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BY-LAWS OF THE FLORIDA BABE RUTH LEAGUE, INC.

ARTICLE I OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

Par. 1 It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to be the lawmaking body of this organization and shall be the final authority concerning all matters pertaining to state operation. The Executive Committee shall make recommendations to the Board of Directors. The Executive Committee shall be made up of the State Commissioner, Treasurer, Secretary, State Umpire in Chiefs and Assistant State Commissioners.

Par. 2 It shall be the duty of the State Commissioner to preside at the Annual Meeting and all special meetings of the Board of Directors. He/she shall be able to appoint committees or representatives as necessary, authorize disbursements of funds, and shall have such powers as defined under the Babe Ruth League, Inc. Baseball Rules and Regulations, and other powers necessary in the operation of his corporation which are not specifically covered in this Constitution and By-Laws.

Par. 3 It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep the minutes of all the proceedings and record same. He/she shall give notice of all meetings and notify all officers of election.

Par. 4 It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and safely keep all funds of this corporation and pay out the same only on order of the State Commissioner. The Treasurer shall make an annual report of receipts and disbursements and shall present a report at the annual meeting, and shall perform such other duties as his/her office of Treasurer may require.

Par. 5 It shall be the duty of the District Commissioner to preside at all District meetings and function in all matters as directed by the Board of Directors. He/she shall act as liaison with the State Commissioner's office and carry out duties as outlined by the State Commissioner and/or the Board of Directors. He/she will be a voting member of the Board of Directors representing his respective District. In the event the District Commissioner cannot preside or attend meetings, he/she may be represented by a duly authorized representative designated in writing.

Par. 6 The District Board, comprised of League Presidents shall be the governing body within their District in concurrence with all State and National Rules and Regulations. They League Presidents shall make recommendations on tournament sites dates, etc. and handle all other matters pertaining to the operation of their respective District, and further shall act as an advisory board to the Board of Directors through their District Commissioner. In the event a League President cannot attend a meeting he/she may be represented by a duly authorized representative designated in writing. The District Board of Presidents shall be made up of the District Commissioner and the League Presidents within the specified district.

Par. 7 The State Umpire in Chief (UIC) shall have the duty of evaluating, training and recruiting new umpires. The State UIC shall have the duty of assigning umpires to all State Tournaments with the approval of the State Commissioner. The State UICs shall conduct clinics on rules and field positions when deemed necessary by the Board or when requested by the member leagues. He/she shall be responsible for recruitment of new umpires. He/she shall be responsible for proper dress and conduct of all umpires at State Tournaments. Umpires for the District Tournaments shall be selected by the District Umpire in Chief and approved by the District Commissioner.

Par. 8 Assistant State Commissioners shall act as assistant to the State Commissioner in all matters as directed and shall preside in the absence of the State Commissioner.

ARTICLE II STANDING COMMITTEES

Par. 1 Standing Committees shall be appointed as necessary by the State Commissioner.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Par. 1 All Florida State Leagues certified by the State Commissioner as having complied with all Rules and Regulations of the Florida State Babe Ruth League and National Organization. Membership requirements will be furnished by the State Director upon request. A player, team, or league and official of the organization can be expelled by the Board of Directors with due cause. The State Commissioner may, in case of an emergency, expel a player or official pending an Executive Board hearing.

ARTICLE IV DUES

Par. 1 League charter dues shall be established each year by the Board of Directors and in compliance with National Headquarters directives. These dues will be forwarded by each league to the State Treasurer prior to beginning of tournament play each year. Failure to pay the state dues prior to the above-mentioned deadlines will be cause for ineligibility for all tournament competition.

ARTICLE V TOURNAMENT PLAY

Par. 1 The State Tournament Site will be determined by vote of the Executive Committee following recommendations by the State Commissioner. Team bidding on the State Tournaments

must satisfy minimum requirements as outlined and submitted by the State Commissioner. Leagues wishing to bid for State Tournaments should submit their intentions to the State Commissioner prior to the annual state meeting in order to be considered. The State Commissioner will appoint a Tournament Director for the State Tournament. Minimum requirements for hosting State Tournaments shall be an addendum to these By-Laws.

Par. 2 The District Tournament site will be determined by the District Commissioner. The District Commissioner shall appoint a Tournament Director from his District.

Par. 3 Tournament Draw shall be an open draw. No seeding or arbitrary standings will be allowed. The host team may arrange the time of games as long as it does not work a hardship on any other team in the tournament. District and State Tournaments shall be pool play or double elimination, at the discretion of the State Commissioner.

Par. 4 Tournament expenses will be the responsibility of the host Babe Ruth League such as umpires' fees, game balls, lodging for umpires, lights, and field expenses. Tournament expenses shall be spelled out in the State and District Tournament Contract. Said document shall be an addendum to these By-Laws.

Par. 5 The State Commissioner or his designee, within the limits of the budget, will receive reasonable and prudent reimbursement of expenses incurred while traveling to, being at and returning from the State, Regional and World Series. This is to apply also when the State Commissioner is attending to any other state business which requires travel.

Par. 6 Whenever the State of Florida is host to the Southeast Regional Tournament, each league in the state organization shall be given the opportunity to bid for the right to host the tournament. The State Commissioner shall notify all League Presidents as to when Florida is the host state and also furnish the information necessary for bidding the tournament.

Par. 7 State Tournament charges such as team entry fees, umpire costs, etc. shall be determined by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VI RULE AUTHORITY

Par. 1 Babe Ruth League, Inc. Rules and Regulations and those rules and regulations duly established by the Southeast Regional Organization are to be considered to be binding on this league.

Par. 2 Roberts Rules of Order shall be the Parliamentary authority on all matters not covered by this Constitution and By-Laws.

ARTICLE VII
AMENDMENTS

Par. 1 These articles may be amended at any annual or special meeting with 14 days notice emailed to the Board of Directors of the Florida State Babe Ruth League, Inc., and Babe Ruth League International Headquarters. A majority vote of all the Board of Directors of the Florida State Babe Ruth League, Inc. shall be necessary for the passage of an amendment.