



## National Baseball Congress **LEAGUE AFFILIATION**

### **What are the NBC Qualifying Premier Leagues and Their Requirements?**

In order to achieve recognition and sanctioning as an NBC Qualifying Premier League, a league must meet the following criteria:

- 1) Qualifying Premier Leagues must pay a \$500 fee to the NBC national office prior to June 1 for the calendar year.
- 2) Qualifying Premier Leagues must be composed of a minimum of eight (8) teams and teams must play a minimum of 21 league games over a minimum, six-week schedule.
- 3) Qualifying Premier Leagues must have league officers, including a president, director of officials, and a statistician and must forward list to NBC national office.
- 4) Qualifying Premier Leagues may charge a suggested fee of \$250 in league dues and should have a constitution and by-laws which include guaranteed payment of officials and an appearance guarantee, insuring that a league team will show up for all league games within a reasonable time period prior to scheduled start or suffer a penalty.
- 5) Qualifying Premier Leagues are required to assign a league statistician who will report statistics to the NBC national office on a weekly basis. The league statistician will be given web access by the NBC and will be responsible for inputting League stats onto the NBC website each week.
- 6) Each team in a Qualifying Premier League must have paid the \$50 team affiliation fee to the NBC national office prior to the start of league play, and the League must be composed entirely of adult baseball clubs, which conform to NBC regulations (no current professional players allowed).
- 7) Qualifying Premier Leagues must use the NBC Jet baseball during all league and tournament play. The NBC Jet will be sold to all Qualifying Premier Leagues at a discounted rate to benefit all teams. Leagues who choose to purchase at least 100 dozen baseballs, may have their league logo imprinted on the baseballs at no additional charge.
- 8) Qualifying Premier Leagues must contract with qualified umpires and scorers with experience in adult baseball.
- 9) By July 10, each Qualifying Premier League must notify the national office of their plans on sending their championship team to compete in the NBC World Series.
- 10) Each team in a Qualifying Premier League is suggested to have a minimum of \$1,000,000.00 in liability insurance.
- 11) Payment must be made in full of any and all debts owed the national office for team affiliation fees, league fees, baseballs, rulebooks, or any other matter. Any debts not received by the NBC office prior to the start of the NBC World Series in a given year, will result in the debtor forfeiting their berth in the tournament if they have received a berth. If a team, or team official (Manager, player, President, etc.), chooses not to pay all debts to the NBC by years end, the debtor and/or the team, will be banned from any NBC Leagues, Tournaments, or World Series, until all debts are paid. The NBC Board may also choose a lifetime ban from the NBC.
- 12) Qualifying Premier Leagues are expected to promote NBC events in their League territory through key media and provide national office with listing of area media.

### **What are the Benefits of the Qualifying Premier League Affiliation?**

- 1) Automatic qualification of the league champion into the NBC World Series national tournament.
- 2) Certificates for a 16-man, All-League team.
- 3) Certificate for League Batting Champion.
- 4) League may purchase NBC Baseballs at a near-cost price. In addition, leagues may have their league logo imprinted on the NBC Jet Baseball at no additional cost.
- 5) A national statistical service on the NBC website for teams and national media showing the top 5 players in each league in nine statistical categories. As well as the top five national leaders among all NBC Qualifying Premier Leagues in the 9 statistical categories.
- 6) Copy of the current official Rules of Baseball for the League President.
- 7) A supply of NBC Official Programs and Information Guides for distribution.
- 8) A Scoremaster, Scorebook.
- 9) Recognition in the NBC Annual Yearbook.
- 10) Recognition on the Official NBC Website to include contact information as well as links to team sites.
- 11) National Assistance in publicity.
- 12) Qualifying Premier Leagues Operate under their own by-laws. Outside of the criteria established here, NBC Qualifying Premier Leagues operate independently of the National Office.

(Affiliation Form On Back)



# National Baseball Congress



## NBC League Affiliation Application

NBC: Our undersigned League desires to apply for membership in the National Baseball Congress for one year as follows:

- Qualifying Premier League Affiliation - \$500 affiliation fee enclosed

Name of League \_\_\_\_\_

League President \_\_\_\_\_

League Corresponding Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signed (Name & Title) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

*Mail or E-mail Affiliation Fee and Application with list of teams and league officials, including addresses and phone numbers to:*

**National Baseball Congress**

**P.O. Box 1420**

**Wichita, KS 67201**

Payments will not be processed unless League is accepted by the NBC. The NBC reserves the right to limit the number of Qualifying Premier Leagues and reserves all rights to sanction Leagues under its name.