

**EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP BASEBALL ORGANIZATION**  
**BY LAWS**

**Article I. Name**

This organization shall be known as the EHT Baseball Association Inc, hereafter referred to as EHTBA, or simply 'the Organization'.

**Article II. Objective**

The objective of the Organization shall be to implant firmly in the children and the community the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage and respect for each other and authority. It is hoped that through EHTBA they will become well-adjusted, stronger and happier children and will grow to be good, decent, healthy and trustworthy citizens.

The Organization will oversee the growth, use and accessibility of facilities, equipment and programs for all youth in Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey.

**Article III. Membership**

***Section 3.01 Definition***

**(a) Eligibility**

Any Egg Harbor Township resident at least 18 years of age who is sincerely interested in active participation to further the objective of this Organization may join.

Membership can be obtained by attending the lesser of six (6) or 51% of all General Membership Meetings in a 12-month period.

Membership excludes anyone who may have been removed from the program by the Board of Directors for conduct detrimental to the organization. The board must approve a request for reinstatement and if approved, that individual may begin the process of attaining membership as if for the first time. This would require a 2/3 vote from the General Membership.

Two or more members related by blood or law may not hold Executive positions on the Board of Directors.

**(b) Resident**

Any person who is eligible to vote and lives in the boundaries of Egg Harbor Township

**(c) Non-resident**

Non-residents may not sit in Executive Board, Director, Voting Member, coach, or player roles without expressed approval of the Egg Harbor Township Recreation Commission.

**(d) Executive Members**

President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer

**(e) Director**

One of ten members including the four (4) Executive Members and six (6) Directors

**(f) Voting Member**

An unlimited number of members including Directors

**(g) General Membership**

All Members including Executives, Directors, and Voting Members make up the General Membership. The General Membership is required to approve by majority vote all available positions and committee members.

**(h) Nominations**

Nominations for expiring terms should be considered in September and October with a final round of nominations followed by elections in November. Positions that become available in mid-term should be filled immediately. Any member assuming the term of a vacant seat is only completing that term and must be nominated and elected in the following election cycle to maintain that position. Nominations must be made in person by anyone in attendance when a nomination is required. Nominations do not require a second. The nomination must be accepted by the nominee, in person, at the time of the nomination.

**(i) Elections**

In order to be elected as a Director, each nominee will be voted on separately and must receive a majority of the votes cast from the General Membership in attendance. The elections may be by paper vote or show of hands.

***Section 3.02 Membership Classes***

**(a) Board of Directors**

One of ten (10) persons having the right to speak, make motions and to vote at all meetings is considered to be a member of the Board of Directors.

Only members of the Board of Directors can vote on financial matters.

**(b) General Membership**

Members only meeting the General Membership eligibility requirements outlined in Article III, Section 3.01 (a) may make motions and vote on any non-financial matter including but not limited to positions and committee members.

**(c) Non-Voting Members**

Any member of the public in attendance that has not met the eligibility standards for General Membership is considered to be a Non-voting member.

**(d) Player Members**

Any child registered in good standing during the current season. Player members of EHT Baseball are not permitted to participate in any other Recreational Baseball program.

**Article IV. Membership resignation, removal, suspension, or termination**

**Section 4.01 Resignation**

Any Member may resign their position at any time by providing a notice in writing to the Board of Directors. Voting rights may be retained if the member so requests at the time of the resignation, otherwise voting rights are terminated upon the effective date of the resignation. If this causes a vacant position on the Board of Directors, it shall be immediately filled in accordance with Article III, Sections 3.01 (a) and (h).

**Section 4.02 Removal, Suspension, or Termination**

The Board of Directors may terminate membership as follows:

- (a) The Board Membership, at a duly constituted General Membership Meeting or Special Board Membership Meeting, or Annual Meeting, shall have the authority to discipline, suspend, or terminate the membership of any Member of any class, including managers, coaches, players, and parents, when conducts of such person is considered detrimental to the best interests of the Organization. Any suspension or termination shall require a 2/3 vote of those present at a General Membership or Special Board Members Meeting. The member involved shall be notified by certified or electronic mail of such meeting, informed of the general nature of the charges and given an opportunity to appear at the meeting to speak on his/her/their behalf.
- (b) The Board of Directors shall, in the case of a Player Member, give notice to the coach of the team for which the player is assigned. That coach may appear as the player's advisor before the Board or a duly appointed committee of the General Membership. The player's parent(s) or legal guardian must be present. The Board of Directors shall have full power to suspend or revoke such player's right to future participation by vote of those present at any duly constituted General Membership Meeting or Special Board Membership Meeting. The Player shall be suspended if a parent/legal guardian fails to appear.
- (c) Any person who has been removed by an umpire, coach or member of the Board of Directors for unsportsmanlike conduct, or conduct detrimental to the Organization must meet with the Board of Directors pursuant to Section 4.02 (a)

or (b) before said person may return to play, manage or coach. This meeting can be either the next scheduled General Membership or Special Board Membership meeting. In the case of a parent, he or she will not be permitted to return to any area of play until such meeting has taken place.

- (d) Any Voting Member who misses three consecutive or 51% of the General Membership Meetings in any 12 month period will forfeit any Board position; lose the right to vote, make motions and to conduct business on behalf of the Organization. The decision to remove this member for this reason will require a majority vote by the general membership. In the case of long term illness or other reasons beyond the control of any member the voting membership may vote to excuse this member. The membership may also vote to include the granting of a leave of absence. It is incumbent on the voting member to advise the secretary prior to the meeting they are requested an excused absence for it to be granted.

## **Article V. Membership Meetings**

### ***Section 5.01 General Membership Meeting***

A General Membership Meeting is any meeting of the Board of Directors of the Organization and any interested persons from the public. General Membership Meetings shall take place on the first Thursday of each month in a calendar year at Veteran's Memorial Park Field House, unless otherwise notified.

### ***Section 5.02 Director Session***

A session scheduled for the Board of Directors only.

### ***Section 5.03 Work Session***

A session scheduled at the General Membership Meeting by the President. The organization intends to have work sessions for the purpose of discussing work details and ideas related to the development and progress of the organization. These meetings will not include nominations, elections or voting on any organization business. Notification of a scheduled Work Session shall be the responsibility of the Board Secretary.

**NOTE:** The President has the authority to invite any person(s) s/he wishes to attend.

### ***Section 5.04 Special Board Membership Meeting***

Any meeting required for special/unusual business by a member of the Board of Directors is a Special Board Membership meeting. Upon written or phone request, a Director may request the President schedule a Special Board Membership Meeting. No business other than that specified in the notice of the meeting shall be transacted. Such meeting shall be scheduled to take place not less than seven (7) days after the President has received the request, unless otherwise determined by the President that the matter is

emergent. All members of the General Membership shall be notified in person, email or by phone by the Secretary of the Organization. The Secretary of the Organization in accordance with the time line herein must also notify all necessary parties.

### **Section 5.05 Quorum Definition**

A quorum is established when 51% of the members of the Board of Directors are present for a meeting. If a quorum is not established, the meeting shall be continued without conducting any financial business.

### **Section 5.06 Absentee Ballot**

There will be no absentee balloting

### **Section 5.07 Attendance**

Attendees will sign in at the beginning and end of a meeting. Sign in sheets will be collected approximately 15 minutes after the beginning of the meeting. In order to receive credit for attending a meeting, participants must have signed both. Sign-in sheets are retained for 12 months.

## **Article VI. Board of Directors Membership**

### **Section 6.01 Authority**

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

### **Section 6.02 General Duties and Powers**

- (a) This organization exists due to the efforts of volunteers. There is an expectation that, in order to maintain good standing, all voting members will support the organization by participating in committees, holding jobs, and working at tournaments. A member that earns and accepts voting rights is agreeing to meet these obligations. A member determined to not to be in good standing within the organization may be removed by a 2/3<sup>rd</sup> majority vote of the General Membership.
- (b) The Board of Directors shall have the power to appoint standing committees as it shall determine appropriate and to delegate such powers to them as the Board of Directors shall deem advisable and which it may properly delegate. The Board of Directors may adopt such rules and regulations for the conduct of its meetings and the management of the organization as it may deem proper, provided such rules and regulations do not conflict with these bylaws.
- (c) The Board of Directors shall have the power to discipline, suspend or remove any Director, Officer, Committee Member, Coach, player or parent of the Organization in accordance with the procedures sets forth in Article IV, Section 4.02.

- (d) Any interpretation of these Bylaws will be left up to the Board of Directors for a vote as to the intent and meaning. Any ruling will be given to the Bylaws Committee for changes.

### **Section 6.03      *Appointments***

The Board of Directors may appoint officials as it may deem necessary or advisable and may describe the powers and duties of each. Appointed officials or agents shall have no vote on actions taken by the Board of Directors or General Membership. This could be any committee such as, audit committee, fund raising committee, ethics committee, booster club, etc.

### **Section 6.04      *Recognition of Volunteer Efforts***

The Board of Directors seeks to recognize actions of specific individuals from time to time for their contributions to the organization. The total value of all recognitions cannot exceed \$500 in a calendar year.

### **Section 6.05      *Executive Member's Duties***

#### **(a) PRESIDENT**

The President shall:

- (i) Serve a two (2) year term
- (ii) Conduct affairs of the Organization and execute the policies established by the General Membership and these By-Laws
- (iii) Assure that the duties of all other officers are fully executed
- (iv) Communicate to the General Membership all matters deemed appropriate and make suggestions as would tend to promote the welfare of the Organization
- (v) Vote for Officers of the Organization and new members of the Board of Directors, but may only vote in case of a tie on all other Organization business
- (vi) Be responsible for the conduct of the Organization in strict conformity to the policies, principles, rules and regulations of the EHT Baseball Organization
- (vii) Attend or assign a liaison to attend the regular monthly Recreation Commission meetings
- (viii) Designate other officers, if necessary, to have power to make and execute for and in the name of the Organization, such contracts and leases they may receive and which have had prior approval by the Board of Directors
- (ix) Investigate complaints, irregularities and conditions detrimental to the Organization and report thereof to the General Membership or Executive

Committee as circumstances warrant

- (x) With the assistance of the Directors, examine the application and proof of age documents for every player/candidate and certify as to residency and age eligibility before the player may be accepted for try-outs and selection
- (xi) The President, along with the Executive Board, are the final decision makers on who is excused from General Membership Meetings
- (xii) The President shall have the power to make day to day financial decisions, as need be, without the prior approval of the Board of Directors, up too, but not to exceed the sum of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00), in conjunction with the treasurer
- (xiii) The President's signature will be required on all checks issued by the Treasurer in regard to organization financial matters on all disbursements over and above the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00)

**(b) VICE PRESIDENT**

The Vice President Shall:

- (i) Serve a two (2) year term
- (ii) Perform the duties of the President in the absence or disability of the President. When so acting, the Vice President shall have all the powers of the office of the President.
- (iii) In the event the President cannot complete his/her term of office, the Vice President shall immediately assume the office of President
- (iv) Perform such duties as deemed by the President

**(c) SECRETARY**

The Secretary Shall:

- (i) Serve a two (2) year term
- (ii) Be responsible for recording the activities of the Association and maintain appropriate files, mailing lists, attendance book and all records
- (iii) Perform such duties as are herein specifically set forth in addition to other duties as are customarily incumbent to the office of Secretary or as may be assigned by the President
- (iv) Maintain a list of all Directors and Voting Members of the organization
- (v) Record all minutes of all meetings of the Organization and cause them to be recorded in a book for that purpose. All minutes distributed to the General

Membership at the subsequent General Membership meeting for approval therein

(vi) Send a copy of the minutes and all scheduled meetings to the EHT Recreation Department

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**(d) TREASURER**

The Treasurer Shall:

- (i) Serve a two (2) year term
- (ii) Perform such duties as herein set forth and such other duties customarily incumbent to the Office of Treasurer
- (iii) Receive all monies and deposit them in a depository approved by the Board of Directors
- (iv) Present at monthly General Membership Meetings, all records for the receipt of disbursement of all monies of the Organization for Board approval and draw checks from allotted funds.
- (v) Request for reimbursement shall be submitted monthly with receipts
- (vi) Prepare an annual financial report in January and forward to the Recreation Commission
- (vii) Make payment of monthly expenses provided that they are usual and normal to the operation of the league
- (viii) Require all verification and receipts for reimbursement to any member
- (ix) Will not accept any third party checks for any sponsorship and/or fundraising that the Organization undertakes on behalf of the program
- (x) Will require the Sponsorship Committee to supply a detailed, itemized report for any/all funds received from any/all sponsors
- (xi) Will require the Stand Director to supply a detailed report along with any/all receipts and deposit verification for the day to day financial operation of the stand
- (xii) Will work in conjunction with the President on the day to day financial decisions, as need be, without the prior approval of the membership, up to, but not to exceed the sum of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00)

## **Article VII. General Membership**

### **Section 7.01 Duties and Responsibilities**

The General Membership will approve all coaches and coordinators.

The General Membership shall, during the playing season, observe the conduct of players, coaches and coordinators and report its findings through the proper chain of command (i.e.: Baseball Director, President of the Organization).

### **Section 7.02 Program Director Responsibilities**

The General Membership will nominate and elect a Baseball and Travel Director following the same schedule as the Board of Directors nomination and election.

#### **(a) BASEBALL DIRECTOR**

The Baseball Director Shall:

- (i) Serve a one (1) year term
- (ii) Oversee the operations of all recreational baseball programs and report to the General Membership monthly
- (iii) Must be a voting member of the EHT Baseball Association Inc. in good standing, or working to attain that status
- (iv) Record all player transactions and maintain an accurate and up to date record thereof
- (v) Receive and review registration for player candidates and assist the President in verifying residency and age.
- (vi) Present to the General Membership for approval, by majority vote, a list of all coaches and coordinators for each level of play.
- (vii) Ensure completion of all coordinator's duties.
- (viii) Ensure, collect and maintain all required certifications for all coaches as required through the Official Charter of the league
- (ix) Present any rules for the draft to the General Membership for approval
- (x) Attend, conduct and oversee tryouts, player draft and all other player transactions or selection meetings
- (xi) Working with the Travel Director, ensures equitable distribution of field usage.

- (xii) Ensure practice times are in place after the draft has been completed
- (xiii) Maintain a record of all player's ages and team assignments
- (xiv) Ensure game schedules are handed out at least one week prior to Opening Day
- (xv) Hold a meeting with coordinators at each level and go over all ground rules and house rules
- (xvi) Coordinate All Star tryouts and competition. Recommend All-Star coaches to the General Membership for approval.
- (xvii) The Baseball Director will be excluded from also holding a position as coordinator. An exception can be made in an emergency situation, as approved by the General Membership

**(b) TRAVEL DIRECTOR**

The Travel Director Shall:

- (i) Serve a one (1) year term
- (ii) Oversee the operations of all recognized travel teams and report to the General Membership monthly
- (iii) Must be a voting member of the EHT Baseball Association Inc. in good standing, or working to attain that status
- (iv) Record all player transactions and maintain an accurate and up to date record thereof
- (v) Receive and review registration for player candidates and assist the President in verifying residency and age.
- (vi) Present to the General Membership for approval, by majority vote, a list of all head coaches for recognized team
- (vii) Ensure, collect and maintain all required certifications for all coaches as required.
- (viii) Attend, conduct and oversee tryouts and all other player transactions or selection meetings
- (ix) Working with the Baseball Director, ensures equitable distribution of field usage.
- (x) Maintain a record of all player's ages and team assignment

### **Section 7.03      *Appointment / Committee Responsibilities***

#### **(a) COORDINATORS**

Coordinators Shall:

- (i) Comply with Egg Harbor Township Ordinance 46 of 2007 entitled “Criminal Records Checks for Employees and Volunteers.”
- (ii) Adhere to the required certifications of the current league charter
- (iii) Attend any required coaching clinics for the age group coordinating
- (iv) Hold a meeting with coaches and go over ground rules and house rules
- (v) Ensure practice times are enforced
- (vi) Present to the Baseball Director a list of all coaches for approval by General Membership
- (vii) Ensure games schedules are completed and handed out at least one week prior to Opening Day
- (viii) Report any grievance to the Baseball Director
- (ix) Ensure all games have umpires, if applicable
- (x) Ensure all game results are reported to the Baseball Director or designee

**(b) STAND DIRECTOR**

The Stand Director Shall:

- (i) Be responsible for maintaining supplies.
- (ii) Assure staffing for all scheduled games and special events
- (iii) Maintain a record of all transactions and present to the General Membership
- (iv) Oversee the maintenance of the Stand and it's facilities during the season
- (v) Clear the stand of all EHTBA supplies at end of playing season (July 15<sup>th</sup>)
- (vi) Take control of the Stand on February 1<sup>st</sup>
- (vii) Provide a total financial report to the General Membership at the end of the playing season
- (viii) Give all monies to the Treasurer for deposit, along with all receipts of expenditures on a daily basis during the season

**(c) PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR**

The Public Relations Director Shall:

- (i) Act as the official representative to the Press on all matters
- (ii) Notify the press, the leagues' official web site, township letter, and/or television of school, of the dates, times and venue changes in General Membership Meetings
- (iii) Publicize registration for all levels of playing using the Official Web Site for the Organization, newspaper, township newsletter, and/or television of school
- (iv) Make all statements to the press that have been approved by the General Membership

**(d) COACHES**

All Coaches shall:

- (i) Comply with Egg Harbor Township Ordinance 46 of 2007 entitled “Criminal Records Checks for Employees and Volunteers.”
- (ii) Adhere to the required certifications of the current league charter
- (iii) Attend any required coaching clinics for the age group coordinating
- (iv) Be approved by the General Membership before the season
- (v) Be responsible for their personal conduct as well as that of their players, family members and friends.
- (vi) Be prepared to umpire games as scheduled by the Level Coordinator or Baseball Director. **NOTE:** Assistant coaches may fill in.
- (vii) Follow any/all house rules set prior to the season or that are instituted during the season by the Coordinator of such level or by the Baseball Director
- (viii) Be present at any coaches meeting (may appoint approved assistant.)
- (ix) Coaches shall have no vote on actions taken by the Board Membership
- (x) Coaches shall not act on behalf of, or represent the Board Membership in any capacity that has not been APPROVED or AUTHORIZED by the Board Membership, by majority vote
- (xi) Advise team members and parents of their Snack Stand obligation

**(e) TROPHY and AWARDS DIRECTOR**

The Trophy and Award Committee will be responsible for all trophies and awards for the Organization

**(f) RECREATION DEPARTMENT COMMITTEE**

The Recreation Department Committee shall be the liaison between the Recreation Commission and the Organization.

**(g) ETHICS COMMITTEE**

This committee shall adopt a code of ethics agreement for every coach, parent and player to sign. This code of conduct will be supervised and administered by the Ethics Committee. This Committee is in place to find facts and offer recommendations for the board to review and execute.

**(h) FIELD USAGE COMMITTEE**

This committee consists of the Baseball and Travel Directors and one voting member from the organization. They, in conjunction with the Baseball Sub committee from the Recreation Commission, will meet, discuss and approve all field usage for fields that may become available once the Organization has determined their use of fields for their season.

**(i) EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE**

The Equipment committee maintains all supplies and equipment for the Organization and is responsible for the issuance of such supplies to coordinators as well as the cleaning, storage and maintenance of equipment. With Board approval, the committee may purchase new equipment.

**(j) FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE**

The Fundraising Committee is responsible for coordinating all fundraising activities. It shall review and evaluate all projects and make recommendations to the Board of Directors about said projects. The Board of Directors will approve, in advance, all projects and actions of the committee. All monies raised shall be given to the Treasurer for deposit in the Organization's depository. The Fundraising Committee will present a report of all activities.

**(k) BYLAW COMMITTEE**

The Bylaw Committee shall be responsible for the annual review of this constitution. A draft of all proposed amendments shall be submitted to the EHT Baseball Organization for approval before implementation. The proposed changes must be read at two consecutive General Membership Meetings, prior to final vote by the General Membership. (see Article XI: Amendments)

**Article VIII. Board Membership**

***Section 8.01 The Executive Members***

The Executive Members are the President, Vice President, Secretary, and the Treasurer. Elections for the Executive Members are held coincident with those for the Board of Directors per Article VIII Section 8.02.

***Section 8.02 The Board of Directors***

The Board of Directors shall consist of the four (4) Executive Board Members and six (6) Directors totaling ten (10) seats. The seats will be numbered 1 through 10. All seats are 2 year terms. The even numbered seats (#2, # 4, #6, # 8 and #10) will expire in years ending in an even number while the odd numbered seats (#1, #3, #5, #7 and #9) will expire in years ending in an odd number.

## **Article IX. Affiliation**

The Egg Harbor Township Baseball Association operates an independent recreational baseball organization for our players under 18 years of age. The programs may be affiliated with national or local programs as the membership determines.

### **Section 9.01 Rules and Regulations**

The official playing rules and regulations used by the Organization are the Official Baseball Rules. The rules and regulations shall be binding.

### **Section 9.02 Local, House, and Ground Rules**

The local, house and ground rules of this Organization shall be adopted by the Baseball Director and Level Coordinators prior to the April Board Meeting. The Membership reserves the right to modify any proposed rule it finds may cause injury, harm, or otherwise put a player at a disadvantage through a vote with a simply majority.

### **Section 9.03 All Star Teams**

Complete guidance for District and Tournament teams is maintained in Appendix 2.

### **Section 9.04 Traveling Teams**

EHT Baseball Association Traveling teams are governed by the bylaws of the EHT Baseball Association. The Travel Baseball Program Policy must be maintained as an appendix to the Organization's bylaws which created Article IX, Section 9.04 of the Organization's Bylaws, "Traveling Teams".

### **Section 9.05 Non-Sanctioned Organizations**

The best interest of the EHT Baseball Association must come before any other non-sanctioned teams, baseball programs, coaches or players. Any individual found in violation may be subject to the disciplinary action of the Board of Directors.

The finances of the organization shall only support the Organization. Any individual found in violation may be subject to the disciplinary action of the Board of Directors.

## **Article X. Financial and Accounting**

### **Section 10.01 Authority**

The Board of Directors shall decide all matters pertaining to the finances of the Organization and it shall place all income in a common treasury.

### **Section 10.02 Disbursement of Funds**

The Board of Directors shall not permit the disbursement of funds of the Organization for other than the conduct of league activities. All disbursements will be made by debit card

or check signed by the Treasurer and accompanied by a receipt. The Treasurer can sign checks up to \$1,000.00, with receipt. Any disbursement over one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), requires the signature of the President as well as the Treasurer.

### ***Section 10.03 Compensation***

No Director, Officer or Voting Member of the Board Membership of the Organization shall receive directly or indirectly any salary, compensation or emolument from the Organization for services rendered in any capacity unless said Director, Officer or Voting Member provides goods or services through a third party employer/organization of which said person is under that providers direct employ or supervision. In such case(s) as described, through a majority vote of the Board Membership, exceptions are permitted

### ***Section 10.04 Deposits***

All monies received shall be deposited to the credit of the Organization at a depository directed by the Board of Directors.

### ***Section 10.05 Fiscal Year***

The fiscal year of the Organization shall begin January 1 and end on December 31.

## **Article XI. Amendments**

These Bylaws may be amended, repealed or altered in whole or in part by a majority vote at any duly organized meeting of the Board Membership, provided such notice of proposed changes is included in the notice of such meeting. A draft of all proposed amendments shall be submitted to the EHT Baseball Association for approval before implementation. The proposed changes must be read at two consecutive General Membership Meetings, prior to final vote by the General Membership. There can be no exceptions.

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## Appendix 1: EHT Travel Ball Program

The Egg Harbor Township Baseball Association Inc maintains a competitive baseball program with our teams playing in the age appropriate division of the Tri State Elite Baseball League.

**Season: The Travel Ball program year is September 1 – August 31.**

**Player Eligibility:** Players will be able to tryout at any level up to their competitive age. It is acceptable for a younger player to try out for an older team. Players are not permitted to play below their competitive age. Competitive age is calculated as of April 30. The purpose of this program is to create an environment where players are matched with other players of similar skills and ability and not put together simply by age. The Association will structure tryouts in descending age groups so that if a younger player tries out for the oldest team and is not selected, they will be able to try out for progressively younger teams until they are selected. Since all players are inherently members of the EHT Baseball Association, if they are not selected for a Travel team, they will be drafted as a part of the regular recreation program.

**Player Commitment:** Travel baseball requires a substantial commitment on the part of the players as well as the parents. Practice will be held at the coach's discretion. During the Fall Travel Season (inclusive of September – December) there is no penalty for participating in other sports. The parent should advise the Travel coach if this situation occurs.. The team will play home and away games against teams from Southern New Jersey, Eastern Pennsylvania, and Delaware. Teams will compete in regional tournaments that may require overnight hotel stays. All travel functions both on and off the field will take precedence in all cases except Recreational League playoffs and Tournament play. Failure to make practices or games due to other commitments may result in disciplinary action ranging from reduced playing time up to and including removal from the team without refund (reference EHT Baseball Bylaw 9.05).

**Financial Commitment:** The Board of Directors will establish the registration fee for the Travel Program no later than the August meeting. Travel team registration payments may be spread out over up to 4 payments with the first payment due September 1, and the complete balance paid by the first scheduled winter workout. Teams will not have access to any funds if a minimum of 25% of their registration fees are not deposited by September 1. If all registration fees are not deposited by the first week of winter workouts the delinquent player or players must be removed from the roster. There will be no refunds of the fee under any circumstances. In addition, each player and his family will be required to fully participate in all team fundraisers. Money raised from the fundraisers will be used to pay for umpires fees, tournament entry fees, and other ongoing expenses not to exceed \$500 without prior Board approval. Request for reimbursement including umpire fees must be made within 30 days of expense. In addition to any team specific fund raising requirements, teams must also meet the regular volunteer requirements of any team within the Organization (i.e. Stand Duty).

**Dual Registration:** EHT Travel players may also register for and participate in the EHT Recreation Program. The only restriction is that no travel player is to pitch in the Recreational League without prior coordination with the travel coach. This restriction is removed with respect to League Playoffs and District or Tournament team participation. A player will not be eligible to participate in the EHT Travel program if they are participating in any other competitive baseball program

**Coaching Selection:** Prospective coaches will advise the Baseball Board via the Travel Director of their desire to coach a travel team prior to the August Board meeting. During the Board Meeting in August coaches will be selected by a majority vote of the Membership. All prospective coaches must be on the Egg Harbor Township Kid Safe coaching list prior to the board meeting. In addition, all coaches must hold at least 1 baseball coaching certificate from the American Sport Education Program (available through the Babe Ruth Coaching web site - <http://www.baberuthcoaching.org/>). The coaching staff should include a resume for each participant including their relevant coaching experience and qualifications. If a head coach is not acceptable to the EHT Baseball Association, there will not be a competitive team fielded at that level.

Head Coaches must obtain voting rights within a rolling calendar year and must remain active members of the Board while they are coaching a competitive team. A member of the coaching staff must attend every scheduled Board meeting.

**Guest Players:** If a Travel team's roster temporarily falls to 10 or less (for example injury, prior commitment, etc) any registered Travel or Recreation player may be asked to be a guest player. The Travel coach must communicate with the player's regular coach prior to speaking with either the player or the parents. Guest players are permitted to play up to a maximum of either 1 complete tournament or 3 games in one season. Guest players must meet all eligibility requirements of an EHT Eagles travel player (see Player Eligibility and Dual Registration paragraphs in this Appendix).

**Evaluations:** Evaluations for travel baseball teams will take place in August. No evaluations will be scheduled for any levels that do not have approved coaching staffs. All roster spots must be earned each year through an open evaluation.

**Team Composition:** The team roster will consist of no fewer than 11 and no more than 16 players. If circumstances arise that cause a roster to fall below the minimum number of players, the Head Coach will advise the Travel Director immediately and an open tryout will be held to fill the vacancy. If a player is added during the season, they will be required to pay either a prorated registration fee, or \$200 whichever is greater as well as meet all other financial and time commitments.

**Multiple teams at specific age groups:** The intent of this program is to create a highly competitive team at every age level while building a recreational program.

**Player Resignation / Reinstatement:** Once a player resigns from a team, all requests for reinstatement must be submitted to the Travel Director in writing by the parent. The Travel Director will maintain copies of these documents through the current season. Reinstatement requests will be discussed and decided in a closed session of the Board of Directors with the Travel Director, and parent present.

**Team Dissolution:** If for any reason, a team dissolves during a season, or is not continued into the next season, all remaining finances from that team are to be moved to the EHT Baseball Association Travel General fund.

**Program Dissolution:** If, for any reason, the Travel Program is dissolved, any active teams may continue to play under the EHT Baseball Association, until they voluntarily dissolve or the balance of their team account reaches zero.

## Appendix 2: District / Tournament Team Season

**Number of Teams:** It is the intent of EHT Baseball to provide an extended baseball season to as many participants as feasible while putting the best team on the field for the District Tournament. There will be at most 2 teams at each level.

**Coaching:** All interested coaches will provide notice to the Baseball Board prior to the regular April meeting. This notice shall include a statement indicating their interest in coaching a District or Tournament Team and any credentials they may have to assist the membership in making a decision. Coaches will be approved at a duly constituted meeting of the Association in April.

Coaching an All Star / District team is a privilege and as such Head Coaches must meet all criteria in Section 7.03(d) and remain in good standing with the organization. All assistant coaches must meet all coaching criteria in Section 7.03(d).

All District and Tournament Head and Assistant coaches must coach in the recreation program and meet all participatory requirements of the sanctioning body.

**Player Eligibility:** Participation in the District/Tournament season is completely voluntary. Players must participate in the Recreation program and meet any and all participatory requirements of the sanctioning body. Players may be invited to tryout by their coach or directly by the District Coach.

**Tryouts:** Tryouts will take place on or about the first weekend in May. The selection process will be a standard fielding, throwing, and hitting evaluation. Selections will be made by the District Head Coach with oversight by a Board appointed Director.

**Team Composition:** Following the evaluations, the District (Orange) team will be selected, followed by an optional tournament team as long as a minimum of 24 players are evaluated. The organization may determine that a Tournament team will not be fielded at that level regardless of the number of players at the tryout. A player must play for the team selected. In other words, a player selected for a District (Orange) team may not elect to play for a tournament team instead.

**Tournament Play:** The District (Orange) team is expected to play through the "Tournament Trail" of the sanctioning organization.

The Tournament (Gray) team is expected to play in a two local tournaments to be determined by the Board.

Both teams are eligible to participate in tournament hosted by EHT Baseball. With the exception of the EHT Baseball tournament, the District (Orange) and Tournament (Gray) teams will not compete in the same tournaments.

**Cost:** The cost to participate on either team is established by the Board of Directors with the intention of containing it to the approximate cost of the uniform. The organization is responsible for providing any patches required by the sanctioning body; however the players are responsible for having them affixed to the uniform in the prescribed locations. Once a player commits to a team, there are **NO REFUNDS**.

**Playing Time:** While the coaches strive to make every player's experience positive, there is no guaranteed playing time on either team.

**Player and Parent Commitment:** Playing on a District or Tournament team is a privilege. A family is expected to make a complete commitment to the team for its duration. This includes participation at all practices and games as well as volunteering during the EHT hosted tournament.

If a player does not make a practice prior to a game, they will not be eligible to start in that game. If a player does not make a game, they must sit the next game in uniform and would only be eligible in the event of an injury or ejection where all other substitutes have already been used. Failure to meet the volunteer commitments will result in the player being benched for one game. This will also be taken into consideration for future District / Tournament eligibility.

Any player quitting during the District / Tournament season will automatically be excluded from participating on the District and if applicable, Tournament team the following year. To become eligible, the player and guardian must appear before the Board.

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