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1896-1988

Treasurer Emeritus and Assistant to the President

1948-1980

George S. Cooper, sportswriter, passed away in November, 1988. It is due to his guidance with our various Presidents over the years that we have seen our program grow. George, as well as founder and benefactor Glenn L. Martin, provided a legacy that future generations of Ball Players will continue to reap the benefits.

Forward

The reason for this publication is to establish a set of rules to operate the All American Amateur Baseball Association and for all Baseball Competition under its jurisdiction.

Under the guidance, leadership and supervision of the late Glenn L. Martin, Representative from amateur baseball in six (6) cities along the Atlantic Seacoast organized the All American Amateur Baseball Association in 1944. In 1945 AAABA Baseball competition was divided into two groups, a division for teenage players, known as the Limited Division, and an open amateur, or Unlimited Division.

The AAABA has sponsored a Limited Division Tournament every year since 1945.

After competition in the Unlimited Division had been suspended for several years, the Board of Directors at the 1980 annual meeting voted “To eliminate all mention of Unlimited Division baseball from the AAABA rules and the Constitution.”

It is the aim and objective of the AAABA to conduct National Championship Tournaments annually, and to sponsor as many regional tournaments as each specific situation may require.

Principles originally founded (or started) by Glenn L. Martin and steadfastly maintained by succeeding AAABA leaders emphasize Sports for Sports sake. The AAABA holds that true sportsmanship is the greatest lesson to be learned from athletic competition, and that amateur baseball is the best classroom for such lessons. In this respect, AAABA rules are strict, and they will always bar commercial elements that dominate some American sports.

Honesty in administration has marked AAABA operations from the beginning. AAABA officers are particularly charged with diligent enforcement of all playing rules. Strict adherence to all rules of eligibility and tournament play was always a priority and demanded by Mr. Martin. All succeeding AAABA officials have always followed these basic principles, and never deviated from them.

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ARTICLE I

Name and Object

SECTION 1. NAME. The name of this organization shall be "The All American Amateur Baseball Association."

SECTION 2. PURPOSE. Its object is to foster, develop and regulate amateur baseball, to provide it with safeguards in accordance with the spirit of true sportsmanship, to encourage organizations in various cities, to promote annual regional and national championship tournaments.

ARTICLE II

Membership

SECTION 1. WHO MAY BE MEMBERS. Membership is open to any association of four or more baseball clubs or leagues conducting amateur baseball, including:

Municipal Recreation Departments or other nonprofit organizations in metropolitan cities with 500,000 population or more. This type of membership may be granted without regard to any state, regional or other playoff system.

Nonprofit organizations fostering amateur baseball in cities under the metropolitan area size. However, no membership will be granted to any organization which does not have a league of at least four (4) teams, which play a regular published schedule of games.

State-wide nonprofit organizations fostering amateur baseball which actually function on a state-wide basis, exclusive of metropolitan cities.

Nonvoting patron memberships will be granted to individuals, organizations and businesses who desire to maintain or renew their interests in the All American Amateur Baseball Association Program. The minimum annual dues for patron members shall be $10.00.

SECTION 2. HOW TO JOIN. Upon written application to the Franchise Committee, new members may be admitted by a majority vote of the Board of Directors or by a majority vote of the Executive Committee in the interim of meetings, after investigation and recommendation by the Franchise Committee. A membership (initiation) fee of $500 plus membership dues of $350 and franchise fee of $850 for the current year (a total of $1700) must accompany each application for membership. First year members will have a probationary period of (5) years. Membership applications must be submitted on or before October 1st to qualify for next year's tournament competition.

SECTION 3. DUES. Membership dues of $350 along with the Franchise fee of $850 and the $500 initiation fee (for the first-year members) or a total of $1200 ($1700 for first year members) are payable February 1 to the Treasurer for the ensuing year. Members failing to pay their dues on or before February 1 of the current year shall lose their rights and privileges. Membership is automatically terminated by nonpayment of dues from the date they are payable. Membership defaulted by nonpayment of dues may be reinstated only by a majority vote of the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee. Should your dues not be paid by February 1st, your franchise will be assessed a $100 fine. This fine, along with past due amount of $1200 ($1700 for first year members), must be paid by February 15th , or your franchise will be sent to a regional tournament the Current year.

SECTION 4. TERMINATION. The membership of any association, league, or other affiliated group may be terminated by resignation, by failure to pay annual dues or by action of the Board of Directors at a special or annual meeting. Failure to comply with the Constitution and Rules of the Association, or actions or conduct which shall require a two-thirds vote of the Board members present and voting.

ARTICLE III

Franchises

SECTION 1. TO WHOM ISSUED. Any member in good standing is eligible to apply for and receive a franchise in the championship competition.

SECTION 2. WHERE TO APPLY. The Chairman of the Franchise Committee shall receive all applications for franchises in the annual tournament competition, franchise fees, such information as may be required in the official application form, and a copy of the constitution, bylaws and rules of the applying organization.

SECTION 3. FEES. A franchise fee of $850 along with the $350 dues and the $500 initiation fee (for first year members) or a total of $1200 ($1700 for first year members) must be paid for a franchise on or before February 1 of the current year to qualify for competition the current year. The Franchise Committee shal have full authority to accept or reject all applications for franchises. The Executive Committee may grant extensions in exceptional cases.

When a new franchise is accepted it will be for a probationary period of five years and that franchise will be assigned to regional play for the two years of its probationary period. When the franchise has completed its probationary period, and has demonstrated it is capable of adhering to AAABA rules, regulations and policies, it will be considered a member in good standing. Failure to demonstrate these attributes will be cause to eliminate the franchise from the AAABA.

If a franchise notifies the Franchise Chairman before February 1 of the current year that they will not be playing in a Regional or National Tournament they may elect to pay the $350 dues instead of the $1200 annual fees. The Franchise Representative will remain a member of the AAABA Board of Directors and shall have the right to vote as a member at large.

ARTICLE IV

Responsibilities of Members

SECTION 1. TO CERTIFY ELIGIBLE TEAMS. After being issued a franchise each member shall certify to the Tournament Committee one team as eligible to compete in the championship tournaments or in such regional tournaments as may be scheduled.

SECTION 2. HOST CITY MAY HAVE TWO TEAMS. The Franchise Representative of the host association (City) of the National Tournament will be permitted to certify two teams for competition in the National Tournament.

SECTION 3. TO SELECT CHAMPION TEAM. Each member must in a manner satisfactory to the Franchise Committee, select the best team of his organization for regional or national championship tournament play by local competition in leagues, eliminations and playoffs. No open tournament plans shall be used to decide the winner. No member may send a team other than its champion to a regional or national tournament unless presenting a legitimate reason to the Franchise Committee and securing that committee's permission.

The National Tournament host city may select another team from their playoffs, (runner-up) to also participate in the National Tournament. The host city must also signify to the National Tournament Committee which team will be considered the host team.

SECTION 4. OPEN TO ALL GROUPS. All eligible groups within the jurisdiction of a membership should be given all reasonable aid to organize teams and to compete in AAABA baseball. Each member must, to the satisfaction of the Franchise Committee, administer his franchise to this end.

SECTION 5. ENFORCE ALL RULES. Each member must enforce all AAABA rules and regulations in so far as they apply to local and district affairs. Each member must permit only amateurs to play in local AAABA competition ad must see that all players conform to the AAABA requirements as to age, character and eligibility.

SECTION 6. FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY. Each member must assume financial responsibility for the proper uniforms, equipment and supervision of his representative team at any AAABA tournament in which it competes. Each member must provide transportation of his team or teams from his city to and from the place of the tournament. Each member must be prepared at all time to furnish the Franchise Committee upon its request evidence of the members' ability to finance its AAABA baseball activities.

SECTION 7. MUST KNOW RULES. Each member is presumed to have knowledge of the Constitution, Tournament Rules and other AAABA regulations and each member is responsible for instructing managers, players, league officials and local umpires concerning tournament rules and other regulations as to the eligibility and personal conduct of players.

SECTION 8. COMMUNICATIONS. Each member must promptly answer all letters, e-mails and other communications received by him from officers or committees of the Association. The member must immediately notify the Franchise Committee or the Tournament Committee if he is unable to select a team or to finance a team to compete in a regional or national tournament.

ARTICLE V

Officers and Their Duties

SECTION 1. BOARD OF DIRECTORS. The Board of Directors shall consist of one member from each association holding an AAABA membership, and shall have general charge of the affairs, funds, policies, property and membership of the Association. All current officers shall be members of the Board of Directors. Past Presidents shall automatically become members of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2. OFFICERS. The Board of Directors shall elect at the annual meeting a President, a First Vice President, a Secretary-Executive Director and a Treasurer.

SECTION 3. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. The Executive Committee will consist of the officers of the Association, the past presidents and the representative of the host city sponsoring organization of the national tournament. A past president missing three consecutive annual meetings shall automatically default his membership on the Executive Committee. He may be reinstated to full membership by affirmative action of the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors.

The Executive Committee shall meet during the National Tournament or within sixty (6) days of its completion.

SECTION 4. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S AUTHORITY. The Executive Committee will represent the Association during interim meetings and shall have the authority to act on all matters pertaining to the conduct of the business of the Association. The Executive Committee will report all actions taken to the Board of Directors.

The Executive Committee may summon representatives of AAABA members to appear at meetings of the committee.

SECTION 5. NOMINATIONS, ELECTIONS. The nomination of officers shall be by a committee of three members appointed by the President at the executive meeting in August of within sixty (60) days after the national tournament. Additional nominations may be made by members from the floor of the meeting. If more than one person is nominated for any office, the election for such office shall be by ballot.

SECTION 6. FUNCTIONS. The functions of the above listed officers shall be herein designated and as otherwise described in Robert's Rule of Order.

SECTION 7. PRESIDENT'S DUTIES. The President shall preside at all meetings of the association and the Board of Directors and shall conduct same according to Parliamentary Law and at all time shall exercise a general supervision over the officers and the affairs, and/or of this associations name. The President shall appoint the chairman and all members of the committees.

The President shall designate the number of days and hours to hold the annual meeting of the Board of Directors, shall prepare the agenda for the Executive Committee meeting held prior to the annual meeting and shall preside at these meetings.

SECTION 8. EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS. The President, Secretary Executive Director and Treasurer shall be ex-officio members of all committees.

SECTION 9. SECRETARY-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S' DUTIES. The Secretary-Executive Director shall keep a true record of all proceedings of the Association and the Board of Directors, and such other records as the Board of Directors may determine. The Secretary-Executive Director may be compensated for his services, the amount to be determined by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 10. TREASURER'S DUTIES. The Treasurer shall receive all monies or other property paid or donated to the Association and shall disburse said funds. He shall keep a true an accurate account of all receipts and disbursements and shall submit a written or printed report at all regular meetings, mailing copies to the absent directors. He shall furnish a bond for the faithful performance of his duties in such a sum as named by the Board of Directors, the premiums to be paid by the Association. The Treasurer may be compensated for his services, the amount to be determined by the Board of Directors.

The Treasurer shall use as a guideline the following: No purchase shall be made, no goods shall be ordered or contracted for an no financial obligations shall be incurred in the name of the Association, except under prior approval by the Treasurer and such approval shall be contingent upon:

A. The money being available
B. The expenditure being within the current budget.
C. The expenditure being a proper one under the bylaws.

SECTION 11. VICE PRESIDENTS The Vice President shall assume the presidency in the event of that office becoming vacant for any reason.

SECTION 12. VACANCIES In the event of of the office of Secretary-Executive Director of the office of Treasurer becoming vacant, or the office incapacitated, the President shall appoint a pro tempore Secretary-Executive Director or Treasurer to serve until the Annual Meeting after the vacancy or incapacity occurs.

SECTION 13. MAY EMPLOYEE WORKERS The President of the Association, with the approval of the Executive Committee, may employ promotional or field workers to advance the interests of the AAABA and to supervise Regional playoffs. The President and the Executive Committee shall determine the salaries, the exact dates and periods of all persons who may be engaged by authority of the section.

ARTICLE VI

MEETINGS

SECTION 1. ANNUAL MEETING The Annual AAABA Meeting will be held the first Sunday in October of each year. These meetings can be held in Franchise cities upon request of the Franchise and if there is more than one request the current President, Executive Director and Treasurer shall review requests and choose the one most suitable at the time. Should no Franchise request hosting, the current President, Executive Director and Treasurer will select a place to hold the October Annual Meeting. Any Franchise requesting should present an agenda of room price, transportation resources, restaurants in the area of accommodations along with an agenda of events that are possible for the three days of more.

SECTION 2. SPECIAL MEETINGS Special Meetings of the Association will be held at the call of the President or upon written request of five (5) members of the Association in good standing. At least five (5) days' notice is required. Included in the notice shall be the full agenda of the proposed meeting.

SECTION 4. WHO MAY VOTE. Each member of the Association in good standing is entitled to one vote in the Association's Affairs. Each officer of the Association shall have one vote in Association Affairs, unless he is also representing a member in good standing, in which case he shall have only the one vote allotted to the member. Members of the Executive Committee and one eligible voter from each Membership represented shall have a vote in Association affairs.

One member of the Host City sponsoring organization of the National Tournament will become a member of the Board of Directors and have the right to vote as a member at large.

Persons in attendance to represent a Franchise, who are other than the persons officially listed as representatives, shall state their names and reasons for representing the respective franchises, at the time of roll call members. The person representing the franchise must be associated in some way with that particular franchise and not be from another geographical area. These persons must be accepted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of franchises officially represented after completion of the roll call. Franchises which do not have a representative present as outlined in this section shall not have a vote. No one person may vote for more than on Franchise.

Each Past President in attendance shall have one vote. No proxy vote will be accepted. The Secretary-Executive Director shall determine at the beginning of each meeting the eligible representatives of the respective memberships.

ARTICLE VII

Standing Committees

SECTION 1. COMMITTEES LISTED There shall be five standing committees whose members shall be appointed by the President:

A. Rules Committee
B. Franchise Committee
C. Tournament Committee
D. Finance and Budget Committee
E. Hall of Fame Committee

SECTION 2. RULES COMMITTEE. The rules committee shall consist of three members including the chairman. It shall consider proposed changes and amendments to the Constitution and Tournament Rules, and shall make recommendations about them to the Board of Directors. This committee shall be the sole and exclusive authority to interpret and determine all rules of the Association. All requests for interpretation of rules and rulings thereon by the committee shall be in writing. This committee shall have further exclusive authority to issue bulletins or other forms or relevant information or instructions, to investigate,, hear and determine disputes between franchise holders concerning interpretation or application of any or all or the rules of this Association. Its conclusions and decisions shall be final.

SECTION 3. FRANCHISE COMMITTEE The Franchise Committee shall consist of three members including the chairman. The Franchise Committee will receive all applications and fees for membership from organizations or individuals desiring to affiliate with the AAABA. The Franchise Committee shall investigate such applications and then recommend the acceptance or rejection of the applications to the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee.

The Franchise Committee, in examining an applicant for membership, shall take into consideration the reliability of the organization and persons applying for such membership, the geographical location and relative distance of the prospective member to the nearest franchise holder.

The Finance Committee shall also determine franchises of members in a championship tournamentsof the Association, schedule regional tournaments when necessary and perform numerous other duties as otherwise specified in the Constitution and Tournament Rules.

The Franchise Committee shall be empowered to investigate, when necessary, all complaints filed with the Association in writing, regarding any franchise considered be in violation of any rule of the Association. The Franchise Committee shall investigate and report to the Executive Committee their findings regarding any matters reported to them, in writing by the National Tournament Committee, Regional Tournament Committee or host sponsors of any AAABA Tournament. These shall include (but no preclude others) misconduct at tournaments, improper credentials, illegal players, or teams, not filling out proper forms at the times designated or improper operation of local leagues.

SECTION 4. TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE The National Tournament Committee shall consist of three members including the chairman. It shall conduct the annual championship tournament. It is the final authority in all matters pertaining to the designation of fields, time, officials and other tournament matters.

SECTION 5. FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE The Finance and Budget Committee shall consist of the President, Secretary-Executive Director and Treasurer and two members appointed by the President. It shall be the duty of this committee to draw a budget annually and submit same to the Board of Directors for approval at the Association's annual meeting. This committee shall exercise general supervision over the finances of the Association.

SECTION 6. HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE The Hall of Fame Committee shall consist of four members including the chairman. It shall be the responsibility of the Committee to assemble all applications from active and inactive franchises for entrance into the Hall of Fame with proper documentation. The Committee will recommend to the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting their nominations each year except on exceptional circumstances.

ARTICLE VIII

Glenn Martin – His Bequest

SECTION 1. VACANT CHAIR Prior to 1956, Glenn L. Martin, who founded the All American Amateur Baseball Association and who nursed the fledgling organization through the precarious years of its infancy, always served as Chairman of the Board. He always presided at the annual meetings, Mr. Martin died December 15, 1955. At the annual meeting on January 15, 1956, the Board of Directors by unanimous consent declared that the office of Chairman of the Board shall remain permanently vacant in Mr. Martin's memory. Memories of the late Glenn L. Martin and other influential deceased leaders should inspire those who survive to renewed and updated efforts to advance the cause of the All American Amateur Baseball Association.

SECTION 2. TRUST FUND When it later developed that Mr. Martin by his will left a very substantial bequest "TO PERPETUATE" his favorite organization, the National AAABA, the Board of Directors at its annual meeting January 20, 1957, established a trust fund for investment of the bequest. By Constitutional action, the Board of Directors ordered that income from the trust fund shall go into the Association treasury for use in current operations. The Board also ruled that cash may be withdrawn from the invested capital funds only by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors, except that twenty-five thousand dollars ($25,000) shall be made available to be used in the normal operation of the AAABA by proper signatures of both the President and Treasurer. The President and Treasurer shall be bonded by the AAABA for twenty-five thousand dollars ($25,000) for this purpose.

SECTION 3. INVEST CURRENT FUNDS In order to avail the association of the maximum return payable from time to time, the Treasurer shall have the right and authority to question the Trust administrator about the investments and report any major changes back to the full Board of Directors for approval.

ARTICLE IX

Rules of Order

Robert's Rules of Order shall govern all meetings and parliamentary proceedings of the AAABA

ARTICLE X

Local Government

Constitutions, by-laws and other rules and regulations for the government and regulation of respective members associations shall be in accord with AAABA Constitution and Tournament Rules as interpreted by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XI

Amendments

SECTION 1. PROCEDURE The Constitution and/or Tournament Rules of the Association may be amended, altered or repealed by a two-thirds (2/3)vote of the members of the Board of Directors present and voting at the annual meeting, provided the proposed changes are submitted to the Chairman of the Rules Committee in writing at least thirty (30) days prior.

SECTION 2. UNAMIMOUS CONSENT Proposed changes not submitted to the Chairman of the Rules Committee at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting may be approved by the Board of Directors provided unanimous consent of all Board members present is obtained.

SECTION 3. MEMBERS ONLY The privilege of proposing amendments to the AAABA Constitution and Tournament Rules is limited to members of the Board of Directors.

ALL AMERICAN AMATEUR BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

PURPOSE AND DISSOLUTION CLAUSE

The All American Amateur Baseball Association is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational and scientific purposes, including such purposes, the making of distributions that qualify as exempt organizations described under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Upon the dissolution of The All American Amateur Baseball Association, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government for a public purpose.

INDEMNIFICATION

The corporation shall indemnify each of its directors, officers, and employees whether or not then in service as such (and his or her executor, administrator and heirs), against all reasonable expenses actually and necessarily incurred by him or her in connection with the defense of any litigation to which the individual may have been a party because he or she is or was a director, officer, or employee of the corporation. The individual shall have no right to reimbursement, however, in relation to matters as to which he or she has been adjudged liable to the Corporation for negligence or misconduct in a performance of his or her duties, or was derelict in the performance of his or her duty as director, officer, or employee by reason of willful misconduct, bad faith, gross negligence, or reckless disregard of the duties of his or her office or employment. The right to indemnify for expenses shall also apply to the expenses of suits which are compromised or settled if the court having jurisdiction of the matter shall approve such settlement.

The foregoing right of indemnification shall be in addition to, and not exclusive of, all other rights to that which such director, officer or employee may be entitled.

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1.00 OBJECTIVE: The objective of the AAABA is to conduct an Annual National Championship Tournament and as many Regional Tournaments as existing conditions may require. Tournament committees, as authorized in Article VIII Section 4 of the Constitution, will conduct the tournaments according to the Constitution and these Tournament rules.

2.00 SITES AND DATES. The Board of Directors shall select the site of the National Tournament. The National Tournament shall be held the first Monday in August every year.

3.00 FRANCHISES

3.01 FRANCHISE DEFINED.: A Franchise in AAABA is a right or license to compete in a National or Regional Tournament. Franchises are issued to members by the Franchise Committee for each year.

3.02 NUMBER OF FRANCHISES. The Franchise Committee may issue one Franchise to each member of the AAABA.

3.03 ANNUAL MEETING DEADLINE: Applications from new members will be accepted up to October 1st of the current year. Applications must be accompanied by the proper fees (initiation fee of $500.00, current years' dues of $250.00 and current years' franchise fee of $750.00 or a total of $1,500.00) and maps, drawings or other documents as by be required by the Franchise Committee.

3.04 REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS: The Franchise Committee shall arrange as many Regional Tournaments as are necessary to provide a field of 16 entries in the National Tournament field. Regionals shall be scheduled primarily on a geographic basis involving a minimum of travel. Regional host may use different formats as long as they use the approved AAABA Regional Bracket and their format is approved by the Franchise Committee. Any team participating in a Regional or National Tournament must remain in competition until eliminated, competition of the tournament format or released by the Tournament Committee and or host city. Failure to fulfill these obligations shall result in the following penalties. From a Regional Tournament, the offending team will not by allowed to participate in the National Tournament that year and must participate in a Regional Tournament the following year. From a National Tournament, suspension the following year, and upon reinstatement, must attend a Regional Tournament.

3.05 REGIONAL BRACKET: The double elimination system will be followed in all rounds of Regional play. If the Regional Tournament Committee sees that teams with the same win-loss record could be eliminated by the bracket time scheduling, then they have the authority to rearrange the bracketing without penalizing the other teams to proceed to the National Tournament. The Regional Committee will in most cases play the host team in the featured game.

3.06 REGIONAL RULES: AAABA eligibility and all other National Championship Tournament rules apply to the Regional Tournaments. Should a player on a team competing in Regional play suffer an injury, which totally eliminates him from further competition, because of the injury, then said team may replace said player from their leagues teams rosters filed with the Tournament Committee prior to their continuing to National Tournament competition, should they be the Regional winner. This must be verified by a Physician, in writing to the National Tournament Committee. In no way does this mean that an injured player may be replaced during Regional or National Tournament competition.

3.07 WHO PLAYS IN REGIONALS? Any or all Franchise holders, except the National Tournament host city association, may be directed by the Franchise Committee to compete in Regional Tournaments. The Franchise Committee is the final authority to select and decide the sixteen (16) teams which shall compete in the National Tournament. A host city team may participate in a Regional Tournament even though that Franchise is not selected to play that year. Under this condition, if the host city team is eliminated, it shall still be entitled to play in the National Tournament. Should the host city team win the Regional Tournament, both it and the runner-up team in that Regional shall advance to the National Tournament. If a host team scheduled for Regional play is eliminated in the Regional, it will also be eliminated from further National competition.

A member of the Association who hosts a Regional Tournament consisting of a minimum of four or more teams, shall by doing so, earn a National Tournament position the following two years, without jeopardy of appearing in Regional play during these two years, except where the exclusion in paragraph two is used, then this shall count as one year.

Any Franchise hosting a cost free, eight team (including their own) Regional Tournament shall by doing so, earn a National Tournament position for the current year. Should the host Franchise win the Regional Tournament, it and the first and second runner-up teams (one team for each of the four teams participating) in that Regional shall advance to the National Tournament. The two year waiver in paragraph three shall not be in effect.

4.00 HOST CITY RESPONSIBILITIES.

4.01 COSTS TO BE ASSUMED.. The AAABA members in annual tournaments shall provide transportation for their respective teams to and from the point of housing in tournament cities and transportation to and from the playing fields. The host association, or local tournament sponsors, shall assume the cost of housing and meals for the National Tournament only. All players and at least one (1) coach must stay at the housing site provided by the host city association.

4.02a MEALS. At the National Tournament each participating franchise is responsible for all their own meals.

4.02b LODGING. Lodging will be provided for all franchises, with the exception of the host franchise (Johnstown) starting the night before the National Tournament begins. Teams eliminated after 4:00pm, or playing a double header on the day of elimination during the week will be required to depart the morning of the following day, in accordance with housing facility check out policy. This rule shall be followed by the National Tournament only. At Regional Tournaments lodging only will be provided.

4.02c REGIONAL LODGING. Regional Tournament lodging will be provided for all teams travelling more than 75 miles one way. All lodging arrangements must be approved by the Franchise Committee.

4.02d HOST TEAM HOUSING. Any player of any host team in either Regional or National AAABA Tournament must be housed in their own homes. If said player(s) is from outside the are he **"must"** stay with a coach or family of another player from the host team. "At no time is any player(s) from the host team permitted to stay in a hotel with or without parents". This applies to all players listed on the Regional or National Tournament Roster. "The local or host team must abide by this rule or action will be taken by the National Tournament Committee and Executive Director.

4.02e SPECIAL ASSISTANCE. If a player or coach requires special assistance or accommodations the Franchise Representative shall notify the Regional or National Tournament Chairman of the specific nee when submitting tournament rosters. Every effort shall be made by the tournament committee host to accommodate reasonable requests. If the individuals are not satisfied with the arrangements, they will be required to pay the upgrade expense(s) for any changes in the arrangements already provided. A credit card must be presented to the establishment in which they are staying.

4.03 LIMIT IS 20. The host association, or the local tournament sponsors will be responsible for the expense of not more than (20) members of each team, which number shall include **not more than (18) players** and not more than two (2) non-playing coaches. If a franchise decides to bring more than the total of (20) members mentioned above, then they would be responsible for the additional members' expense. Any additional cost **"MUST BE PAID"** at registration to the National Tournament Committee or the said Franchise **CANNOT** participate in the National Tournament. The **$250.00 fee for each extra person** can be paid by **CASH, CHECK, MONEY ORDER OR CASHIERS CHECK** payable to the Johnstown Oldtimers Baseball Association. Any additional costs will be reimbursed on a pro-rated refund coming from the sponsoring franchise.

5.00 PAIRINGS, SCHEDULE

5.01 POOL PLAY. Pairings for the opening games and positions in the upper and lower bracket will be determined by the Bingo Cage method. This will take place at the managers' meeting for all Regional Tournaments and at the Players Banquet for the National Tournament. Each participating team shall play only one game on the opening day of the National Tournament as long as the tournament starts on the designated day. Regional Tournament set-ups shall be determined by the Franchise Committee. The official Pool Play Format will be used at the National Tournament. Your Regional record shall have no bearing on your seeding in the upper or lower bracket for the National Tournament. It will be based on

your last National Tournament competition and if the year you are in Johnstown for the National Tournament you played in a Regional Tournament the previous year, it will be from your last appearance in the National Tournament. The Franchise Chairman is in charge of positioning teams in the upper or lower bracket. The National Tournament host shall have the option of selecting whether they would play in the upper or lower bracket. The host franchise board member must notify the Chairman of the Franchise Committee no later than one week prior to the National Tournament. The host city will play the featured game each day. The Tournament Committee will make whatever adjustments necessary to each day's schedule to accommodate this.

5.02 POSTPONEMENTS.: The Tournament Committee shall reschedule games postponed by rain or any other reason and may reassign grounds for such postponed games. After the first day, The Tournament Committee may schedule doubleheaders. Each competing team's consent to schedule revisions resulting from postponed games or other unforeseen delays is implied in its application for Franchise Membership. In all cases decisions by the Tournament Committee are final.

6.00 ROSTER DEADLINE: Each Franchise Representative must email to the National Tournament Chairman a complete and final roster of each participating team under their jurisdiction, along with a separate **Team Listing Report** stating the names of the teams in their league **Not Later Than Fourteen (14) Days Prior to the Start of Tournament Play**. The name and permanent address and date of birth must be included with the roster of each team. All rosters must be **Signed By The Manager** of said team. Any team playing in your league **That Does Not Have AAABA Eligible Players Participating** shall not need to by signed by the manager. A copy of the **Team Listing Report** should be **Signed By The Franchise Representative** to verify the rosters and must be sent to the Chairman of the National Tournament Committee. **Managers Do Not Need to Sign the Team Listing Report**. Special forms will be available from the Executive Director for these reports.

PENALTY: Any Franchise Holder failing to comply with this rule could have its representative team declared, in the current year, ineligible to participate in a Regional or National Tournament, The National Tournament Committee with make this decision. If the Franchise Holder filed after any deadline and is permitted to participate, a $100.00 fine may be charged and payable prior to any tournament play. The Franchise then would be required to go to a Regional Tournament the following year. Should the following year be a turn of the Franchise to play in a Regional then the Franchise would go that year and be subject to go again the following year. If this occurs in consecutive years the Franchise could be subject to a suspension.

A Tournament of not more than twenty (20) players for each entry, which may include a playing manager but not a non-playing manager, All players so listed must have been on the complete and final league rosters submitted by the respective franchise on or before the deadline in **RULE 6.00**. Lists of eligible players may not be changed or amended after the roster deadline established in **RULE 6.00**. Playing managers must meet the eligibility requirements of regular players.

PENALTY: Prior to the team leaving for the AAABA Tournament, it is the responsibility of the Franchise Holder and the Team manager to check and make sure each player listed on the official Tournament Roster is listed on the League Rosters submitted in **RULE 6.00**. If the Tournament Committee finds a player listed on the Official Tournament Roster and is not listed on the League Rosters, regardless of the circumstances, the player would be ineligible for Tournament play for that year and no housing will be

provided for him. The Franchise will be fined $100.00 and they will be assigned to a Regional Tournament the following year.

7.01 MUST REGISTER ENOUGH PLAYERS TO FIELD A TEAM. Each team must register nine for play. If a team is forced to forfeit during Regional or National play because of not enough players, then that team will be sent home and will have to attend a Regional Tournament the following year.

7.02 NCAA RULES. Teams may not have more than four student athlete baseball players from the same Division 1 NCAA school on their league teams or on the Tournament team after player pickups. Freshmen going to the same Division 1 school, who attended a class will not be considered a student athlete. AAABA teams may not have any members of the coaching staff of an NCAA Member institution that involves any student athlete with remaining eligibility from the institutions involved in any capacity at any time with their team, league or Tournament team. Refer to the NCAA Rule book. If there are any questions, contact the the chairman of the AAABA Rules Committee.

8.00 EIGHT EXTRA PLAYERS. The maximum of twenty (20) players who may be eligible for a team's AAABA Competition may include not more than eight (8) extra players not on the team's regular roster. The eight (8) players must be selected from competing team in the same league as the champion team that is entered in the AAABA Tournament, and must otherwise meet all AAABA eligibility requirements. No player may be added until the team has won the local championship, thereby qualifying for Regional or National Tournament competition. The names of the extra players and the teams from which they have been selected must be given to the Tournament Committee when each team registers for the Tournament.

8.01 LEAGUE DEFINED. A league as mentioned in rule 8.00 means a group of four or more teams playing a schedule with each team playing every team at least once and each team playing a minimum of eight (8) games. A franchise may request to operate a league with three (3) teams to qualify for the AAABA under special circumstances approved by the Franchise Committee and Executive Director. The eight (8) game rule shall still apply.

9.00 REGISTRATION

9.01 EVERY PLAYER MUST REGISTER. The Tournament Committee will sit as registrars the morning and afternoon before each tournament starts. Each and every player must appear before the registrars to sign registration records and answer any questions that may be asked by the registrars. At that time the manager or team representative shall submit proofs of age and identification, rosters and other credentials previously directed by the chairman of the Franchise Committee. Any player not present from the initial registration will be allowed to appear before the Tournament Committee as a whole and register for play Monday and Tuesday any time of the day, but no later than (1) hour before the start of tournament play on the third day of the tournament providing all documents are to be given to the Tournament Committee at the initial registration, Under no circumstances will any player be allowed to register an compete after the time limit.

9.02 CREDENTIALS REQUIRED. AAABA teams will be presented a Tournament Notebook at the Annual Meeting with all the necessary information to prepare credentials for Regional or National Tournament play. The Franchise Representative and Team Manager are held responsible to complete this Tournament Notebook as outlined. Failure to complete the Tournament Notebook will cause the team

to be possibly penalized $100.00. The fee must be paid prior to being eligible to play in either a Regional or National Tournament.

NO LONGER REQUIRE A BIRTH CERTIFICATE AS PROOF OF AGE. Every player desiring to compete in any Regional or National Tournament must present to the Regional or National Tournament Committee a driver's license or passport to show proof of age and ID. A college or high school photo, should a said player not have a driver's license, shall be proof of said player. No longer will a copy of the birth certificate or driver's license be required in the Tournament Notebook. The Tournament Committee may ask for further identification should they feel the need.

AAABA OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT ROSTER – Each Franchise holder must complete and email their complete AAABA Tournament Roster of not more than twenty (20) players and listing of manager and coaches seven (7) days prior to the start of Regional or National Tournament play. It must be emailed to the Chairman of the National Tournament Committee, Franchise Chairman and the Executive Director. The Executive Director of the AAABA will provide email addresses. Special forms will be available fro the Executive Director for this report.

AAABA OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT ROSTER – A copy of the emailed roster must be certified with the signature of the Franchise representative when presented at the initial tournament registration. A roster change may be made prior to the initial registration of their Regional or National Tournament competition. A team advancing from a Regional to the National Tournament may not change their roster unless the injury rule (3.06) would apply.

AAABA OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT ROSTER – A copy must be presented to the Host City Tournament Director at the time of team's registration at both Regional and National Tournaments.

9.03 MANAGERS MUST ATTEND MEETINGS. The Chairman of the Tournament Committee shall conduct a meeting for all managers and representatives of the competing teams in Regional and National Tournaments. The Chairman will announce the time and place of this meeting when the team is registered for play in the tournament. At this meeting the Chairmen will explain all AAABA rules governing the tournament. He shall explain all general rules governing the various franchises conduct on and off the playing field and the penalties for violations of the rules. The Chairman shall make any announcements relevant to conductiong the Tournament. **ALL MANAGERS MUST ATTEND THIS MEETING**.

9.04 ACCIIDENT AND LIABILITY INSURANCE.: When registering his team each manager shall submit to the Tournament Committee for inspection an insurance policy from a recognized insurance company, providing that team with insurance against injury to any member while competing in the Tournament or while traveling to or from the tournament. Each manager shall also submit proof of liability insurance in the amount of two million dollars ($2,000,000.00) in a general liability protection policy or combination accident and liability policy with no exclusions naming the All American Amateur Baseball Association, Inc. as additional insured.

10.00 ELIGIBILITY:

10.01 WHAT TEAMS ARE ELIGIBLE.: Each AAABA member who has been issued a Franchise by the Franchise Committee, is eligible to be represented in National of Regional Tournament competition by its Championship team. A runner-up league city or area team may be substituted for the champion team

provided the Franchise Holder presents acceptable reasons to the Franchise Committee for the substitution. The final tournament roster that is registered for Regional of National Tournament play must have a minimum of 50% of their players with permanent residence in the state in which the city team is from. PENALTY 7.09 WILL APPLY.

10.02 MUST START BEFORE JULY 1: No team whose schedule of games for league competition begins after July 1, may compete in a Regional or National Tournament. Each Franchise Representative must email the schedule of its games to the Chairman of the Franchise Committee on or before July 7 of the current year.

PENALTY. Any Franchise Holder failing to comply with this rule could have its representative team declared ineligible to participate in a Regional or National Tournament in the current year. The National Tournament Committee will make this decision. If the Franchise Holder files after the deadline and is permitted to play in the current year's tournament they would be assessed a fine of $100.00 payable prior to any tournament play. The Franchise would then be required to go to a Regional Tournament the following year. Should the following year be a turn of he franchise to play in a regional, then the franchise would go that year and be subject to go again the following year. If this occurs in consecutive years, the franchise could be subject to suspension.

10.03 HOST CITY TEAM: The Championship team and the runner-up team of the host city association shall automatically be qualified to participate in the National Tournament without preliminary state or regional competition. Host city teams must abide by all tournament rules. Players are NOT permitted to stay in local hotels with parents during Tournament play. If your players are from out of the area, they must stay with a host family.

10.04 PLAYERS AGE LIMIT: ***Players must be at least 16 years of age and shall not have reached the age of 22 prior to May 1 of the current year***. **PENALTY**: Any team using and over age player will be dropped from further tournament competition and all of its previously played games will be forfeited. Local reinstatement of the players and the team will be at the discretion of the Franchise holder of the city, state or area affected. Any ineligibility determined during a Regional or National Tournament shall have the penalty assessed by the Franchise Committee with a report sent to the Board of Directors for consideration at the Annual Meeting following the violation. Any rule change which changes player eligibility (age change, residence) would not take effect until the following year.

10.04A AAABA Junior Division 16U

10.04B AAABA Graduate Division (Unlimited Age)

10.05 NO PAY PERMITTED: The AAABA is strictly an amateur baseball association. No management shall offer and no player may accept any renumeration for playing in any baseball competition under AAABA jurisdiction. **PENALTY**: Any club or player violating this provision shall be immediately barred from any affiliation whatsoever with the AAABA. All games played by a player or team in violation of this rule shall be declared forfeited. The player of team will remain ineligible until reinstated by the Franchise Committee.

10.06 MINIMUM OF FOUR GAMES: To be eligible for Regional or National Tournament competition, a player must have played with his team in at least four (4) games in the league which his team represents. This rule includes extra players, who must be selected from teams in the same league as the

representing team. **PENALTY**: Any violation of this rule will cause a player to be dropped from further competition and previous games played will be forfeited.

10.07 LOCAL SCHEDULES: Local schedules, to qualify a team for AAABA Tournament competition, a minimum schedule of eight (8) games for each of no less than four teams must be played. Should two (2) AAABA Franchises in good standing (good standing means $1200.00 must be paid) (determined by the Franchise Committee) wish to combine their teams to make a qualifying league (leagues) shall be permitted upon permission of the Franchise Committee. The eight (8) game schedule mentioned above shall be effect. Upon competition of the regular schedule, the Franchise shall determine which team shall be the Franchise Representative in the Regional and National Tournament from their own qualifying league format. Both Franchises must submit a schedule showing which of the teams are from their Franchise. Players can only be picked up for tournament play from the teams listed under your Franchise.

10.08 UNDER SUSPENSION: If a Sponsor, Manager, Coach or Player given and indefinite suspension for a serious infraction of the local AAABA Franchise of the National AAABA Constitution or Rules, each infraction must be reported to AAABA National Tournament Committee and the AAABA Rules Chairman in writing. Any of the above-named individuals should not be permitted to participate in any other AAABA Franchise League or AAABA Regional or National Tournament. When said suspension is lifted by the local Franchise , the AAABA National Tournament Committee and the AAABA Rules Chairman must be informed in writing.

10.09 MUST PAY PREVIOUS BILLS: No member will be eligible to enter Regional or National competition until it has paid, within 90 days, all bills incurred at any previous tournament. This shall include any claim against a member or Franchise for breakage or acts of vandalism. The Franchise Holder must be notified of any delinquency within 60 days of the close of the tournament. Failure to do so will result in a **$100.00 Penalty**.

10.10 NON-APPEARANCE: A member who has shown his intention to participate in a Regional or National Tournament by paying the Franchise Fee according to Article M, Section 3 of the Constitution and fails to appear without 7 days' notice to the Chairman of said tournament is to start, will be liable for at least one (1) years suspension or a monetary penalty of $500.00 payable by October 1st of the current year. The $500.00 monetary penalty, if not paid by the October 1st date, the years' suspension will be enforced. In the event the Franchise is suspended for one year, they still must pay the $250.00 membership fee to remain in good standing.

11.00 PROFESSIONALISM:

11.01 PROFESSIONAL TRYOUTS: Players who have been signed to professional contracts must have their releases or be on the retired list as certified by the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues. Players shall be eligible for AAABA competition effective as of their release dates appearing on the records of the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues. **PENALTY**: Any violation of this rule will cause the player to be dropped from further competition and previous games played will be forfeited.

11.02 IMMEDIATELY INELIGIBLE: A player signing a contract to play Professional baseball shall immediately become ineligible for further AAABA competition in local leagues. Regional or National

Tournaments. **PENALTY:** Any team using such an ineligible player will be dropped from further competition and all of its previous games played will be forfeited.

12.00 ASSUMED NAMES BARRED: Assumed names are prohibited. Nor shall any person play in AAABA baseball under the name of another eligible player. Players must use their names as appearing on drivers license unless previous permission in writing has been granted by the Franchise Committee to use a simplified for of naming appearing on identification. PENALTY: Any violation of this rule will cause the player to be dropped from further competition and previous games played will be forfeited.

13.00 TRANSFERS:

13.01 RESTRICTIONS: No player may transfer from one AAABA member to another AAABA membership, on or after June 20th of the current year under any circumstances. The franchise from which the player is transferring must receive in writing from the franchise to which he is transferring a request that said player be released, and for what reason the transfer is requested. No player shall play on more than one club representing his city in AAABA competition.

13.02 MUST HAVE RULES COMMITTEE OK: Transfer of a player from one AAABA membership to another AAABA membership shall be submitted for review by the Rules Committee and must meet with the Committee's approval. Request for a transfer must be submitted to the Rules Committee by the franchise to which the player desires to be transferred.

14.00 FEES MUST BE PAID: No team shall be permitted to compete in AAABA tournaments until all membership fees and other obligations to the Association have been paid of complied with, or until all credentials and other material requested have been furnished to the National Tournament Committee, and properly approved by it.

15.00 MUST CHECK ROOMS: Upon the arrival in the tournament city, the manager of each team must check with the hotel manager or his/her representative, the condition of all rooms to be occupied by the players and coaches of that team. The three copies of the AAABA Hotel Contract must be completed at this time and signed by the team manager and hotel representative. The white copy must be given to the Tournament Committee at the manager's meeting and the pink copy kept by the hotel.

When a team has completed their play in the regional or national tournament the team manager and or hotel representative must again check all rooms. The gold and pink copies of the AAABA Hotel Contract must be completed at this time to note the conditions of all rooms and report any damages. The team manager and hotel representative must sign each copy. The pink copy is to be retained by the hotel, the manager will keep the gold copy and show to the Tournament Committee before the team leaves the host city and he gets his/her birth certificates. No birth documents will be returned until the gold Hotel Contract is shown to the Tournament Chairman. If it is not returned to the host tournament committee after elimination from the tournament, an assessed fee of $10.00 to cover the cost of returning birth documents will be charged.

16.00 PERSONNEL ON THE BENCH: Each competing team will be restricted to (26) authorized personnel on the bench, dugout, and bullpen during any tournament game. The personnel would include the (20) certified players, manager, coaches scorekeeper, batboy and trainer. The manager coaches, scorekeeper and trainer are not required to be in uniform, but only the trainer may appear on the playing field out of uniform during any tournament game. This is a mandatory rule to be enforced by the umpires and any

violation will cause the manager to be ejected from the game and assessed the INCIDENTS ON THE PLAYING FIELD RULE and be fined $50.00.

17.00 PLAYING RULES.

17.01 PRE-GAME PRACTICE.

1. Home team will have 20 minutes of batting practice starting 1 hour nd 15 minutes before scheduled start of game.

2. Visiting team will have 20 minutes of batting practice starting 55 minutes before scheduled start of game.

3. Home team will have 10 minutes of infield practice starting 35 minutes before scheduled start of game.

4. Visiting team will have 10 minutes of infield practice practice 25 minutes before scheduled start of game.

5. Field crew will have 10 mi to prepare the field starting 15 minutes before scheduled start of game.

6. Umpires and managers meet at home plate starting 5 minutes before schedule start of game.

7. These times are based on time available and may be altered because of long games or rain.

17.02 INNINGS REQUIRED:

- **All National Tournament games** must be played a full nine (9) innings or more until a decision is reached unless one team is ahead by ten (10) or more runs and has had equal times at bat or the home team is leading at the end of 6 ½ or seven (7) innings. If a game is suspended for any reason, it shall be resumed from the point of suspension and the seven (7) innings or more, or the ten (10) run rule prevail, must be completed before the next round of play

- **All Regional games** must be played a full seven (7) innings or more until a decision is reached unless one team is ahead by ten (10) or more runs and has had equal times at bat or the home team is leading at the end of 4 ½ or five (5) innings. If a game is suspended for any reason it shall be resumed from the point of suspension and the five (5) innings or more, or the ten (10) run rule prevail, must be completed before the next round of play.

Should doubleheaders be necessary, the National Tournament Committee shall schedule seven (7) inning doubleheaders as necessary to continue Tournament play. Ten (10) run rule after 4 ½ or five (5) innings shall prevail. Any teams playing in a game that starts on or after 7:00 pm, shall not be subject to their next game until 12:00 noon the following day.

The National Championship game shall be played nine (9) innings with the exception of the ten-run rule or unforeseen environmental conditions which would prevent completion of the game. In that event, the National Tournament Committee will make the final decision.

17.03 PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR: Each player must wear protective headgear while at bat in any AAABA Tournament game. The protective headgear shall be of a hard material manufactured to specifications for young adult use. Double ear flaps are to worn while at bat nd on the bases at all times.

17.04 CATCHERS MUST BE EQUIPPED: Catchers in all AAABA Tournament gaes must have and use full catching equipment, including mask, body protector, shin guards, and hard hat. All catchers must wear a throat guard on their mask. Umpires must enforce this rule.

17.05 MAJOR LEAGUE RULES: The playing rules of the Major Leagues shall be the official rules of the Association and shall govern all Tournament competition unless exceptions are provided in the Tournament Rules.

17.06 MUST REMOVE PITCHER: If a manager or coach goes to the mound twice in the same inning to talk to his pitcher, the pitcher must be removed. He may finish the game in any other position but, cannot return to the mound for the duration of game.

17.06A MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL (MLB) PITCH SMART GUIDELINES: In the interest of protecting pitchers that participate in the Tournament, the AAABA is adopting the following pitch count guidelines as recommended by Major League Baseball.

AGE	DAILY MAX (Pitches in Game)	0 Days Rest	1 Day Rest	2 Days Rest	3 Days Rest	4 Days Rest	5 Days Rest
7-8	50	1-20	21-35	36-50	N/A	N/A	N/A
9-10	75	1-20	21-35	36-50	51-65	66+	N/A
11-12	85	1-20	21-35	36-50	51-65	66+	N/A
13-14	95	1-20	21-35	36-50	51-65	66+	N/A
15-16	95	1-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76+	N/A
17-18	105	1-30	31-45	46-60	61-80	81+	N/A
19-22	120	1-30	31-45	46-60	61-80	81-105	106+

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17.07 OFFICIAL BASEBALL: Baseballs used in Regional or National Tournament games. Whether provided by the sponsoring group, officials or agencies of the Association, must meet Major League specifications. Official baseballs may be the product of several manufacturers which meet said specifications.

17.08 WOODEN BATS: All colors of bats may be used during AAABA tournament play. EXCEPT FOR WHITE, the only part of the bat may be white is the gripping handle where a gripping or tape is used. **PENALTY**: if the umpire discovers that the bat does not conform to any of the above rules, when the batter comes to bat, or while is batting, or after he has completed his at bat, he is declared out and the batter and the manager will be ejected from the game.

17.09 DESIGNATED HITTER: If the player is replaced as starting pitcher, he can continue as the Designated Hitter, and if the Designated Hitter is replaced, he can continue as the starting pitcher (but can no longer bat for himself).

Starting Pitcher as Designated Hitter: I is not mandatory that a team designate a hitter for the pitcher. However, in the event the starting pitcher will bat for himself, the player will be considered two separate people for purposes of rule 17.09. In such cases, the manager should list 10 players on his team's lineup card, and this player should be named twice. Once as the starting pitcher and once as the Designated Hitter. Thus, if the starting pitcher is replaced, he can continue as the designated hitter and if the designated hitter is replaced he can continue as the pitcher (but can no longer hit for himself). If the player is simultaneously replaced both as a starting pitcher and Designated Hitter, he cannot be replaced by another two-way player filling both roles as separate people (this can be done once on the initial lineup card by identifying that the starting pitcher will bat for himself).

17.09A EXTRA HITTER (EH) OPTION: If a manager decides to use an EH, it must be designated on the lineup card before the game. The EH can also play any position in the field with the exception of pitcher. His spot in the lineup never changes. The Designated Hitter must be used first. The EH can change position in the field once and no re-entry will be allowed.

17.09B COURTESY RUNNER: A courtesy runner may be used for the catcher and pitcher (if batting) at any time of the game that they reach a base. The courtesy runner may not be a player that is currently in the lineup of that team. This is an optional rule for a team to use.

17.10 FORCE-PLAY SLIDE RULE: The intent of the force-play slide rule is to ensure the safety of the defensive player. This is a safety as well as an interference rule. Whether the defense could have completed the double play has no bearing on the applicability of this rule. This rule pertains to a force-play situation at any base regardless of the number of outs.

(a) On any force-play, the runner must slide on the ground and in a direct line between the two bases. **Exception** – A runner need not slide directly into a base as long as the runner slides or runs in the direction away from the fielder to avoid making contact or altering the play of the fielder.

(1) **"On the ground"** means either a head-first slide or a slide with one leg and buttock on the ground.

(2) **"Directly into a base"** means the runner's entire body (feet, legs, trunk and arms) must stay in a straight line between the bases.

(b) Contact with a fielder is legal and interference shall not be called if the runner:

(1) Makes as legal slide directly to the base, or

(2) is on the ground at the time.

(c) Actions taken by a runner are illegal and interference shall be called if:

(1) The runner slides or runs out of the base line in the direction of the fielder;

(2) The runner uses a rolling, cross-body, or pop-up slide and either makes contact with or alters the play of the fielder.

(3) The runner's raised leg makes contact higher than the fielder's knee when in a standing position.

(4) The runner goes beyond the base and either makes contact or alters the play of the fielder;

"Beyond the base" means any part of the offensive player's body makes contact with or alters the play of the fielder beyond the base.

(5) The runner slashes or kicks the fielder with either leg;

(6) The runner illegally slides or contacts the fielder even if the fielder makes an attempt to throw to complete the play.

PENALTY for 1-6:

(1) With less than two outs, the batter-runner, as well as the interfering runner, shall be declared out no other runner(s) shall advance.
(2) With two outs, the interfering runner shall be declared out and no other runner(s) shall advance.
(3) If the runner's slide or collision is flagrant, the runner shall be ejected from the contest.

If the bases are loaded with no outs, a double-play attempt is made and interference is called, all other runners must return to their original bases.

***Note: On a force play, with a two-man umpiring system, if the plate umpire does not have a potential play at the plate, he should move toward the base to observe the runner going into second or third base. In this situation, the base umpire must follow the throw and may not see the true effect of the lead runner's action*.**

17.11 COLLISION RULE. The rules committee is concerned about unnecessary and violent collisions with the catcher at home plate, and with infielders at all bases. The intent of this rule is to avoid such collisions whenever possible.

(a) When ther is a collision between a runner and a fielder who clearly is in possession of ball, the umpire shall judge:

(1) Whether the collision by the runner was avoidable (could the runner have reached the base without colliding) or unavoidable (the runner's path to the base was blocked) or

(2) Whether the runner actually was attempting to reach the base (plate) or attempting to dislodge the ball from the fielder.

PENALTY: – If the runner,

(a) Could have avoided the collision and reached the base, or

(b) Attempted to dislodge the ball, the runner shall be declared out even if the fielder loses possession of the ball. The ball is dead and all other base runners shall return to the last base touched at the time of the interference.

A.R. 1. If the fielder blocks the path of the base runner to the base (plate), the runner may make contact, slide into, or collide with a fielder as long as the runner is making a legitimate attempt to reach the base or plate.

A.R. 2. If the collision by the runner was flagrant, the runner shall be declared out and also ejected from the contest. The ball shall be declared dead.

(c) If the defensive player blocks the base (plate) or baseline clearly without possession of the ball, or is not in the immediate act of catching the ball, obstruction shall be called. The runner is safe and a delayed dead ball shall be called.

A.R. 3 If the runner collides flagrantly, he shall be declared safe on the obstruction, but will be ejected from the game. The ball is dead.

18.00 UMPIRING: The Host Association will provide umpires for all Tournament games. Also, upon request by the Host Association, each franchise holder may certify an umpire to officiate in each division of the AAABA. The Host City Association is responsible for all fees and expenses.

18.01 UMPIRE REPORTING: The home plate umpire must file in writing, a complete report of any ejections, incidents or violation of the rules. This should be given to the Tournament Committee immediately after the completion of the game.

19.00 SPECIAL COMMITTEES: The President may at his discretion, appoint special committees to investigate and recommend Association action in specific situations.

20.00 PROTESTS

20.02 NATIONAL AND REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS: Protests in Regional or National Tournaments must be submitted in writhing to the Chairman of the Tournament Committee within three (3) hours after the alleged violation. A decision must be rendered on the protest before the next scheduled round of play.

20.03 MUST POST FEES: All protests must be accompanied by a fee of $50.00, submitted by the protesting team's accredited representative. Should the protest be upheld, then the $50.00 fee will be returned. If the protest is denied, then the fee shall be forfeited to the treasury of the AAABA. Written protests shall state the date, time and place of the game, names of the teams involved, umpires and scorer, plus the specific provisions of these rules or the playing rules violated, and all other essential facts involved in the rule violation under protest.

20.04 SUSPENSION MANDATORY: If the protest involves interpretation of the rules of baseball the Tournament Committee will follow baseball procedure. If the protest involves eligibility of a player and it Tobaccis upheld, the ineligible player shall be suspended immediately and all games in which he participated shall be awarded to the opponents. Furthermore, the ineligible player's team shall be declared ineligible for the balance of the tournament, and thereafter until the player and the team is reinstated by the Franchise Committee.

21.00 RIGHTS FORFEITED: If a team is declared ineligible for further competition in a Regional of National Tournament, it shall forfeit all rights or claims to expenses normally allowed participating teams.

22.00 INTOXICANTS, TOBACCO AND DRUGS BARRED:

22.01 DRINKING IN ROOMS: If any alcoholic beverages are discovered in the room of any player in the tournament that team will be immediately disqualified from participation in the tournament. If the team has been eliminated, then the team and the franchise would be penalized the following season. It will be the Tournament Committee's responsibility to enforce this rule. **PENALTY: A $500.00 fine may be enforced.**

22.02 DRINKING OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES: If any player consumes alcoholic beverages while at the tournament the player will be disqualified from participation in the tournament. All players and coaches may be disqualified from participation in that tournament and all future AAABA tournaments. If his team has been eliminated the player and franchise would be penalized the following season. **It is the responsibility of the manager and coaches to enforce this rule**. It will be the Tournament Committee's responsibility to decide the penalty while the team is at the tournament. **PENALTY: A $500.00 fine may be enforced.**

22.03 NO TOBACCO: Tobacco in any form will not be permitted on the playing field, players bench or dugout by the competing managers, coaches, players umpires and any authorized team personnel. This is a mandatory rule to be enforced by the umpires and any violation of this rule will cause ejection from the game.

22.04 ILLEGAL DRUGS: Use of illegal drugs by any player or coach is prohibited during their stay at any Regional or National Tournament. Violation of this rule would cause player, coach or team to be suspended from Regional or National Tournament competition.

23.00 CURFEW: A curfew of 11:00pm will be in effect for all players during their competition in Regional or National Tournaments. Each manager must hold a team meeting of all his players no later than 10:30pm each day. The manager or a coach must remain with the players and see that they are in their rooms at 11:00pm. Any violation of this rule could cause suspension of players or the team from further AAABA tournament competition for the current year. If the team has been eliminated then the Franchise would be penalized the following year. Only exception to this rule would be a late game at Point Stadium, travel or illness. Extension of the curfew rule must be made and approved by the Tournament Committee. This rule also applies to host teams in the Tournament. It will be the Tournament Committee's responsibility to enforce this rule. **PENALTY: A $100.00 fine may be enforced per occurrence.**

24.00 LIVING QUARTERS: The only person or persons permitted in the living quarters of the players involved in a Regional or National Tournament are the players, coaches, managers and AAABA Tournament Officials. Any player violating this rule will be subject to suspension from further

tournament competition. It will be the Tournament Committee's responsibility to enforce this rule. **PENALTY: A $100.00 fine may be enforced per occurrence**.

25.00 INCIDENTS ON FIELD: A manager or coach who is ejected from a game will be fined $50.00 or else suspended for the remainder of the tournament. If ejection takes place during the game in which his team is eliminated, the fine shall be assessed on the franchise or enforced the following season.

26.00 FISTICUFFS: Any player throwing an offensive punch is to be immediately disqualified from either Regional or National Tournament play. Any retaliating player is also disqualified. Anyone entering fray and retaliating is also disqualified. Umpires shall be made aware of this rule prior to Tournament play.

26.01 BENCH JOCKEYING: Rule 5-17 of NCAA Baseball Rules states that any orchestrated activities by dugout personnel designed to distract, intimidate or disconcert the opposing team or reflect poor sportsmanship shall not be allowed. No prompts of celebration may leave the dugout at any time during the game. **PENALTY: Will be enforced under rule 27.01 and 27.02 (Player and Coaches Conduct Rule).**

27.01 AND 27.02 PLAYERS AND COACHES CONDUCT RULE: Players, managers, and coaches are held responsible for their conduct during their stay in the host city and surrounding areas, either at a Regional or National Tournament. The conduct rule applies not only on the playing field but your entire time while at the Tournament. Non-law-abiding conduct also applies. The use of profanity by any player, manager, coach in any form is prohibited and could cause said player, manager and coach to be ejected from the game and also suspended from the Tournament. While staying and playing in a Regional or National Tournament, players, managers and coaches are to be well mannered. The AAABA Tournament Committee shall have the right to suspend the player, manager and coach from further Tournament participation and order the player, manager or coach to leave the housing and meal facilities for violation of the conduct rule(s), A monetary **Penalty of $250.00** shall be assessed to the Franchise and must be paid by October 1st of the current year.

27.03 MANAGERS RESPONSIBILITES: it is the duty of the manager to be in control of his players and coaches and see that they abide by the conduct rules at all times including on and off the playing field to prevent any non-sportsmanship act toward opponents, umpires, officials and spectators. Non-law-abiding conduct also applies. The manager should confine his discussion with the game officials to the interpretations of the rules and not constantly challenge umpire decisions involving judgement. Bench jockeying shall not be allowed. Managers are to prohibit bench jockeying, which would include personal and malicious remarks, cursing or obscene language towards opponents, umpires and spectators. Managers should expect from umpires a courteous and dignified attitude towards players and themselves. Any umpire shall remove from the game any manager, player, coach, scorekeeper or trainer for violations of the "Conduct Rule". The umpire first may warn any violator before removing him from the game. After a manager, coach, player, scorekeeper or trainer has been removed from the game, they should leave the field immediately. A removed person may not remain on the bench, in the dugout or in the press box for the remainder of the game. They may sit in the stands or leave the ball park but stay well away from bench, dugout, press box and shall not communicate with their team or the umpires. Failure to abide with this ruling will result in forfeiture of the game.

28.00 FRANCHISE RESPONSIBLE: Any team playing in a Regional or National Tournament shall be the responsibility of the Franchise of which they are a member. The Franchise shall be responsible for the teams' conduct and outstanding bills until the players and coaches have left the area of the Regional or National Tournament. When eliminated (unless agreed upon by the host city) teams must depart the city in which the Tournament is held.

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