

MYERSVILLE



Myersville Junior Baseball League

Constitution & Bylaws



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SECTION 1 ORGANIZATION NAME

The name of the organization shall be known as Myersville Junior Baseball League or also known as MJBL or simply referred to as Myersville Baseball.

SECTION 2 ORGANIZATION STATUS

MJBL shall be operated as a non-profit organization and take all necessary action to retain the non-profit status described in Section 501(3) of the US Internal Revenue Service Code and any amendments thereto. An individual elected as and Officer and/or Board member shall not receive any financial compensation for performing the duties of their office/position provided the duties are within the scope of the individual’s duties as a volunteer of the League. The Board of Directors is empowered to compensate individuals for services outside the scope of their individual duties as a volunteer.

SECTION 3 ORGANIZATION OFFICE & MAILING ADDRESS

The official office of the organization shall be the Town Hall of Myersville located at:	The mailing address of the organization shall be used for all official league mail, notices and legal correspondence and is:
<i>Town of Myersville Myersville Municipal Center - Town Hall 301 Main Street, PO Box 295 Myersville, MD 21773</i>	<i>Myersville Junior Baseball League PO Box 218 Myersville, MD 21773</i>

SECTION 4 MISSION STATEMENT

Myersville Junior Baseball League will offer baseball programs for the youth of our community. The purpose of the programs will be to provide an opportunity for our children to learn the fundamentals of baseball and under competent leadership, to enjoy participating and competition in organized leagues. League objectives include the development of positive social values and character traits, good citizenship and sportsmanship, and a knowledge and appreciation for the game of baseball. It is the goal of MJBL to instill the will to win and the courage to accept defeat with emphasis on clean play, safety and sportsmanlike conduct. The objective of MJBL is to inspire youth to practice ideals of health, good sportsmanship and character to bring youth closer together through the means of a common interest in baseball.



SECTION 5 LEAGUE PURPOSE

The purpose of Myersville Junior Baseball League is to provide a community based baseball program for youths 4 to 18 years of age, whereby these youths are taught through practice and game experience, the fundamentals and skills of baseball in an atmosphere where sportsmanship and fair play are exemplified. The mission of the league will be achieved by placing primary focus on the planning, funding, organization and supervision of baseball programs for the community youth.

SECTION 6 LEAGUE STRUCTURE

The following organizational structure shall serve as the governing body for MJBL. The Board of Directors shall be those persons elected by the members of the MJBL on an annual basis by means of a ballot and voting process. The Officers of MJBL shall consist of:

President

The President shall be the Chairman of the Board of Directors and the Executive Officer of the League. Subject to the control and direction of the Board of Directors, shall represent the League and generally supervise and conduct all business an affairs of the League. Without limiting the foregoing general powers of the President, the President shall;

- when present, preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors
- be a member of all program committees
- have the authority to co-sign with the Treasurer, checks for payment of bills, and other expenditures of the League
- appoint committees or individuals to achieve the objectives of the League
- break any tie vote occurring on any issue voted by the Board of Directors.

Vice President

The Vice President shall, in the absence or inability of the President to act, perform the duties of the President. The Vice President shall perform all other duties assigned by the President from time to time.

Treasurer

The Treasurer shall be responsible for and have custody of, the financial accounts and records, funds and securities of the corporation. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Treasurer shall:

- collect, receive and give receipts for all amounts payable to the corporation and deposit such receivables in the name of the corporation into such depositories as selected by the Board of Directors
- promptly pay all properly incurred expenditures and liabilities of the corporation



- prepare a monthly financial report to the Board of Directors and such other financial reports as directed by the President or Board of Directors from time to time
- provide such financial data and assistance as necessary for the preparation of taxes, financial statements, insurance coverage, or other requirements.

Secretary

The Secretary shall:

- keep the minutes of all meetings
- perform all other duties incidental to the office of Secretary and such other duties as may be assigned from time to time by the President or Board of Directors
- serve as custodian of all records and documents of the corporation
- maintain the membership and player registrations

SECTION 7 GOVERNING BODY

Executive Board

The Executive Board consists of the President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary.

Board Members

In addition to the Executive Board, MJBL will maintain at a minimum 6 board members with a maximum of 10.

Board of Directors (also known as the Board)

The certain decision making body comprised of the Executive Board and Board Members. The immediate past league President shall be retained as a Board advisor to the Board of Directors but has no voting privilege.

- The Board of Directors of MJBL will serve as the governing body of and shall direct the affairs of the League. Each Board member shall be entitled to one vote on such matters the Board directs a vote. The President will abstain from voting on issues and in the event of a tie vote, the President will serve as the tie breaker.
- In recognition of the general powers of the Board of Directors exercised by virtue of their office, they shall have the power to:
 - Purchase or otherwise acquire for MJBL any property, right or privilege which the League is authorized to acquire by the League membership at a price for consideration and upon such terms as the Board may deem expedient and is approved by vote of MJBL membership.



- To appoint, remove or suspend board members, subordinate agents, volunteers, coaches, and assistant coaches if such action, in the best judgment of the Board, is in the best interest of the League.
 - To determine who shall be authorized on behalf of MJBL to sign bills, notices, receipts, acceptances, endorsements, checks, releases contracts and any other instrument.
 - To delegate any powers of the Board to any standing committee, special committee or any officer or agent of MJBL with any powers as the Board may see fit to grant and to generally do all such lawful acts and take actions as may be necessary and proper.
- Vacancies in the Board may be filled by the affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining Board members, even though less than a quorum of the Board or by a sole remaining Executive Board member.
 - The Board shall have the authority to control the collection and expenditures of money, adopt rules and regulations for its own conduct, and for conducting the affairs of the League not in conflict with the Constitution.
 - No officer, group of officers, or any member shall have the authority to make any purchase on behalf of the League without the approval of the Board of Directors.
 - The Board must select and approve all coaches of teams representing the League.
 - The Board must approve the use of League equipment and uniforms for all League participation.
 - The Board shall annually establish the league membership and registration fees for each playing level. This decision will be based on current costs of required league insurance, uniforms, umpire fees, field usage and maintenance costs and necessary capital improvements

Members

Members of MJBL are defined as those individuals who, on an annual basis, render the required MJBL membership fee and have a registered child participating in MJBL. Members may serve as league volunteers assisting with various activities but have no voting privileges. Complaint, suggestions and recommendations from members will be addressed by the Board of Directors and utilized for future planning to benefit both MJBL and its members. Members are welcome to attend any meeting of the Board of Directors however, upon voting on any pertinent issue, the meeting will be closed to non-voting members.



SECTION 8 TERM OF LEAGUE OFFICERS

Each Officer shall be elected for a one year term by members. Nominations for League Officer Positions are sought in advance of the announced annual election date. To be nominated and elected for an Executive Board Position (President, Vice President, Treasurer or Secretary), a nominee shall serve as a Board Member for no less than one year and must be at least 21 years of age.

SECTION 9 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

Unless designated otherwise by the League President, all MJBL Board of Directors Meetings will be held at:

*Town of Myersville Municipal Center - Town Hall
301 Main Street, PO Box 295
Myersville, MD 21773*

Regular Board Meetings

Regular meetings shall be held pursuant to the time and place specified by the League President. During the spring and fall seasons, monthly meetings are held to maintain a vested interest in League operations and events.

Special Board Meetings

A special meeting of the Board may be called by the President or by two members of the Executive Board for any purpose.

Action without Board Meeting

The Board may act without a meeting if the Executive Board members can be contacted and either verbally or via email, is in agreement on proposed item.

SECTION 10 STATEMENT OF POLICY

- It shall be the policy of Myersville Junior Baseball League (MJBL) to conduct its activities that the physical and moral welfare of the young people for whose benefit it is organized shall remain paramount and all matters of policy shall be determined on that basis.
- No person who is a member or is employed by or who is in any way connected with MJBL shall receive any personal financial benefit therefore beyond the reasonable value of services in carrying out the purpose for which MJBL has been organized.



- In order to secure suitable and adequate financial backing to carry out the purpose of the league, it shall be the policy of MJBL to permit only such sponsorship as is consistent with the purpose for which MJBL is organized and to select sponsors who are interested in MJBL solely or principally as a means of contributing to the welfare of the young people.
- It shall be the policy of MJBL to prohibit any direct advertising of alcoholic beverages or tobacco products in connection with MJBL or any of its programs.

SECTION 11 RECORDS, HISTORY, DOCUMENTATION & CONFIDENTIALITY

The League shall accurately maintain books, records, history and associated documentation pertaining to all League activities. This includes but is not limited to; minutes from Board Meetings, registration documentation, accounting financial statements and any other documentation deemed as binding, contractual or serving an official purpose. Additionally, all League documents and documents containing confidential information provided by members are kept in confidential and not released to any other organization that is not a League Affiliate. Such documents may be used for the purpose of geographic and age verification for within Cal Ripken Baseball.

SECTION 12 MEMBERSHIP & REGISTRATION FEES

Membership and registration fees shall be assessed for any youth who participates in MJBL. For the spring season, membership and player registration fees will be assessed with only a player registration fee being assessed for the fall season. The family membership fee and player registration fee will be established by the Board and approved on an annual basis. The family membership fee will be assessed rather than requiring families to sell pizzas, cookies, etc. as a means of fund raising. The membership and registration fees will be posted at player registration. The registration fee will cover the League's financial expense of uniforms, equipment, insurance and league membership to Tri-County, Cal Ripken and Babe Ruth Baseball organizations. The League may assess a different registration fee for each playing level depending on its specific requirements while keeping the cost affordable to the general community. All membership and registration fees are payable at the time of registration unless designated otherwise by the Board.

As a "thank you" for their volunteer time and commitment to MJBL, Board members are entitled to a reduction of player fees by one half of the stated registration cost for one player. Additional players, will be assessed the posted player registration fee.

**SECTION 13 HARDSHIP CASES**

In keeping with the League's mission statement and purpose, the league desires that no child be prevented from participation in a baseball program based solely on the inability to pay membership or player registration fees due to financial hardship. Upon request of the parent or legal guardian of an eligible youth, the Executive Board will review on a personal and confidential basis, a waiver of membership and/or registration fees based on the hardship. On an annual basis, the Board of Directors will establish a limit as to the number of hardship cases.

SECTION 14 LEAGUE AFFILIATIONS

MJBL shall be affiliated with Tri-County Baseball (TCB) for ages 4–12 and Frederick County Babe Ruth Baseball (FCBRB) for ages 13–18 and thereby become subject to the powers and jurisdiction of these organizations. This includes coaches, players, parents and spectators abiding by each organization's own Constitution, By Laws and League Rules and subject to those penalties for violations contained in said documents. Documentation for all affiliated leagues will be available for review at player registrations. It is the responsibility of coaches, players, parents and spectators to educate themselves on each organization's rules and responsibilities. MJBL will support and enforce any disciplinary actions set forth by any affiliated organization based on the decision of the designated Director for each organization. Additionally, MJBL will abide by and enforce all applicable playing rules set forth by an affiliated organization with regards to player eligibility, game play, equipment (including the use of approved bats, metal spikes, heart protectors), length of game, mercy rules and pitching limitations.

SECTION 15 PLAYING LEVELS

MJBL shall utilize the Tri-County / Cal Ripken Baseball age groups for player ages 4–12 and the Babe Ruth Baseball age groups for player ages 13-18.

Tri-County / Cal Ripken Playing Levels

The Cal Ripken Baseball playing levels allows players to play at a playing level based more comfort and ability rather than on a specific age level. Players may play up or play down in playing level based on player ability, experience and knowledge of the game. However, there are general age guidelines that should be followed with regards to players either playing up or down in playing level. Below is a brief description and general player age for each Cal Ripken playing level.

**T-Ball**

- Part of Tri-County Baseball with games against Middletown and Braddock Heights
- Players must be 4 years old *BY* May 1 of the current year to be eligible to play
- Beginning level of play with simple coach pitch and use of a hitting tee
- All players bat and play the field in every inning of every game

Machine Pitch

- Part of Tri-County Baseball with games against other Frederick County teams
- Recommended players are older 6 year olds, 7 & 8 year olds
- Use of a pitching machine placed 46' from home plate pitching at 40mph
- No leading and no stealing
- 11 players on the field with use of a second base helper
- All players bat and required field playing time is that no player shall sit on the bench for more than one consecutive inning; in those games in which the mercy rule comes into play, coaches will make the effort to even out playing time in the next game

Minors

- Part of Tri-County Baseball with games against other Frederick County teams
- Recommended Players are 9 & 10 year olds and younger 11 year olds
- Player pitching from 46' mound with 60' bases
- No leading, can steal once the ball crosses home plate
- 9 players on the field
- All players bat and required field playing time is that no player shall sit on the bench for more than one consecutive inning; in those games in which the mercy rule comes into play, coaches will make the effort to even out playing time in the next game.
- At the Minors level, coaches are afforded more flexibility with field playing time; coaches may reduce a player's playing time for disciplinary reasons (*e.g.*, behavior, attendance, lack of effort, unwillingness to listen or participate, etc.)

Majors

- Part of Tri-County Baseball with games against other Frederick County teams
- Based on player ability, recommended players are older 10 year olds, 11 & 12 year olds
- Player pitching from 46' mound with 60' bases
- 9 players on the field with leadoff and stealing
- All players bat and required field playing time is that no player shall sit on the bench for more than one consecutive inning; in those games in which the mercy rule comes into play, coaches will make the effort to even out playing time in the next game.
- At the Majors playing level, coaches are afforded more flexibility with field playing time; coaches may reduce a player's playing time for disciplinary reasons (*e.g.*, behavior, attendance, lack of effort, unwillingness to listen or participate, etc.)



The chart below is a general guideline showing the playing levels and recommended age levels.

Playing Level	4 Year Old	5 Year Old	6 Year Old	7 Year Old	8 Year Old	9 Year Old	10 Year Old	11 Year Old	12 Year Old
Majors	No	No	No	No	No	Elite*	Yes	Yes	Yes
Minors	No	No	No	No	Elite*	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Machine Pitch	No	No	*Elite	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No
T-Ball	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No

** An Elite player is defined as a player whose playing skills are advanced for their age and may be able to play at a higher playing level of baseball. This player is welcome to attend the higher playing level evaluation. Based on the evaluation, the player will either remain at the older playing level or will simply move to the appropriate playing level. For example, an Elite 9 year old attends the Majors evaluation and based on that player's evaluation, they are not selected to play at the Majors, then they will simply play at the Minor playing level.*

Babe Ruth Playing Levels

For ages 13 and older, Myersville Baseball participates in Frederick County Babe Ruth Baseball. Below are the playing levels with recommended playing ages.

13 Prep

- Part of Frederick County Babe Ruth Baseball
- Recommended players are 13 year olds
- Playing time is solely a coach's decision

13 - 15 Year Olds

- Part of Frederick County Babe Ruth Baseball
- Recommended players are 14 and 15 year olds with some Elite 13 year olds
- Playing time is solely a coach's decision

16 - 18 Year Olds

- Part of Frederick County Babe Ruth Baseball
- Recommended players are 16, 17 and 18 year olds
- Playing time is solely a coach's decision



SECTION 16 PARENTAL & PLAYER COMMITMENT

The Board of Directors of MJBL is charged with the duty of providing our children with an opportunity to develop positive social values which will serve them as adults. One method of accomplishing this is by teaching the participants to operate under a “team concept” philosophy. By definition, the individual becomes a part of a whole and learns to put the good of the team and his/her teammates ahead of self. This requires a strong commitment from both parents and players from the first practice, throughout the season, to the final game. For example, the whole team is hurt when a player becomes an integral part of a team and misses an excessive number of practices and/or games. Therefore, MJBL strongly recommends that both parent and player evaluate the amount of time to which a family will be committed before joining a team. The lessons to be learned through association with the MJBL can be invaluable. However, for maximum effectiveness, they need to be reinforced by the parents. This requires a commitment from both parents and players.

SECTION 17 CONDUCT & RULES VIOLATIONS

MJBL participants (coaches, players, parents, spectators) are expected to act appropriately and abide by set forth MJBL and affiliated organization rules and regulations at all baseball related events including practices and games. The Board of Directors is authorized to suspend or otherwise sanction participants as it deems appropriate, for conduct determined to be detrimental to MJBL. Any player who violates the eligibility rules and regulations of the League shall be suspended from participation in MJBL. Officials shall submit a written report concerning ejections of coaches, players, or spectators to the League President. Persons ejected are subjected to disciplinary action. Any person ejected from a game, or who is suspended by the League President, during pre-game activities, during the game, and immediately following the game, must remain at least 100 feet from the playing area. Consumption of alcoholic beverages or the use of drugs is strictly prohibited by the MJBL. Any coach, player, parent or spectator who consumes alcoholic beverages and/or appears under the influence of the same, or drugs, when dealing with children or other players during practice or games shall be suspended. The League President shall be notified immediately of this offense. No coach shall smoke or use tobacco products during practice or games. There shall be no intentional roughness on the part of any player during practices or games. If a major infraction or a second offense occurs, the offender will immediately be ejected from the practice or game. Unsportsmanlike gestures, inappropriate language, or profanity is prohibited. If a minor infraction and a first offense, a warning shall be issued by the official to the offending player’s coach. If a major infraction or second offense, the offender will be immediately ejected from the game. Bickering or complaining about officiating decisions is strictly forbidden. If a minor infraction and a first offense, a warning shall be issued by the official to the offending player’s coach. If a major infraction or second offense, the offender will be immediately ejected from the game. The coach has the responsibility to control spectators backing or supporting a team. If a minor infraction and first offense, a warning shall be issued by the coach to the offending spectator. If a major infraction or a second offense, the offender will be immediately ejected from the game.



There shall be on hand, at all times when an organized MJBL activity is in progress, at least one adult who is responsible for the management and conduct of each participating team. If ejection from a game of an adult(s) shall cause a violation of this requirement, the game shall be declared a forfeit to the opposing team.

SECTION 18 COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

The goal of Myersville Junior Baseball League is to assure that its members, players, coaches, parents and officials maintain the highest standard of sportsmanship and ethical behavior at all times. In order to achieve this goal, a Code of Conduct has been adopted by the Board of Directors of the League.

"An opportunity to make a difference"

A coach of any youth sport has the opportunity to make a difference in a young person's life.

Coaches shall remain unconditionally supportive of MJBL's commitment to the ideals of good sportsmanship, team play, honesty, loyalty, courage and respect for authority. Likewise, coaches shall remain sensitive to the physical and emotional well being of the players on his/her team. In order to adhere to these doctrines the coaches agree as follows:

- *Coaches will be positive role models.*
- *Coaches will display and instill in their players the principles of good sportsmanship and team play.*
- *Coaches will conduct themselves in a manner that best serves the interests of the players.*
- *Coaches will do their best to provide the players a positive experience.*

Each coach in MJBL decrees:

- I will be responsible for all the players on my team.
- I will do my best to ensure that all the players have fun playing baseball.
- I will treat all players with respect and will provide instruction in a manner that is constructive and supportive.
- I will teach all players the skills of the game, the values of teamwork and the meaning of good sportsmanship.
- I will lead by example and always demonstrate good sportsmanship during games.
- I will see that "all players play" regardless of skill level.
- I will provide only encouragement and positive direction to players during games.
- I will not ridicule or demean players, umpires or league officials.
- I will respect the umpires, their calls and their authority during games.
- No coach at any time will physically or verbally abuse or assault a player for any reason.



- I will communicate with the parents on my team and inform them of all team rules, practices and games and league information.
- I will not tolerate behavior that endangers the health or well-being of a player.
- I will respect all facilities and equipment made available for my team to practice and play games.
- I will never use profanity, abusive language or threatening behavior towards any player, parent, coach, umpire or league official.
- I will lead by example and not use any tobacco products or possess/consume alcohol on any playing premises.
- I will report to MJBL any perceived misconduct by any coach, player, parent, umpire or league official so it can be dealt with in the appropriate manner.

With regards to game play:

- In the event of an obvious infraction of the rules, i.e. ineligible pitcher, bat, etc., by the opposing coach, in the spirit of good sportsmanship, should approach the other manager, and advise them of the infraction. If the rule infraction is not corrected a protest should be lodged with the umpire.
- Coaches must conduct themselves as adults and good representatives of MJBL at all times. They must refrain from swearing, shouting at parents, players and umpires and participating in “bush league” dramatics and displays of immaturity. Coaches have a duty to set an exemplary behavior pattern for the players and parents to follow.
- Coaches who are ejected from a game by the umpire will be required to present themselves to the Board of Directors of MJBL, which will review the situation, present their findings to and take appropriate action, which could include, but is not limited to suspension from game play for a designated period of time or permanent suspension from MJBL.

FAILURE TO FOLLOW THE ABOVE IS GROUNDS FOR REMOVAL FROM THE POSITION HELD AND PERMANENT REMOVAL FROM LEAGUE ACTIVITIES AND THE LEAGUE.

SECTION 19 PLAYERS & PARENTS\SPECTATORS CODE OF CONDUCT

Player participants of MJBL are expected to act in a manner that represents a positive learning experience for the game of baseball. Players understand they represent MJBL and agree to abide by the player code of conduct.

- Fighting between players will not be tolerated. Players fighting will be required to sit out and not participate in the next three scheduled games. Repeat offender(s) will be removed from the team and possibly from the League.
- Under no circumstances will a player be permitted to smoke, chew, or dip any tobacco product or possess/consume alcohol while participating in a MJBL activity.
- Inappropriate or foul/abusive language will not be tolerated on the bench, playing field or at any time while under the supervision of a MJBL coach.



- All players are to be on the bench or on the field. Players should not be wandering around during their scheduled practice or game.
- The throwing of bats, helmets or gloves in anger or any display of un-sportsman like conduct, arguing with or harassing the umpire or opposing team members will not be tolerated and will result in ejection from the game.

Parents and Spectators

- Parents are not allowed on the field or in the dugout during a game unless approved by coach.
- Inappropriate, foul or abusive language is not tolerated by parents/spectators at any time.
- Should a parent/spectator become hostile, verbally abuses or assaults a coach, umpire or other parent for any reason, the coach or umpire will request the parent to leave the park or the police will be called.

FAILURE TO FOLLOW THE ABOVE IS GROUNDS FOR REMOVAL FROM THE POSITION HELD AND PERMANENT REMOVAL FROM LEAGUE ACTIVITIES AND THE LEAGUE.

Contact the League President for the interpretation or enforcement of any league rule. The League President will seek council and guidance to ensure the issue is resolved correctly.

SECTION 20 SPORTSMANSHIP

The philosophy of MJBL places emphasis on clean play and sportsmanlike conduct. Sportsmanship is the heart of these attributes. The definition of “sportsmanship” includes fairness, courteous resolutions, and graceful acceptance of results. It is the League President’s responsibility to assure that the coaches are familiar with this standard and act accordingly. The League President must assure that his/hers own actions reflect these attributes in order to pass them along to the children. The League President and coaches must assure that players display sportsmanship during instructional, intramural, and especially while representing the community. The League President shall make every effort to assure that the coaches are fully versed in safety standards. All play, practice, or games shall be done in a safe manner. Unsafe play, either on the field or on the sidelines, will not be tolerated. All unsafe practices shall immediately be brought to the coaches and League President’s attention.

Any MJBL Board Member or coach has the authority to put an immediate stop to unsafe activities and if individuals refuse to cooperate they may be asked to leave the area. Any unsafe activity should be brought to the attention of the Board of Directors.



SECTION 21 COACH SELECTIONS

To be considered for selection to coach a MJBL team, the coaching candidate is required to complete in full, a coaching application, and submit to MJBL during the designated registration times. Coaching applications will be reviewed and the Board of Directors of MJBL will select the appropriate number of head coaches for each playing level in addition to designating two assistant coaches to each head coach. Background checks on coaching candidates is not performed at this time, however, MJBL is currently researching the means to facilitate this in the near future.

SECTION 22 PLAYER EVALUATIONS

Tri-County/Cal Ripken Playing Levels

Evaluations will be conducted at an indoor facility for the Machine Pitch, Minors and Majors levels. All players are expected to appear at the indoor evaluation site in appropriate baseball attire (tennis or athletic shoes only, no cleats please) and standard protective gear (i.e., athletic supporter and protective cup). Player evaluations will be performed in the context of skill stations. Each station will have an adult assigned to it to “run” the station. Head coaches and assistant coaches will perform the evaluation process.

Evaluation Stations

To effectively evaluate players, five stations running concurrently will be utilized with each player getting no less than 10 repetitions at the following stations:

- Throwing
 - Evaluate throwing only (not catching)
 - 1st 4 throws at moderate distance; next 3 at longer distance; final 3 at longest distance
 - Looking at accuracy and arm strength
- Fielding Grounders
 - Evaluate fielding only (not throwing)
 - 3 each front/left/right
 - Looking at feet movement and proper fielding technique
- Fielding Fly Balls
 - Evaluate fielding only (not throwing)
 - 2 each front/back/left/right
 - Looking at feet movement and proper fielding technique



- Hitting (against a pitching machine or a coach/evaluator, as appropriate for the level)
 - Proper batting stance and holding of the bat
 - Recognition of pitch location
 - Strength and motion of swing
- Pitching (Minors & Majors)
 - Knowledge of strike zone and command of pitches
 - Arm strength
 - Proper pitching mechanics
- Catching
 - Proper catching position
 - Ability to block balls
 - Strength and accuracy of throwing arm

Evaluation Rating System

Head coaches and assistant coaches will utilize the following evaluation rating system to assign a numerical value to each player for each station. Coaches may then refer to these numerical values when selecting players in the draft.

- 1 LITTLE OR NO SKILL
 - Rarely catches the ball
 - Poor throwing mechanics, little accuracy, weak arm
 - Poor hitting mechanics, rarely makes contact
- 2 BELOW AVERAGE SKILL
 - Sometimes catches the ball
 - Fair throwing mechanics, some accuracy, weak arm
 - Fair hitting mechanics, sometimes makes contact
- 3 AVERAGE SKILL
 - Usually catches the ball
 - Shows fair or good throwing mechanics, fairly accurate, average arm
 - Fair or good hitting mechanics, usually makes contact
- 4 ABOVE AVERAGE SKILL
 - Almost always catches the ball
 - Shows good throwing mechanics, fairly accurate, fairly strong arm
 - Fair or good hitting mechanics, usually makes contact



5 VERY SKILLED

- Catches everything within reach
- Shows good throwing mechanics, very accurate, very strong arm
- Good hitting mechanics, nearly always makes solid contact

Babe Ruth Playing Levels

For the U13 – U18 playing levels, try-outs will be conducted by MJBL before the season, including in certain instances in the fall before a new spring season. (Note: positions may be offered to players for a spring season in connection with a fall try-out.) The format of the tryout will be determined by the MJBL Babe Ruth Director and/or the MJBL Babe Ruth coaches. MJBL Babe Ruth coaches have the discretion to choose their players based upon their independent evaluations, subject to override by the MJBL Babe Ruth Director or League President. Any such override will be reserved to unusual situations (similar to an “abuse of discretion” standard). Evaluations for the Babe Ruth level may be scheduled on an as needed basis.

SECTION 23 TEAM SELECTIONS**Tri-County / Cal Ripken Playing Levels**

MJBL strives to provide each player with the same opportunities. Therefore, MJBL will simply have an open player draft at all Tri-County/Cal Ripken playing levels (T-ball through Majors). All players at each playing level will be placed into a draft pool and players will be selected by coaches in an alternating draft process. For example, a playing level has a total of 48 players and 4 coaches. The son/daughter of each head coach and two assistant coaches will be placed on the team. Each coach will draw a number, 1 through 4, and in order, each coach will take a turn selecting 1 player until all 48 players have been selected. Consideration will be given to siblings wishing to be on the same team. ***Requests for specific coaches will not be honored.*** Players are strongly encouraged to attend at least 1 of the 2 player evaluations to be held each year in February as coaches will be present to evaluate player abilities.

Babe Ruth Playing Levels

MJBL considers all play above the 12 year old level to be a more competitive brand of baseball. Players for the U13 level and up must try-out for and be offered a position on a team based upon the player’s ability as determined by the head coach. With this said, every effort will be made to accommodate the number of registrants at the Babe Ruth playing levels. Any registrant (above the 12 year old level) who MJBL is not able to accommodate will be granted a full refund.



SECTION 24 PLAYING TIME

Tri-County / Cal Ripken Playing Levels

MJBL is a “recreational” baseball league that promotes equal playing time for all players. The rule for playing time with regards to game play shall be that a running batting order is utilized meaning that all players present for a game shall be in the batting lineup. Required field playing time is that no player shall sit on the bench for more than one consecutive inning; in those games in which the mercy rule comes into play, coaches will make the effort to even out playing time in the next game. Notwithstanding the foregoing, MJBL coaches may reduce a player’s playing time for disciplinary reasons (*e.g.*, behavior, attendance, lack of effort, etc.).

Babe Ruth Playing Levels

Babe Ruth Baseball is for players ages 13 – 18. MJBL recognizes that beyond the age of 12, players may specialize in a position (*e.g.*, pitcher, catcher, infield, outfield) and team sizes may increase dramatically at older levels. While MJBL strongly encourages coaches beyond the 12 year old playing level to abide by the standards set forth herein, these rules will not be strictly enforced.

SECTION 25 WESTERN FREDERICK COUNTY (WFC) CAL RIPKEN ALL-STAR TEAMS

In the early spring of each season, players from Myersville, Middletown, Braddock Heights and Carroll Manor at the Tri-County / Cal Ripken Playing levels will have the opportunity to try-out for the supplemental Western Frederick County (WFC) Sunday All Star teams. WFC will field an All-Star team at the U8 Machine Pitch, U9/U10 Minors and U11/U12 Majors levels that will play the All Star players from other Cal Ripken organizations around the county on Sundays. Additionally, the WFC teams will compete in the Cal Ripken District and State Tournaments.

SECTION 26 EQUIPMENT

Coaches are responsible for all equipment issued to them at the beginning of the season by the Equipment Coordinator of MJBL and will be responsible to return the equipment to the Equipment Coordinator complete and in good order the last day of their season or as otherwise posted. Any equipment broken and/or otherwise deemed unusable should be returned for an exchange or repair. Coaches are not allowed to purchase any items in the name of the League. The Equipment Coordinator is responsible for verifying that all equipment being used meets or exceeds the standards, rules, and regulations of the affiliated league. Players/coaches failing to return all equipment issued in good condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted, may not be eligible to return to play or coach the following season unless restitution is made or approved by the Board of Directors. Coaches and players shall use the equipment solely for MJBL practices and games and for no other reason.

**SECTION 27 APPROVED BATS**

Cal Ripken and Babe Ruth Baseball Organizations have both banned the use of composite barreled bats and have published a list of approved bats for usage at the various playing levels. As this list of approved bats is periodically updated, please refer to each organization's website for an up-to-date approved bat list. MJBL will strictly enforce this approved bat rule for practices and game play in both the Cal Ripken and Babe Ruth levels of play. Coaches and umpires will strictly enforce this rule with regards to the use of approved bats. Any MJBL player found to be using a bat not on the approved bat list will be asked only one time to cease use of the bat. If a repeated violation occurs, the player is subject to discipline by MJBL up to and including suspension from MJBL and affiliated leagues.

SECTION 28 FIELDS

MJBL shall designate the baseball fields located at Doub's Meadow Park and on Harp Place for all MJBL sanctioned activities including practices and "home" games. MJBL pays the Town of Myersville a retainer fee to utilize the fields which is held in an interest bearing account.

Field scheduling will be performed by the Board Designator Field Scheduler or the President. Teams will be assigned designated practice dates and times, and if available, the ability to sign up for additional practice time on a "first come, first serve" basis. However, the League President will have the final say on field availability to ensure a fair opportunity is given to all teams. Games schedules will be provided by Tri-County Baseball and Frederick County Babe Ruth Baseball with Myersville homes games scheduled accordingly on designated fields. Rain make-up games take priority over scheduled practice times with regards to field availability. Coaches are required to rake and drag the field upon completion of practice or game. Field maintenance equipment will be provided by MJBL. Additionally, coaches and League members will be asked to participate in an annual spring maintenance day to get the baseball fields in playing condition for the spring season.

SECTION 29 UNIFORMS

As part of the spring membership and registration fees, MJBL will provide to each player a baseball uniform consisting of:

- Baseball pants
- Baseball shirt with "Myersville Baseball" on the front and number and last name on the back
- Color coordinated baseball socks with colored stripe
- Color coordinated baseball hat with "M" on the front



Team Sponsors will be sought with the sponsor’s name appearing on the shirt sleeve or hat. Each playing level will have specified uniform with regards to the type of pants, shirt and hat. Additionally for the spring season, the uniforms will be a mix of colors using red, white and blue.

Playing Level	Shirt	Pants	Hat
<i>T-Ball</i>	Cotton Blend Shirt	Elastic Pants	Adjustable Hat
<i>Machine Pitch</i>	Cotton Blend Shirt	Elastic Pants	Adjustable Hat
<i>Minors</i>	Power-Tek or Similar Shirt	Belted Pants w/o Belt	Fitted Hat with last name embroidered on back
<i>Majors</i>	Power-Tek or Similar Shirt	Belted Pants w/o Belt	Fitted Hat with last name embroidered on back
<i>13 Prep</i>	Power-Tek or Similar Shirt	Belted Pants w/o Belt	Fitted Hat with last name embroidered on back
<i>14 - 15</i>	Power-Tek or Similar Shirt	Belted Pants w/o Belt	Fitted Hat with last name embroidered on back
<i>16 - 18</i>	Power-Tek or Similar Shirt	Belted Pants w/o Belt	Fitted Hat with last name embroidered on back

Uniform Notes:

- Coaches with the most coaching seniority will have the first selection of uniform colors.
- Each team will be provided three coach’s shirts (head coach and two assistant coaches). Additional coach’s shirts may be purchased at the requester’s expense.
- Belts are not provided, however, teams may purchase baseball belts from Middletown Sportsland at a discount.
- Players at the Babe Ruth Levels (13 Prep, 14-15, 16-18) may request a specific jersey number. Coach will coordinate jersey numbers and provide to Uniform Coordinator.
- For the fall baseball season, MJBL will simply provide to each player a baseball shirt with number on the back due to the limited number of fall baseball games. There are no jersey color restrictions for the fall baseball season.



SECTION 30 ACCIDENTS & INJURY

MJBL will not be responsible for any accidents to coaches, players, parents, spectators, or officials. Players, parents or legal guardians are required to sign a liability, medical release and permission to authorize medical treatment. Players, coaches and spectators do hereby assume all risk of injury arising from his/her participation in MJBL and any associated activities (including travel to and from games/practices). Members of MJBL release the Myersville Junior Baseball League, its officers, board of directors, coaches and volunteers from any and all liability for injury or damage caused from the participation in the aforementioned activities. In the event a player requires medical treatment, the member gives permission to his/her coach, officers and board members of the Myersville Junior Baseball League, to authorize the necessary medical treatment. Furthermore, permission is authorized to the medical professional to render the needed medical treatment. Members accept full responsibility for all costs associated with providing treatment; and do hereby release the Myersville Junior Baseball League, its officers, and board of directors, coaches, and volunteers from any and all liability for authorizing/providing medical attention. It is strongly recommended that coaches not move injured persons or administer medical assistance until trained personnel have arrived. MJBL will provide coaches and with the necessary information to promptly secure medical help from a doctor or paramedic. Parents will be promptly notified of any injury or medical condition which causes a player to leave an organized baseball activity. Serious injuries will be reported to the President or a member of the Board of Directors immediately.

Additionally, participants are to indicate any allergies, health concerns, medical conditions or medications that MJBL and coach need to be made aware of.

This includes:

- any allergies to food, drinks, bees, etc. and specific medical treatment or medication that may be required
- any pre-existing medical conditions that may affect behavior, attention span or ability

SECTION 31 MEMBER COMPLAINTS / SUGGESTIONS / RECOMMENDATIONS

Members of MJBL are encouraged to submit complaints, suggestions and/or recommendations to MJBL aimed at improving the baseball program offerings to the community youth. Formal complaints, suggestions or recommendations shall be presented in person or in writing to the Board of Directors. Complaints, suggestions and recommendations from members will be addressed by the Board of Directors and utilized for future planning to benefit both MJBL and its members. Members are welcome to attend any meeting of the Board of Directors however, upon voting on any pertinent issue, the meeting will be closed to non-voting members.



SECTION 32 AMENDMENTS

Periodically, amendments may be made to the MJBL Constitution and Bylaws facilitated either by a situation that arises or by changes in rules and regulations. Amendments to any article of the constitution/by-laws can be done so by a majority vote of the Board Members present at any regular or special board meeting, provided the amendment(s) is not in conflict with League's existing constitution/by-laws. Any by-law, not consistent with this constitution, embodying additional provisions for the government of MJBL, shall be adopted and may be amended by the membership of the League.