

Babe Ruth League Alumni Association

# ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MISSION AND BY-LAWS

#### Statement of Mission

The purpose of the Babe Ruth League Alumni Association is to advance the general welfare of Babe Ruth League, Inc. and to support the needs and mission of Babe Ruth League, Inc. through engaging alumni, friends and partners of Babe Ruth League, Inc.

### **BY-LAWS**

### ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this association shall be Babe Ruth League, Inc. Alumni Association, hereinafter referred to as the "Association".

#### ARTICLE II – LOCATI<mark>O</mark>N

The Association shall be officially located in the Babe Ruth League national offices in Hamilton, New Jersey.

#### ARTICLE III – PURPOSE

To help youth prepare to meet the challenges of adolescence and adulthood, as well as encourage their drive for personal excellence and achievement. Through special programs, activities, campaigns, scholarships and much more, the Alumni Association can help Babe Ruth League, Inc. achieve these most important goals.

#### **ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP**

The classes of membership of the Association (hereafter referred to as "Association members") shall be as follows:

- A. Regular Members
  - Regular Association members shall consist of all persons who have regularly been participants in the Association as players, coaches, league officials, host families, umpires, commissioners, board of directors, Association employees, other volunteers, and who have paid membership dues to the Association for the current year in such amount as prescribed by the Steering Committee of the Association.
- B. Friends and Partner Members

Friends and Partner Members shall consist of all persons (excluding those qualified as Regular Members) who have shown an active or key interest in Babe Ruth League, Inc., and who have paid membership dues to the Association for the current year in such amount as prescribed by the Steering Committee of the Association.

#### ARTICLE V – GOVERNANCE

Board of Directors

- A. The Board of Directors shall operate as the leadership body of the Association.
- B. The Board of Directors shall be comprised of a Chairman, Chief Executive Officer, Vice Chairman and up to five at-large members.

- C. The Chairman of the Board:
  - 1. The Chairman of the Board shall have general supervision, direction and control of the Alumni Association.
  - 2. The Chairman shall exercise and perform such other powers and duties as may from time to time be assigned to him by the Board or prescribed by these Bylaws.
  - 3. The Chairman shall call and preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors.
  - 4. The Chairman shall be an ex-officio member of all Alumni committees, and shall exercise and perform such other powers and duties as may from time to time be assigned to him/her by the Board of Directors or prescribed by these Bylaws.
  - 5. The Chairman of the Board, in conjunction with the Chief Executive Officer, shall determine all committee chairpersons and members, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.
  - 6. The Chairman shall be an individual who is a current or past member of the Babe Ruth League, Inc. Board of Directors.
  - 7. Term of Office Unlimited two-year terms.
- D. Chief Executive Officer
  - 1. The Chief Executive Officer shall have supervision of the business affairs of the Alumni Association.
  - 2. The Chief Executive Officer shall be an ex-officio member of all Alumni committees, and shall exercise and perform such other powers and duties as may from time to time be assigned to him/her by the Board of Directors or prescribed by these Bylaws.
  - 3. The Chief Executive Officer, in conjunction with the Chairman, shall determine all committee chairpersons and members, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.
  - 4. The Chief Executive Officer shall serve as advisor to the Chairman of the Board.
  - 5. Term of Office Unlimited two-year terms.
- E. Vice Chairman
  - 1. The Vice Chairman shall, when requested, counsel with and advise the other officers of the Board of Directors and shall perform such other duties as he or she may agree with the Chairman, Chief Executive Officer or as the Board may from time to time determine.
  - 2. In the absence or disability of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman shall perform the duties of the Chairman, and when so acting shall have the powers of, and be subject to the restrictions upon, the Chairman of the Board.
  - 3. The Vice Chairman shall preside at all meetings at which the Chairman is not present.
  - 4. Term of Office Unlimited two-year terms.
- F. At-Large Board Members
  - 1. At-Large Board Members shall be selected by the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer.
  - 2. At-Large Members shall perform duties as assigned by the Chairman and/or Chief Executive Officer.
  - 3. At-Large Members shall generate ideas to facilitate the growth and success of the Alumni Association, as well as enhance communication between the Alumni Association and Babe Ruth League, Inc.
  - 4. At-Large Members shall attend all Board Meetings.
  - 5. Term of Office Unlimited two-year terms.
- G. Removal/Resignation of Board Members and Vacancies
  - 1. Any Board Member may be removed with or without cause when a majority vote of the members of the Board support the removal of the member.

- 2. Any Board Member may resign at any time by giving notice to the Chairman or Chief Executive Officer. Any such resignation shall take effect at the date of receipt of such notice or at any later date specified within.
- 3. A Vacancy on the Board because of removal, resignation or death, shall be filled by appointment of the Chairman, in conjunction with the Chief Executive Officer.
- H. All motions considered by the Board of Directors shall be deemed approved by a simple majority vote of the Board of Directors.

### ARTICLE VI – COMMITTEES

- A. The Board of Directors shall authorize the appointment of such standing or special committees and task forces as may be appropriate.
- B. The standing committee shall be the Steering Committee.
  - 1. The Steering Committee shall be comprised of eight regional representatives and up to five (5) at-large members, including the Chairman of the Alumni Board of Directors.
  - 2. The Steering Committee is responsible for the management and monitoring of longterm plans and investment projects of the Alumni Association, and makes strategic decisions concerning such plans and projects.
    - In the intervals between meetings of the Board of Directors, the Steering Committee shall have, and may exercise, all the powers of the Board of Directors with respect to the management of the affairs and property of the Association, except that it shall have no authority to act in connection to the amendment or repeal of the By-Laws or adoption of new By-Laws; or the amendment or repeal of any resolution of the Board of Directors.
    - A majority of the members of the Steering Committee shall constitute a quorum thereof and the majority of those present and voting at any meeting shall determine the action of the Committee. The Steering Committee shall keep regular minutes of its proceedings.

#### ARTICLE VII – MEETINGS

- A. The Association Annual Meeting (hereinafter referred to as Annual Meeting) shall be on a date designated by the Board of Directors.
- B. A special meeting of the Board of Directors may be held upon call of the Chairman of the Board of Directors.
- C. Five members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum at any Annual Meeting or special meeting.

## ARTICLE VIII – AMENDMENTS

The Board of Directors has the authority and responsibility to create and maintain Association By-Laws (hereinafter referred to as By-Laws) governing the business, administration and responsibilities of the Association.

#### ARTICLE IX – AMENDMENTS

Any proposed amendment to these By-Laws must be presented in writing. A simple majority vote of the Board of Directors is required for Association By-Laws amendment.

### **ARTICLE X – REPORTING**

- A. The Chairman of the Board of Directors shall report the official activities of the Association each year at the Annual Meeting.
- B. The Babe Ruth League, Inc. national office shall prepare quarterly reports with the guidance of the Chairman of the Alumni Board of Directors or upon request of the President/CEO of Babe Ruth League, Inc.

## **ARTICLE XI – ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER**

Robert's Rules of Order shall govern in all cases not provided for by the foregoing By-Laws.

