ARTICLE 1 – ORGANIZATION

1-1.01 – Name. This organization shall be known as Tri-County Baseball League, Inc. It shall be a non-profit corporation.

1-1.02 – Change of Name. The organization may, by the vote of the membership body, change its name.

1-1.03 – Limitations. This corporation shall perform according to the purposes to which it was intended and stated in 1-3.01. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall consist of disseminating propaganda or other otherwise attempting to influence legislation and the corporation shall not participate in or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

The corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from Federal income tax under Sec. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Sec. 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended.

1-1.04 – Corporate Seal. The seal of the corporation shall be such design as shall be approved by the Board of Directors. The seal may be affixed by any person authorized by the Board of Directors or these Bylaws by impression, by printing, by rubber stamp, or otherwise. The board of directors may opt not to utilize a corporate seal.

1-1.05 – Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the corporation begins January 1st in each year and ends on the December 31st of the same year.

ARTICLE 2 – PLACE OF BUSINESS

1-2.01 – Location. The principal place of business is at a location to be determined but must be within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Other offices of this corporation may be within and outside the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

ARTICLE 3 – PURPOSE

1-3.01 – Purpose. The purpose of this corporation shall be to facilitate, promote, coordinate and operate an amateur baseball league where no player or coach is paid, and the game is played for the enjoyment of the game of baseball.

ARTICLE 4 – MEMBERSHIP

1-4.01 – New Teams. Any team requesting entry to the League shall present in writing such an application to the League President prior to the annual league meeting. (See 1-4.04 – Procedure).

1-4.02 – Sponsors. Should a sponsor wish to enter the League as a new or additional entry a written request shall be sent to the President.

(See 1-4.04 – Procedure).

1-4.03 – Presentation. A presentation will be made to the Board of Governors at the annual league meeting. (See 1-4.04 – Procedure).

1-4.04 – Procedure.

(a) Upon receipt of the request, the President shall either present the request before the team representatives at a regular league meeting or poll the team representative by telephone or correspondence to determine if the league would be willing to add a team or teams.

(b) Should the team representatives decide to entertain the request for entry, a meeting shall be called, at which time a representative of the proposed new entry shall make a presentation to a quorum of the team representatives. Such a presentation shall include:

1. The name of the committed sponsor of the proposed new entry.

2. The name and baseball background of the coach of the proposed new entry.

3. The locations(s) of the playing field(s) the team would use, the playing condition of the field(s) and the planned maintenance of the field(s).

4. The name, addresses and phone numbers of the players of the teams proposed roster.

5. The uniform style and color(s) the team wishes to wear.

6. All other pertinent information, including finances.

(c) Following the presentation, the Board of Governors shall discuss and vote on whether to allow the applicant into the league.

The decision shall be made by a majority vote. In the event of a tie vote, a second vote will be taken by the Board of Governors.

Should a second tie occur, the President shall cast a vote to break the tie.

1-4.05 – Granting Membership. Membership shall be granted upon a majority vote of the Board of Governors.

1-4.06 – Discontinuance. A member (team or sponsor) of the organization may discontinue membership by notifying the secretary of this organization.

1-4.07 – Equal Opportunity. The Board of Governors will ensure that no individual is discriminated against regarding membership, services, access to information or any other activity of the Corporation because of the race, creed, national origin, sex, age, religious belief, physical challenges, developmental challenges, political belief or economic status. The Board of Governors shall be committed to promoting access to all persons.

1-4.08 – Membership Fees. The Board of Governors shall set membership fees necessary for the costs of operations and expenses of the League.

ARTICLE 5 – MEETINGS

1-5.01 – Regular Meetings. The corporation shall hold regular meetings on such dates and at such times and places as may from time to time be designated by the President. One regular meeting shall coincide with the annual meeting.

1-5.02 – Special Meetings. Special meetings of members may be called by the President upon an urgency that requires an immediate decision.

1-5.03 – Annual Meeting. The date of the regular annual meeting shall be agreed upon prior to the next current season for each and every year except if such a day be a legal holiday, then and in that event, the President shall fix the day, but it shall not be more than two weeks from the date fixed by these Bylaws. A regular meeting as stated in 1-5.01 shall take place on the same date and precede the annual meeting. No other business but that specified in the agenda may be transacted at such annual meeting. Those business matters shall take place in the regular meeting that precedes the annual meeting.

1-5.04 – Notices. The annual and regular meetings shall require not less than seven (7) days written notice to all members setting forth the date, time and place of such meeting and the business to be transacted. Special meetings may be called upon three (3) days verbal or written notice, provided that

the only business to be conducted at such a meeting shall be that for which the meeting was called, and provided further that any action adopted at said meeting by a vote of less than a majority of the total membership in good standing may be reopened and set aside at the next regular meeting. The Secretary shall mail or email every member in good standing at his/her address as it appears in the membership roll book in this organization a notice telling the date, time and place of such annual meeting along with the agenda. The Board of Governors may waive the written notice for regular meetings if the schedule of meetings is published for the year or in these Bylaws. Notices may be emailed to those capable of receiving emails.

1-5.05 – Quorum and Voting. A quorum shall consist of one more than half of the voting members. If there is an odd number of voting members, divide the number by two, disregard the half and add one (example 11/2= 5 ½ , disregard the ½ and add 1 to 5 making it 6). A majority vote on any issue will rule. No voting by proxy will be allowed.

1-5.06 – Order of Business. The order of business for regular meetings shall be as follows:

(a) Roll Call or Sign In and Call to Order.

(b) Reading of the Minutes of the preceding meeting.

(c) Reports of Committees.

(d) Reports of Officers.

(e) Old Business and Unfinished Business.

(f) New Business.

(g) Adjournment.

1-5.07 – Conduct of Meetings. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the conduct of all meetings of the Board of Directors and its various committees, except where the same shall be in conflict with the law or these bylaws.

ARTICLE 6 – OFFICERS, DIRECTORS AND OFFICIALS

1-6.01 – League Officials Structure. The League will be structured with officials as follows:

- President
- Vice President (Vacant)
- Clerk/Secretary
- Treasurer
- Commissioner *
- Umpire in Chief
- Executive Directors *
- Board of Governors
- League Scheduler
- Statistician
- Webmaster

* Optional for current year

1-6.02 – Officers. The officers of the corporation shall consist of a President, Vice President, Clerk (Secretary), Treasurer and Commissioner.

1-6.03 – Election and Term. Each officer shall be elected at the annual meeting and shall serve for a term of two years commencing immediately following the adjournment of the Annual Meeting in which such election was held, and until his/her successor is duly elected and qualified.

1-6.04 – Duties. The officers shall follow all the duties required by his/her office.

1-6.05 – President. The President shall:

(a) call to order and preside over all meetings

(b) appoint all committees and committee chairmen, except as may be otherwise provided

(c) serve as spokesperson for the corporation

(d) draft and issue annual reports

(e) sign contracts and official documents authorized by the Bylaws, except those contracts and documents that are to be signed by the Clerk

(f) oversee the running of the League in accordance with the rules and bylaws

(g) call and schedule all League meetings

(h) rule on all suspensions and protest cases

(I) set the League fees and Umpires fee

(j) set the Insurance fee after securing a policy for the League

(k) have a vote only in the case of a tie vote coming from the Board of Governors

(l) under the Official Baseball Rule 11:00, the president shall enforce the official rules and all League rules, resolve any disputes involving the rules, and determine any protested games

(m) may fine or suspend any player, coach, manager or umpire for violations of these rules

(n) in absence of the Treasurer, shall sign checks and withdraw funds as approved by the membership or Board of Governors.

1-6.06 – Vice President. The Vice President shall:

(a) assist the President and perform such duties as the President may from time-to-time delegate to him/her; and

(b) in the absence of the President, perform his/her duties and functions except those that the Commissioner performs for the President.

1-6.07 – Clerk (Secretary). The Clerk (Secretary) shall:

(a) be the clerk of the corporation. The Clerk may be the same person as the Secretary and entitled to one vote only

(b) keep the minutes of all meetings and records of attendance

(c) prepare and mail out all notices

(d) issue and receive all corporation correspondence

(e) perform such other duties as may from time to time be delegated by the President. The League may vote or assign another person to be Secretary

1-6.08 – Treasurer. The Treasurer shall:

(a) prepare and submit an annual budget to the corporation for approval

(b) collect all fees due and deposit all funds collected, appropriated or donated to the corporation

(c) signs and withdraw funds as approved by the Board of Governors

(d) keep and maintain a complete and accurate record of all income and expenses

(e) submit a current financial report at each regular meeting

(f) prepare and file the annual financial report

(g) prepares and files annual State and Federal tax returns and prepares and files annual Federal reports for non-profit corporations, and

(h) shall have the authority to appoint the members of and shall act as chairman of the Finance Committee.

1-6.09 – Commissioner (Assistant to the President). The commissioner shall:

(a) assist the President in handling everyday jobs given to him by the President to perform in the daily operation of the League

(b) act as the representative of the President in the performance of the jobs given to him by the President

(c) have the authority that is given to him by the President, bylaws or League rules to make decisions when the President is unavailable, and a decision must be rendered because of time restraints and a ruling is needed

(d) act as an aide between managers, coaches and umpires and the President

(e) collect all rosters when due, check them and deliver them to the Secretary and/or President

(f) to watch over the League during the season and make reports to the President on any problems or concerns on the League's operation

(h) each division may have a commissioner who shall be responsible for his/her division, and

(g) be an officer of the League.

1-6.10 – Umpire-in-Chief:

The Umpire-in-Chief shall be appointed by the President (and approved by the Board of Governors) to assign umpires to all games played in the League.

(a) If there are two or more counties represented in the League, then an additional Umpire-in-Chief may be appointed for each county.

Approved Ruling: There shall be one Umpire-in-Chief for the Hampden and Tolland Counties and one Umpire-in-Chief for Hampshire and Franklin Counties.

1-6.11 – Executive Directors

The Executive Directors of the League shall be the President, Vice-President, Clerk, Secretary, Treasurer and Commissioner(s).

Their duties are:

(a) to see that the proper operation of the corporation is maintained and to see that rulings made by the vote of the Board of Governors are legal to the operation of the corporation under these bylaws

(b) to oversee any problems that may be detrimental to the League including safety and harmful situations and use their power to overrule any vote that proves to be harmful to any members of the League including non-members

1-6.12 – Board of Governors

The Board of Governors is the voting body which will govern the League. The voting body consists of one representative from each team in the League and shall have one vote in all applicable voting situations. The names of each representative shall be listed each year in January for that current season. No team representative on the Board of Governors can serve as an Officer in the League unless approved by the Board of Governors.

1-6.13 – Powers. The Board of Governors have the power to:

(a) remove from office any officer not performing his/her duties before the conclusion of their term

(b) approve the umpires fees

(c) approve schedules, divisions, playoff games, etc.

(d) approve the structure and format for awards

(e) approve entry of new teams

(f) approve League banquets and fundraisers, and

(g) approve or reject any item brought up for a vote as required by the bylaws

1-6.14 – League Scheduler

The League Scheduler is the person making out the playing schedule for regular season and playoffs according to the system approved by the Board of Governors concerning any divisions and the number of games.

1-6.15 – Duties. The duties of the League scheduler shall be to:

(a) Make out the preliminary regular season schedule for team managers to fill out the dates, times and fields for each of their games

(b) receive each team's preliminary schedule he shall enter all the games into the schedule, sort them and send the complete schedule to each team, President, webmaster, newspapers and other media

(c) receive each team changes as soon as they make them and the League Scheduler will notify all teams who need to know of the changes including the webmaster and other media

(d) provide schedules for the playoffs as soon as teams final standings are ascertained

1-6.16 – Statistician

The Statistician shall keep certain stats for each team which will be used to help select the All-League Team and to supply weekly stats for the League website. Each team will report stats to the Statistician weekly so he can update the Stats weekly. Failure for a team to report the stats may disqualify one or more players from being considered for the All-League Team.

1-6.17 – Webmaster

(a) The Webmaster shall update the website daily to keep the League apprised of all results. They shall also provide the information to all media that require or desire it. Each team shall be required to supply game information that will be required by the Webmaster. Website access will be given to a designated member of each team, to update rosters and statistics.

(b) The Webmaster will be compensated at a rate determined by the Board of Governors.

1-6.18 – Compensation. No officer for reason of his office, no director and no member shall be entitled to receive any salary but may receive a stipend for the work they have done with the approval of the Board of Governors. Also, nothing herein shall be construed to prevent an officer or director or member for receiving any compensation for personal expenses used for the organization.

1-6.19 – Vacancies.

When a vacancy on the Board exists in the offices of President, Vice President, Clerk/Secretary, Treasurer, Commissioner, nominations from the Board of Governors may be received two weeks in advance of a Board meeting. These nominations shall be sent out to members with the regular Board meeting announcement, to be voted upon at the next Board meeting. All vacancies will be filled only to the end of the Board member's term.

1-6.20 – Resignation, Termination and Absences. Resignation from the Board must be in writing and received by the Secretary.

Board member shall be dropped for excess absences from the Board if they have three unexcused absences from Board meetings in a year. A Board member may be removed for other reasons by a three-fourths vote of the remaining directors. The death of any director shall be treated as a voluntary resignation by the corporation. Any director may resign his or her office any time, and such resignation shall be submitted in writing to the President. This letter will be acted upon at the next Board meeting.

1-6.21 – Leave of Absence. The Board may grant a leave of absence to a Board director.

1-6.22 – Terms. The term of office for officers and directors are as follows:

(a) Officers and Commissioner is two years.

(b) Additional director is one year.

ARTICLE 7 – NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

1-7.01 – Nominations. Nominations may be made by a nominating committee appointed by the President which will nominate one person for each office. An additional nomination can be made from the remaining members of the corporation.

1-7.02 – Nomination Procedures. Unless changed by the Board of Directors or by these Bylaws the following is the procedure for nominating officers and directors:

(a) The nominating committee nominates one person for each office.

(b) Any member not on the nominating committee may nominate one person for each or any office or director. It is not necessary to have a nomination made by members not on the nominating committee.

(c) Only one name for each office and director shall be proposed by the nominating committee.

(d) Only one name for each office or director may be proposed by members not on the nominating committee unless the Board of Directors permit additional nominations.

1-7.03 – Elections Procedures.

The following are the procedures for election of officials.

(a) All members in good standing are eligible to vote.

(b) The election shall be by secret ballot.

(c) Voting must be in person. There will be no absentee ballots.

(d) If any position is uncontested, the candidate shall be considered elected and no election for that position will be held.

(e) All contested positions must be elected by majority of valid ballots cast for that position.

(f) In case of a tie, a runoff election shall take place within 10 days.

1-7.05 – Vote Counting. The president shall appoint the secretary or other member of the corporation to count the ballots and keep them secure in case of a recount. Each candidate may witness the count or appoint some other member to observe the count. The secretary or counter shall report the outcome to the body. The secretary shall retain all the ballots and seal the votes in an envelope and properly marked. Each office shall have its own envelope with the votes from that office and sealed within and kept for safekeeping for a minimum of six months.

ARTICLE 8 – REMOVAL OF DIRECTORS

1-8.01 – Suspension and Removal. An Officer, Director or Member of the Board of Governors may be suspended from the Board by an affirmative vote of 2/3 of the Board of Governors. During suspension, that Director may only attend Board meetings when invited by the President. A suspension may be lifted by 2/3 vote of the Board at any subsequent regular or special meetings of the Board. A suspension not lifted after two regular Board meetings shall become a removal from the Board, effective at the end of the second regular Board meeting following the suspension. At any meeting following suspension, the Board may by 2/3 affirmative vote lift the suspension or remove the member from the Board.

1-8.02 – Grounds for Suspension and Removal. The following are grounds for the possible suspension and/or removal of a director and/or officer:

(a) Failure of a Board member to participate in 3 consecutive Board meetings may be grounds for removal from the Board.

(b) For proven gross misconduct or misappropriation of funds, the member shall be removed from the Board and appropriate authorities will be notified.

ARTICLE 9 – COMMITTEES

1-9.01 – Committees. The Board of Governors may create committees as needed. There shall be three standing committees: Bylaws, Executive and Finance Committees.

1-9.02 – Term. All committees of this organization shall be appointed by the President or Board of Governors and their term shall be for a period of one year or less if sooner terminated by the action of the Board of Governors.

1-9.03 – Executive Committee. The four officers and the Commissioner serve as members of the Executive Committee. Except for the power to amend the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, the Executive Committee shall have all the powers and authority of the Board of Governors in the intervals between meetings of the Board of Governors, subject to the direction and control of the Board of Governors.

1-9.04 – Finance Committee.

The Treasurer is chairman of the Finance Committee, which includes two other Board Members. The Finance Committee is responsible for developing and reviewing fiscal procedures, fundraising plans and annual budget with staff and other Board Members. The Board of Governors of Governors must approve the budget and all expenditures must be within the budget. Any major change in the budget must be approved by the Board and Executive Committee. The fiscal year shall be the calendar year. Quarterly reports are required to be submitted to the Board of Governors showing income, expenditures and pending income. The financial records are public information and shall be made available to the membership, Board members and the public.

1-9.05 – Nominating Committee. This committee of not less than two shall be appointed by the President.

1-9.06 – Bylaws Committee. This committee of not less than two shall be appointed by the president. The purpose is to review the Bylaws and make recommendations on changes, deletions and amending the Bylaws according to Article 10 – Amendments.

ARTICLE 10 – AMENDMENTS

1-10.01 – Amendments. The Bylaws may be altered, amended, repealed or added to when necessary, as proposed by the Bylaw Committee and passed by a two-thirds majority of the membership quorum.

1-10.02 – Submission. Proposed amendments must be submitted to the Secretary to be sent out with regular Board announcements.

ARTICLE 11 – DISSOLUTION

1-11.01 – Dissolution. The Corporation shall be dissolved by two-thirds vote of the members of the Board of Governors of all Divisions at a meeting for which that action shall have been announced in advance.

1-11.02 – Directors. The Executive Board of Directors shall continue in existence until the Corporation is legally dissolved, and shall be responsible for carrying out the dissolution if voted affirmative.

1-11.03 – Payment of Liabilities. Upon the dissolution of the Corporation and after paying or making provisions for payment of all liabilities of the Corporation all assets will be disposed of according to 1-11.04.

1-11.04 – Distribution of Assets.

(a) No part of the income or net earnings of the corporation shall be distributable to, or inure to the benefit of, any member of the Executive Board or officer, Board of Governors or to any member, or to any private individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or on behalf of the Corporation), and no member of the Executive Board or officer, or to any member or private individual, shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the corporate assets upon dissolution.

(b) Upon dissolution of the Corporation any assets remaining after the satisfaction of corporate debts and obligations shall be distributed to such similar non-profit and/or charitable or educational, artistic or theatrical entity as may be determined to be a successor of this Corporation by a majority vote of the members, or, in the absence of such entity, to an approved educational non-profit entity.

END OF SECTION 2 – BYLAWS

ARTICLE 1 – LEAGUE OBJECTIVE

2-1.01 – Objectives.

The Tri-County Baseball League is an amateur baseball league where no player or coach is paid, and the game is played for the enjoyment of the game of baseball.

2-1.02 – Violation.

Violation of this regulation 2-1.01 will cause the offending team to be banned from competition in the Tri-County League immediately and for the duration of the current season, and until such time, when for good and sufficient reasons, said team's application for reinstatement may be considered.

ARTICLE 2 – DIVISIONS (When applicable)

2-2.01 – Division Structure.

(a) Each division shall be named, if more than one.

(b) Divisional alignments will be evaluated annually.

(c) The playoff structure will be evaluated annually.

2-2.02 – Divisions (when applicable).

Each Division shall generally follow all the rules and regulations as it was one division. Each Division may have some difference in rules providing they are approved by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE 3- TEAM ENTRY AND FEES

2-3.01 – Team Entry Request.

(a) Any new team requesting entry to the League will present in writing such an application to the League President prior to the annual league meeting.

(b) A presentation will be made to all Board of Governors at the annual league meeting.

(c) **See Bylaws Article 4**

(d) **See Appendix 4A which has guidelines for new teams.**

2-3.02 – Payment of Fees.

(a) The League entry and insurance fees for each year will be paid to the League by the league banquet in May. If not paid, no team will be allowed to start the season.

(b) League insurance will be paid up in time to have the policy in effect for April 1st of the upcoming season. No team will be permitted to practice or play any game without insurance.

(c) Forfeit Fee will be due with other membership fees.

2-3.03 – Umpires Fees.

(a) The fee for umpires for all regular season and playoff games will be presented annually to the Board of Governors for their approval by the League President before the start of the regular season play.
(b) Each team is responsible for the payment of one umpire fee for each game.
    a. For the championship series, the League will pay the fee for the third member of the officiating crew.

ARTICLE 4 – SCHEDULING

2-4.01 – League Scheduling.

(a) No league game will be played before the third Sunday in May. Each team must schedule a minimum of three (3) games in the month of May.

Divisions will be subject to the approval of the Board of Governors before the start of each season.

(b) Regular season play will end on the date as decided by a vote of the Board of Governors.

(c) If there are two or more teams tied for first place or a final playoff position, there will not be a one game playoff. See Rule 2-12.02 concerning ties.

2-4.02 – All-Star Game.

(a) The Board of Governors before the start of the regular season will determine if an All-Star Game will be played.

(b) They will determine the structure, format, and site for the All Star Game if one is to be played.

(c) The procedure for selection of players will also have such approval.

ARTICLE 5 – STANDINGS

2-5.01 – Standings.

(a) Tri-County Baseball mirrors the scoring used by the Cape Cod Baseball League; two-points are awarded for a win, one-point awarded for a tie, while no points are awarded for a loss. Each team is responsible for playing a full schedule.

(b) In case that one or more teams do not play one or more games that cause a team or teams to be put at a disadvantage the President will make a ruling which nullifies the disadvantage to the team that was harmed by the team that caused the disadvantage.

ARTICLE 6 – STATISTICS

2-6.01 – Statistics.

(a) Each manager will ensure that team stats are turned in to the League statistician weekly.

(b)There will be an attempt to put stats on the website this year in a trial to see if we can provide stats for the website, newspapers, other media and to the team. You will be informed when this will happen.

ARTICLE 7 – SCORING

2-7.01– Forfeit. The score of a forfeited game is 7 - 0.

ARTICLE 8 – WEBSITES

2-8.01 – Website

(a) The website is located at www.wmasstcl.com.

(b) Each team will have an assigned representative that will have access to update their page.

(c) These updates will include scores, game recaps, pictures, videos, and complete rosters.

(d) Scores must be reported within 20 minutes after the completion of the game. You may text, email or phone in the report. Time is of the essence since the webmaster produces a report to go to all local newspapers within the team's location. Stats are required to be sent to the webmaster or statistician weekly.

2-8.02 - Scoring,

In a vote held during the Spring 2026 League Meeting, the Board of Governors, through a majority, approved a motion by the President to have all games scored, and reported, using the GameChanger app. The purpose of this is to provide more robust content for the website, while getting a more elaborate, accurate and timely report of the results. All teams will use GameChanger beginning in the 2026 season.

ARTICLE 9 – AWARDS, BANQUETS AND FUND RAISERS

2-9.01 – League Recognition Awards.

The structure and format for league awards will be subject to the approval of the Board of Governors before the Annual Meeting.

2-9.02 – League Banquets and Fundraisers.

League Banquets and/or fundraisers will be held only upon the approval of the Board of Governors.

2-9.03 – Scholarships

The League will sponsor one scholarship:

1. The Karl Oliveira Memorial Scholarship - $1,000

Each scholarship will be awarded annually, at the League Banquet, to a student athlete, from the respective honoree's home town, and plans on continuing their education beyond high school.

ARTICLE 10 – PLAYERS AND ROSTERS

2-10.01 – Age.

(a) There is no minimum or maximum age limit.
(b) A player must be capable of physically and mentally competing in the League.

2-10.02 – Player Added or Leaving a Team.

(a) Any player leaving a team to play with another team must be on the July 1st roster to be eligible for the playoffs.

(b) Any players leaving a team to play with another team after July 1 will be ineligible to play in the playoffs.

(c) A player is free to play with any team they wish. Once a player suits up for their first game with a team, they are locked on that team's roster and cannot play for a different team that season unless a written or verbal release from the League President is issued.

(d) A player wishing to leave a team must get a written release no later than July 1st from his manager, after turning in his uniform. The manger will then notify the League President in writing. Not securing such a written release before playing for another League team is a protest-able offense and all games said player is involved in are to be forfeited. (See Player Release in Appendix 4B)

(e) If a player owes the previous manager's fees, equipment, uniforms, etc. that manager has a lien on the player until all debts are paid. Release forms noting such debts must be completed and secured by the League President before that player plays for another team.

(f) The League President may disallow player releases compromising the integrity of the league. A player not receiving a team release can apply to the League President for such release approval. Such a player cannot play for another team until such a release is granted.

(g) A player not receiving a team release can apply to the League President for such release approval. Such a player cannot play for another team until such a release is granted.

(h) 2023 Collegiate Clause – Any player actively on a Collegiate Team's roster (Cape Cod Baseball League, New England Collegiate Baseball League, Futures Collegiate Baseball League, Connecticut Collegiate Baseball League) is ineligible to join a Tri-County Baseball team, while under contract with the collegiate club.

(i) If a player is released from a summer collegiate club, and does not appear on any summer collegiate team's roster, they are eligible to be added to a TCL roster.

(j) The player must be added to the TCL roster prior to July 1st to be eligible for post-season play (2-10.02 a); provided they meet playoff eligibility requirements outlined in rules 2-12.03, and 2-12.04.

(k) By collegiate regulation, no NCAA, NJCAA, or NAIA players may play on a team in the summer in which coaches from their school are associated.

Violation of rule 2-10.02 K will result in a forfeit loss of each game a player appears in with the violating team's roster, and is subject to further discipline at the discretion of the league's President.

2-10.03 – Team Rosters.

The Open Roster needs to be finalized by the date set by the Board of Governors.

2-10.04 – Roster Requirements.

(a) Each team is allowed 30 players plus any coaches on a roster. The manager or coach may not play unless he is listed on the list of 30 players.

(b) Rosters must be uploaded to the website, with player's headshot, by July 1st. Rosters must include the names, addresses and phone numbers of all players, managers and coaches.

(c) Players may be added to the roster at any point in the regular season, but the League President must be notified in writing or by email of such additions. If a phone call is made for such notification, a letter must follow. If no such letter is sent, the result is a forfeit. Players added to the roster after July 1st will not be eligible for the League playoffs; however, these players will be allowed to play in regular season games.

(d) Final rosters must be uploaded by 11:59 pm, on July 1st of each given year, for the President's review.

ARTICLE 11 – LEAGUE CODE OF CONDUCT

2-11.01 – League Code of Conduct.

The following Code of Conduct effects all players, coaches, managers and umpires:

(a) All players, coaches, managers and umpires must treat each other during the game with respect.

(b) Only managers and the player involved in a play may question an umpire on his decision and then only in a gentlemen like manner.

(c) No question of balls and strikes except for half-swing appeals.

(d) No throwing of equipment or any item as a sign of displeasure with an umpire's decision or in anger with yourself.

(e) No derogatory comments will be directed by a player, coach or manager to an umpire or opposing players or spectators.

(f) Umpires will make no derogatory remarks to managers, coaches, players, or spectators.

(g) The use of foul language (cursing) is prohibited during a game. If a player, coach, or manger uses foul language, loud enough to be heard by the spectators, the umpire shall immediately eject him from the game. Umpires are to enforce these rules and immediately eject all violators. A written report must be filed with the President and Umpire-in-Chief within 24 hours and a phone call to the Umpire-in-Chief within 12 hours.

(h) Intentionally pitched at the batter. "This is the only official warning." The umpire will give no warning. If in the umpire's judgment such a violation occurs, the pitcher will be immediately ejected from the game, and a written report filed with the President of the League within 24 hours.

(i) Fighting. Any player involved in an altercation may be immediately removed from the game. This includes players who leave their bench to help stop the altercation. Managers and coaches are expected to help stop all altercations.

2-11.02 – Conduct Responsibility.

(a) Each team manager is responsible to brief his players on the code and to personally take charge to ensure compliance by his players.

(b) The League Umpire-in-Chief is responsible to brief all the league umpires and ensure that they comply with the code.

(c) The President must enforce the Code of Conduct.

ARTICLE 12 – PLAYOFFS

2-12.01 – Seedings.

The teams shall be seeded according to their rank in the final standings. Brackets for seedings is found in Appendix 4-F.

2-12.02 – Tie in Standings.

In case of ties in the standings: (1) A tie for first place will make the teams co-champions with no playoff game(s); (2) The other teams will be seeded on their head-to-head record followed by the results of head-to-head record with other teams.

The first tie breaker is head-to-head -

If they split the season series -

The next tie breaker would be how they did versus the first-place team -

If they are still tied, then you go to the second-place team and so on -

In other words, start at the top of the standings and work your way down until you break the tie.

2-12.03 – Player Eligibility for Playoffs.

Players must be on a team roster on or before July 01 of the current year as in 2.10.02(b) and fulfill one or more points in 2-12-04 and 2-12.05 if applicable.

2-12.04 – Other Requirements.

(a) A player is eligible to pitch if he has pitched in 3 regular season games in his division.

(b) A player is eligible to play any position including pitcher if he has played in 5 regular season games in any position in his division.

(a) A player is eligible to play in any position including pitcher if the combination of playing in any position other than pitcher and has pitched in 1 or more games that makes 5 regular season games in his division.

(b) A player is eligible to play any position if he pitches in 5 or more regular season games in his division.

END OF SECTION 2 - LEAGUE GENERAL RULES

SECTION 3 - GAME RULES

ARTICLE 1 – PLAYING RULES

3-1.01 – Playing Rules. All games to be played under major league rules using the "Official Major League Baseball Rules of 2015", published by Major League Baseball and Tri-County Baseball League Rules.

3-1.02 – Tri-County Baseball League Rules. The following rules are specific to the Tri-County Baseball League unless otherwise specified.

(a) The NCAA slide rule on a force play will be used (see Appendix 4C)

(b) Collision rules – Force play slide rule

(c) Aluminum and wood bats are accepted (see 3-2.01)

(d) Helmets must be worn by batters and runners (see 3-2.02)

(e) All catchers must wear protective helmet and throat protector

(f) Only Tri-County League baseballs will be used (see 3-2.03)

(g) Verbal intentional walks to speed up the game

(h) Player – managers must designate who will make the trips to the pitcher mound prior to the start of the game

(i) A regulation game is 7 innings

(j) Pitchers are no longer allowed to fake a throw to third base, and then turn around and try to pick off a runner on first base – this constitutes a balk, and all baserunners will advance one base.

3-1.03 – Mounds Visits. The Tri-County Baseball League adheres to MLB Rules, circa 2015, therefore, cumulative mound visits for a game will not be tracked, however, a pitcher will be removed upon the second mound visit by the coach designated in the ground rules to make a pitching change.

ARTICLE 2 – EQUIPMENT

3-2.01 – Bats. Only the official designated bats designated at the Annual Meeting for the upcoming season. The official bats are Aluminum “BB Core”, wood composite bats and wooden bats.

(a) Models must be currently approved by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) and National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS).
(b) Bat performance is measured in a controlled laboratory environment using an air cannon as described in the glossary. To measure the performance of baseball bats, the Bat-Ball Coefficient of Restitution (BBCOR) test protocol is followed. The NCAA and the NFHS use the BBCOR test to approve baseball bats.
(c) The performance of some composite bats can change with use. To help ensure composite bats do not exceed the performance limit, the NCAA developed an Accelerated Break-In test protocol (ABI). All composite bats must pass the ABI test protocol to be NCAA certified.

Notices:

(d) Effective 8/10/22 the Stinger Bat Company 33-inch model of the Missile II, model number MISL2233, has been decertified. Details may be found in: NCAA, NFHS.
(e) Effective 2/21/20 the Louisville 33 inch META BBCOR with the following Model #'s BBMTB3-20 (SKU # WTLBBMTB32033), META GLD Model # LBBMTB3-20 (SKU # WBL23630103033) and META Custom
(f) Model # CBBMTB3-20V-CSTM (SKU # WTLCBBMP20V) bats are no longer approved. Details may be found in: NCAA.NFHS.

3-2.02 – Helmets. Batting and running helmets must have two ear flaps. The base coaches at first and third bases shall wear a batting helmet. The helmet does not have to have earflaps. Bat Boys and Ball Boys on the field shall wear a proper helmet.

3-2.03 – Baseballs. Only the Official League baseball designated at the Annual Meeting shall be used in all regular and playoff games. The current official baseball for the 2025 season is the Diamond D1-Pro and the Diamond NFHS. The use of any other baseball is in non-compliance with this rule. NOTE: The Diamond D1 Pro LS is allowable.

3-2.04 – Uniforms. All players on a team shall wear complete uniforms identical in color, trim and style, and all players' uniforms. Managers and coaches shall wear complete uniforms when coaching in a coach's box or going onto the field as a player or manager. A trainer or medical assistant attending an injured player or other person on the field is not required to be in uniform.

3-2.05 – Safety.

(a) The catcher or player warming up the pitcher on the playing field or in the bullpen shall wear a mask while warming up the pitcher. This rule is intended to protect the person catching pitches from a pitcher that may deflect off the catcher's mitt and hit him in the face.

(b) The base coaches shall be stationed in their coaching box with helmet and full uniform prior to the first pitch to the first offensive batter in that half inning.

(c) The bat boy and any ball boys on the field shall wear a double ear flap helmet.

3-2.06 – Non-Compliance. For non-compliance of rules 3-2.01, 3-2.02, 3-2.03, 3-2.04 and 3-2.05, the President will determine the Penalty to be assessed.

ARTICLE 3 – OFFICIAL GAMES

3-3.01 – Official Games (Regular Season)

(a) The Tri-County League standings are based two-points for a win, one-point for a tie, and zero points will be awarded for a loss.

(b) If, after a game becomes official, (4 ½ or 5 innings) any game is called off because of rain, darkness, or curfew, the game is official and ties count.

(c) If an inning is started and a game is called because of darkness or rain, then the umpire will rule the game ended with the previous completed inning unless the home team ties the game or goes ahead in the bottom of the inning.

(d) The home team must call in scores, or rain outs, to the newspapers and Webmaster,

Playoffs:

(a) Suspended Game Rule – The suspended game rule is only used in Playoffs. The President may allow the suspended game to be used in other special circumstances. (see Appendix 4D).

(b) Tie Games – Go back to the previous site and replay the entire game. This rule supersedes the MLB rule 7.02(a) that says it is a suspended game.

(c) When the visiting team scores one or more runs to take the lead and the game called on darkness before the home team completes the inning shall be a suspended game.

Mercy Rule.

(a) This rule is designed to terminate a game earlier after a team has taken a substantial lead considered to be insurmountable to avoid humiliating losses and to prevent unduly extending games whose outcome is no longer in doubt.

(b) The game shall be terminated when the winning team is ahead by 10 or more runs after the trailing team has played 5 innings.

(c) After 5 innings if the winning team scores one or more runs to reach 10 runs, the game is terminated after that play has been completed. If the winning team scores more runs to take the lead by more than 10 runs when the play is completed, those runs shall count and the game is over.

(d) The President may suspend the Mercy rule for special occasions, such as in an All-Star Game, special exhibition games or other situations.

(e) In case of an unusual game where a team has a lead of more than 10 runs before 5 innings have been played, the managers of both teams may agree with the Umpire-in-Chief to terminate the game sooner (example: after 3 innings). The game will be considered as a completed game for standings purpose and not rescheduled.

(f) The 10-Run Mercy Rule does not apply to games of less than 5 innings. Exception: see Rule 3-3.01(c)(5).

3-3.02 – Rainouts.

(a) The home team will call the visiting team manager, umpire-in-chief, or umpires assigned to the game and newspapers for any game postponed. Notification of postponed games should be as early as possible (no later than 2 hours prior to game time).

(b) The home team will also let the umpire assignors, newspapers and Webmaster know the make-up date.

(c) Postponed games must be made up when the home team is able to get a field and the visiting team has that date open.

First available date.

(d) Postponed games must be rescheduled within 2 days of the postponed game. Failure to do so may result in a forfeit by the home team. This rule is to be enforced by the League President.

(f) If a regularly scheduled game needs to be postponed or relocated for reasons other than weather related, notice must be given 3 days prior to game time. The League President must grant approval for the relocation or postponement.

(g) Note: Games must be made up as soon as possible to ensure the season ending date is kept. It is suggested to reschedule the game to the first open dates for both teams.

ARTICLE 4 – PRE-GAME REGULATIONS

3-4.01 – Pre-Game Regulations.

(a) The home team will provide all baseballs and pay the umpires before the start of the game. If a team does not have enough baseballs to start or finish a game, they will forfeit the game.

(b) The home team must give up use of the field 15 minutes before the start of the game to the visiting team. This is to be monitored by the chief umpire of the particular games.

(c) 5 minutes before the starting time of any game, 2 line-up cards must be given to the umpires. At the same time, the umpires

will be presented with their fees for the game. The starting time of the game will be dictated by the schedule. (Also see Rule 3-8.01).

(d) If a team does not have 9 roster players on the field 15 minutes after the official game starting time, that team shall forfeit.

(e) All players, managers and coaches must be in uniform. Injured players, bat boys, score keepers and sponsors may sit on the bench but cannot direct any remarks to opposing players or umpires.

(f) Any violations of such regulations should be reported to the league President in writing or email.

ARTICLE 5 – FORFEITS

3-5.01 - Forfeits.

(a) Fee: Each team must provide a one game forfeit fee (two umpires' fees) to the league due at the same time with entry/league fees. If team doesn't forfeit, fee is returned to team by either check or cash.

(b) Policy: If a team forfeits a regular or playoff season game, they are responsible for a forfeit fee to the umpires at the time of the game, even if they are the visiting team. The other team is awarded the win. Only the score of the game should be called in as 7-0.

(c) If a team forfeits its remaining games scheduled, previous games played count in the standings. The remaining games are deleted from the schedule.

(d) If a team forfeits, they are required to advance another forfeit fee to the League President prior to the next scheduled game.

ARTICLE 6 – PROTESTS

3-6.01 - Procedures. Using Major League Baseball Rule 4.19.

(a) The manager protesting a game must notify the Umpire in Chief immediately. The Umpire in Chief will notify the other coach and spectators at the game that is being played under protest. The umpire will immediately annotate the official score book that the game is being played under protest from this point. The coach must notify the League President in 24 hours or the Umpire in Chief if the President cannot be reached that the game is being protested. A written report must be sent (either e-mail or letter) to the League President postmarked within 48 hours, outlining the rule violation.

(b) The chief umpire of the game must notify the League Umpire in Chief within 8 hours and forward a letter (either e-mail or letter) within 24 hours, outlining the rule violation.

(c) The League President will rule on all protests.

(d) The automatic suspension rule for ejection from a game may be appealed to the League President within 8 hours. The President will rule on the suspension immediately and his decision on the matter will be final, no appeals. An appeal of an ejection in a double-header first game will require a ruling before the second game or the player is out. If a player is ejected from a game, he is automatically suspended for the next game.

ARTICLE 7 – SUSPENSIONS

3-7.01 – Suspensions.

(a) If any player is thrown out of a game, he must leave the field. He may not stay in the dugout. The player is also suspended from his teams next played game. If the player plays in the next game, then he will be suspended for 3 additional games and his team will forfeit the game he played in.

(b) If a manager or coach (acting in that capacity) is thrown out of a game, he must leave the field immediately. He is also automatically suspended from managing the next game. If his actions warrant an umpire, to write to the League President or Chief Umpire about unacceptable behavior, the League President may suspend him for one or more games.

(c) Any player or coach who harasses an umpire after the game has ended, (when umpire is leaving the filed or he is at his car ready to leave), may be suspended for three or more games, at the discretion from the League President.

(d) Any player or coach that strikes, grabs, or assaults an umpire may be suspended from the League for life.

(e) Note: A suspended player or coach may not sit on the bench.

(f) The suspension of a player, coach or team member may be appealed to the President. (Also see Rule 3-6.01(d).

ARTICLE 8 – SUBSTITUTIONS

3-8.01 – Substitution for Late Arriving Player.

(a) If a starter who is listed on the batting order handed to the Umpire-in-Chief of the game and the player hasn't arrived and replaced with a substitute and then the player arrives for the game he may be exchanged without penalty when: (1) if the player is on offense he may enter before the plate umpire calls “Play” to the first batter; (2) if the player is on defense (other than the pitcher) he may enter on the playing field before the plate umpire calls “Play” or a pitch is thrown to the first batter. The starting pitcher in the game cannot be replaced once he started his warmup pitches. After the first pitch in the game any replacement of a player is a substitution.

(b) The Umpire-in-Chief and opposing manager must be notified prior to handing the line-up card to the umpire that this is occurring.

When the player arrives to enter the game both Umpire-in-Chief and opposing Manager must be notified and changes made to the line-up card. The player removed from the lineup card may re-enter the game as a substitute. However, the first pitcher must pitch to the first batter or his substitute and cannot be replaced except by a substitute.

ARTICLE 9 – OTHER RULES

3-09.01 – President’s Authority. For any incident occurring in a game, pre or post game and not covered by Major League Rules or our Bylaws and Rules, the President has the authority to rule on the incident and his decision is final.

END OF SECTION 3 - GAME RULES

APPENDIX 4A – TEAM/SPONSOR APPLICATION

TEAM/SPONSOR APPLICATION INTO THE LEAGUE

Follow the instructions to make an application for entry into the League.

A. Should a team or sponsor wish to enter the league as a new or additional entry, a written request to do so shall be sent to the President.

Upon receipt of the request, the President shall either present the request before the team representatives at a regular league meeting or poll the team representative by telephone or correspondence to determine if the league would be willing to add a team or teams.

B. Should the team representatives decide to entertain the request for entry, a meeting shall be called, at which time a representative of the proposed new entry shall make a presentation to a quorum of the team representatives. Such a presentation shall include:

1. The name of the committed sponsor of the proposed new entry.

2. The name and baseball background of the coach of the proposed new entry.

3. The location(s) of the playing field(s) the team would use, the playing condition of the field(s) and the planned maintenance of the field(s).

4. The name, addresses and phone numbers of the players of the teams proposed roster.

5. The uniform style and color(s) the team wishes to wear.

6. All other pertinent information, including finances.

C. Following the presentation, the team representative shall discuss and vote on whether to allow the applicant into the league. The decision shall be made by a majority vote. In the event of a tie vote, a second vote will be taken by the team representatives.

Should a second tie occur, the President shall cast a vote to break the tie.

D. The Board of Governors will decide on an application fee for new teams on an annual basis. If the team's application is declined the entire fee will be refunded.

APPENDIX 4B – PLAYER RELEASE

PLAYER RELEASE

TRI-COUNTY BASEBALL LEAGUE

OFFICIAL PLAYER RELEASE

Player_____is released from the _____

roster, and is free to join a different organization in the Tri-County Baseball League. Eligibility

requirements must be met for the player to be eligible for the playoff roster (2-10.02, a, b).

_____

Manager's Signature

cc: Player, Team, President of League

Note: Team picking up this player must obtain and hold the player's copy.

This form must be emailed to info@wmasstcl.com for approval.

Appendix 4C – FORCED SLIDE RULE

NCAA 8-4 Force-Play-Slide Rule

Force-Play-Slide Rule

SECTION 4. The intent of the force-play-slide rule is to ensure the safety of all players. This is a safety and 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 before the base and in a direct line between the two bases. It is permissible for the slider's momentum to carry him through the base in the baseline extended (see diagram).
Exception—A runner need not slide directly into a base as long as the runner slides or runs in a direction away from the fielder to avoid making contact or altering the play of the fielder. Interference shall not be called.

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

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 makes a legal slide directly to the base and in the baseline extended (see diagram). If contact occurs on top of the base as a result of a "pop-up" slide, this contact is legal.

c. Actions 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 or cross-body slide and either makes contact with or alters the play of a fielder;

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

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

5) The runner illegally slides toward or contacts the fielder even if the fielder makes no attempt to throw to complete a play.

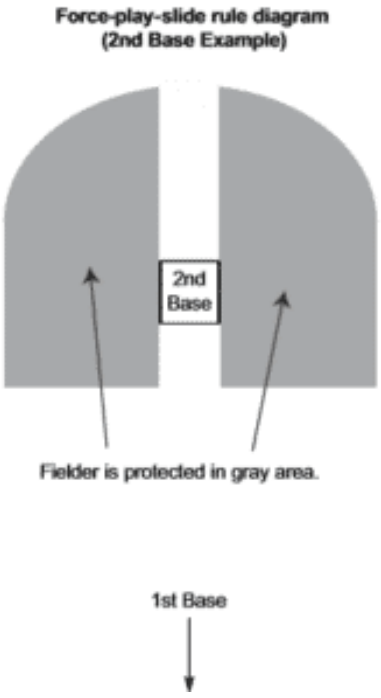
PENALTY for 1-5—1) With less than two outs, the batter-runner, as well as the interfering runner, shall be declared out and no other runner(s) shall advance.

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.

Note 1: 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 2: 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.



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APPENDIX 4D – MLB SUSPENDED GAME RULES

Major League Suspended Game Rules (for reference)

7.02 (4.12) Suspended, Postponed, and Tie Games

(a) A game shall become a suspended game that must be completed at a future date if the game is terminated for any of the following reasons:

(1) A curfew imposed by law;

(2) A time limit permissible under league rules;

(3) Light failure, malfunction of, or unintentional operator error in employing, a mechanical or field device or equipment under the control of the home club (e.g., a retractable roof, a tarpaulin, or other water removal equipment);

(4) Darkness, when a law prevents the lights from being turned on;

(5) Weather, if a regulation game is called while an inning is in progress and before the inning is completed, and the visiting team has scored one or more runs to take the lead, and the home team has not retaken the lead; or

(6) It is a regulation game that is called with the score tied;

National Association Leagues may also adopt the following rules for suspended games. (If adopted by a National Association League, Rule 7.01(e) (Rule 4.10(e)) would not apply to their games.);

(7) The game has not become a regulation game (4½ innings with the home team ahead, or 5 innings with the visiting club ahead or tied);

(8) If a game is suspended before it becomes a regulation game, and is continued prior to another regularly scheduled game, the regularly scheduled game shall be seven innings in length. See the exception described in Rule 7.01(a) (Rule 4.10(a));

(9) If a game is suspended after it is a regulation game, and is continued prior to another regularly scheduled game, the regularly scheduled game shall be a nine-inning Game.

EXCEPTION: Optional Rules 7.02(a)(7), 7.02(a)(8) and 7.02(a)(9) (Rules 4.12(a)(7), 4.12(a)(8) and 4.12(a)(9)) for National Association Leagues shall not apply to the last scheduled game between the two teams during the championship season. A National Association League may adopt any of Rules 7.02(a)(7), 7.02(a)(8) and 7.02(a)(9) (Rules 4.12(a)(7), 4.12(a)(8) and 4.12(a)(9)) for its post-season games.

No game called because of a curfew (Rule 7.02(a)(1) (Rule 4.12(a)(1)), weather (Rule 7.02(a)(5) (Rule 4.12(a)(5)), a time limit

(Rule 7.02(a)(2) (Rule 4.12(a)(2)) or with a tied score (Rule 7.02(a)(6) (Rule 4.12(a)(6)) shall be a suspended game unless it has progressed far enough to have been a regulation game pursuant to Rule 7.01(c) (Rule 4.10(c)). A game called pursuant to Rules 7.02(a)(3) or 7.02(a)(4) (Rules 4.12(a)(3) or 4.12(a)(4)) shall be a suspended game at any time after it starts.

NOTE: Weather and similar conditions—Rules 7.02(a)(1) through 7.02(a)(5) (Rules 4.12(a)(1) through 4.12(a)(5))— shall take precedence in determining whether a called game shall be a suspended game. If a game is halted by weather, and subsequent light failure or an intervening curfew or time limit prevents its resumption, the game shall not be a suspended game. If a game is halted by light failure, and weather or field conditions prevent its resumption, the game shall not be a suspended game. A game can only be considered a suspended game if stopped for any of the six reasons specified in Rule 7.02(a) (Rule 4.12(a)).

Rule 7.02(a) Comment (Rule 4.12(a) Comment): The Major Leagues have determined that Rule 7.02(a) (Rule 4.12(a)) does not apply to any Wild Card, Division Series, League Championship Series or World Series games or for any additional Major League championship season game played to break a tie.

(b) A suspended game shall be resumed and completed as follows:

(1) Immediately preceding the next scheduled single game between the two clubs on the same grounds; or

(2) Immediately preceding the next scheduled doubleheader between the two clubs on the same grounds, if no single game remains on the schedule; or

(3) If suspended on the last scheduled date between the two clubs in that city, transferred and played on the grounds of the opposing club, if possible;

(a) Immediately preceding the next scheduled single game, or

(b) Immediately preceding the next scheduled doubleheader, if no single game remains on the schedule.

(4) Any suspended game that has progressed far enough to become a regulation game, but which has not been completed prior to the last scheduled game between the two teams during the championship season shall become a called game, as follows:

(a) If one team is ahead, the team that is ahead shall be declared the winner (unless the game is called while an inning is in progress and before the inning is completed, and the visiting team has scored one or more runs to take the lead, and the home team has not retaken the lead, in which case the score upon the completion of the last full inning shall stand for purposes of this Rule 7.02(b)(4) (Rule 4.12(b)(4)(i)); or

(b) If the score is tied, the game shall be declared a “tie game” (unless the game is called while an inning is in progress and before the inning is completed, and the visiting team has scored one or more runs to tie the game, and the home team has not retied the game, in which case the score upon the completion of the last full inning shall stand for purposes of this Rule 7.02(b)(4) (Rule 4.12(b)(4)(ii)).

(5) Any postponed game, suspended game (that has not progressed far enough to become a regulation game), or tie game that has not been rescheduled and completed prior to the last scheduled game between the two teams during the championship season must be played (or continued, in the case of a suspended or tie game) to a completed regulation game, if the League President determines that not playing such game might affect post-season play, including eligibility for the post-season and/or home-field advantage for any post- season game.

Rule 7.02(b) Comment (Rule 4.12(b) Comment): The Major Leagues have determined that Rule 7.02(b) (Rule 4.12(b)) does not apply to any Wild Card, Division Series, League Championship Series or World Series games or for any additional Major League championship season game played to break a tie.

The National Association has determined that games shall not be rescheduled and played to a completed regulation game in accordance with Rule 7.02(b)(5) for the purpose of determining eligibility or home-field advantage for the post-season.

If a suspended game is to resume and no single game remains on the schedule, the National Association has determined that only a single game will be played after completing the suspended game.

(c) A suspended game shall be resumed at the exact point of suspension of the original game. The completion of a suspended game is a continuation of the original game. The lineup and batting order of both teams shall be the same as the lineup and batting order at the moment of suspension, subject to the rules governing substitution. Any player may be replaced by a player who had not been in the game prior to the suspension. No player removed before the suspension may be returned to the lineup.

A player who was not with the club when the game was suspended may be used as a substitute, even if he has taken the place of a player no longer with the club who would not have been eligible because he had been removed from the lineup before the game was suspended.

Rule 7.02(c) Comment (Rule 4.12(c) Comment): If immediately prior to the call of a suspended game, a substitute pitcher has been announced but has not retired the side or pitched until the batter becomes a base runner, such pitcher, when the suspended game is later resumed may, but is not required to start

the resumed portion of the game. However, if he does not start, he will be considered as having been substituted for and may not be used in that game.

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APPENDIX 4F – PLAYOFF BRACKETS

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