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ARTICLE I
NAME, LOCATION, AND SCOPE

Section 1. Name. The name of this corporation shall be YOUTH ASSOCIATION OF NORTHEAST PENSACOLA, INC. (also known herein as "YANEP," "NEP," or the "Corporation").

Section 2. Location. The Corporation shall be located in Escambia County, Florida.

Section 3. Scope. The Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes. It shall provide, without profit, youth recreation activities. The Corporation shall be operated as an independent, non-commercial, non-political, and non-profit organization.

ARTICLE II
VISION

Section 1. Mission Statement

The Corporation's mission is to enrich the community by providing leadership, training facilities, and administration for a youth baseball and softball program (also known herein as the "program") in a manner consistent with Corporation and community values.

Section 2. Values

- ★ Integrity
- ★ Commitment
- ★ Teamwork
- ★ Sportsmanship

Section 3. Goals

A. Community. The Corporation commits to enhancing the community by providing, without profit, youth recreation activities.

B. Stewardship. The Corporation commits to managing and protecting its baseball and softball facilities (also known herein as the "ballpark" or "facility") in order to enhance the quality of its youth athletic program for the future.

C. Fiscal Responsibility. The Corporation commits to comprehensive financial planning that provides for adequate cash reserves, sound infrastructure, quality spending, and minimizing debt while operating primarily on funds raised by participants in its program and its commercial sponsors.

D. Promote Personal Safety and Property Security. The Corporation commits to promoting the personal safety of its players and fans and the security of their ballpark.

E. Promote Development of the Youth Through a Values-Based Program. The Corporation commits to promoting group participation, social contact, cooperation, loyalty, emotional control, discipline, desire, perseverance, and pressure adjustment through its values.

F. Seek Mutually Beneficial, Honest, and Fair Relationships. The Corporation commits to seeking mutually beneficial, honest, and fair relationships with its community, its government, and its customers and members.

G. Goal-Oriented Administration. The Corporation commits to keeping its Board structure, decision guidelines, and park policies simple and fair. It will agree upon precise, clear goals for the Board which will lead to accomplishment of its Mission. It will conduct itself in an ethical and professional manner.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Requirements. Members shall be at least eighteen (18) years of age, be of good moral character, and include all persons who are admitted to membership. The Board of Directors (also known herein as the “Board”) may, from time to time, set any admission standards and requirements. The Board shall also set membership dues.

Section 2. Classifications.

A. Regular Members. Regular Members of the Corporation shall consist of parents whose children are registered to participate in any program provided by the Corporation. In addition, regular members shall consist of all other persons, having an interest in the community served by YANEP, but who do not have children registered in any of the programs of the Corporation, provided they pay a fee equal to the fee necessary to register one child in the Corporation’s program. No person shall be eligible for regular membership or status as an approved volunteer unless he is of good character and in good standing, resides in the YANEP community, and is willing to submit to a comprehensive background investigation.

B. Honorary Members. Honorary Members may be selected from outside the regular membership on the basis of their distinguished public service. Honorary Members shall be entitled to all the privileges of the Corporation except for voting and holding office. Names of Permanent Honorary Members shall be included in these By-Laws.

Permanent Honorary Members of the Youth Association of Northeast Pensacola

- ★ “Tiny” Whittington – Distinguished Board Member and 11-12 year old League Commissioner – Inducted 1998.
- ★ Cathy Whittington – Distinguished Association Member and noteworthy supporter of the NEP program – Inducted 1998.

- ★ Travis Fryman – Distinguished NEP Alumnus who achieved professional baseball fame; noteworthy supporter of the NEP program – Inducted 1998.

Section 3. Election. The Board may, at any regular or special meeting, elect any eligible person to be a member of the Corporation by a majority vote of the Board members in attendance.

ARTICLE IV BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. General. The Board of Directors shall transact all of the business of the Corporation. It shall determine all policies and activities and, in general, assume responsibility for directing the disposition of all Corporation affairs, business, and property. Members of the Board of Directors must be members in good standing of the Corporation.

Section 2. Composition. The Board shall consist of not less than five nor more than twenty- five Officers and Directors. No individual shall hold more than one voting position on the Board. The Board may designate that a husband and wife not hold separate positions on the Board, or the Board may designate that if they do hold two positions on the Board that only one of the positions be a voting position. The Board shall consist of the Officers and Directors of the Corporation.

Section 3. Quorum. The presence of a majority of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum to transact business, except as otherwise provided in these By-Laws. The act of a majority of Directors present at a meeting, when a quorum is present, shall constitute an action of the Board of Directors.

Section 4. Removal from Office. Any member of the Board of Directors may be removed by the Board whenever, in the judgment of the Board, the best interests of the Corporation are served. A two-thirds majority vote of the Board of Directors shall be required for removal of a member of the Board. Failure to attend three consecutive meetings without an excuse shall constitute cause for the removal of a Board member.

Section 5. Board Vacancies. Any vacancy on the Board of Directors may be filled by the Board of Directors at any regular or special meeting of the Board and the person so elected shall serve until the next Corporation election.

Section 6. Board Salaries. No member of the Board of Directors, including any Officer, shall be paid compensation for his service to the Corporation, but this does not preclude the hiring of an Executive Secretary, a Manager of the Association, or Concession Operator in which case service may be compensated. Furthermore, no member may place upon the agenda, participate in debate, or vote on any contractual or employment matter that may be reasonably considered a conflict of interest by his association with a contractor or employee.

Section 7. Meetings. The annual meeting of the membership of the Corporation shall be held during the Opening Day ceremonies of the YOUTH ASSOCIATION OF NORTHEAST PENSACOLA, INC. during the month of March or April. An annual meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held immediately following the general membership meeting. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be at such time and place as specified by the Board of Directors. Special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be called by the President or called by the President if requested in writing by any five Directors. Notice of each special meeting shall be given by the President or Secretary by telephone or otherwise to each member of the Board, not less than three days before the meeting, unless each Director waives notice thereof.

Section 8. Election of Officers and Directors.

A. Nominating Committee. The President shall appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of at least three members at least thirty days prior to any annual election. The Nominating Committee shall nominate at least one person for each office and position on the Board of Directors. Any member of the Corporation may submit a nomination to any member of the Board of Directors, but all such nominations must be made by May 15 of each year. The Nominating Committee shall post a list of all nominations on a bulletin board at the ballpark prior to the election.

B. Term of Office. Members of the Board of Directors shall be elected for a period of one year, commencing September 1.

C. Election. All Board Members shall be elected by a plurality of votes cast. All members of the Corporation are eligible to vote. The election shall be conducted by secret ballot except that unopposed nominees shall be declared elected. The annual election will be held during the last full week of May with voting days on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. The President shall appoint three officials to oversee the elections. The election shall be conducted as follows: A table will be set up at the ballpark with ballots and a ballot box. A roster with all eligible voters will be at the voting table and all voters will sign off when they vote. Only parents listed on the official registration form will be eligible to vote and each parent will only be allowed one vote, regardless of the number of children registered. Ballots will be tabulated by two separate election committees to ensure that the final results are uncontested. A list of the newly elected Board Members will be posted once presented to the presiding Board.

D. Eligibility for Nomination. To be eligible for nomination, election, or appointment to any official position in the YOUTH ASSOCIATION OF NORTHEAST PENSACOLA, INC., a person shall:

- (1) Be of good moral reputation;
- (2) Have no known record of conviction of any felony or of any crime of moral turpitude;
- (3) Enter into no personal or business venture that can, in any way, be considered or viewed as a conflict of interest;
- (4) Not seek personal financial gain from the use of the person's position within the organization or through the use of the name of the YOUTH ASSOCIATION OF NORTHEAST PENSACOLA, INC.

Section 9. Officers and Duties.

A. President of the Corporation. The President shall preside over all regular and special meetings of the membership of the Corporation and over all meetings of the Board of Directors and enforce the provisions of these By-Laws. His duties include but are not limited to the following:

- (1) Countersign all contracts, obligations, and checks authorized by the Board;
- (2) Appoint all committees, unless the Board specifies otherwise;
- (3) Serve as an ex officio member of all committees;
- (4) Call all special meetings of the Board of Directors;
- (5) Make an annual report to the Board of Directors and such other reports as he may consider necessary;
- (6) Sign all contracts and other legal documents executed on behalf of the YOUTH ASSOCIATION OF NORTHEAST PENSACOLA, INC.;
- (7) Initiate long-range strategic planning;
- (8) Perform such other duties as may be placed upon him by the Board of Directors.

B. Vice President of the Corporation. The Vice President's duties include but are not limited to the following:

- (1) Assist the President in his duties;
- (2) Perform the duties of the President in the absence or disability of the President or when the office of President is vacant;
- (3) Oversee satisfaction of all contracts and hiring agreed upon by the Corporation;
- (4) Perform as the Chief Staff Officer of the Corporation. Specifically, it is the primary duty of the Vice President to coordinate the staff efforts of the Board of Directors to ensure an orderly flow of business and information. He will ensure that correspondence requirements are met through coordination with the Secretary;
- (5) Additionally, he shall perform such other duties as may be placed upon him by the President or the Board of Directors.

C. Secretary of the Corporation. The Secretary's duties include but are not limited to the following:

(1) Keep an accurate record of all meetings of the Corporation's membership and the Board of Directors, and cause same to be recorded in a minute book which shall be kept as a permanent record;

(2) Additionally, the Secretary shall be responsible for that correspondence as will be appointed to him, from time to time, by the President or the Board of Directors.

D. Treasurer of the Corporation. The Treasurer's duties include but are not limited to the following:

(1) Receive and deposit in an account in the name of the YOUTH ASSOCIATION OF NORTHEAST PENSACOLA, INC., at a bank specified by the Board, all monies paid to it;

(2) Disburse by check signed by him and countersigned by the President or the Vice President all such sums as may be authorized by the Board of Directors;

(3) Keep an accurate record of disbursements and report to the Board at such time as the Board may direct;

(4) Coordinate with the Finance Director to ensure expenditures and income meet the expectations of the Board reflected in its budget, and report the extent to which these expenditures and income meet the Board's expectations.

(5) Additionally, he shall perform such other duties as may be placed upon him by the President or the Board of Directors.

Section 10. Directors and Duties.

A. Director of Equipment. The Director of Equipment's duties include but are not limited to the following:

(1) Purchase, inventory, issue, and account for all ball-playing equipment;

(2) Additionally, he shall perform such other duties as may be placed upon him by the President or the Board of Directors.

B. Director of Player Selection. The Director of Player Selection's duties include but are not limited to the following:

(1) Registration and selection of players in all leagues.

(2) Communicate with Commissioners regarding player participation and the potential impact on the need for expansion and down-sizing.

(3) Additionally, he shall perform such other duties as may be placed upon him by the President or the Board of Directors.

C. Director of Buildings and Grounds. The Director of Buildings and Grounds' duties include but are not limited to the following:

(1) The maintenance, upkeep, access, and control of the buildings and grounds belonging to the Corporation;

(2) Oversee fence sponsorship sign administration;

(3) Maintain contact with the Escambia County Parks and Recreation Department. Articulate the Association's needs and goals as they apply to the County. Coordinate satisfaction of agreements and commitments between the Association and the County. Coordinate revisions and updates to the Park's lease agreements;

(4) Upon coordination with the Tournament Commissioner, make plans for the readiness and availability of concessions, facilities, and equipment;

(5) Additionally, he shall perform such other duties as may be placed upon him by the President or the Board of Directors.

D. Assistant Director of Buildings and Grounds. The Assistant Director of Buildings and Grounds' duties include but are not limited to the following:

(1) Assist the Director of Buildings and Grounds in the performance of his duties;

(2) Serve as the fence sign coordinator by developing procedures for submitting order forms, meeting submissions deadlines, coordinating sign design and work, monitoring sign output for accuracy and quality, putting up and taking down signs expeditiously, and reporting to the Board the status of sign orders and deadlines;

(3) Additionally, he shall perform such other duties as may be placed upon him by the President or the Board of Directors.

E. Rules and Compliance Director. The Rules and Compliance Director's duties include but are not limited to the following:

(1) Manage revisions to and compliance with Corporation By-Laws and Rules;

(2) Ensure compliance with the By-Laws and Rules of Corporation franchisers;

(3) Ensure compliance with the American Disabilities Act, lease agreements, and such other general agreements, contracts, and laws to which the Corporation is held;

(4) Serve as Parliamentarian to the Board of Directors;

(5) Additionally, he shall perform such other duties as may be placed upon him by the President or the Board of Directors.

F. Safety Director. The Safety Director shall be responsible for the establishment of accident, liability, property, and other insurance policies deemed necessary for the protection of players, volunteers, spectators, and visitors of the Youth Association of Northeast Pensacola. Additionally, he shall perform such other duties as may be placed upon him by the President or the Board of Directors.

G. Public Relations Director. The Public Relations Director duties include but are not limited to the following:

- (1) Plan and coordinate public relations projects and special fund-raising efforts for the Corporation;
- (2) Arrange for radio, television, and newspaper advertising and coverage and roadside advertising for tournaments and other park activities, to include player registration;
- (3) Coordinate with outside agencies, businesses (vendors, restaurateurs, hoteliers), and organizations such as the Pensacola Sports Association (PSA) to develop attractive arrangements for NEP as host and to visiting teams;
- (4) Create and provide to the Tournament Commissioner a tournament packet to be sent to tournament participants;
- (5) Arrange for publicity and external facilities and trainers for preseason coaching clinics and manager and team mom training;
- (6) Additionally, he shall perform such other duties as may be placed upon him by the President or the Board of Directors.

H. Scheduling Director. The Scheduling Director shall be responsible for the publication of the Corporation's schedules. After appropriate coordination with cognizant Directors and other park officials (to include umpires), he shall publish the plan for off-season field maintenance, concession schedules, game schedules, game field practice schedules, tournament schedules, tournament work schedules, field cleanup schedules, Park Duty Officer schedules, and significant events schedules. He shall further track schedules to ensure scheduling conflicts and problems are avoided. Additionally, he shall perform such other duties as may be placed upon him by the President or the Board of Directors.

I. Finance Director. The Finance Director shall be responsible for working closely with the treasurer to help document financial statements and records necessary for managing the budget of the Corporation. Further, he shall develop the annual Corporation budget and present it to the Board of Directors on a date determined by the Board. Such coordination shall include communication to ensure expenditures and income meet the expectations of the Board reflected in its budget in order for the Treasurer to report the extent to which these expenditures and income meet the Board's expectations.

J. Tournament Commissioner. The Tournament Commissioner's duties include but are not limited to the following:

- (1) Plan and coordinate park tournaments;
- (2) Coordinate with Tournament Directors in each tournament age group to ensure a well-coordinated and consistent tournament hosting routine;
- (3) Serve as the ultimate point of contact for teams and organizations desiring to participate in NEP tournaments;
- (4) Coordinate with the Public Relations Director for tournament advertising;
- (5) Coordinate with the Director of Buildings and Grounds for concessions and availability of equipment and facilities for tournaments;
- (6) Direct manpower for field preparation, concessions, gate, and clean-up, and supervise the handling of money;
- (7) Coordinate with Tournament Directors in each tournament age group. Tournament Directors shall be responsible to the Tournament Commissioner for the physical execution of his tournament, to include coordination with attending teams on site and the appointment of a protest committee. In the case of sanctioned affiliated tournaments, a State affiliate representative will be appointed as tournament director. In this event, the Director of Tournaments shall appoint a Tournament Coordinator who will oversee the physical execution of his tournament in areas not already covered by the Tournament Director. The Tournament Coordinator shall make liaison with the Tournament Director to assure a seamless conduct of the tournament;
- (8) Additionally, he shall perform such other duties as may be placed upon him by the President or the Board of Directors.

K. Assistant Tournament Commissioner. The Assistant Tournament Commissioner shall be responsible for assisting the Tournament Commissioner and shall perform such other duties as may be placed upon him by the President or the Board of Directors.

L. Club League Commissioner. The Club League Commissioner's duties include but are not limited to the following:

- (1) Coordinate entry in the Club League of interested teams;
- (2) Deliver League rosters to the Director of Player Selection;
- (3) Deliver League fees to the Treasurer;
- (4) Resolve minor concerns and conflicts and refer major issues to the Board of Directors;
- (5) Communicate with managers on pertinent park issues;
- (6) Process game protests;

- (7) Enforce the rules and regulations under which games are played;
- (8) Ensure make up games are scheduled with teams and umpires;
- (9) Additionally, he shall perform such other duties as may be placed upon him by the President or the Board of Directors.

Note: The Club League Commissioner may manage a team in the Club League.

M. Assistant Club League Commissioner. The Assistant Club League Commissioner shall be responsible for assisting the Club League Commissioner and shall perform such other duties as may be placed upon him by the President or the Board of Directors.

N. Recreational League Commissioners. General duties of Recreational League Commissioners shall be the same for all Commissioners, regardless of the league they represent. These duties shall include responsibility for overall league management and include but are not limited to the following:

- (1) Deliver managerial nominations to the Board;
- (2) Direct player tryouts and help facilitate drafts;
- (3) Oversee the all-star selection process, to include the coordination of affidavit verification, completion of rosters and medical waivers, and coordination of practice field usage and other tournament preparation issues as necessary;
- (4) Collect team and player financial obligations collection from managers;
- (5) Ensure team participation in planned playing field upkeep;
- (6) Communicate with managers on pertinent park issues;
- (7) Resolve minor concerns and conflicts and refer major conflicts to the Board of Directors;
- (8) Process game protests;
- (9) Enforce the rules and regulations under which his games are played;
- (10) Communicate with the Director of Player Selection regarding player participation and the potential impact on the need for expansion and down-sizing;
- (11) Schedule, coordinate, and direct preseason coaching clinics to be conducted as soon after player selection as is practical. Coordinate with the Public Relations Director for publicity and external facilities and trainers.
- (12) Ensure make up games are scheduled with teams and umpires.

Note: Commissioners may not manage a team in the league in which they are serving as Commissioner, except under special exception granted by the Board on a case-by-case basis.

Note: Commissioner positions are:

- (1) Tee Ball (5-7) League Commissioner
- (2) Assistant Tee Ball League Commissioner
- (3) 8 Year Old Baseball League Commissioner
- (4) 9-10 Year Old Baseball League Commissioner
- (5) 11-12 Year Old Baseball League Commissioner
- (6) Girls Softball Commissioner
- (7) Assistant Girls Softball Commissioner
- (8) 13-14 Year Old Baseball League Commissioner
- (9) 15-16 and 17-18 Year Old Baseball League Commissioner (may be combined with 13-14 Year Old League position)

Section 11. Ex Officio Members. Ex officio members are non-voting members approved by the Board of Directors with responsibilities as set forth below:

A. Former NEP Presidents. Former NEP Presidents are standing ex officio members of the Board of Directors, with all rights and privileges incumbent to a member of the Board. Former Presidents might be asked to participate as members of ad hoc committees, fact-finding bodies, and in other capacities that might benefit from a former President's perspective.

Section 13. Park Duty Officer. All Directors of Officers of the Association are empowered intervene in matters of benefit to the Association. During the ball season, two Park Duty Officers will be on duty during the hours in which games are played. Duties include, but are not limited to the following:

A. Cancel games due to inclement weather before games begin when necessary. Once the game begins, it is the umpire's responsibility to call games due to inclement weather. Notify Commissioners of rained out games. Rain out makeup games are presumed to be played on the Saturday following the canceled game.

B. Tour the park to ensure an orderly flow of game schedules and operation of the concession stand. Periodically remove large bills from the concession cash registers.

C. Resolve conflicts and refer matters of consequence to the Board or to the cognizant Director or Officer for action.

D. Count concession stand money at the end of the night and prepare the deposit. Periodically remove large bills from the concession cash registers.

E. Ensure all buildings are locked, lights are turned off, and property is left in an orderly condition. Trash cans are emptied and bleachers clean.

F. When concession stands are under contract, "D" will not apply.

**ARTICLE V
COMMITTEES**

Section 1. Standing and special committees may be created by the President or the Board of Directors as deemed necessary to promote and conduct the work of the Corporation. No committee action that obligates or binds the Board of Directors shall be undertaken without consent or authority of the Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE VI
FISCAL YEAR**

Section 1. The fiscal year of the Corporation shall be as determined by the Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE VII
RULES OF ORDER**

Section 1. Procedures for the conduct of meetings not covered in these By-Laws shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order where applicable.

**ARTICLE VIII
AMENDMENT AND WAIVER**

Section 1. These By-Laws may be amended by the Board of Directors upon a two-thirds majority vote. The By-Laws or any portion thereof may be waived by the Board of Directors upon a two-thirds majority vote.

THE FOREGOING BY-LAWS were adopted by the Board of Directors at its meeting in Escambia County, Florida this 8th day of January, 2007.



President: Billy R Smith Jr.



Secretary: Sheila Howell

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**CHAPTER I
GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1.00 – ELIGIBILITY

1.01 – League Age. League age is that age attained by a player prior to May 1 of the season in question with the exception of Girls Softball which has a league age consistent with that established by the National Softball Association (NSA), (normally January 1st), as appropriate.

1.02 – Birth Certificates. No new player playing at the Youth Association of Northeast Pensacola (YANEP) ballpark will be permitted to play in any regular season game until his birth certificate has been verified by a member of the Board of Directors and so noted on his registration form.

2.00 – OBLIGATIONS

2.01 – Affiliation. In its pursuit of its Mission, Goals, and Values, the Association organizes league play for the development of its youth. In the prosecution of that league play, the Association affiliates itself with various programs for the purposes of defining playing rules, ensuring solvency of the Association, insuring players and officials, and providing opportunities for sanctioned tournament play.

2.02 – Presence at Opening Day Ceremonies. Any team not present for opening day ceremonies shall forfeit its first game and be assessed a \$25.00 fine. This policy will be enforced by the league Commissioner.

2.03 – Playing Expenses. YANEP is a non-profit Corporation that raises its funds through five primary means: sponsorships, registration fee, raffle ticket money, team project obligation, and concession revenues.

Note: Funds raised by any means from any source in the name of NEP or an NEP All Star team are to be used ONLY for the purposes for which it was collected. If there are unspent or uncommitted portions of the Team Project Money (described below) or All Star money, for instance, this money must not be used for any purpose other than an expense incurred by ballplayers or their teams. These funds are NOT to be used to offset parent expenses in any form or for any reason. Remaining money must be turned over to the Treasurer to be applied to the General Fund or returned to the contributor. In the case of All Star teams, remaining money can be deposited and earmarked for that All Star team's expenses the following year.

Note: Playing expenses for the Club League are independent of the normal league expense structure and will be set by the Board of Directors each year. Expenses for the Club League are discussed more extensively in Chapter IX of these Rules and Regulations.

(a) Registration Fee. The registration fee is a nominal fee charged to cover operating expenses not covered by other fund raising. The registration fee is \$100.00 per player and is due

on registration day. For families with three or more players in their IMMEDIATE households, only the first two players (in recreational league) are assessed a registration fee. Club League players are assessed a separate registration fee.

(b) Team Project/ Sponsorship Obligation. ** Starting in 2007, teams are no longer responsible for team project money. Each team is required to obtain a sponsor. Sponsor fees are \$400 with the sponsor receiving a field sign as part of fee.

The Park will support only one "road block" fund-raiser per season and this event will be geared toward funding an All Star Fund from which money will be distributed to teams participating in the road block above and beyond the amount the Park normally grants to All Star teams.) Any team that has not satisfied its team project obligation by the deadline shall not be entitled or authorized to play any regular season game or place players on any All-Star team. This policy will be enforced by the league Commissioner.

(c) Uniform Expense. Members are responsible for paying the cost of their players' uniforms.

(d) Team Trophies. The park purchases trophies for each league champion at the end of the season. Most teams also purchase team "participation" trophies for their players. The cost of participation trophies will be borne by individual teams and their members.

(e) Equipment. The park purchases practice and league game balls for each team and issues them to team managers through league Commissioners. The number of balls issued to teams relates roughly to the number of home league games scheduled for the year. Subsequent issuance of balls to account for those presented for home runs, tournaments, and all stars will not be approved.

The home team for each game is responsible for providing two game balls for the game (which the team retains after the game). The park will only pay for equipment purchased or approved for purchase by the Director of Player Selection and Equipment. All park-issued equipment must be returned to the league Commissioner prior to All Star selection.

2.04 – Field Preparation and Post-game Clean-up. It will be the responsibility of the home team to have the playing field ready for play. It is the responsibility of the visiting team to insure that all equipment, including bases, are put away if their game is the last game of the evening. It shall be the responsibility of both teams to pick up the trash and garbage around the field at the end of the game. Teams with the first game of the evening are to return trash cans to designated fields. Teams with the final game of the evening have ultimate responsibility for the condition of their side of the playing field to include trash and garbage around the field, in the dugouts, and the bleachers as well as emptying trash in dumpsters. Teams failing to do this will forfeit, automatically, their next winning game. This policy will be enforced by the Park Duty Officer.

2.05 – Concession Workers. Concession stands are leased yearly, this will be addressed on a yearly basis as approved. Organizations leasing NEP park must contract with NEP and concession lessee for any food or beverage items during scheduled event.

2.06 – Designated Team Work Day. Any team whose workers do not clean/mow the field on their designated work day shall forfeit its next winning game and be assessed a \$25.00 fine. The Director of Grounds will notify the league Commissioner and a team's failure to meet its obligation. The Commissioner will enforce this policy.

2.07 – Scorers. It will be the responsibility of the home team to have an official scorer. The scorer shall maintain the score book and keep score at the designated area of their league. The official scorer is an official of the park and a direct representative of the President of the Park. As such, the scorer shall remain neutral in spite of his team affiliation. The scorer's responsibilities include:

- (a) If the teams change sides before three are put out, the scorer shall immediately inform the umpire of the mistake.
- (b) If the game is protested or play suspended, the scorer shall make note of the exact situation at the time of the protest or suspension, including the score, the number of outs, the position of any runners, and the ball and strike count on the batter.
- (c) The scorer shall not make any decision conflicting with affiliated official playing rules, YANEP By-Laws or Rules and Regulations, or with an umpire's decision.
- (d) The scorer shall not call the attention of the umpire or of any member of either team to the fact that a player is batting out of turn.
- (e) The scorer shall record and keep the official time of the game and notify when the time limit has been met. The scorer shall also record innings pitched by each pitcher in accordance with affiliated league pitching rules. The scorer shall also ensure both managers and the head umpire sign the score book once the game is complete.

Note: Failure of the home team to provide a scorekeeper will result in the forfeiture of that game by the home team. This policy will be enforced by the league Commissioner.

3.00 – GENERAL PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS

3.01 – Game Postponement. The decision to postpone games before the game commences will be made by the Park Duty Officer, league Commissioner, or the President. In the event none of these directors or officers is present, any attending Board Member will make the decision. The primary responsibility resides with the Park Duty Officer. After commencement of games, the decision will be made by the umpires. Appropriate time must be allowed from the time the game is stopped before the game is terminated by the umpires.

3.02 – Rain Delays. In the event of a rain delay during the first game, that game will be completed, if possible and, if necessary, the second game will be rescheduled.

3.03 – Rescheduled Games. All rescheduled games will be scheduled by the league Commissioner.

3.04 – Shortened Games. Games shortened by the time limit shall be regulation, regardless of the number of innings played.

3.05 – Called Games. Games called before they become regulation must be resumed from the point of termination when the game is rescheduled by league officials, with as nearly the same line-up as possible.

3.06 – Protests. All protests for regular league play will follow official rules for the affiliated baseball or softball league, except that the written protest will be submitted to the league Commissioner or President with a protest fee of \$25.00. In order for the protest to be timely filed, it must be filed within 48 hours and accompanied by the \$25.00. Said protest fee will be refunded if the protest is found in favor of the protesting team.

(a) Protest Committee. The protest committee will consist of the league Commissioner (unless there is a conflict) and two managers from the league to be chosen by the league Commissioner. The Commissioner may choose a manager from another league if the manager's experience is sufficient to properly assess the protest. A protest that the protest committee has acted upon, an illegal protest, or an appeal of the protest committee's decision, shall be made in writing to the Board of Directors by the team manager or the acting team manager, within 48 hours of notice of the protest committee's decision. The decision of the Board of Directors is final, unless the decision is appealable to the affiliating organization.

3.07 – Illegal Players. Any team playing an illegal player by age, whether intentional or unintentional, shall forfeit every game in which said player played, notwithstanding the 48 hour protest rule. All other illegal substitutions or illegal players, upon the utilization of the procedure established in Rule 3.06 above will result in the forfeiture of that one game.

3.08 – Participation Rule. The purpose of the Participation Rule is to ensure players have an opportunity to play in their teams' games. Although enforcement of this rule might require some study of the circumstances when protested, some rules of thumb generally apply. It is understood that circumstances might arise in which a team might not satisfy the parameters of the Participation Rule although every reasonable and practical effort has been made to satisfy the rule. These circumstances might include shortened games (see 3.04 above) and regulation games called due to weather. It is also understood that a team losing a game under the mercy rule might not anticipate a shortened game and therefore not complete all substitutions. A team that wins a game under the mercy rule should make all substitutions in recognition of the scoring margin and in anticipation of the invocation of the mercy rule. Exceptions may be considered when scoring circumstances preclude a reasonable anticipation of invocation of the mercy rule as in the case when the game is won in an offensive onslaught in the bottom half of the inning. Exceptions will be considered by protest committees. Commissioner involvement will aid in maintaining a margin of consistency.

Note: Penalty for Violation of Participation Rule. A winning team in violation of the participation rule will forfeit the game in question if properly protested. A losing team will forfeit its next winning game.

Note: Any manager (or coach acting as manager) found to be in violation of this rule for a second time during the course of a season shall automatically be suspended from managing any further that year unless and until reinstated by majority vote of the Board of Directors. In any case the manager in question will not be eligible to manage or coach in any post season tournaments, unless approved by the Board Of Directors.

Tournament Exception: This requirement does not apply to tournaments and games that are held outside the NEP league schedule. In such instances, tournament rules apply.

3.09 – Free Substitution Rule. Where applicable, the Free Substitution Rule is in effect. The Free Substitution Rule stipulates that players who leave the game for substitute players may reenter one time later in the game. This rule is intended to encourage early substitution of players and the reentry of substitute players later in the game.

3.10 – League Structure. With the exception of the Tee Ball Baseball, Inc. affiliation, there will be one league in each age group unless sanctioning league rules dictate otherwise. This applies to regular season scheduling and standings as well as to park sanctioning.

3.11 – Determining League Champion. Teams will play a split season with a one-game winner-take-all playoff to break ties to determine the winner of a half. The winner of the first half will play the winner of the second half in a best two out of three playoff for the league championship.

3.12 – Sportsmanship. While the Board recognizes that managers and coaches will make mistakes in their handling of situations on occasion and that the “heat of the moment” will evoke strong reactions to on-the-field conditions, the Board will not provide implicit or explicit approval of unsportsmanlike behavior. Managers can expect that the use of language which will in any manner refer or reflect upon opposing players, managers, coaches, umpires, or spectators or incite or precipitate fights or other physical confrontations will be grounds for Board action against the offending manager, coach, or player. The Board holds managers ultimately accountable for the conduct of his team’s fans and officials.

3.13 – Insurance Protection for Extra-League Play. The Park’s insurance, to include Directors and Officers coverage, is exclusively linked to officially recognized and approved play and activities. Therefore, teams that participate in games and tournaments not sanctioned by NEP’s affiliating organizations must obtain other insurance that covers their play and activities.

3.14 – Safety. For safety and liability reasons, no persons under the age of sixteen are authorized to operate park vehicles (to include golf carts and mobile maintenance equipment) or be inside the concession stand during its operating hours. All members of the Corporation are encouraged to stop any unsafe activity they witness or bring it to the attention of the Park Duty Officer. Board Members are specifically obliged to take swift and decisive action to prevent unsafe practices and violations of these By-Laws.

3.14a - Vehicles. No vehicles except park equipment are to be driven inside fenced area.

3.14b – Face Shields. (Not applicable to the Club League) Many affiliate baseball rules do not mandate the wearing of face shields on player helmets. However, baseball players should be evaluated on a case-by-case basis to determine the need for face shields. In leagues where players are allowed to steal bases “off of the pitcher” and there are pick-off plays where players often return to base head-first, there is a greater likelihood of neck injuries resulting from greater contact with the face shield. Although increased pitching distances in this age group allow for greater hitter reaction time for dangerous pitches, managers need to evaluate players on a case-by-case basis to account for those players less likely to react quickly to inside pitches, particularly in the first weeks of the season. In the case of players who might be slower to react to pitches, face shields should remain on their helmets. Any parent not wanting his/her child to remove the face shield in ANY age group exercises ultimate prerogative on the matter, just as they do with the wearing of any optional protective gear. Players wearing face shields will not be permitted to slide head first into base (unless returning to a base). (PENALTY: The player shall be called out.) The optional wear of a plastic jaw guard in lieu of the face shield by players age 9 and older is approved. Players wearing the jaw guard are permitted to slide head first into base.

3.14c – Batting Cages. Batting helmets must be worn by hitters in batting cages. Children under the age of 18 are not authorized to pitch to hitters in the batting cages. Cleats are not to be worn while in batting cages.

3.15 – Preeminence of League Play. The Association encourages coaches and managers to pursue play in weekend and off day tournaments and games, provided such tournaments and games do not interfere with the Association’s play schedule and affiliated program by-laws. Innings pitched during tournaments do not count against the regular season inning limit discussed in rule books. However, weekend teams must not “sandbag” during league play to enable their pitchers to pitch over the weekend. Priority over player utilization belongs to the Park and managers provide implicit acceptance of that principle when they accept coaching positions. Managers and coaches shall not use the Park’s structure and organization, which draws players together, as a basis for developing baseball interests that compete with the Park’s. Again, in accepting managerial and coaching positions at NEP, managers and coaches implicitly agree not to compete or interfere with the orderly conduct of the NEP season, to include post-season all star play. Excessive emphasis shall not be placed on tournament play to the extent that it interferes with the proper functioning of the daily league schedule and the meaningful recreational experience of the children of this Park. Association games will not be canceled or postponed to allow teams to play elsewhere unless a mutual agreement between coaches is arranged beforehand and is not contrary to the orderly completion of the league schedule. In cases where this occurs, league games will be forfeited by the offending team(s). Repetitive violations of this provision shall be grounds for sanctions imposed by the Board of Directors against the manager of the team in question.

3.16 – Tournament Hosting Fee. As a rule, the fee for hosting a tournament at NEP shall be \$1,000.00 for NEP teams and \$2,000.00 for all other interests, payable in advance, with a \$500.00 deposit. NEP teams are registered teams in the park. Teams or organizations wishing to host tournaments must obtain permission in advance in the form of approval by the Board of Directors, although requests for tournaments will not be approved for dates that, in the judgment of the Board of Directors, impinge upon scheduled NEP tournament commitments. Those hosting tournaments are obligated to return fields to premium playing condition and to clean all public facilities and common areas impacted by their tournaments. Deposit fee will be returned after Board President's approval. If not approved, you will forfeit all deposits and may lead to future tournament's cancellations and deposits. Proceeds from NEP team-hosted tournaments must be used to directly offset that team's expenses and may not be transferred in any way to benefit non-NEP entities. Exceptions to the hosting fee will be granted on a case-by-case basis by the Board of Directors.

3.17 – Tournament Concession Fee. Teams that would like to use the Park concession stand may do so with Board approval for \$100 per day and \$200 damage and cleaning deposit, payable in advance. Use of the concession does not include the fryer, the grill, or any of the Park's retail inventory. The park concession stand is only available for lease after regular season and all-star games have concluded.

NOTE: -- This option is not available if Concessions are being provided by NEP.

4.00 – GENERAL PLAYER SELECTION PROVISIONS

Note: These provisions also apply to the 13-14, 15-16, and 17-18 Year Old Baseball Leagues, except as noted in Chapters VI and VII. These provisions do not apply to the Club League.

4.01 – Option Players and Assignment. Specific provisions for player recruitment and assignment with regard to Option Player allowance and draft points and other issues not covered by this rule are described in the Official Rules and Regulations for each league.

(a) Option Player Registration. All Option Players must be clearly designated on the player's registration form at the time of registration, and the manager must submit signed Option Player forms and a complete roster of Option Players to the President, Director of Player Selection, or league Commissioner or his duly authorized representative by not later than 8:00 PM the Wednesday before the first day of player registration. Failure of a player's name to appear on the complete roster by the deadline will result in the player being placed in the regular draft. Once a player commits on a signed Option Player form for a given season, he is considered placed on that team by the Board of Directors once it is submitted to the league Commissioner or the Director of Player Selection unless he is released by mutual consent of the parent and the manager. Once a manager has obtained a signed Option Player form from a parent, all parties are expected to act in good faith in keeping that player on the team's roster and the manager is expected to submit the form to the Board in a timely fashion.

(b) Roster Holdovers. (Not applicable to the Tee Ball League.) At season's end (at the completion of All Star tournament play), teams will keep eligible players from the previous year and draft their remaining players from the players pool.

4.02 – Out-of-Park Option Player Defined. An out-of-park Option Player is a player who has not participated in the park the previous two years.

Note: Players establishing residence in the NEP District (when applicable) are considered to have satisfied the requirement when applicable sanctioning body rules are met and residence is established with the primary care-giver who resides in the NEP District. The burden of proof of residence rests with the applicant.

4.03 – In-Park Option Player Defined. An in-park Option Player is a player who participated in the park the previous year.

Note: A player who sits out one year (not rostered) cannot be chosen as an in or out-of-park Option Player. The Board of Directors will review circumstances on a case-by-case basis where it believes the spirit and intent of this rule has been challenged.

4.04 – Option Player Registration. All Option Players must be clearly designated on the player's registration form at the time of registration, and the manager must submit signed Option Player forms and a complete roster of Option Players to the President, Director of Player Selection, or league Commissioner or his duly authorized representative by not later than 8:00 PM on the Wednesday before the first day of registration. Failure of a player's name to appear on the complete roster by the deadline will result in the player being placed in the regular draft. Once a player commits on a signed Option Player form for a given season, he is considered placed on that team by the Board of Directors once it is submitted to the league Commissioner or the Director of Player Selection unless he is released by mutual consent of the parent and the manager. Once a manager has obtained a signed Option Player form from a parent, he is expected to act in good faith in keeping that player on his roster and submitting the form to the Board in a timely fashion.

4.05 – Manager's/Coach's/Sponsor's Options and Privileges. There shall not be other manager's options or privileges, coach's options or sponsor's options. There shall be, however, an in-park younger brother/sister option in that a younger brother/sister will be placed on the same team as an older brother/sister. Parents may request that brother/sister not be placed on the same team. An out-of-park brother/sister option will be counted as an out-of-park Option Player.

4.06 – Tryouts. Tryouts will be held for all Non-Option Players at a designated time and place. These tryouts will be supervised by the league Commissioner. Tryouts are not a qualification process; rather they are a playing skills demonstration intended to assist in the player selection process.

4.07 – Draft Officials. The league Commissioner, Vice President, Director of Player Selection, or President will conduct the player draft. In any instance, the Director of Player Selection or the President will attend each draft meeting.

4.08 – Draft/Point System.

(a) Beginning Points. Each team participating in a draft will be issued a number of points and be assessed a value for Option Players and returning players as described in that league's Rules and Regulations.

(b) Nomination and Bidding. Tee Ball League teams finishing last in their respective league will make first nomination and proceed in ascending order of the previous season's win/loss record. (Ties will be determined by a coin toss.) All other league teams will draw numbers to determine order of nomination. Minimum starting bid is 200 points. Bids are then made in a minimum of 100 point increments. No carry-over of points from any one year to the next year are allowed. During the drafting process, a team may opt to pass its turn of nomination; however, two consecutive passes will cause the team to forfeit its nomination rights.

4.09 – Round Robin Draw. Round Robin Draw shall consist of all those players not selected in the draft, those approved through the re-entry process, and those not attending tryouts. Upon agreement of ALL attending managers, the lottery format will be replaced by a round robin drawing. Drawing order for round robin draw shall be as follows:

(a) The team with the fewest players shall select a player first, followed by the team with the next fewest players, and so on. In Tee Ball, teams must first select from the age group in which the team is lacking the required number of players. The selection shall be in the order determined by drawing. In no case shall a team be permitted to select a player that puts the team over the maximum number of players allowed in an age group unless there are no players to be selected in another age group. If there are no players to be selected of the necessary age group, teams will select from remaining players despite age.

(b) After teams are equalized, remaining players will be selected as follows:

(1) If the remaining players to be selected are equal to or are in excess of the number of teams, each team will select a player in the order determined by previous win/loss record in ascending order.

(2) If remaining players to be selected do not equal the number of teams, then the teams may opt to select a player or pass in the order determined by the previous win/loss record in ascending order. Teams must select or pass.

(3) Then, all remaining player's names will be placed on a strip of paper so that the total number of strips of paper equal the number of teams that will select in this round. Each team will select a strip of paper in the order determined by previous win/loss record, in ascending order. Those teams selecting strips of paper with a player's name on it will add said player to his roster. All teams in this round must select.

(4) All ties in the drawing order of this section shall be resolved by a coin toss.

4.10 – Post-Draft Trades. Immediately after draft selection managers will have an opportunity to trade draft picks with the approval of the Commissioner, Director of Player Selection, and all managers present in the affected league. At the end of the draft meeting, team rosters are final. However, prior to April 25th of each year, a child may be placed on another team on written approval of the parents, manager of the departing team, manager of the receiving team, Commissioner and managers of the affected league.

5.00 – MANAGERS AND COACHES

5.01 – Approval of Managers. Managers and coaches are approved by the Board of Directors and serve at the pleasure of the Board. The ultimate responsibility of the Board is to sustain the Association; it chooses managers and coaches who it believes serve the best interests of the Association on the playing field. In this respect, managers and coaches are park officials who represent the President and the Board of Directors on the playing field. All persons interested in a managerial position must submit a written letter to the league Commissioner, or a member of the Board of Directors, if there is no league Commissioner before said request is placed before the Board of Directors for a vote of acceptance. The league Commissioner will place all requests before the Board of Directors for a vote of acceptance and in the case of where two or more persons are nominated, the league Commissioner will make a recommendation. In the case where two or more persons are nominated for the manager of one team, the person receiving a majority of the votes shall be selected. In the cases where no person receives a majority, then the person with the lowest number of votes shall be dropped from consideration and vote taken on the remaining. This shall continue until one reaches a majority vote. All letters requesting a managerial position shall be submitted by December 3rd.

5.02 – Rostered Coaches. All team managers must nominate coaches that will be assisting them during the season for approval by the Board of Directors. Nominations are due to league Commissioners by December 3rd. Coaches must be approved by the Board of Directors prior to commencement of league play. Managers are ultimately responsible for the actions of their coaching staff.

5.03 – Baseline Coaches. Base coaches on the baselines shall be:

- (a) Two (2) eligible players in uniform wearing protective helmets, or
- (b) One (1) eligible player in uniform wearing a protective helmet and one (1) adult team manager or team coach presenting a neat appearance including shirt, pants and shoes. (No metal or removable cleats are allowed), or
- (c) Two (2) adult team manager or coaches presenting a neat appearance, including shirt, pants and shoes.

Note: If (b) above is chosen, the adult team manager or team coach shall choose either the first or third base coaching box at the beginning of the game and shall not change baselines during the game.

Note: At least one adult must be in the dugout at all times possibly limiting the number of adult coaches allowed to coach on the baselines. In this event, at least one, or possibly two, eligible players in uniform, wearing a protective helmet, must be used as a coach on the baseline. Both base coaching boxes must be filled at all times when a team is on offense.

5.04 – Ejections. If, during the course of a season, a manager, coach, or player is thrown out of a game a second or subsequent time he shall be automatically suspended from managing, coaching, or playing any further that year unless and until reinstated by the Board of Directors.

5.05 – Sanctions. At the point that managers and coaches fail to perform their duties in a manner consistent with the Mission, Goals, and Values of the Association, the Board may convene to undertake sanctions against them, particularly with regard to violations of Rules 3.12 and 5.04 of this Chapter. Sanctions may range from warnings to suspensions to fines not to exceed \$50, or combinations thereof. Any manager or coach who has been sanctioned by the Board who refuses to abide by the decision of the Board is subject to immediate and permanent suspension from any and all managing and coaching duties involving YANEP ball teams.

6.00 – ALL STAR SELECTION

6.01 – General. The presumption of the Board of Directors when it approves managers and coaches for NEP teams is that those managers will fulfill their commitments to the park and to the Association through the All Star season by not only making every attempt to have their players available for All Star selection but encouraging their participation in the tournament. There is a potential, however remote, for managers' personal agendas and vendettas against other managers to cause them to exploit the children on their teams by keeping them off of All Star teams managed by rivals. This, of course, is unethical as well as unacceptable and will not be tolerated. There is no room in this Association for managers who interfere with the opportunity for their players to participate in post-season tournament play sanctioned by the Association's affiliated programs. The viability of this Association is directly and inextricably linked to the success of its players and teams during league play and manifested in their performance in sanctioned post-season tournaments. To undermine this effort is, understandably, a threat to the survival of the Association which is the property of its membership. Therefore, any manager or coach perceived as having attempted to prevent their players from playing with the NEP All Star Team or taking other deliberate manipulative action to render their players ineligible or otherwise keep them from playing with the NEP All Star Team (for instance, to enable them to play in other tournaments) should expect to be denied the opportunity to manage or coach an NEP team the following season.

6.02 – All Star Team Managers. The manager of the championship team in each league shall be entitled to manage the All Star team of his choosing in his league (World Series or Invitational World Series or other sanctioned qualifying tournament). The manager of the runner-up team shall be entitled to manage the Invitational All Star team, if any, or the World Series All Star team if the championship manager declines. In the event the championship or runner-up manager declines to handle the tournament team, or if additional all star teams are to be formed, the Board of Directors shall, upon majority vote and upon nomination by the League Commissioner, appoint an All Star manager from that league's pool of managers and coaches. (In some instances, additional all star teams will be selected subsequent to regular all star selection in order to place two or more all star teams in a tournament. However, additional sanctioned all star teams will be fielded only if the Board of Directors, upon recommendation of the League Commissioner, approves it.)

6.03 – All Star Team Coaches. The All Star manager will select coaches from among the managers and coaches of his league.

6.04 – Fund Raising Goal Eligibility for All Star Managers. No manager or coach of a team that has not attained its minimum fund raising goal shall be eligible to manage or coach a tournament team.

6.05 – Fund Raising Goal Eligibility for All Star Players. No player who has not attained his minimum fund raising goal shall be eligible to play on a tournament team. No player from a team which has not attained its team project money obligation shall be eligible to play on a tournament team, unless specifically excepted by the Board of Directors.

6.06 – Team Composition. All Star teams will consist of the number of players commensurate with the requirements of the affiliated leagues (consult affiliate rule books for details), not to exceed a maximum of thirteen players, in the case of All Star teams, until a second team is selected, if one is selected. The All Star manager will announce the number of players he will roster. All but two of those players will be approved by attending managers; two will be selected by the All Star manager.

6.07 – Nomination. Each manager will nominate players from any team in the league, in turn, beginning with the first place team in descending order.

6.08 – Discussion. Capability of nominees will be discussed by managers.

6.09 – Voting. Managers will then submit a ballot listing the players they are voting for. This listing is limited to the number of players to be selected by manager's balloting.

(a) Fewer Than the Required Nominees. If less than the necessary number of players receive a majority vote, those receiving a majority vote are on the All Star team and additional balloting is done to determine remaining All Stars.

(b) More Than the Required Nominees. If more than the necessary number of players receive a majority vote, there will be a run-off balloting to determine the remaining selections.

6.10 – Manager or Proxy Appearance at All Star Selection Meeting. Managers unable to attend All Star selections must designate a coach to ballot in his place. If a manager or a designated coach does not appear at a properly noticed All Star selection meeting, he forfeits his right to make a selection.

6.11 – Participants in the Selection Process. All Star selection will be conducted by the league Commissioner, Director of Player Selection, and/or the President, as well as all managers. No other person shall be authorized to attend with the exception of an All Star manager who is not already a team manager and as otherwise provided for above.

6.12 – Park Sponsorship. NEP will sponsor one team from each league. The sponsorship contribution will be \$125 for each All Star team. In the event a league desires to field an additional tournament team (and affiliated organization rules allow it), the sponsorship contribution for the league will be divided equally between the two teams, upon agreement by the managers of the All Star teams. The Park will also contribute \$500 for teams that qualify for State and National tournaments to help them defray expenses, provided these teams need to be housed in hotels out of town for the tournament. The Park will contribute \$750 should the team qualify for World Series. The Park will support only one "road block" fund-raiser per season and this event will be geared toward funding an All Star Fund from which money will be distributed to teams participating in the road block above and beyond the amount the Park normally grants to All Star teams.

Note: Funds raised by any means from any sponsorship source in the name of NEP or an NEP All Star team are to be used ONLY for the purposes for which it was collected. If there are unspent or uncommitted portions of the All Star sponsorship money, for instance, this money must not be used for any purpose other than an expense incurred by ballplayers or their teams. These funds are NOT to be used to offset parent expenses in any form or for any reason. Remaining sponsorship money must be turned over to the Treasurer to be applied to the General Fund or returned to the contributor. Remaining All Star team sponsorship money can be deposited and earmarked for that All Star team's expenses the following year.

6.13 – Park Representation. NEP teams participating in All Star tournaments will be known by tournament officials as “NEP” teams. Leagues with three All Star teams will be known as NEP Blue, Gold, and White. Leagues with two All Star teams will be known as NEP Blue and Gold. Leagues with one All Star team will be known as NEP Blue. Teams desiring to enter All Star tournaments with team names (such as “Braves”) will be known as “NEP (team name),” for instance “NEP Braves” or “NEP (sponsor name).” Teams will either have the standard Northeast Pensacola All Star logo across the chests of their uniforms or a 3” or larger NEP patch on the outboard sleeve or front of the jersey.

6.14 - Equipment Return. Prior to All Star selection, any manager not returning issued equipment and park keys will not be allowed to participate in All Star selection. It is the All Star manager's responsibility to return all equipment and keys to league commissioner.

6.15 - Park Practice. It is recommended that managers assemble their team in the parking lot and enter together. NEP scheduled events (games) take precedence over use of fields by other organizations.

6.16 - Vehicles. No motorized vehicles are to be driven inside fenced areas. Vehicles prohibited include all types (golf carts, three and four wheel all terrain vehicles, motor homes, motorcycles, cars and trucks) that are not NEP or concessionaire vehicles.

Exceptions. Approval must be granted on a case by case basis by board of directors.

**CHAPTER II
TEE BALL BASEBALL LEAGUE
RULES AND REGULATIONS**

This league uses official playing rules of Tee Ball Baseball, Inc. For any rules not found in the Tee Ball Baseball Rule Book, refer to the official baseball rules except those excerpted by local league option contained in these By-Laws. Upon completion of the Tee Ball Baseball, Inc. season (at the conclusion of the Tee Ball Baseball, Inc. 5-6 Year Old Tournament), the league might choose to participate in the other affiliated Tee Ball World Series Tournament under rules of those affiliates.

1.00 – PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

1.01 – Playing Age. Players, age 5-7, are eligible for Tee Ball Baseball League. Eight year old girls are also eligible for the League.

Exceptions: A four year old whose parent manages a team may play on that parent's team. Four year old Option Players may play on the team for which his parents have signed an Option Player form. A four year old brother/sister Option Player may play on the team that his brother/sister plays on if approved by the manager of the team. For the purposes of age quotas (paragraph 3.02 of this chapter), four year old players are included in the five year old quota.

2.00 – PLAYER SELECTION

2.01 – Re-Entry Player Compensation. The team from whence the player came will be compensated 1,000 points upon his approval to the re-entry draw by the Board of Directors provided, however, that the team has received no other points for team size or otherwise because of this player leaving the team.

2.02 – Rostered Players. (Applicable only to the Tee Ball League.) Players rostered immediately after draft selection) from the previous year will automatically be assigned to the same team unless placed into the re-entry draft.

2.03 – Option Players. Each manager may select up to six Out-of-Park Options. Any non-returning player who does not meet the definition of an Out-of-Park Options is not eligible to be selected as an Option Player and will be placed in the regular draft.

Note: A manager must take his own child as an Option Player unless the manager indicates in writing that he desires his child to play on another team other than his own.

2.04 – Draft Point System.

(a) Beginning Points. Each team will receive 12,000 points. Each player, whether returning player or option shall have a value of 1000 points going into the draft. The total number of returning players and options will be multiplied by 1000 and subtracted from the starting number of points for each team at the beginning of the draft. Points agreed upon for any player exchanges will also be added and subtracted, as appropriate.

2.05 – Player Re-Entry Process. (Applicable only to Tee Ball League teams.) Parent(s) or legal guardian(s) may make written requests with justifiable reasons to have their child removed from the team that the child played on the year before. The written request will be presented to the Board of Directors for approval or disapproval.

(a) If approved by the Board of Directors, the player will be placed into the regular round robin draw with all other players who were not drafted or missed tryouts in the league that the child played in the prior year. If the teams fill up in the number of players established for each team, or because of maximum number in any age group before the child is drawn, then where applicable, the child will be transferred to the other league for selection. In no instance can a re-entry player be picked up as a Option Player or drafted.

(b) The team from whence the player came will be compensated according to the rules of the league upon his approval to the re-entry draw by the Board of Directors provided, however, that the team has received no other points for team size or otherwise because of this player leaving his team.

2.06 – Player Team Changes. Players changing teams in the same league that do not go through the re-entry process must have the approval of the team he is leaving, the team he is joining, and the Board of Directors upon recommendation of the league Commissioner. To help facilitate the orderly selection of managers, a special exception is made for managers' children playing on other teams in the league the previous year. A manager shall be entitled to have his child play on his team even though the child played on another team in the same league the previous year provided:

(a) A player trade (limited to one per team per year) is agreeable between the two teams with the traded player's written parental consent; or

(b) A point exchange is agreed upon between the teams with the team acquiring the player giving up the agreed-to points, and the team giving up the player, acquiring the agreed-to points. If the teams cannot agree to the point exchange, then the matter is submitted to arbitration, with each team selecting one arbitrator, and the arbitrators selecting a third. All arbitration decisions are determined by a majority vote and are final. The park President or league Commissioner, or both shall be present during arbitration.

Note: Regardless of which above method is used for the player transaction, the manager's child shall be treated as an in-park Option Player to the team acquiring said player. In order for a manager to change leagues, all teams within the original league must have approved managers.

3.00 – TEAM ROSTERS

3.01 – Age Balancing. Players will be distributed evenly among teams according to age.

3.02 – Age Quotas. Based on total registration, the league Commissioner shall establish an age quota for each team prior to the draft to facilitate age balancing. No manager shall elect to take more than his share of an age group although other managers in the league might approve.

4.00 – GAME IN GENERAL

4.01 – Time Limit. No new inning will commence after one hour and ten minutes has elapsed except in the case of a tie score. Tie games shall be played to a conclusion.

4.02 – Regulation Game Defined. Games shortened by rain or darkness shall be a regulation game if four innings (three and one-half innings if home team is ahead) have been played.

4.03 – Chopped Swing/Bunt Rule. Any player on a team using a “chopped swing or bunt” will be called out after a warning to the team.

4.04 – Strike Outs. Tee Ball strike out rules will be strictly observed.

4.05 – Participation Rule. Each player shall play 3 innings and bat at least once during a game.

**CHAPTER III
8 YEAR OLD BASEBALL LEAGUE
RULES AND REGULATIONS**

This league uses official playing rules of its approved affiliates. For any rules not found in affiliate rules, refer to the official baseball rules except those excerpted by local league option contained in these By-Laws. The free substitution rule is in effect as described in Chapter I, Rule 3.09.

1.00 – PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

1.01 – Playing Age. Players, age 8, are eligible for the 8 Year Old Baseball League.

2.00 – PLAYER SELECTION

2.01 – Option Players. Each manager may select up to four Option Players. Any player who does not meet the definition of either In-Park or Out-of-Park Option is not eligible to be selected as an Option Player and will be placed in the regular draft.

Note: A manager must take his own child as an Option Player unless the manager indicates in writing that he desires his child to play on another team other than his own.

2.02 – Draft Point System.

(a) Beginning Points. Each team will receive 12,000 points, assuming 12-player team leagues.

(b) Points. Options - 1000 points each. In-Park Brother/Sister option - 1000 points each. Out-of-Park Brother/Sister option - 1000 points each and counts as an Out-of-Park option.

3.00 – TEAM ROSTERS

3.01 – Team Balancing. Teams will be balanced in number of players.

4.00 – GAME IN GENERAL

4.01 – Time Limit. No new inning will commence after one hour and fifteen minutes has elapsed except in the case of a tie score. Tie games shall be played to a conclusion.

4.02 – Regulation Game Defined. Games shortened by rain or darkness shall be a regulation game if four innings (three and one-half innings if home team is ahead) have been played.

4.03 – Participation Rule. Each player shall play 3 defensive outs and bat his turn in the batting rotation. Teams shall “bat the bench” in regular season games, that is, they shall include all players in their batting order and bat them in turn. Teams shall be required to bat a “bench” that consists of a number of players not exceeding the number of players fielded by the opposing team.

**CHAPTER IV
9-10 YEAR OLD BASEBALL LEAGUE
RULES AND REGULATIONS**

This league uses official playing rules of its approved affiliates. For any rules not found in affiliate rules, refer to the official baseball rules except those excerpted by local league option contained in these By-Laws. The free substitution rule is in effect as described in Chapter I, Rule 3.09.

1.00 – PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

1.01 – Playing Age. Players, age 9-10, are eligible for the 9-10 Year Old Baseball League.

2.00 – PLAYER SELECTION

2.01 – Option Players. A manager may select up to four Option Players.

Note: A manager must take his own child as an Option Player unless the manager indicates in writing that he desires his child to play on another team other than his own.

2.02 – Draft Point System.

(a) Beginning Points. Each team will receive 12,000 points. Each player shall have a value of 1000 points going into the draft. The total number of Option Players will be multiplied by 1000 and subtracted from the starting number of points for each team at the beginning of the draft. Points agreed upon for any player exchanges will also be added and subtracted, as appropriate.

3.00 – TEAM ROSTERS

3.01 – Team Balancing. Teams will be balanced in number of players.

3.02 – Age Quotas. No team may have more than eight (8) players of any one age group.

4.00 – GAME IN GENERAL

4.01 – Time Limit. No new inning will commence after one hour and forty five minutes has elapsed except in the case of a tie score. Tie games shall be played to a conclusion.

4.02 – Regulation Game Defined. Games shortened by rain or darkness shall be a regulation game if four innings (three and one-half innings if home team is ahead) have been played.

4.03 – Inning Defined. One complete inning will consist of three outs for each team.

4.04 – Mercy Rule. The mercy rule of the sanctioning body is in effect. Otherwise the ten run rule is in effect after 4 innings (3 if the home team is ahead).

4.05 – Participation Rule. Each player shall play 3 defensive outs and bat at least once during a game.

**CHAPTER V
11-12 YEAR OLD BASEBALL LEAGUE
RULES AND REGULATIONS**

This league uses official playing rules of its approved affiliates. For any rules not found in affiliate rules, refer to the official baseball rules except those excerpted by local league option contained in these By-Laws. The free substitution rule is in effect as described in Chapter I, Rule 3.09.

1.00 – PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

1.01 – Playing Age. Players, age 11-12, are eligible for the 11-12 Year Old Baseball League.

2.00 – PLAYER SELECTION

2.01 – Option Players. A manager may select up to four Option Players. Any player who does not meet the definition of an In-Park or Out-of-Park Option is not eligible to be selected as an Option Player and will be placed in the regular draft.

Note: A manager must take his own child as an Option Player unless the manager indicates in writing that he desires his child to play on another team other than his own.

2.02 – Draft Point System.

(a) Beginning Points. Each team will receive 12,000 points. Each player, shall have a value of 1000 points going into the draft. The total number of Option Players will be multiplied by 1000 and subtracted from the starting number of points for each team at the beginning of the draft. Points agreed upon for any player exchanges will also be added and subtracted, as appropriate.

3.00 – TEAM ROSTERS

3.01 – Team Balancing. Teams will be balanced in number of players.

3.02 – Age Quotas. No team may have more than eight (8) players of any one age group.

4.00 – GAME IN GENERAL

4.01 – Time Limit. No new inning will commence after one hour and fifty minutes has elapsed except in the case of a tie score. Tie games shall be played to a conclusion.

4.02 – Regulation Game Defined. Games shortened by rain or darkness shall be a regulation game if four innings (three and one-half innings if home team is ahead) have been played.

4.03 – Inning Defined. One complete inning will consist of three outs for each team.

4.04 – Mercy Rule. The mercy rule of the sanctioning body is in effect. Otherwise the ten run rule is in effect after 4 innings (3 if the home team is ahead).

4.05 – Participation Rule. Each player shall play 3 defensive outs and bat at least once during a game.

**CHAPTER VI
13-14 YEAR OLD BASEBALL LEAGUE
RULES AND REGULATIONS**

This league uses official playing rules of its approved affiliate. For any rules not found in affiliate rules, refer to the official baseball rule except those excerpted by local league option contained in these By-Laws. The free substitution rule is in effect as described in Chapter I, Rule 3.09.

1.00 – PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

1.01 – Playing Age. Players, age 13-14 are eligible for the 13-14 Year Old Baseball League.

2.00 – PLAYER SELECTION

Note: All managers have equal opportunity in the selection of players. While some teams might not choose as many Option Players as is allowed here, the emphasis is placed on the uniform *opportunity* to select them. To further promote this emphasis, post-registration player selection places players first on teams that have the most vacancies, as explained below.

2.01 – Option Players. A manager may select up to four Option Players. Any player who does not meet the definition of an In-Park or Out-of-Park Option is not eligible to be selected as an Option Player and will be placed in the regular draft.

2.02 – Post-Registration Player Selection. Player selection will include a tryout, and will consist of a round robin drawing as follows:

(a) The team with the fewest players shall select a player first, followed by the team with the next fewest players, and so on until team rosters a equal in the number of players.

(b) Once rosters are balanced, teams will draw numbers to determine the drawing sequence to select remaining players.

(c) When there are no more players to balance teams, the Director of Player Selection will note the drawing sequence for the purpose of placing players who register subsequent to player selection. New players will be placed on these teams unless shortages on other teams prove more critical in the judgement of the Commissioner and the Director of Player Selection.

2.03 – Post-Selection Trades. Provisions established in Chapter I, Section 4.13 apply.

Note: A manager must take his own child as an Option Player unless the manager indicates in writing that he desires his child to play on another team other than his own.

3.00 – TEAM ROSTERS

3.01 – Team Balancing. Teams will be balanced in number of players.

3.02 - Age Quota. No team may have more than eight (8) players of any one age group.

4.00 – GAME IN GENERAL

4.01 – Time Limit. No new inning will commence after two hours has elapsed except in case of a tie score. Tie games shall be played to a conclusion.

4.02 – Regulation Game Defined. Games shortened by rain or darkness shall be a regulation game if four innings (three and one-half innings if the home team is ahead) have been played.

4.03 – Inning Defined. One complete inning will consist of three outs for each team.

4.04 – Mercy Rule. The mercy rule of the sanctioning body is in effect. Otherwise, the ten run rule in accordance with affiliate Official Rules is in effect.

4.05 – Participation Rule. Each player shall play 3 defensive outs and bat at least once during a game.

CHAPTER VII
15-16 AND 17-18 YEAR OLD BASEBALL LEAGUES
RULES AND REGULATIONS

This league uses official playing rules of its approved affiliates. For any rules not found in affiliate rules, refer to the official baseball rule except those excerpted by local league option contained in these By-Laws. The free substitution rule is in effect as described in Chapter I, Rule 3.09.

1.00 – PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

1.01 – Playing Age. Players, age 15-16 are eligible for the 15-16 Year Old Baseball League and players, age 17-18 are eligible for the 17-18 Year Old Baseball League.

2.00 – PLAYER SELECTION

Note: All managers have equal opportunity in the selection of players. While some teams might not choose as many Option Players as is allowed here, the emphasis is placed on the uniform *opportunity* to select them. To further promote this emphasis, post-registration player selection places players first on teams that have the most vacancies, as explained below.

2.01 – Option Players. A manager is allowed a maximum of twelve Option Players.

2.02 – Option Player Registration. All Option Players must be clearly designated on the player's registration form at the time of registration, and the manager must submit signed Option Player forms and a complete roster of Option Players to the President, Director of Player Selection, or league Commissioner or his duly authorized representative by not later than 6:00 PM February 19th. Failure of a player's name to appear on the complete roster by the deadline will result in the player being placed in the regular draft. Once a player commits on a signed Option Player form for a given season, he is considered placed on that team by the Board of Directors once it is submitted to the league Commissioner or the Director of Player Selection unless he is released by mutual consent of the parent and the manager. Once a manager has obtained a signed Option Player form from a parent, he is expected to act in good faith in keeping that player on his roster and submitting the form to the Board in a timely fashion.

2.03 – Post-Registration Player Selection. The Board of Directors reserves the prerogative to expand a team's roster to not more than twelve players when registered players require placement on teams. Player selection will include a tryout, and will consist of a round robin drawing as follows:

(a) The team with the fewest players shall select a player first, followed by the team with the next fewest players, and so on until team rosters are equal in the number of players.

(b) Once rosters are balanced, teams will draw numbers to determine the drawing sequence to select remaining players.

(c) When there are no more players to balance teams, the Director of Player Selection will note the drawing sequence for the purpose of placing players who register subsequent to player selection. New players will be placed on these teams unless shortages on other teams prove more critical in the judgement of the Commissioner and the Director of Player Selection.

2.04 – Post-Selection Trades. Provisions established in Chapter I, Section 4.13 apply.

Note: A manager must take his own child as an Option Player unless the manager indicates in writing that he desires his child to play on another team other than his own.

3.00 – TEAM ROSTERS

3.01 – Team Balancing. Teams will be balanced in number of players.

4.00 – GAME IN GENERAL

4.01 – Time Limit. No new inning will commence after two hours has elapsed except in case of a tie score. Tie games shall be played to a conclusion.

4.02 – Regulation Game Defined. Games shortened by rain or darkness shall be a regulation game if four innings (three and one-half innings if the home team is ahead) have been played.

4.03 – Inning Defined. One complete inning will consist of three outs for each team.

4.04 – Mercy Rule. The mercy rule of the sanctioning body is in effect. Otherwise, the ten run rule in accordance with affiliate Official Rules is in effect.

4.05 – Participation Rule. Each player shall play 3 defensive outs and bat at least once during a game.

5.00 – OPTIONAL FRANCHISE AFFILIATIONS

5.01 – Options. NEP will purchase a franchise affiliation for its league teams under which league games will be played and insured. However, teams are free to collaborate in purchasing additional franchise affiliations to broaden their post-season play opportunities at their own expense and within their own control. Managers are solely responsible, for instance, for ensuring insurance coverage needs are met, not to NEP's detriment.

**CHAPTER VIII
GIRLS SOFTBALL LEAGUE
RULES AND REGULATIONS**

This league uses official playing rules of the Northwest Florida Girls Softball Alliance (NWFGSA), the National Softball Association (NSA), except for rules excerpted at local league option in these Rules and Regulations and the NEP By-Laws.

1.00 – PLAYING FORMAT

1.01 – Girls Age 8 and Under. Girls in the 8U age group will play coach pitch softball.

1.02 – Girls Age 9 and Older. Girls playing softball in the 10U, 12U, 16U, and 18U age groups will play fast pitch softball.

2.00 – PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

2.01 – Playing Age. Player age groups will be as follows: 8U, 10U, 12U, 16U, and 18U. A player will be allowed to play up one (1) age group according to NSA rules, if she is a Coach's Option. The number of players registering to play will determine the number of teams in each age group.

2.02 – Reservations to Manage. Managers desiring to join the NEP Girls Softball Leagues must submit a written request by December 3rd to the NEP Board of Directors for approval or disapproval.

3.00 – PLAYER SELECTION

3.01 – Re-Entry Player Compensation. The team from whence the player came will be compensated 1,000 points upon his approval to the re-entry draw by the Board of Directors provided, however, that the team has received no other points for team size or otherwise because of this player leaving the team.

3.02 – Player Options. Each manager may choose up to four Option Players. An Option Player may be any player that is not returning to a team on which they played in the previous year, a player new to the park or a player advancing to the next league. Players not chosen as an Option Player will be placed in the regular draft.

Note: A manager must take his own child as an Option Player (if it's their first year in the league) unless the manager indicates in writing that he desires his child to play on another team other than his own.

3.03 – Draft Point System.

(a) **Beginning Points.** Each team will receive 12,000 points. Each player, whether returning player or option shall have a value of 1000 points going into the draft. The total number of returning players and options will be multiplied by 1000 and subtracted from the starting number of points for each team at the beginning of the draft. Points agreed upon for any player exchanges will also be added and subtracted, as appropriate.

4.00 – TEAM ROSTERS

4.01 – Team Balancing. Teams will be balanced in number of players. Exceptions may occur due to the number of registrants.

4.02 – Age Quotas. No team may have more than eight (8) players of any one age group. Exceptions may occur due to the number of registrants.

5.00 – GAME IN GENERAL

5.01 – Time Limit. No new inning will commence after 1 hour 10 minutes (8U and 10U) or 1 hour 20 minutes (12U and up) except in the case of a tie score. Tie games shall be played to a conclusion, using a tie-breaker rule as defined by NSA/ASA.

5.02 – Regulation Game Defined. Games shortened by rain or darkness shall be a regulation game if five innings (four and one-half innings if home team is ahead) have been played.

5.03 – Inning Defined. One complete inning will consist of three outs for each team.

5.04 – Mercy Rule. The run rule is as follows: 12 runs after 3 innings, 10 runs after 4 innings, and 8 runs after 5 innings.

5.05 – Participation Rule. Participation shall be governed under the guidelines of the NWFOSA.

Penalty: A winning team in violation of the participation rule will forfeit the game in question if properly protested. A losing team will forfeit its next winning game.

Exception: In the event a manager has used all of his eligible players and a player is injured, becomes ill and cannot continue, is ejected or removed from the game by an umpire or official, or is not present when a suspended game is resumed, the game shall not be forfeited. The opposing manager shall select a player from the bench who is capable of playing the position of the injured, removed or ill player, but who has already been in the game, and this player shall replace the injured, removed or ill player.

5.06 – High School Players. Any player who is a member of a high school softball team may participate in NEP Girls Softball under the guidelines of the NWFGSA.

Note: Careful consideration will be given when placing high school players because multiple high school player participation on one team could render a team ineligible for participation in NWFGSA tournaments.

**CHAPTER IX
CLUB LEAGUE
RULES AND REGULATIONS**

This league uses official United States Sports Specialty Association (USSSA) playing rules except that "free substitutions" are permitted as described in Chapter I, Rule 3.09.

1.00 – PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

1.01 – Playing Age. Players age 8 through 14 are eligible for the Club League within their respective age divisions. Player registered to play in the NEP Recreational League are not eligible for placement on Club League teams that season except that NEP Recreational League players may participate in weekend tournament play with Club League teams.

2.00 – PLAYER SELECTION

2.01 – Club Format. The structure of this league is such that teams are able to form completely and enter league play as a team. As such, player selection is left to individual managers except that they may not select registered players from NEP Recreational Leagues. Recreational League players are permitted to join with Club League teams for weekend play provided league pitching rules are not compromised.

3.00 – GAME IN GENERAL

3.01 – Time Limit. Time and innings per game limits correspond to Recreational League time and inning limits for each age group.

3.02 – Regulation Game Defined. The definition of a regulation game corresponds to Recreational League definitions.

3.03 – Inning Defined. One complete inning will consist of three outs for each team.

3.04 – Mercy Rule. The ten run rule is in effect.

3.05 – Participation Rule. There is no participation rule.

4.00 – ADMINISTRATION

4.01 – General. The NEP Board of Directors through the Club League Commissioner retains authority over the administration of this league. Members and their parents assume full benefit of Association membership, to include pricing and scheduling preference for tournament hosting.

4.02 – Fees. Fees will be set annually by the NEP Board of Directors and are payable by January 7th of the playing year. Fees include the rights and benefits of affiliation with the Youth Association of Northeast Pensacola, but no other franchise affiliation will be included. Special dispensations for individual playing fees and uniform subsidies will not be considered. Travel and tournament expenses and playing equipment are not included.

4.03 – Board Representation. The Club League does not function externally to the normal operation of the Park. Rather, it is a fully-integrated part of the overall program, designed to provide additional playing opportunities for willing and capable players. Nonetheless, it is anticipated that the effort necessary to administer this league will be minimal for the Board as a whole and will fall largely to League managers working cooperatively with the Club League Commissioner and the Assistant Club League Commissioner to resolve routine matters. Still, the Board retains its responsibilities as Directors and Officers and will assist in matters when necessary.

THE FOREGOING RULES AND REGULATIONS were adopted by the Board of Directors at its meeting in Escambia County, Florida this 8th day of January, 2007.



President: Billy R Smith Jr.



Secretary: Sheila Howell