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BHUTAN BASEBALL & SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

THE U15 BHUTAN AMATEUR BASEBALL LEAGUE  
RULES AND REGULATION

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### **1. About Bhutan Baseball & Softball Association**

Bhutan Baseball and Softball Association (BBSA) a national governing body for baseball and softball in the Kingdom of Bhutan, as recognized by the Bhutan Olympic Committee and World Baseball Softball Confederation.

BBSA offers baseball, softball and Baseball5 leagues and development programs to youth of all ages and genres and provides support to club organisations and schools across 5 of Bhutan's 20 districts.

### **2. About the U15 Bhutan Amateur Baseball League**

The league's objective is to develop and prepare young players aged 15 and under for the club and senior leagues whilst introducing, promoting and popularising baseball and softball in Bhutan.

The Bhutan Amateur Baseball League (BABL) will consist of a Regular Season and Playoffs, totaling 3 months. Each district will be eligible to form a division under the auspices of the BABL. In the inaugural season, there will be only one division: The Thimphu Amateur Baseball Division (TABD).

Over the course of the 3 months Regular Season, each team will play games against other teams in their division and be required to have a minimum of 13 practises (a minimum of one practice per team per week is required by BBSA).

The inaugural U15 Bhutan Amateur Baseball League will commence on 18th December 2021 - 22nd February 2022 with the post season playoffs from 26th February - 14th March 2022. A guest will be present to throw the Opening Day First Pitch in the opening ceremony to commemorate the league immediately prior to the start of the first game. A registration fee of Nu: 100, per athlete / student will be collected by BBSA officials for the league.

### **3. About the Thimphu Amateur Baseball Division**

The inaugural Thimphu Amateur Baseball Division will consist of 5 teams from different schools around Thimphu.

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### 4. Trophy and title

4.1. Each player on the U15 [DISTRICT NAME] Amateur Baseball Division Champion team will receive a trophy with [YEAR] U15 [DISTRICT NAME] Amateur Baseball Division Champions engraved on it. This trophy becomes the property of the player.

4.2 Each player on the U15 [DISTRICT NAME] Amateur Baseball Division second place team will receive a trophy with [YEAR] U15 [DISTRICT NAME] Amateur Baseball Division Runners Up engraved on it. This trophy becomes the property of the player.

4.3 Every other team will receive a medal with [YEAR] U15 [DISTRICT NAME] Amateur Baseball Division engraved on it. This trophy becomes the property of the player.

### 5. Field Dimension

5.1. The distance between all bases should be 60 feet.

5.2. The distance from the back point of home plate to the front edge of the pitching rubber should be 46 feet.

### 6. Game Time Limit

6.1. There will be no time limit in games.

6.2. The regulation game is seven innings. If it is a tie after seven innings, extra innings will continue until a team wins.

### 7. Equipment

The equipment will be provided by BBSA. It is the responsibility of the team manager and BBSA inventory manager to ensure that all equipment is returned at the end of each season

### 8. Players and Coaches

8.1. A team should have eighteen players consisting of equal numbers of male and females. ( nine male + nine female).

8.2. Players are only eligible for the tournament if they are aged above ten and below fifteen.

8.3. There should be at least four boys and four girls on the field at all times.

8.4. All players and coaches are required to wear a baseball hat while on the field.

8.5. All players and coaches are required to tuck their shirts into their pants while on the field.

8.6. All players and coaches are required to wear matching jerseys while on the field.

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8.7. Each game will require a Home Plate Umpire (BBSA Staff) and a Base Umpire (volunteer)

8.8. Each game will require a Head Scorekeeper (BBSA Staff) and an Assistant Scorekeeper (volunteer)

8.9. Each team will require a Head Coach (BBSA Staff — unless otherwise approved), a 1st Base Coach (volunteer), and a 2nd Base Coach (volunteer)

### **9. Rules, Regulations and Policies**

BABL will follow the rules, regulation and policies of the USA Little League rules, regulation and policies. BBSA will provide each umpire, scorekeeper and manager with a USA Little League rules, regulation rulebook prior to the start of the season.

### **10. Code of Conduct**

#### 10.1. Players

- Always respect Umpires decision
- Never involve in the acts of foul play
- Never engage in disrespectful conduct of any sort including obscene gestures, impoliteness and other actions that are demeaning the other players, officials and supporters.
- Respect and care for the facilities and equipment made available during the tournament.
- Show good sportsmanship
- Safeguard your health.

#### 10.2. Coaches

- Actively discourage foul play/ unsportsmanlike behaviour by the players.
- Always consider the health, safety and welfare of the players .
- A coach should show a good leadership quality and respect to players, parents , officials, supporters and the media.
- Coach shall work with the parents collaboratively and cooperatively.

#### 10.3. Parents

- Shall respect the decision made by the coach.
- Shall cooperate with coach

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- Provide support and help if necessary.
- Shall not interfere during the play time.

### 10. 4 Spectators

- Shall respect the decision made by the coach.
- Shall not intrude during games time.
- Shall not throw / use foul language to players / officials.
- Shall respect the laws of the game.

### 10. 5 Officials

- Shall conduct themselves in the utmost professional behaviour.
- Shall oversee the organisation of games in a fair manner.
- Shall not use or encourage unfair means to win games/titles.
- Shall respect the laws of the game.
- Umpire-in-Chief shall be responsible for taking note of the offences offended by players and the coaches.
- A database will be managed by the Head Scorekeeper tracking both historical and seasonal player and team data.

### 11. Penalty

#### 11.1. Players

- Always respect Umpires decision
- If the player does not respect the umpire's decision he/she will be warned for the first offence by the Umpire-in- Chief
- If the player repeats the same offence he/she will be banned for the next game.
- If the player shows any disciplinary actions he/she will be forwarded to League Committee Member and take action accordingly.

#### 11.2. Head Coach & Base Coach

- Actively discourage foul play/ unsportsmanlike behaviour by the players.
- Coaches who failed to actively discourage foul play or unsportsmanlike behaviour by the players shall be warned by the Home Plate Umpire and will be warned in the beginning.

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- If the head coach / base coach repeats the same action during the same game, he/she will be sent off from the dugout to the spectators stand.
- For repeated offence of the same action by the head coach/ base coach he/ she will be banned for a match.
- For the third offence of the same action by the head coach/ base coach he/ she will be banned from the league.

### 11.3. Parents and spectators

- Shall respect the decision made by the coach.
- If any mischievous behaviour shown by any of the parents / spectators he/she will be dealt by the Umpire and a warning will be given.
- If they repeat the same offence he/she will be asked to leave the stadium and shall not be entertained as spectators anymore.

### 11. 4 Officials

- Shall conduct themselves in the utmost professional behaviour.
- If the official is being partial to any of the team he/she will be warned by the Home Plate Umpire.
- If the officials repeat the same offence for the second time he/she will be substituted immediately and will be banned from officiating the rest of the league.

### 12. League committee members

- Members
  1. Nabin Basnet (Vice President, BBSA)
  2. Jechen Ladree(Media Department, BBSA)
  3. Tenzin Yeshi Pelzom ( Human Resource Department, BBSA)
  4. Kinga Wangmo (Finance, BBSA)
  5. Kinley Wangmo (BBSA Volunteer)

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