

SUSQUEHANNA TOWNSHIP BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

TEENER/LEGION POLICY MANUAL

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Section 1: Scope and Interpretations

- (a) This Policy Manual is intended to set forth the procedures and policies related to all STBA teams composed of players ages 13-18 inclusive.
- (b) Such teams shall be known as the "A", "B", "C" (13 year old), "D" (combination), "Legion", and "Senior Teener" teams.
- (c) All such STBA teams play in leagues operated and administered by non-STBA organizations. In the event of a conflict between the provisions of this Policy Manual and the rules and procedures of such other organization, the rules and procedures of the other organization shall be controlling.
- (d) The Teener Coordinator shall have powers and authority over all such teams, which powers and authority are more specifically set forth in this Policy Manual and the STBA Constitution.

Section 2: Code of Conduct

- (a) The purpose of the Code of Conduct is to further amplify Article II of the STBA Constitution.
- (b) The following types of conduct will not be acceptable and upon review by the President, Teener Coordinator, and one other Board member (none of whom shall be Teener/Legion coaches) shall result in a one game suspension that is subject to adjustment by this review committee, and appeal by the affected party:
 - (1) Profane or vulgar language.
 - (2) Smoking within the confines of the playing area or the use of alcoholic beverages anywhere in or about a playing field.
 - (3) Harassment of players, coaches, or umpires.
 - (4) Gestures of bad taste.
 - (5) Fighting.
 - (6) Handling equipment in a maner that could cause physical harm to anyone or the damaging of equipment or league property.

(c) Ejection from a league game shall result in an automatic one game suspension to be served the next game, concurrently with any such suspension imposed by the league organization. However, the imposition of a league organization suspension shall not preclude or prohibit a review committee from imposing additional discipline, should the review committee determine that aggravating circumstances warrant such additional discipline. The affected party shall have the right to appeal the review committee's determination to the Board.

Section 3: Composition of Teams

(a) The number and type of teams shall be determined by the Teener Coordinator as soon after registration is completed as possible, which determinations shall be promptly reported to the Board, in no event later than the March Board meeting. Unless rejected by a majority of the Board, these determinations shall be deemed adopted.

(b) Large team rosters, of 15 or more players (not counting "swing players", are favored. Precise roster numbers shall not be set in this Policy Manual, given year to year variations in registration numbers, and other variable factors.

(c) Team rosters shall be composed of players as follows:

- (1) 18, 17, and 16 year olds shall be rostered on either the Legion or Senior Teener team.
- (2) 15 year olds shall be rostered on either the A or D team.
- (3) 14 year olds shall be rostered on either the B or D teams.
- (4) All 13 year olds shall be rostered on a C team.

(d) Players are permitted, with the written consent of their parent/guardian, and of the coach for whom they wish to play, to "play up. The effect of playing up is to place a player, solely and exclusively, on a higher level team than they would qualify for by age. To play up, the aforesaid consents must be provided to the Teener Coordinator at least 24 hours prior to tryouts.

(e) Players are also permitted, to the extent permitted by league rules, to be double rostered, thereby making them "swing players". Coaches may use such players, subject to the following:

- (1) The Legion team shall utilize swing Senior Teener players before utilizing swing 15 year olds.
- (2) The A and B team shall utilize swing D team players before utilizing swing 13 year olds.
- (3) C teams shall be permitted to utilize 12 year olds, but only with the written consent of the player's parent/guardian.
- (4) When called up, swing players shall not play until all regular roster players have batted at least once and have played defensively through one turn of the opponent's batting order.
- (5) When called up, swing players shall not pitch.
- (6) D team shall utilize swing 13 year olds.

Section 4: Tryouts and Selection of Players

(a) The dates, times, and locations of all tryouts shall be set by the Board, in consultation with the Teener Coordinator. There shall be separate tryouts as follows:

- (1) for all 13 year olds, in which the C team coaches shall participate.
- (2) for all 14 year olds, in which the B and D team coaches shall participate.
- (3) for all 15 year olds, in which the A and D team coaches shall participate.
- (4) for all 16, 17 and 18 year olds, in which the Legion and Senior Teener coaches shall participate.

(b) The Teener Coordinator shall supervise all tryouts, the specific nature of which shall be left to the Teener Coordinator, in consultation with the coaches.

(c) Player participation in tryouts is strongly encouraged. However, coaches are permitted to select a player who has not attended tryouts, subject to the restrictions and limitations otherwise set forth in this Policy Manual.

(d) The selection of players to fill team rosters shall be made at a player draft meeting held immediately after each tryout.

(e) The Teener Coordinator shall preside at and conduct the draft meetings. He shall allow the coaches to make initial player selections, which selections shall be by name, if necessary, by random drawing (for example, in the case of registrants who do not appear at tryouts and who are unknown to the coaches). Once initial selections are made by the coaches, the Teener Coordinator shall have the authority to override these coaching selections at all age levels, and make player placements when, in the Teener Coordinator's judgement, the initial coaches' selections leave a team without pitching and/or catching, to a degree which will render them non-competitive.

- (1) The exercise of this authority by the Teener Coordinator is subject to review by a committee composed of the President, Vice President, and one other Board member (none of whom shall be Teener Coaches). A request for review can be made by a coach only, and must be made, in writing, to the President, within 24 hours following the draft meeting in question. The Teener Coordinator's decision shall be overturned only if the committee unanimously agrees it has been made without a reasonable basis.

(f) Players shall be drafted subject to the following:

- (1) If there are multiple C or D teams, the Teener Coordinator shall structure the draft so as to reasonably ensure the teams at each level are "balanced", and not loaded.
- (2) If there are multiple A, B, or Legion teams, the Teener Coordinator shall permit one team at each level to be "loaded".
- (3) The A and B team coaches shall select their players prior to the D team coach or coaches, but shall, to the fullest possible extent, do so in consultation with the D team coach or coaches.

The Legion coach shall select his players prior to the Senior Teener coach or coaches, but shall, to the fullest possible extent, do so in consultation with the Senior Teener coach or coaches.

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