



**NORTH VALLEY YOUTH BASEBALL
BYLAWS**

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CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE

The Bylaws have been adopted by North Valley Youth Baseball (NVYB) to define the goals and purposes of the baseball operator, (herein referred to as “the league”); to enumerate the policies and procedures by which the league will be governed and to establish the rules under which the business of the league will be conducted.

ARTICLE I – NAME

This organization shall be known as North Valley Youth Baseball Inc. (herein referred to as NVYB) an affiliation of PONY Baseball and Softball. This League shall consist of the following Divisions:

T-Ball Division	4 & 5 year old players
Shetland Division	5 & 6 year old players
Pinto Division	7 & 8 year old players
Mustang Division	9 & 10 year old players
Bronco Division	11 & 12 year old players
Pony Division	13 & 14 year old players

ARTICLE II – OBJECTIVE

The objectives of North Valley Youth Baseball shall be to instill in the youth of the community an appreciation of team effort, a sense of fair play and good sportsmanship and to develop their athletic skills.

The attainment of these objectives will be achieved by providing supervised competitive baseball games. Fair play and good sportsmanship shall be primary importance to the supervisors of the youth and shall take precedence over the teaching of athletic skills.

ARTICLE III – GOVERNMENT

Responsibility for the government of North Valley Youth Baseball shall be vested in the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall consist of from eleven to thirty voting members. Eleven members shall be elected by the general membership at the annual meeting; the twelfth member shall be the immediate Past President. Up to seven at-large members may be selected to serve on the Board of Directors by a majority vote of the members present at any duly constituted meeting of the Board of Directors.

The elected Board of Directors shall consist of the 1) President, 2) Vice President of Baseball Operations, 3) Vice President of Business Operations, 4) Players’ Agent, 5) Treasurer, 6) Secretary, 7) Registrar, 8) Auxiliary and 9-14) Division Directors. The other members of the Board of Directors shall be elected by a majority vote of the members present at any duly constituted meeting of the Board of Directors.

The term of office for all Board of Directors offices shall be one (1) year starting August 1 of the calendar year coinciding with NVYB’s Fiscal Year.

All matters concerning the establishment of the policy of North Valley Youth Baseball shall be decided by a vote of the Board of Directors, and no motion shall be carried without a favorable vote from the majority of those present at a duly constituted meeting.

The Bylaws for the league (this document) shall be published annually. These Bylaws will specifically define the operation and conduct of the league and its members. Violation of these Bylaws by any member of the league may be cause for suspension or dismissal from the league.

The league members shall be advised of the upcoming election of officers and the description of each elected office. League members must then notify the Secretary of their intention to run for a specific office with a minimum of 10 calendar days prior to the elections. No write-in candidates are allowed in an NVYB Election. The election will take place at the annual meeting of the general membership on Closing Day. The Voting Booth is to be clearly marked with a sign with no less than 6" letters the sign reading "VOTING BOOTH" on a separate table and staffed by two adult non-board members assigned by the Board. The Voting Booth is to be opened for not less than four (4) hours. Votes are to be counted by three non-board members, also assigned by the Board, and a final tabulation is to be submitted to the Secretary in writing and announced at the end of closing day ceremonies. Each Adult with a child playing in the league is eligible to vote. An absentee ballot may be obtained three days before closing day and submitted in a sealed envelope to an appointee in charge of the voting count. The envelope is not to be opened until the vote count takes place and must be opened in the presence of the three designated vote counters. Any person receiving an absentee ballot is to be noted on the master registrar's record and may not vote in person, but may submit the absentee ballot in person on closing day. The ballots and the written vote count sheet signed by the three designated vote counters is to be approved and adopted at the last scheduled Board Meeting of the Fiscal Year by the outgoing Board of Directors.

In the event of the resignation or incapacity of the President of the league, the line of succession to the Presidency shall be as follows:

1. Vice President Baseball Operations
2. Vice President Business Operations
3. Players Agent
4. Treasurer
5. Secretary

In the event all of the above are not able to assume the responsibility of President, a replacement will be determined by election of the remaining Board of Directors. The President subject to approval by the Board of Directors shall fill any other vacancies for the remainder of the term.

An Executive Committee of the Board of Directors shall consist of the 1) President, 2) Vice President of Baseball, 3) Vice President of Business Operations, 4) Players Agent, 5) Treasurer, 6) Secretary and 7) Registrar. Duties of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors shall include (i) acting on the Boards behalf between meetings and (ii) by vote of 2/3's of it's entire voting membership and (iii) cannot modify any action taken by the Board.

Any Board member absent from three (3) consecutive meetings or four (4) in one term, shall be subject to dismissal from the Board of Directors at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

The governing Board of Directors of volunteers must be 18 years of age.

Fifty percent (50%) of the voting membership of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.

In the event of death, resignation or inability to perform the duties of any Board of Directors office, the Board, by a majority vote, shall be empowered to remove and/or replace said Board member. A replacement shall serve the remainder of the term vacated by the previous Board member.

After the election of new Board members is complete, an Executive Committee meeting will be held with all incoming and outgoing Board members for the purpose of transferring duties to the incoming Board members. The Secretary shall have the responsibility of conducting a smooth transition of information. The transition must be completed prior to the first regularly scheduled meeting in August.

The Registrar shall be solely responsible for all Board approved expenses, including all PONY sanctioned tournaments. The Registrar shall be responsible for the collection of all registration fees for all PONY sanctioned tournaments, including Team gate fees (not individual fees).

ARTICLE IV – GENERAL MEETINGS

1. A meeting of the new Board of Directors shall be convened in August of each year, within 15 days of the Fiscal year's start of August 1, for the reading of reports, and to conduct any business that may come before the Board.
2. Board meetings shall take place on a monthly basis, at which time the President to submit a schedule of each of the next eleven (11) regularly scheduled meetings for once each month will take place.
3. Additional meetings shall be called at any time upon written request of at least three (3) members of the Board of Directors. The President should attend this meeting. If the President cannot attend the meeting, it should be chaired by the highest-ranking officer present. Such meetings must take place within seven (7) days after such request. Notice of such meetings shall be given at least two (2) days in advance thereof to all members of the Board of Directors unless waiver of such notice is received and acknowledged by each member of the Board. Proxies are not allowed.
4. A majority of the members of the Board of Director's shall constitute a quorum at any meeting and a majority vote of those present shall govern, except when otherwise specifically provided.
5. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings of all meetings except where same conflict with the Constitution or the operating rules of the league.
6. The annual meeting of the general membership shall be held each year on Closing Day of Spring Baseball.

ARTICLE V – MEMBERSHIP

1. Any youth meeting the requirements as to age and residence as set forth in the rules of PONY Baseball shall be eligible for membership in North Valley Youth Baseball.

2. Anyone having an active interest in North Valley Youth Baseball may be invited by the Board of Directors to become an associate or honorary member of the league.
3. Active members shall make an annual donation in the amount set by the Board of Directors and perform any reasonable service required. Any exceptions must be approved by the Executive Committee.
4. Members of the Board of Directors, when aware of the misconduct of any youth, shall notify the appropriate Divisional Director, who shall apprise the President. If deemed necessary, the manager of the team of which the youth is a member shall appear, in the capacity of an advisor, with the youth and parents before a duly appointed committee of the Board of Directors, which shall have full power to suspend, or revoke, such youth's right to further participation in the league, until consideration by the Board of Directors has been given.
5. The Board of Directors, upon recommendation by the Ethics Committee, by a two-thirds vote at any duly constituted meeting shall have authority to dismiss any member of the league whose conduct is considered detrimental to the best interests of the league. Any subsequent reinstatement shall require two-thirds vote at any duly constituted meeting.

ARTICLE VI - FINANCIAL POLICY

The Board of Directors shall decide all matters pertaining to the collection, distribution and expenditure of funds of the league and shall place all income in a common treasury of the league. Expenditure of the league's funds shall be for the common good and benefit of the members of the league and shall not primarily benefit any member or team in the league.

ARTICLE VII - RULES

The official playing rules, with the exceptions and variations contained in this book, shall be "Official Baseball Rules" completely revised, as released through the office of the Commissioner of Baseball, "The Sporting News" edition.

The Baseball Rules of North Valley Youth Baseball may be amended by a two thirds vote of the Board of Directors present at any duly constituted meeting. For Rules and Regulations not covered in this document, refer to PONY/MLB rules.

BYLAWS

SECTION I – ELECTED OFFICERS

RESPONSIBILITIES PERTAINING TO ALL BOARD MEMBERS

The Board members shall attend all Board meetings, or if unable to attend, notify the Secretary prior to the meeting.

Board members shall be responsible for providing and arranging for a competent individual to assume their responsibilities in the event they will not be available to do so and upcoming events deem it necessary. They shall notify the Secretary and other affected individuals accordingly.

All duties not specifically set forth in the Bylaws shall be assigned to an appropriate Board member by the President.

All Board members shall assist with the NVYB Invitational Tournament.

PRESIDENT

1. Provide leadership for NVYB
2. Preside at all meetings of NVYB
3. Act as an ex officio member of all committees
4. Appoint all chairs of committees with Board Approval
5. Vote only to create or break a tie
6. Sign all contracts of NVYB with the exception of those contracts reserved for the Treasurer
7. Countersign checks
8. Shall not override the duties of other officers and Board members, unless lack of action would place NVYB in jeopardy
9. Authorized to suspend or warn any member, including officers, Board members, managers, and coaches until review by the Ethics Committee and their decision is submitted in writing to the Board of Directors at a called meeting within ten calendar (10) days of suspension or warning and to bar the suspended person attendance at league fields or activities.
10. Responsible for notifying the Board of Directors in the event he/she will not be available to perform the duties of the office.
11. Responsible for all communication to PONY Baseball and other sanctioning organizations.
12. Responsible for obtaining the NVYB General Liability Insurance Policy and all other insurances and handling any issues/claims related to the said policy and submitting copies to the Secretary, Treasurer, Vice Presidents of Business Operations and Baseball Operations.
13. Responsible for notifying the Board of Directors of any and all rule changes, boundary changes, legal issues and or Lease issues concerning PONY Baseball and NVYB at the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting.
14. Act as a liaison to AYSO 174 (Soccer) and Granada Hills Youth Recreation Center (GHYRC) and report to the Board of Directors all pertinent information at each regularly scheduled Board Meeting. The President is to establish a working relationship with Soccer and GHYRC and meet with them quarterly. In addition the President is to attend the meetings with the Vice President of Business Operations and the NVYB Secretary.

15. In coordination with the Vice President of Business operations to is to ensure that our lease continues and that NVYB has fields to continue our community service of providing youth baseball to all children within our boundaries.
16. Appoint various committees Chairs at the beginning of his/her term; i.e. Manager/Coach Selection, Ethics, Rules, Tournament, Protest, Registration, Concession Stand, Events, All-Star selection
17. Nominate a board member for maintaining the NVYB web site
18. With the assistance of the VP's of Baseball & Business, the Players' Agent, and division directors is responsible for recruiting Managers and Coaches at sign up time and prior to the submission of said Managers and Coaches to the Managers and Coaches Selection Committee.

VICE PRESIDENT OF BASEBALL OPERATIONS

1. Responsible for assuming the duties and office of the President if the President is unable to complete his/her term.
2. Responsible for making recommendations concerning the upkeep and safety issues which arise in the park.
3. Responsible for ensuring that the Division Directors are familiar with their responsibilities and fully understand and carry them out. See Division Directors section for these responsibilities.
4. Oversee the Umpire Coordinator and or function as the Umpire Coordinator if no other board member is willing to take the position.
5. Over see the league game scheduler and have final approval of the seasons schedule on NVYB Tournament Schedule. The V.P. is mandated not to change any game schedules after he/she approves them, however schedules may be changed in the following circumstances
 - i. Unsafe weather or field conditions
 - ii. Death in a family
 - iii. Seven day written requests from a manager due to a school or religious function where the team in question would not have the minimum players (8) to start a game
6. If a player is playing in more than one league or on a travel teams this is not a valid reason to change a game schedule. Once a game is deemed necessary to reschedule the Vice President of Baseball is to notify the Umpire Coordinator and the Snack Shack operations manager as to the date and time of the canceled game.
7. Head a least one committee of the President's choosing
8. Be a member of the Managers and Coaches Selection Committee. Exception he/she may not vote or participate in the selection of a manager or coach within a division he/she is requesting to coach or manage within.
9. With the assistance of the President, VP of Business Operations, Players' Agent, and division directors is responsible for recruiting Managers and Coaches at sign up time and prior to the submission of said Managers and Coaches to the Managers and Coaches Selection Committee.

VICE PRESIDENT BUSINESS OPERATIONS

1. Be a member of the Managers and Coaches Selection Committee. Exception he/she may not vote or participate in the selection of a manager or coach within a division he/she is requesting to coach or manage within
2. Review, approve and audit all bills submitted to the league prior to the bills being approved the Board of Directors and paid by the Treasurer
3. Work with the Treasurer and President to establish a yearly budget
4. Coordinate ways and means
5. Assist the Auxiliary Board in NVYB fund raising events
6. Assist the Equipment Manager in securing the best quality Uniforms and Equipment and the fairest price for the league.
7. Assist the Director of Field Operations in any capacity needed and approve and review all proposed field expenses submitted prior to payment.
8. Chair the Financial Oversight Committee
9. Assist the Snack Shack Coordinator in the running of the snack shack.
10. Submit reports as necessary to the Board of Directors.
11. Assist the President in all Lease negotiations.
12. Establish and maintain a Purchase Order System for all those involved in procurement to follow a submission approval sheet will be filed out prior to being submitted to the Board of Directors. Upon approval the sheet will be signed and dated with the amount approved. This sheet will be submitted by the appropriate purchaser along with the purchasers OK of the bill for payment to the Treasurer.

PLAYERS AGENT

1. Chair the Registration Committee
2. Provide team eligibility roster, using current registration form, to the President, Coaches, and Division Directors.
3. Serve as a member of the Manager/Coach Selection Committee.
4. Preside over the draft of players.
5. Serve as a member of the Protest Committee.
6. Address infractions of PONY Baseball rules and/or these Bylaws related to player welfare within 48 hours of notification.
7. Mediate any request for an extreme hardship trade in conjunction with the Division Directors and the affected coaches.

TREASURER

1. Have full charge of all finances and shall see that all monies are safely deposited in a local bank(s). The League should operate with three accounts - Savings, General Checking, and Snack Shack Operating account.
2. Report in writing at each regular Board meeting and every general membership meeting the conditions of the finances, including a financial statement along with such recommendations, as he/she shall deem appropriate.
3. The Treasurer shall sign all checks. Any check in the amount over \$300.01 shall be countersigned by the President or other member of the Executive Committee only if the appropriate paper work and signatures are included before the disbursing monies of NVYB.

4. Function as primary business manager for NVYB. The Treasurer shall approve all contracts with vendors and shall serve as contract manager on all functions related to the completion and payment of services rendered by outside vendors.
5. Maintain financial records and shall hand them over annually to the succeeding Treasurer.
6. Responsible for organizing a committee of appropriate Board members to develop annual registration fees and present them for Board approval.
7. Responsible for Snack Shack Finances.
8. Obtain regular monthly reports from the Snack Shack Coordinator and audit their books.
9. Keep a log of scholarship recipients by year.
10. Keep record of all sponsors and their payments.
11. Responsible for budgeting umpires and delivering the funds to the head of umpires for payment dispersions.
12. Responsible to see that all on going monthly bills are paid in a timely fashion. These include but are not limited to: Utility bills, gardener bills, rent payments, and any other essential monthly expenses that are listed in the estimated yearly budget including insurance policies.

SECRETARY

1. Have charge of and keep a full and complete record of all proceedings of all meetings, render documented reports and minutes when called upon at a meeting, and under direction of the President, handle all correspondence of NVYB. Minutes shall be maintained and handed over annually to the succeeding Secretary.
2. Be responsible for organizing registration and maintaining all information regarding general membership and waiting lists.
3. Attend any meetings with Soccer and or GHYRC and assist the President in documenting the proceedings of said meeting(s).

DIVISION DIRECTORS

1. Be a member of the Managers and Coaches Selection Committee. Exception he/she may not vote or participate in the selection of a manager or coach within a division he/she is requesting to coach or manage within.
2. Hold a meeting with the division coaches to review league rules and Bylaws prior to the start of league play. Having each Manager sign a written document that they have received said rules and maintaining the document until the fiscal year is complete.
3. Attend registration events and recruit managers, coaches and volunteers
4. Arrange and run try-outs, rate the players or have an independent appointee rate the players for comparison to the manager's lists.
5. Determine point value of each Managers and Coaches child with the Players' Agent and set any special assessment with the approval the V.P. of Baseball Operations. In case of a conflict where the V.P. is coaching or managing in that division it will fall to the V.P. of Business Operations, if still a conflict exists than is will move down the line of the Executive Committee until and independent BOD member is found. In case of conflict with the Players' Agent the same procedure will be followed. The independent board members along with the Division Director determine the point value and any special assessment.
6. Inform managers of rule changes.
7. Hold monthly meetings with managers.
8. Administer and enforce the rules of the division over which they preside.

9. Discuss safety policies with division coaches.
10. Assist in the determination of schedule, set up and maintain the practice schedule.
11. Review schedule provided by league scheduler and approve schedule of games of the season.
12. Prior to the beginning of league play determine the manner by which the division championship will be decided.
13. Provide weekly scores, standings. Collect and maintain the official score sheets and submit copies to the Players' Agent for All-Star eligibility.
14. Approve make-up of games suspended or rained out. And notify the Head of Umpires to schedule the Umpires for the make-up game.
15. Responsible for reviewing protests. If the protest is a judgment call the protest is to be denied and no further actions are required. If the protest is a rules protest then the Director is to submit a written report to the Protest Committee and Executive Committee, stating the protest and rule in question along with the written Protest from the protesting Manager within 48 hours.
16. Schedule dates, field times, and umpires for play-off games.
17. Assist the Tournaments Committee in administering any post-season tournament.

SECTION II – NON-ELECTED OFFICERS

EQUIPMENT MANAGER

1. Responsible for obtaining quotations from competent suppliers for all uniforms and equipment, then presenting the recommendation for purchases to the Vice President of Business operations and then to the Board of Directors for their approval. Whenever possible all quotations should be in writing from the supplier.
2. Purchase such equipment as is approved by the Sanctioning Organizations or which meet their criteria for safety.
3. Purchase the equipment in a timely manner.
4. In all areas of NVYB operation, the Equipment Manager shall make recommendations in matters of safety, including equipment, league rules, and other matters.
5. Maintain an inventory of supplies and arrange a method for distribution of replacement equipment during the season.
6. Maintain a list of equipment provided each manager and their deposit check for the amount of \$100.00. The check is to be returned to the Manager un-cashed when the equipment is returned. If the equipment is not returned than he/she is to follow the procedure F.
7. Submit the deposit check to the Treasurer and notify the Treasurer, VP of Business, Ethics and Coaches Committee Chairs of any Manager failing to return their equipment and provide a list of said equipment with a determination as to if an additional bill is to be sent out to the VP of Business Operations.

TEAM MOTHER COORDINATOR

1. Responsible for obtaining quotations from competent suppliers for team pictures and trophies, then presenting the recommendation for purchases to the Board of Directors for their approval. Whenever possible all quotations should be in writing.
2. Schedule teams for pictures and notify the team mothers accordingly.
3. Handle distribution of team pictures to the team mothers.
4. Be a member of the Events Committee

SNACK SHACK COORDINATOR

UMPIRE COORDINATOR

SCHEDULER

DIRECTOR OF FIELD OPERATIONS

HEAD OF UMPIRES

REGISTRAR

SECTION III – COMMITTEES

The President shall appoint all Committees Chairs. When the need arises, the following committees shall be appointed: Bylaws, Tournament, Protest, Scheduling, Fundraising, Concession Stand, Events, or any other committee deemed necessary to carry on the functions of NVYB. All Committees shall have a minimum of one (1) Voting Board member. At the end of the baseball season, the residing Board member of any Standing Committee will write an overall accomplishment report for that committee and turn the report into the Board for review.

ETHICS COMMITTEE

The Ethics Committee is to function as both the disciplinary and Rules interpretation committee. The Committee is to be comprised of no less than 5 and no more the 7 members. One member must be an Executive Committee member and one member must not be on the board at all. The President can not be on this committee. Committee members are to be appointed by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors. The Chairman is to be appointed by the President with approval of the Board of Directors.

Any person who wishes to state a grievance or complaint against a manager, coach, or player must do so in writing. The complaint is to be submitted to the Committee who will then meet to discuss and decide it. At its discretion, the Committee may request the manager, coach, or player affected by the complaint to review the complaint and respond to it in writing and/or in person at a meeting of the Committee. If the Committee believes a complaint has merit, in fairness to the person who is the subject of the complaint, the Committee must provide the person with an opportunity to respond before deciding the complaint. At its discretion, the Committee can determine whether or not to permit the person(s) making the complaint also to attend the meeting of the Committee to consider the complaint. If the Committee determines a complaint has merit, at its discretion the Committee should determine whether any penalty or discipline is appropriate and, if so, what the penalty or discipline should be. All decisions of the Committee and all actions it decides to take should be reported in writing and submitted to the Board of Directors, with copies to the person(s) making the complaint and the person who is affected by the complaint.

At parent meetings or on other appropriate occasions, members of the league should be informed of their opportunity to file a written grievance or complaint about a manager, coach, or player and the procedure for doing so. They should be informed that this is a serious matter and that

they should make every effort to work out the problem or issue informally with the person before taking the step of making a formal complaint. Members should be informed that no grievances or complaints made orally will be considered.

Because the functions of this Committee involve the ordinary operations of the league and not, for example, matters of policy, investment of funds, or other decisions of magnitude, the decisions and actions of the Committee shall not require advance approval of or subsequent ratification by the Board of Directors of the league. Each action or decision of the Committee is to be reported by the chairperson of the Committee to the President of the league. Any decision or action of the Committee can be appealed to the Board of Directors only in the following two circumstances:

1. Any person adversely affected by the decision or action of the Committee can appeal the decision to the Board of Directors: and
2. In the sole discretion of the President of the league, any decision of the Committee can be appealed to the Board of Directors.

In the event of an appeal, the decision of the Committee can be modified or overturned only by a two-thirds majority of the Board of Directors voting to so modify or overturn the Committee's decision. To meet this two-thirds requirement, there must be a two-thirds vote of all of the members of the Board of Directors, whether or not present and voting at the meeting. All appeals, whether by the President or by a person adversely affected, must be made promptly after notification of the Committee's decision or action, in writing and delivered to the President of the Board of Directors. Appeals should be pursued at the next regular board meeting or, if necessary and appropriate, at a special meeting of the Board of Directors called in accordance with the rules of the league. During the Appeals process, the person(s) adversely affected may or may not be allowed to play/manage/coach at NVYB, at the discretion of the Ethics Committee.

The Committee must make every attempt to avoid even the appearance of a conflict of interest in addressing any matter submitted to it. Whenever a proposed decision or action could benefit directly any member of the Committee, that member must be disqualified from participating in any way in the action or decision. For example, if the Committee is addressing an issue involving discipline of a manager, coach, or player, a member who himself or herself is a manager, coach or parent of a player of a team in the same division must be disqualified. In the event of any dispute concerning whether or not a member of the Committee should be disqualified, the matter shall be decided by the President.

Any person or member of our league must abide by the decisions of the Ethics Committee and by joining NVYB and participating in the Due Process of NVYB forfeits all and all other rights to any and all recourse civil and or legal in any matter reviewed and decided by the Ethics Committee and or appealed in front of the Entire Board of Directors of NVYB. All decisions are binding and final no further recourse is available. Additionally the Ethics Committee may ban any Manager, Coach, Player or Parent for any cause deemed by the committee as an offense deemed worthy of such action.

MANAGERS AND COACHES SELECTION COMMITTEE

1. The Managers Selection Committee Chair shall be appointed by the President, with the approval of the Board. The Committee shall be composed of five or seven persons. The Chair should make an effort to select persons who collectively are knowledgeable about and familiar with each of baseball divisions in our league. The President should not be a member of the Committee. The Committee, after being selected by the Chair, must be approved by the Board of Directors.
2. The basic functions of the Committee are to
 - a. Recruit, interview and approve selection of managers and coached of all baseball teams.
 - b. Establish a ranking of approved managers
 - c. Review and decide grievances and complaints against managers, coaches and players.
 - d. The Committee shall meet to discuss and decide thee matters at meeting called by the chairperson. Decision and actions shall be made by simple majority vote of the Committee.
 - e. EXCEPTION HE/SHE MAY NOT VOTE OR PARTICIPATE IN THE SELECTION OF A MANAGER OR COACH WITHIN A DIVISION HE/SHE IS REQUESTING TO MANAGE OR COACH IN, OR HAVE A CHILD PLAYIN IN.
 - f. All Managers shall be approved prior to Tryouts.
3. The Managers and designated coaches must be approved by the Board of Directors prior to the Draft and no designated coaches will be permitted after the last scheduled Board Meeting prior to opening day. In approving managers and coaches, the Committee should apply the following criteria;
 - a. Will the manager care for and treat the children in an appropriate manner?
 - b. Does the manager have available time to manage a team?
 - c. Does the manager have the knowledge and ability to manage a team?
 - d. Are their any adverse factors demonstrating that the manager is not appropriate to manage a team? They are to include but are not limited to: Are they Coaching for Managing in another League? Is their child playing in another league? Have they stated or demonstrated that their priority in another league or team? If any of these are affirmative then they lose seniority.
 - e. Managers should be recruited and approved promptly at the start of each new term and prior to the commencement of tryouts. In reviewing managerial candidates who are unknown to members of the league, one or more members of the Committee should interview the candidate in person.
4. When it appears that there will be more approved managers than available teams in a given division, the Committee shall rank the managers. As a general rule, the Committee should rank the managers according to the priority factors listed below. However, for special and extraordinary reasons, the Committee has the discretion to deviate from these priority factors. The factors are;
 - a. A returning Manager in a Division receives Priority.
 - b. A Manager who in the year before was approved, but who did not receive a team in the same division receives priority.
 - c. A returning Manager in the division immediately below receives third priority.
 - d. A Manager who in the year before was approved, but who did not receive a team in the division below, receives fourth priority.
 - e. A Manager who has a child in the Division.

- f. Additional priorities may be established in the discretion of the committee if necessary and appropriate.
- g. In the event of ties within any given priority level, the first tie-breaker shall be consecutive years managing in the league, the second tie-breaker shall be consecutive years managing or serving as an official coach in the league, and any additional tie-breakers shall be determined at the discretion of the committee.
- h. Special consideration should be made to the manager coming down from an upper division. The Committee shall request each Manager who receives a team to provide the names of the proposed official coaches. The Committee shall approve or reject the proposed coaches based upon consideration of similar criteria applicable to managers.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RULES COMMITTEE

TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

PROTEST COMMITTEE

1. The Protest Committee Chair shall be appointed by the President, with approval of the Board, and consist of a Chairperson, Player Agent and at least two (2) Board members.
2. The legality of protests shall be studied and acted upon by the Protest Committee.
3. All protests must be in writing, dated and signed. Otherwise they shall be given no recognition.
4. Unless otherwise stated these By-laws, protests shall be in accordance with the 2008-2009 PONY Blue Book with the exception of any Board approved Umpire / Interlock League Contract / agreement protest procedures shall take precedence.
5. Protests based upon play, which involves the umpire's judgment, shall not be permitted.
6. When protests are based upon interpretation of the rules the objecting manager shall, at the time the play occurs, notify the head umpire, the opposing manager and the official scorer that the game is being played under protest and submit the protest, citing the specific rule in question, to the President or league Players' Agent within 24 hours of the completion of the game.
7. Protests shall be acted on, in the presence of the managers concerned, within five (5) days of the receipt of the protest by the Protest Committee.
8. There will be a \$50.00 filing fee for each protest. If the protest is rejected by the Protest Committee and the Board of Directors, (if appealed), those monies will be sent to the League Treasurer for deposit in the League general fund. If the protest is found to be valid and in favor of the team (manager) protesting, those monies will be returned to that team (manager).
9. Protest Committee decisions may be appealed to the Board of Directors. Appeal of the Protest Committee decision must be called into the Players' Agent within 24-hours of the Protest Committee's decision. In such instances, the Board of Directors shall render its decision no later than the next regularly scheduled Board meeting. The Board of Directors decision is final.

CONCESSION STAND COMMITTEE

EVENTS COMMITTEE

FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

AUXILIARY BOARD

SECTION IV – MANAGERS AND COACHES

1. Anyone interested in becoming a manager or coach in the League shall apply by completing an application form furnished by the League. All applicants must be a minimum of eighteen (18) years of age. Applications shall be returned to the Players' Agent or Registrar within the established deadline, generally prior to the Final Official Sign-up date.
2. All applications for manager or coach shall be reviewed by the Managers and Coaches Selection Committee and approved by the Board of Directors. An affirmative vote of majority of the members of the Board of Directors shall be required for the selection of a manager. The Selection Committee shall employ a "selection process" approved by the Board of Directors for determining each new season's managers and coaches.
3. Each manager and coach must read & sign the "Guidelines" before they can coach.
4. Each manager shall be responsible for the selection of his/her team, coach, team mother and scorekeeper and will be responsible for the actions and conduct of the players on the team.
5. Any manager or coach who relinquishes his/her position during a League season, without good cause and approval of the Board of Directors, shall not be considered for re-entering the League at that position within that same baseball season or the following season.
6. Any member of the Board of Directors who elects to manage or coach a team must abstain from voting on any game issue brought before the Board of Directors, which involves his/her team (child) or a game involving his/her team (child).
7. Each team shall be allowed two (2) approved game (on the field) coaches with the exception of the Shetland and T-Ball division. Shetland and T-Ball division teams are allowed more than two (2) game coaches.
8. Managers must hold a team meeting with the parents of his/her team prior to the season. Attendance should be taken and the league's rules sportsmanship and alcohol at the fields should be outlined. The manager is to outline his/her philosophy on baseball and how he/she runs his/her team, his/her practice requirements and to put the parents on notice out on game reschedule policy, the expectations of the parents as far as volunteering and team sponsorship, fundraising and snack shack and work shift requirements.
9. Managers shall sign for and assume full responsibility for returning all equipment leaving a \$100.00 deposit check made out to NVYB with the Equipment Manager and the equipment shall only be used for League practices and League games approved by the Board of Directors.
10. Managers shall be responsible for returning all equipment to the Equipment Manager upon completion of the team's last scheduled League game at the scheduled check in time established by the Equipment Manager. A check in the amount of \$100.00 will be given to the Equipment Manager upon equipment check out. The check will be held until the end of the season. Failure to return the equipment checked out will result in the forfeiture of the

deposit and cause a one-year automatic manager and/or coaching suspension and the manager will be billed for any additional cost of missing equipment.

11. In the event a manager resigns, or otherwise vacates his/her position at any time, a new manager shall be selected by the Players' Agent and approved by the Board of Directors. A resignation is considered accepted unless the President does specifically not accept the resignation in writing within 48 hours.
12. Managers are required to hold a minimum of two (2) practices a week prior to the start of the regular season, provided fields are available and weather permitting. After the regular season starts, the manager must continue a minimum of three (3) workouts per week, either by playing scheduled games, or by holding practices with the exception of the Shetland, Pinto and Mustang Divisions, which should be limited to a maximum of three (3) workouts per week, which should include at least one (1) mandatory practice. Tournament teams are an exception. Shetland, Pinto and Mustang Divisions shall be limited to a maximum of two (2) hours per workout.
13. Managers in violation of the above rule shall be issued a warning by the Division Director on the first offense and suspension for all subsequent violations.
14. Any Manager knowingly violating a League established playing rule shall be brought before the Ethics Committee to review the offense. The Board of Directors shall determine the severity and consequences of the infraction, including the potential change in the outcome of the game. The results may include forfeiture and /or suspension of the manager.
15. Any manager, coach or Parent ejected from a League game shall be suspended for a minimum of his/her team's next game and may not be present on the NVYB grounds during his/her next scheduled game(s), unless told in writing to attend a Ethics Committee meeting at NVYB. Any manager or coach ejected may appeal the suspension to the Board of Directors in writing within 24 hours either via an email or written letter appealing the suspension. A properly written appeal that is submitted to the President and shall be acted upon by the Ethics Committee within a reasonable time period after an investigating of said appeal, at which time a hearing of the Ethics Committee will be convened to hear the appeal. During the investigation period the Ethics Committee at their discretion can either bar the Subject of the appeal from participating as a Manager, Coach or spectator or choose to allow any of the above. The party appealing will be notified in writing by the Ethics Committee Chair as to what they are permitted to do until their appeal is heard. Failure to comply will result in the permanent barring of the offender from NVYB.
16. There will be no protected coach. The manager drafts players and will choose a coach from the parents of the drafted players.
17. At the beginning of each season all managers and coaches applying for positions are not automatically assigned back to the same team or guaranteed to move up a division and take a team or are granted a new team without being reviewed. As part of the review process all returning managers and coaches will be subject to a review of their previous year's performance. At the discretion of the Board of Directors, a review in person may be required, to review suitability with the league. Members of the League that have demonstrated that NVYB is not their priority will have no seniority and will be considered last when the Managers and Coaches Selection Committee meets.

SECTION V – PLAYERS

1. Any candidate meeting the requirements of age and residence as set forth in the official rules and regulations for PONY Baseball, and these By-laws, shall be eligible for participation in League play.
2. A candidate shall not be eligible to participate in League play until the registration application and medical release forms are filled out completely, and the registration fee is paid in full, or a financial hardship has been allowed by the Board of Directors prior to draft night. (T-Ball on a date designated by the registrar.) The request for hardship assistance Scholarship must accompany the player application, in writing, at the time of registration and must have Board of Directors approval before the draft night. All hardship Scholarship applicants must sign a work detail or payment agreement. The hardship Scholarship includes the cost of registration, uniform (shirt and hat), names on the back of the jersey, year-end team awards (trophies), and All-Stars awards if applicable.
3. If a player receives an injury during any league sponsored event, which requires medical attention rendered by a physician, the parent or guardian must present a doctor's release to the team manager and a copy to the Players' Agent before the player will be allowed to continue playing baseball.
4. A player may be suspended and/or removed from play for one game (or practice) by his/her team manager or any board member for the following reasons: (Permanent removal from a team or the league requires board approval).
 - i. Using foul or abusive language, gestures or behavior unbecoming of ladies and gentlemen
 - ii. Disciplinary problems
 - iii. Intentional throwing of bats or equipment
 - iv. The possession of a weapon (of any type), or the use of, or being under the influence of alcohol, or illegal drugs
5. Managers shall notify the Players' Agent of all removals from any League game practice or league sponsored event.
6. The Players' Agent shall notify the Board when a player is removed from any game, practice or league sponsored event for any reason.
7. All incidents involving a player's ejection shall be reviewed by the Players' Agent. He/she shall recommend the appropriate action up to and including further disciplinary action. No player shall be removed for more than two games in a season without approval of the Board of Directors.
8. In cases when the player shall appear before the Board of Directors, they must be accompanied by their manager and a parent or guardian. Removal of a player from the League is a last resort.
9. Female players participating in League activities (practices, games and meetings) shall be accompanied by an adult female, or by a parent or legal guardian.
10. No player shall "play-up" into an older age division, at any time.
11. Only players that are considered a safety risk on a team may "play down" (into a younger age group division). At no time may the player who is playing down, play a defensive position of pitcher. The Players' Agent, the applicable Division Director, and the President shall have sole responsibility for determining a player's safety risk. Only upon approval by PONY Baseball, the player will be allowed to play-down. A second year division player is not eligible to play down. (Players playing down shall be placed back into the draft.)

SECTION VI – TEAM SELECTION

1. Team selections will be made from a list of participants assembled by the Players' Agent on a first registered, first eligible basis.
2. Shortly after completion of Tryouts, a Draft will be held to select the players to fill the rosters of the League teams. Teams will be composed of a maximum of 13 players.
3. Those in attendance at the Draft will be a maximum of two members of each team, Players' Agent or his/her agent, and Division Director or his/her agent. In the event of illness or incapacity of a Manager, the Manager may designate an alternate to be approved by the Players' Agent prior to the draft, but in no event will more than two representatives from each team allowed to attend.
4. Each Manager will be given a list of eligible players from which to select their players. Placement of manager's and designated coach's children shall be determined by the Managers and Coaches Selection Committee, with input from the Division Director and Players' Agent.

DRAFT PROCEDURE

NVYB shall use the rules as set forth in these articles to place players on teams for each baseball season. (This section shall not apply to the Shetland and T-Ball Divisions).

DEFINITIONS:

1. **Eligible Player...** By definition an "eligible player" is a registered NVYB applicant who is not a protected player. This player must try-out and then is drafted through the draft system. Any NVYB registered player who is not protected and does not try-out will be considered a hat pick.
2. **Ineligible Player...** is any player who has not fully completed all forms in the registration package, including any required documentation and payment of league fees or payment arrangement or has not been approved for hardship assistance. Ineligible applicants cannot be drafted or participate in any activity with the league.
3. **Protected Player...** By definition a protected player is a registered NVYB applicant who is the son or daughter of a current season's Manager (limited to 1 player) or Coach (limited to 1 player per coach), is a returning player, or is a sibling of a previous year's returning player.

Sibling Option Rule... By definition the sibling option rule establishes the guidelines for determining a sibling's eligibility as a draft-able or protected player status. All siblings are eligible for the draft and must try-out. Managers are not required to automatically take the other sibling, unless his or her parent requests in writing (on the application) prior to the tryouts that they play on the same team. In that instance, the siblings shall become automatic next draft choice. If a parent requests a sibling to play on a returning (protected player) sibling's team, the other sibling shall also be considered a protected player.

Waiting List Player... is a fully registered player whose completed application was received after the last tryout for his/her division. The Registrar will create a divisional priority waiting list in the order for which it was received. The list will be made available to the Players' Agent for placement of players as space on a team or an additional team becomes available, as determined by the Player Agent and Division Director.

SHETLAND DRAFT

1. The managers and coaches under the guidance of the Players' Agent and with assistance from any other Board member shall select eligible players.
2. A limit of three (3) Protected players shall be placed on a team as the team's first, second, third round, including the Managers child before additional players can be selected from the eligible draft pool.
3. The selection order by which a team enters the draft is determined by Blind Draw. If an expansion team has entered the division, the expansion team will have the first pick. All teams will begin with a "1st round" draft choice followed by a leveling round. The last place team manager will select 1st followed by the "next-to-last as 2nd pick, etc. They will utilize a "snake" order process of leveling (the order of selection is inverted each round) until all teams have reached a minimum of 11 or a maximum of 12 players per team.
4. A "leveling round" shall be used to allow all teams to make catch-up picks as needed until all teams have an equal number of players or until all draft picks are chosen (incl. hat picks).
5. As openings occur, players will be placed on teams in the order in which they were placed on the waiting list. This procedure shall be followed with all vacancies. If a player leaves the League (team) mid-season and then wants to return to the League, that player shall return to his/her previous team, only if an opening exists. Should an opening not exist, that player shall be placed on the waiting list. Under no circumstances, will the player be placed on a different team.
6. If the waiting list of eligible players is exhausted and the teams are not filled, (a maximum of twelve (12) players on each team) vacancies shall be filled in "snake" order as a player signs up. This will continue, giving the team next in line the first available player.
7. Each player drafted shall remain a member of that team for the balance of his/her eligibility in that division unless traded or released (Board of Directors approval required).
8. Trading of drafted players shall be allowed for a forty-eight (48) hour period only, from the completion of the draft. All trades must be approved through the League Players' Agent and may take time for proper review. Note: No player in Mustang, Bronco or Pony division can be contacted until the date designated by the league player agent. The actual notification date will be stated on draft night.
9. **Special Circumstances, Trades and Releases:** Releases and trades after the 48 hours have passed may only be obtained through the consent of the League Players' Agent, with Board approval, and only after sufficient cause is shown. A player once released from a team, may not return to that team. (Protected players may not be traded without parents consent.)
10. If the trade is permitted by both team managers, the League Players' Agent and the Board of Directors, the final approval for the trade must come from his/her parents or legal guardian(s). If the parent or legal guardian of either player disapproves of the trade, the trade is cancelled and players remain on their previous teams.
11. Eligible players not participating in the tryout process shall be called a "hat pick"

PINTO, MUSTANG, BRONCO, PONY DRAFT

1. The drafting of baseball teams for the Pinto, Mustang, Bronco, and Pony Divisions shall be conducted through a point system. The draft of the baseball teams in the girls' Softball Division can be conducted through the point system or the round system, in the discretion of the Director of the softball division or the determination of the Board of Directors.

2. Under the point system, managers are assigned the same number of points and bid for each player in an open auction format, with the player going to the highest bidder. The total number of points assigned to each manager will be 24,000.
3. All players in the division shall be drafted through the bidding process, except the child(ren) of the managers; they will be assigned to the managers' respective teams without going through the bid process. Children of managers should be assessed points against the total points given to the managers based on the determination of the Managers and Coaches Selection Committee, with input of the Players' Agent and Division Director.
4. A Manager and Coach with two First Round Picks of maximum division age may receive a special assessment of up to 2000 points per player at the discretion of the Managers and Coaches Selection Committee. This is done to level the playing field and allow for parity within the each division.
5. An equal number of children per team shall be bid. The remaining players shall be chosen by blind draw, order to be determined prior to the draft.
6. In conducting the bidding, each manager must reserve at least 200 points for each available slot on the team to be filled.
7. If a manager's child does not tryout, he/she will be slotted as a first round pick and assigned the appropriate amount of points. For legitimate reasons, exceptions may be made in the discretion of the Managers and Coaches Selection Committee.
8. Trading will be allowed during a thirty (30) minute period following team selections. Only player for player trades are acceptable. All trades must be approved by the Players' Agent. These trades should be for convenience or friendship reasons of players of equal ability.
9. **In no event will anyone present at the Draft disclose to anyone the points spent for any player selection. Violation will result in an appearance before the Disciplinary Committee.**
10. A player may be allowed to play down, out of their age group only after approval of PONY Baseball and the Board of Directors. Said player is prohibited from playing pitcher or catcher if the player is playing below the required age group.
11. A player must play for the team to which he/she is assigned at the completion of the draft.
12. A player will not be drafted unless registration fees are paid in full, or payment arrangements have been accepted by the Players Agent prior to the Draft.
13. Managers must have the release forms at the field for all practices and games. If the release forms are not present for a practice the team will not be allowed to practice. If the release forms are not present for a game then the team will forfeit the game.

SECTION VII - PROCEDURAL RULES

Any player may be dismissed from the League for due cause, but only by the Board of Directors after recommendation by the Ethics Committee. Lack of good sportsmanship, lack of discipline, violation of League rules, etc., may be due cause for dismissal. The umpire-in-chief (plate umpire) is in complete charge of the game from the time the game officially starts until the final out is made. He/she is empowered to eject any player, coach, Manager or spectator from the game and/or complex if in his/her opinion, the conduct of such person, or persons, is detrimental to the best interest of the game. All League members, including spectators, are prohibited from "umpire baiting", booing umpires or players. Failure to comply with the directives of the umpires may be cause for appearance before the Disciplinary Committee. If a full Board is unable to

convene, the Ethics Committee can suspend a player or Manager for up to two (2) games for violations as outlined above.

All team Managers will meet monthly during the season with their respective Divisional Directors. Dates will be established by the Division Director. It will be required for each team to be represented at all meetings, either by Manager, coach or designated representative. The penalty for no representation at the scheduled meetings may be suspension of the Manager for the next two scheduled games. Suspension means the Manager must be absent from the complex for the games. Managers who fail to have a representative at two consecutive mandatory meetings will be brought before the Ethics Committee for an explanation and further disciplinary action.

All children who wish to play in the League must tryout. If they wish to enter after scheduled tryouts, or cannot attend tryouts, they must tryout before the Division Director, Players' Agent and any managers that wish to attend. Subsequently, they will be placed on the waiting list and placed on a team by the Players Agent.

All children entering the League, after the team selection has been completed, may be assigned to a team based on the team drafting order for all unfilled positions in the last round of the draft. Additional players will be assigned to a team, which has lost a player(s) to date. If additional players exist, they will be assigned to a team based on the drafting order for the last round of the draft. If an incoming player has a skill level, which is around a 6 or better, the Executive Committee must approve the assignment.

Each Division will have a round robin playoff format. Each team will be seeded based on final standings and number of teams per division. All teams will play at least one post-season game. Format will be approved by Board of Directors prior to opening day.

There will be no smoking permitted within 15 feet of bleachers, dugouts, bullpens, and eating areas (snack bar and patio).

SECTION VIII - SAFETY RULES

1. Helmets will be worn by; the batter, the on-deck batter, base runners and youth base coaches. Facemasks and helmets must be worn by all youths warming up the pitcher, either in the bullpen or behind the plate.
2. The batter and the on-deck batter are the only players allowed to warm up.
3. The game official (either the umpire or board member) has the final ruling as to safety conditions until the game begins, at which time the umpire-in-chief takes charge.
4. Pre-game warm up by pitchers is limited to the bullpen. Batting practice is prohibited on the playing field sixty minutes prior to the scheduled start of the game.
5. No hitting balls against the fence is permitted (Whiffle balls are acceptable)
6. On-deck batters must stay in the on-deck circle.
7. When a team is on defense the managers and coaches for that team must stay off the field. Exception; T-Ball coaches are allowed in the outfield. Shetland coaches are allowed in the outfield for the first 1/3 of the season only).
8. No horseplay or throwing balls is allowed in the dugout.

9. No food is allowed in the dugout (excludes seeds and gum).

SECTION IX - SCHEDULES

1. Games, re-scheduled games, places, and dates to play shall be set by the Director of Scheduling.
2. Sunday play shall only be used as a last resort for make-up games, rainouts, suspended games or tie games, and the pitching waivers are not permitted at any time.
3. The Director of Field Operations shall notify the Scheduler, Team Managers, and the Umpire Coordinator regarding game cancellations.
4. All postponed or cancelled games must be given every effort to be played by the next available date as determined by the Scheduler.

SECTION X - SCHOLARSHIPS

1. The parent of a child on scholarship shall work four (4) work shifts per child, to be completed during the Spring and North Valley Invitational. Work shifts shall be capped at eight (8) shifts per family with a minimum of one (1) work shift per month per child.
2. If work shifts are not completed during the designated time frame, the child will not be considered for future scholarships.

SECTION XI - CODE OF CONDUCT

In order to provide the most positive environment possible for the children of North Valley Youth Baseball, the Board of Directors has approved the following code of conduct.

NVYB Managers will be expected to uphold the highest level of behavior and set an example for their players, coaches, and fans to follow. The Manager is responsible for the actions of His/Her coaches, players and fans. At the beginning of each game, the chief umpire and each manager will meet at home plate to review and reinforce these rules.

1. A manager may have a discussion with an umpire during the game about an interpretation of a rule. Not a coach, not a player, not a fan - only a manager. If the manager feels that a rule was interpreted incorrectly, a protest should be filed and the game should continue.
2. No manager, coach, player or fan may discuss a judgment call with an umpire. A manager may request that an umpire ask for help from another umpire on a call, but it is then the umpire's decision whether to ask for help or not.
3. Managers, coaches, players and fans are to refrain from calling plays on the field. This includes calling a runner out or safe, calling a ball fair or foul, calling a ball or strike, etc.
4. No individual shall throw a bat, helmet, hat, ball, glove or other equipment in anger or who use foul language.
5. Managers, coaches, players and fans will direct all cheering towards their own teammates and shall refrain from taunting, criticizing, or jeering towards opposing players. This includes but is not limited to negative jeers such as "the pitcher cant throw a strike", or "this kid can't hit".
6. Only three adults (one manager and two coaches) will be permitted in the dugout and only roster players. Violations of this rule will result in the penalties described above.
7. Violation of any of these rules will result in the following penalties:
 - a. Manager and offending player, coach, or fan will be warned

- b. If behavior persists, the offending manager, player, coach, or fan will be ejected from current game. Ejection means that they can watch the game from the outfield, but cannot participate in any way otherwise they will be asked to leave the premises.
- c. If behavior persists, the game will be called and the offending manager's team will forfeit. This will also result in an automatic two game suspension of the manager and offending player, coach, or fan. If suspended, they can attend the game, but cannot participate in any way otherwise they will be asked to leave the premises.
- d. If the behavior persist, the manager and offending coach, player, or fan will be expelled from the league.
- e. Any manager, coach, or player that does not come on the field to shake hands immediately following a game will be suspended from the next game. Umpires will stay and enforce this rule.
- f. Under no circumstances is a manager, coach, player, or fan to approach an umpire after a game. Anyone that violates this rule will be prohibited from the premises for their next game and a second offense will result in expulsion from the league.
- g. If a board member observes any of these behaviors and sees that it is not being handled properly, he/she will speak with the umpire between innings and advise them to better enforce these rules. If in the judgment of a board member that the behavior needs to be dealt with immediately, the board member will have the authority to enforce these penalties directly.
- h. The Board of Directors reserves the right for all board members to bring any Manager, Coach, Fan, Player or Umpire before the Ethics Committee for any negative/hostile action at NVYB. The action will be submitted in writing to the Ethics Committee for review and appropriate action.

SECTION XII - FIELD MAINTENANCE

- 1. Before the first game of the season, all teams will be required to log 20 hours of maintenance work as designated by the Board of Directors or Division Director, at the complex. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of all pre-season use of the fields and all practice times on the field during the season.
- 2. The home team prepares the field for the game. The visiting team drags and waters the field. The visiting team for the last game during the week and the last game on Saturday must empty the field trashcans.
- 3. Teams are responsible for removing trash from their dugouts, playing field and spectator area after the conclusion of the game. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in the forfeiture of the next scheduled game for the team.

SECTION XIII - GAME RULES

- 1) If a player is not permitted to play in a game for disciplinary reasons, the parents of the player, official scorekeeper and the opposing Manager must be advised of this by the Manager of that player's team prior to the game. A team must have a minimum of eight players to start a game.
- 2) In the event a team has less than eight (8) players, fifteen (15) minutes after the official starting time, the game will be forfeited to the opposing team. After the start of a game, a

team must have a minimum of seven players to continue playing. In the event of a forfeit, the Managers at that point will have the option of playing a practice game or some type of workout. The only reason for not playing a baseball game, without risk of forfeiture, is for a game called due to inclement weather or unsafe playing conditions.

- 3) All players must play 12 consecutive outs (6 home and 6 visitors), or if the game goes its full length, a player must have played at least 3 innings. All players must enter the game by the end of the third inning. If a player enters the game at the top of the third (3rd) inning, and remains in the lineup for the balance of the game, it will be judged that the requirements of this rule have been met. Any player may reenter the game after his/her substitute has played one (1) full inning (6 consecutive outs 3 home and 3 visitors). If the manager fails to make these substitutions, he/she must appear before the Disciplinary Committee.
- 4) Substitutes may reenter a game. Players removed for injury, illness or disciplinary reasons may not reenter the game.
- 5) Each game will be seven (7) innings, or a time limit where no new inning will start 2 hours and twenty (20) minutes after the actual start time of the game. For this rule, a new inning is considered started immediately after the last out is made in the previous inning. Once that inning is started, it will be completed unless the home team is in the lead, darkness, or other circumstances create unsafe conditions. Any ties will be resumed at a later date only if the outcome has a direct bearing in the standings. If the game is the last or only game of the day, no new inning will start after sunset. Sunset is determined by the time listed in the local newspaper. In any event there will be a 3-hour drop-dead time. Any games called due to Darkness/Rain shall only be continued if it has a significant consequence in the standings (i.e. Gives one team a First Round Bye in the playoffs), otherwise the game shall revert back to the last completed inning, with a minimum of four (4) innings being played.
- 6) In the event that extreme conditions exist (severe field conditions) no new inning will start 2 hours and 20 minutes after the actual start time of the game.
- 7) Where makeup or continuation games are required, they will be completed on the next available date and time, to be determined by the Division Director.
- 8) Each player will bat in a team rotation determined by the Manager prior to each game. Once the game has started, this batting order may not be changed unless a player is removed from the game because of injury, illness, or disciplinary action. If a player is removed for injury, illness or disciplinary action, his/her position in the batting order is skipped and will not be considered an out. A player arriving after the start of the game will be placed at the bottom of the list. The bottom of the list is considered the last position in the original batting order. If a child is not present at the playing field by the start of the 4th inning, he/she will not be eligible to play.
- 9) The Manager's lineup sheet shall be presented to the official scorekeeper and opposing Manager prior to the start of the game. It must show all roster players, playing or absent, including numbers, position, and last name.
- 10) Only players in uniform, the Manager, and two designated coaches are permitted in the dugout, playing field and bullpen areas.
- 11) Uniform - The League provides a jersey, and hat. Metal cleats are not permitted below the Bronco level.
- 12) If a pinch runner is required due to injury, the player making the last out will be designated as such. If a player leaves the game due to injury, he/she may not reenter the game.

- 13) The Slide Rule - A base runner involved in a play at second, third or home plate must either slide or avoid contact with the defensive player who has the ball, or in the umpires judgment is in the process of receiving the ball. If, in the opinion of the umpire, this rule is violated the base runner is out and the ball is dead at that point. If in the umpire's opinion the collision was a flagrant attempt to run over the defensive player then the runner shall be subject to ejection and disciplinary action.
- 14) A player who was not eligible or in attendance at the time of a suspended game may not participate in the continuation of the suspended game.

EXCEPTIONS

T-BALL

- 1) Each game is three (3) innings or one and one hour fifteen minutes (1 hr 15 min.).
- 2) The league will provide jerseys and hats only, which become the property of the players.
- 3) A half inning shall be terminated when all batters have batted.
- 4) All players present will play. There will be a maximum of six (6) players in the infield, which includes the pitcher. No catcher will be allowed.
- 5) A ball approved by the Board of Directors shall be used for all games.
- 6) All players designated as infielders, excluding the pitcher, may not position themselves any closer to home plate than the baseline between first and second base, and between second and third base. All players designated as outfielders will not position themselves any closer than the designated outfield area. No player shall be a pitcher or first baseman 2 consecutive innings.
- 7) Coaching - On offense, coaches are permitted at first and third. Coaches cannot physically assist a runner to the next base. A coach is permitted at home plate to assist the batter. On defense, two (2) coaches may participate in the outfield area and must be positioned behind the outfielders.
- 8) Pitching -The coach shall pitch 4, and only 4, pitches to a batter. If the batter has not hit the ball fair in those 4 pitches, the batter will then use the tee.
- 9) Batter - If the ball is hit but does not travel beyond the 18 foot restraining line or travels outside of fair territory, it is a foul ball. The batter must take a full swing; no bunting. The batter will continue batting until he/she hits a fair ball. There will be no strikeouts.
- 10) Base Running - Runners must stay in contact with the base until the ball is hit; no stealing. A batted ball, fielded by an infielder, and thrown toward home plate will stop all play when the fielder releases the ball. When a batted ball goes past the infield, the play is stopped when the ball crosses back over the vertical plane of the base line. If the base runners have not crossed the hash marks, halfway between the bases, they must return to the preceding base. If the runners have crossed the hash mark, they may advance to the next base safely.
- 11) A Dugout supervisor will be allowed for T-Ball teams.
- 12) On an overthrow, a runner is only allowed to advance one base, no matter how many overthrows there are. (i.e. : if the shortstop throws the ball to first and the ball goes past the first baseman, then the first baseman overthrows the second baseman, the runner is only allowed second base).

PINTO DEVELOPMENT (SHETLAND)

- 1) Each game is five (5) innings. No new inning will begin after an hour and forty-five minutes (1 hr 45 min.) from the start of the game.
- 2) A half inning shall be terminated if three (3) outs have been made, or five (5) runs have recorded in that half inning. Seven runs will be allowed to score in the last inning.
- 3) If a team is trailing by eight (8) or more runs in the fifth inning the game will be stopped by mercy rule.
- 4) There will be ten (10) defensive players: a pitcher, catcher, four, infielders, and four outfielders. Outfielders will be positioned in the grass area, not on the infield dirt, at least 15 feet beyond the infield dirt on the Shetland Field.
- 5) All players present will play. No player shall sit out 2 consecutive innings.
- 6) A ball approved by the Board of Directors shall be used for all games.
- 7) Coaching - On offense, coaches are permitted at first and third. Coaches cannot physically assist a runner to the next base. On defense, Coaches will be permitted in foul territory of the outfield.
- 8) Coach pitch - Coaches will pitch from the pitchers mound dirt, not any closer. The coach will also throw overhand to the batters not underhand. Remember we are a Development Division so try to simulate a pitch coming from an opposing pitcher. This will help their batting skills. Four pitches will be thrown before the batting tee is put into use. There will be no strikeouts in this division.
- 9) Batter - If a batted ball from the tee doesn't reach the infield grass or travels outside fair territory it is a foul ball. The batter is allowed three swings from the tee. The batter must take a full swing; no bunting. Releasing or losing control of the bat while swinging is an automatic out. The umpire may give one warning, but it is the umpire's discretion to give a warning. Teach the players not to throw the bat.
- 10) Base Running - Runners must stay in contact with the base until the ball is hit, no stealing. If the runner leaves early, the runner will be out. There will be only one base taken on an overthrown ball by an infielder or outfielder. (Example: If the batter hits the ball back to the pitcher, and the pitcher over or under throws the first baseman, the runner may advance to second at his/her own risk. If the first baseman attempts to throw the ball to second base to get the batter out and overthrows second base, the runner will not have the right to advance to third base. The batter will be sent back to second base if he/she advances to third base).
- 11) A dugout supervisor will be allowed.
- 12) The offensive team is allowed two (2) offensive time-outs per inning.
- 13) If a batter will not come to the plate for his/her turn at bat, then an out will be recorded in the scorebook and the next batter will bat.
- 14) No infield fly rule shall be in effect.
- 15) A runner may not advance to the next base if he/she is not in the process of advancing towards the next base, and the pitcher has the ball in the vicinity of the pitchers mound. If the runner was in the process of advancing towards the next base before the pitcher has the ball in the vicinity of the pitchers mound then the runner is entitled to the next base only. This determination is the judgment of the umpire.
- 16) Pitchers and first basemen cannot play those positions two consecutive innings. They can only re-enter those positions after six outs have been recorded since they have been removed from those positions. All other rules will be governed by 2006 North Valley Youth Baseball

League Operating Rules for Pinto Division, 2006 PONY Baseball Rules and Regulations for Pinto League, and Official Baseball Rules 2006 Edition.

- 17) Only an infielder may call for time-out. The infielder must be positioned on the infield, defined as the infield grass or dirt and not to be positioned in foul territory.

PINTO

- 1) A player may not reach first base by virtue of four pitched balls. Upon receipt of the fourth ball, the coach will pitch to the batter. The count will remain the same and the umpire will continue to call strikes. The batter will get two pitches for every strike they have remaining. If the coach pitches a strike in the umpires' opinion it shall be a strike. If it is strike three the batter is out. (i.e.: batter walks and the count was 3-1, the batter and coach now have 2 strikes or 4 pitches remaining. If the first pitch to the batter is a ball the batter will then have 3 pitches left. However, if the first pitch from the coach is a strike to the batter, the count now becomes 3-2 and the batter only has 1 strike or 2 pitches remaining). If the coach throws a ball on the last pitch the batter is out whether the batter swings or not. If the batter fouls off the last pitch the batter can remain at bat until their at-bat is completed. The coach must pitch the ball from the rubber.
- 2) All infielders shall assume their normal defensive positions prior to the hitter attempting to hit from the coach. The pitchers foot must be in contact with the pitching circle at the time the ball is hit. The penalty for violation of this rule will result in the batter getting the base plus one (1) base. If an out is recorded, the batter will be awarded first base, and the out negated.
- 3) Each game will be five or six innings depending on league scheduling availability.
- 4) Stealing is not permitted. Base runners must remain in contact with the base from the time the pitcher steps on the rubber with possession of the ball until the pitched ball has been hit. Once the pitcher has stepped on the rubber with possession of the ball; runners who leave their base before the pitched ball reaches or passes the catcher shall be called out and the pitch shall be considered as a dead ball.
- 5) Each pitcher is allowed to throw a maximum of 65 pitches per day per game or two innings per day / per game, whichever comes first. Scorekeepers shall notify the managers when the pitcher is approaching pitching maximum (within 10 pitches of the maximum). Pitchers may complete pitching to the batter batting when the maximum pitch count is reached. Pitchers may throw a maximum of 6 innings per week.
- 6) There are no balks or infield fly rule.
- 7) A runner may not advance to the next base if he/she is not in the process of advancing towards the next base and the pitcher has the ball in the vicinity of the pitchers' mound (i.e. : one foot in the dirt) . If the runner was in the process of advancing towards the next base before the pitcher has the ball in the vicinity of the pitchers' mound, then the runner is entitled to the next base only. This determination is the judgment of the umpire.
- 8) A half inning shall be terminated if three (3) outs have been made, or 9 players have batted; no maximum is applied to the last inning. If the last batter in an inning is hit by a pitch, then the next batter will be allowed to bat. There will be a maximum of 5 runs per inning.
- 9) The offensive team is allowed one (1) offensive time out per inning. Coaching a player at the plate is considered an offensive time out.
- 10) If a batter will not come to the plate for his/her turn at bat, then an out will be recorded in the scorebook and the next batter will bat.

- 11) No coaches will be allowed in fair or foul territory on defense. Only a coach pitching to a batter will be allowed on the field. If a batted ball hits the coach, unintentionally, it will be a LIVE ball. If a coach interferes with a player trying to make a play, the play will be dead and the batter is out. All runners shall go back to the base they started at. IT IS THE COACHES RESPONSIBILITY TO GET OUT OF THE WAY OF ALL HIT BALLS, THROWN BALLS, AND PLAYERS ATTEMPTING TO MAKE PLAYS.

MUSTANG

- 1) PONY Mustang Baseball Rule 8F(2) has been adopted for base running.
- 2) Each game will be six (6) innings.
- 3) Each pitcher is allowed to throw a maximum of 80 pitches per day per game or three innings per day / per game, whichever comes first. Scorekeepers shall notify the managers when the pitcher is approaching pitching maximum (within 10 pitches of the maximum). Pitchers may complete pitching to the batter batting when the maximum pitch count is reached. Pitchers may throw a maximum of 6 innings per week, and pitchers must have 40 hours rest after throwing 3 innings before being allowed to pitch again.

BRONCO & PONY

- 1) All players must play three (3) full innings on defense. This rule applies to all seven-inning games. If a Manager fails to make these substitutions, he/she must appear before the Disciplinary Committee.
- 2) Each Bronco pitcher is allowed to throw a maximum of 100 pitches per day / per game. Scorekeepers shall notify the managers when the pitcher is approaching pitching maximum (within 10 pitches of the maximum).
- 3) Each Pony pitcher is allowed to throw a maximum of 120 pitches per day / per game. Scorekeepers shall notify the managers when the pitcher is approaching pitching maximum (within 10 pitches of the maximum).
- 4) Metal or rubber cleats are allowed

SECTION XIV - ALL-STAR TEAMS *(update 3/13/10)*

1. The objective of the All-Star teams is two fold. The first is to select squads consisting of players and managers with the best baseball playing ability in the League. The second objective is to induce sportsmanship like competition amongst the players in the League so as to compete for positions on the All-Star teams.
2. At least one (1) All-Star team (and possibly as many as two teams) shall be selected from each division. The Pony division may establish an individual 13- year old All-Star team after the Pony All-Star team is selected.
3. Each All-Star baseball team shall consist of one (1) Manager, one (1) Coach, one (1) Business Manager, and a minimum of 12 players to a maximum of 13 players. If only one All-Star team is selected for a given division, the Manager may opt to have a maximum of 15 players.
4. The League Players Agent, Division Director and the President shall tabulate the voting for selection of the All-Star teams for each Division.
5. An "All-Star Selection Committee" shall be comprised of the Division Director, the Player Agent, and/or the President. Managers are required to rank a minimum of 20 players (i.e. 1-20, 1-40, with one (1) being highest) per eligible All-Star team. For example, if two (2) Teams are representing one (1) division, then 40 players must be selected on each Managers ballot. Ballots will be compiled by the Division Director, the Player Agent, and/or the President.
6. The "A" All-Star Selection Process is as follows:
 - a. First Round: Any player receiving the vote of 100% of the participating managers is elected to the "A" All Star Team until up to 10 players have been selected.
 - b. Second Round: Any player receiving the vote of 50% or more of the participating managers is elected to the "A" All Star Team until up to 10 players have been selected. If more than 10 players have been selected, the players with the highest percentage of the votes will be elected to the "A" All Star team, up to 10 players.
 - c. Third Round: If necessary, same as Second Round until 10 players are selected.
 - d. Once 10 players have been selected by vote, the "A" All Star Team manager picks the remaining two (2) players to fill the team.
 - e. Should any of the top 10 elected picks decline their All-Star selection, the next player(s) in order of their ranking(s) shall become the next eligible player(s).
7. The "B" All Star Selections Process is as follows:
 - a. Once the "A" All Star Team has been selected, the same process applies to the "B" Team. Any player elected for the "A" team but does not want to play on the "A" team cannot drop to the "B" team.
8. The All Star Managers for each division shall be chosen by the Managers and Coaches Selection Committee with input from the umpires over the age of 18. The All Star Manager nominates a coach and Business Manager who must be approved by the Managers Selection Committee and must have been an approved Manager or Coach during the season. All Star Managers must be approved upon completion of the All Star Player Selections.
9. Managers and Coaches who have been disciplined more than once or thrown out of more than two games will not be considered.
10. In order to be considered for a Divisional All-Star Manager, Head Coach or Business Manager, a candidate for that position must commit to being available through the entire length of the Pony Sanction All-Star Tournament play. This commitment shall be made in

writing to the Board of Directors requesting consideration for All-Star Manager, Head Coach or Business Manager.

11. All-Star team selections (players, managers, head coaches and business managers) shall take place prior to Memorial Day Weekend and All Players will be announced on Closing Day.
12. Playing time will be dictated by Pony Sanctioned rules.
13. No Nvyb player shall be eligible to participate in the post season All-Star program who participates simultaneously on any other post-season baseball team. Players are expected to make a commitment to the entire post-season play and should notify the league Players' Agent when there are scheduling conflicts prior to All-Star selection.
14. All players who live outside the Nvyb boundary lines may choose to play in "regular season league games" but, are precluded from selection of All-stars and all post-season All-Star play.
15. Players must also meet all of PONY Baseball's requirements for eligibility.
16. The Manager of the First Place team at the end of the Regular Season will be the All-Star Manager, subject to the criteria list in section 9. If that individual chooses not to be considered, the second place team Manager will then become the All-Star Manager. This process will continue until all Divisional Managers have been offered the All-Star team.
17. The All-Star Manager will select the team coach and team Business manager, with approval of the Managers and Coaches Selection Committee.
18. Any sanctioned Nvyb team that goes and plays and wins in any post-season tournament or advances to the next level gets an All-Star sign paid for by Nvyb and displayed at the Nvyb fields.
19. Any player that is of All-Star quality who cannot play in sanctioned play due to injury or illness will be recognized as an All-Star.
20. Any All-Star Manager who fails to attend any mandatory meeting called either by Nvyb or PONY may be removed as the team's manager by the Ethics Committee or the President without any further hearing or committee action.

SECTION XVI - SPORTSMANSHIP AWARDS

Objective - to place the importance of being a good sport above that of winning. To be given to the Players who have demonstrated superior qualities of sportsmanship, leadership, a commitment to teamwork and a desire to excel. Of most importance, the criteria for selection of the Good Sportsmanship Award recipient are in no way based on the youngster's playing ability or personal statistics.

1. The Sportsmanship Award will be given to one player from each division who will receive a Large Trophy and a tee shirt with the Nvyb Good Sportsmanship award winners name and the two runners up names on them from each division. With the first and second runner up receiving a tee shirt and being recognized for their Sportsmanship as well. The Managers from within each division will nominate 2 players from any other team in their division except their own. Managers will vote, the Player with the most number of votes will receive the trophy, and the next two vote getters will receive the tee shirts. If clear consciences are not reached an open vote tiebreaker will be reached with the Division Director and Players' Agent casting the tie breaking votes. The Awards are to be given at league wide ceremony on closing day and announced on opening day the

following year, after the All-Stars are honored. This award is more important than All-Stars and will be treated as the Highest Honor a Player can receive at NVYB.

2. A vote will take place at the same time the All-Star voting takes place. The VP of Baseball Operations and the Division Directors shall be responsible for the collection of the votes by each Manager.
3. We are nominating and voting for the players who exhibit the Best Sportsmanship on and at NVYB, not necessarily the best player(s). Keep in mind that is why we have All-Stars, but we should not exclude any player regardless of skills. *However, managers are encouraged to reward players that do not receive other awards (like All-Star nominations)*
4. The criteria are as follows.
 - a. All Players are eligible to start the season
 - b. Any player thrown out of a game or taken before the Disciplinary Committee will become ineligible.
 - c. We are looking for players that conduct themselves with respect for their coaches, players, umpires and rules
 - d. Players who show up at practice and games and encourage their teammates
 - e. Players who have the class to congratulate an opposing player who has played well.
 - f. Players who have the heart, mind and spirit of a good sport
 - g. The tee shirts are to read: "NVYB Good Sportsmanship Award Winners"

<u>Pony</u>	<u>Bronco</u>
Tim Smith	Bobby James
Jimmy Jones	Bill Smith
Tammy Doe	Al Jones
5. A permanent Sportsmanship Plaque will be displayed at in the Snack Shack Bulletin Board with the Trophy Winners Names from each Division and Year won listed on the Plaque.

SECTION XVII - AMENDMENTS

Revisions and amendments to the NVYB Bylaws shall take place yearly and require a majority vote of the Board of Directors. All changes to the Bylaws shall be submitted in writing to the President in advance of the regularly scheduled monthly Board meeting. The League Bylaws Chairman or any voting member of the Board of Directors shall read the suggested changes to the Bylaws to the membership at the Board meeting as prescribed below and after notification to the general membership of the League.

1. A Board of Directors reading of the suggested changes to the Bylaws must take place in a regularly scheduled Board meeting or in an Executive Committee meeting.
2. All suggested changes to the Bylaws must be read as noted above in 3-consecutive regularly scheduled or Executive Committee meetings.
3. The 3rd and final, reading of the Bylaws (without changes) and approved as noted will be considered complete and be officially in effect from that date forward.
4. Any and all suggested changes to the NVYB Bylaws given to the Board of Directors after the Bylaws are in effect for that baseball season will not be considered until the current baseball season is over.
5. Except in cases where a delay would cause significant risk to the safety NVYB participants, significant financial or operational problems, any suggested change or changes to the By-

laws during the season shall be in writing under the signature of the Secretary and shall be distributed to each manager at least fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting at which the proposed change or changes shall be submitted to vote.

SECTION XVIII - REVISIONS

(a) This constitution, or any section thereof, may be amended or repealed by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors present at any duly constituted meeting; provided that written notice of such proposed changes over the signature of the Secretary, shall be delivered to each member of the Board of Directors at least seven days prior to the meeting at which such proposed change shall be submitted to a vote.

(a) This CONSTITUTION has been amended at a duly constituted meeting of the Board of Directors of North Valley Youth Baseball convened on November 22, 1994.

Stuart Goodman
President

Lu Coleman
Secretary

(b) This CONSTITUTION has been amended to create an electronic copy from the original and changing the date to reflect the date of the change.

Steve Dix
President

Michelle Suniga
Secretary

(c) This CONSTITUTION has been amended to modify the number of required members of the board.

Dave Jollota
President

Dawn Strazzeri
Secretary

(d) 2006 This CONSTITUTION has been amended to create one (1) uniformed bylaw. Implement job descriptions for all board members, manager/coaches and all who volunteer for NVYB. Establish Code of Conduct & Sportsmanship Articles. Note: No Secretary was elected for 2005.

Tom Chavez
President

Art Olivas
Vice-President

(e) This CONSTITUTION has been amended by a duly constituted meeting of the Board of Directors of North Valley Youth Baseball convened February 12, 2008.

Greg Mason
President

Laura O'Brien
Secretary

(f) This CONSTITUTION has been amended by a duly constituted meeting of the Board of Directors of North Valley Youth Baseball convened January 13, 2009.

Steve Dix
President

Dana Nierenberg
Secretary

(g) This CONSTITUTION has been amended by a duly constituted meeting of the Board of Directors of North Valley Youth Baseball convened March 8, 2010.

Steve Dix
President

Dana Nierenberg
Secretary