


**AMENDED AND RESTATED**  
**BYLAWS**  
**OF**  
**MTYAA BASEBALL**

These are the Amended and Restated Bylaws of MTYAA Baseball, a member of the Mountlake Terrace Youth Athletic Association, adopted by resolution of the MTYAA Baseball Executive Board as of the sixth day of January, 2010.

  
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# MTYAA BASEBALL BYLAWS

## ARTICLE I NAME, AFFILIATION, AND OBJECTIVE

### SECTION 1 NAME AND AFFILIATION

The organization shall be called Mountlake Terrace Youth Athletic Association Baseball (MTYAA BASEBALL) and may be referred to as MTYAA Baseball or the League in the rest of this document. MTYAA Baseball is an affiliate of PONY BASEBALL USA.

### SECTION 2 OBJECTIVE

PONY BASEBALL seeks to instill in its participants the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage, discipline, and respect for authority. Also, that the youth of the area will grow to be citizens whose adult lives will reflect those values. These objectives will be reached by providing the highest quality of supervision and competitive games. The supervisors shall bear in mind at all times that the attainment of exceptional athletic skill or the winning of games is secondary to the players' well being. It is the philosophy of MTYAA Baseball to have its coaches teach all players all aspects of the game of baseball.

## ARTICLE II GOVERNMENT

The government of MTYAA BASEBALL shall be under the direct supervision of the following Board Members:

### OFFICERS

1. President
2. Vice-President - Fundraising
3. Vice-President - Director of Fields and Operations
4. Secretary
5. Treasurer
6. Player Agent

### DIRECTORS

1. Director of Equipment
2. Director of Uniforms
3. Director of Umpires
4. Shetland Division Director
5. Pinto Division Director
6. Mustang Division Director
7. Bronco Division Director
8. Pony/Koufax Division Director
9. Colt/Mantle Division Director
10. Palomino Division Director.
11. Director of Concessions
12. Director of Coaches
13. Director of Tournaments
14. Director of Public Relations
15. Director of Merchandising

The Executive Board shall have supervision, control and direction of the management, affairs and property of the organization; will determine its policies, will supervise the disbursement of its funds and shall actively pursue the purpose and objectives enumerated in these by-laws.

In case of vacancy in any of the officer or director positions, the remaining officers may appoint someone to fill the vacancy until the next scheduled election of board members. If a Board Member does not attend two consecutive general meetings, he/she will lose their voting privileges at their next attended meeting. Decisions by a Director which fall outside of the normal conduct of league business or assigned duties which affects the League in any way, (i.e. such as schedules, inter-league play, etc.) shall be subject to review and approval by the President. All Board Members, umpires, and any adult on the field with the players, are required to submit and pass a Washington State Patrol Request for Criminal History check.

### **ARTICLE III DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

#### **SECTION 1 PRESIDENT**

Preside at all board meetings. Act as chief administrative officer and head of this organization. Vote only in the case of a tie vote. Appoint committee chairpersons as needed. Send in papers and registration money to the national PONY organization. Obtain appropriate accident and liability insurance before any player practices or plays. Have authority to call special meetings at his/her discretion. Serve as a member of the Coach and Umpire Selection Approval Committee.

#### **SECTION 2 VICE-PRESIDENT - FUNDRAISING**

Assume duties of the President in his/her absence. Perform such duties as may be assigned by the President. Assist the President in the performance of his/her/their duties. Assume primary responsibility for all fundraising activities. Serve as a member of the Coach and Umpire Selection Approval Committee. Serve as the Chairperson on the Grievance/Protest Committee.

#### **SECTION 3 VICE-PRESIDENT (DIRECTOR OF FIELDS & OPERATIONS)**

Assume duties of the President in his/her absence. Perform such duties as may be assigned by the President. Assist the President in the performance of his/her/their duties. Reserve sufficient fields and field times to cover scheduled practices and games, by the first week of February, as required by the League. Reserve sufficient Edmonds School District fields by the first week in February, as required by the League. Seek out additional fields and field times in the surrounding communities as the League expands. Send one copy of all game schedules to the City of Mountlake Terrace Parks Department. Coordinate with the various owners of fields to maintain, improve, and expand existing facilities. Be furnished a list of all those volunteering for field maintenance on their registration form. Assign maintenance teams to specific fields for upkeep during the season. Maintenance duties include: infield grass and rocks removed, outfield grass mowed and raked, backstops and wings kept in good repair, and low spots filled in. Notify proper governing authorities of any repairs needed on fields. Inform school principals prior to any maintenance on school fields. Serve as a member on the Coach and Umpire Selection Approval Committee. Serve as a member of the Grievance/Protest Committee and chair the Bylaws Committee.

#### **SECTION 4 SECRETARY**

Record minutes of all regularly scheduled board meetings. Notify board members of all regular and special meetings. Coordinate Picture Day, including choosing photographer (with board's approval), choosing date, scheduling team picture times, distributing picture packets, and acting as liaison between the league and the photographer. Keep a file on all Grievance/Protest Committee actions.

## **SECTION 5 TREASURER**

Serve as a member of the Registration Committee. Maintain records of MTYAA income and expenses, in accordance with the policies and procedures required by Article 22. Submit a monthly income and expense report to the MTYAA Baseball board at each monthly meeting, and an annual income and expense report to the MTYAA board at the October meeting.

## **SECTION 6 PLAYER AGENT/REGISTRAR**

Chair the Registration Committee. Provide team eligibility roster, using current registration form, to the President, Director of Coaches, Division Directors, and the Director of Public Relations. Serve as a member of the Coach and Umpire Selection Approval Committee. Preside over the draft of players. Serve as a member of the Grievance/Protest Committee. Address infractions of PONY Baseball rules and/or these Bylaws related to player welfare within 48 hours of notification. The Player Agent shall mediate any request for an extreme hardship trade in conjunction with the Division Director and the affected coaches.

## **SECTION 7 DIRECTOR OF EQUIPMENT**

Responsible for purchasing, storing, evaluating condition of, and issuing all equipment for the league; including bats, balls, helmets, catchers gear, batting tees, bases, equipment bags, umpire gear, first aid equipment, and official rulebooks for umpire and coaches clinics. Keep an inventory log of all league equipment. Issue equipment to coaches and have them sign for it. Collect equipment from coaches and verify against the list of issued equipment. Handle requests for additional equipment needs from Division Directors only. Responsible for maintaining a Purchase Order book.

## **SECTION 8 DIRECTOR OF UNIFORMS**

Responsible for purchasing, storing, evaluating condition of, and issuing all uniforms; including hats and jerseys. Keep an inventory log of all league uniforms. Issue uniforms to coaches and have them sign for them. Collect jerseys from coaches and verify against the list of issued uniforms. Handle requests for additional uniform needs from Division Directors only. Responsible for maintaining a Purchase Order book.

## **SECTION 9 DIRECTOR OF UMPIRES**

Organize and conduct an umpire and coaches clinic with the Director of Coaches. Act as Co-Chairperson with the Director of Coaches on the Coach and Umpire Selection Approval Committee. Publish a list of qualified coaches and umpires in conjunction with the Coach and Umpire Selection Approval Committee and the Director of Coaches. Distribute copies of game schedules to all umpires. Schedule umpires for all regularly scheduled games as required by the League. Schedule umpires for all make-up of suspended games and/or rainouts, as requested by each of the respective Division Directors. Upon request from the appropriate Division Director and Director of Coaches, contact any coach or umpire and inform him/her of a potential problem. If deemed necessary, action will be referred to the Coach and Umpire Selection Approval Committee. Serve as a member of the Grievance/Protest Committee.

## **SECTION 10 DIVISION DIRECTORS**

Serve as a member of the Coach and Umpire Selection Approval Committee, and the Registration Committee. Hold a meeting with the division coaches to review league rules and bylaws prior to the start of league play. Inform coaches of rule changes. Administer and enforce the rules of the division over which they preside. Discuss safety policies with division coaches. Ensure that all teams within the division have a paid sponsor. Determine date, schedule, umpires, and field set-up for Jamboree games.

Prior to the beginning of league play determine the manner by which the division championship will be decided. Create the game schedule for their respective division, and distribute copies to all officers and coaches three weeks prior to the start of league play. Provide weekly scores, standings, and news items to the Director of Public Relations upon request. Approve make-up of games suspended or rained out. Responsible for reviewing protests, and submitting a written report to the President and Secretary, stating the protest and ruling, within 48 hours. Forward consolidated coach and umpire ratings, including all appropriate correspondence regarding coaches and umpires, to the Secretary, the Director of Coaches, and the Director of Umpires one week after the completion of the season, if and as required. Schedule dates, field times, and umpires for play-off games. Assist the Director of Tournaments in administering any post-season tournament which the League might host for that division. Ensure that all correspondence is pre-approved by an Officer.

#### **SECTION 11 DIRECTOR OF CONCESSIONS**

Oversee the purchasing and stocking of inventory for the Forest Crest concession stand. Chairperson of the committee of volunteers to work the concession stand. Prepare an annual report for the Board of Directors with respect to profit and loss of the concession stand. Notify the President, or his designee, of any repairs, maintenance, etc., which are required to properly run the concession stand.

#### **SECTION 12 DIRECTOR OF COACHES**

Act as Co-Chairperson with the Director of Umpires on the Coach and Umpire Selection Approval Committee. Publish a list of qualified coaches in conjunction with the Coach and Umpire Selection Approval Committee. Organize and oversee at least one coach's clinic prior to the start of league play. Serve as a member of the Grievance/Protest Committee. Act as mediator for all coach complaints. Responsible for submitting all Washington State Patrol Request for Criminal History Information forms received from coaches and Board Members.

#### **SECTION 13 DIRECTOR OF TOURNAMENTS**

Administer post-season or special tournaments with the assistance of the respective Division Director. Solicit and obtain participants for MTYAA hosted tournaments. Work with other leagues in order to place MTYAA teams in outside tournaments. Solicit and obtain needed volunteers in order to host quality tournaments. Assist in soliciting league/tournament sponsors in conjunction with the respective Division Director. Serve as Chairperson of the Tournament Committee.

#### **SECTION 14 DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS**

Responsible for placing general news items, and registration items in local papers. Advertise special events as required by the League. Contact Webmaster to update information on the MTYAA web site. Order team banners as directed by each Division Director. In charge of distributing finished banners to Division Directors. Assist in soliciting league/tournament sponsors in conjunction with the Division Directors. Keep accurate records of sponsorship money in conjunction with the Treasurer. Help with the general player registration process in January & February.

#### **SECTION 15 DIRECTOR OF ALL-STARS**

Responsible for providing information about the All-Star programs. Be involved in the process of All Star coach selection. Communicate with directors about the requirements involved in becoming a head coach. Work with division directors advising them how to communicate with respective coaches on the process of picking their All Star teams, providing uniform vendor options and uniform criteria. Provide a tournament schedule for each of the All Star coaches in advance so they can plan their summer accordingly. Attend All Star tryouts if possible at each division and attend each All Star parents meeting after the team has been selected to help answer questions regarding costs and the sponsorship commitment/financial form they are

signing. Obtain and forward team affidavits and other supporting materials to tournament directors. Responsible for working with league treasurer on All Star budgetary line item. Coordination of fundraiser or sponsorships outside of regular league activities.

## **ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP**

Regular members: Regular members of MTYAA Baseball shall consist of the aforementioned Board Members, coaches, umpires, and parents or legal guardians of player members.

Player members: Player members are any member meeting the age requirements as set forth in these Bylaws, and who has also met the appropriate registration requirements.

## **ARTICLE V PLAYER MEMBER REGISTRATION**

### **SECTION 1 DATE**

Registration will be held on the last Saturday of January and the first Saturday of February. All players signed up after their respective drafts have occurred must be placed by the Player Agent, in conjunction with the respective Division Director, and placement will be subject to availability of roster space and/or equipment. Placement will be based upon need and draft order.

### **SECTION 2 REGISTRATION FEES**

Registration fees will be based on age group, and set by the governing Board of MTYAA. Discounts will be determined by the Board each year in conjunction with the regular annual budget meeting

Registration fees pay for the player accident insurance, and pays for uniforms, equipment and operating expenses of the association. In case of need, the Board can override the player fee. No player will be refused because of lack of funds. Fees for board members shall be optional.

### **SECTION 3 REGISTRATION LOCATION**

The location for Registration will be set by the Board on a yearly basis.

## **ARTICLE VI SPONSOR FEES**

Team sponsor fees will be set by the Board on a yearly basis. Shetland and Pinto division teams are strongly encouraged to obtain a sponsor. Mustang division and above are required to obtain a sponsor. Sponsor fees for Mustang division and above must be received prior to the distribution of uniforms and equipment.

Sponsor fees received above the team minimum must still be reported to the Division Director, who'll report to the Director of Public Relations to make sure sponsors receive newsletters, web site advertising, plaques, and banners, as promised. The cost of the banner for the initial required sponsor will be paid by the league pursuant to league policies, but the cost of additional sponsor banners and/or plaques must be paid by the team. If sponsor does not want the above recognition they'll need to sign a waiver. Coaches who do not obtain team sponsorships will not be considered for All-Star coaching positions.

## ARTICLE VII BOARD MEETINGS

Regular meetings of the MTYAA Baseball Board will be held on the first Tuesday of each month beginning at 7:00 p.m. Meetings will be held for no more than 2 hours at which time a motion may be made to extend the meeting. If no motion is made and if the President deems necessary, a special meeting may be set. Nominations for the Pony and Colt Division Directors will be submitted in July and voted on in August. All other nominations shall be submitted at the regular meeting held in August, and election of remaining Board Members shall be held at the September meeting. Nominations and elections may be held at subsequent meetings until all positions are filled. Special meetings may be called at the discretion of the President. Quorum: Presence, in person, of at least 51% of the Board Members and include the President and/or the Vice Presidents. Voting: Only Board Members may vote at any meeting, except during the election of Board Members, during which any regular member of MTYAA Baseball may vote. Roberts Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings of all meetings, except where those rules conflict with these Bylaws.

## ARTICLE VIII COMMITTEES

**Registration Committee:** This committee shall process player registrations at the time and location established by the Board. The Chairperson is the Player Agent, who shall oversee the organization and administration of Registration. Additional committee members include the Treasurer, and each of the respective Division Directors.

**Coach and Umpire Selection Approval Committee:** This committee shall approve the appointment of all coaches and umpires. The Co-Chairpersons are the Director of Coaches and the Director of Umpires. Additional committee members including but not limited to the President, Vice Presidents, Player Agent, and the Division Directors. The committee will meet as soon as possible following the last day of registration.

**Grievance/Protest Committee:** This committee will resolve any written objection which is a grievance or a protest (a protest is a rules interpretation). The Chairpersons are the Vice Presidents. Additional committee members include the Player Agent, Director of Coaches, Director of Umpires, and the Division Director of the division that the grievance is from. After the hearing, the Division Director shall submit a written report to the President and the Secretary, stating the problem and corrective action taken within 48 hours.

**Tournament Committee :** Chaired by the Tournament Director and the Division Directors of the appropriate division.

**ByLaws Committee:** Chaired by the Vice President of Operations. This committee shall meet annually to review, edit, and propose changes to the current Bylaws. All changes to the Bylaws will only be made after a majority vote by the board. Committee members are League Officers.

Any **special committees** deemed necessary by the Board will be established by the President as required.

## ARTICLE IX TEAMS, COACHES, AND UMPIRES

### SECTION 1 LEAGUE AGES

Shetland	4 & 5 & 6 year olds
Pinto	7 & 8 year olds
Mustang	9 & 10 year olds
Bronco	11 & 12 year olds
Pony, <i>Sandy Koufax</i>	13 & 14 year olds

There will be no deviation from the above except as noted under the Colt Division.

Colt, Mickey Mantle 15 & 16 year olds  
Palomino 17 & 18 year olds

With the approval of the board, Colt and Palomino players may be combined into a single team.

The above ages refer to League age, which is determined by the age attained by the player on April 30<sup>th</sup> of the season in question.

## **SECTION 2 MANAGER AND COACHES DUTIES**

Managers and coaches duties are as described in the Official PONY Baseball Rule Book, and the Official Baseball Rule Book. For purposes of these MTYAA Baseball Bylaws, the term Manager shall be inter-changeable with the term Head Coach. In addition, MTYAA Baseball professes that the following statements are true and should be used to guide its managers, coaches, and Board members in the execution of their assigned duties:

1. Players in these age groups are at a very impressionable age and the influence of a manager or a coach can be critical to the player's development. The manager or a coach must be leaders. All must recognize that they hold a position of trust and responsibility in a program that deals with a sensitive and formative period of a child's development.
2. All League coaches and players shall follow the league's code of conduct.
3. The dedicated coach and leader explores avenues of improved self performance through continuing education and applied critical analysis.
4. The privilege of helping to build better citizens through baseball can bring rewards far greater than any of the inconveniences encountered while fulfilling this important work.
5. To be considered coaches of record they must be 18 years old or older as of the beginning of that season.

### **OTHER DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE:**

1. Have valid and signed medical forms for each active player on hand at all practices and games.
2. Coaches and assistant coaches are required to attend one MTYAA coach's clinic, and all respective Division Director meetings, and coaches, asst. coaches, umpires, and adult helpers must submit and pass the Washington State Patrol Request for Criminal History check. Failure to attend the mandatory coach's clinic will result in disqualification from coaching any post season MTYAA Baseball team.
3. Prior to the beginning of each game, coaches must submit lineups to the opposing coach. -
4. Coaches are responsible for notifying the Division Director immediately when a team loses a player for any reason. If available, a replacement player will be assigned to the team.
5. Each Head Coach must provide one game ball per League and Tournament game.
6. The respective Division Director must pre-approve any games played outside the MTYAA. league in advance.
7. Any team coach or other adult leader who withdraws a team from the field under any circumstances prior to the official completion of the game, shall be subject to forfeiture of the game. Said forfeiture will be decided through the protest procedure.
8. Any complaints against a coaches' behavior toward players, other coaches, parents, umpires, Directors, anyone else shall be reported to the Director of Coaches, Division Director, or the Player Agent. Complaints may include any violation of the code of conduct.

9. Any complaint must be made in writing, and be very specific in nature. All written complaints will be brought before the Board for review and action. Actions taken by the Board will meet with the provisions outlined in Article XVII Protests, Penalties, & Miscellaneous.
10. A person will only officially coach or assist on one team (for purposes of drafting rules).
11. Head Coaches are ultimately financially responsible for returning their equipment and uniforms to the Director of Equipment and Director of Uniforms respectively. Any Head Coach who fails to return any equipment or uniform may be subject to appropriate legal action. Failure to return the Association's property may be viewed as theft.
12. The Head Coaches of both teams are responsible for restoring the field back to a playable status, including dugouts at the completion of each game.
13. Winning coaches must call in the score within 24 hours of completion of each game to the Division Director, or his/her designee.

### **SECTION 3 UMPIRE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

Umpires duties and responsibilities are as described in the official PONY Rule Book, and the official Baseball Rule Book. Other duties and responsibilities include:

1. All umpires must attend the umpire clinic to be designated as a legal umpire. This requirement may be waived at the discretion of the Director of Umpires.
2. All umpires, age 18 or over, must submit and pass the Washington State Patrol Request for Criminal History check.
3. The head umpire may suspend the game at any time when it is in the best interest of PONY Baseball and/or the players, such as in the case of darkness or extreme weather.
4. The umpire must make an announcement to the spectators when a game is being played under protest.
5. The umpire is required to record in the official scorebook the exact point in time at which the game was protested. Example: base runners on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, batter #5 up with a count of 2 balls and 2 strikes.
6. The umpire must report any protested game to the Director of Umpires within 24 hours, regardless of the outcome of the game.
7. The umpire must warn the players of both teams before each game regarding the bat throwing rule.
8. ALL UMPIRE DECISIONS ARE FINAL.

### **ARTICLE X LEAGUE RULES (ALL 'PONY' TEAMS)**

The rules for all divisions shall be as published in the official PONY Baseball Rule Book, and the official Baseball Rule Book, with the following exceptions (including Division Rules): The home team shall occupy the 3<sup>rd</sup> base side of the field, and the visiting team will occupy the 1<sup>st</sup> base side of the field. At no time will a player be allowed to throw a bat. The umpire must warn the players of each team before each game regarding the bat-throwing rule. If a batter throws a bat, the batter and the head coach may receive one warning, or at the discretion of the umpire may receive a penalty. The penalty could either be that the batter is out, or is ejected from the game, at the umpire's discretion. No steel cleats may be used in League play, except in divisions higher than Bronco. A player may be pulled from a game prior to completing 3 innings of play for disciplinary reasons only, if the umpire and the opposing Head coach are notified. All runners must slide or avoid contact, or the penalty is an automatic out. If there is any intentional malicious contact, in the judgment of the umpire, the guilty player is called out by the umpire and ejected from the game. The official start time of a game may be extended by the umpire crew for a period not to exceed 15 minutes, at which time the umpire will declare the game a forfeit for the team causing the delay. Feet first sliding only, with the exception of

returning to a base (Bronco and below). All tournaments hosted by MTYAA Baseball will follow PONY Tournament Rules.

Any coach who knowingly violates league-playing rules is subject to disciplinary action. At the request of the Division Director, coaches will provide evidence that all players are receiving playing time as required by these bylaws. Any coach who knowingly violates playing rules shall forfeit any right to coach a post season MTYAA baseball team.

## **ARTICLE XI SHETLAND DIVISION RULES**

### **SECTION 1 SHETLAND DIVISION PLAYING FIELD**

The playing field shall conform to the specifications set forth in the PONY Rule Book for the Pinto Division, with the following exceptions: The distance from the point of home plate to the front edge of the pitchers slab shall be no less than 15 feet. The only adults permitted on the playing field are two defensive coaches. A field umpire is permitted only if the umpire agrees to stay in foul territory.

### **SECTION 2 SHETLAND DIVISION PLAYING EQUIPMENT**

The playing equipment for the Shetland Division shall be the same as for Pinto, except for catchers' gear. A soft Incrediball as issued by the Equipment Manager will be the official ball.

### **SECTION 3 SHETLAND DIVISION PLAYING RULES**

No strikes or balls called. The playing/pitcher will play even with the pitching mound until the ball is hit, and then will do the fielding for defense. The player/pitcher cannot leave his/her position to field the ball until the ball is hit. Penalty: If this action prevents the batter from reaching 1<sup>st</sup> base safely, the batter will be awarded 1<sup>st</sup> base, and any forced runners will advance. The child playing the catcher position must remain behind the fence, or out of range of the batter until the ball is in play in the field. No base on balls will be allowed. A batting tee will be used. Shetland players shall hit the ball off of the tee for the first half of the season. During the second half of the season, five and six year old players have the option of having the coach pitch the ball. If the player has not hit off of the coach after three pitches, then the tee is brought out and the player allowed hitting off of it. The whole lineup will bat each inning. Outs will be called, but will not constitute or affect the end of the inning. Both teams must field the same number of players. At no time will a team field more than 6 infielders, excluding the catcher. Each player must play in 3 complete innings per game, 2 of which must be consecutive. The only exception is for disciplinary reasons, which must be reported to the opposing coach before the start of the game. If this is not possible due to a game that is called on the time limit, any player not completing 2 innings must be in the starting line up of the next game. Runners cannot advance on balls overthrown into foul territory. No scores will be kept. Before any practices are held, all league approved paperwork must be filled out completely and signed, including, but not limited to, Coaches Code of Conduct form, Washington State Patrol form, and all players registration/medical release forms. All coaches must be approved by the Coaches Selection Approval Committee.

## **ARTICLE XII PINTO DIVISION RULES**

The Incrediball, as issued by the Equipment Manager, shall be the official ball. No score or league standings are kept during regular season. The 10 run rule applies after 4 complete innings. In order to keep the game moving, the ½ inning is over after three outs or five runs cross the plate. All players on the team roster will be in the batting line up and bat their turn, even if they do not play defense that

inning. Each player must play in three defensive innings, two of which must be consecutive. The only exception would be for disciplinary reasons, which must be reported to the opposing coach immediately, and the Division Director and the Player Agent within 24 hours. Violations must be reported to the umpire prior to the completion of the game. If a game is concluded early for any reason, players who did not play 3 defensive innings must start the next game and play in the first 2 complete innings. A player may be pulled from the game before he/she has played 3 innings with the umpire's permission. All such actions must be declared to the opposing Head Coach at the time it occurs, and be reported to the Division Director within 24 hours. There will be no leading off or stealing of bases. Penalty: Each player shall receive 1 warning per game, the second time and the player shall be declared out. When the ball is in control of the infielder, in the infield, the play is considered dead, and the runners shall only advance to the next base if they are more than halfway. The umpire shall call time, and the ball shall be returned to the pitcher's mound. All catchers will wear a protective mask. The batter may not throw the bat. Penalty: Each player shall receive 1 warning per game; the second time it happens the player will be declared out. The batter is out when the 3<sup>rd</sup> strike is swung at and missed, or if the ball is hit into play and the fielder is able to make the play for an out. A batter shall be declared out after failing to hit a fair ball after a coach pitcher delivers seven pitches, unless the 7<sup>th</sup> pitch is fouled off. The batter is out if the foul ball is caught by a fielder, but is not out on a foul ball that is out of play or not caught. Before any practices are held, all league approved paperwork must be filled out completely and signed, including, but not limited to, Coaches Code of Conduct form, Washington State Patrol form, and all players registration/medical release forms. All coaches must be approved by the Coaches Selection Approval Committee. There will be no deviations from these rules.

### **ARTICLE XIII MUSTANG DIVISION RULES**

Except for disciplinary reasons, which must be reported to the opposing coach and the umpire at the time of the disciplinary action, each player must play in three complete innings. Penalty: Violations must be reported to the Division Director within 24 hours, and the game shall be considered a forfeit. All disciplinary action shall be reported to the Division Director and the Player Agent. If a game is concluded early for any reason, the players who did not play the minimum number of innings must start and play the first 3 innings of the next game. At this level the entire roster bats. The Infield Fly Rule shall be used. Runners may lead off and steal bases, but can not lead off third base until the pitched ball crosses the plate, as in official PONY Baseball Rules, section 8, K2. One offensive time out per inning per coach is permitted. No stealing of home on the pitch. This includes the suicide squeeze. All players, in all positions, regardless of gender, are required to wear protective cups. There will be a maximum pitch limit of 75 pitches per day (not including warm-up pitches). If the pitch limit is reached while facing a batter, the pitcher will be allowed to finish pitching to that batter, but must then be removed from the mound, and will not be allowed to pitch for the remainder of the day. A pitcher shall not be allowed to pitch to a new batter once the pitch limit has been obtained. Due to safety considerations, no player is allowed to fake a bunt and pull the bat back to take a full swing. The player must either bunt or pull the bat back and take the pitch. If this does occur, the ball is dead and the batter and team is warned. With the second such team occurrence of this event, the batter is out automatically. Before any practices are held, all league approved paperwork must be filled out completely and signed, including, but not limited to, Coaches Code of Conduct form, Washington State Patrol form, and all players registration/medical release forms. All coaches must be approved by the Coaches Selection Approval Committee. There will be no deviation from these rules.

#### **ARTICLE XIV BRONCO DIVISION RULES**

Except for disciplinary reasons, which must be reported to the opposing coach and the umpire at the time of the disciplinary action, each player must play in three complete innings. Penalty: Violation must be reported to the Division Director within 24 hours, and the game shall be declared a forfeit. All disciplinary action shall be reported to the Division Director and the Player Agent. If a game is concluded early for any reason, the players who did not play the minimum number of innings must start and play the first 3 innings of the next game. A player may be pulled from a game before having played 3 innings only for disciplinary reasons. The umpire must be notified. All disciplinary actions must be reported to the Division Director. At this level only the lineup bats, as listed in the official PONY Baseball Rule Book. The infield fly rule shall be used. All players, in all positions, regardless of gender, are required to wear protective cups. There will be a maximum pitch limit of 85 pitches per day (not including warm-up pitches). If the pitch limit is reached while facing a batter, the pitcher will be allowed to finish pitching to that batter, but must then be removed from the mound, and will not be allowed to pitch for the remainder of the day. A pitcher shall not be allowed to pitch to a new batter once the pitch limit has been reached. Before any practices are held, all league approved paperwork must be filled out completely and signed, including, but not limited to, Coaches Code of Conduct form, Washington State Patrol form, and all players registration/medical release forms. All coaches must be approved by the Coaches Selection Approval Committee. There will be no deviation from these rules.

#### **ARTICLE XV PONY / KOUFAX DIVISION**

The Pony/Koufax Division shall provide the opportunity for teams to be formed and compete at the Pony Olympic, Pony Cascade or Sandy Koufax Level as follows:

##### **OLYMPIC LEVEL** (*Pony Select Competition*)

*The following rules relative to age ratio, and number of protected players, and draft – are intended to serve as a guideline and may be adjusted by the Division Director with the approval of the players agent based upon the coach and player pool. To be compiled of qualified players and coaches who are interested in a higher level of play. Coaches and assistant coaches are to be named and approved by the Coaches Selection Committee at a meeting to follow the September Board Meeting. To be considered for the Olympic Level, coaches must submit a list of a minimum of 10 players, including coaches and assistant coaches' son or daughters, to be accompanied by a signed letter of intent to play for each player on the protected list. *Players are protected for only one year at this level. Players for whom coaches wish to keep on their team must repeat the process of protecting them (securing a letter of intent) each year. Olympic coaches may begin to recruit and protect players as of June 15<sup>th</sup> for the upcoming season. Securing of players prior to that date is not allowed.* The protected player list must be turned in to the Division Director prior to the Coaches Selection Committee meeting. Before any practices are held, all league approved paperwork must be filled out completely and signed, including, but not limited to, Coaches Code of Conduct form, Washington State Patrol form, and all players registration/medical release forms. All coaches must be approved by the Coaches Selection Approval Committee. Each team must pick at least two players from the draft. The final roster will be determined by the addition of those two or more players that each team is to draft. Try-outs are to be held the second Saturday/Sunday of September. Player registration fees are to be determined before try-outs by the Board of Directors. Each team's list of Protected Players must register and include 50% of the fee on the day of try-outs, with the balance due on/by January 31. The penalty for not having the entire team's registration on/by January 31, may be the revocation of that team's privilege to play at the Olympic level, at the board's discretion. *Any player who executes a letter of intent, is committed to that team and coach for the upcoming league season, and may only move to a different team only through the player tryout and draft.* This includes moving to a Cascade team. Any trade of a drafted player must be accomplished before leaving the room in which the draft was held, as per the*

rules stated in Article XXI. If a protected player is lost to the team prior to the season, the coach may find a suitable replacement player, regardless of whether they went through the tryout. Any team that loses a drafted player before the season starts, must first evaluate the remaining unselected players from the draft, and if there is no Olympic caliber players remaining, they may THEN find a suitable replacement player. Each player is to provide and maintain their own baseball pants. Although there is no guaranteed playing time at this level, this league's objective, as stated in SECTION 2 OBJECTIVE, takes priority. Any coach in violation of MTYAA Baseball's Objective will be subject to disciplinary action as stated in ARTICLE XVII, SECTION 2, DISCIPLINARY ACTION. The All Star manager shall be selected by a majority vote from the Olympic level managers. The selected manager shall be responsible for the player try-out. Any player interested in playing on a Pony level All Star team must live within MTYAA Baseball's boundaries, for this is a PONY National rule. The All Star assistant coaches will be named by the All Star manager from the managers and coaches of record. The All Star players will be selected through a try-out with all coaches voting for their personal top nine players. The All Star coaching staff will select the remaining players on their roster. There will be a maximum pitch limit of 95 pitches per day (not including warm-up pitches). If the pitch limit is reached while facing a batter, the pitcher will be allowed to finish pitching to that batter, but must then be removed from the mound, and will not be allowed to pitch for the remainder of the day. A pitcher shall not be allowed to pitch to a new batter once the pitch limit has been obtained.

#### **CASCADE LEVEL** (*Pony Recreational Competition*)

To be compiled of all players not selected or interested in the Olympic level. Each coach will be allowed to protect up to seven players. If a team has more than seven returning players, the coach will be required to protect all returning players. If a team does not have seven returning players, he will be allowed to protect up to seven players. The age make-up shall be evenly distributed across all teams. If a team loses a player after the draft, they must chose a player from those that went through the Cascade tryout, at the same age level, or from the waiting list held by the Division Director. Each player must play a minimum of three innings and bat once, except for disciplinary reasons. The disciplinary action must be reported to the opposing manager and the umpire at the time of said action. If a game is suspended or concluded (includes the 10 run rule) for any reason, the players who did not complete their three complete innings must start and play the first three innings of the next game. All disciplinary action must be reported to the Division Director and Player Agent within 24 hours of the action. There will be a maximum pitch limit of 95 pitches per day (not including warm-up pitches). If the pitch limit is reached while facing a batter, the pitcher will be allowed to finish pitching to that batter, but must then be removed from the mound, and will not be allowed to pitch for the remainder of the day. A pitcher shall not be allowed to pitch to a new batter once the pitch limit has been obtained. Before any practices are held, all league approved paperwork must be filled out completely and signed, including, but not limited to, Coaches Code of Conduct form, Washington State Patrol form, and all players registration/medical release forms. All coaches must be approved by the Coaches Selection Approval Committee.

#### **SANDY KOUFAX LEVEL** (*Select*)

To be compiled of qualified players and coaches who are interested in the highest level of play. Coaches and assistant coaches to be established by the Division Director(s) and approved by the Coaches Selection Committee. Players are to be "selected" by the team's coaches. All coaches are to adhere to these bylaws with SECTION 2 OBJECTIVE in mind. This division and it's coaches are to keep in mind that they represent MTYAA Baseball in all of their endeavors and that they are subject to any constitution or bylaws stated by their affiliates. Before any practices are held, all league approved paperwork must be filled out completely and signed, included but not limited to Coaches Code of

Conduct Form, Washington State Patrol Form, and all player registration/medical release forms. All coaches must be approved by the Coaches Selection Approval Committee. There will be a maximum pitch limit of 95 pitches per day (not including warm-up pitches). If the pitch limit is reached while facing a batter, the pitcher will be allowed to finish pitching to that batter, but must then be removed from the mound, and will not be allowed to pitch for the remainder of the day. A pitcher shall not be allowed to pitch to a new batter once the pitch limit has been obtained.

### **ARTICLE XV1 COLT/PALOMINO DIVISION**

The Colt/Palomino Division shall provide the opportunity for teams to be formed and compete at the Pony Colt or Pony Palomino Levels. It also provides for teams to be formed at the Mickey Mantle, Babe Ruth, American Legion and Connie Mac levels as follows:

*The following rules relative to age ratio, and number of protected players, and draft – are intended to serve as a guideline and may be adjusted by the Division Director based upon the coach and player pool.*

#### **COLT LEVEL**

To be compiled of those players or coaches interested in a higher level of play;  
Each coach will be allowed to protect up to seven players. The remainder of the roster is to be filled through a tryout, unless not enough players sign up for a tryout to be held in September or October, then the coaches will be allowed and expected to recruit players to fill their remaining roster spots. Before any practices are held, all league approved paperwork must be filled out completely and signed, including, but not limited to, Coaches Code of Conduct form, Washington State Patrol form, and all players registration/medical release forms. All coaches must be approved by the Coaches Selection Approval Committee.

*Players league age 14, who are enrolled in High School may elect to “play up” in the Colt Division due to potential conflicts with School baseball.. Such players are not eligible for Pony Sanctioned post season tournaments.*

#### **MICKEY MANTLE LEVEL**

To be compiled of qualified players and coaches who are interested in the highest level of play at the U16 age group. Coaches and assistant coaches to be established by the Division Director(s) and approved by the Coaches Selection Committee. Players are to be “selected” by the teams coaches. All coaches are to adhere to these bylaws with SECTION 2 OBJECTIVE in mind. This division and it’s coaches are to keep in mind that they represent MTYAA Baseball in all of their endeavors and that they are subject to any constitution or bylaws stated by their affiliates. Before any practices are held, all league approved paperwork must be filled out completely and signed, included but not limited to Coaches Code of Conduct Form, Washington State Patrol Form, and all player registration/medical release forms. All coaches must be approved by the Coaches Selection Approval Committee.

*Players league age 14, who are enrolled in High School may elect to “play up” in the Mickey Mantle Division due to potential conflicts with School baseball.*

## **PALOMINO LEVEL**

To be compiled of those players or coaches interested in a higher level of play at the 17-18 year old age groups. Each coach will be allowed to protect up to seven players. The remainder of the roster is to be filled through a tryout, unless not enough players sign up for a tryout to be held in September or October, then the coaches will be allowed and expected to recruit players to fill their remaining roster spots. Before any practices are held, all league approved paperwork must be filled out completely and signed, including, but not limited to, Coaches Code of Conduct form, Washington State Patrol form, and all players registration/medical release forms. All coaches must be approved by the Coaches Selection Approval Committee.

## **BABE RUTH, AMERICAN LEGION, CONNIE MAC LEVELS**

To be compiled of qualified players and coaches who are interested in the highest level of play at the U18 age group. There will be no additional expenses to the league for these teams – players will pay the same registration fees as those at the Palomino level. Additional costs associated with the other leagues shall be paid for by the team/players. Coaches and assistant coaches to be established by the Division Director(s) and approved by the Coaches Selection Committee. Players are to be “selected” by the teams coaches. All coaches are to adhere to these bylaws with SECTION 2 OBJECTIVE in mind. This division and it’s coaches are to keep in mind that they represent MTYAA Baseball in all of their endeavors and that they are subject to any constitution or bylaws stated by their affiliates. Before any practices are held, all league approved paperwork must be filled out completely and signed, included but not limited to Coaches Code of Conduct Form, Washington State Patrol Form, and all player registration/medical release forms. All coaches must be approved by the Coaches Selection Approval Committee.

## **ARTICLE XVII PROTESTS, PENALTIES, & MISCELLANEOUS**

### **SECTION 1 PROTESTS & PENALTIES**

All rules and regulations in the official PONY Baseball Rule Book apply, except the following: A protest must be based on an interpretation of the rules. The objecting coach must, at the time the play occurs, notify the head umpire, the opposing Head Coach, and the official scorekeeper, that the game is being played under protest. He/she must then submit a written protest, with a \$10.00 fee, to the Division Director within 24 hours of the completion of the game, regardless of the outcome. The \$10.00 fee will be returned if the protest is upheld, and it will go into the MTYAA Baseball general fund if the protest is denied.

### **SECTION 2 DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

The League officers shall have the authority to suspend, discharge, or otherwise discipline any player, manager, coach, umpire, league officer, or other person whose conduct is in violation of the rules and regulations of PONY Baseball and these Bylaws, and/or is considered detrimental to the best interest of the League. Persons subject to disciplinary action shall have the right to a hearing before the League officers before such discipline is imposed. In the event the discipline procedures involve a player under the age of 18, that player’s parents or legal guardian shall be invited to attend the hearing with the player concerned. Persons, youth or adult, who refuse to comply with the rules of baseball, PONY Baseball, or the League, may be considered for disciplinary action. The League may impose one of the following penalties which, in their opinion, seems to match the severity of the offense:  
Warning - The offending person is to be advised in writing of the offense and further advised that

repetition of the offense shall result in a more severe penalty. Suspension - The offending person is to be advised in writing that he/she has been suspended from all League activity for a specific number of games or days. Dismissal - The offending person is to be advised in writing that he/she has been dismissed from the League for the remainder of the current year. Barred - The offending person is to be advised in writing that he/she has been barred from present and future participation in the League, or for a specific number of years.

### **SECTION 3 MISCELLANEOUS**

Refer to official baseball rules as sanctioned by PONY Baseball, and as authorized through the Office of the Commissioner of PONY Baseball for any definitions or terms not herein defined.

## **ARTICLE XVIII EQUIPMENT, UNIFORMS & INSURANCE**

### **SECTION 1 EQUIPMENT & UNIFORMS**

The Director of Equipment shall issue all equipment and supplies. All teams shall be provided with equipment as it is available. The Director of Uniforms shall issue all uniforms. Shetland and Pinto shall get hats and t-shirts only. All other divisions shall be supplied uniforms. The uniforms (excluding hats, and socks) are the property of MTYAA Baseball, and must be returned at the end of the season. Parents or legal guardians shall be charged for any uniforms, part of uniforms, not turned in. Each Head Coach shall be held financially responsible for the equipment and uniforms issued to them by MTYAA Baseball. All Star and Custom ordered uniforms (not issued by the MTYAA Uniform Director) are required to include the MTYAA League Logo on hats.

### **SECTION 2 INSURANCE**

MTYAA Baseball shall provide secondary accident insurance and liability insurance.

## **ARTICLE XIX ALL STAR MANAGER & PLAYER SELECTION**

### **SECTION 1 PINTO, MUSTANG AND BRONCO**

The rules and regulations for tournament play found in the official PONY Baseball Rule Book shall govern all tournament play. The number of official PONY All-Star teams from the Mustang and Bronco divisions will be determined by Section T-1-B, Page 21, PONY Baseball Rules and Regulations.

#### **SUB SECTION 1.1: BRONCO DIVISION**

An additional unofficial or sanctioned Tournament Team of 11 year old players will be selected. With agreement by the coaches and assistant coaches of record at the All-Star Manager Selection meeting, an additional unofficial or sanctioned Tournament team, comprised of 11 and 12 year old players may be formed.

#### **SUB SECTION 1.2: MUSTANG DIVISION**

With agreement by the coaches and assistant coaches of record at the All-Star Manager Selection meeting, an additional unofficial or sanctioned Tournament team, comprised of 9 and 10 year old players may be formed. An additional unofficial or sanctioned Tournament team, comprised of only 9 year old players, may be formed.

All players, parents, managers, and coaches must agree to the financial and volunteer commitments as outlined by Director of Tournaments and respective Division Director(s).

## **SECTION 2 ALL STAR MANAGER SELECTION**

The Manager for each Pinto, Mustang and Bronco all-Star team will be selected by a vote of the Manager and one Assistant Coach from each team in the division, at a meeting to be held during the first week in May. Only Managers of teams in regular league play shall be eligible to manage All-Star teams. Once elected, the All-Star Managers will select their own assistants from managers and assistant coaches of record in their divisions. Non-coaches of record will be allowed to serve as assistant coaches with the agreement of the division coaches of record.

### **SUB-SECTION 2.1 : BRONCO DIVISION – ADDITIONAL TOURNAMENT TEAMS**

The Manager of the 11 year old tournament team will be selected by a vote of the Manager and one Assistant Coach from each team in the division. Non-coaches of record will be allowed to serve as assistant coaches with the agreement of the division coaches of record.

The Manager of the additional Bronco tournament team, if formed by agreement of the coaches and assistant coaches, will be selected by a vote of the Manager and one Assistant Coach from each team in the division. Only managers and assistant coaches of record from teams in regular league play shall be eligible to manage. Non-coaches of record will be allowed to serve as assistant coaches with the agreement of the division coaches of record.

### **SUB-SECTION 2.2 : MUSTANG DIVISION – ADDITIONAL TOURNAMENT TEAMS**

The Manager of the additional Mustang tournament team, if formed by agreement of the coaches and assistant coaches, will be selected by a vote of the Manager and one Assistant Coach from each team in the division, at a meeting to be held on the first Friday in June. Only managers and assistant coaches of record from teams in regular league play shall be eligible to manage. Non-coaches of record will be allowed to serve as assistant coaches with the agreement of the division coaches of record. Assistant coaches will be selected by the All Star Manager after the nine initial players are chosen.

## **SECTION 3 ALL STAR PLAYER SELECTION**

At the All Star Manager selection meeting, each manager within the division may submit a list of his/her players to be considered for All Star play. Players eligible to be considered for selection shall:

- *be members in good standing of their respective League Team as defined by the current Player Code of Conduct Policy, and shall not have been suspended or ejected by either their Coach or Umpire on more than one occasion during the League Season.*
- *shall have played in a minimum of 2/3 of their League games (unless due to injury)*
- *shall have participated in their respective division's fund raiser at the minimum required level.*

All Star player tryouts will be held two weeks prior to the end of the regular season for Pinto, Mustang, Bronco and Pony divisions. Any deviation from this schedule must be approved by the Executive Board. All selected players must attend the tryout. There will be one vote submitted per team for 12 players. The 9 players receiving the most votes shall be assigned to the All Star roster for their respective division, with the All Star Manager selecting players to fill the remaining roster positions from the pool of players attending tryouts, but not to exceed official PONY limits. If a player selected

chooses not to participate on the All-Star Team he may only participate on another tournament team with the approval of both managers and the Player Agent.

Managers wishing to send more than four (4) players to the All-Star tryouts must have the approval of the All-Star Coach, or have the approval of a majority of coaches voting at the All-Star manager selection meeting.

Open positions on the 11 year old Tournament Team, following the selection of All-Star players, may be filled at the discretion of the elected team Manager from other 11 year old player within the Bronco division.

If a roster vacancy occurs for any reason, the All Star Manager shall fill the vacancy first from the additional tournament team, second from the pool of players who tried out, and remain in good standing with their League Team, and lastly with any division player not selected for All Star consideration, at his discretion.

In the event a selected player violates the Player Code of Conduct subsequent to tryouts, or otherwise ceases to be a member in good standing of their respective League Team through the end of the League Season, he/she will become ineligible for All-Star participation

For Pony Level All Stars – See Article XV

#### **SECTION 4 TOURNAMENT TEAMS MANAGER SELECTION**

After the All-Star selection is complete, the division managers and assistant coaches shall vote for Managers of the Additional Tournament Team(s). Managers and assistant coaches of record will be eligible for this position. Tournament Team Managers shall select their own assistants from managers and assistant coaches of record in their division. Non-coaches of record will be allowed to serve as assistant coaches with the agreement of the division coaches of record.

#### **SECTION 5 PONY TOURNAMENT PLAY**

The All-Star team from each division will represent MTYAA Baseball in official PONY Tournament play.

#### **ARTICLE XX SPECIAL RULES FOR JAMBOREE**

The following rules are recommended for Jamborees. Each game shall consist of 1 inning, with no infield practice. Warm up shall be done off the playing field. The offensive team shall bat all their players once in their ½ inning, no matter how many outs. After 7 players have batted, the defense shall make substitutions to ensure that all players will be in the game at a defensive position. If a new pitcher is put in, he/she will get 6 warm up pitches. The score shall be determined by the number of players who cross home plate. In the case of a tie, the game shall be called a tie.

## **ARTICLE XXI DRAFTING RULES**

### **Section 1 COACHES & ASSISTANTS**

- 1.1 With the goal being succession in coaching, each manager/head coach must identify an assistant coach with a child in the younger age group prior to the tryout date. If the manager/head coach does not identify an assistant coach prior to the tryout date, the Division Director may assign an assistant coach. The assistant coach should be someone willing to continue coaching the following year as the head coach/manager.
- 1.2 In the event that there is no coach in the younger age group, the team will forfeit their first round draft selection in the younger age group of that division.
- 1.3 A returning coach shall not be allowed to leave his/her present team to take over a different team or expansion team in the same Division, except in the event that the transferring/returning coach would be “moving up” to a head coach position instead of an assistant coach position.
- 1.4 Any exceptions to 1.1, 1.2 and 1.3 must be recommended by the Division Director and approved by the Coach and Umpire Selection Approval Committee only after a finding by the committee that such an exception would be in the best interest of the league
- 1.5 All coaches must be approved by the Coach and Umpire Selection Approval Committee

### **Section 2 DRAFTING & PROTECTED PLAYERS**

- 2.1 The Division Director will arrange a time and place for the draft as soon as practical after the Division tryouts. Draft is required for Mustang, Bronco, and Pony Divisions. Colt and Palomino division may opt for other means of player selection with Board approval. Players will be assigned to teams by Shetland and Pinto Directors. Shetland and Pinto directors will try to honor requests for team placements, but must keep a balance of ages and genders on each team in mind at all times so that teams are competitive with each other. No team shall be created of more than 8 players of an older age group in Shetland, Pinto, Mustang, or Bronco. Exceptions are allowed at the discretion of the Division Director and Player Agent.
- 2.2 Draft order is determined by teams’ position in the final standings from the previous season. Teams will draft in reverse order of their position in the previous year end-of-season standings.
- 2.3 Expansion (new) teams will be awarded the middle position in the draft, with the order of the non-expansion teams remaining the same. (i.e.: If there are 8 teams, the expansion team would get the 4<sup>th</sup> pick. If there are 9 teams, the expansion team would get the middle pick rounded down, so the 4<sup>th</sup> pick.) In the event that there is more than one expansion team, the new expansion teams would be awarded positions starting at sixth in the draft (e.g. if there are two new teams, they would draft sixth and seventh, respectively; if there are three new teams they would draft sixth, seventh and eighth, respectively). In the event that there is more than one expansion team, their position in the first round of the draft will be decided by coin flip or other random method chosen by the Division Director. The expansion teams will rotate their draft positions in subsequent rounds of the draft.
- 2.4 All returning players in Mustang, Bronco and Pony Cascade who choose to return to their previous season’s team shall be automatically protected. A player may choose to enter the draft instead of returning to their previous team. Such players must participate in the tryout and are eligible to be drafted by any team (including the team which they chose to not return).
- 2.5 For player protection purposes, each team will have only two coaches of record: Head coach/manager and Assistant Coach. (Ideally one coach will have a child in the older age group and the other will have a child in the younger age group. When a coach with a child in the older

age group is not available, both coaches may have children in the younger age group. If both coaches have children in the older age group, the team will forfeit their first round draft selection in the younger age group. See Section 1.)

- 2.6 Younger siblings of returning or older age group players are automatically protected players on their older sibling's team in Mustang, Bronco and Pony Cascade. The younger sibling fills the last available draft slot in their age group for that team.
- 2.7 At Mustang, Bronco and Pony Cascade divisions, siblings of the same age group will be considered consecutive draft picks for that age group for that team.
- 2.8 The child/children of the head coach and assistant coach are automatically protected players and shall be considered the last pick in the child's age group for that team.
- 2.9 A coach's protected player must be a coach's immediate family member (child, stepchild, sibling). In rare circumstances, if the coach does not have an immediate family member playing, another relative (nephew, niece) may be protected with the approval of the division director and player agent (i.e. a coach can not protect their child and nephew/niece)
- 2.10 The draft will begin with the older age group. Each team eligible to draft players in the older age group will receive a first round draft pick.
- 2.11 After the first round selections for the older age group, the team with the fewest returning players shall begin the next round in draft order and continue filling roster spots until each team has an equal number of players.
- 2.12 No team will have more than eight players in the older age group, except at the Olympic select level.
- 2.13 After all players in the older age group have been drafted, the players in the younger age group shall be drafted.
- 2.14 Younger age group players shall be drafted by teams in normal draft order until all players have been drafted.
- 2.15 In order to equalize the number of players per team, the division director may remove teams from the draft order in their latter rounds.
- 2.16 Players who do not attend tryouts will become "hat picks" and will be randomly assigned as the last players drafted.
- 2.17 The drafting process is confidential. The round in which a player is selected may not be released to the players, family members, coaches, or any other league or non-league representative that was not in the drafting room

### **Section 3 PLAYER TRADES**

- 3.1 Coaches may trade players with other teams provided the following conditions are met:
  - The trade must be made within forty-eight hours of the beginning of the draft
  - The players traded must be the same age
  - The player agent and division director, after having been advised of the rationale for the trade, both give their written approval
  - The players traded are not protected players

### **Section 4 TRYOUTS**

- 4.1 Prior to tryouts, all teams will provide (or be provided by the division director) a list of returning players.
- 4.2 Tryouts will be held at a place, time and manner determined by the Division Director

4.3 All new players to the division and returning players choosing to re-enter the draft must participate in the tryout.

4.4 Players who register and are unable to attend the tryout will be randomly assigned to teams by picking their names from a hat or other device, as the last players in the draft.

4.5 Players who register after tryouts shall be placed on teams by the division director and player agent in a manner to be determined by the division director and player agent to equalize the number of players on teams by age group.

## **ARTICLE XXII DISSOLUTION**

MTYAA Baseball is organized exclusively as a nonprofit organization to provide the framework for instructional and competitive sports activities for local youth – functioning within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. No part of the net earnings shall inure to the benefit of the board members or individuals. Upon dissolution, assets will be distributed to the MTYAA Umbrella board, in a manner in which they best see fit to support other associations within the MTYAA family. If the MTYAA Umbrella board is unable, unwilling, or ineligible to receive the assets, they will be distributed to the City of Mountlake Terrace of Washington State or to an organization exempt under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

## **ARTICLE XXIII CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO THESE BYLAWS**

Changes or additions to these bylaws shall be made in accordance with Article VIII. Requests for changes in these bylaws must be submitted in November and December, and changes shall be voted on in either January or February.

## **ARTICLE XXIV CONTRACTS, CHECKS, DEPOSITS, EXPENDITURES AND FUNDS**

22.1 The Executive Board may authorize any officer or officers, agent or agents of the organization, in addition to the agents authorized by these bylaws, to enter into contracts, execute and deliver any instrument in the name and on behalf of the organization.

22.2 The Executive Board may authorize any officer or officers, agents or agents of the organization, in addition to the officers and agents so authorized by these bylaws, to sign all checks, drafts or other orders for the payment of money, notes or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of the organization.

22.3 Any payment of funds must be authorized by a minimum of two officers, including the President. The Executive Board may place further limitations as it sees fit to protect the integrity of its finances.

22.4 All funds of the organization shall be deposited as soon as practical to the credit of the organization in such banks, trust companies or other depositories as the Executive Board may select.

22.5 The Executive Board may accept on behalf of the organization, any contribution, gift, bequest, or devise for the general purposes or for any special purpose of the organization.

22.6 The Executive Board shall create and implement policies, procedures, guidelines and plans to control the receipt, distribution and payment of funds in order to insure that expenditures are

made toward the stated purposes of the organizations and within budgetary constraints of the organization and to insure that there are no conflicts of interest. The Executive Board shall publish said policies, guidelines and plans.

- 22.7 The Executive Board may only make loans to other member clubs of MTYAA as provided in the MTYAA Bylaws and Constitution.
- 22.8 The organization, through the Treasurer shall keep correct and complete books and records of its receipts and expenditures.
- 22.9 The organization, through its Secretary, shall keep accurate and complete minutes of all proceedings of the Executive Board, which authorize the receipt and expenditure of funds.
- 22.10 The organization, through its Executive Board shall conduct its financial transactions in a manner consistent with the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and any applicable amendments and with the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of MTYAA.
- 22.11 The organization shall conduct its affairs in such a manner as to assure its status as an organization qualifying for exemption from taxation pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- 22.12 The Executive Board may order periodic reviews to ensure that its operations are consistent with its purposes and that it does not engage in activities that could jeopardize its status as an organization exempt from federal income taxation.
- 22.13 Any provisions herein are meant to supplement, but not replace, any applicable laws of the State of Washington governing nonprofit and charitable organizations.