

Beaver County Youth Baseball League

By-Laws 2009

Article I. League Operations

Section (A) League Name

1. Beaver County Youth
Baseball League

Section (B) Governing Board

1. The governing board shall consist of one voting representative from each community.

Section (C) Meeting Date and Times

1. Meeting will be twice monthly from January to May, on the first and third Mondays. Meetings beyond May will be determined based on need.
2. Time will be at 7:30 pm. Membership will be notified of location of meeting. Any organization not represented at a meeting will be fined \$10.

Section (D) Entry Restrictions

1. No organization may enter the league unless they have a Farm (7 & 8 yr old), Minor (9 & 10 yr old) and Little (11 & 12 yr old) League team(s).
2. Any new organization accepted into the league is subject to a two (2) year probation period. Any violation may result in expulsion. Voting rights will be granted after two year probation.

3. New entries will be voted on by the governing board in the second January meeting.

Section (E) By-Law Proposal, Amendments and Violations

1. New amendments will be accepted and read during January and February meetings. The vote will be taken on all amendments at the first March meeting.
2. Amendments will be made by majority vote of organizations present and qualified to vote.
3. All new amendments will take affect the same year they are accepted.
4. A by-law violation severe enough to reflect on the league in a negative way will result in disciplinary action against said organization or person by the Governing Body.

Section (F) Situations Not Covered Under the By-Laws

1. A situation which arises that is not covered under the bylaws will be reviewed by the Governing Body. A decision will be made in the best interest of the league.

Article II. League Rules for Participating Teams

Section (A) League Restrictions

1. Each organization must field a Farm League, Minor League and Little League team(s) as their registration dictates.
2. An organization issued card for each head coach and assistant coach is required showing that said coach has necessary Criminal Background check completed. Card must be visible

for coaches to enter playing field. Umpires are to ask for cards while covering ground rules prior to the start of the game. If a coach does not have their card they are NOT permitted in the playing area.

Section (B) Age Limits

1. BCYBL will follow the Official Little League Age Rule based on child's age as of April 30th of that year.
2. 11 or 12 years old will play Little League
3. 9 or 10 years old will play Minor League
4. 7 or 8 years old will play Farm League
5. Tee-Ball is up to each individual organization and is not governed by the BCYBL

Section (C) League Fees

1. Yearly fee will be \$100 per town. Payment is due by the first meeting in April.
2. A yearly team fee of \$25 per team in each age group for each organization is due prior to opening day.
3. Yearly fee for a new entry will be \$50 per team in each age group for the first year. Fee will be \$25 for each year after.

Section (D) Rosters

1. Rosters for each team within a town in each age group cannot have a difference of more than two players of the higher age in that group. (i.e. If a town has two teams in the 9/10 age group and has eight 10-yr olds, the two teams cannot have a difference of more than 5-3 of the 10-yr olds.)

Article III. Games

Section (A) Game Schedules

1. Season will consist of the following number of games:
Farm 14 games; Minor 14 games; Little 16 games.
2. Exhibition games are unlimited and up to the organization's discretion.
3. Organizations must turn in all blackout dates prior to schedules being made. Schedule will be made by person(s) appointed by the Governing Body.
4. Schedule will be followed with the exception of weather related issues.
5. Home team will make determinations regarding weather and field conditions and is responsible for contacting head coach of visiting team.

Section (B) Re-scheduling of Postponed Games

1. Postponed games are to be rescheduled within one week of postponement. If agreement cannot be reached between the two coaches involved, then the Governing Board will take action and schedule the game. All scheduled games must be played in order to qualify for the playoff tournament.

Section (C) Umpires

1. The following are minimum age requirements for umpires:

Little League: 16

Minor League: 15

Farm League: 13

Section (D) Coaches and Game Rules

1. A maximum of four coaches are permitted in the dugout including a scorekeeper for Little League and Minor League. Farm League may have up to five including scorekeeper. All coaches must have league issued clearance card.
2. Only a head coach may question a rule with an umpire. Assistant coaches are not permitted to question umpires. A judgment call will not be discussed.
3. Head coaches are responsible for the conduct of their entire dugout and fans. Any coach or player ejected from a game will be suspended for their next game played. Any ejections will result in a \$25 fine for the first offense and \$50 for any subsequent offenses.
4. Each age group will have a set of playing rules established at the beginning of the season by the Governing Body. A meeting will be held with all coaches to cover rules before the season. Rules will be consistent at all fields. Any local ground rules will be covered, prior to each game, by the umpires with all coaches.

Any violations of the pitching rules will result in a \$25 fine for the organization. A 2nd violation of said rules will result in a \$25 fine and the violating team will be ineligible for the playoffs.

Disclaimer: The Beaver County Youth Baseball League is not responsible for any action by coaches, players, umpires, and spectators before and after the game.

Article IV. League Playoffs

Section (A) Playoff Eligibility

1. All regular season games must be played in order to qualify for the playoffs.

Section (B) Playoff Seeding

1. Playoff seeding is based on random draw.

Section (C) Playoff Scheduling

1. Playoffs will be scheduled with approval of the governing board.

Article V. League Trophies

Section (A)

1. Trophies will be awarded to the first and second place teams in each league.
2. Trophies will be paid for by all member organizations based on the number of teams a town fields. Payment will be made prior to start of the playoffs.

Article VI. Addendums

1. Farm league playing rules 2010
2. Minor league playing rules 2010
3. Major league playing rules 2010

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