

NETHER SWARTHMORE BASEBALL BYLAWS

ARTICLE 1 - NAME

This organization shall be known as the Nether Swarthmore Baseball, hereinafter referred to as "NSB".

ARTICLE 2 - OBJECTIVE

SECTION 1 - Vision

Through its baseball and softball programs, the objective of NSB shall be to implant firmly in the children of the community the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage and respect for authority, so that they may be well adjusted, stronger and happier children and will grow to be good, decent, healthy and trustworthy citizens. We help our players grow and mature by giving them opportunities to learn new skills and meet new challenges through the promotion of healthy competition, the development of core competencies, and the value of teamwork. Successes are praised while mistakes are corrected with discretion, patience and a positive attitude. Every player, regardless of skill level, is valued as a person and is readily accepted as a contributing member of the team. We conduct our practices and our games to show respect for both the needs of the individual and the needs of the team.

SECTION 2 - Method

To achieve this objective, NSB will provide a supervised program under the Rules and Regulations of the Babe Ruth League, Inc. and Cal Ripken Baseball. All Directors, Officers and Members shall bear in mind that the attainment of exceptional athletic skill or the winning of games is secondary, and healthy competition, good sportsmanship and teamwork are of prime importance.

All players, their parents or guardians, managers, coaches and board members will be asked to sign a Code of Conduct, which will serve to emphasize that first and foremost, as adults, our primary responsibility is to support the development of the children as players and people, and to lead by example in the realms of sportsmanship and consideration. Coaches, umpires, parents, family members, fans are secondary to the players on the field and are there to facilitate player enjoyment of the game. Any distractions that detract from the players' enjoyment and turn the attention to the adults who administer the game will not be tolerated.

In accordance with Section 501(c)(3) of the Federal Internal Revenue Code, NSB shall operate exclusively as a non-profit educational organization providing a supervised program of competitive baseball games. No part of the net earnings shall inure to the benefit of any private individual; no substantial part of the activities of which is carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and which does not participate in or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

ARTICLE 3 - MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1 - Eligibility

Any person sincerely interested in active participation to further the objective of NSB may apply to become a Member.

SECTION 2 - Classes

There shall be the following classes of Members:

- (a) **Player Members.** Any player candidate meeting the requirements of eligibility under the Babe Ruth League, Inc. rules shall be eligible to compete for participation. Player Members shall have no rights, duties or obligations in the management or in the property of NSB.
- (b) **Board Members.** Any adult person, over the age of 18, actively interested in furthering the objectives of NSB may become a Board Member upon election as hereinafter provided. The Secretary shall maintain the roll of membership to qualify voting members.

Only Board Members in good standing are eligible to vote at Board Meetings. To be eligible to vote, Board Members must attend a minimum of at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the Board meetings held during the year. The secretary shall keep a record of attendance and make this available to the board as requested. If necessary, Board members may attend a meeting telephonically.

Board Members of the league automatically include all current Board Members, Officers of the Board and any other person who is recognized by the Board as such.

- (c) **Honorary Members .** Any person may be elected as Honorary Member by the unanimous vote of all Directors present at any duly held meeting of the Board of Directors but shall have no rights, duties or obligations in the management or in the property of NSB.
- (d) **Sustaining Members.** Any person not a Board Member who makes financial or other contribution to NSB may, by a majority vote of the Board of Directors, become a Sustaining Member, but such person shall have no rights, duties or obligations in the management or in the property of NSB.
- (e) As used hereinafter, the word "Member" shall mean a Board Member unless otherwise stated.

SECTION 3 - Other Affiliations

- (a) Members, whether Board or Player, shall not be required to be affiliated with another organization or group to qualify as members of NSB.
- (b) Members should not be actively engaged in the promotion and/or operation of any other competing baseball/softball program in a way that could negatively affect NSB.

SECTION 4 - Suspension or Termination

Membership may be terminated by resignation or action of the Board of Directors as follows:

- (a) The Board of Directors, by at least a two-thirds vote of those present at any duly constituted Board meeting (quorum is required), shall have the authority to discipline or suspend or terminate the membership of any Member of any class, including managers and coaches, when the conduct of such person is considered detrimental to the best interests of NSB and/or Babe Ruth League, Inc. The Member involved shall be notified of such meeting, informed of the general nature of the charges and given an opportunity to appear at the meeting to answer such charges.

(b) The Board of Directors shall, in the case of a Player Member, give notice to the manager or coach of the team for which the player is a Player Member. Said manager or coach shall appear, in the capacity of an advisor, with the player parent(s) or legal guardian(s) before the Board of Directors or a duly appointed committee of the Board of Directors. The player may also be present, but the player's attendance is not mandatory and is at the discretion of the player parent(s) or legal guardian(s). The Board of Directors shall have full power to suspend or revoke such player's right to future participation by two-thirds vote of those present at any duly constituted meeting (quorum is required).

ARTICLE 4 - GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

SECTION 1 - Definition

A General Membership Meeting is any meeting of the Board Members of the league where the interested public is invited to attend (including Special General Membership Meetings as described in Article 4, Section 7). A minimum of one Annual Meeting per year (Article 4, Section 6) is required.

SECTION 2 – Notice of Meeting

Notice of each General Membership Meeting shall be delivered personally, electronically or by mail to each Board Member and the interested public at the last recorded address or electronic address at least fourteen (14) days in advance of the meeting, setting forth the place, time and purpose of the meeting. In lieu of the above methods, notice may be given in such form as may be authorized by the Board Members, from time to time, at a regularly convened General Membership Meeting.

SECTION 3 - Quorum

At any General Membership Meeting, the presence in person, via telephone or representation by absentee ballot of at least seventy-five (75 percent) of the Board Members (as defined in Article 3 - Membership) shall be necessary to constitute a quorum. If a quorum is not present, no business shall be conducted.

SECTION 4 - Voting

Only Board Members shall be entitled to make motions and vote at General Membership Meetings. However, the Board of Directors may invite, admit and recognize guests for presentations or comments during General Membership Meetings. (Those eligible to take part at meetings of the Board of Directors are described in Article 5, Section 4.)

SECTION 5 – Absentee Ballot

For the express purpose of accommodating a Board Member in good standing who cannot be in attendance at the Annual Meeting, or any General Membership Meeting at which new Board members will be elected, an absentee ballot may be requested and obtained from the Secretary of NSB by any individual who is a member, as defined in Article 3 - Membership. The absentee ballot shall be properly completed, signed and returned in a sealed envelope to the Secretary prior to the date of the election. The Secretary shall present all absentee ballots to the Election Chairman (appointed at the meeting; can be the Chair of the Nominations Committee) on the date of the meeting, prior to the voting portion of the election process.

SECTION 6 - Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the General Membership of NSB shall be held in October of each year for the purpose of electing new Members, electing the Board of Directors, receiving reports, reviewing the Bylaws, appointing committees, and for the transaction of such business as may properly come before the meeting.

- (a) The Board Members and other interested members of the public who attend the Annual Meeting shall receive at the Annual Meeting of the Members of NSB a report, verified by the President and Treasurer, or by a majority of the Directors, showing:
 - (1) The condition of NSB, to be presented by the President or his/her designee;
 - (2) A general summary of funds received and expended by NSB for the previous year, the amount of funds currently in possession of NSB, and the name(s) of the financial institution(s) in which such funds are maintained;
 - (3) The whole amount of real and personal property owned by NSB, where located, and where and how it is invested;
 - (4) For the year immediately preceding, the amount and nature of the property acquired, with the date of the report and the manner of the acquisition, the amount applied, appropriated or expended, and the purposes, objects or persons to or for which such applications, appropriations or expenditures have been made;
 - (5) The names of the persons who have been admitted to Board membership in NSB during such year.

This report shall be filed with the records of NSB and entered in the minutes of the proceedings of the Annual Meeting. A copy of such report shall be forwarded to the Commissioners of Nether Providence Township as well.

- (b) At the Annual Meeting, the Members shall determine the number of Directors to be elected for the ensuing year and shall elect such number of Directors. The number of Directors elected shall be not less than nine (9) or more than 25. The number of Directors for 2014 shall be 15.
- (c) After the Board of Directors is elected, the Board shall meet to elect the officers. After the election, the Board of Directors shall assume the performance of its duties on November 1st. The Board's term of office shall continue until its successors are elected and qualified under this section.
- (d) The Officers of the Board of Directors shall include, at a minimum, the President, one or more Vice Presidents, Treasurer, Secretary and Communications Director, one or more Registrars and a Safety and Equipment Officer. The Board shall also include a minimum of one commissioner. The person holding the position of Registrar or Safety and Equipment Officer may also hold one of the other officer positions.
- (e) Elected Board members shall serve a term of two (2) years. Board Members may serve an additional two year term if approved by a majority vote of the Board.

SECTION 7 - Special General Membership Meetings

Special General Membership Meetings of the Members may be called by the Board of Directors or by the Secretary or President at their discretion. Upon either electronic or written request of a quorum of Board Members, the President or Secretary shall call a Special General Membership Meeting to consider the subject specified in the request. No business other than that specified in the notice of the meeting shall be transacted at any Special General Membership Meeting. Such Special General Membership Meeting shall be scheduled to take place not less than ten (10) days after the request is received by the President or Secretary.

SECTION 8 - Rules of Order for General Membership Meetings

Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings of all General Membership Meetings, except where same conflicts with these Bylaws of NSB.

ARTICLE 5 - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1 – Authority

The management of the property and affairs of NSB shall be vested in the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2 - Increase in number

The number of Board of Directors so fixed at the Annual Meeting may be increased at any General Membership Meeting, Board Meeting or Special Meeting of the General Membership. If the number is increased, the additional Directors may be elected at the meeting at which the increase is voted, or at any subsequent Board Meeting or General Membership Meeting. All elections of additional Directors shall be by majority vote of all Board Members present or represented by a properly executed and signed absentee ballot filed with the Secretary prior to the election meeting.

SECTION 3 - Vacancies

If any vacancy occurs in the Board of Directors, by death, resignation or otherwise, it may be filled by a majority vote of the remaining Directors at any regular Board meeting or at any Special Board Meeting called for that purpose.

Should a board member wish to resign from the Board, written notification should be provided to the Executive Committee of the Board.

SECTION 4 - Board Meetings, Notice and Quorum

Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held immediately following the Annual Meeting and on such days thereafter as shall be determined by the Board.

- (a) The President or the Secretary may, whenever they deem it advisable, or the Secretary shall at the request in writing of majority of Directors, issue a call for a Special Board Meeting. In the case of Special Board Meetings, such notice shall include the purpose of the meeting and no other topic shall be discussed at the meeting.

(b) Notice of each Board meeting shall be given by the Secretary personally, electronically or by mail to each Director at least fourteen (14) days before the time appointed for the meeting to the last recorded address of each Director or via email at the email address provided by each member.

(c) Seventy-five percent (75%) of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. If a quorum is not present no business shall be conducted. Board members may participate by conference call if unable to attend in person. If necessary, motions and votes may take place electronically should a meeting not be possible.

(d) Only members of the Board of Directors may make motions and vote at meetings of the Board of Directors. However, the Board of Directors may invite, admit and recognize guests for presentations or comments during Board meetings.

SECTION 5 – Duties and Powers

The Board of Directors shall have the power to appoint such standing committees as it shall determine appropriate and to delegate such powers to them as the Board shall deem advisable and which it may properly delegate.

The Board may adopt such rules and regulations for the conduct of its meetings and the management of NSB as it may deem proper, provided such rules and regulations do not conflict with these Bylaws.

The Board shall have the power by a two-thirds vote of those present at any regular Board or Special Board Meeting to discipline, suspend or remove any Director or Officer or Committee Member of NSB in accordance with the procedure set forth in Article 3, Section 4.

SECTION 6 - Rules of Order for Board Meetings

Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings of all Board of Directors meetings, except where same conflicts with these Bylaws of NSB.

ARTICLE 6 - DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE BOARD

SECTION 1 - Appointments of Officers

The Board of Directors may appoint such other officers or agents as it may deem necessary or desirable, and may prescribe the powers and duties of each. Appointed officers or agents shall have no vote on actions taken by the Board of Directors unless such individuals have been elected to the Board by the Board Members or have been elected to fill a vacancy on the Board.

SECTION 2 – Dates and Procedures for Nomination and Election of Officers

(a) The Board shall appoint a Nominating Committee (Article 8, Section 1). This committee shall be formed by August 1st prior to elections during the month of August.

(b) The Nominating Committee shall by August 15th present a list of eligible candidates for nomination to office. All persons on the list must have been contacted and agree to run.

- (c) The list of nominees as presented by the Nominating Committee shall be distributed electronically to the members and become nominees for the officers of the Board. Other nominees may be presented by Board members at that time.
- (d) Voting will be counted by the Nominating Committee. All voters are to be certified as eligible by the eligibility lists supplied by the Secretary.
- (e) The newly elected officers of the organization shall take office as of September 1st.

SECTION 3 - President

The President shall:

- (a) Conduct the affairs of NSB and execute the policies established by the Board of Directors and in accordance with these Bylaws;
- (b) Present a report of the condition of NSB at the Annual Meeting;
- (c) Communicate to the Board of Directors such matters as deemed appropriate, and make such suggestions as may tend to promote the welfare of NSB;
- (d) Be responsible for the conduct of NSB in strict conformity to the policies, principles, Rules and Regulations of Babe Ruth League, Inc., as agreed to under the conditions of charter issued to NSB by that organization;
- (e) Designate in writing other officers, if necessary, to have power to make and execute for/and in the name of NSB such contracts and leases they may receive and which have had prior approval of the Board;
- (f) Investigate complaints, irregularities and conditions detrimental to NSB and report thereon to the Board or Executive Committee as circumstances warrant;
- (g) With the assistance of the Treasurer, prepare and submit an annual budget to the Board of Directors, and to the Nether Providence Township Commissioners, and be responsible for the proper execution thereof;
- (h) With the assistance of the Registrar, examine the application and support proof-of age documents of every player candidate and certify to residence and age eligibility before the player may be accepted for tryouts and selection.
- (i) Secure umpires for the organization; and
- (l) Have a term of office of two (2) years. A second two year term may be approved by a majority vote of the Board.
- (m) Be a visible presence at all levels of NSB play.

SECTION 4 - Vice President

There will be two Vice Presidents, a U-12 Vice President and a U-19 Vice President, either or both of whom shall:

- (a) Perform the duties of the President in the absence or disability of the President, provided he or she is authorized by the President or Board so to act. When so acting, the Vice President shall have all the powers of that office;
- (b) Perform such duties as from time to time may be assigned by the Board of Directors or by the President; and
- (c) Have a term of office of two (2) years. A second two year term may be approved by a majority vote of the Board.

The U-12 Vice President shall:

- (a) Manage all U-12 commissioners;
- (b) Manage the fall ball commissioner;
- (c) Manage the snack bar chair; and
- (d) Manage all team scheduling.

The U-19 Vice President shall:

- (a) Manage senior intramurals and schedules;
- (b) Work closely with the Legion Director and general managers or head coaches; and
- (c) Attend meetings as necessary for Legion leagues.

SECTION 5 – Secretary and Communications Officer

The Secretary and Communications Officer shall:

- (a) Be responsible for recording the activities of NSB and maintain appropriate files, mailing lists and necessary records;
- (b) Maintain a list of all Board, Sustaining and Honorary Members, Directors and committee members and give notice of all meetings of NSB, the Board of Directors and Committees;
- (c) Keep the minutes of the meetings of the Members, the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee, and cause them to be recorded in a book kept for that purpose;
- (d) Conduct all correspondence not otherwise specifically delegated in connection with said meeting and shall be responsible for carrying out all orders, votes and resolutions not otherwise committed;
- (e) Notify Members, Directors, Officers and committee members of their election or appointment;

- (f) Manage the league's website;
- (g) Manage the online registration process and ensure that league rosters are maintained on the site;
- (h) Assign administrative rights to league volunteers and teams;
- (i) Ensure that league news and scores are updated on a regular basis;
- (j) Collect, post and distribute important information on League activities including direct dissemination of fund-raising and sponsor activities to NSB district, public, league members and media;
- (k) Serve as primary contact person for NSB and web host; e.g. leaguelineup, angelfire, eteamz regarding optimizing use of the Internet for league administration and for distributing information to league members and to Babe Ruth League, Inc.; and
- (l) Have a term of office of two (2) years. A second two year term may be approved by a majority vote of the Board.
- (m) Conduct surveys of the general membership as requested by the board.

SECTION 6 – Treasurer

The Treasurer shall:

- (a) Perform such duties as are herein set forth and such other duties as are customarily incident to the Office of Treasurer as may be assigned by the Board of Directors;
- (b) Working closely with the Registrar, Sponsorship and Fundraising Committees, receive all monies and securities, and deposit same in a depository approved by the Board of Directors, including all sponsorship funds, fundraising proceeds, snack bar proceeds, and registration fees;

Keep records for the receipt and disbursement of all monies and securities of NSB, approve all payments from allotted funds and draw checks therefore in agreement with policies established in advance of such actions by the Board of Directors. All disbursements must comply with procedures as outlined in Article 10, Section 4, Disbursement of Funds.
- (c) Prepare an annual budget, under the direction of the President, for submission to the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting; as well as for submission to the Nether Providence Township Board of Commissioners;
- (d) Prepare an annual financial report under the direction of the President for submission to the Membership and Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting; and
- (e) Have a term of office of two (2) years. A second two year term may be approved by a majority vote of the Board.

SECTION 7 - Registrar

The Registrar shall:

- (a) Record all player transactions and payments, and maintain an accurate and up-to-date record thereof;
- (b) Work closely with the Treasurer to ensure proper payment by all registered players, and to deposit all such funds in a depository approved by the Board of Directors;
- (c) Receive and review applications for player candidates and assist the President in verifying residence and age eligibility;
- (d) Conduct the tryouts, the player draft and all other player transaction or selection meetings;
- (e) Prepare and distribute the team rosters;
- (f) Prepare for the President's signature and submission to Babe Ruth League, Inc. team rosters, including players claimed, and the tournament team eligibility affidavit;
- (g) Notify Babe Ruth League, Inc. of any subsequent player replacements or trades.

SECTION 8 – Equipment and Field Maintenance Officer

The Equipment and Field Maintenance Officer shall:

- (a) Secure bids on needed supplies, equipment and uniforms, and make recommendations for their purchase to the Board;
- (b) Manage shed inventories; responsible for the proper issuance of such supplies and equipment and for the repair, cleaning and storage thereof at the close of the season;
- (c) Be responsible to create awareness of equipment use and safety through education and information, of the opportunities to provide a safer environment for youngsters and all participants of Babe Ruth League, Inc.; and
- (d) Ensure safe playing conditions at the fields, coordinating repairs as needed

SECTION 9 – Safety Officer

Develop and implement a plan for increasing safety of activities through education, compliance and reporting,

In order to implement a safety plan using education, compliance and reporting, the following suggestions may be utilized by the Safety Officer:

- (1) Education - Should facilitate meetings and distribute information among participants including players, managers, coaches, umpires, league officials, parents, guardians and other volunteers;
- (2) Compliance- Should promote safety compliance leadership by increasing awareness of the safety opportunities that arise from these responsibilities;

- (3) Reporting - Define a process to assure that incidents are recorded, information is sent to league/district and national offices, and follow-up information on medical and other data is forwarded as available.

SECTION 10 – Training and Development Officer

The Training and Development Officer shall:

- (a) Represent coaches/managers in the league;
- (b) Present a coach/manager training budget to the board;
- (c) Gain the support and funds necessary to implement a league-wide training program;
- (d) Order and distribute training materials to players, coaches and managers;
- (e) Secure qualified personnel to teach and train the league's membership in an organized fashion; coordinate training programs and clinics as necessary; and
- (f) Serve as the contact person for NSB and its manager-coach education program for the league.
- (g) Uphold the values and principles of NSB by holding all NSB coaches accountable for proper conduct, particularly with respect to interpersonal actions with players.

ARTICLE 7 - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

SECTION 1

The Board of Directors may appoint an Executive Committee which shall consist of not less than three (3) nor more than five (5) Directors, and should include the President, Vice Presidents, Treasurer and Secretary of NSB.

SECTION 2

The Executive Committee shall advise with and assist the Officers of NSB with matters concerning its interests and the management of its affairs, and shall have such other powers as may be delegated to it by the Board, but in no event will the Executive Committee have authority over the Board of Directors.

SECTION 3

At any meeting of the Executive Committee, a majority of the total number of members then in office shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and the act of a majority present at any meeting at which there is a quorum shall be the act of the Committee.

ARTICLE 8 - OTHER COMMITTEES

The Board may create any of the committees listed below at its discretion, or may appoint a member of the Board of Directors or a volunteer to perform the functions of a particular committee individually. Any actions of the committees must be either directed by the Board or approved by a majority vote of the Board.

SECTION 1 – Nominating Committee

The Board of Directors may appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of three (3) Board Members and other appointed individuals. The Committee shall investigate and consider eligible candidates for Board, Honorary and Sustaining Membership and submit at the Annual Meeting a slate of candidates for the Board of Directors. The Committee shall also submit for consideration by the Board of Directors a slate of Officers and Committee Members.

SECTION 2 – Finance Committee

The Board of Directors may appoint a Finance Committee consisting of not less than three (3) Board Members and other appointed individuals.. The Treasurer shall be an ex-officio member of the Committee. The Committee shall investigate means of financing NSB and the overall financial performance of NSB, and submit recommendations to the Board accordingly.

SECTION 3 – Building, Property and Grounds Committee

The Board of Directors may appoint a Building, Property and Grounds Committee consisting of at least three (3) Board Members and other appointed individuals.. The Committee shall investigate and recommend available suitable sites and plans for development in cooperation with the Finance Committee. It shall be responsible for repair and improvement recommendations, other than normal maintenance, and supervise the performance of approved projects. The committee shall also be responsible for procuring and managing necessary field equipment and supplies, and for the care and maintenance of the playing fields, buildings and grounds. The Committee shall also organize and manage Clean Up Day (field day). It shall operate within the amount appropriated in the approved budget for these purposes.

SECTION 4 - Managers Committee

The Board of Directors may appoint a Managers Committee consisting of at least three (3) Board Members and other appointed individuals. The Committee shall interview and investigate prospective managers and coaches and recommend acceptable candidates to the President for appointment and subsequent approval by the Board of Directors. It shall, during the playing season, observe the conduct of the managers and coaches and report its findings to the President of NSB. It shall, at the request of the President or Board of Directors, investigate complaints concerning managers and coaches and make a report thereof to the President or Board of Directors as the case may be. The Managers Committee shall also recommend coaches for any tournament teams. The selection of tournament team coaches is subject to approval of the General Membership.

SECTION 5 - Umpire Committee

The Board of Directors may appoint an Umpire Committee consisting of three (3) Board Members and other appointed individuals.. The NSB President shall be chairman of any such Committee. The

Committee shall recruit, interview and recommend to the President for appointment an umpire organization or a staff of umpires including a chief umpire and replacements. When appointed, the umpires shall be under the direction of the NSB President, assisted by a chief umpire who shall train, observe and schedule the staff.

SECTION 6 – Legion Committee

The Board of Directors may appoint a Legion Committee consisting of three (3) Board Members and other appointed individuals. The Committee shall manage the general managers for all Legion teams, coordinate schedules with U-19 and travel leagues, coordinate all Legion teams, attend meetings as necessary for legion leagues, work closely with the U-19 Vice President and general managers to determine coaching placements for all legion teams. The Committee will organize and coordinate any Legion tournament teams and secure uniforms for all tournament teams.

SECTION 7 – Softball Committee

The Board of Directors may appoint a Softball Committee consisting of three (3) Board Members and other appointed individuals.. The Committee shall coordinate the softball program and integrate the program with NSB so it becomes a part of the body of programming offered by the league. The Committee shall also secure fields, coaches, manage registration and team rosters, fundraising and program initiatives.

SECTION 8– Tournament Committee

The Board of Directors may appoint a Tournament Committee consisting of at least three (3) Board Members and other appointed individuals.. The Committee shall assist in organizing interleague district play including the selection of tournament sites and area tournament directors. The Tournament Committee shall also regularly review the tournament rules and make recommendations to the Rules Committee regarding any changes. The Committee will help the President to organize and coordinate all U-12 tournament teams and secure uniforms for all tournament teams.

SECTION 9 – Rules Committee

The Board of Directors may appoint a Rules Committee consisting of at least three (3) Board Members and other appointed individuals.. It shall be the Rules Committee's duty each year to review the official Babe Ruth League rules and adapt them to meet NSB's requirements for both intramural and tournament play. There may be two distinct sets of rules, as certain rules may differ for tournament play. The Rules Committee shall report its findings at a General Membership meeting prior to the commencement of league play. All rules are subject to the approval of the General Membership.

SECTION 10 – Snack Bar Committee

The Board of Directors may appoint a Snack Bar Committee consisting of a snack bar coordinator, and one (1) other Board Member and other appointed individuals.. The Committee is responsible for operating and maintaining the NSB's snack bars, and for the operating budget for same. All proceeds from snack bar sales are to be used to the benefit of NSB only, and deposits of all proceeds should be closely coordinated with the Treasurer.

SECTION 11 - Fundraising Committee

The Board of Directors may appoint a Fundraising Committee consisting of at least two (2) Board Members and other appointed individuals. The Committee shall coordinate the activities of the Fundraising Committee, and manage those activities, including any special events, picture day, raffle, or other fundraising efforts. It shall review and evaluate fundraising projects for raising money and disposition of profits, and make recommendations to the Board. The Board of Directors shall approve in advance all projects and actions of the Committee.

SECTION 12 – Sponsorship Committee

The Board of Directors may appoint a Sponsorship Committee consisting of at least two (2) Board Members and other appointed individuals. The Committee shall coordinate sponsorship efforts among all Board members and track progress, coordinate signage as necessary, and manage relationships with all sponsors for smooth transition from one season to the next.

SECTION 13 - Auditing Committee

The Board of Directors may appoint an Auditing Committee consisting of three (3) Board Members and other appointed individuals. The President, Treasurer or signatories of checks are not eligible. The Committee will review NSB's books and records annually prior to the Annual Meeting and attach a statement of its findings to the annual financial statement of the President and Treasurer; or may, if directed by the Board of Directors or Membership, secure the services of a Certified Public Accountant to accomplish such review.

SECTION 14 – Other

The Board of Directors may appoint one or more Board Members or other volunteers to coordinate certain activities, as needed: e.g. volunteer coordinator (help to organize non-Board volunteers for snack bar duty, other assistance as needed), raffle coordinator (responsible for running the annual raffle if there is no Fundraising Committee), evaluations coordinator (responsible for organizing evaluations, reserving gym time, etc.)

ARTICLE 9 - AFFILIATION

SECTION 1 – Charter

NSB shall annually apply for a charter from Babe Ruth League, Inc., and shall do all things necessary to obtain and maintain such charter. NSB shall devote its entire energies to the activities authorized by such charter and it shall not be affiliated with any other program or organization or operate any other program.

SECTION 2 - Rules and Regulations

The Official Playing Rules and Regulations as published by Babe Ruth League, Inc., Trenton, New Jersey shall be binding on this NSB.

SECTION 3 - Local Rules, Ground Rules, Tournament Rules and/or Bylaws

The local rules, ground rules, tournament rules and/or bylaws of this NSB shall be adopted by the Board of Directors at a meeting to be held not less than one month prior to the first scheduled game of the season, but shall in no way conflict with the Rules, Regulations and Policies of Babe Ruth League, Inc., nor shall they conflict with these bylaws. The local rules, ground rules, tournament rules and/or bylaws of this NSB shall expire at the end of each fiscal year, and are not considered part of these bylaws. (See Article 10, Section 7 for fiscal year of this league.)

ARTICLE 10- FINANCIAL AND ACCOUNTING

SECTION 1 - Authority

The Board of Directors shall decide all matters pertaining to the finances of NSB and it shall place all income including Sponsorship, Snack Bar and Fundraising funds, in a common league treasury, directing the expenditure of funds in such manner as will give no individual or team an advantage over those in competition with such individual or team.

SECTION 2 – Contributions

The Board shall not permit the contribution of funds or property to individual teams but shall solicit funds for the common treasury of NSB, thereby to discourage favoritism among teams and to endeavor to equalize the benefits of NSB.

SECTION 3 – Solicitations

The Board shall not permit the solicitation of funds in the name of NSB unless all of the funds so raised be placed in NSB treasury.

SECTION 4 - Disbursement of Funds

The Board shall not permit the disbursement of NSB funds for other than the conduct of NSB activities in accordance with the rules, regulations and policies of Babe Ruth League, Inc. All checks shall be signed by the NSB Treasurer and such other officer or officers or person or persons as the Board of Directors shall determine.

Expenditures exceeding a total of more than \$1,000.00 and less than \$5,000.00 per item, or a recurring expenditure (such as a maintenance contract or a salary) that is more than \$1,000.00 and less than \$5,000.00 in a twelve month period, must be approved by a majority vote of the Executive Committee. Such vote may take place either electronically or in person at a Board meeting. Expenditures exceeding a total of \$5,000.00 per item, or a recurring expenditure (such as a maintenance contract or a salary) that is \$5,000.00 or more in a twelve month period, are to be approved by a two thirds majority of members. Such vote may take place either electronically or in person at a Board meeting.

SECTION 5 – Compensation

No Director, Officer or Member of NSB shall receive, directly or indirectly any salary, compensation or remuneration from NSB for services rendered as Director, Officer or Member.

SECTION 6 – Deposits

All monies received, including Sponsorship, Snack Bar and Fundraising Funds, shall be deposited to the credit of NSB in/at Bryn Mawr Trust.

SECTION 7 – Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of NSB shall begin on November 1 and shall end on October 31.

SECTION 8 – Distribution of Property upon Dissolution

Upon dissolution of NSB and after all outstanding debts and claims have been satisfied, the Members shall direct the remaining property of NSB to another Federally incorporated entity which maintains the same objectives as set forth in Article 2 of this Constitution, which are or may be entitled to exemption under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or any future corresponding provision.

ARTICLE 11 - AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be amended, repealed or altered in whole or in part by a majority vote at any duly organized meeting of the Members provided notice of the proposed change is included in the notice of such meeting.

ARTICLE 12 – AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

NSB does not limit participation in its activities on the basis of disability, race, creed, national origin, gender, sexual preference or religious preference.

These bylaws were last updated by the Nether Swarthmore Baseball Board in August 2014.