

Constitution
of the
Pyramid Baseball League, Inc.

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PURPOSE:

PYRAMID BASEBALL LEAGUE INCORPORATED, herein known as PYRAMID, is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing baseball programs for baseball players residing in Warren, Hunterdon, and Somerset County, New Jersey. PYRAMID provides league structured programs dedicated to teaching and re-enforcing the principles of leadership, sportsmanship, loyalty and team spirit to all players, managers and coaches regardless of age, color, creed or gender.

ARTICLE I: BOARD OF TRUSTEES

SECTION 1: The governing body of PYRAMID is the Board of Trustees. This Board will oversee the CONSTITUTION and elect the League's President each year. The President will serve one-year terms starting in January of each year. The Board must hold its election anytime between November 1st and November 30th of each year to choose the President for the next year. The vote of each Board of Trustee member must be provided in writing (e-mail is acceptable) to the League Secretary who will call for the vote during the time period and tally the votes. The vote is to be certified by the current League President. The League Secretary will then notify all League members the results of the election.

SECTION 2: The PYRAMID Board of Trustees, excluding the resigning President, is to be elected by a vote of the members of the Baseball Committee and the League President. The Baseball Committee is comprised of one member from each "Senior Team" only. Each Senior Team shall have one vote and must be in the League for one full season before they are eligible to vote. The voting member from each Senior Team shall be provided to the League Secretary prior to or at the start of the first league meeting of each year. The Senior Team's representative will serve on the Baseball Committee for one year unless a transfer of representation is provided in writing to the League Secretary. The Senior Representative must also notify the League of any designated substitute members who may be authorized to represent their Team in the event of their absence. ONLY the Senior Team representative or their designated substitute shall be permitted to vote on league matters.

SECTION 3: The Board of Trustees shall consist of five members. Four members are to be authorized by a vote of the Baseball Committee each year. The League President is the fifth Trustee member, elected by the previous year's Board. In January, the league President shall nominate individuals to each of the following eight positions:

- League Vice-President
- League Treasurer
- League Secretary
- Collegate/Unlimited League Commissioner

- Senior League Commissioner
- Junior League Commissioner
- Sophomore League Commissioner
- League Advisor

The President shall issue his list of nominations to the Baseball Committee before December 10th of each year. The Baseball Committee shall vote to authorize or reject each of the Board's Nominations no later than December 20. Authorization is to be granted by majority vote of the Baseball Committee and League President. The vote is to be certified by the reigning League Secretary. The Terms of each Board of Trustee member, excluding the President, shall begin with notification of authorization by the Baseball Committee and President. The League President shall send this notification within 48 hours after the vote is completed.

Notes:

(1) Any Baseball Committee member who fails to vote by the deadline will forfeit their vote.

(2) If any nominated member of the Board fails to receive authorization, then that position is to be held open until the authorized members of the Board hold their first Board Meeting to discuss the open position. The new Board shall decide how to fill the position but must again receive ratification by the Baseball Committee and League President.

(3) Other than the League President, no Board of Trustee members shall have a vote unless they are also a member of the Baseball Committee.

SECTION 4: The Baseball Committee shall meet at least once each month from February thru June. After that, meetings with the Baseball Committee shall be called at the discretion of the league President. Only the Baseball Committee can approve changes to the Constitution and must do so by a 2/3rds majority vote. All proposed changes must be provided in writing two weeks prior to a meeting.

SECTION 5: The Board of Trustees are responsible for the operations of the League. They are to provide recommendations to the Baseball Committee. Disputes within the five members Board shall be resolved by a vote of the Board members. The Board shall meet in January prior to the first Baseball Committee meeting. After that, Board Meetings are to be called by the President or with the agreement of at least two members. The Board of Trustees also has the authority to form and fill Committees or individual positions as necessary. The Board shall assign responsibility of these ad-hoc positions/Committee's who will have reporting accountability to the League President.

SECTION 6: The Board shall have responsibility for :

ARTICLE II: PRESIDENT

The duties of the President are to manage the League and to establish playing rules for each division in accordance with the National Program Rules for each division.

SECTION 1: The President will establish an organizational structure to run the League and/or Divisions. The Treasurer will report directly to the President and will prepare and issue quarterly reports to be presented at League meetings. The President will appoint Commissioners, County Coordinators, Division Chairman, Protest Committees, League Scheduler and other groups as needed.

SECTION 2: The President will establish the franchise areas for each team in the League. These franchises will be by High School Base School Districts. The community is limited to Towns, Townships, etc. The divisions will follow the above outline to set up teams.

SECTION 3: Duties for each job listed above will be outlined by the President and approved by the board on an annual basis.

SECTION 4: The President is the final authority on all protest, See the protest procedures in Article IV.

ARTICLE III: RULES OF PLAY, UMPIRES & GAME PARAMETERS

SECTION 1: All League games will be played in accordance with the American League Rules published in the annual Major League Baseball's (MLB) Rule Book. Each year, the Pyramid Baseball will provide access to the National Rules for American Legion Baseball. The following rule amendments super-cede the American Legion Rule Book:

- All games will be seven innings unless restricted by time limits or playing conditions
- Extra innings may be played unless restricted by time limits or playing conditions
- Pyramid Baseball uses the NJSIAA Sliding Rule to avoid collision and possible injury
- Pitching Rules can be found in Section 12

The following is mentioned to reinforce the American Legion Rules

- No courtesy runners are permitted
- Intentional walks require that four pitches be made
- Teams may only use a designated hitter for the pitcher . (See Section 11)
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- **SECTION 2:** Starting times for weekday games shall be 6:00 PM unless artificial lighting is available. A 5:45 PM start time may be used if both coaches agree at least 48 hours before the day of the game. Starting times for weekend games are generally:
 - SENIOR League: 5:00 PM
 - JUNIOR League: 11:00 AM
 - FRESHMAN League: 2:00 PM

Alternate times can be used, if both coaches agree at least 48 hours before the day of the game. An earlier agreement is encouraged.

SECTION 3: Either Team may delay the start of the game for 15 minutes from the scheduled start time due to late-arriving players or coaches. At the start of a game, a Team must have 9 players present to play the game; otherwise a forfeit will be awarded to the opposing Team. The **forfeit time** will 15 minutes after the posted start time. The Team that forfeits may be subject to penalties and disciplinary action.

SECTION 4: Umpires are provided by Pyramid through an Umpire Assignor selected prior to the season. Pyramid shall determine the umpire fees prior to the season. Each Team will pay one umpire. If only one umpire shows up for the game,

he is entitled to 150% of the standard umpire fee. Fees paid are to be split by the Teams.

4.1: Umpires must obtain their own insurance.

4.2: the League's Umpire Assignor will provide a list of umpires that will be eligible to umpire Pyramid Baseball Games and certify that they have the proper insurance. This will be provided to the League President prior to the Season and updated if any new umpires are added to the list during the season. The League shall be held harmless in the event that an "uninsured" umpire is used for a Pyramid Baseball League game.

4.3: When the same umpires are assigned to complete a suspended game as part of a regular season game doubleheader, the umpires will be paid \$10 per innings for the completion of the suspended game. The umpiring fee for the suspended game can not exceed the normal full game umpire fee no matter how many innings are played to complete the game. The umpires will receive their normal full fee for the second regular season game. Umpire payment for the two games will take place prior to the state of the second game during the ground rules meeting.

SECTION 5: Prior to the game, it is the home team's responsibility to determine the field's condition for play of the game. In the event of unplayable field conditions, the Home Team should attempt to cancel the game at least 90 minutes before the scheduled start time. The Home team must notify the Visiting Team manager, the Umpires, the Umpire Scheduler and the League Commissioner. Umpires will not be paid for these games.

5.1 If a game cannot be played due to unfavorable field conditions which occur within 90 minutes of the scheduled start, the Home Team should cancel the game and immediately notify the Visiting Team, the Umpires arrive at the field before game time, he/she is entitled to a \$20 travel fee payment. Teams are to split the total payment due.

5.2 In the event that inclement weather is imminent before the start of a game, the Home Team has the discretion to delay the start of the game for 15 minutes. If thunder/lightening occurs, the delay may be extended for up to 30 more minutes. Within these parameters, it is the Home Team's sole decision to start or delay the start of the game. If a game is not started under these circumstances and is subsequently postponed, umpires are only entitled to the \$20 travel cost payment.

5.3 Once a game starts, it is the head umpire's responsibility to determine the field's condition, if rain occurs after the start. The umpires are entitled to full pay after a game has started. In accordance with NJSIAA Rules, games are to

be delayed up to 30 minutes when thunder is heard. If field conditions permit, the game may be resumed after this delay.

SECTION 6: No inning shall start after 8:30 PM and no incomplete game shall be called before 8:30 PM, except for rain or darkness.

SECTION 7: A game becomes “official” after 4 ½ innings if the home team is ahead or after 5 full innings if the visiting team is ahead. A game suspended due to the elements prior to becoming “official” shall be postponed and completed at a later date, resuming at the point of suspension. “Official” games that do not reach the standard seven innings due to the elements are considered complete and will be recorded in the division standings as a win, loss or tie.

SECTION 8: When teams play under artificial lighting, the game will be carried to completion. In case of curfew on the use of artificial lighting, the rule under Article III - Section 5 will apply. The home team with artificial lighting must notify the visiting team and the umpires of the curfew time prior to the game. In the event that artificial lighting fails before or during the game, the loss of lights shall be considered the equivalent of a terminating rainfall and rules of Article III - Section 6 will apply.

SECTION 9: Teams have 72 hours to agree on a date to play/finish a postponement or suspended game. The date must be within 10 days of the postponed/suspended game or before the last day of regular season play, whichever comes first. If the Teams agree to a date outside the 10-day window, it must be approved by the Division’s Commissioner. If teams cannot agree on a reschedule date, then the matter must be brought to the attention of the Division’s Commissioner who will set a date, time and place of the game. The Commissioner’s decisions are binding.

SECTION 10: Visiting teams are entitled to fielding practice 20 minutes before scheduled game times, provided there are no preceding games that are running late. They are entitled to 10 minutes of fielding time. If the Home Team intends to take fielding and/or batting practice, they should conduct it before the Visiting Team and complete it 20 minutes prior to game time. There will be no “on field” batting practice for the Visiting Team. Both teams should be finished with pre-game, infield warm ups at least 10 minutes before the start of a game to allow for final field preparations (i.e. raking, lining, pitching mound prep, etc)

SECTION 11: Designated Hitter Rule -A hitter may be designated for the pitcher. A designated hitter can not be used for other positional playerThe designated hitter... and the pitcher that he is hitting for... must be identified on the line-up card presented at the start of the game. Failure to declare a designated hitter at the start of a game precludes use of the DH later in the game for that Team.

A designated hitter and the pitcher for whom he is hitting are locked into the original batting rotation of the starting lineup and may not be altered. A pinch hitter or runner used for the DH becomes the new DH at the same spot in the batting order. The DH can enter the game as a defensive player, only for the player he is hitting for. Once the DH enters the game as a defensive player, the Team forfeits use of the DH for the remainder of the game.

Section 12: Senior League Pitching – No player may pitch more than a total of 12 innings during any consecutive three day period. No player may make more than four appearances as a pitcher during any consecutive three game period.

A pitcher may be removed from the pitching position and remain in the game at another defensive position. He may then return to the pitching position at a later point in the game. However, if a coach makes two trips to the mound in an inning, that specific pitcher must be removed from the mound and may not return as a pitcher in the game. Any player who has pitched and is removed from the game as a defensive player, for even a single pitch, may not return as a pitcher in the game.

12.1 Junior and Freshman League Pitching - No player may pitch more than a total of 10 innings during any consecutive three day period. No player may make more than three appearances as a pitcher during any consecutive three game period. A pitcher may be removed from the pitching position and remain in the game at another defensive position. He may then return to the pitching position at a later point in the game. However, if a coach makes two trips to the mound in an inning, that specific pitcher must be removed from the mound and may not return as a pitcher in the game. Any player who has pitched and is removed from the game as a defensive player, for even a single pitch, may not return as a pitcher in the game

Section 13: Pinch Runners – a pinch runner may be used for any player. The pinch runner must be a bench player who has not yet entered the game. The pinch runner becomes a substitute for the player he is running for. The pinch runner can only remain in the game if he substitutes in the field for the player he ran for, in the subsequent inning.

Section 14: All players on the Team are expected to wear a consistent and standard baseball uniform with a Legion patch attached to the left shoulder. Base Coaches must wear baseball pants and a jersey that is consistent with the team's colors with a Legion patch attached to the left shoulder. Players and or coach cannot be on the field without a legion patch, if a player does take the field without a patch he shall be considered an illegal player and ejected from game. Bench Coaches must wear a jersey that is consistent with the team's colors. Base coaches must also wear a batting helmet.

ARTICLE IV: STANDINGS & POST SEASON ELIGIBILITY

SECTION 1: League standings are determined by points. A team is awarded two (2) points for each win, one (1) point for a tie, zero (0) points for a loss and minus one (-1) for a forfeit.

SECTION 2: The **wining team** must post game scores on the League website within 24 hours after games.

SECTION 3: In the event of a tie in standings at the end of a season, the following rules apply:

- A. If a tie occurs between two teams for the first place or the last play-off spot, there will be a one game play-off. The Home Team will be decided on the basis of the head-to-head competition between the Teams. The winner of both regular season games, or if only one game occurred between the Teams, then that winner shall be the Home Team. If the Teams played each other twice and split the games, then the run differential of the games between the two Teams shall be considered. If that does not determine which Team is the Home Team, then a coin toss by the Commissioner will determine the Home Team. If time does not allow for a playoff game, then, the same procedure for selecting the Home Team of the one game play-off will be used to determine final rankings between the two Teams.
- B: A tie between two Teams for Second Place will be decided on the basis of their in-season record vs. each other, including run differential, if necessary, or a coin toss.
- C: If a three team tie occurs, then a two tier playoff will be conducted. The team with the best record against the other two teams will be given a bye. This will be team 1. If there is no clear “best record”, then “run differential” vs. each other will be considered to select Team # 1. If that does not determine a Team to receive the bye, then the Commissioner shall determine the Bye Team by lottery. Teams 2 and 3 will play each other and the winner will play team 1. If there is no time to conduct playoff games, the following will be used with three teams:
 - Teams will be matched by record for head to head play during the season. If there is still a tie, then the teams’ “run differential” of head to head play will be considered. If there is still a tie between teams, then the League Commissioner will determine rankings by a lottery.

SECTION 4: Each team shall have an opportunity for post season Tournament play. Each year, PYRAMID receives a number of bids from American Legion Baseball and bids from the American Amateur Baseball Congress. The number of bids vary with the division and size of the State Tournament of the National Program. Tournament nominees are determined based on final season rankings. The first place Team is given “first choice” of the available tournament bids. The process continues with the second ranked Team receiving the “second choice” of Tournament bids, and so on, The President and League Commissioner shall assist the Post Season process.

SECTION 5: Teams may decline an initiation to post season for any reason at least 72 hours before the Tournament begins. However, once a Team accepts the invitation, they **MUST** attend the Tournament. Failure to attend after accepting an invitation may result in a one year suspension from post Season play, a violation fine and/or expulsion from the League

SECTION 6: A Team that accepts a Tournament bid must appear at the Tournament with the necessary paperwork and ready to play.

ARTICLE V: FORFEITS/SUSPENSIONS

Section 1: Forfeiture of League games which have been scheduled, approved by all teams involved and finalized will carry the following penalties:

A: The first forfeit by a team will incur a penalty equivalent to the sum of the umpire fees (two) for a Pyramid league game. The full amount will be payable to the Pyramid league within 48 hours or prior to the teams next game which ever comes first. Failure to remit timely will result in a second forfeit.

B: A second forfeit by a team in the same season will again result in a penalty equal to the sum of the umpires fees however the team will also be excluded from post season play.

C: A third team’s forfeit within the same season will automatically be suspended from the rest of the league season. All remaining games will be forfeited . The games played before the third forfeit will count as games played if the third forfeit occurred after the midpoint of their season. If the suspension occurs prior to the mid point of their schedule then all games won or lost will be declared forfeits and wins awarded to their opponents.

D: Use of an ineligible player will result in all games the ineligible player played in being forfeited

1: Team will be suspended for the remainder of year and have to apply for reinstatement before next year.

Section 2: Suspended teams may submit a written request for reinstatement into Pyramid along with payment of all past fees due no later than January 1 of the following year.. The team if reinstated will post a \$500 bond with the league and will be placed on a three year probation period. If the team completes the probation period without another forfeit the bond will be returned to the team.

Section 3: Suspended teams not reinstated will forfeit it's franchise in Pyramid baseball.

ARTICLE VI: PROTESTS

Section 1: All game related protests shall be presented in writing by the teams head coach and must be received by the league commissioner or league president within 48 hrs of the game along with a check made out to Pyramid Baseball League Inc. The President will give the protest to a committee comprised of three independent officials of Pyramid. The committee will speak with the head coaches of both teams and the games umpires before rendering their recommendation to the president. This will be done within 72 hrs of receiving the protest. The president may confer with the Board and/or anyone else he chooses but must render his decision within 48 hrs of the receipt of the committee's recommendation. The president's decision will be in writing to both coaches and the league commissioner.

All decisions by the president are final with no appeals.

ARTICLE VII: SCHEDULING

Section 1: The League will determine all schedules and present a base schedule to all teams registered and paid prior to the April coaches meeting.

Section 2: The coaches will have until May 15th to review and resolve scheduling problems. The schedules will be locked down on May 15th at 12:00 midnight.

Section 3: Changes to the schedule after it is locked down will only be made if school activities conflict with scheduled games. ie graduation, proms, dinners, awards banquets and base school participation in NJ State Baseball Tournament.

Section 4: Once scheduled, no games can be rescheduled unless agreed upon by both coaches. If an agreement can't be reached, a ruling will be made by the commissioner.

Section 5: Games rescheduled after the season begins must be done so within 48 hours of the postponement and played within 10 days of the postponement. Games

rescheduled outside these parameters must be approved by the commissioner or president.

Section 6: Games not played as scheduled are subject to forfeit.

ARTICLE VIII: INSURANCE

Section 1: Insurance must be carried by each team prior to April 15 each year. A certificate must be supplied to the League on that date. The certificate can be a copy of the original. The insurance must cover each player on the roster, manager, coaches, etc. The insurance for Sr. and Jr. divisions must be approved American Legion Insurance. The other divisions must be from A.A.B.C. Insurance. A team may use an outside carrier but must get approval from PYRAMID for teams in divisions 14 years and below. The team is required to supply the outside insurance carrier certificate by April 1 each year for approval by PYRAMID.

Section 2: Failure to supply an Insurance Certificate will prohibit the team from playing in the league.

Section 3: All teams will be required to wear baseball insignia on their uniform as set forth by the division in which they play.

ARTICLE IX: TOURNAMENTS

Sending teams to the state/national tournaments is a major goal of Pyramid.

Section 1: Each season every team has the opportunity to compete for a state tournament bid within its division. Each year Pyramid receives a number of bids from American Legion Baseball. The number of bids vary with the number of teams in its division and the size of the state tournament of the National Program.

Section 2: Pyramid will determine the schedule best suited to determine its teams to represent the league in state tournament play. The winning teams will represent their divisions in the state tournament unless they notify the president within 72 hours of tournament play that they are declining the invitation. The Board will then select another team based on the final standings.

Section 3: Qualified teams declining post season tournament play will may incur fines levied by the board and/or suspension from league play the following year.

Section 4: Any team within the League who accepts a State Tournament bid and then fails to complete its responsibility to compete will incur a two year ban from State Tournament play. The Board may also suspend the team from league play the following year

ARTICLE X: LEAGUE FEES

For teams to be franchised to play both in both the National Program and PYRAMID there is a fee.

Section 1: The fee requires annual dues payable to the National Organization. This amount will appear on the invoice issued to each team member.

Section 2: There is a fee required for tournaments, which is payable to PYRAMID, which

will be part of the invoice.

Section 3: The cost of administration for the league and its operation is part of the annual league fees. It is part of the invoice to each team.

Section 4: Upon entry into PYRAMID, a team is required to post a forfeit fee to cover two umpires. The amount is the current rate paid to the umpires under each division. When the forfeit amount is paid out by the treasurer a new invoice will be issued to replace this forfeit fund. Failure by a team to keep its fund current can lead to penalties. These penalties could result in a loss of games, no tournament play and removal from the League.

Section 5: All invoices must be paid by May 1 of each year.

Section 6: If a team removes itself and/or is removed from PYRAMID baseball the forfeit fee is not refundable.

ARTICLE XI: MEETING AND LEAGUE REQUIREMENTS

It is required that PYRAMID has meetings starting in January each year.

Section 1: The Director will establish the meeting dates. The meeting will be held on Sunday afternoon when possible or on other days when Sunday meeting halls not available.

Section 2: The Director will, in each year at the January meeting, issue an Application to each team for updated team information to be included in the Managers list and mailing list. Each must give this information no later than March 1 of the year it is received. Manager lists with telephone numbers are a must to have communication between teams during the season, for rainout, etc. The Manager list will be issued at the April meeting. '

Section 3: The Director and/or the division can elect or appoint a division chairman, who will work with each team on roster, insurance, birth certificates and etc. The chairman will be responsible to keep division standings and forward them to the Commissioners and the Director. Final division standing must be in the hands of the league officials 4 days before the first National Tournament game.

Section 4: Each team will have all its required paperwork submitted to the Director by May 15 of each year. If the division season is started before June 1 then the roster, etc., will be required one week before the start of the division first game.

Section 5: The league office will mail out a meeting notice prior to each meeting. The notice will have the date, time and location of the meeting. At each meeting there will be an agenda for each division active that night. Teams should bring all questions to the division meetings, which will be listed as new business.

Section 6: If a team misses two meetings in a row the team can be subjected to the following penalty.

A: A fine of no more than \$50.00 payable to PYRAMID BASEBALL LEAGUE INC,

B: Removal from the league and lost of forfeit fees if membership not renewed by the March meeting.

Section 7: The league will provide copies of National Rules for American Legion Baseball and A.A.B.C. Application for insurance for the National program will also be provided. The league will provide information on other parts of the National program like oversee teams, All-Star teams, etc.

A: The 18 year old division is to be an American Legion Baseball program and all team must follow both National and State Legion rules,

B: A team in the 18-year-old division can play in the A.A.B.C. program too.

Section 8: On an annual basis, teams will provide information on their home field location. The field location can be written or mapped for the April meeting.

Section 9: All meetings will use Roberts Rules and minutes will record the proceedings of the meeting.

Section 10: All teams must renew membership in the League annually at the January Meeting. .

A: The exceptions to this rule are American Legion teams that have a Post sponsor. These teams are automatically renewed. Those teams in the I8-year-old division that are Independent (no Post sponsor) must be renewed annually,

B: All teams play at with the approval PYRAMID. The approval can. and will be withdrawn for violating these rule outlined in this Constitution.

ARTICLE XII: SPORTSMANSHIP AND CONDUCT

Section 1: CONDUCT - All personnel who join PYRAMID must conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner. Team's personnel can be removed from the league for violating this rule.

HECKLING - No player, coach, manager or other party associated with the team shall abuse, heckle or make uncomplimentary remarks to opposing players, team officials or umpires. The umpires shall eject an individual violating this regulation immediately from the game.

SPORTSMANSHIP - Any player, coach, manager or other party accompanying a team will be EJECTED for the remainder of the game from the time of the infraction, if they:

1: Use profane language,

2: Make unnecessary or obscene gestures in protesting an umpire's call,

3: Throw bats or other equipment,

4: Resort to unnecessary roughness on the playing field.

Section 2: TOBACCO AND DRUG RULE - The use of any form of tobacco or drugs by a player, coach, manager or umpire while on the playing field, benches, in the bullpen or dugouts is prohibited. Any individual violating this rule will be ejected from the game.

Section 3: BLOOD RULE - Any player who suffers from a laceration or where the wound is oozing blood, the game shall be stopped at the earliest possible time and the athlete must be treated immediately. If the bleeding requires extensive treatment, a substitute shall replace the injured player. Umpires are directed to give reasonable amount of time to allow injured player to be treated.

Section 4: FIGHTING RULE: Ejection and suspension from the next game. Next game could carry over to the following season

ARTICLE XIII: MEETINGS AND LEAGUE REQUIREMENTS

It is required that Pyramid conduct monthly league meetings starting in January of each year.

Section 1: The league president will establish the meeting dates. The meetings will normally beheld on the fourth Sunday of each month when possible.

Section 2: The league president will, in each year at the January meeting, issue an application to each team from the prior year for a commitment to the new year and updated team information to be

included in the Managers list and mailing list. Teams will be required to make the commitment and provide contact information, field location etc at the February meeting.

Section 3: The President and/or Division can elect or appoint a division commissioner who will work with each team on roster, insurance, birth certificates etc. The commissioners will be responsible to keep the division standings and forward them to the President 4 days before the state tournament begins.

Section 4: Each team must have all the required paper work to it's commissioner prior to the first day of the start of the season.

Section 5: The league will notify every one on the contact list of league meetings. Teams must send a representative to these meetings. All questions will be addressed at these meetings as new business.

Section 6: Teams not represented at these meetings are subject to a \$50 fine and must be paid before the start of the season.

Section 7: Teams not registered and paid by the March meeting will be removed from the league and will suffer loss of their forfeiture fees.

Section 8: Applications for new teams to be admitted to the Pyramid league must be received by the time the base schedules are presented.

A: Application must include the name of the team with address and telephone number

B : The name of the base school and the area of recruitment

C: The home field location

D: Manager's Name, address and phone number (father of a player yes or no) high school coach (yes or no)

E: Financial organization names and phone numbers

ARTICLE XIV: RATIFICATION

Section 1: PYRAMID BASEBALL LEAGUE INCORPORATED is a non-profit corporation in the State of New Jersey. This Constitution is part of that corporation and approved on June 27,1995, by the Board of Trustees.

Director: Michael Curto

Amended May 31, 2009

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

In order to prevent misconstruction or abuse of its power, that further restrictive clauses should be added. The following amendment or amendments are added by the approval of the Board of Trustees by a 2/3 vote:

AMENDMENT 1: A team has the right to vote on all matters in their division which do the League and/or National Baseball Rules of the program, which PYRAMID is playing under, not direct.

AMENDMENT 2: A League and/or a team may request admission to PYRAMID prior to February of each year. The request must be in writing with the following information for review by PYRAMID.

A: The letter will be given to the Commissioner of the division for approval

or rejection,

B: If the letter is not approved an appeal may be made in writing to the director,

C: The formal letter must have the following information:

1: The name of the team with complete addresses and telephone numbers,

2: The area that will be recruited and the team's base school and/or community,

3: The home field location for the team and the manager's full name and address. The coaching staff's full names and addresses.

Include any relationship of staff members with team players.

4: The complete background of the financial organizations and if the team is playing in another league or leagues.

D: Pyramid Baseball is made up of divisions by age. Each division has different requirements for establishing teams for eligibility within a given division.

1: The American Legion Senior Division (ages 17-19) is by American Legion Post's and/or an independent team approved by the Board of Trustees or the Director of the Pyramid program.

2: The American Legion Junior Division (ages 15-16) is by American Legion Post's and/or an independent team approved by the Board of Trustees or the Director of the Pyramid program.

3: The American Legion Freshman Division (ages 13-14) is by American Legion Post's and/or an independent team approved by the Board of Trustees or the Director of the Pyramid program.

AMENDMENT 3: A team that wins a division and would represent Pyramid Baseball in a National Program Tournament has the right to prior to the start of the event to withdraw from the tournament. The team must notify the Director 72 hours before the beginning of the event. The league will select the next team.

AMENDMENT 4: All umpires used in Pyramid Baseball League must carry their own insurance. A copy of the insurance certificate must be available upon request.

AMENDMENT 5: A player on a current Pyramid roster may request a one time waiver from his current team to transfer to another team in the same division. The current team must give approval in writing for the player to move to a new team. Once a waiver is approved by both teams, a copy must be filed with the league office. If the player's current team will not approve the waiver, the player must stay on his current team's roster or the player can miss one season and attempt to acquire a waiver the following year. No player will be allowed to change teams without a waiver from the appropriate team.

If a team disbands or drops out of the league all players become free agents. They can join another team in their area.

The above rule does not apply to the Senior Division.

AMENDMENT 6: A team in Pyramid Baseball must have a minimum number of active players on their roster as listed below by division to ensure the minimum number of players each game during the season. No team can start a tournament game without having 12 active players present at game time. In tournament competition if the minimum number of players is not present, the game is forfeited.

12 years and under -----12

13 years to 16 years-----13

17 years to 18 years-----14

AMENDMENT 7: Each year, all teams must assign a field manager by April

1. The field manager must attend all league meetings to ensure that all league playing rules are

followed by his team. The field manager's name will be on the mailing list and will be used by other managers when games must be postponed. The field manager will be responsible for all league fees, umpire fees, etc. If the field manager misses a meeting the team Will be fined \$50.00 payable at once to the league treasurer. Failure to pay fines will subject the team to loss of games in regular season and/or removal from the league.