

Baseball Association of Terrell Texas

Bylaws

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Article I. ORGANIZATION

Section I.01 NAME- The name of this organization shall be the BASEBALL ASSOCIATION OF TERRELL TEXAS, abbreviated BATT, hereinafter referred to as the Association.

Section I.02 PURPOSE-.The objective of this organization is to foster and promote the game of baseball by developing fundamental baseball skills, promoting good sportsmanship, and furnishing wholesome recreation for the youth of Terrell Texas.

Section I.03 NON-PROFIT AND NON-STOCK CORPORATION -The Association shall be operated as a non-profit corporation in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas. The private property of the members of the Association shall not become liable for the debts of the Association. The Association shall be a non-stock corporation. In accordance with section 501 C (3) of the Federal Internal Revenue Code, the BATT shall operate exclusively as a non-profit organization providing a supervised program of youth baseball. No part of the net earnings shall benefit any private shareholder or individual. Reasonable compensation to BATT Board Members for services to facilitate tournaments, must be approved by the BATT Board of Directors and documented in the minutes. BATT will not be involved or associated with any group or person(s) who is carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and will not participate in or attempt to intervene in any political campaign of any candidate for public office.

Section I.04 DISSOLUTION OF ASSOCIATION Voluntary dissolution of the Association shall be accomplished by the affirmative vote of a three-fourths majority of the Board of Directors, and ratified by a majority vote of the full-time voting members of the Association in a meeting of the Association. No member of the Association shall be entitled to or have any interest in the assets of the Association or any right to share in the distribution thereof. In the event of dissolution of the Association, its then net assets and monies shall be transferred as determined by a committee elected by the membership.

Article II. MEMBERSHIP

Section II.01 MEMBERSHIP- Membership in the Association shall be comprised of:

- A. Parents, step-parents and/or legal guardians of the players registered in the association
- B. Members of the coaching staff of each team
- C. Members of the Board of Directors

Section II.02 CODE OF ETHICS- Service on the Board of Directors of BATT is both a privilege and a responsibility. Where the conduct of a Member is determined to be inconsistent with the objective of this organization or the best interest of the sport of baseball/softball and the individuals the Association serves, the offending Member will be subject to dismissal from office.

A. All member of the Board of Directors must at all times conduct themselves in a manner becoming an official of BATT. Failure to do so may incur dismissal from the Board - (requires majority vote of the other board members)

B. No member of the Board of Directors should involve themselves in any conflict of interest situation. Service on the board requires that each director places the best interest of the league before those of any individual or team.

C. All members must participate in the actual running of the board and must execute all duties assigned to them. Any member who does not perform his duties or fails to attend the required number of

meetings (3 consecutive) without notifying BATT in advance of the absence could be subject to dismissal. Any such vacancies will be filled by the President with approval of the Executive Board of Directors.

D. Should any dispute arise that involves a member of the Board, the following will apply:

1. The involved Board member may participate in any discussion regarding of the dispute
2. However, when the Board votes regarding the disposition of the dispute, the involved Board member may not vote and may not be present to vote.
3. Complaints regarding any member of the Board should be brought to the attention of an executive board member.
4. All members are required to treat all Board of Directors matters confidential.
5. All voting members are to donate at least 12 hours a month to the BATT league. You will be responsible for getting a board member to sign of on you volunteer slip and getting it to the secretary in a timely manner

Article III. ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

Section III.01 REGULAR MEETINGS- The members of the Association shall have a regular meeting once each month, on the second Tuesday of the month, or at a time designated by the Board of Directors, at such a place as designated by the Board of Directors. Regular meetings may be suspended as determined by the Board of Directors. Baseball/Softball Advisory board meetings are to be held on the fourth Tuesday of the month.

Section III.02 BIENNIAL MEETING- The biennial meeting of the members of the Association shall be held during the month of January of every two years at such time and place as may be designated by the President, when the members of the Association shall elect members of the Board of Directors for the ensuing year. The elective officers of the Association consist of the President, Vice President, League Director, Secretary, Treasurer. Officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the full-time voting members; runoff elections may be required to insure that this condition is met. In addition to the officer positions, director positions shall be appointed by the Board of Directors. All persons elected to the Board of Directors shall automatically be members and hold the same offices of the Board of Directors upon their election to such offices of the Association.

Section III.03 SPECIAL MEETINGS- Special meetings of the membership may be called at any time by purpose of the Board of Directors.

Section III.04 ATTENDANCE- Regular monthly meetings shall be open to any member of the Association. Non-members shall be allowed to attend any membership meeting provided that non-members may not debate any question before the membership, unless recognized by the Presiding Officer.

Section III.05 VOTING

A. At all regular meetings of the Association, each team, as represented by the Head Coach, submitted or designee of that team shall have one (1) vote on any matter submitted to the membership for a vote.

B. At all meetings of the Association, each member of the Board of Directors shall have one

(1) vote on any matter submitted to the membership for a vote; except the President, who shall only be allowed to vote in the case of a tie vote. No member of the Board of Directors shall be entitled to more than one (1) vote, even though such member of the Board of Directors may be the Head Coach of an Association team.

C. The persons described in paragraphs A & B shall be referred to as full-time voting members.

D. Parents and/or legal guardians of the players registered with the Association shall be allowed to vote on any matter submitted to the membership for a vote under the following conditions:

i. A majority of the full-time voting members authorize that the parents and/or legal guardians of any player registered with the Association be required to vote on any matter submitted to the membership for a vote; or;

ii. Any four (4) members of the Board of Directors, or the President and three (3) voting members of the Board of Directors may require that the parents and/or legal guardians be required to vote on any matter submitted to the membership for a vote; and,

iii. Only one (1) vote per player registered with the Association will be allowed; and,

iv. Proxies of votes by the parents and/or legal guardians will not be allowed.

E. The following matters shall require a vote of the parents and/or legal guardians of the players registered with the Associations.

i. Any proposed merger or consolidation with the Association and another organization or association;

ii. Any proposed action that would affect the area boundaries of the Association, such boundaries as stated by the League. Boundary changes required by the League shall not fall into this category.

iii. Any matter as described in Article III, Section 5, Paragraph E.

F. Proxies shall not be recognized for full-time voting members unless the Board of Directors shall direct otherwise. Proxy voting shall only be authorized on a case-by case basis.

G. Except as provided herein, a simple majority of the votes cast by the voting members of the Association, in which a quorum is present, shall be necessary to decide any business of the membership.

H. Founding members will continue to have a vote even after their term

Section III.06 QUORUM

A. Representation of any meeting of the Board of Directors of greater than fifty (50) percent or "majority" of the voting members shall constitute a quorum.

B. No motions shall be made or any official business transacted without a quorum present at a meeting.

Section III.07 PRESIDING OFFICER- The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association, unless not in attendance, in which event the Vice President shall preside. If neither the President nor the Vice President is in attendance, the League Director shall preside. The Secretary shall act as Secretary, and in his/her absence, such other person shall serve as Secretary as designated by the Presiding Officer.

Section III.08 CONDUCT OF MEETINGS Regular meetings of the Association shall be informal in nature but must include the following:

- A. Roll call
- B. Reading and action to minutes of previous meeting
- C. Treasury report
- D. League report
- E. Old and New business
- G. Open floor to members

The presiding officer shall allow discussion on any matter brought to the attention of the membership.

Article IV. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section IV.01 PURPOSE The management of all of the affairs, interests, and property of the Association shall be vested in the Board of Directors which shall include the President, Vice President, League Director, Secretary, Treasurer. All officers of the Board of Directors shall serve a two-year term or until their respective successor is elected and qualified. The Board of Directors shall have all the powers not prohibited to it by statute or as reserved by law or these Bylaws.

Section IV.02 MEMBERS Members of the Board of Directors shall be elected by ballot at the biennial meeting of the Association by a quorum of full time voting members of the Association at such meeting. The officers mentioned in Article IV, Section I shall automatically be members and hold the same office of the Board of Directors upon their election to their respective offices of the Association. The President shall be the chief executive officer and chairperson of the Board of Directors and the Secretary shall be the Secretary thereof. A Nominating Committee composed of three (3) persons appointed by the President and approved of by the Board of Directors shall select persons to be nominated as members of the Board of Directors; and such choices shall be presented at the biennial meeting of the association at which time further nominations from the membership of the Association may be made. The Board of Directors shall consist of five (5) members including all officers. The Members include President, Vice President, League Director, Secretary, Treasurer.

Section IV.03 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A. An election of officers for the ensuing year shall be held in the January meeting of odd years.

B. Names of candidates can be supplied by a nominating committee, self-submitted, or be made from the floor of said meeting.

C. If, during the year, an Officer terminates his/her position, the President with approval from the Board of Directors shall elect an individual to fill the vacated position and serve the remainder of the term.

D. If for any reason a new Officer is not elected for any office of the Board of Directors, the existing Officer may continue to serve until such Officer is elected.

Section IV.04 TERM OF OFFICE All new Officers of the Board of Directors shall take office at the February meeting and shall serve for a minimum of 24 consecutive months unless a member resigns. All partial terms of office shall expire at the February meeting. President shall be elected in January and serve as "President Elect" from January through February. The previous President shall remain in office during this period to allow a training period for the newly elected President. It is recommended that the Vice President succeed the President in order to maintain continuity in the leadership, however, it is not mandatory.

Section IV.05 ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS No one (1) person may hold more than one (1) position as an Officer of the Board of Directors. With the exception of coaches, Coaches may also be on the Board of directors.

Section IV.06 REMOVAL FROM OFFICE The full time voting members of BATT have the power to remove from office Officer, or Staff person for good and sufficient cause at a regular or special meeting by majority vote if a quorum is present.

Section IV.07 MEETINGS

A. The Board of Directors shall meet each month on such day, time and place as designated by the President, with the approval of the Board of Directors for the purpose of conducting business of the Association.

B. A minimum of three (3) voting members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum necessary for the transaction of any business of the Association.

C. Except as provided by these Bylaws, a majority of the votes cast in which a quorum is present shall decide any business before the Board. The President shall not have a vote in any meeting of the Board of Directors, except that the President has a vote only in the case of a tie vote among the other members of the Board of Directors.

D. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be held at any time upon the call of the President or any three (3) members of the Board of Directors, providing that notice is given to all members of the Board of Directors no later than forty-eight (48) hours prior to such meeting.

E. Board of Directors meetings shall be informal in nature. The presiding officer shall allow discussion of any matter brought to the attention of the Board of Directors by any member of the Board of Directors. Any matter may be brought to vote by request of any member of the Board of Directors.

Section IV.08 DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A. To abide by the Bylaws of the Association and the Bylaws of the League including all Rules and Regulations of the Association and the League.

B. To properly notify the eligible players, and their parents or legal guardian of registration dates.

C. To make up team rosters. All decisions of the Board of Directors in the placement of the players on teams shall be consistent with the best interest of the player.

D. Approve the expenditure of all monies of the Association.

E. Establish registration and sponsorship fees.

F. Be responsible for the procurement and selection of a sufficient number of coaches to adequately staff each team.

G. Have the power to discharge any coach, assistant coach, parent or player upon the majority of the vote cast by the members of the Board of Directors.

Section IV.09 DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

A. PRESIDENT

1. Shall preside at all meetings of the Association and of the Board of Directors as the chief executive officer
2. While chairing a meeting, the President will not vote except to break a tie unless his/her vote is called for in these Bylaws.
3. Coordinate league operations with the City of Terrell and Terrell Independent School District.
4. Enter into the annual facility use agreement with the City of Terrell Parks Dept.
5. Reports back to BOD any pertinent information that will directly affect the Association.
6. Shall appoint a member to fill a vacancy on the Board of Directors, subject to approval of first, the Board of Directors and second, the Baseball and Softball boards.
7. Shall represent the Association at any other organizations, together with the League Director.
8. Shall solicit sponsorships from business community; year-long public relations work with sponsors; coordinate all areas of fundraising; Shall maintain web services and social media presence with assistance of Vice President.
9. Shall set formations of teams and age divisions with the assistance of Baseball and Softball Directors.
10. Provides final approval for any reprimands or punitive actions for coaches, staff, parents, and participants in consultation with the associated Commissioner(s), and may elect to put such actions to a Board vote as needed.
11. Serves as the official spokesperson in communications (when quoted by media or asked for comment), unless the proxy is transferred to another, more suitable representative.
12. Responsible for keys and access to all facilities, fields, and operational items.
13. Administers financial aid and has final approval of such aid/parties to receive aid per division.
14. May assist with coach/staff interviews as requested by Commissioner(s) and can override coaching choices with an explanation to the Board and majority votes.

B. VICE PRESIDENT

1. Shall perform the duties of the President in the absence of the President.
2. Assist the President in Association affairs including ordering new banners and maintain all existing banners; work with sponsors; maintaining website; up keep social media presence.
3. Shall represent the Association at all any other organizations, together with the League Director, in the absence of the President.
4. Shall be the Association's Registrar, and responsible for the timely distribution of copies of each area's registration records to its Secretary and responsible for submitting all official rosters to Coaches; with assistance from the Baseball and Softball Directors.
5. With League Director resolves any participant placement disputes if needed.
5. Works with Treasurer in providing budgets for all field commitments; Reviews financial reports to ensure all leaders are staying with in budget.
6. Serves as Treasurer in absence of Treasurer.

C. Baseball LEAGUE DIRECTOR

1. Shall (in order listed above) perform the duties of the President in the absence of the President and Vice President.
2. Assist the Board of Directors in the performance of its duties. Including scheduling of all officials.
3. Shall coordinate between all areas the registration, bracketing, tryouts and draft procedures of the Competitive side of the Association such as seperating divisions ALL STARS and any other tournaments.
4. Shall assist Vice President with registrar's duties of completion of official official rosters for all sanctioning bodies.
5. Shall, together with the President, represent the Association at all City meetings and at Public Relations.
6. Prepare and maintain fields as needed in strict accordance with BATT scheduling.
7. Collaborate with City of Terrell Parks and Recreation to understand maintenance and care procedures as applicable, including rain outs and field usage.
8. Ensure all equipment associated with field preparation and repair is properly maintained and stored as necessary.

9. Update Board on necessary repairs or purchases as required in order to maintain adequate field and equipment inventory.

10. Communication regarding all schedule changes or rescheduled games

11. Shall be the liaison between the Baseball and Softball boards.

12. Responsible for securing fields for practices, events, and home games, including maintaining schedule and relationships with all field contracts, reviewing contracts, and signing agreements for the fields.

13. Establishes required relationships and contracts for any field maintenance, and oversees the fulfillment of such agreements.

14. Works with the President to secure lighting for all fields, including cooperative instructions for usage, clearance with field/facility administration, and directives for coaches.

15. Responsible for maintenance, purchase, inventory, storage, distribution, and disposal all baseball equipment, including player equipment (catchers gear), team equipment (tees) and field equipment (Toro, golf cart, handheld tools, etc.)

16. Provides all coaches with tools to make equipment adjustments and minor repairs/replacements.

17. Creates and submits for Board approval any equipment policies. 10. Maintains an accurate inventory of all equipment.

18. Responsible for posting Scores.

D. SECRETARY

1. Shall record and maintain a complete file of the minutes of Association meetings and meetings of the Board of Directors.

2. Shall be responsible for the proper notification of members for coming meetings.

3. Shall, in a timely manner, file all reports of the Association with the proper authorities as required by law.

4. Manages all league documents, including by-laws, with oversight of executive board.

5. Manage criminal background check database of volunteers, board members, and coaches.

E. TREASURER

1. Shall perform all duties of Secretary when Secretary is not available.

2. Shall perform all duties of Concessions Director when Concessions Director is not available.

3. Shall receive and deposit to the account of the Association all funds paid to the Association in an account approved by the Board of Directors.

4. Shall maintain the books of account for the Association in good order for examination by the Executive Board.

5. Shall submit a written and current financial statement at each Association meeting.

5. Shall be responsible for the timely filing of all financial reports required by law, including but not limited to, Federal and State Income tax returns, if necessary.

6. Maintains access to all passwords for bank accounts and online services (for example, PayPal), providing a copy of that information to the President and Secretary for confidential recordation.

7. Shall be responsible for all communications with umpires including scheduling and payment.

8. Assist in all Social Media; Have access to website for registration, donation and payment purposes.

Section IV.10 DUTIES OF NON-OFFICER DIRECTORS (Baseball & Softball Advisory Board)

A. DIRECTOR of BASEBALL

1. Shall perform the duties of the League Director in the absence of the League Director.

2. Assist the Board of Directors in the performance of its duties.

3. Shall coordinate between all areas the tournament bracketing procedures of Baseball side of the Association

4. Shall, together with the President coordinate and assist with the formation of teams for all age groups.

5. Shall assist Vice President with registrar's duties of completion of official Team rosters and official rosters for all sanctioning bodies.

6. Shall develop a plan to recruit sufficient numbers of Umpires.

7. Maintains up-to-date ground rules for all divisions

8. Maintains up-to-date coaches' code of conduct

9. Presides over all Baseball commissioners

10. Keeps an open line of communication from commissioners to coaches, Communication from coaches to League Director.

11. Prepare and maintain fields as needed accordance with BATT scheduling
12. Monitor games during the season and tournaments.
13. Collect equipment from coaches at the end of the season.

B. Director of Baseball Assistant

1. Assist in all duties in absence of Director of Baseball
2. Observe as many game as possible

C. DIRECTOR of SOFTBALL

1. Shall perform the duties of the League Director in the absence of the League Director.
2. Assist the Board of Directors in the performance of its duties.
4. Shall coordinate between all areas the tournament bracketing, and draft procedures of Softball side of the Association
5. Shall assist Vice President with registrar's duties of completion of official Team rosters and official rosters for all sanctioning bodies.
6. Shall, together with the President coordinate and assist with the formation of teams for all age groups.
7. Shall develop a plan to recruit sufficient numbers of Umpires to provide umpire services for BATT Softball, coordinate the scheduling of umpires for any BATT Softball seasons and/or sponsored tournaments
8. Maintains up-to-date ground rules for all divisions
9. Keeps an open line of communication from commissioners to coaches, Communication from coaches to League Director.

D. Director of Softball Assistant

1. Assist in all duties in absence of Director of Softball
2. Observe as many games as possible in order to assist if any problems arise.

E. COMMISSIONERS

1. HEAD COMMISSIONER
 - a. DIVISION COMMISSIONERS

F. BATT-CONCESSIONS DIRECTOR

Baseball & Softball

Duties include, but are not limited to:

1. Managing day-to-day operations of concessions
2. Schedule and maintain staffing, all staff must be approved by board (including background check)
3. Report financial information (receipts, expenditures, revenues) to treasurer
4. Maintaining ServSafe Certification, and all Health Department Regulations

G. CITY LIAISON

H. TISD LIAISON

1. Assist Board in maintaining a healthy relationship with TISD
2. Advising board and coaches in methods to ensure proper development of players
3. Attend board meetings on the fourth Tuesday of each month.
4. Oversees and/or recruits all staff necessary for camps or clinics

I. MEMBERS AT LARGE

1. Fulfill a minimum of 10 documented volunteer hours per season.

Article V. BATT PROGRAM RULES AND REGULATIONS

SECTION V.01 GENERAL RULES OF BASEBALL

BATT will follow all baseball rules as written in this BATT Official Baseball Rules. Any rule not covered in this rulebook, BATT will refer to the Major League Baseball rulebook for 14U and USSSA for 12U and under.

1. 10U, 8U, 6U & T BALL teams will bat its entire lineup of present players throughout the game.

2. T-BALL-12U will play 7 runs an inning max, even in extra innings. 7 Runs max per inning.

3. Coaches must submit 3 copies of their lineup to the umpire-in-chief 5 minutes prior to the game. The umpire-in-chief will give 1 copy to the opposing coach, 1 copy to the scorekeeper.
4. Teams must bat at least 9 players in 8U and older
5. Teams must have 8 batters in order to avoid a forfeit. In this case, the 9th batter shall be declared out.
6. If a player has to leave for any reason (injury/other obligations, etc.) that player's spot in the lineup shall be declared an out.
7. Intentional walks may be utilized. The 4 pitches do not need to be thrown. Notify the plate umpire the intent, and that batter shall receive first base.
8. Any team may use a courtesy runner for the pitcher and catcher. The last out shall be the courtesy runner.
9. Whenever a tag play is evident, a runner must slide or avoid contact with the fielder or catcher. Attempting to jump, leap, or dive over the fielder or catcher is not interpreted as avoiding contact. Malicious contact shall supersede all obstruction penalties.
10. A 2nd visit to the same pitcher in the same inning will cause the pitcher's automatic removal.
 - a. A coach is prohibited from visiting the pitcher a 2nd time during the same batter in the same inning.
11. Once a pitcher leaves a game from the pitcher position, that player may not return to pitch in the same game.

T-Ball

1. Games will consist of 50 minutes. When time expires, finish the current inning.
2. Score will be kept for T-Ball.
3. Each team will bat its entire lineup for the game lineup.
4. Each inning will end after 7 runs scored or 3 outs are made, whichever comes first.
5. No more than five players in the infield at any time. There will be no catcher. All remaining players must be positioned in the outfield grass.
6. There are no plays at home plate even in the event of a force (safety)
7. Runners may not advance on overthrows. Once the ball is considered overthrown, time shall be called.

8. A batted ball must contact the grass line in front of home plate to be considered a fair ball.
9. A pitcher must throw to a base on a fielded hit ball. A pitcher may not tag a runner out. If a pitcher tags a runner out, time will be called, and all runners will be safe.
10. Play will be stopped when the lead runner stops trying to advance and the ball is under control in the infield by an infielder.
11. Batters may receive 5 swings max.
12. Outfielders may not make a play in the infield. Outfielders must throw the ball to the infield.
13. Infielders must line up pre-swing in the dirt.
14. In the event of a tie after time expires or the 6 inning limit, play 1 extra inning using rule 3 of the General Rule section.
15. Only 1 coach may be allowed on the field of play during the game on defense. That coach must be positioned in the outfield. The rest of the coaches must remain in their dugout for the defensive half of the inning.
16. Each player receives 5 swings from the tee. If the 5th swing is not put in play, the batter is out

6U Modified Coach-Pitch

1. Games will consist of 1 hour. If a game ends in a tie, play 1 extra inning using the extra inning rule.
2. Each inning will end after 7 runs scored or 3 outs are made, whichever comes first.
3. Each batter will get the first 3 pitches from a coach, and then batter will get 2 swings from a tee. If after those 2 swings from a tee, the ball is not put in fair play, batter is out via strikeout.
4. Coach must throw from the rubber.
5. Coach must exit the playing field if the ball is put in play.
6. Adult pitcher CANNOT instruct any player on the field while he is in the field of play. First offense: warning from the umpire, second offense: removal from the mound for the rest of the game. Exception: coach may verbalize with the 1st or 3rd base coach prior to stepping on the rubber.
7. If a batter does not hit one the 3 pitches from the coach, then the coach pitching will grab the tee and get the tee set up for the batters last 2 swings.

8. If a batted ball makes contact with the coach pitching, then play is dead and it is declared a no pitch. Batter would then get back in the box and resume the previous pitch.
9. No more than six players in the infield at any time, including a catcher, who will position behind home plate when the coach is pitching and stand against the backstop when batter is using a tee, and will not interfere with batter. 4 players must be positioned in the outfield grass.
10. No infielder may be lined up any closer to the batter than the pitcher (30 feet).
11. Pitchers must line up to the left or right of the coach pitching, and behind the coach. The pitcher may line up on the rubber when the batter is hitting off of the tee.
12. Runners may advance at risk a maximum of one base on an overthrow to any base. Only one overthrow per play (the base the runner going to when the ball is thrown plus 1, EX: batter hits the ball to third base, third baseman overthrows first, batter/runner may advance to 2nd at the risk of being tagged out. Batter/runner may not advance to third on that play even if a second overthrow occurs.).
13. A pitcher must throw to a base on a fielded hit ball. A pitcher may not tag a runner out on a batted ball. If a pitcher tags a runner out, time will be called, and all runners will be safe.
14. Outfielders may not make a play in the infield. Outfielders must throw the ball to the infield.
15. Play will be stopped when the lead runner stops trying to advance and the ball is in control by an infield player in the infield.
16. No infield fly rule.
17. No bunting.
18. No Intentional walks.
19. Coaches must submit 3 copies of their lineup to the umpire-in-chief 5 minutes prior to the game. The umpire-in-chief will give 1 copy to the opposing coach, 1 copy to the scorekeeper.

8U Modified Kid Pitch

1. Games will consist of 6 innings or 1 hour 30 minutes, whichever comes first.
2. Umpire will call balls and strikes in gear behind the plate.
3. There will be no walks or balks called. (A balk is a no pitch)

4. Player pitcher will pitch to batter until the batter a. hits the ball into fair territory, whether batted ball results in a hit, error or out;

b. strikes out;

c. is hit by a pitched ball (By player-pitcher only, In this case the batter is awarded 1st base), or;

d. The batter reaches a four-ball count. Upon reaching a four-ball count (not 4th pitch) from player pitcher, the batter's adult pitcher will step in to pitch up to 4 pitches maximum or 3 swinging strikes from the rubber.

5. Adult pitcher must pitch from the pitching rubber and must exit the field of play after batter makes contact. He/she must stay off field while ball is in play.

6. Adult pitcher CANNOT instruct any player on the field while he is in the field of play. First offense: warning from the umpire, second offense: removal from the mound for the rest of the game. Exception: coach may verbalize with the 1st or 3rd base coach prior to stepping on the rubber.

7. When the coach pitcher is in the game, the player pitcher must start a play lined up behind the adult pitcher. The player must lineup on either side of the adult pitcher.

8. No lead offs.

9. Throws from the catcher to the pitcher are dead balls. No runners may advance.

10. No infield fly rule.

11. No dropped third strike advance by the batter.

12. 4 outfielders to be used.

13. Umpire will call time to stop play when the lead runner stops trying to advance, and the ball is under control by an infielder.

14. No Tee Ball bats allowed.

15. No bunting.

10U,12U,14U rules

1. Games will consist of:

a. 10U 6 innings or 1 hour 15 minutes. Whichever comes first.

b. 12U: 7 innings or 1 hour 30 minutes. Whichever comes first.

c. 14U: 7 innings or 1 hour 40 minutes. Whichever comes first

2. 7 runs per inning max.

3. All bats must have the USSSA stamp, USA Baseball stamp, BBCOR rating, or be a wood bat.
4. Balks are called
5. Base path and Pitch distance:
 - a. 10U 46' pitching and 65' base paths
 - b. 12U 50' pitching and 70' base path
 - c. 14U 54' pitching and 80' base path
6. Mercy rule
 - a. 10U and 12U
 - i. 15 after 3 innings
 - ii. 8 after 4 innings
 - b. 14U
 - i. 15 after 3 innings
 - ii. 12 after 4 innings
 - iii. 8 after 5 innings

Section V.02 AGE REQUIREMENTS

A Player's age as of April 1 of the current year of play will dictate in which league they are eligible to play. A player may play up in a higher age group. A player cannot play down in a lower age group.

Section V.03 **Protest Procedure**

Only a head coach of a team playing can make a protest of a game. The protest must be made based on the interpretation of a rule. No protest can be made on a judgment call. All protests must be made on a specific play and not on the game in general. The protest must be made at the time of the incident. The protest must be recorded and initialed by the umpire in the scorebook. The umpire will then announce the game is being played under protest. If the game continues following an incident and the formal protest is not made, then no late protest will be accepted. A written protest must be submitted to the Director of Baseball within 24 hours of the incident by the protesting coach. A \$100 filing fee will be required with the written protest. If the protest is upheld, the fee will be refunded. If it is overruled, the fee will be kept by BATT. The Protest Committee shall consist of the League Commissioners and the Director of Baseball. The Director of Baseball shall set a date and time for hearing the protest within 2 weeks of the filing of the protest. All concerned parties will be notified of the date/time. Only the coaches and umpires of the

protest shall be present at the protest along with the BOD. The decision of the BOD shall be final.

Section V.04 Bat Specifications

In T-BALL: the bat must say T-Ball or be a wood bat.

In 6U thru 14U: All bats must have the USSSA 1.15 BPF stamp or the USA baseball stamp on the bat. BBCOR approved bats and all wood bats are accepted in 6U thru 14U as well.

Any banned bats will be listed on our website and Facebook

Section V.05 Forfeit Rules.

The goal of the BATT is to play every game scheduled. The parents pay their money for the players of our league to play the games scheduled. Any team that no-shows for a game, without 48 hours notice, will pay a fine of \$100 and the game will not be rescheduled. To avoid the fine, a coach must call the Director of Baseball at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled game time to inform the league of the no show. This rule is geared towards teams that would rather play last minute tournaments instead of league games, and then leave a team without an opponent. In the event of a forfeited no-show game, and the forfeiting team calls in advance the required number of hours listed above will;

- A. not be required to pay the fine,
- B. will allow the league to find a replacement team to play their opponent in an exhibition game with umpires that has no value to the standings,
- C. have the game go down as an 8-0 forfeit and the game will not be rescheduled. Forfeits (aka no-shows) go down in the standings as 8-0 losses.

The team that won the forfeit will win by a score of 8-0 in the standings. The exhibition game replacing the scheduled game will not affect the standings.

Teams that must forfeit a game due to a lack of players may appeal the fine to the baseball board in writing via email to the League Director within 48 hours after the scheduled forfeited game. Teams that forfeit games due to a lack of players are not intended for this rule, and will not have to pay a fine. Although an honest attempt to show for the game must be established in order for the baseball board to vote to waive the fine. (Example of an honest attempt is the head coach and at least 4 players)

Teams must pay the \$100 cash to their respective leagues commissioner or a BATT board member 24 hours prior to their next scheduled game. These teams will not be able to take the field until this fine is paid. Games will go down as forfeits until their fine is paid. In the event that a fine is not paid 24 hours prior to the next game scheduled, that 2nd game will go down as a forfeit and a replacement team will play in that teams spot as an exhibition game. Games will not be rescheduled.

T-Ball are not subject to this rule. Giving the league 72 hours notice will allow ample time to schedule a team to play the opponent for a free extra exhibition game with umpires. The league must pay for umpires in the event of a forfeit.

SECTION V.06 PITCHING

These rules are also highlighted in the USSSA National By-Laws

7.05.A Leagues and tournaments shall adopt the following rules pertaining to the visit of the manager or a coach to the pitcher. This rule limits the number of visits a manager or a coach may make to any pitcher in any one (1) inning;

7.05.A.1 A second (2nd) visit to the same pitcher in the same inning will cause this pitcher's automatic removal from the pitching position;

7.05.A.2 The manager or a coach is prohibited from making a second (2nd) visit to the mound while the same batter is at bat, but

7.05.A.3 If a pinch-hitter is substituted for this batter, the manager or a coach may make a second (2nd) visit to the mound, but must remove the pitcher. A manager or a coach is considered to have concluded his visit to the mound when he leaves the eighteen (18) foot circle surrounding the pitcher's rubber.

7.05.B A player removed from the pitching position (starting pitcher or subsequent relief pitcher) may not return to the pitching position for the remainder of the game. The defensive team may correct this rules infraction at any time by substituting a legal pitcher without penalty. If an illegal pitcher is permitted to pitch, any pitch or play that results is legal. The rule violation should be caught by the umpire or the offensive team and immediately corrected. If the violating pitcher has legal innings remaining, the violation is deemed an improper substitution and is corrected without penalty. If the violating pitcher has no legal innings remaining, it's deemed a pitching limitations violation pursuant to USSSA Rule

7.05.C (Chart 7.05.C-1) The end of the day for the pitching limitation rules is the time of day or night when the ballpark is shutdown and the teams go home for the night break. Games that for any reason extend past midnight (12:00 AM) or start late at night, past midnight (12:00 AM) and are completed before the teams take the night break, will count as being played on the scheduled day. A game not completed before the night break pursuant to USSSA Rules.

7.03.C.1(a) & 7.03.C.2(a), shall be a suspended game. Suspended games, when resumed (the next day or another day), shall count as being played on two different days. The outs recorded during the portion of the game played prior

to suspension shall count as being played on the regularly scheduled day and the outs recorded during the portion of the game played once resumed, shall count as being played on the resumed day.

AGE DIVISION	ONE DAY MAXIMUM TO PITCH THE NEXT DAY	ONE DAY MAXIMUM	THREE DAY MAXIMUM
7U – 12U	3	6	8
13U – 14U	3	7	8
15U – 18U	UNLIMITED	UNLIMITED	UNLIMITED

Chart 7.05.C-1

ONE DAY MAXIMUM TO PITCH THE

THE NEXT DAY: The maximum number of innings a player can legally pitch in one (1)

day and still pitch the next day.

Rule 7.05.C.1 Example: In the 7U – 14U age divisions, a player may legally pitch a

maximum of three (3) innings in one (1) day and still legally pitch the next day. If the player pitches three and one-third ($3 \frac{1}{3}$) or more innings in one (1) day, the player can not legally pitch the next day.

7.05.C.2 ONE DAY MAXIMUM: The maximum number of innings a player can legally pitch in one (1) day.

Rule 7.05.C.2 Example: In the 7U – 12U age divisions, a player may legally pitch a maximum of six (6)

innings in one (1) day. The player would be ineligible to pitch the next day. Similarly, in the 13U – 14U

age divisions, a player may legally pitch a maximum of seven (7) innings in one (1) day. The player would be ineligible to legally pitch the next day.

THREE DAY MAXIMUM: The maximum number of innings a player can legally pitch in three (3) consecutive days.

Rule 7.05.C.3 Example: In the 7U - 14U age divisions, a player may legally pitch a maximum of eight (8) innings in three (3) consecutive days. This is to be interpreted as a player may legally pitch any combination of innings to equal eight (8) innings in two (2) days as long as the player doesn't pitch more than three (3) innings the first (1st) day. Similarly, as a player may legally pitch any combination of innings to equal eight (8) innings in three (3) days as long as the player doesn't pitch more than three (3) innings the first (1st) or second (2nd) days.

7.05.C.4 MANDATORY DAYS OF REST;

7.05.C.4(a) A player that pitches more than three (3) innings in one day **MUST** rest the next day.

7.05.C.4(b) A player that pitches eight (8) innings in two (2) consecutive days **MUST** rest the next day.

7.05.C.4(c) A player that pitches three (3) consecutive days (regardless of total quantity of innings pitched) **MUST** rest the next day.

7.05.C.5 For all cumulative totals in this rule, one (1) out equals one-third (1/3) of an inning, two (2) outs equals two-thirds (2/3) of an inning and three (3) outs equals one (1) full inning. A pitcher that pitches in a game and records no outs is not charged with any innings pitched.

7.05.C.6 Outs recorded during a game that ends in forfeit shall count towards a pitchers' innings limits.

7.05.C.7 For purposes of pitching limitations rules, a pitcher is in violation of the rule if he records any out above the legal pitching limits pursuant to these rules.

Rule 7.05.C.7 Exception: Exceeding the maximum innings allowed in the case of a double or triple play shall not be counted against the pitcher.

Rule 7.05.C.7 Penalty: It shall be the responsibility of each team manager to challenge pitching violations by notifying the Umpire-in-Chief and then filing a Protest with the League / Tournament Director. A protest may be filed at any

point after the pitcher in violation records an out beyond his legal limit **AND** while the pitcher in violation is in the game and in the pitching position. If such violation is the last recorded out of the game, the protest **MUST** be filed prior to the umpires and the protesting team leaving the field of play. Any violation of USSSA Rules 7.05.C.1 – 7.05.C.7 shall result in immediate forfeiture of the game. If such violation occurs during Pool-Play, the team in violation of the rule may not **advance to the championship bracket regardless of record.**

SECTION V.07 SEEDING TIE BREAKER

1. Win percentage
2. Head to head
3. Total Runs Allowed
4. Average run differential (+8 max -8 max)
5. Coin Flip

Section V.08 GENERAL RULES OF SOFTBALL

The length of time for games is as follows:

T-Ball	50 min
6U	55 min
8U	55 min
10U	70 min
12U	70 min
15U	70 min

Games will start at the scheduled time. There is no grace period. Clock starts when the defense takes the field. Late arriving players can be added to the batting order and participate in the game as long as the player is placed in the batting order before a player bats for the second time. Once a team has gone through the entire batting order and started over again it is too late to add a player. If you want to place a player's name in the batting order who has not arrived you may do so, but if she has not arrived when she is reached in the order you will either have to take an out for that player or remove her from the batting order.

If timeout is called with 5 minutes or less in the game, the clock stops. The clock will stop if a team changes pitchers or catchers with 5 minutes or less left in the game.

Infield Face Masks are required for age groups 6U through 12U. No exceptions to the rule will be made as this is for the safety of the girls.

BATT does not have designated dugouts. You may take whichever dugout you prefer if you are the first one to claim it.

Games can end in a tie. If at the end of the season one or more teams are tied for 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place tie breaker procedures are used to determine placement. Standings are the first factor, head to head is the second factor, and if the teams are still tied with both of those, lowest runs allowed/against is the third and final factor to determine a tie breaker standing.

Rain-outs will be announced via WEBSITE and Facebook. Please do not call board members or the City of Terrell to determine the status of games we will keep you posted.

Our goal is to try to have rained-out games rescheduled and played within one week of the original date, subject to field availability. FALL season games are not guaranteed to be made up.

Teams must have a minimum of 8 players to play unless both teams decide to play with less than 8 players. If a team plays with 8, that team will have to take an out for the ninth player. If both teams only have 8 players, then there is no automatic out. The opposing coach may waive the right to take the out if the team they are playing only has 8 (or 9 in 6U & 8U). We prefer to have games played, not forfeited.***DURING OUR FALL SEASON THE MINIMUM TO PLAY WILL BE 7 WITH NO AUTOMATIC OUTS***

Pick-up players may be used to get to 9 players in 10U-14U and 10 players in 6U-8U but must be BATT registered players and must wear their team uniform. The opposing coach must be advised that pick-up players are participating. Pick-up players may only pick up in the division that they are registered for or above. Pick-up players must play in the outfield and bat last in the order.

BATT will provide the game balls to the umpires. Game balls must be returned.

Arguing with an umpire is not tolerated. Discussions with the umpire are allowed. There's a right way and wrong way to do it. Those doing it the wrong way will be subject to ejection.

All players who are present at the game will remain in the batting order throughout the entire game whether they are playing defense or not. You make one batting order for each game and it stays the same throughout the entire game. This keeps all players "in the game" for the entire game. Since there are no changes to the batting order, substitutions on defense do not need to go through the umpires. All players should play on defense a minimum of 2 innings if time/innings allow, subject to disciplinary issues.

Make sure your players' bats are ASA/USA approved.

BATT coaches and assistant coaches must have a background check and be approved by the BATT Board of Directors. Head coaches should check to see that all their assistant coaches have been approved. If an assistant coach has not been approved, he or she should not be coaching. If one or more of your assistant coaches are not present at a game, you may use a parent who has not completed a coaching application for that game. However, if it happens more than once then that person should complete a coaching application and the approval process.

In the event that we have make-up games, we will try to schedule multiple games at a time. However, when we start scheduling make-up games we might have to schedule a single game played when no other games are being played. This usually occurs due to a conflict from one or both of the teams. If a single game is scheduled when no other games are playing before, during, or after it, there may be limited concession sales available

If you are a new coach, have a new team, or just need help with pitchers, we have experienced coaches who are ready, willing and able to give you assistance. We want all of our coaches to be successful and we will do anything we can to help you and your team be successful.

Additional BATT Rules

Teams are limited to 6 runs per half inning.

Teams will bat their entire roster for the entire game.

Helmets with face mask and chin strap are required for ALL age groups. (We will attempt to have additional chin straps for sale in the concession stand, if needed)

T-Ball Rules

Batters must hit off the tee.

Batters are allowed as 5 swings to put the ball in play.

Outs count.

Player-catchers may be used. If a player-catcher is used, they must be in full catching gear for safety reasons. If a player catcher is not used, then a coach must be there to help the game move along.

Teams should play their entire roster on the field while on defense, but only 5 (6 if using a catcher) players are allowed in the infield.

Defensive players must be even with or behind the pitching rubber when the ball is hit.

Play stops when a defensive player has control of the ball inside the pitcher's circle and is not attempting to make a play when the lead runner stops. Time will be called in both instances.

One Umpire is used in T-Ball. It's T-Ball, there should not be any disagreements.

The game ball is an 11" optic-yellow safety ball.

6U Coach Pitch

Coach-pitchers are allowed to talk to the batter.

The pitching coach must remain by the pitcher at all times. It is the pitching coaches' responsibility to remain out of the way of any plays in the infield. Interference will be called on the coach-pitcher when warranted. The pitching coach must kneel down when the ball is put in play to stay out of the way. Failure to do so may result in an "interference" call at the umpire's discretion.

Each team's coach will pitch to his/her own players from the 25' pitching mark. There will not be a pitching rubber. The 25' pitching mark will be designated by a chalk line. Both feet of the pitching coach must be on or behind the 25' mark when the pitch is started.

Each batter will be allowed 3 pitches total. The batter may swing at all 3 pitches. If on the 3rd pitch the batter does not make contact with the ball, the batter will get 2 swings with the Tee.

There are no walks.

If the ball strikes the pitching coach, the umpire will call "dead ball" and runners will return to previous base and the batter will redo that pitch.

Defensive player, playing pitcher CAN be inside the circle, but must play behind the coach pitching.

Run Rule's will be enforced - 12 run lead after 3 innings, 10 run lead after 4 innings, 8 run lead after 5 innings.

Ten players play defense. However, a team can play with just 9 players (if only 9 are present) without receiving an out for the tenth player.***DURING THE FALL SEASON TEAMS CAN PLAY WITH 7 AND NO OUTS AND SPLIT THE DIFFERENCE***

Lead-offs are allowed when the ball leaves the pitching coaches hand. A runner who leaves the base prior to the ball leaving the coach-pitcher's hand is subject to being called out. A runner who leads off is at risk of being put out by the defense, but may not steal even if the defense attempts to get the runner out. No steals are allowed in 6U.

The game ball is an 11" optic-yellow safety ball. This is the same ball used in our T-Ball league.

Base runners will be allowed to advance one base (i.e., the next base) on an overthrown ball by the defense, at the risk of being put out. For example, if a defensive player makes a throw to first base which is not caught by the 1st base player, the batter/runner may attempt to advance to 2nd base. The base runner may not advance beyond 2nd base unless another throw is made to attempt to get the base runner out or until the ball is put into play by a subsequent batter. A base runner may advance to home on an overthrown ball if home plate is the next base for that base runner.

The defense is allowed to have one coach on the field while the team is playing defense to give direction to the defense. The defense coach must stand and stay behind second base in the grass. The coach is not allowed to move around. If a hit ball strikes the defense coach in the field it will be a dead ball, the batter will be awarded 2nd base, and that team will not be allowed to have a defense coach on the playing field for the remainder of that game.

Bases will be set at 50 feet.

Any and all rules referenced above under "General Game Information" which apply to 6U.

8U Machine Pitch

Coach-pitchers are allowed to talk to the batter.

The pitching coach must remain by the pitching machine at all times to ensure the girls' safety around the pitching machine. It is the pitching coaches' responsibility to remain out of the way of any plays in the infield (ie. Ducking for a throw from 3rd to 1st base)

Each team's coach will feed the pitching machine to his/her own players from the 35' pitching rubber. Machine adjustments ARE NOT ALLOWED unless approved by the umpire.

Machine pitch speeds will be set at 36 mph on the machine's speed control.

Each batter will be allowed 5 pitches total, and only 3 strikes. If on the 5th pitch the batter does not make contact with the ball, the batter is out. A ball that is not in the strike zone will be called a "no pitch" by the umpire unless the batter attempts to hit the ball. On the 5th pitch, unlimited fouls are allowed.

There are no walks.

If the ball is hit and strikes the pitching machine, the umpire will call "dead ball" and the batter/runner is awarded first base and the subsequent runners only advance one base if forced.

a If the ball strikes the pitching coach and if the umpire feels it was unintentional then the batter/runner is awarded first base and the subsequent runners only advance one base if forced.

Defensive player, playing pitcher CAN be inside the circle, but must play behind the pitching machine.

Run Rule's will be enforced - 12 run lead after 3 innings, 10 run lead after 4 innings, 8 run lead after 5 innings.

Ten players play defense. However, a team can play with just 9 players (if only 9 are present) without receiving an out for the tenth player.***DURING THE FALL A TEAM CAN PLAY WITH 7 AND TAKE NO OUTS & SPLIT THE DIFFERENCE IN GIRLS***

Lead-offs are allowed when the ball leaves the pitching machine. Player is allowed to steal a single base per pitch in 8U. Stealing home is not allowed in 8U.

The game ball is an 11" optic-yellow, leather-covered, .47 core ball.

Any and all rules referenced above under "General Game Information" which apply to 8U.

10U Rules

We allow unlimited substitutions since the entire roster is batted. This includes unlimited substitutions for any defensive position, including pitcher. Even if a player is put on the bench they are allowed back in the game to play any defensive position, including pitcher.

Other than batting the entire roster and a limit of 6 runs per half inning. Run Rules indicated above will be enforced. The game ball is an 11" optic-yellow, leather-covered, .47 core ball.

DURING THE FALL SEASON TEAMS CAN PLAY WITH 7 AND NO OUTS AND SPLIT THE DIFFERENCE

12U and 15U Rules

We allow unlimited substitutions since the entire roster is batted. This includes unlimited substitutions for any defensive position, including pitcher. Even if a player is put on the bench they are allowed back in the game to play any defensive position, including pitcher.

Run Rules indicated above will be enforced. The game ball is a 12" optic-yellow, leather-covered, .47 core ball.

DURING THE FALL SEASON TEAMS CAN PLAY WITH 7 AND NO OUTS AND SPLIT THE DIFFERENCE

Approval of Rules

All changes to these rules must be voted on by the majority vote of the Baseball/Softball Board. The Executive Board will affirm the rules set forth by the Baseball/Softball Board by majority vote. The BATT Baseball/Softball board has the authority to make a ruling on any rule not covered in these rules.

Section V.09 POLICY FOR CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS OF VOLUNTEERS

Criminal Background Checks Baseball Association of Terrell Texas "BATT" will conduct or require criminal background check procedures to all adults acting as coach, instructor, teacher, official, or manager. Any person 18 years or older, who volunteers to coach, become a team manager, or in any way has direct instructional, participatory, on-court or on-field contact with any BATT team or players for a cumulative period of 60 minutes or more per month shall, for purposes of this Policy, be deemed to be a coach and subject to this Policy.

1. Upon initial application to volunteer, and every twelve (12) months thereafter should the volunteer wish to continue volunteering, all volunteers and/or paid employees of BATT for positions of coach, assistant coach, manager, association board of director member or other persons acting in an official capacity of BATT must have and pass a criminal background check.

2. Criminal background checks must be performed prior to having any direct contact with BATT players or teams, and prior to the volunteer being assigned any duties or responsibilities at any BATT accordance with the provisions herein.

Grounds for Disqualification An individual convicted of the criminal offense provided herein shall be automatically disqualified and an application to volunteer within BATT shall be denied for the purpose of this Policy, notwithstanding the fact that the following may have occurred, until and unless the final resolution and outcome would warrant another decision based on clear and unique facts indicating there was no truth whatsoever that the applicant was involved in any way with the charges. Note that BATT is seeking to protect the most vulnerable group of people within our community - our kids. As such, our standard of review of these matters is much higher than a court of law finding an individual guilty or not guilty by the "beyond a reasonable doubt" standard. If there is reason to believe an applicant to volunteer has had involvement in any CONVICTED criminal acts, BATT has an obligation to first disqualify the applicant from working with the children of our community. Commissioners Court

Commissioners Court is the governing body of the baseball board and its subordinates. Commissioners Court will consist of a panel of your peers, to include the League Director, Director of Baseball, all league commissioners, and assistant commissioners. The court can also call on any member(s) of BATT as needed to gather information in a case-by-case basis. This Court has been established for quality control of the personnel responsible for our youth. Commissioners Court is a subordinate to the BATT Executive Board and appeals can be made after a ruling has been given at this level. Below are the following situations that Commissioners Court is used for:

1. Unsportsmanlike conduct
2. Behavior unbecoming a coach, manager, or team representative.
3. Negative behavior to the youth of BATT, personnel of BATT, and/or our volunteers.
4. Failure to cooperate with the Executive Board, Baseball Board, or its members - including, but not limited to, attendance at meetings both scheduled and emergency, and providing information and/or paperwork requested by the league.

Consequences and Authority of the Commissioners Court

- 1st offense - A warning and up to a 1 game suspension
- 2nd offense - 1 to 3 game suspensions
- 3rd offense - 3 games to remainder of season with a request to the Executive Board for a lifetime ban

All decisions will be made by a majority vote, with the League Director as the tiebreaker. No accusations can be made anonymously. All charges must be written or emailed to your league commissioner within 48 hours of the action. All contact information must be attached to said letter or email. The accuser is required to be at the meeting of the Commissioners Court. The Commissioners Court is acting under the authority granted by the BATT Executive Board. This Court also honors a zero tolerance policy as directed by the BATT Bylaws. This policy reserves the right for immediate expulsion if the situation dictates

Article VI. POWERS AND RIGHTS OF MEMBERS

Section VI.01 FULL-TIME VOTING MEMBERS

The full-time voting members of the Association have the power:

- A. To elect the Directors of the Association at the biennial meeting of members
- B. To remove from office any Director or Officer for good and sufficient cause, at a regular or special meeting, by unanimous vote if a quorum is present
- C. To hear, consider, and approve or disapprove reports of the Board of Directors, Officers of the Association
- D. To modify, suspend, or veto any decision of the Board of Directors by unanimous vote if a quorum is present
- E. To amend these Bylaws by a two-thirds affirmative vote
- F. To attend, and speak at any meeting of the Association or Board of Directors
- G. Full-time voting members may adopt resolutions for the guidance and direction of the Association at any biennial or special meeting, and such resolutions shall be binding on the Board of Directors and continue in effect until the next biennial meeting of members.

Section VI.02 PARENTS / STEP-PARENTS / LEGAL GUARDIANS The parents, step-parents and/or legal guardians of the players registered in the Association's baseball program have the power:

- A. To attend, and speak at, any meeting of the Association or Board of Directors
- B. To vote on issues submitted to the membership under the provisions of these Bylaws as stated in Article III, Section 5

C. The parents and/or legal guardians of the players registered in the Association's baseball program have the right to be kept informed of the affairs of the Association

Article VII.AMENDMENT TO BYLAWS

Section VII.01 SUBMITTING AMENDMENTS Any member of the Association may propose amendments to these Bylaws by presenting such proposal(s) to the membership in writing at any regular or special meeting of the Baseball Association of Terrell Texas

Section VII.02 ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS These Bylaws may be altered, amended, or repealed, and new Bylaws may be adopted as follows:

A. The proposed amendment(s) shall be discussed during the meeting in which such proposed amendment(s) were submitted

B. At the next regular or special meeting of the Association, provided that the purpose of such a special meeting is to approve or disapprove such proposed amendment(s), such proposed amendment(s) shall be voted on by the full-time voting members of the Association, except that if the provisions of Article III, Section 5, Paragraph E are invoked, then the parents and/or legal guardians shall be allowed to vote as well

C. If Article III, Section 5, Paragraph E is not invoked, the proposed amendment(s) shall be adopted only upon the affirmative vote of a two-thirds majority of full-time voting members, provided that a quorum of full-time voting members cast votes.

D. If Article III, Section 5, Paragraph E is invoked, the proposed amendment(s) shall be adopted only upon the affirmative vote of a two-thirds majority of those casting votes, provided that a quorum of full-time voting members also cast votes.

- Section VII.03 Approval of Rules

All changes to these rules must be voted on by the majority vote of the Baseball Board. The Executive Board will affirm the rules set forth by the Baseball Board by majority vote. The BATT Baseball/Softball board has the authority to make a ruling on any rule not covered in these rules.

