BY-LAWS (Local League Rules) of SOUTHWEST COLORADO YOUTH BASEBALL

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This document outlines the operation of Southwest Colorado Youth Baseball (SCYB).

Rules of play are covered by the Official Little League Rule Book, with the addition of Addendums 1 (8-Player Minimum) and 2 (double-headers scheduled during regular season) and Micro League rules described in section 18 of these By-Laws.

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1) MEETINGS – EXECUTIVE AND GENERAL

General Meetings are open to public. Those wishing to attend an executive board meeting should notify President in advance.

a) EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS
Executive Board meets the first Tuesday of each month

b) ANNUAL GENERAL BOARD MEETING
Annual General Board Meetings are held the third Tuesday of October. General Board Meeting and agenda will be announced in the Cortez Journal, and will be available on cortezbaseball.com.

2) REGISTRATION
Players must be registered to participate in SCYB. Unregistered players or players with incomplete registrations will not be placed on a team, nor will they participate in the draft.

a) REGISTRATION DATES
Registration begins the second Saturday in February and concludes the first Saturday in March.

b) INCOMPLETE REGISTRATIONS

Players submitting incomplete registrations will not be registered in SCYB.

A registration submitted without fee payment or missing required documents (copy of birth certificate, insurance information, proof of residency, etc.) is considered incomplete. Checks returned with insufficient funds render an application incomplete.

Incomplete registrations will be returned to the parent or guardian.

A player who submits an incomplete registration may submit missing fees and documents during the registration period. A player who submits an incomplete registration during the registration period and submits missing fees and documents after registration has ended will be placed on the waiting list (see 2d) and will be accessed a late registration fee.

c) LATE REGISTRATION
Applications submitted after the first Saturday of March are placed on the waiting list. They are accessed a late-registration fee as designated by the board. Players submitting a late registration are not guaranteed a spot on a roster. Fees will be returned if player is not placed on a team.

Late registrations will be accessed a late registration fee.

d) WAITING LIST
Late registrations are placed on a waiting list for their appropriate division in the order they were received. Players submitting an incomplete registration will be placed on the waiting list in the order of the date and time outstanding materials (fees, documents) are received.

e) NO RETENTION OF DOCUMENTS AFTER SEASON
A new set of documents must be submitted each year with application. SCYB will not retain documents season-to-season.

3) DIVISIONS, AGES AND FEES

SYCB will field teams in the following age divisions:

T-BALL	AGES 5-7	$45
MICRO	AGES 7-8	$45
MINOR	AGES 7-12	$75
MAJOR	AGES 9-12	$75
JUNIOR	AGES 13-14	$90
SENIOR	AGES 15-16	$95
Late Registration Fee		$20

During registration 7 and 8 year-olds will be placed in the Micro Division.

Fees will be reviewed and if necessary adjusted by Board annually.

4) MOVING PLAYERS UP OR DOWN A DIVISION

a) PLAYERS MOVING UP A DIVISION – T-BALL TO MICROS, MICROS TO MINORS

If a parent or coach believes it is in the best interest of a T-Ball or Micro player to move up a division, they may indicate this request on the player's application or petition a member of the Board.

The Board will set a time and location for the player to perform in a workout in the presence of the Safety Officer, Player Agent, Coaching Coordinator and the League President. The Safety Officer, Player Agent, and Coaching Coordinator will determine if bringing the player up a division is appropriate. The League President will not vote but may give his recommendation.

b) PLAYERS MOVING DOWN A DIVISION — MINORS TO MICROS, MICROS TO T-BALL

A parent or coach may request a player move down from Minors to Micros, or Micros to T- Ball if it is believed to be in the best interest of the player.

The Safety Officer, Player Agent, Coaching Coordinator and League President will attend a team practice and observe the player in question. The Safety Officer, Player Agent, and Coaching Coordinator will determine if moving the player down a division is appropriate. The League President will not vote but may give his recommendation.

5) NUMBER OF TEAMS / ROSTER SIZE

a) MAJOR LEAGUE DIVISION

The Board will determine the number of Major League teams using a twelve-player roster.

b) ALL DIVISIONS EXCLUDING MAJORS
The board will review the number of complete registrations and determine the number of teams to be created in each division.

Rosters will be between 12 and 13 players per team. Adjustments to these numbers must be approved by the Board, and if required, by Little League Baseball.

c) USE OF WAITING LIST
If possible, all teams in a division must have the same number of players on their roster — open roster spots are filled from the waiting list.

Teams are numbered during draft/placement of players. The first team on list with an open roster spot will take first player off waiting list, the second team on list with an open roster spot will take second player off waiting list, etc.

EXAMPLE: The Board has determined there will be 6 Minor League Teams in Cortez with a maximum roster size of 12 players. Teams 1, 2 and 3 have 12 players on their roster while teams 4, 5 and 6 have 11 players. Team 4 will be assigned the first player on the waiting list, team 5 will be assigned the second player and team 6 the third.

6) RETENTION OF PLAYERS

Rosters will not be retained in subsequent seasons.

7) OPTION PLAYERS

a) HEAD COACH
Children of Head Coach will be placed on respective coach's team as an option player. Age of children must be appropriate for division.

b) ASSISTANT COACH
Head Coach may select one assistant whose children may be placed on team as option player. Age of children must be appropriate for division.

c) MAXIMUM NUMBER OF OPTION PLAYERS
A team may have a maximum of three option players per team, with at least two of the option players being siblings.

8) PLACING PLAYERS ON TEAMS — T-BALL THROUGH MINORS

League administrator will assign each team a number through random draw. Using a computer program used by SCYB and designed for Little League Baseball, players will be randomly assigned to a team. Option players will be assigned to appropriate team prior to random draw.

a) SIBLINGS IN SAME DIVISION
Oldest sibling will be retained on team chosen during selection process. Younger sibling will be added to same team. New team will provide depleted team with player from roster with closest matching birth date.

With twins, sibling first in alphabetical order will be retained on original team. Younger sibling will be added to same team. New team will provide depleted team with player from roster with closest matching birth date.

9) PLAYER TRYOUTS

Registered players age nine through twelve must participate in at least one of two tryouts. Junior and Senior Divisions will hold tryouts if there will be more than one team in their community's division.

a) DATES OF TRYOUTS
Tryouts will be held the first Saturday of April and the Thursday preceding this date, at times selected by the Board.

b) FAILURE TO PARTICIPATE IN TRYOUTS
Players age nine through twelve, with exception of returning players with Major League experience (see 11d), not participating in at least one tryout will be assigned to a minor league team at random.

10) TAMPERING WITH TRYOUTS AND DRAFT

Coaches determined by Executive Board to have tampered with tryouts and/or draft will be ejected from league.

Tampering or manipulation of tryouts may include a coach, or representative of coach, asking players to perform poorly in draft, increasing likelihood those players will remain available in draft for selection by coach.

11) DRAFTING OF PLAYERS — MAJOR LEAGUES AND UP
The Major Leagues and up are subject to drafting players if more than one team exists in their division in their community.

a) DRAFT MEETING
After final tryout coaches will meet with Player Agent, Coaching Coordinator and respective Division Director to draft teams.

b) DRAFT ORDER
Draft order will be determined through random drawing in presence of coaches.

c) DRAFT ROUNDS
Major Leagues will have a twelve-round draft; other divisions will have draft rounds matching the number of players per division as determined by Board.

d) MAJOR LEAGUES — SELECTION OF RETURNING MAJOR LEAGUE PLAYERS WHO DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN TRYOUTS
Players with Major League experience who did not participate in tryouts will be assigned to a major league team through a random drawing at beginning of draft. Team one will draw first, team two second, etc., until all players are selected. Players selected will be considered twelfth round selections, and up if necessary.

e) OPTION PLAYERS
Option players must be added to roster beginning in Third Round (see following exception in Major Leagues), and with additional option players added in each subsequent round.

f) MAJOR LEAGUES — PLAYERS WITH MAJOR LEAGUE EXPERIENCE

Major League teams will be given a list of all players participating in tryouts with Major League experience. These players must be selected by the conclusion of the draft in accordance with Little League rules.

A draft attendee other than a coach will be assigned the responsibility of tracking draft selections remaining and the number of players with Major League experience remaining on the list. An announcement will be made when the remaining number of draft selections matches the number of players remaining on this list. From this point coaches can only draft players on this list.

12) SELECTION OF COACHES

a) COACH APPLICATIONS
Coaching applications must be submitted by January 31st.

b) SELECTION OF COACHES
League President will review list of coaching candidates and make recommendations to the board. Board will select and approve coaches by the third Tuesday in March.

13) SCHEDULING REGULAR SEASON

a) LENGTH OF SEASON
Season begins May 1st and concludes June 12th, inclusive of local tournaments.

b) NUMBER OF GAMES
All attempts will be made to schedule an 18 game regular season

c) AVAILABLE GAME DATES

Board will approve a list of available field times for each division. Board will also approve a list of dates which games will not be scheduled. This list will include unavailable dates for 1) all teams (Memorial Day, etc) and 2) selected communities (local festivals, high school graduation nights, etc). These lists will be given to Division Directors.

d) CREATION OF SCHEDULE

Division Directors will schedule games for regular season and any local tournament using lists provided by board, and taking into consideration of pitching limits for each team as required by the Little League Rule Book. Board will approve final schedules.

Division Directors must have completed schedules for Board review before April's Executive Board Meeting, on the first Tuesday of the month.

e) DEVIATIONS FROM SCHEDULE

Any team unable to field a team on a given date on the final approved schedule will forfeit that game and be assessed a loss. An effort will be made to find a new opponent for opposition — this game will be considered an exhibition.

f) WEATHER-RELATED CANCELATIONS

Games cancelled due to weather will be rescheduled. Rescheduled games will count in the standings.

14) ALL-STAR SELECTION

SCYB will send All-Star teams representing the following divisions: Nine-Ten Division, Major, Junior and Senior Leagues.

a) ROSTER SIZES

All-Star teams will field a minimum roster of eleven players. The All-Star Coach may elect to take a larger roster with a maximum of 14 players.

b) ALL-STAR TEAM AND COACH SELECTION, MAJORS AND UP

Coaches in same division will meet with Player Agent, Coaching Coordinator and respective Division Director to select All-Star Team and Coach.

Coaches will select an All-Star coach from their division through secret ballot. If selected coach declines invitation, another vote will be taken.

Each head coach will have an opportunity to recommend players from team for consideration as an All-Star representative. Statistics for these players should be presented at this time.

After all coaches have presented their candidates, a vote will be taken. Each coach will complete an All-Star Ballot of fourteen players, listing candidates in order of

consideration. The first player on his voting roster is assigned fourteen points; the second player on the roster is assigned thirteen points and so on.

Coaches cannot vote for players from own team.

Player Agent, Coaching Coordinator and Division Director will collect and tally Roster Ballots.

The top nine players in point totals will be placed on All-Star Team. All-Star Coach will select remaining roster positions from players ten through twenty in point totals.

If a player is unable to participate on All-Star team, unselected player with greatest amount of points will be invited to join team.

Major League Coaches will repeat the process for nine-and-ten-year-olds who played on their teams. Top fourteen players in point totals will be presented to the head coach of the Nine-Ten-Year-Old All-Star Team.

c) NINE-TEN-YEAR-OLD ALL-STAR SELECTION

Minor League Coaches in respective region will meet with Player Agent, Coaching Coordinator and Minor League Division Director to select coach and All-Star candidates.

Coaches will select an All-Star coach from their region and division through secret ballot. If selected coach declines invitation, another vote will be taken.

Each Minor League head coach will have an opportunity to recommend nine-and-ten-year old-players from team for consideration as an All-Star representative. Statistics for these players should be presented at this time.

After all coaches have presented their candidates, a vote will be taken. Each coach will complete an All-Star Ballot of fourteen players, listing candidates in order of consideration. The first player on his voting roster is assigned fourteen points; the second player on the roster is assigned thirteen points and so on.

Coaches cannot vote for players from own team.

Player Agent, Coaching Coordinator and Division Director will collect and tally Roster Ballots.

Nine-and-Ten-Year-Old All-Star Coach will be given rosters of recommended players from both the major and minor league coaches. Players one through four on both lists will become members on All-Star Team. All-Star Coach will select remaining roster positions from players remaining on both lists.

Prior to Nine-Ten-Year-Old All-Star Selection, the Board may choose to change the number of mandatory All-Star selections from Minor and Major Leagues after a consideration of available talent in both leagues.

The Board may decide to send a second Nine-Ten-Year-Old All-Star team to tournament. The coach who came in second during the All-Star coach voting will be given right of first refusal. If this coach declines, the Board will extend an invitation to a coach of their choice. Coach of second Nine-Ten-Year-Old All-Star team will fill his roster from the players on the lists of Major and Minor league All-Star candidates who remain after selection of first All-Star team.

d) ANNOUNCEMENT OF ALL-STAR TEAM

All-Star roster may not be announced until conclusion of regular season (inclusive of any local tournament) and no later than June 15th.

15) LINING FIELD

Home team is responsible for lining fields at Legion Field on Empire Street, Cortez.

Occasionally scheduling will require the team on their home field to play as the visiting team. Team playing on home field is responsible for lining field.

16) PARENT AND PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

Parents and players are required to sign a code of conduct provided by SCYB prior to the start of the season. Forms are distributed and returned to player's coach. Division Director of League collects completed forms from coaches in division.

17) SCHOLARSHIPS

It is the goal of SCYB to allow any child to participate in local baseball regardless of ability to pay fees.

Players may request a scholarship. General Board will approve granting of scholarship.

Players receiving scholarship must agree to donate eight (8) hours to the league. Donated hours may include working in concession stand and field maintenance. Hours may be fulfilled by a representative of player, such as a parent, sibling or friend of family.

18) ADDENDUMS TO LITTLE LEAGUE RULE BOOK

a) ADDENDUM 1 — 8-PLAYER MINIMUM TO FIELD TEAM
A game may start and/or conclude with a team with eight players on roster.

If an injury or other incident occurs during the game forcing a team roster to fall below eight players, that team will forfeit the game regardless of score.

b) ADDENDUM 2 — DOUBLE-HEADERS IN REGULAR SEASON
Due to the distance between member cities in SCYB, double-headers may be scheduled, pending a written regional waiver from Little League Baseball.

One double-header game per team is allowed per week. Two calendar days of rest must be scheduled between games preceding and following double-header.

c) MICRO LEAGUE RULES
The Micro League will use the Little League Rulebook with the following exceptions:

• Coach will prepare a batting order using every available player from team. This batting order will be followed throughout the game regardless of which players are on the field defensively.

• Defensive substitutions may be made freely.

• A half-inning will consist of three outs or nine batters. The ninth batter may round bases on a hit ball until third out is recorded, or the ninth batter is tagged out or a force out is made on any base (including home plate) preceding this runner.

• No base stealing. Players may advance only on a hit ball.

• Batters may not advance to first base on passed balls on the third strike.

• Base runners may not advance on a passed ball or a dropped strike. Play is dead while the catcher returns the ball to the pitcher.

• Pitcher will deliver up to five pitches to each batter. No balls or strikes will be called, and no walks will be issued.

• A batter may be called out on strikes according to the rules of baseball when batter records the necessary amount of foul balls and/or swings without making contact.

• If a batter does not advance on a hit ball after five pitches, the coach or uniformed assistant coach from batter's team will enter field and deliver up to two pitches. If batter fails to make contact by second coach-delivered pitch, the batter will be called out. A batter may extend his at-bat indefinitely by hitting foul balls (not caught in the air by the defense) on and after the coach's second pitch.

• All coach-pitched balls must be thrown overhand.

• If coach on the field pitching is hit by a batted ball, the play is dead and runners may advance one base. The batter will advance to first base.

- A coach on the field may not interfere with play or coach base runners.

- An eighteen-foot pitcher's circle shall be marked on the diamond.

  - Balls hit into the circle are considered live. The pitcher may elect to hold the ball — all runners advance one base, and the batter may advance to first base.

  - Play is dead after the pitcher regains control of the ball inside the circle. The pitcher cannot put the ball back into play after it is ruled dead.

  - When play is called dead base runners may advance to the next base IF they are at least half the distance to the next base. Base runners less than half the distance to the next base must return to the previous base.

19) CALENDAR

January 31st	DEADLINE FOR COACH APPLICATIONS
First Saturday in February	REGISTRATION BEGINS
First Saturday in March	REGISTRATION ENDS
Thursday preceding first Saturday in April	FIRST TRYOUT
First Saturday in April	SECOND TRYOUT MAJOR, JUNIOR and SENIOR LEAGUE DRAFT
Wednesday following first Saturday in April	T-BALL, MICROS, MINOR LEAGUE ROSTERS ANNOUNCED
May 1st	FIRST DAY OF REGULAR SEASON
June 12th	FINAL DAY OF REGULAR SEASON
June 15th	ALL-STAR TEAMS ANNOUNCED