

# Haltom City Youth Baseball Bylaws-2015

## ARTICLE I NAME

- Section 1 The name of this Association shall be "Haltom City Youth Baseball Association".
- Section 2 This organization cannot make use of its name other than in connection with the Haltom Youth Baseball Association without the express written permission of the acting President of the League.

## ARTICLE II OBJECTIVE

- Section 1 The organization is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code."
- Section 2 The purpose of this organization shall be to implant ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage and reverence through the instruction of the game of baseball.
- Section 3 The objective shall be reached by providing supervised competition; bearing in mind that attainment of exceptional skills and/or winning of games shall be secondary; the molding of good, clean, healthy future citizens is of prime importance.

## ARTICLE III MEMBERS

- Section 1 Membership in this organization shall be open to all persons who sincerely desire to further the objectives expressed in these By-laws.
- Section 2 Members shall be either voting or non-voting members.
- Section 3 Voting members of this organization shall consist of Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE IV MEETING OF MEMBERS

- Section 1 All meetings of the members for the purpose of electing the Board of Directors shall be held in Haltom City. Meetings of members for any other purpose may be held at such time and place as shall be stated in the notice of the meeting or in duly executed waiver of such notice.
- Section 2 The Annual Meeting of the members shall be held after 60 (sixty) days of the last baseball event and prior to September 1, on a day, time and place selected by the President and the Association for the purpose of electing new directors to serve the following year. The voting members shall also conduct other business of the Association that is properly brought before such meeting. The newly elected Board of Directors shall assume its duties and responsibilities immediately following the close of the Annual Meeting.

- Section 3 Voting members shall be notified by mail, email or by phone.
- Section 4 Regular meetings of the members shall be held as often as necessary as prescribed by the President of the Association.
- Section 5 Special meetings of the members for any purpose may be called by the President, the Board of Directors, or not less than 2/3(two-third) of all the members entitled to vote at such meeting,
- Section 6 Notice shall be delivered either personally, by phone, email or by mail. If the Head Coach cannot attend, he may appoint his Assistant Coach to attend. No such notice is required for regular meetings.
- Section 7 A majority of members entitled to vote, present in person shall be requisite and shall constitute a quorum at all meetings of the members for the purpose of transacting the business of the Association.
- Section 8 When a quorum is present at any meeting, the vote of the majority of voting members present shall decide any question brought before such meeting, unless the question is one in which by express provision of these By-laws, a different vote is required in which case the express provision shall govern and control the decision of such question. The voting members present at a duly organized meeting may continue to transact business until adjournment, notwithstanding the withdrawal of enough voting members to leave less than a quorum.
- Section 9 At the annual meeting to draw teams, all Head Coaches and/or Assistant Coaches are required to write their present address and telephone number on a master log to be retained by the Secretary of the Association. Any changes are not the responsibility of the Board of Directors and must be submitted in writing to the Secretary or sent to the Associations P. O. Box (see ARTICLE VI, Section 6B).

## **ARTICLE V BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- Section 1 The business affairs of the Association shall be managed by its Board of Directors who may exercise all such powers of the Association and do all such lawful acts and things as are not by these By-laws directed or required to be exercised or done by the members.
- Section 2 The President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected at the Annual Meeting of the members except as herein after provided. Each Director shall hold office until their successor is elected and qualified. The President of the Association shall appoint all other Board positions.
- Section 3 Any Director may be removed either for or without cause at any special meeting of the members by the affirmative vote of the majority of the members present and in person at such meeting and entitled to vote. Notice of intention to act on such a matter shall be given in notice of calling such meeting. If any vacancies occur on the Board of Directors, whether by death, resignation, retirement, disqualification, or removal from office, or otherwise, a nominating committee shall be appointed to recommend a successor or successors, a majority of Directors then in office, although less than a quorum may choose a successor or a successor may be chosen at a special meeting of members called for that purpose. Each Director so chosen shall serve the un-expired term of his/her predecessor. Any Board position to be filled by reason of an increase in the number of Directors shall be filled by majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Section 4 The Board of Directors shall consist of:

- A. President
- B. Vice President
- C. Secretary
- D. Assistant Secretary (as needed)
- E. Treasurer
- F. Head Commissioner
- G. 14U Commissioner 13-14
- H. 12U Commissioner 11-12
- I. 10U Commissioner 9-10
- J. 8U Commissioner 7-8
- K. 6U Commissioner 5-6
- L. 4U Commissioner 3-4
- M. League Assistant Commissioners (as needed)
- N. Concession Manager
- O. Assistant Concession Manager
- P. Equipment Manager
- Q. Equipment Manager Assistant
- R. Special Events (Fund Raiser) Coordinator (may be 2 as needed)

Section 5 The first meeting of the newly elected Board of Directors shall be held immediately following the Annual Meeting at the same place unless, by unanimous consent of the Board, the time and place of said meeting is changed.

Section 6 Regular meetings of the Board of Directors may be held without notice at such time and place to be determined by the Board.

Section 7 Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be requested by any Director, either personally, email or by mail.

Section 8 At all meetings of the Board of directors, the presence of a majority shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business and the act of a majority of the Directors present shall constitute an act of the Board; except as may be otherwise specifically provided by these By-laws. If a quorum of Directors adjourns the meeting from time to time without notice other than an announcement, the meeting is postponed until such time as a quorum is present.

Section 9 Any Director who is absent from 2(two) consecutive meetings of the Board of Directors without justifiable cause may be subject to dismissal by the Board of Directors.

Section 10 Meetings of the Board of Directors shall not be conducted by telephone, nor shall a vote on any question be taken by telephone.

## **ARTICLE VI BOARD OF DIRECTORS, COACHES AND BUSINESS MANAGERS**

Section 1 The Board of Directors of the Association shall be elected yearly.

Section 2 The voting members at the Annual Meeting of Members shall choose the President, Secretary and Treasurer from the membership of the Association.

Section 3 Each Director shall hold their office until their successor is chosen and qualified or until their death, resignation or removal from office.

Section 4 The duties of the Directors shall be:

- A. President
  - 1. To preside over meetings.
  - 2. To appoint Directors/League Commissioners and assign their duties, with the exception of the Secretary and Treasurer.
  - 3. To cast the tie-breaking vote in the case of tied votes.
  - 4. To call meetings as necessary.
  - 5. To act as Chief Executive Officer of the Association.
  
- B. Vice President
  - 1. To preside over all meetings in the absence of the President.
  - 2. To perform all duties assigned by the President.
  - 3. To coordinate with the League Commissioners in all decisions and problems.
  - 4. To assume the duties of any officer that is unable to perform their duties until such officer's vacancy is filled.
  - 5. To perform such duties as the Board may assign from time to time.
  
- C. Secretary
  - 1. To take and preserve the minutes of all meetings.
  - 2. To handle all correspondence assigned by the President.
  - 3. To perform all duties assigned by the President.
  - 4. To perform such duties as the Board may assign from time to time.
  - 5. To handle all correspondence with USSSA Baseball and The City of Haltom City, and provide required documents in a timely manner.
  
- D. Assistant Secretary (if needed)
  - 1. To assist the Secretary as needed in the duties of Secretary.
  - 2. To perform such duties as the Board may assign from time to time.
  
- E. Treasurer
  - 1. To receive and collect all funds.
  - 2. To dispense all bills and charges under the direction of the Board.
  - 3. To maintain an accurate ledger as to all Association funds, and to present an accurate financial statement at each meeting of the Board.
  - 4. To perform such duties as the Board may assign from time to time.
  - 5. To provide a complete financial report to the Board and the City of Haltom City, 30 days before the season and 30 days after the season end.
  
- F. Head Commissioner
  - 1. To coordinate all matters with the League Commissioners and enforce all rulings required by the By-laws.
  - 2. To act as a liaison between the League Commissioners and the Board.
  - 3. To resolve any questions regarding game rules as set out in these By-laws and the USSSA Rule Book.
  - 4. To perform such duties as the Board may assign from time to time.

- G. 14U League Commissioner
1. To coordinate all matters with the Coaches of the 14U League and enforce all rulings required by the By-laws.
  2. To act as a liaison between the 14U League Coaches and the Board.
  3. To resolve any questions regarding game rules as set out in these By-laws and the USSSA Baseball Rule Book.
  4. To perform such duties as the Board may assign from time to time.
- H. 12U League Commissioner
1. To coordinate all matters with the Coaches of the 12U League and enforce all rulings required by the By-laws.
  2. To act as a liaison between the 12U League Coaches and the Board.
  3. To resolve any questions regarding game rules as set out in these By-laws and the USSSA Baseball Rule Book.
  4. To perform such duties as the Board may assign from time to time.
- I. 10U League Commissioner
1. To coordinate all matters with the Coaches of the 10U League and enforce all rulings required by the By-laws
  2. To act as liaison between the 10U League Coaches and the Board.
  3. To resolve any questions regarding game rules as set out in these By-laws and the USSSA Baseball Rule Book.
  4. To perform such duties as the Board may assign from time to time.
- J. 8U League Commissioner
1. To coordinate all matters with the Coaches of the 8U League and enforce all rulings required by the By-laws.
  2. To act as liaison between the 8U League Coaches and the Board.
  3. To resolve any questions regarding game rules as set out in these By-laws and the USSSA Baseball Rule Book.
  4. To perform such duties as the Board may assign from time to time.
- K. 6U League Commissioner
1. To coordinate all matters with the Coaches of the 6U League and enforce all rulings required by the By-laws.
  2. To act as liaison between the 6U League Coaches and the Board.
  3. To resolve any questions regarding game rules as set out in these By-laws and the USSSA Baseball Rule Book.
  4. To perform such duties as the Board may assign from time to time.
- L. 4U Commissioner
1. To coordinate all matters with the Coaches of the 4U League and enforce all rulings required by the By-laws.
  2. To act as liaison between the 4U League Coaches and the Board.
  3. To resolve any questions regarding game rules as set out in these By-laws and the USSSA Baseball Rule Book.
  4. To perform such duties as the Board may assign from time to time.

- M. League Assistant Commissioners (as needed)
  1. To coordinate all matters with the Coaches and Teams as requested by the League Commissioners.
  2. To act as a liaison between the League Coaches, Parents and the Board.
  3. To resolve any questions regarding game rules as set forth by the By-laws and the USSSA Baseball Rule Book.
  4. To perform such duties as the Board may assign from time to time.
  
- N. Concession Manager
  1. Handle all business matters of the concession stand.
  2. Responsible for volunteer work schedules.
  3. Reports to Treasurer for funding and monies received.
  4. Oversees all purchasing needs of concession.
  5. Responsible for providing an inventory control log and cost analysis.
  6. To perform such duties as the Board may assign from time to time.
  
- O. Assistant Concession Manager
  1. Assist the Concession Manager in the duties of operation in the Concession Stand.
  2. To perform such duties as the board may assign from time to time.
  
- P. Equipment Manager
  1. Handle responsibilities of the equipment for the Association. Including but not limited to players, fields, game and concessions.
  2. Oversee purchasing needs of League equipment.
  3. To perform such duties as the Board may assign from time to time.
  
- Q. Equipment Manager Assistant
  1. Assist the equipment manager in the handling of equipment.
  2. To perform such duties as the board may assign from time to time.
  
- R. Special Events Co-Coordinator (2)
  1. Handle responsibilities of League Fund Raiser, All Star festivities and any other special events the League may hold.
  2. To perform such duties as the board may assign from time to time.

Section 5 Election of Officers

- A. The elections of Officers/Directors shall be held at an Annual Meeting of the Association. All Officers/Directors, Coaches and Parents may be present. Voting Members for the Annual Meeting shall consist of Board of Directors, Head Coaches, Assistant Coach that have coached for at least 2 years and Business Managers that have been in that position for at least 2 years.
  
- B. The President shall present names of Candidates. The voting members may make additional nominations from the floor.
  
- C. Voting shall be by secret ballot. Voting may be by a show of hands by voting members if the candidate is unopposed.
  
- D. President eligibility prerequisite requires at least 2(two) years of experience as a Haltom Youth Baseball Board Member.

Section 6 Coaches

- A. All Head Coaches, Assistant Coaches and Team Business Managers must pass the required Haltom City background check to be approved. Coach Applications may be presented by any member of the Board of Directors and shall be approved as Coaches by a majority vote.
- B. A Statement of Intent must be written, signed and dated. Statement of intent may be submitted to commissioner in person, email or mail. Mail a statement of intent for a Head Coach position to Haltom Youth Baseball, P. O. Box 14963, Haltom City, Texas 76117 by December 1. After that date, if the Head Coach has not indicated a desire to retain his team, the Head Coach position will be assumed vacant. This also applies to Assistant Coaches applying for the Head Coach position of the team in question. A team may not be claimed for the following year before June 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.
- C. *No person* shall participate on the field as a Coach or Assistant Coach during a season unless such person has received specific approval from the Board of Directors. Any approved Coach can temporarily assist another team if they have the approval of 2(two) Board Members.
  - 1. No coach may hold the Head Coach position for more than one team in same or different age groups.
- D. All Head Coaches are responsible for their Team Business Manager, providing a League Sponsor, providing required concession workers and returning League issued equipment in good condition with the exception of normal wear and tear. Also, for ensuring that their Assistant Coaches, Team Business Manager, players and player parents conduct themselves in such a way as to attain the objectives and purposes of the By-laws. Head Coach shall be responsible for only using approved volunteers at practices and games.
- E. The President, Vice President or other Board of Director not directly involved in the game, can suspend play, regardless of the score, players or fans.
- F. Any Head Coach, Assistant Coach or player, removed from the game by an umpire or causing a game to be suspended by the proper authorities will have an automatic 1(one) game suspension. The suspended Coach or player is forbidden to be on the field where the game is being played. A second such offense will be dealt with by the Board of Directors and could end with the suspension of said Coach or player for the remainder of the season. Other acts of un-sportsmanlike conduct by Coaches, players or fans on and off the field, will be dealt with by the Board of Directors. Coaches not adhering to these rules will be suspended for 1(one) game. Said Coach or player cannot be in the area of the stands and may not participate in the game. If said Coach is a member of the Board of Directors, a 2(two) game suspension will be assessed.
- G. A penalty, to be determined by the Board of Directors can and will be given to a Coach if they do not abide by any Board decisions.

- H. Practices
1. Prior to opening day, Head Coaches of 6U – 14U teams Coaches shall conduct a minimum of 2(two) practices and a maximum of 5(five) practices a week. After the season starts, the number of practices shall be left to the discretion of each Coach with a limit of a total of 5(five), 2(two) practices and 3(three) games per week or 3(three) practices and 2(two) games per week. There must be a minimum of 1(one) practice each week. Teams can practice on Wednesday, but during Monday thru Thursday 1(one) day must be off. No Sunday practice.
    - A. 4U must practice at least one day a week, but not more than two days a week.
  2. A Head Coach having habitual problems with one or more players missing practice may come before the Board of Directors, with parents of said player or players, to seek penalty. Upon review of the Board, said penalty shall be determined.
  3. No practices shall be held at the game fields during the regular season.
    - A. 4U will be allowed to practice on their game field.
- I. A Head Coach that habitually misses or fails to conduct sufficient practice sessions shall be subject to dismissal by the Board of Directors.
- J. Each Head Coach is required to ensure his team is represented at Elections and By-law Meeting by himself or a qualified Assistant Coach. These are mandatory meetings.
- K. All Coaches shall conduct themselves in such a manner as to present a proper example for players at all times.
- L. No Coach may drop or remove a player from the roster without the consent of the majority of the Board of Directors.
- M. No practice can be held under lights.
- N. **Teams can not practice with or scrimmage any team out of their age group.**
- O. Fighting, swearing, hand jesters or general poor sportsmanship on or around the field will not be tolerated. The penalty is removal from the game and a 1(one) game suspension. The Board decision is final. The penalty will be enforced the next regular schedule game. Make-up games do not apply.

## ARTICLE VII PLAYER PARTICIPATION

### Section 1 Age Requirements

- A. The 4U League shall consist of any child who will:
  1. Attain the age of 3(three) years on or before April 30 of the current year, unless approved thru Board of Directors.
  2. Shall not attain the age of 5(five) years prior to May 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year, unless approved thru Board of Directors.



- B. The 6U League shall consist of any child who will:
  - 1. Attain the age of 5(five) years on or before April 30 of the current year. 4 Year Olds may play in the 6U League at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
  - 2. Shall not attain the age of 7(seven) years prior to May 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.
  
- C. The 8U League shall consist of any child who will:
  - 1. Attain the age of 7(seven) years on or before April 30 of the current year.
  - 2. Shall not attain the age of 9(nine) years prior to May 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.
  
- D. The 10U League shall consist of any child who will:
  - 1. Attain the age of 9(nine) years on or before April 30 of the current year.
  - 2. Shall not attain the age of 11(eleven) years prior to May 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.
  
- E. The 12U League shall consist of any child who will:
  - 1. Attain the age of 11(eleven) years on or before April 30 of the current year.
  - 2. Shall not attain the age of 13(thirteen) years prior to May 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.
  
- E. The 14U League shall consist of any child who will:
  - 1. Attain the age of 13(thirteen) years on or before April 30 of the current year.
  - 2. Shall not attain the age of 15(fifteen) years prior to May 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.

## Section 2 Registrations

- A. Registration Dates shall be established by the Board of Directors.
- B. Registration fees shall be established by the Board of Directors.
- C. No refunds will be given after picture day. Extraordinary circumstances will be at the discretion of the Board.

## Section 3 Allocation of Players

- A. Head Coaches shall keep existing teams intact except for a player moving to a higher League or has completed eligibility in the Association. Other provisions of these By-laws notwithstanding, exceptions to this section and paragraph may be approved by the Board in accordance of the following:
  - 1. A 2/3(two-thirds) majority of the Board in favor of the exception shall be required.

- B. Each team shall be allowed 3(three) option players including the Head Coaches child. Of the 3(three) options, only two may be of the older age in any League.
1. An option player cannot have previously played on a team in that League or age group. A player shall be eligible to be an option player if he is going to the next League or age group or a new child in the Association. Siblings of the same League or age group will count a fifth round draft pick. Under no circumstances shall any team be allowed more than 3(three) options unless specifically approved by the Board of Directors. Such exception only shall be granted in cases where no other alternative exists to allow the player in question to participate in this Association.
    - A. Head Coaches must sign approval for option player.
  2. A player moving into a League or age group where a sibling is an established returning player automatically goes to that team. Said player is not considered an option player, but is considered a fifth round draft pick.
  3. Players can return the draw the next year instead of returning to previous team at the request of the parent. Said player may not be optioned.
    - A. 4U have open options at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
- C. Unoptioned new player and upgraded players for all Leagues shall be allocated by an open draft method as follows:
1. The number of 3 & 4 year olds in the 4U League, the number of 5 & 6 year olds in the 6U League, the number of 7 & 8 year olds in the 8U League, the number of 9 & 10 year olds in the 10U League, the number of 11 & 12 year olds in the 12U League, and the number of 13 & 14 year olds in the 14U League shall be determined by the respective League Commissioner and be distributed as evenly as possible.
  2. Players to be drafted will be segregated by the age level.
  3. 6U, 8U, 10U, 12U and 14U League Head Coach drawing positions will be determined by ending places the previous year. The number of draws per Head Coach will be determined by the respective League Commissioner compatible with Section 3, paragraph A of this Article. 4U draw is at the discretion of the Board and League Commissioner.
    - A. Draft order shall be as example 1, 2, 3, 4 then return to 1 as follows.  
Options will count as 1, 2, 3 rounds and 5, 6 for brother options.
  4. Head Coaches will draft according to number (one player per draw except for siblings) and the draft will rotate until each team attains its allotted number of players as determined in accordance with the provisions of these By-laws.
  5. No trading players. No exceptions.

6. Any players signed up late will be determined by blind draw of lowest roster teams in respective age group or League. That League will have a supplemental draw consisting of teams with the lowest roster, if necessary.

D. If necessary to delete a team, the team with the least amount of returning players may be deleted. If 2(two) teams are tied, it will be determined by a draw. A determining factor may also be coaching experience. Players will return to the player draw. *The Board of Directors may choose to delete a team with no Coach if teams with few returning players have a Coach in place.*

#### Section 4 Trophies and Sponsors

A. The Association will accept sponsors for the teams provided. Said sponsors must adhere to these By-laws and rules set forth in the USSSA Baseball Rule Book.

B. All teams will receive trophies regardless of placement at the end of the season.

C. Special recognition shall be as determined by the Board of Directors.

### ARTICLE VIII GENERAL PARK RULES - ALL AGE GROUPS

#### Section 1 Game Balls

A. Two playable balls will be allowed for each game.

#### Section 2 Fields

A. The home team of the first game is responsible for marking the field of play, setting out bases.

B. The home team of the last game is responsible for picking up bases and raking pitching mound, if applicable.

C. Each team is responsible for cleaning up their dugout, sidelines and stands after each game. Failure to do so could result in suspension of Head Coach for the next game. Final determination will be at the discretion of the Board.

D. Home team responsible for providing scorekeeper to keep the League Assigned Scorebook.

Visiting team responsible for providing scoreboard operator.

E. **Unsportsmanlike conduct and/or inappropriate behavior WILL NOT be tolerated. Person or persons, whether it is player, coaches or spectators, will be removed from the park immediately.**

F. Coaching Helmets are recommended for all base Coaches.

Section 3 Concession Stand

- A. No person under the age of 16(sixteen) years of age is allowed to be working the Concession stand.
  - 1. No one under 18 years of age can be cooking or working in the grill area.
- B. Each team is responsible for providing 2(two) workers for each of their scheduled work shifts. One of the workers must be at least 18 years or older. Teams are assigned concession for each Home game.

Penalty: Head Coach will have 1(one) game suspension for next game. It is the responsibility of the Head Coach to check schedules for Saturday and Rainout concession schedules

  - 1. 4U teams will provide 1(one) worker for each of their scheduled work shifts.
- C. If head coach shows up at scheduled work time, he/she will count as both workers.
- D. Team will be considered a no show at 10 min late for assigned shift.

Section 4 Coaches

- A. Each Head Coach is responsible for selecting a Team Business Manager for his/her team and they will share responsibility for team's funds. Team must supply financial statement to Player parents and/or League if requested.
- B. Each Head Coach is responsible for his/her:
  - 1. Players
  - 2. Coaches/ Team Business Manager
  - 3. Parents/Fans
  - 4. Field conditions after game.
  - 5. Equipment issued to team
  - 6. Providing Sponsor
  - 7. Concession duty
  - 8. Scorekeeper or Scoreboard operator
- C. All protests must be filed in writing with the League Commissioner within 24(twenty-four) hours of the end of the game.
- D. A fee of \$20.00(twenty dollars) is payable at time of protest.
- E. No coach will be denied a team due to race, religion, nationality or gender.
- F. All Head Coaches, Assistant Coaches and Team Business Managers must be at least 18(eighteen) years of age.
  - 1. Assistant Coaches may be 17(seventeen) years of age with board approval. Each will be addressed by the board on a case by case basis. Said individual will not be responsible for any managerial duties for any team.
- G. No coach may be Head Coach of more than one team.

Section 5 Players

- A. No player will be denied access to a team due to race, religion, nationality or gender.
- B. Steel or metal cleats are NOT allowed in any League, except 14U.

Section 6 General Play

- A. All players and coaches are to be in complete League issued uniforms. (I.e.-no fitted caps)
  - 1. Exceptions must be approved by at least 2(two) Commissioners.
- B. A team may score 5(five) runs per inning before the side is retired as long as 3(three) outs have not been made. Continuation of the play is not allowed unless Home Run is hit over the fence.
  - 1. Run Rule- 6U, 8U , 10U - 10 after 4
  - 2. Run Rule- 12U and 14U - 10 after 5
- C. All Leagues: Round robin batting and open substitutions.
- D. Bats used during game play are not to exceed 2 3/4" according to USSSA rules. All bats must be compliant with current USSSA bat rules.
- E. A roster will be made available to the scorekeeper for record keeping purposes at least 10(ten) minutes before scheduled game time.
- F. All schedules (regular, rainouts, postponements or ties) will be done by an appointee of the Board of Directors. All schedules are final.
- G. **Coach must give Board of Directors 1(one) week notice in writing of school function that would prevent team from playing.**  
**(MUST BE A SCHOOL FUNCTION)**

Section 7 Ties - Rainout/Doubleheader

- A. Tie Games: If at the end of allotted number of innings the game is tied AND there is at least 5(five) minutes of game time left on the play clock, one more inning of play will be added. If still tied at the end of the extra inning the game will be scored as a tie. In the event of a tied score at the end of regulation playtime, the result will be a tie game and scored as a tie. Standings calculator will accommodate the Tie score into the standings.
- B. In the event of a Rain Delay, the game will be rescheduled. The rescheduled game shall start exactly as it was stopped. (I e., same inning, score, pitchers, fielders, etc.). Pitching rules do not apply to the rescheduled game but are in effect for the original game time and date, (i.e., if a pitcher was ineligible for the start of the game on its original date, he/she is also ineligible for play on the rescheduled date).

- C. Season: In the event that two or more teams are tied at the end of the season, the first tiebreaker is head to head competition. The playoff game will be standard regulation game time for the age group. If at the end of regulation time in this playoff game there is still a tie; one inning will be added until a winner can be declared. Continuous Tie innings will result in addition innings to be added. Game will end upon winner being declared at the end of regulation time or end of each extra inning.”

## **ARTICLE IX LEAGUE EXCEPTION RULES**

### **Section 1 4U - Ages 3-4**

- A. The Field
1. The pitching rubber is 38(thirty-eight) feet from home plate.
  2. Pitcher can stand anywhere in the 6 ft. circle.
  3. Bases are at 35(thirty-five) feet.
  4. All Players must be 35 feet from home plate on defense
- B. The batter will be given unlimited swings until the ball is struck and passes an approximate 10 foot arch in front of home plate.
1. There are no walks, everyone hits.
  2. The batter must hit the ball off the batting tee.
  3. Coaches cannot stop the ball.
- C. The pitcher – player
1. Is not subject to normal pitching limits.
- D. Play ends when the ball is in possession and control of a player.
- E. Playing time is 2 innings; each team will bat the entire lineup each inning.
- F. Coach must rotate players each inning.
1. Defense will play all players in the field
- G. No score will be kept, no players will be out.
1. No protests will be allowed.
- H. Allowed only 5(five) coaches on the field or in the dugout.  
Penalty: Head Coach suspended for the next game.

### **Section 2 6U - Ages 5-6**

- A. The Field
1. The pitching rubber is 40(forty) feet from home plate.
  2. Pitcher can stand anywhere in the 6 foot circle.
  3. Bases are at 55(fifty-five) feet.

- B. The batter will be given 5(five) pitches.
1. There are no walks.
  2. The batter either hit's the ball or is called out at the end of those pitches.
  3. An at bat does not end in a 5<sup>th</sup> (fifth) pitch foul.
  4. T-ball bats will be allowed @ 23" or shorter.
- C. The pitcher – player
1. Is not subject to normal pitching limits.
  2. Play ends when the player stands inside the pitching circle with the ball or by stopping the lead runner.
  3. Player in pitching circle must be inside the circle and even with or behind the rubber.
  4. Player pitcher must wear heart guard vest and protective cup.
- D. The pitcher – coach
1. If hit by the ball, it is still in play.
  2. May pitch either over handed or underhanded and may pitch either from knee or standing.
  3. May coach during the play.
- E. Playing time is 5(five) innings or 1(one) hour and 15(fifteen) minutes, whichever comes first. Run Rule-10 after 4.
- F. All players must play 6(six) defensive outs except in the case of a rain delay. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of the game.
- G. Exception to Paragraph F - In a 3(three) inning game, all players must play 3(three) defensive outs.
- H. Protests will be allowed.
- I. Defense will field 10(ten) players.
- J. If an adult pitcher comes out of a game, she/he may not return as pitcher in that game.
- K. Allowed only 4(four) coaches on the field or in the dugout.  
Penalty: Head Coach suspended for the next game.
- L. Defensive Coaches should be 3 ft outside the Foul Line and behind infield. Coach behind Home Plate much stay behind home plate.
- M. Defensive Outfielders must play in the grass.
- N. It is recommended that all players wear a protective cup.
- O. There will be no 10 ft arch in front of home plate. Any ball hit in front of home plate will be considered fair if it is in fair territory. Player must make valid attempt to swing at the ball. No bunting is allowed.

Section 3 8U - Ages 7-8

- A. The batter will be given 5(five) pitches or 3(three) swinging strikes. At bat does not end with last pitch foul.
  - 1. No walks allowed.
- B. The pitcher – player
  - 1. Is not subject to normal inning limits.
  - 2. Heart guard vest must be worn.
- C. The pitcher – coach
  - 1. If hit by the ball, it is still in play.
  - 2. May not pitch from his knees or underhand.
  - 3. Must remain in contact with the pitching rubber while pitching.
- D. Playing time is 5(five) innings or 1(one) hour and 30(thirty) minutes, whichever comes first. Run Rule in effect, 10 after 4.
- E. All players must play 6(six) defensive outs except in the case of run rule or rain delay. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of that game.
- F. Exception to Paragraph E-In a 3(three) inning game, all players must play 3(three) defensive outs.
- G. If an adult pitcher comes out of the game, she/he may not return as pitcher. Adult pitcher may not coach or speak at any time during offensive play.
- H. Allowed only 4(four) coaches on the field or in the dugout.  
Penalty: Head Coach suspended for the next game.
- I. The pitching rubber is 40(forty) feet from home plate.
  - 1. Bases are at 60(sixty) feet.
- J. It is recommended that all players wear a protective cup.
- K. There will be no 10 ft arch in front of home plate. Any ball hit in front of home plate will be considered fair if it is in fair territory. Player must make valid attempt to swing at the ball. No bunting is allowed.

Section 4 10U - Ages 9 - 10

- A. Playing time in this League is 1(one) hour and 30(thirty) minutes, or 6(six) innings, whichever comes first. Run Rule is 10 after 4.
- B. All players must play 6(six) defensive outs except in the case of a run rule or rain delay. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of that game.



- C. 3(three) inning game: All players must play 3(three) defensive outs.
- D. Players will be batting round robin, open substitutions except for pitcher.
- E. Player cannot cross designated line between 3<sup>rd</sup> base and home until the ball crosses the plate. I.e. no suicide squeeze
- F. Allowed only 3(three) coaches on the field or in the dugout.  
Penalty: Head Coach suspended for next game.
- G. Coaches must notify scorekeepers of pitching substitutions.
- H. It is recommended that all players wear a protective cup.
- I. The pitching rubber is 46(forty-six) feet from home plate.
  - 1. Bases are at 65(sixty-five) feet.
- J. Pitchers may not pitch more than 3(three) innings in one game and if said pitcher pitches 3(three) innings must have 40(forty) hours rest. In a double header/rain make up, pitchers may not pitch more than 6(six) innings (3 innings each game) total. Pitchers may not pitch more than 8(eight) innings in 1(one) week.

Section 5 12U - Ages 11 - 12

- A. Playing time in this League is 1(one) hour and 30(thirty) minutes, or 7(seven) innings, whichever comes first. Run rule is 10 after 5.
- B. All players must play 6(six) defensive outs and have at least 1(one) at bat except in the case of a run rule or rain delay. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of that game.
- C. 3(three) inning game: All players must play 3(three) defensive outs and 1(one) at bat.
- D. Allowed only 3(three) coaches on the field or in the dugout.  
Penalty: Head Coach suspended for next game.
- E. Batting will be round robin, open substitutions (except for pitchers), an out will be taken only if team drops below 9(nine) players.
- F. Coaches must notify scorekeepers of pitching substitutions.
- G. It is recommended that all players wear a protective cup.
- H. The pitching rubber is 50(fifty) feet from home plate.
  - 1. Bases are at 70(seventy) feet.
- I. Pitchers may not pitch more than 7(seven) innings in a day. If said pitcher pitches 3(three) innings must have 40(forty) hours rest. Pitchers may not pitch more than 10(ten) innings in 1(one) week.

Section 6 14U - Ages 13-14

- A. All League rules are the same as USSSA rules. Playing time is seven (7) innings or 1(one hour and 30(thirty) minutes, whichever comes first. Run rule is 10 after 5.
- B. All players must play 6(six) defensive outs and at least 1(one) at bat except in the case of a run rule or a rain delay. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of that game.
- C. 3(three) inning games: All players must play 3(three) defensive outs and 1(one) at bat.
- D. Allowed only 3(three) coaches on the field or in the dugout.  
Penalty: Head Coach suspended for next game.
- E. Batting will be round robin, open substitutions (except for pitchers), an out will be taken only if team drops below 9(nine).
- F. Coaches must notify scorekeepers of all pitching substitutions.
- G. It is recommended that all players wear a protective cup.
- H. The pitching rubber is 54(fifty-four) feet from home plate.
  - 1. Bases are at 80(eighty) feet.
- I. Pitchers may not pitch more than 7(seven) innings in a day. If said pitcher pitches 3(three) innings must have 40(forty) hours rest. Pitchers may not pitch more than 10(ten) innings in 1(one) week.

Section 7 All Leagues

- A. Play may occur with 8(eight) players and take 9<sup>th</sup> (ninth) player out.
- B. Post season play is at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
- C. It is recommended that all players wear a protective cup.

Section 8 Interlock Rules

- A. Each organization will set up their own fields for play.
- B. Play by rules of that organization that the game is played at.
  - 1. HYB plays 5 runs, no continuation unless Home Run over the fence.
- C. Only League games count towards standings.
- D. Steel Cleats allowed in 14U.

## Section 9

### Tournament Play

- A. HYB will pay USSSA Registration Fees.
  1. **Teams playing at Home fields must pay gate fee and work on Fields.**
- B. The Head Coach of the First place team has first option to the Tournament Team with the exception that he must be in good standing with League, final decision is at the discretion of the Board. In the event the 1<sup>st</sup> place head Coach declines to take the tournament team, the option will fall to the 2<sup>nd</sup> place head coach.
- C. Head Tournament Coach **must** turn in a proposed list of Tournament players for approval, **before** players are asked to be on team.
- D. Players that do not complete tournament play must reimburse the League the cost of the uniform immediately.
- E. If all financial obligations are fulfilled by April 1<sup>st</sup> of current season said player will not be allowed to participate in Tournament Team.
- F. All tournament teams must wear league issued uniform in game play unless approved by Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE X

### MISCELLANEOUS

- A. The Board shall present a full and clear financial statement of the business and condition of the Association including reasonable detailed balance sheet and income statement at the Annual Meeting.
- B. Any Director may resign by giving notice of his intention to the President.
- C. Registration fees and dates shall be set by the Board of Directors.
- D. By-laws can be amended at anytime providing it passes a 2/3(two-thirds) majority vote.
- E. All teams must use league photographer to take pictures. No outside photographer may be used until after league pictures are taken.”
- F. Due to Texas State Ordinance it is unlawful to bring a handgun to a city park, unless carried by a commissioned law official. Alcohol is not allowed at any Haltom Youth Baseball event.

## ARTICLE XI

### DISSOLUTION

- A. Upon dissolution of the Haltom City Youth Baseball organization, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for payment of all liabilities of the organization, including the costs and expenses of such dissolution, dispose of all the assets of the organization exclusively for the exempt purposes of the organization or distributed to an organization described in Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding provisions of any future federal law, as shall be selected by the last Board of Directors. None of the assets will be distributed to any officer or director of the organization. Any such assets so disposed of shall be disposed of by, and in the manner designated by, the state court having jurisdiction over the matter.