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Introduction

Origin of Indoor Base Ball

Origin of Indoor Base Ball Indoor base ball can be said to have been born in Chicago on Thanksgiving Day, 1887. George W. Hancock was the "doctor" who brought the new game into the world of sport, and this is how it got its start: On Thanksgiving Day, 1887, members of the Farragut Boat Club had assembled in their gymnasium and were having some fun by tossing an old boxing glove about the room. One of the boys took up a broom and calling upon the thrower to "put one over, waist high," batted the glove across the hall. The batsman howled in glee as, landing on the glove with a loud smack, he sent it soaring over the head of the thrower. The two were having great sport when one of the other members, George W. Hancock, suddenly exclaimed: "Say, fellows, what's the matter with all of us getting in on this? Let's have a game of ball." Thereupon the huge wrestling mat was hauled out on the floor to serve as a diamond and a lively game of "scrub" took place. The broom handle was broken off and used as a bat, and the unwieldy boxing glove served in place of a ball. The players had so much fun out of the game that it did not break up for more than an hour, and it gave Mr. Hancock a chance to call the boys around him and unfold a plan which had been forming in his brain as the game was going on. Mr. Hancock told his clubmates that he believed it possible for the game they had been playing to be developed into a modified game of base ball that could be played indoors. "I'll work on this proposition to-morrow," said Mr. Hancock, "and if you all will come down Saturday night, we'll have a regular game. I'll draw up some rules and will have a ball and bat on hand which will better suit the indoor game, and do no damage to the surroundings." Saturday night came around and all the members were on hand, Hancock's proposition having aroused a lot of interest in the club. Mr. Hancock read the rules which he had framed in conformation with the limited size of the hall, etc., and presented to the gaze of the assembled members the big ball and small rubber-tipped bat, which since have been identified with the game. Two teams were chosen and the game started. The fun was fast and furious and players and spectators got plenty

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of enjoyment out of the affair. Everybody went away \ singing the praises of "indoor base ball." as the new sport was christened. From that little game played by the members of the Farragut Boat Club in Chicago in 1887. indoor base ball has grown until it " now not only reaches out into all parts of the country. but has been taken into foreign lands by American exiles. Thousands of persons I are entertained in the winter months, either as active participants `"'r enthusiastic spectators of the games. To the "fans" the winters ro not seem half so long or as dreary as they did in the days when x there was no form of base ball between October and April. They no - longer have to hibernate like the bears when the cold weather comes. If Mr. Hancock's dish doesn't taste as delicious as the original to the base ball epicureans. it certainly can be said that indoor, base ball, -at least, is a splendid substitute for America's great national outdoor ^ pastime. <0

Hancock's Indoor Base Ball Rules

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3: ~ SPALDING'S ATHLETIC LIBRIARY. (a) If the required number of players to constitute a team fail to appear upon the field, or being upon the field fails to begin the game within one minute after the umpire has called "play" at the hour appointed for the beginning of the game, unless such delay in appearing or in commencing the game be unavoidable. (b) If, after'the game has begun, one side refuses or fails to continue playing, unless such game has been suspended or termi- nated by the umpire. RULE X. SUBSTITUTES. The base- runner shall not have a substitute run for him except by the consent of the captains of the contesting teams. RULE XI. CHOICE OF INNINGS. The choice of innings shall be decided by flipping a coin. RULE XII. GOOD AND BAD BALLS. A ball legally delivered by the pitcher which passes over any part of the home base not lower than the batsman's knee

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nor higher than his shoulder is a good ball. Otherwise it is a bad ball. It being assumed that the batter is standing erect while in his position. RULE XIII. BALKS. A motion to deliver the ball by the pitcher without his doing so, or holding the ball so long as to unnecessarily delay the game, constitutes a balk. Penalty: One ball to be called. NOTE.-If the pitcher swings his arm or makes any other motion to deliver the ball without doing so, it constitutes a balk. This applies only when the pitcher is in the pitcher's box.

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SPALDING'S ATHLETIC LIBRARY. 1. (j) If a fair hit ball strikes him before touching a fielder, wall, fixture or ceiling, except when a runner is holding a base he is legally entitled to, and in such case no base shall be run unless forced by the batsman becoming a base-runner, and no run shall be scored. (k) If, when running to a base, he fail to touch the intervening base or bases in regular order, he may be put out at the base he fails to touch by a fielder holding the ball on said base, in the same manner as in running to first base. (1) If he be touched with the ball in the hands of a fielder before returning to first base in violation of Rule XXIX. NOTE.-If when a batsman hits a fly ball, whether fair or foul, and in running to first base the ball hits him before touching the wall, floor, fixture or fielder, he shall be declared out, and no base-runner will be allowed to advance on this play. RULE XXIX. RETURN ONE WAY. In returning to first base, after overrunning, the, baseman must turn toward the right, away from the diamond. RULE XXX. SAFELY ON A BASE. A

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base-runner is safely on a base if he slides with the bag and clings to it; or, if any part of his person is touching the spot where the bag should be; or, he is safe if he has touched the home base or where the base should be. If, in sliding with the bag at any base, he should stop, he must then return with the bag to the proper spot before starting for another base, the same as in overrunning first base. RULE XXXI. COACHING RULES. (a) The coachers are restricted in coaching to base-runners only, and are not allowed to address any remarks except to base-runners, and then only in words of necessary direction. (b) No coacher will be allowed up when the bases are unoccupied, and only one coacher when one base is occupied, and no more than two coachers when two or more bases are occupied.

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20 SPALDING'S ATHLETIC LIBRARY. RULE XXXVII. SUMMARY. SECTION I. The score made in each inning of the game. SEC. 2. The number of two-base hits made by each player. SEC. 3. The number of three-base hits made by each player. SEC. 4. The number of home runs made by each player. SEC. 5. The number of hits made off each pitcher. SEC. 6. The number of times the pitcher strikes out the opposing batsmen. SEC. 7. The number of times the pitcher gives bases on balls. SEC. 8. The number of wild pitches charged to the pitcher. SEC. 9. The number of passed balls by each catcher. SEC. 10. The time of the game. SEC. II. The names of the umpires.

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26 SPALDING'S ATHLETIC LIBRARY. RULE XIX. FAIR AND FOUL BALLS. (a) A batted ball which strikes inside or on the foul line is fair, the first point of contact with the ground, object or fielder deciding, regardless of where it afterwards rolls. (b) A batted ball first striking outside the foul line shall be foul. RULE XX. STRIKES. (a) A strike is a ball struck at by the batsman without its touching his bat; or a foul tip caught. NOTE-A foul tip is a ball hit by the batsman that does not go higher than his head. (b) A good ball, legally delivered by the pitcher, but not struck at by the batsman. (c) A good ball, legally delivered by the pitcher and intentionally interfered with by the batter. RULE XXI. FOUL STRIKES. A foul strike is a ball batted by the batsman when any part of his person is on the ground outside the lines of the batsman's position. RULE XXII. THE BATSMAN IS OUT, (a) If he bats out of his turn and makes a fair hit before the error is discovered or while the following batter is still a batsman. (b) If he fails to take his position within one minute after the umpire has called for the batsman. (c) If he makes a foul hit, other than a foul tip, and the ball be momentarily held by a fielder before touching the ground, provided it is not caught in a fielder's cap, protector, pocket, or other part of his uniform, or hits some object other than a fielder, before being caught. (d) If he makes a foul strike. (e) If he attempts to hinder the catcher from fielding the ball, or if he fouls the ball intentionally, evidently without effort to make a fair hit. (f) If three strikes have been called. (g) As per Rule XV. (h) If the batsman is hit by the ball on the third strike he shall be declared out. ;NOTE-If the batter interferes with the catcher fielding his position, the base runner cannot advance

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on that play. RULE XXIII. BASE RUNNING. The batsman becomes a base runner: (a) Instantly after he makes a fair hit. (b) Instantly after three balls have been called by the umpire. (c) Instantly after the umpire declares an illegal delivery of the ball by the pitcher. NOTE-A base runner may advance on a foul tip that is caught as he would on a regular strike where the ball did not touch the bat.

SPALDING'S ATHLETIC LIBRARY. 27 RULE XXIV. REGULAR ORDER OF BASES.

Base runners must touch each base in regular order: first, second, third, and home plate.

RULE XXV. ENTITLED TO BASES. The base runner is entitled, without being put out, to take one base in the following cases: (a) If while he is batsman the umpire calls three balls. (b) If the umpire awards the succeeding batsman a base on three balls, or in case of an illegal delivery, and the base runner is thereby forced to vacate the base held by him. (c) If the umpire calls a "balk" or an "illegal pitch." (d) If a ball delivered by the pitcher passes the catcher, or is fumbled, only one base may be taken, provided the runner gains it. (e) If the pitcher does not give him time to return to his base. (f) If, upon a fair hit, the ball touches the person or clothing of the umpire on fair ground. (g) If he is prevented from reaching a base by the obstruction of an adversary. (h) If, while he is a batsman, the pitcher delivers an illegal ball. (i) On a fair or foul fly ball that is caught the base runner may advance, provided he does not leave his base until after the ball is caught. (This does not exempt the runner from being put out in his efforts to reach a base.) NOTE-Batsman is entitled to take legal base on an illegal pitch, but not on a "balk." RULE XXVI. WHEN TO START. (a) A base runner must not leave his base while the pitcher standing in his box is holding the ball. (b) A base runner must not leave his base on a pitched ball not hit until after the ball has reached, or passed, the catcher. He shall be called back for premature starting. (c) Base runners must be on bases when the pitcher is ready to deliver the ball to the bat. NOTE-Starting too soon does not exempt a runner from being put out on that particular play. The umpire must not make a decision in regard to a premature start until the base runner has reached the next base or is put out. RULE XXVII. RETURNING TO BASES. The base runner shall return to his base, and shall be entitled to so return without

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being put out: (a) If the umpire declares a foul hit which is not legally caught by the fielder. (b) If the umpire declares a foul strike, (c) If the umpire declares a dead ball. (d) If the person or clothing of the umpire is hit by a ball thrown by the catcher to intercept a base runner. (e) If he is called back by the umpire for starting too soon.

28 SPALDING'S ATHLETIC LIBRARY. RULE XXVIII. A BASE RUNNER IS OUT. (a) If, having made a fair hit, while batsman, such fair hit ball be held by a fielder before touching the ground. (b) If he intentionally or otherwise kicks or interferes with a fair ball he has just batted. (c) After three strikes have been called. (d) If, after a fair hit, he is touched with the ball in the hands of a fielder before such base runner touches the legal base. (e) If, after a fair hit, the ball be securely held by a fielder while touching the legal base with any part of his person, before such base runner touches the legal base. (f) If, in running from first to second base, or from second to third base, he runs more than three feet from a direct line between such bases to avoid being touched by a ball in the hands of a fielder; but in case a fielder be occupying a base runner's proper path attempting to field a batted ball, the base runner shall run out of the path and shall not be declared out for so doing. (() If he fails to avoid a fielder attempting to field a batted ball, or if he in any way obstructs a fielder attempting to field a batted ball, or intentionally interferes with a thrown ball. (h) If, at any time, while the ball is in play, he be touched by the ball in the hands of a fielder, unless some part of his person is touching a base he is entitled to occupy, provided the ball is held by the fielder after touching him. But in running to the first legal base, he may overrun said base without being put out for being off said base, after first touching it, provided he returns at once and retouches the base, after which he may be put out as at any other base. If in over-running the first legal base, he also attempts to run to second base, he shall forfeit such exemption from being put out. (i) If when a fair or foul fly is legally caught, such ball is legally held by a fielder on a base occupied by the base runner when such ball was struck, or the base runner be touched with the ball in the hands of a fielder, before he retouches said base after such fair or foul hit ball was so caught. (j) If a fair hit ball strikes him before touching a fielder, except when a runner is holding a base he is legally entitled

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to, and in such case no base shall be run unless forced by the batsman becoming a base runner, and no run shall be scored. (k) If he fails to touch the intervening base, or bases in legal order. He may be put out at the base he fails to touch by a fielder holding the ball on said base, in the same manner as running to the legal base. RULE XXIX. TURN EITHER WAY. In returning to first legal base, after overrunning, the base runner may turn either way. RULE XXX. COACHING. The coaches are restricted to coaching base runners only, and are not allowed to address any remarks to any players except base runners, and then only in words of necessary direction. Only members of team can act as coaches.

-SPALDING'S ATHLETIC LIBRARY. 29 RULE XXXI. PITCHER MUST WAIT. When a base runner is legally entitled to return to a base the pitcher shall wait a reasonable time for him to reach the base. Violation of this rule will entitle the base runner to another base. RULE XXXII. - UMPIRES. (a) The umpires are masters of the field from the beginning to the end of the game. (b) The umpires shall compel the players to observe the provisions of all the playing rules. (c) There shall be one or two umpires, who shall take suitable positions on the field for observing the plays which they are to judge. (d) The umpires shall be sole judges of the play, and discussion will only be allowed on correct interpretation of the rules. All such discussions are restricted to the two captains. (e) If two umpires, they shall change positions at the end of every full inning. (f) In case an umpire for some reason cannot decide a play, he shall refer to his colleague. The umpires shall ask the captain of the home team whether there are any special ground rules to be enforced, and if there are, they shall see that they are duly enforced, provided they do not conflict with any of these rules. (g) The umpires must keep the contesting teams playing constantly from the commencement of the game to its termination, allowing such delays only as are rendered unavoidable by accident or injury. The umpires shall, until the completion of the game, require the players of each side to take their positions in the field immediately after the third man is put out, and shall require the first batter of the opposite side to be in his position at the bat as soon as the fielders are in their places. RULE XXXIII. CALLING PLAY AND TIME. (a) The umpire shall call "play" promptly at the hour

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designated by the home club, and on the call of "play" the game shall begin immediately. When he calls "time" play shall be suspended until he *calls "play" again, and, during the interim, .no player shall be put out, base run, or run scored. The umpire shall suspend play only for an accident to himself or a player, but in case of accident to a fielder "time" shall not be called until the ball is returned to the pitcher and is held by him standing in his box. (b) "Time" must not be called for trivial causes. The practice of players suspending the game to discuss or contest a decision with either umpire is a. gross violation of the rules, and the umpire shall not allow it. (c) If a player wilfully disobeys the cautions of the umpire in .regard to violations of the rules, he may, at the discretion of the umpires, be ordered out of the game and his place filled by a substitute. RULE XXXIV. SCORING. In order to promote uniformity in scoring, the following suggestions and definitions are made for the benefit of the scorers: SECTION 1. The first item in the tabulated score, after the player's name and position, shall be the number of times he has been at the

30 SPALDING'S ATHLETIC LIBRARY. bat during the game. No time at bat shall be scored if the batsman be given legal base on called balls or on an illegal delivery of the ball by the pitcher. SEC.:2.: In the second column shall be set down the number-of hits made by each player. A hit shall be scored in the following cases: When the ball from the bat hits the ground within the foul lines and out of reach of the fielders. When a hit ball is partially or wholly stopped by a fielder in motion but such player cannot recover himself in time to handle the ball before the striker reaches first legal base. When a ball is hit with such force to a fielder that he cannot handle it in time to put out the batsman. When a base runner is retired by being hit by a batted ball, the batsman shall be credited with a hit. SEC. 3. In the third column shall be set down the number of runs made by each player during the game. SEC. 4. In the fourth column shall be set down the number of opponents put out by each player. When a batsman is called out for a foul strike, or when he fails to bat in the proper order, the put-out shall be scored to the catcher. In all cases of out for interference or running out of line, the put-out shall be credited to the player who would have made the play but for the action of the base runner or the batsman. SEC. 5. The

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number of times the player assists shall be set down in the fifth column. An assist shall be given to each player who handles the ball in assisting the put-out or other play of the kind. An assist should be given to the proper player who makes a play in time to put a runner out, even if the player who would complete the play fails through no fault of the player assisting. SEC. 6. An error shall be given in the sixth column for each mis-play which allows the batsman or base runner to make one or more bases, when perfect play would have insured his being put out, except that "wild pitches," "bases on balls" or illegally pitched balls, all of which comprise battery errors, shall not be included in this column. An error shall not be scored against a catcher for a wild throw to prevent-tolen base, unless the base runner advances an extra base because of the error. No error shall be scored against a fielder who attempts to complete a double play; unless the throw is so wild that an additional base is gained. - - - :':; ;... ;"' : ' , RULE XXXV. SUMMARY. SECTrIO 1. The score made in each inning of the game, ,SEC. 2. The number of two-base hits made by each player. SEC. 3. The number of three-base hits made by each player, SEC. 4. The number of home runs made by each player. SEC. 5. The number of hits made off each pitcher. SEC. 6. The number of times the pitcher strikes out the opposing batsmen. SEC. 7. The number of times the pitcher gives bases on balls. SEC. 8. The number of wild pitches charged to the pitcher. SEC. 9. The number of passed balls by each catcher. SEC. 10. The time of the game. SEC. 11. The names of the umpires.

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32 , ESPALDING'S ATHLETIC LIBRARY. (2) If a fair hit or foul fly is caught before touching ground, wall, or fixture. (3) If in running to first, he is hit by a fair or foul fly, before ball touches wall, floor, fielder or fixture. II. Referring to all base runners- (1) If touched by ball when off base, provided fielder holds ball after touching himi. (Exception: See E4.) (2) If he 'runs out of base line three feet, except in order to avoid fielder who is fielding ball. (3) If fair or foul hit, that has been caught, is held on base of runner, who left before

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such ball was caught; or if, in that case the runner is tagged out before returning to his base. (Exception: See following A8.) (4) If fair hit ball touches base runner before striking fielder, wall or fixture, except when he is on a base he is legally entitled to. (5) If fielder holds ball on a base not touched by the runner in going round. (6) If after starting too soon, he is put out in regular fashion. (7) For intentional interference with batted ball. (8) For intentional interference, or failure to avoid interfering with fielder fielding a batted ball. (9) For intentional interference with thrown ball. RULES OF BASE RUNNING. (Note-Base runner is to touch each base in regular order. However, when obliged to return, he may do so directly.) A. Base runner can advance (may be put out)- (1) On a fair hit. (2) After a fair or foul fly has been caught. (3) After a ball not hit has reached or passed the catcher (penalty: called back by umpire, if not put out). (4) On a foul tip caught. (5) On three strikes except according to following (C7 and C9). (6) If hit by ball he has just batted, rebounding from fielder, wall, floor or fixture. (7) One base on a passed ball, except on third strike or fourth ball, when he is entitled to all he can get. (8) The instant a foul tip ball bounds off catcher, provided such ball is caught by a fielder before striking floor, wall or fixture. B. Base runner can advance without being put out- (1) One base on an illegal pitch. (2) One base on a balk (not the batter). (3) One base if, while he was batter, three balls or an illegal pitch were called. (4) One base if forced to vacate by succeeding batsman being awarded a base. (5) One base if pitcher does not give runner reasonable time to return to own base. (6) One base if fair hit ball strikes person or clothing of umpire on fair ground. (7) One base if prevented from making a base by obstruction of adversary.

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Rules and Regulations Governing Playground "Kitten" Ball

88 SPALDING'S ATHLETIC LIBRARY. Implements The Bai shall be not more than two inches in diameter at its largest part. The length is limited to 2 feet 10 inches. No restrictions are placed on the material or weight. The Ball shall be the "Official Indoor League Ball." The weight is 6 ounces; it is 12 inches in circumference, made of such materials as to make it exceedingly fast, durable and also harmless. The Home Plate shall be of rubber, wood or other hard material, one foot square. The other bases shall be bags filled with sand, sawdust or other material which will make them solid. It is advisable to strap first, second and third bases to the ground. The Pitcher's Plate shall be of whitened rubber 6x12 inches and so placed as not to be above the level of the ground.

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SPALDING'S ATHLETIC LIBRARY. 41 RULE 11. ' The b'ase runner'shall not have a substitute run for him, except by-"onsetht of the captains of the contesting teams. A' balk is: ' RULE 12. . (a). Any motion on the part of the pitcher to deliver the ball 'tor'the batter without so doing. (b) Holding the ball by him so long as to delay the game unnecessarily. (c) Standing in position and making motion to deliver the ball without having it in his possession. All Balks:arecalled and decided by the umpire. Base-runners are entitled - to advance one base on a balk. ::: --- - RULE 13. A dead ball is a ball delivered by the pitcher to- the batter, which touches any part of the batter's clothing or person while in his position, providing the batter does not intentionally allow the ball to strike him, the ball not being struck at. A'dead ball shall"be called a ball. NOTE:-If the batter intentionally gets in the way of a legally pitched ball he shall be called out, and in case there is a runner on the bases he shall not be allowed to advance on that ball. RULE 14. Block Balls. A block

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ball is a batted or thrown ball that is stopped or handled by any person not engaged in the game. Base runners may advance one base and the ball is returned to the pitcher's plate, when it is again in play.' ' (a) If ;grounds are in such condition that the umpire finds it necessary to make ground rules, balls blocked on this account -shall be governed by such rules. '; The.umpire shall be notified of these rules preceding the game. : -' RULE 15. *f A fair hit.is a batted ball which strikes any place inside, or on the base or foul line, the point where it first hits deciding. .NOTEf-,A ball which strikes inside the base lines between-- home plate and third and home plate and first and then rolls out shall be decided a Foul Ball.

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SEC. 5. The number of times the player assists shall be set down in the fifth column. An assist shall be given to each player who handles the ball in assisting the put out or other play of the kind. An assist should be given the proper player who makes a play in time to put a runner out, even if the player who would complete the play, fails through no fault of the player assisting. SEC. 6. An error shall be given in the sixth column for each misplay, which allows the batsman or base runner to make one or more bases, when perfect play would have insured his being put out, except that "wild pitches," "bases on balls," or "illegal pitches" all of which comprise battery errors shall not be included in this column. An error shall not be scored against the catcher for a wild throw to prevent a stolen base, unless the base runner advances an extra base because of the error. No error shall be scored

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against the fielder who attempts to complete a double play, unless the throw is so wild that an additional base is gained. .)

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"Serve Us" Ball

SPALDING'S ATHLETIC LIBRARY. 49 "Serve Us" Ball Originated by GEORGE L. LISTMAN While war was being waged against a ruthless alliance of autocracy the game of "Serve Us" ball was evolved by George L. Listman, who was then a director of physical activities for the Y.M.C.A. in the Army and Navy forces that were encamped and stationed in the New England area. The game is played with a canvas-covered ball containing a rubber bladder. The ball, when the bladder is inflated, is 20 inches in diameter and weighs about 20 ounces. At the time the game was invented there was no ball available for the game which exactly met the requirements of Mr. Listman. By a process of elimination and experiment he devised the ball now known to athletes in world wide sections as the "Serve- Us" ball. It is a purely recreative competition which may be played by a small number of contestants -or by a large number. It is not a game which is complicated, nor does it require specialization, and that is a principal reason why it has been steadily successful. It is a capital stimulative of social spirit and atmosphere and it has proved that it absorbs the attention of the players. That, of course, arouses their interest. The rules provide for ten contestants on each side, but the game may be played with as few as two players on each side. Thus it becomes a sport which is excellently adapted to the .needs of business men when they come together for recrea- tion. The regulations of the game are not complex nor intricate. They are simple and easily understood. Reference was made especially to business men in order that the amusement feature, devoid of extreme physical and mental exertion, might be prominently brought forth. The game may be played and enjoyed by young men, boys, women and girls. It has all the elements of a restful exercise, in other words, an exercise which is diverting at the same time that it is wholesome and helpful to the body. It may be added that it is an amusement which is

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especially suitable for men who employ the larger muscles in heavy work in industries which call for severe and extreme physical effort. It will give elasticity to the flesh tissues and limber and render supple muscles that have become stiffened .and set by steady following of a certain daily programme. While

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Official "Serve Us" Ball Rules

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Constitution of the National Indoor Base Ball Association of the United States

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SPALDING'S ATHLETIC LIBRARY. 57 (2) Any member holding a position in this Association, either as an officer or a member of a committee, who shall be charged in writing)y three executive officers of this Association with malfeasance in ,ffice. or with conduct prejudicial to the interest of the Association, :nay be suspended by the President pending an investigation of the harge. (3) Any officer or member against whom charges have been pre- ferred, as above. shall be furnished with a copy of the charge, and shall be heard in his own defense before the Executive Committee. And if found guilty of the charges preferred, may be reprimanded, suspended for a specified time, removed from his position or expelled from the Association. ARTICLE V. ELECTIONS. Between the first

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day of March and the first day of April each year, any regularly organized Indoor Base Ball Club, a member of the Association, shall have the right to appoint a delegate to attend a meeting which shall be duly advertised for the purpose of electing twelve members to constitute the Executive Committee. Said committee shall elect a President, First and Second Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. ARTICLE VI. DUTIES OF OFFICERS. SECTION 1. (A) The President shall appoint all committees and perform such other duties as pertain to his office, or such as the Association or Executive Committee may assign him. (B) He shall sign all necessary documents and have the casting vote, in case of a tie, on all questions. (C) He shall be the sole interpreter of the playing rules during the season. SEC. 2. The Vice-Presidents, in the order of their priority, shall, in case of disability of the President, perform all the duties by him ordinarily to be performed, and in case of death, resignation or removal of the President, shall fill the office for the remainder of the term. SEC. 3. The Treasurer shall have charge of any and all funds of the Association. SEC. 4. The Secretary of the Association shall have custody and care of the seal of the Association and all official records and documents, shall receive and answer all correspondence, issue all official notices, and shall prepare and furnish such reports as may be called for by the Executive Committee. Any officer or director of the Association desiring to resign shall present his resignation to the Executive Committee in writing. ARTICLE VII. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to carry out the objects and purposes of the Association. (1) To admit to membership any Association or organization eligible under the Constitution. (2) To amend the By-Laws and Rules for the government of the Association, or the playing rules thereof.

5:8 SPALDING'S ATHLETIC LIBRARY. (3) To impose and enforce penalties for any violation of the Constitution, By-Laws or Playing Rules of this Association. (4) By a majority vote, to remove any suspension or remit any penalty pertaining to any person or organization. (5) By a two-thirds vote, to remove from office on seven days' written notice, any member of the Executive Committee, who, by neglect of duty or by conduct tending to impair his usefulness as a member of such committee, shall be deemed to

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have forfeited his position. (6) To fill vacancies in the Executive Committee occurring from any cause. ARTICLE VIII. NATIONAL ADVISORY BOARD. Each State shall have one or more advisory members, who shall constitute a National Advisory Board of Directors who shall have charge of the affairs of the Association in their respective territories, and shall promote and foster the game of Indoor Base Ball in their respective territories, and submit in writing an annual report to the Executive Committee covering the progress of the game, and advice and suggestions for the betterment of the organization or playing rules. Said members thus appointed shall be understood as voicing the opinion and sentiment of said State from which he was appointed, and such opinion or sentiment shall be given careful consideration by the Executive Committee in giving final decision bearing on the subject. Any protest that cannot be handled by a local league shall be referred to the Advisory member in charge of the territory, who shall appoint two disinterested parties to act with him as a committee, and shall, after due notice, try the case under such regulations as they may prescribe, and their findings shall be final and conclusive on all parties unless an interpretation of the rules be involved, in which case an appeal may be taken to the President of the Association and his ruling shall be final. ARTICLE IX. The Secretary, upon the written request of a member of the Executive Committee, or three members of the Association, shall submit any question to a vote of the Executive Committee. Within five days after the vote on the question he shall mail to each member of the Association the question and the result of the vote. ARTICLE X. AMENDMENTS. (1) The Constitution of this Association may be altered or amended by a three fourths vote of the Executive Committee, provided such alterations or amendments have been submitted in writing, together with the name of the member proposing it. (2) Any section of this Constitution may be suspended or its provisions made non-applicable by a unanimous vote of the Executive Committee

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