D.) TRANSFER TEAMS

- 1.) In any age group and league level in which a transfer team is bracketed, the following draft regulations shall apply:
  - a.) All returning NJJBA teams shall draft in accordance with NJJBA Regulations until they have filled their roster.
  - b.) If a new scratch team is formed from eligible players in a given league level, then the new team will be considered to be a returning NJJBA team and that team's roster will be filled in compliance with section II.08.
  - c.) Transfer team(s) shall be considered the last place team in their respective division.

E.) LOSS OF DRAFT CHOICES

- 1.) As provided in Sec. II.08, draft choices can be lost for various reasons. For the purpose of administering draft choices lost the following procedures apply:
  - a.) If there is more than one team for a given draft at a specific age group and League level, the draft choices lost will apply to each round of the draft until the specified number of lost draft choices have been assessed.

F.) CHILDREN OF HEAD COACHES

- 1.) Children of Head Coaches may be directly assigned to the team coached by the player's parent and/or legal guardian. Grandchildren of Head Coaches may be directly assigned to the team coached by the player's grandparent. No draft choices shall be lost.

G.) ASSOCIATION COACH'S MEETING

- 1.) The Head Coach or a representative from each Association team is required to attend the regularly scheduled monthly Association meetings. Any team not represented at any four (4) Association meetings in a current season year (August to July) or any two (2) consecutive Association meetings shall lose its first Draft choice in the next subsequent draft.

2.) EXCUSED ABSENCES from Association meetings:

- a.) Participation in a League game on the date of the meeting.
- b.) May also be granted by the President of the Association provided that the President is informed prior to the meeting. The President shall have the sole authority

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in determining the approval of an EXCUSED ABSENCE and no subsequent appeals shall be allowed.

c.) EXCUSED ABSENCES from Association meetings shall not be counted toward the potential loss of a draft choice.

3.) The records of the Secretary of the Association shall be the sole method used to determine the attendance at Association meetings.

4.) No team shall lose more than two (2) draft choices per DRAFT for failure to attend Association meetings.

5.) The Board of Directors shall have the authority to dismiss or disapprove the Head Coach of any team not represented at more than five (5) Association meetings in a current season year (August to July) or any team not represented at any four (4) consecutive Association meetings. If a Head Coach is dismissed or disapproved for failure to attend Association meetings, the penalty of loss of draft choices shall not be imposed upon the team.

6.) Any Association Meeting attendance disputes must be submitted to the Board of Directors one (1) month prior to the LEAGUE DRAFT.

II.09 LENGTH OF TERM OF FULL-TIME VOTING MEMBERS

A.) Any person approved as the Head coach of an Association team shall have full-time voting rights immediately upon approval.

B.) Once approved, Head Coaches shall have uninterrupted voting rights during the current season year except as terminated by Sec. II.08 or Sec.II.12.A.

C.) Voting rights for Head Coaches of 14-year-old teams shall expire immediately after the conclusion of their season.

D.) Voting rights during Association meetings for members of the Board of Directors who are not Head Coaches of Association teams shall expire immediately after the Annual Meeting of the Association (Election Meeting).

II.10 8-AND-UNDER PROGRAM

A.) All 8-year-old and under players not assigned to 8 Competitive teams still desiring to play kid-pitch baseball rather than Machine Pitch shall be assigned to a Kid Pitch team. The administration of the Association's Kid Pitch Program shall be the responsibility of the 8and-Under Director and shall not necessarily be subject to these Regulations.

1.) The Kid Pitch program must comply with the Association Rules of Play as described in Section Three, and the Head Coach of any and all Kid Pitch team(s) must complete and submit a Coach's Application and Background Form to the 8-and-Under Director.

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2.) A separate document stating additional Kid Pitch program rules of play may be adopted, if approved by the Board of Directors.

B.) All 8-year-old and under players not assigned to RMJBL 8-Competitive teams or to an Association Kid Pitch team shall be assigned to an Association 8-and-Under Minor or Major League team. The administration of the Association's 8-and-Under program shall be the responsibility of the 8-and-Under Director and shall not necessarily be subject to these Regulations.

1.) However, the 8-and-Under Program must comply with Association Rules of Play as described in Section Three III., and the Head Coach of any and all 8-and-Under Program team(s) must complete and submit a Coach's Application and Background Form to the 8 & Under Director.

2.) A separate document stating additional 8-and-Under Program rules of play may be adopted, if approved by the Board of Directors.

#### II.11 PLAYER ACQUISITION

A.) A coach may obtain up the three verified recruits per season without penalty or without a loss of draft choice. Verified recruit procedures are as follows:

1.) Step 1: Parent of NEW PLAYER must submit a written coach request form to the Vice president prior to August 1 of the immediately succeeding season of league play.

2.) Step 2: Head Coach must indicate in writing to the Vice President that he/she wishes to obtain the recruit prior to August 1 of the immediately succeeding season of league play.

3.) Step 3: Recruit is verified by Vice President (if step 1 and step 2 are completed correctly).

4.) Step 4: Head Coach obtains recruit during round one of the draft per Section II.08.7.a.

B.) Internal recruiting of players (players already on an existing NJJBA team) by any coach (head or assistant) of NJJBA is strictly prohibited as stated in paragraph II.12.A.9.

#### II.12 DISMISSAL OR REMOVAL OF COACHES

A.) The Board of Directors, by a majority vote, may immediately dismiss, discharge, or otherwise remove from duty, any coach of an Association team for:

1.) Failure to comply with the Bylaws, Regulations, Rules of Play, and policies and resolutions of either the Association or the League.

2.) Failure to protect the High School eligibility of any player assigned to his/her team.

3.) Physically fighting with any person at any time before, during, or after any practice or game while serving in any capacity as a coach of an Association team.

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4.) Negligence, gross ignorance, or gross incompetence demonstrated while responsible for his/her team that places any player(s) in physical danger in excess of the normal and customary risks associated with the game of baseball.

5.) Failure to become reasonably well informed about the Rules of Baseball in order to teach the game to his/her players.

6.) Failure to return to the Association, within a time frame determined by the Board of Directors, or a designated Committee thereof, any and all baseball equipment issued to his/her team, including uniform items.

7.) Any other action(s) detrimental to the Association as determined, solely and without recourse, by the Board of Directors.

8.) Failure to become "CERTIFIED" as defined in paragraph I.11.

9.) Internal recruiting of players (players already on an existing NJJBA team) by any coach (head or assistant) of NJJBA is strictly prohibited and constitutes grounds for dismissal or removal of coach.

a.) The ONLY allowable procedure for a coach to contact any player on another NJJBA team, in order to discuss possible options available, is to contact the player's current or most previous coach, and request their permission to contact said player's parents.

b.) In the event the player's current coach is unwilling to allow said player's parents to be contacted, then the interested coach is to contact the Coaches Director and his/her Age-Level Vice President.

10.) It is strictly prohibited and constitutes grounds for dismissal or removal of coach, for any NJJBA coach (head or assistant), at any time, to provide any player and/or parents, of NJJBA or ANY other youth baseball organization, any intentionally misleading or deliberately incorrect information regarding any RMJBL and/or NJJBA persons, procedures, or policies.

B.) Ejection/Suspension of coach from league games:

1.) The Board of Directors, at its sole discretion, may impose, by a majority vote, a period of probation on any coach for any misconduct listed in Section A above. Any further violation by a coach on probation is grounds for immediate dismissal.

a.) The Head Coach of an Association team is to notify by phone their Age-Level Vice President within 24 hours of an ejection and submit a written report no later than 3 days following an ejection.

b.) The individual will meet with their Age-Level Vice President, Coach Director, and President.

c.) 2nd ejection in one season will result in a minimum 3-game suspension.

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d.) 3rd ejection in one season will result in mandatory dismissal.

2.) In addition to the penalties imposed by the NJJBA Board of Directors, all Association coaches are subject to the RMJBL Disciplinary Committee who will impose the following levels of discipline for misconduct.

a.) Level One Suspension is a one game suspension, not including the current game

b.) Level Two Suspension is a three game suspension not including the current game

c.) Level Three Suspension is a one-year suspension

d.) Level Four is a lifetime suspension.

3.) A Coach that receives a complaint from an opposing team or opposing association for conduct detrimental to the team may receive a Level One Suspension at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

C.) Request for removal of coach by parents of team members must meet the following requirements for Board of Directors to consider:

1.) Parents of any team may request the dismissal of either their team's Head Coach or any of their team's Assistant Coaches by submitting to the Board of Directors, in writing, the reason(s) for request of dismissal, provided they follow one of these two conditions:

a.) If two-thirds (2/3) of the players' parents/legal guardians on a team sign a written request for dismissal of a coach of their team, it is required that the Board of Directors meet as soon as possible after receipt of request, to consider possible dismissal; PROVIDED that said request contains proof (date, time, and location) of meeting that all signing parents have had with coach in question to address their concerns AND that said meeting was held prior to submitting request for removal.

b.) If the number of parent/legal guardians required in a.) above is not achieved then the Board of Directors, or designated Committee thereof, shall contact the affected coach to discuss the situation. In this case, the Board of Directors shall have the following options:

1.) To call a team meeting to discuss and agree to a solution.

2.) To place on probation or dismiss the coach for violation(s) listed in II.12.A above.

3.) To further investigate the situation.

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D.) Any coach dismissed has the right to appeal for reinstatement to the Board of Directors. Such a coach must notify the President of the Association of his/her intention to appeal and the President must call a special meeting of the Board of Directors to hear such an appeal.

E.) If a Head Coach is dismissed by the Board of Directors, the Board of Directors shall appoint an interim Head Coach for the affected team. The interim Head Coach shall have full-time voting rights at any Association meeting, until a new Head Coach is Approved by the Coaches Approval Committee.

II.13 SPECTATOR / PARENT / LEGAL GUARDIAN BEHAVIOR

If a spectator's behavior violates the NJJBA Sportsmanship Agreement, the coach needs to contact the appropriate Age-Level Vice President. The Age-Level Vice President shall work with the Board of Directors and the team to determine the appropriate action up-to-and-including the removal of the player from NJJBA.

II.14 COOPERSTOWN LETTERS

- A) Twelve year old teams have the option of participating in the Cooperstown Dreams Park tournament. Teams returning from Cooperstown Dreams Park must provide NJJBA with their "Grandfather" Letters.
- B) Teams that obtain their own admission into Cooperstown Dreams Park are required to transfer ownership of the Grandfather Letter to NJJBA upon return from Cooperstown.
- C) Any eleven year-old team wanting to use one of the Grandfather Letters must notify the Vice President by April 1st.
- D) If there are not enough Grandfather Letters for every team that submits a notification of interest, the Grandfather Letters will be awarded by lottery. The lottery will be held during the April Association Meeting and is weighted according to the team's level during their eleven-year old season:
  - a) Tournament-only & AAA - 3 entries
  - b) AA-National - 2 entries
  - c) AA-American - 1 entry

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III.01 MANDATORY PLAY RULE

A.) All League Levels - For regular season League play, NJJBA teams will bat their roster, and for defensive play, no player will sit more than two consecutive innings; there will be a one for one mandatory sit and play rule, however this mandatory play rule SHALL BE SUSPENDED ONLY as follows:

- 1.) For any player, on a game-by-game basis only, who arrives at the site of a League game after the time specified by the Head Coach of the team AND/OR
- 2.) For any and all players, if a League game is played less than the complete game, or a curfew that results in a complete game.

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3.) If a player is being disciplined. In this case the player's name and reason that he/she is not playing must be listed on the game score sheet. These game score sheets can be called for review by the Board of Directors.

4.) This mandatory play rule SHALL NOT APPLY for any game played less than the regulation number of innings due to game time limits.

B.) The penalty for failure to abide by the Association's mandatory play rules shall be first, a warning from the Coaches Director, second, a one game suspension imposed by the President of the Association, and third, immediate dismissal as the Head Coach of the affected team.

C.) TOURNAMENT PLAY ADMINISTERED BY THE LEAGUE, No mandatory play rules apply. However, it is strongly recommended that the regular season mandatory play rules be used. Further, the Board of Directors reserves the right, on a case-by-case basis only, to impose additional mandatory play rules on any team.

III.02 UNIFORMS

A.) The Association shall issue to all Association League teams jerseys and caps. Certain jerseys must be returned to the Association at the end of the season, unless exempted by the Equipment Director.

B.) All Association teams are required to wear the uniforms provided by the Association at any and all league games.

1.) For intra-Association play only, an Association teams may wear their alternate, matching team uniforms.

2.) For games or tournaments not classified as official League play, Association League teams are permitted, but not required to wear the Association-issued uniform.

3.) For games or tournaments not classified as official League play, an Association League team, at its own expense, may wear caps other than those issued by the Association. In addition, any team, at its own expense, may have Association issued caps, embroidered with names, numbers, and mascots.

C.) Undershirts, jackets, warm-up jerseys, sanitary socks, batting gloves, shoes, etc., may be used by any team but shall not be provided by the Association.

D.) All Association teams are required to wear Board of Directors approved pants during any and all League games except as provided in Sec. III.02.B.1 & 2.

E.) The Association shall issue, free of charge, three (3) coach's shirts to each Association team.

F.) Each League Association team will wear the Association-issued uniform for team pictures. Tournament Association teams are permitted to wear their own uniforms for team pictures.

G.) The association jerseys may not be altered, meaning it is prohibited to add names, verbiage, logos, or advertisements on the association uniforms.

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H.) If a team is caught playing in a league sanctioned game against a non NJJBA team without wearing the association uniforms, that team will be punished by losing its first draft choice in the subsequent season. If the violation is caught a second time, then an additional punishment will be enforced by the Board of Directors. The second violation additional punishment will be determined by the Board of Directors.

III.03 SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

A.) All players are required to wear double-eared batting helmets while batting and running bases at all times, including all practices (indoor or outdoor), scrimmage games, all practice games, all League games, all Tournament games, and any other time(s) while actively participating on offense while involved in any Association activity. This includes any player acting as a base coach at any time, or any player who otherwise is on a game or practice field of any type while not in possession of his/her baseball glove.

B.) All catchers are required to wear complete catcher's protective gear, including an athletic cup, at all times in which a batter is in the batter's box. All ages are required to wear full catcher's helmet.

C.) No player or coach shall throw bats, helmets, or other equipment in such a manner that endangers others, or in an unsportsmanlike manner.

D.) The Association shall issue, to all Association teams, a first aid kit. The Head Coach or acting Head Coach, of each Association team must have in his/her possession the first aid kit during all practices and games of his/her team.

E.) The Head Coach or acting Head Coach, of any Association team must have in his/her possession a completed Medical Authorization form for every player on his/her team. No player may participate in any practice or game until the player's parent/legal guardian has completed and signed a Medical Authorization form and returned the completed and signed Medical Authorization form to the Head Coach.

F.) All Association Head Coaches must be "CERTIFIED" by the start of their second season of coaching. Certification is defined in paragraph I.11.

SECTION IV: FINANCIAL RULES

IV.01 SETTING UP BANK ACCOUNT

A.) If an Association team wishes to open a team bank account, the Head Coach and one other independent/unrelated person must set up a personal checking account with the team name as the Nickname of the account.

B.) The bank must be a federally insured financial institution.

C.) The name of the bank, account number, and the names of all authorized signers must be provided to NJJBA Treasurer within 5 days of setting up the account.

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IV.02KEEPING RECORDS

- A.) Each team must keep accurate, current records of all funds paid to the team on the provided spreadsheet.
- B.) Each team must keep accurate, current records of all expenses paid out on behalf of the team on the provided spreadsheet.
- C.) General charitable donations of \$250 or more must be made to NJJBA and not to each individual team.
- D.) General charitable donations to a team for a specific expense or purpose must be made payable to NJJBA and the team name. The purpose of the donation must be specifically noted with the donation. NJJBA will then issue funds to the specific team.

IV.03COORDINATING WITH TREASURER

- A.) Each Team must provide all account information to NJJBA Treasurer upon creation of the bank account.
- B.) Each Team must provide a Statement of Financials to NJJBA Treasurer by September 1st after the completed season. Teams will not be able to access the Indoor Practice Facility (IPF) until this is turned in..

IV.03CLOSING BANK ACCOUNT

- A.) When a team is dissolving, the bank account must be closed, with prior notice given to NJJBA.
- B.) All remaining funds must be paid over to NJJBA with a final bank statement showing the bank account balance as of the date the account is closed.
- C.) If all remaining funds are not paid over to NJJBA, the action taken by the Association, including legal action, is at the Board of Directors' discretion.