

# **Rohnert Park Cal Ripken Babe Ruth Baseball League, Inc. Constitution**

## **ARTICLE I – Name**

This organization shall be known to all and referred to as Rohnert Park Cal Ripken / Babe Ruth Baseball (herein referred to as RPCRBRB) Inc., a division of Babe Ruth Incorporated.

## **ARTICLE II – Objective**

The purpose for which this league is organized is to develop and operate a baseball program in affiliation with Babe Ruth League, Inc., a New Jersey corporation, in conformity with and pursuant to principles, rules, and regulations outlined by said Babe Ruth League, Inc. In conjunction with such purposes, the objective of this league is that, through the medium of a supervised, competitive baseball program, guided and governed by said Babe Ruth Baseball League, Inc., this league will seek to implant in the youth of the community ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage, and reverence, so that they may be finer, stronger, and happier youth who will grow to be good, clean, healthy adults working toward continued friendly relations in the community. No activities or resources of this organization will be utilized for any purpose, political or otherwise, that goes beyond the support and promotion of youth baseball and ensures that all participants comply with league safety standards.

## **Article III (A & B) – Statement of Affiliation**

- A. This league shall be affiliated with Babe Ruth League, Inc., a New Jersey corporation and shall be governed by and shall comply with the principles, rules, and regulations outlined and decreed by Babe Ruth League, Inc. During the Fall Fundraiser, the league will operate independently and will not be affiliated with Babe Ruth League, Inc. The Fall League Fundraiser will permit recruitment of players from a wider geographical area not currently permitted under the Babe Ruth League, Inc., charter. All other League rules and regulations, as well as Manager's Handbook and Local League Rules, will remain in effect during the Fall season.
- B. This organization exists as RPCPBRB Incorporated and will use as a guideline the Manager's Handbook (for local league rules), the Regulations and Playing Rules of Cal Ripken (Babe Ruth) Baseball, the Official Baseball Rules, this Constitution, and the league bylaws.

## **Article IV – Sites of Principle Operations**

The principle operations of this league shall be in and about the City of Rohnert Park, County of Sonoma, State of California, but may extend into such areas as provided for by State, Regional, and National Headquarters rules and regulations.

## Article V – Powers

This league shall have the following powers in addition to the powers expressly or implicitly conferred on it by law:

To make and enforce rules and regulations to govern itself on a local basis, but consistent with and not contrary to any rules and regulations promulgated by Babe Ruth League, Inc.

## Article VI – Membership

No member shall be discriminated against regardless of sex, race, color, national origin, religion, disability, or any other unlawful basis of race. Requirements for membership in the league and the privileges of membership shall be:

1. Members of this league shall consist of: Elected Board Members, Players, Parents/Guardians, Managers, Coaches, or any person affiliated with or present at Cal Ripken Babe Ruth functions and activities.
2. Directors of the league reserve the right to evaluate, suspend, terminate, and/or refuse an individual's membership, application, or status.
3. All returning and new players shall register for the current season during the publicized registration dates. Any registration after the publicized dates but before the draft is on an as-space-allows basis and will be subject to and **required to pay a late fee**, determined by the Board of Directors and published annually.
4. Members of the league, including parents, players, and board members, may provide goods and services at a reasonable and customary charge to the league. If services are provided such as landscaping, painting, plumbing, electrical, etc., the providers will be paid at the prevailing wage, or upon negotiation, less than the prevailing wage or the services may be donated to the league.
5. Members of this league recognize that this league is governed by a group of volunteer board of directors that, to the best of their knowledge, manage this league with the best interest of its members. Members agree to release from liability any board member, manager, coach, or other volunteer of this league for errors or oversights in managing this league.
6. Actions by any member of this league which results in a harmful, negative or otherwise harmful impact to this league will result in that member's immediate revocation of membership, and said member will be banned from further involvement of league activities.
7. If there is ever a need to limit teams and/or the number of players, a first come, first served basis will be used. The Board reserves the right to remove or refuse admittance of any member for conduct it deems detrimental to the league or its members.

## Article VII – Directors

1. The voting members of the Board of Directors of the Rohnert Park Cal Ripken Babe Ruth Baseball League, Inc., shall be:

President	Director of Sponsorships
Vice President of League Administration	Director of Equipment
Vice President of Baseball Operations	Director of Fields and Facilities
Secretary	Director of Umpires
Treasurer	Director of Uniforms
Player Agent	Director of Social Media & Marketing
Director of Scheduling	Division Managers (5)
Director of Concessions (2)	Event Coordinator
Team Parent Coordinator	Members at Large (2)

2. The Executive Board of Directors shall be:

President	Secretary
Vice President of League Admin	Treasurer
Vice President of Baseball Operations	

In addition, the President and/or Board may nominate or amend positions up to three (3) to the Executive Board. Those nominations require a Board quorum AND a 75% General Board approval.

3. The Executive Board will be enacted to discuss and vote on matters that require immediate resolution. Matters that require immediate resolution are to be presented at the next general board meeting for final approval and/or amended by a board quorum +1 for final approval.
4. The President, along with other Board members, shall recommend prospective members to join the Board with the selection's consent. The Board of Directors shall ratify each selection with a majority vote at any sanctioned meeting.
5. Officers shall be elected for a one-year term at the August board meeting by ballot of the board. Receipt of a majority vote of the members present shall constitute authority of term of office, to begin September first and running through August 31 of the next year with concurrent running of the office in the month of August. If removed from office by a majority vote of the officers/directors, such a Director will not be eligible for re-election to the same position for future boards.
6. Vacancies on the general board arising between annual elections will be filled by appointment from a majority vote of the general board members provided a quorum is present at any board meeting.

Any other position the Board feels is appropriate for operating the league properly can be filled if quorum vote is achieved. No board member shall derive any monetary profit from his or her position on the board.

7. **Removing a Board member:** If a Board member is found to not be fulfilling their duty, then the Executive Board will meet with said Board member to discuss the infraction. Another or continued infraction would result in an Executive Board vote for removal, with

ratification by the full Board.

Board members are expected to attend all regularly scheduled meetings and to remain actively involved in league operations.

If a Board member misses too many regular meetings within a fiscal year due to other non-baseball obligations, the Executive Board may meet with said member to discuss their attendance and participation. Continued absences or lack of engagement may result in an Executive Board vote for removal, with ratification by the full Board.

Absences resulting from baseball-related duties—including team practices, games, or other league activities—will not count toward the attendance limit, provided the member communicates the conflict in advance and continues to contribute through other league responsibilities.

## **Article VIII – Standing Committees**

No perpetual standing committee exists in the Rohnert Park Cal Ripken Babe Ruth Baseball League, Inc. Directors may form additional standing committees to improve the status of the league. A standing committee's creation and action shall be established by vote of directors (quorum requirement must be met) and report to the board monthly.

## **Article IX – Meetings and Quorum**

1. Regular meetings – Regular meetings are held at least once a month throughout the year. *Meeting dates shall be scheduled to ensure maximum participation of board members.* Regular meetings are open to the public. Members of the league or anyone wishing to address the board at a meeting should contact the board prior to the meeting to be put on the agenda.
2. Special meetings – The President is the only Board Member who may call special meetings of the elected Board. Such meetings must transact business as specified in the call for the special meeting. A special meeting may not supersede regular meetings unless explicitly stated at the time of the announced Special Meeting. The President must designate the Committee Chair Board member who may form Committee(s) and nominate members. All committee member nominations are subject to 75% General Board approval. A decision by any Committee, including the General Board, is not binding unless a quorum is present. A decision may also be rendered, as long as a quorum is present, by taking the committee's votes via telephone, email or in person.
3. Disciplinary meetings – Disciplinary meetings may not be open to the public at the discretion of the Board of Directors. However, the party on whose behalf the meeting is held may, at their option, have representation present to speak on his/her behalf. Representation will be given time to speak to the board and then excused from the meeting in order for the directors to continue meeting.
4. All “special” meeting(s) and Executive Board Meeting(s) will be closed.
5. Quorum – A voting quorum shall be designated as 50% +1 (fifty percent plus one) of current board members.

## **Article X – Amendments**

Proposed Amendments to the constitution may be submitted in writing to the President and signed by at least three (3) current board members. Such amendments shall be voted on at the next regular meeting and shall become part of the Constitution if approved by 75% of the General Board, provided a quorum is present.

## **Article XI – Dissolution**

Upon the dissolution of this organization, its assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all liabilities of this organization, shall be distributed to a non-profit fund, foundation or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes and which has established its tax exempt status under Section 501 c (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Board will vote on the choice of the fund.