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SEMMES BASEBALL ASSOCIATION
CONSTITUTION
Amended July 26, 2012

I

The purpose of this organization shall be to operate a sound baseball program for boys and girls, ages 4 through 12. It shall promote any form of program which will boost the principles of the league and endeavor to develop a true form of sportsmanship among those concerned in its organization.

II

The organization shall operate on democratic principals with each member having equal voice and the will of the majority to rule.

III

The affairs of the League shall be administered by the Executive Board, which will be composed of the elected officers and the managers of each team. No other person shall have the right of vote, except in the case where a manager cannot attend a meeting; he/she may delegate to his/her assistant coach his/her right of vote at that particular meeting.

IV

The League shall hold meetings for the transaction of its business, and these meetings shall be called as prescribed by the By-laws.

V

Approval of the League Commissioner or a majority vote of the elected officials will be considered authority for the Treasurer to make disbursements from the League funds.

VI

Any matter of contention which may arise during the course of League activities and which no ruling is provided in the League Constitution and By-laws shall be decided by a majority vote of the elected officials at a regular or called meeting by the Commissioner.

VII

All Semmes Baseball Association Rules and the Constitution and Bylaws of the Semmes Baseball Association will be adhered to by this organization.

VIII

The League, through its Executive Board, shall work closely with all levels of this program such as Cal Ripken Youth District Director, State Director, Board Members and Commissioner.

SEMMES BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

BY-LAWS

Amended July 26, 2012

Article I: Meetings

- 1 All meetings shall be held at a place designated by the Commissioner.
2. An Election meeting will be held the 3rd week of May for the purpose of electing new officers. Anyone wishing to run for a position should submit their name by May 1st and it will be posted at the park. The appointed election committee will post the results the 1st Monday following the 3rd week of May. Topics for discussion at the general meeting may be discussed but no action may be taken nor any vote be taken, as this must be done at the General meeting. Newly elected officers will be installed at the General meeting.
3. A General meeting is a meeting in which the parents of players, coaches and officers residing in the Semmes Baseball Association District boundaries are invited to attend. The purpose of this meeting is for the installation of officers, and to discuss and vote on policies and procedures in which this league will operate. This meeting shall be held on the last Thursday in July at 7:00 p.m. In the event the park hosts a State or World Series Tournament or if teams are traveling for All Star tournaments, this General Meeting will be held two weeks after the tournament is over. The following items must also be discussed and voted on at this meeting:
 - A. Financial Statements - Financial Statements should show the last three years profit, income, and expenses.
 - B. Registration Fees
 - C. Sponsorship Fees
 - D. Proposed Changes in By-laws
 - E. Any issue of concern or Major Park improvements
4. All other meetings regular or special shall be called as needed by the Commissioner, or a majority of the Executive Board members. No other business may be discussed at a special meeting other than what the meeting was called for.

5. The Semmes Baseball Association Constitution and By-laws shall be amended at the General meeting or a special called General meeting of the Executive Board.
6. A Claiming meeting shall be held on the second and third Thursday in January for the purpose of Managers, Coach of Record and prospective managers to declare their desire to manage a team as prescribed by Article V of the By-laws.
7. Within 10 days after the close of registration, a meeting will be set up by the Commissioner for the purpose of drafting players as prescribed in Article VIII of the By-laws.

Article II: Officers and Elections

1. Election of officers for Semmes Baseball Association will be open to the parents of players, coaches, and officers of Semmes Baseball Association.
2. Officers will be elected for a one-year term.
3. Election of officers will be by Secret Ballot. Nominations may begin two weeks prior to the Election meeting.
4. No person shall be elected to two positions on the Board, except the Equipment Manager.
5. Any officer may be removed from office by a majority vote of the Executive Board. In the event of, resignation of, or death of the Commissioner, a special meeting of the Executive Board shall be called for the election of a new Commissioner. All other officers will be selected by a majority vote of the Elected Officials.
6. The elective League officers shall be elected in order as follows with League authority as listed below:
 - A. Commissioner
 - B. Major League President
 - C. Minor League President
 - D. Peanut League President
 - E. T-Ball League President
 - F. Treasurer
 - G. Equipment Manager
 - H. Secretary
 - I. Fund Raising Chairperson
 - J. Uniform Manager
 - K. Umpire/Scorekeeper Coordinator
 - L. Media Manager

7. Nominees for Commissioner must have served as a manager of a team or as an officer at Semmes Baseball Association to become eligible for office.
8. Nominees for all other offices shall have served as a manager or coach at Semmes Baseball Association or had at least one (1) child that has participated in this organization as a player, to become eligible for office.
9. A majority vote of the Elected Officials shall override any decision made by the Commissioner.
10. A majority vote of the Executive Board shall override any decision made by the Elected Officials.
11. Board Members must have background check done and any findings will be discussed by the Board.
12. Nomination must be submitted by May 1st. These nominations will be posted for two weeks at the park. A meeting will be held the third week of May for any nominees interested in running for a Board Position.

Article III: Duties of Officers

1. Commissioner:
 - A. Will be a member of the Executive Board and shall act as its presiding Chief Executive Officer.
 - B. Shall be a member of the Incorporate Board.
 - C. Will preside at all meetings of the League.
 - D. Will sign any necessary documents or correspondence for league operation.
 - E. Will be authorized to do all things necessary to discharge the duties of his/her office, including hiring of Umpires, Scorers, Concession Manager and other necessary workers.
 - F. Will be authorized to appoint any committees deemed necessary by the Elected Officials.
 - G. Will be the ultimate arbitrator in any dispute or protest concerning By-laws, Local League Rules.
 - H. Will work closely with the City Recreation Director and Presidents of

other Leagues for better harmony.

- I. Will be the presiding officer over all other activities sponsored by the League (such as Fall Baseball, etc.).
 - J. Will be the principal signer on all financial accounts.
 - K. Will ensure that the proper documents are filed with any other agencies applicable.
 - L. Will ensure that the proper insurance is in force at all times.
 - M. Will abide by Semmes Baseball Association Constitution and By-laws and ensure that all amendments are properly recorded.
 - N. Will be in charge of all registrations or shall assign a player agent.
 - O. Will maintain proper records and documentation and will turn over the same to the League within 15 days of the Annual Meeting.
 - P. Will have vast knowledge of Semmes Baseball Association rules and the Semmes Baseball Association Constitution and By-laws.
 - Q. Will ensure that all financial books (General Fund, Concession, and Fall Ball) are audited at the end of the year.
2. League Presidents:
- A. Will perform any duties that might be assigned to him/her by Commissioner.
 - B. Will be a member of the Executive Board.
 - C. Will assist all League Presidents in seeking prospective managers needed for teams.
 - D. Will attend all meetings.
 - E. Will attend all registrations.
 - F. Will be responsible for the making of League schedules with Commissioner's approval.
 - G. Will be responsible for maintaining their League Field and the surrounding area.

- H. Will maintain proper records and documentation and will turn same over to his/her successor within 15 days of the Annual Meeting.
 - I. Will be responsible for scheduling meetings with Managers, Coaches or Record and any assistant coaches to discuss and make his/her local League rules and will be responsible for notifying Managers and Commissioner of such meetings. Any changes must be presented and approved by the Commissioner and League Presidents.
 - J. Will ensure that Managers, Commissioner and Secretary have latest copies of Local League Rules adopted by Managers.
 - K. Will ensure that all team sponsors receive Sponsorship Plaques.
3. Treasurer:
- A. Will perform any duties that might be assigned to him/her by the Commissioner.
 - B. Will be a member of the Executive Board.
 - C. Will assist the Presidents in seeking prospective managers needed for teams.
 - D. Will attend all meetings.
 - E. Will attend all registrations.
 - F. Will receive all money due to the League and make all payments from the League funds with approval of the Commissioner.
 - G. Will counter sign all checks from general fund.
 - H. Will keep accurate accounting records which show all receipts and disbursements.
 - I. Will make yearly reports in writing of all league finance to be approved by Elected Officials and shall turn over to his/her successor all records in his/her possession within 15 days of the Annual Meeting.
 - J. Will have all books audited at end of year.
 - K. **Will post Financial Records at the park by mid-season.**

4. Equipment Manager:

- A. Will perform any duties that might be assigned to him/her by the Commissioner.
- B. Will be a member of the Executive Board.
- C. Will assist the Presidents in seeking prospective managers needed for teams.
- D. Will attend all meetings.
- E. Will attend all registrations.
- F. Will be responsible for purchasing equipment for League play with the approval of the Commissioner.
- G. Will keep an inventory of each team's equipment.
- H. Will be responsible for seeing that all teams receive proper equipment as prescribed by Semmes Baseball Association at the beginning of the season and that all teams return equipment at the end of the season.
- I. Will have all equipment assembled and ready for distribution to the respective team managers at the Draft meeting of each League.

5. Secretary:

- A. Will perform any duties that might be assigned to him/her by the Commissioner.
- B. Will be a member of the Executive Board.
- C. Will assist the Presidents in seeking prospective managers needed for teams.
- D. Will attend all meetings.
- E. Will attend all registrations.
- F. Will keep an orderly loose leaf minute book, which must be kept up to date with all minutes of League meetings in good order. This book and all related League records shall be turned over to his/her successor within 15 days of the Annual Meeting.
- G. Will notify all officers of meetings.

- H. Will keep up to date copy of the Constitution and By-laws, and shall see that any amendments of the said By-laws are recorded in the proper place.
 - I. Will ensure that all Executive Board members receive an up to date copy of the Constitution and By-laws.
 - J. Will ensure that all documentation as required by the League and any other applicable agency is approved by the Commissioner and properly submitted.
6. Fund Raising Chairperson:
- A. Will perform any duties that might be assigned to him/her by the Commissioner.
 - B. Will be a member of the Executive Board.
 - C. Will assist the Presidents in seeking prospective managers needed for teams.
 - D. Will attend all meetings.
 - E. Will attend all registrations.
 - F. Will organize and oversee, with the approval of the elected officials, all fund raising activities.
 - G. Will be responsible for collecting and keeping accurate records on all fund raising money received and disbursed.
 - H. Will submit yearly reports in writing of all financial transactions to Elected Officials for approval and will transfer account balance to the general fund account with the elected officials' approval, prior to the General meeting.
 - I. Will counter sign all fund raising account checks along with the Commissioner.
 - J. Will choose a Fund Raising Committee to assist with each League.
 - K. Will hold a meeting with all Team Moms to discuss fund raising projects prior to the beginning of the season, on a date chosen by the Commissioner.
 - L. Will have all books audited at end of year.

7. Uniform Manager:

- A. Will perform any duties that might be assigned to him/her by the Commissioner.
- B. Will be a member of the Executive Board.
- C. Will assist the Presidents in seeking prospective managers needed for teams.
- D. Will attend all meetings.
- E. Will attend all registrations and will be responsible for having sample jerseys for proper fitting of players.
- F. Will be responsible for ordering uniforms for all teams in the Semmes Baseball Association including tournament teams and will oversee delivery to each team.
- G. Will have color selections available for managers approval if and when possible.
- H. Will prepare bid request and specifications for uniforms with Commissioners' approval and will obtain 3 sealed bids. Bids will be presented to elected officials for opening and approval.

8. Umpire/Scorekeeper Coordinator:

- A. Will perform any duties that might be assigned to him/her by the Commissioner.
- B. Will be a member of the Executive Board.
- C. Will assist the Presidents in seeking prospective managers needed for teams.
- D. Will attend all meetings.
- E. Will attend all registrations.
- F. Will secure umpires and scorekeepers for each and every official game of all Leagues.
- G. Will handle all problems occurring regarding obtaining and/or improper behavior of umpires and scorekeepers while on duty.

9. Media Manager
 - A. Will perform any duties that might be assigned to him/her by the Commissioner.
 - B. Will be a member of the Executive Board.
 - C. Will assist the Presidents in seeking prospective managers needed for teams.
 - D. Will attend all meetings.
 - E. Will attend all registrations.
 - F. Will create and maintain a web page.
 - G. Will handle all media information.

Article IV: Duties of Team Managers

1. Will be members of the Executive Board.
2. Must attend all meetings set up by the Commissioner or League President, or send his/her assistant or a person to represent him/her.
3. Will at all times conduct himself/herself in a sportsmanship manner and seek the same conduct from his/her players and assistant coaches.
4. Must know and abide by Semmes Baseball Association rules, and local league rules and Semmes Baseball Associations' Constitution and By-laws.
5. Will refrain from the use of alcoholic beverages and drugs before and during practice and League games or anywhere on the premises of Semmes Baseball Association. Violations in any manner will be subject to disciplinary action by Elected Officials, up to and including dismissal from the League. All final decisions will be permanent and binding for future administrations of Semmes Baseball Association.
6. Will refrain from profane language, abusive tactics and any other unsportsmanlike actions.
7. Will stress to his/her players, coaches and parents that none of the above or other roughhouse actions will be tolerated on the field or within the limits of the park and that violations in any manner will be subject to disciplinary action by elected

officials, up to and including dismissal from the League. All final decisions will be permanent and binding for future administrations of Semmes Baseball Association.

8. Should select or have a volunteer for a team mother and provide information to Fund-Raising Chairperson.
9. Will submit a list of players and all coaches to the League Secretary prior to opening day.
10. Managers and coaches shall adhere to the following safety rules and all rules under the guidelines of Semmes Baseball Association.
 - A. Responsible for the safety of his/her players.
 - B. Maintain all equipment.
 - C. No painting or modifications of helmets.
 - D. Ensure that all catchers wear protective gear, at all times, as prescribed by Semmes Baseball Association.
 - E. Ensure that Coach of Record attends all scheduled Coaches' meetings as scheduled by the League President.
11. Will submit a list of player nominees for the Tournament Team as designated by League President.
12. Will participate in all scheduled work days and will assist in field maintenance and surrounding area as appointed by League President.
13. All Managers, Coaches of Record, and Assistant Coaches shall submit an application for approval by the Commissioner and League Presidents.
14. Will turn in all equipment in to Equipment Manager to be eligible to vote in the Tournament Team draft and will be unable to claim a team or be a coach until equipment is returned.
15. Home Team for the first game of the day shall be responsible for preparing the field.
16. All Managers will give full cooperation in fund raising projects.
17. Managers are to obtain equipment from the Equipment Manager at the Draft meeting.

18. Managers who do not follow the above rules will not be allowed to manage a team next year without Board approval.
19. On Coach's Creed it will be noted that if Board deems necessary, a background check can be done on any coach. And this will be reviewed only by Commissioner and League President.

Article V: Claiming Meeting

On the second and third Thursday of January each year, there will be meetings held for individuals interested in managing a team in any League. The following guidelines will be used in the awarding of teams:

1. Team Managers from previous year shall have first opportunity for a team.
2. Team Coach of Records from previous year shall have second opportunity for a team.
3. Team Managers and Coaches of Record from previous year shall commit or decline at either of these two meetings, but no later than the third Thursday of January.
4. Managers and Coaches of Record wishing to manage a team different than that of previous year, as well as any new prospective managers, shall sign a roster with the League President within the League in which they desire to manage. This shall be done at either of these two meetings, but no later than the third Thursday of January.
5. Anyone not able to attend either of these two meetings shall have a letter, in writing, indicating their intentions for the upcoming season. This letter should be dated, signed, and delivered to one of these two meetings or in the hand of League President no later than the third Thursday of January.
6. Seniority and approval of Elected Officials will be adhered to in awarding of teams.
7. Within ten days after the final claiming meeting, League Presidents shall contact applied individuals for the awarding of teams. The individual with the most seniority and approval of Elected Officials shall have the first opportunity of open teams. Remaining open teams shall be filled as prescribed above.
8. Managers and Coaches of Record will participate with all team games and activities through the completion of League games.
9. If any individual is awarded a team after the Final Claiming meeting and chooses

- to drop his/her claimed team prior to draft, his/her replacement will be decided by the Elected Officials.
10. Should there be a tie in seniority between individuals who applied for teams, then the Elected Officials will decide who will be awarded teams and the order in which these individuals shall choose open teams.
 11. Should a reduction in the number of teams in any league become necessary, the following issues shall be considered?
 - A. Seniority of Team Managers
 - B. Teams with no returning Coach, Coach of Record or Manager
 - C. Number of Returning Players on Teams
 - D. Number of Teams in Each Division
 12. Returning players from team(s) that have been dropped will be placed in draft and selected by teams from that division.

Article VI: Registration

1. Registration days for players wishing to participate will be set for the first three Saturdays in February, and proper notice of said days will be given through newspapers and other mediums.
2. Registration fee will be paid as determined at each yearly General meeting.
3. All players wishing to participate in League play will be required to register at the prescribed registration periods.
4. All Leagues will draft new players each year. Exception: Within one week after draft, any adjustment to team rosters due to the welfare of a child can be made by the Elected Board Members. The child will be placed on a team per draft rotation, but will not have his/her choice of a team.
5. Registration should not be accepted after teams have been drafted, with exception

of the following:

- A. A player moving into the Semmes Community.
- B. A player with sufficient proof of having had a medical problem.
- C. Lack of a sufficient number of players to fill a team, as needed

Note: No late registrant is guaranteed to be placed on a team. Registration forms will be completed. Names of the players eligible for the League needing players will be placed in a hat, randomly drawn out and awarded to teams in the originally established draft order of that League, until a sufficient number of players have been drawn. The registration fee will not be collected unless the registrant is placed on a team.

- 7. If any returning player has brothers or sisters who will play in that same league, the sibling shall be placed on the returning player's team automatically at parent's request, and, for the purpose of the draft, shall be counted the same as returning players.
- 8. **Sponsorship Fee shall be \$300.00 per team. This will sponsorship will include a one-color sign on the field of the team they are sponsoring and also a plaque at the end of the season. Signs may also be purchased only for \$100.00**

Article VII: Teams and Players

- 1. The team composition of each League shall be determined by League Presidents and Commissioner.
- 2. A team roster shall consist of no more than the legal number specified and allowed by Cal Ripken Baseball at any time. The maximum age specifications as prescribed below shall be adhered to at all times. Players shall not exceed respective age as of April 30 of the respective year.

Major League 11 & 12	Minor League 9 & 10
Peanut League 7 & 8	T-Ball League 4/5 & 6
- 3. All managers and assistant coaches will be approved by the Commissioner and League Presidents as will resignations and the replacements of each.
- 4. All coaches or managers must not miss more than seven (7) practices and no more than two (2) league games and should have adult supervision for these activities in the coaches'/manager's absence. The elected officers will take disciplinary action against any coach or manager who exceeds this number, up to and including removal of coaching duties.

5. Each team shall have the following protected players. Protected players shall not cause the team to have excess older or younger age group limits:
 - A. Manager's son(s) and/or daughter(s).
 - B. Coach of Record's son(s) and/or daughter(s).
 - C. One (1) Sponsor child as prescribed below.

NOTE: In the event a Manager or Coach of Record is not the player's parent, it shall be decided by the Commissioner, League Presidents and Managers of that player's league if the player can be protected. (Example: grandparent, stepparent, legal guardian and foster parent.)

6. Each team is entitled to protect one (1) sponsor child of choice providing all of the following conditions have been met.
 - A. The manager has secured a sponsor and all sponsor fees have been paid or a letter of intent has been turned into the League President and approved by the Commissioner prior to draft.
 - B. A written note from the player's parents, giving permission for the said player to become property of that team.

NOTE: No team may start the draft with more than 3 players. If any siblings are protected, they must ALL be included within the 3 protected players.

7. The draft system shall be used as a medium of selection of players by the league as prescribed in Article VIII of the By-laws.
8. Major and Minor League teams shall have a Manager and two (2) Official Coaches; T-Ball and P-Nut League teams shall have a Manager and three (3) Official Coaches turned in on the roster. A team may have additional coaches but are not official and cannot be turned in on the roster.
9. Any individual may participate as a Manager, Coach of Record or Assistant Coach, but can only participate as an Official Coach on one (1) team.
10. A uniform is to be provided to all registered players by the League and shall consist of a shirt and cap.
11. During League games, players will be in uniform at all times and shall wear it in proper manner. Shirt tails must be kept in and caps worn except when batting helmets are in use. Only the uniform issued to players by Semmes Baseball Association will be recognized, no other uniforms shall be recognized.

12. In the event of an illness or injury to a player that requires a Doctor's care, a written release from said Doctor must be given to team Manager and passed on to League President prior to player returning to team practices or League activity.
13. Team drinks shall be furnished to all registered players and official coaches at the conclusion of all League Games.

Article VIII: Draft

Within ten days after the close of Registration, a meeting will be set up for the drafting of players. A list of each age group will be furnished to each Manager.

The draft system shall be used as a medium for selection of players by the Leagues. The following guidelines will be used.

1. The order of selection shall be drawn out of a hat by the coaches before the draft.
2. Commissioner, League Presidents or League Secretary shall run any/all draft sessions.
3. League Secretary will provide each team with roster of returning players with age and telephone numbers.
4. Each siblings placed in the same draft will each be considered a draft pick. If two siblings are picked, then that manager will be skipped during the next round.
5. League President shall set a pre-determined number of players as to when each team should stop drafting.
6. Draft will continue until all registered players are placed on a team.
7. T-Ball teams will follow the draft order as prescribed above and the following procedure:
 - A. All teams will draft 4 year olds first.
 - B. 4 year olds will be drafted until none remain on draft list.

- C. After completion of the 4-year-old draft, the draft will return to original draft order.
- 8. A maximum of two (2) coaches per team will be allowed to attend the Draft meeting.

Article IX: Equipment and Safety Rules

- 1. All baseballs and necessary equipment used in league play shall be as prescribed by Cal Ripken Baseball.
- 2. Batting helmets with facemasks shall be worn by all batters and base runners in all Leagues during league play, practice games and practices.
- 3. No person other than players, managers, coaches and bat boys will be allowed in the dugout. All personnel in uniform shall remain in the dugout at all times when not on the field of play, whether they are participating in the game or not.
- 4. All safety rules of Semmes Baseball Association shall be adhered to at all times.
- 5. All players behind home plate shall wear a catchers cup at all times, this includes warming up pitchers, league play practice games and practice.
- 6. Managers shall be responsible for acquiring all safety equipment from the Equipment Manager and to ensure that all equipment is in good condition.

Article X: General League Rules

- 1. Umpires' judgment cannot be protested, only rule violations.
- 2. In the event of a protest situation, the Team Manager or the Acting Team Manager shall notify the Umpire that he/she is protesting the game before another pitch is thrown. After completion of the game, no protests can be filed, except for eligibility or failure to comply with participation requirements. In this case, the protesting Manager has fifteen (15) minutes after completion of the game to notify League President or on duty officer. All protest must be submitted in writing, within forty-eight hours after completion of the game and must be in the hands of the League President in the stipulated time or no consideration will be given. Commissioner and League Presidents will decide based on Semmes Baseball Association By-laws.
- 3. A team failing to field nine players within fifteen minutes after umpire calls "play ball," shall forfeit the game.
- 4. All weekday games are scheduled to start at 6:00 p.m. No inning will start after

time has expired; please see Local League Rules for details. The second game shall start as soon as possible but shall start no later than twenty (20) minutes after the completion of the first game or at scheduled game time.

5. Home team will occupy the first base dug-out and the visiting team shall occupy the third base dug-out to coordinate with the score board.
6. All League players will bat in a rotating order.
7. All players are to be played at least two (2) complete defensive innings. Failure to do so will cause a forfeit; opposing manager has 15 minutes after the game to file protest.
8. No games or practices will be conducted on Wednesdays or Sundays during League play except those games that are scheduled on Wednesdays by Major and Minor League Presidents for the purpose of making up rained out games, playoffs, or completion of tie games.
9. After the season has started there will be no practice games between Minor or Major League teams in which a player is allowed to pitch. All pitching is to be done by a coach or an adult.
10. If a player misses two unexcused days of practice in one week, the Manager does not have to play him or her in any of the scheduled games that week as is approved by the League President and Commissioner.
11. If a game has to stop due to weather, power failure, etc., prior to becoming a legal game as per Semmes Baseball Association rules, the said game will begin at the point of termination. Continued games will be scheduled and played as designated by League President.
12. Time limits for League games shall be as listed below.
 - Major League - one hour (1) and forty-five minutes (30)
 - Minor League - one hour (1) and forty-five minutes (30)
 - Peanut League - one hour (1) and thirty minutes (15)
 - T-Ball League - one hour (1) and thirty minutes (15)
13. We will determine League Champions, first by Winning Percentage then by Head to Head competition. We will take the number of wins, add a ½ point for each tie, then divide by the number of games to determine a team's winning percentage.

NOTE: See the General League Rules for All Leagues at www.semmesbaseball.com for more detailed information.

Article XI: Seniority

1. Establishing seniority:
 - A. By being a team Manager during regular season a person shall receive one (1) full year. By being a team Manager during fall ball season a person shall receive a half (.5) year.
 - B. By being a Coach of Record a person shall receive a half (.5) year (Note: Coach of Records prior to the 1992 season received no seniority and none shall be recognized).
2. Losing seniority:
 - A. Resignation in writing.
 - B. Removal by the League Elected Officials.

Article XII: Umpires

1. The Commissioner of the League shall hire all umpires. Commissioner to ensure that all umpires are properly insured.
2. Contracts and prices payable to umpires shall be approved by the Commissioner.
3. Before beginning of season play, the Commissioner shall provide Umpires with a copy of Semmes Baseball Association By-laws, General Rules, all Local League Rules and the Season Game Schedules. All Umpires are expected to familiarize themselves with these rules.
4. All Umpires will be expected to exercise their control over all games, the conduct of players on the field and the enforcement of all rules pertaining to the game.
5. Umpires shall be in charge of all games once the game starts.
6. Umpires shall wear the proper uniform and protective equipment as determined by the Umpires Association and shall be neat and clean at all times.
7. The League shall provide Umpires for all regular season games and all play-off games as follows:

Major League	2 - Umpires	Minor League	2 - Umpires
Peanut League	2 - Umpires	T-Ball League	1 - Umpire

*In P-Nut League there shall be two umpires but with the Board's discretion, one umpire could be pulled if necessary to be used on another field. (Minimum of 1, but 2 if available.)

During a play off situation in P-Nut or T-Ball Leagues, two (2) umpires will be provided.

8. Umpires shall have the authority to disqualify any player, manager coach or substitute player for strong or and to eject such person from the game or playing field in necessary, and shall file a written report with Semmes Baseball Associations' Commissioner.
9. Umpires shall use all possible means to keep games going at a fast pace and allow no players or managers to take excessive drag along time.
10. No manager or assistant coach will be allowed to umpire games in their respective Leagues without opposing coach's approval.

Article XIII: Trophies and Awards

1. Trophies or awards will be presented to the teams and players at the closing ceremonies as prescribed below whenever sufficient funds are available or when they can be obtained through other visible means.
2. Awards will be presented for the following accomplishments: (No coach's awards will be given)
 - A. Pennant winning players in each division in each league.
 - B. Team sponsors (League Presidents will be responsible for overseeing that all sponsors do receive a plaque if requested).
 - C. Participation medals to each player in the park.
 - D. 1st place teams will receive 1st place team trophies.
3. Will prepare three bid requests and specifications for trophies with Commissioner's approval and will obtain 3 sealed bids. Bids will be presented to elected officials for opening and approval.

Article XIV: Tournament Teams and Tournaments

1. A tournament team shall represent this league in all levels of tournament play in accordance with rules of Semmes Baseball Association.
2. The tournament team will be managed by the division-winning manager, and he/she will be allowed to select his/her assistant coaches from the other regular team coaches within his/her division. In the event the winning manager cannot serve, his/her replacement will fall to the next available manager in order of their standing in the league.
3. If a person steps down as Manager of a team in the Spring Season, he/she will still be able to serve as a coach of a Tournament Team for that year.
4. Only the Team Manager or Coach of Records shall attend the Tournament Team Draft meeting.
5. Tournament team players shall be nominated by the League Managers and will be selected by the Managing Coaches in a secret ballot process. Each managing coach will vote for Ten (10) players of his/her choice and the votes will be tabulated by the player agent. All players who received unanimous votes will be selected. Other ballots will then be taken. If after five ballots the vote is not unanimous, the amount of votes required may be lowered by one. This procedure will continue to drop by one vote after five ballots until all thirteen players have been selected. The remaining two (2) players will be selected by the Manager of the Tournament Team. In the event of a replacement, the manager may select any player from any team in his/her division.
6. The managing coach in of the team shall be in charge of the expense money allowed for out of town tournaments as determined by League Commissioner. A record shall be kept of all expenditures and at the completion of the tournament; a written report shall be turned over to the Elected Officials for approval.
7. The League shall provide full uniforms for all tournament players. The uniforms shall consist of a cap, shirt, pants, and belt.
8. Players that are selected to tournament teams will be required to pay a \$100 fee to help pay for the cost of uniforms, tournament entry fees, tournament hosting fees, balls, umpires, utilities, insurance, and other park expenses that are related to participating in these tournaments.
9. The League shall provide three (3) official umpires approved by Semmes Baseball Association for all tournament games in all leagues held at Semmes Baseball Association.
10. Any players that played up a League are still eligible to play on the tournament team they qualify for.