

WEST SUNBURY AREA BASEBALL BYLAWS

SECTION A - DUES, FEES AND FINES

A-1 Dues will be paid at the discretion of the officers and board relative to the particular leagues that we choose to participate in.

A-2 Insurances will also be paid according to the requirements of each league as well as our league insurance which will be maintained in accordance with the West Sunbury Volunteer Fire Department requirements.

A-3 Registration Fees will be set each year by a majority vote of the board.

A-4 A late fee will be charged for late registrations at the boards discretion.

SECTION B - GENERAL REGULATIONS

B-1 There will be no boundaries set against perspective players, the exception being League Association rules which could mandate preset boundaries.

B-2 There will be no discrimination against any player due to race, creed or color. The officers and board reserve the right to place individual children in different age bracket and/or require special safety equipment in cases where a child's safety or welfare may be jeopardized by a physical impairment or other handicap. At all times, the decision to enforce special equipment or other arrangements will be made to protect the welfare and health of the child.

B-3 Team rosters will be decided upon once final registration is complete. It will be our goal at this time to maintain a core team from year to year and add to each team in a fair and unbiased drawing. New team members and players changing teams due to age requirements will be placed in the drawing.

B-4 No additions will be added to rosters without the approval of the officers

B-5 Registration will be held two times before the season. Registration dates will be advertised and announced in the Moniteau School District Schools. Every effort will be made to inform the public of the registration dates. A late fee may be imposed for registration after the above set dates. This will be determined by the officers on an individual basis.

B-6 Teams will consist of a minimum of nine players. The maximum will be determined by the officers and will be set dependent on the age bracket, coaching input and ability to field an additional team to allow excessive players to participate.

SECTION C - GENERAL RULES

C-1 Age brackets will be as follows:

T-ball	ages 5 to 6
Pee Wee	ages 7 to 8
Minors	ages 9 to 10
Majors	ages 11 to 12
Pony	ages 13 to 15
Girls softball	ages 7 to 12

No player can be older or younger than the age listed for each team on July 31 of that year.

C-2 Players must pay registration dues and participate in fund raisers. Other requirements will be to have active participation by parents in helping with the concession stand. Each player will be required to provide an adult to work a minimum of one game per season.

C-3 Players will be issued a uniform according to the age bracket. These items are to be reserved for game tournament use only until the end of the season. Pants are to be provided by the parents in certain leagues. Shoes and gloves are to be furnished by the parents by all leagues. All other equipment is to be provided by the league. The exception to this will be special equipment designed to assist with a handicap or impairment.

C-4 Equipment provided will include but not be limited to helmets, batting vests, catcher safety equipment and suitable athletic supporters for boys performing as a catcher. For hygiene reasons it is recommended that players provide their own athletic supporters. Baseballs and bats will be provided according to league regulations and age requirements. Players may bring their own bats but use of these will be subject to coaches approval. All pitchers in the T-ball range will wear a helmet as well as all batters and runners. Equipment will be purchased from a reputable dealer and will be of the quality necessary to maintain maximum protection for the child. Each year the equipment will be inspected by a member of the board and coaches and will replace as necessary.

SECTION D - GAME RULES AND REGULATIONS

D-1 Games will be played as scheduled. Schedules will be made in cooperation with other Leagues that the officers have elected to participate in.

D-2 Rules for the most part will be played in accordance with the official Little League rulebook. Exceptions will be noted in writing and agreement with other Leagues that West Sunbury participates in.

D-3 Umpires will be provided for all games. In accordance with other Leagues, these may be patch umpires or volunteers. All umpires will have full control of the game, the playing field as well as the spectator area. Umpires decisions are final. All umpires will have the right to ask an unruly player or adult to leave the playing or spectator area. Foul language, badgering of players, coaches and umpires as well as poor sportsmanship will not be tolerated.

D-4 Protests on an umpires decision must be made in writing 48 hours after the completion of the game in question. Protests must be presented to an officer within this time frame and should the appeal involve other leagues, the officers will present the protest to the League in question.

D-5 A maximum of 3 coaches will be allowed on each team. A support staff of an additional 2 adults will be allowed in the dugouts.

D-6 Home teams are responsible for field preparation and umpire arrangements. Whenever possible the league will assist in prescheduling umpires for teams 5 thru 12. Umpires will be scheduled for the pony league in accordance with the League rules which we participate in.

D-7 Both home and visiting teams will provide score keepers. If an unresolved discrepancy occurs, the home plate umpire will make a ruling His decision is final.

D-8 It is the responsibility of the coach to insure the dugouts are clean after each game.

D-9 Playing of the game will be done in accordance with the League rules and the Official Little League Rule Book. All play will stop if lightening is visible at anytime. It is the

coaches discretion to delay the game or cancel. At no time will coach put any player in jeopardy of injury due to a storm.

D-10 Home coaches will have the decision of field playability due to rain or water on the field.

D-11 The American Flag will be flown at all games in process on our fields. It is the home teams responsibility to raise and lower the flag each day.

D-12 Keys to the equipment shed will be issued to all head coaches. It is the responsibility of the coach to insure the equipment and shed are in orderly fashion and secure at the end of each game.

D-13 Coaches will be responsible for player behavior. Profanity or unruly behavior will not be tolerated. Coaches may discipline the player for inappropriate behavior or attendance by sitting them out during games. A player may not be removed from a team without first meeting with the parents and issuing a warning. Then if behavior problems continue a special board meeting will be called to hear the circumstances. A two thirds majority vote of the Officers and Board will be taken after all parties have been heard.

D-14 Umpires will be paid from concession stand profits. Coaches will insure that umpires are paid according to preset amounts determined by the officers and the board. Umpires will sign for all payments.

SECTION F - GENERAL OPERATION

F-1 Meeting will be held the first Sunday of each month. Upon approval of the officers and notification of all Board members, meetings may be rescheduled due to scheduling conflicts. Meetings will be held at Preston Joswiak's office in West Sunbury.

F-2 A picnic will be held at the end of each season. The officers and Board will determine expenses that will be picked up by the League best on the current funding. Date, time and location will be determined on a yearly basis.

F-3 Fund raisers will be done at the request of the officers majority decision. All players must participate in accordance with league guidelines or give up the right to play in games.

F-4 Trophies and awards will be distributed as decided upon by a majority vote of the officers. These awards will be based on current funding.

F-5 Any officer or board member may act on the leagues's behalf in solicitation of players, coaches or funding, however all solicitations must be presented to the officers who will have the final vote. Coaches will be approved by a majority vote of the officers and board. New Coaches must complete a coaching application.

F-6 Sponsors for all the teams with the exception of the pony league will be solicited each year. It is the sponsor's right to choose the color of shirts. The fee for sponsorship is \$200 per year.

F-7 Signs will be available for additional advertisers. Officers and board will set sign prices.

F-8 Whenever feasible the concession stand will be open to players and spectators. There will be free pop given to any West Sunbury Player who participated in the game. 50/50 raffles will be held under the discretion of the concession stand operating personnel.

F-9 All field maintenance will be performed under the supervision of the officers or board. Expenses occurred will be procured through pre approval from the board. All purchases will require a receipt.

F-10 All officers will have authorization to sign checks. Only a single signature will be required.

F-11 A financial report will be prepared on a monthly and yearly basis of all expenditures. This will be available at any interested party's request.

F-12 Each season a representative of the league will set up a photo session for each team. Individuals as well as team photos will be available. Costs are solely the parents responsibility.

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