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SPALDING'S Official INDOOR BASE BALL GUIDE 1913

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he has been in the councils of the management whenever there have been times of strenuous endeavor to purge it from abuses and keep it clean for the people of America - young and old In this work Mr. Spalding, after explaining the causes that led him into the undertaking, begins with the inception of the sport; shows how it developed, by natural stages from a boy with a ball to eighteen men, ball, bats and bases; gives credit for the first scientific application of system to the playing of the game to Abner Doubleday, of Coopers- town, N. Y.; treats of the first Base Ball club; shows how rowdiness terrorized the sport in its early days; how gam- bling and drunkenness brought the pastime into disfavor with the masses, and how early organizations were unable to control the evils that insidiously crept in. He then draws a series of very forceful pictures of the struggle to eradicate gambling, drunkenness and kindred evils, and shows how the efforts of strong men accomplished the salvation of the great American game and placed it in the position it occu- pies to-day-the most popular outdoor pastime in the world. Interspersed throughout this interesting book are remin- iscences of Mr. Spalding's own personal observations and experiences in the game as player, manager and magnate, covering a period of many years. Some of these stories deal with events of great import to Base Ball, and others have to do with personal acts and characteristics of players prominent in the game in

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earlier days-old time favorites like Harry and George Wright, A. C. Anson, Mike Kelly, Billy Sunday and others. This book should be in the library of every father in the land, for it shows how his boy may be built up physically and morally through a high-class pastime. It should be in the hands of every lad in America, for it demonstrates the possibilities to American youth of rising to heights of eminent material success through a determined adherence to things that make for the upbuilding of character in organizations as well as of men. > Mailed postpaid on receipt of price by any Spalding store (see list on inside front cover), or by the publishers, AMERICAN SPORTS PUBLISHING COMPANY 21 Warren Street, New York

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INDOOR BASE BALL

INDOOR BASE BALL ORIGIN OF GAME The game of indoor base ball was invented in Chicago in 1887. Members of the Farragut Boat Club had assembled in the gymnasium hall on Thanksgiving day of that year and an old boxing glove was carelessly thrown around the room. One of the boys 'took up a broom and batted the glove back to the thrower, when George W. Hancock suddenly exclaimed, "Say, boys, let's play ball!" Thereupon the huge wrestling mat was hauled around to answer for a diamond and a lively game of "scrub" took place, the broom-handle having been broken off and used for the bat and the unwieldy boxing glove taking the place of a ball. It proved great fun and at its conclusion Mr. Hancock gathered the members around him and unfolded a plan which had occurred to him as the players were sliding around the hall. "I believe this affair can be worked into a regular game of base ball which can be played indoors, and if you all come down Saturday night I'll make up some rules and have a ball and bat which will suit the purpose of the sport and do no damage to the surroundings." And so, on the night announced, two teams were chosen, and Mr. Hancock read the rules he had made up to suit the surroundings and presented to the gaze of the assembled members the huge ball and small rubber-tipped bat which have since been identified with the game. The con-

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test was one of the funniest performances ever witnessed and members and visitors went away loud in their praises of "Indoor Base Ball," as the new sport was christened.

M. A. MEYER, JOHN CROCKETT, GUY B. DOANE, Member Executive Committee National Indoor Base Ball Association. Young's Fishermen Indoor Base Ball Team, Atlantic City, N. J.

SPALDING'S OFFICIAL INDOOR BASE BALL GUIDE. II From this beginning, the game has grown until it now reaches out into all parts of the country, and thousands upon thousands are entertained during the winter months either as active participants or as enthusiastic followers of the teams engaged in the sport.

President Indoor Base Ball League, Baltimore, Md. Chairman Southern Committee Advisory Board.

THE GAME'S PROGRESS

SPALDING'S OFFICIAL INDOOR BASE BALL GUIDE. 13 THE GAME'S PROGRESS BY GEORGE W. HANCOCK. Indoor base ball, as now so/ universally played through- out the United States and Canada, is practically governed by the same rules as those .which, obtained a the initial-' game in the club house of,;the;; Farraguts'" manyyears: ago. It has developed many players and a host':-,f inter: - ested followers, but in all .the seasons the change inrules have been slight. The principal difficulty t" :oercome; when the game started was" the puzzle of makin itihe run of the time 'required for the catcher '-to throw t a-base as compared with the timnidf : a runner between bases (27 feet apart showed that the steali'ng of second base depended . on the speed of the runner, provided he- started frQm first at the time rthe: catcher, received, t. There the ore th rule wast cade? that thl /ru tier ,musi not' start "'i-ntil, a pitched ball has reachedior' -assed t'ctah er,'a'nd so" well has this worked that the same close play is!' fund, at second base a:s, when a player tries to steal 'in. the i, ut- . door game under the old rule. ': . ' - : ::.! With this point successfully settled the other rules were more easily evolved, and with thebl per balancing

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of the relative sizes of the bat and ball to the requirements, the game may be said to have started on its successful career. :: Owing to the newness of the game and consequent inexperience of those who played the score at first often ran into large figures, the record of the initial contests being 41 to 40. As the play of the athletes improved, the

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SPALDING'S OFFICIAL INDOOR BASE BALL GUIDE. ~ 21 WHAT THE PRESS OF LOS ANGELES, CAL., SAYS ABOUT INDOOR BASE BALL Indoor base ball is attracting the attention of the local fans since its possibilities have been set forth by the newly organized teams and leagues of Southern California. The game, which has a large fandom of its own in the East, is gradually including the West in its sway, and Los Angeles sportdom is just beginning to look into its call for attention. The Armory Base Ball League, which has its home in the Seventh Regiment Armory, Eighth and Spring Streets, is the principal home of indoor base ball in the South. There are a number of stars enlisted in the ranks of the league, and new stars are developing at every game. "B" Company's team has been

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greatly strengthened lately by the signing of some very fast men, among whom is Sisson, formerly of the great Spalding team of Chicago, who is considered one of the best indoor pitchers in the West. Edward Selph, former foot ball star of Los Angeles High and U. S. C. Law School, who holds down the initial sack of "B" Company, is also a very fast player as well as a hard hitter. Riley, who receives Selph's hot ones, is also a very consistent and heady player, as well as one of the top-notchers of this organization in the batting line. At the same time "A" Company, which has won five straight games, is one of the hardest nuts to crack in the league, and already has greedy eyes on the handsome silver cup put up by A. G. Spalding & Bros. for the winner. Jerry Abbott, as pitcher for "A" Company, has shown that he is as good a twirler as a soldier. Holmes on first and Freytag

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SPALDING'S OFFICIAL INDOOR BASE BALL GUIDE. 23 on third are both very dangerous men with the bat, as well as excellent fielders, the latter having made some pretty stops and catches in some of the former games. Goldsborough, formerly of the Dyas-Cline team, is another good man, playing a fast game at right short. Simon Ingalls, Motts Blair, Umpstead and Kellogg are new men at the game who play very good ball, so the chances look as well for "A" as for "B," and the winner will have to play bail. This league is recognized as the official indoor league of Southern California, and the winning squad will be the champion of Southern California, according to R. L. Welch, president of the National Indoor Base Ball Association of America. On account of the excellent hall in which the teams have to play, to make the game faster and more exciting, the bases have been set out to a distance of thirty-five feet, pitching distance at twenty-seven feet, and the fourteen-inch ball, which is very hard and lively for an indoor ball, is used. This is only the first season of this league and is largely for the development of good men than anything else, and already, although the schedule is only about half played, there are

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more fast men in the running than anyone dared to expect. An example of this is shown by the defeat of Company "F" last Monday night at the hands of the signal corps. The corps started the season with only two men who claimed to know anything at all about the game, and as a matter of course played losing ball, but they played hard, lost like sports and learned by experience, until the other night they won their first game, defeating a team which, although low in the percentage column, is one of the most feared teams in the league. Some of the signal corps players who have now developed into reliable players are McMillan, Colby, Clark, Bathey, Bucknam, Schuly and Aiken. "F" Company, which has given some of the top notchers a hard run, always losing by a small margin, has a lot of old stars in their ranks, including Roy Strang, Salyer and Pierson, while Courturier, Sidener and Foster are comers. Company "C" also puts up a good game of ball, and has the distinction of losing the closest and hardest fought game ever

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INDOOR BASE BALL FOR WOMEN

INDOOR BASE BALL FOR WOMEN There are two reasons for the fact that indoor base ball has not been played as much by women as basket ball. The first reason is that basket ball is easily understood by spectators, which makes it popular, especially with those who do not know the general rules of athletic games. The majority of those who attend indoor games for women do not understand base ball. All players are more or less sensitive to environment, hence the difficulty of starting and maintaining an indoor base ball team

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in a ladies' college or Young Women's Christian Association when the game is little understood, and consequently not appreciated by spectators. However, the large city high schools seem quite well adapted to the development of indoor base ball for women. Many of the girls who attend these schools understand base ball because the boys have both outdoor and indoor teams. All that is required under such conditions is for the girls to show that they can play ball, and they will receive hearty sympathy and enthusiastic support. The second reason for the slow development of indoor base ball for women is found in the fact that the coaches and teams may be discouraged before the players become proficient in the game. There are natural ball players among women, but it takes much time and patience to develop the playing of most individuals and a longer time for teamwork. However, it seems to me this is no more difficult than the development of a foot ball team from a body of men who have never played a game. There is a general impression that women can not throw a ball, but experience shows they can acquire the short, quick throws of indoor base ball. It is admitted, of course, that they

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WILLIAMSPORT (PA.) Y.M.C.A. TEAM. Turner, Photo. Chatlmpions Senior League. IB-25

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INDOOR BASE BALL ON THE CANAL ZONE

42 SPALDING'S OFFICIAL INDOOR BASE BALL GUIDE. INDOOR BASE BALL ON THE CANAL ZONE BY JESS T. HOPKINS, President Canal Zone Physical Directors' Society. For a number of years Uncle Sam's canal diggers spent their evenings loafing in their bachelor quarters. During 1907 the Isthmian Canal Commissipn built four magnificent club houses, manned them with trained Y. M. C. A. secretaries and physical directors, and threw them open to the men who were engaged in digging the "Big Ditch" from the

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Atlantic to the Pacific. In the gymnasiums of these club houses all kinds of indoor games were played with more or less success. However, the great heat made basket ball rather a strenuous game, and consequently enthusiasm waxed keenest over indoor base ball. The floors were rather small and therefore but seven men were used on a team. In the fall and winter of 1908 many match games were played between the different club houses. The game was new to the majority of the men and, while the teams were about evenly matched, the contests were not marked by either brilliant playing or low scores. The first Isthmian Y. M. C. A. Indoor Base Ball League was formed in December, 1909, with each of the four Y. M. C. A. club houses entering teams-Cristobal, Gorgona, Empire and Culebra. This league finished in March, 1910, with the Culebra Y.M.C.A. team a winner. The season was marked by superior playing compared with the season before. There were some ten and eleven-inning games, which were pitchers' battles, pure and simple. Tupper of Culebra and Wiser and King of Gorgona were prominent in these contests. Before the next season rolled around the Commission opened two more Y. M. C. A. club houses-one in Gatun and one in

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IMPLEMENTS OF THE GAME

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bases lie near a wall, padded mnts should be stood up opposite, against which the players rinAi qtrike when turning or sliding.

1, Meader; 2, Kelley; 3, A. Lennon; 4, Rodgers; 5, Erb; 6, Ashford; 7, Gabriel; 8, Anderson; 9, Drake; 10, Garren; 11, Ramsey; 12, Leonard; 13, Pave; 14, Hartley, Harrington, Photo, LENNON TEAM, JOLIET, ILL, Champions Joliet Indoor Base Ball League.

CONSTITUTION

SPALDING'S OFFICIAL INDOOR BASE BALL GUIDE. 40 CONSTITUTION 9T ARTICLE I. . NAME AND .OBJETS.* This organization shall be knwn as the NATIONAL INDOOR 'BASE BALL ASSOCIATION OF 'THE UNITED STATES. The objects of the Association are: 1.. To perpetuate Indoor Base Ball as the national winter game of the United States and to'surround it with- such safeguards as to warrant for the future absolute public confidence in its integrity and methods. 2. To protect and promote the mutual interests of Indoor Base Ball clubs and players. ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP, Any Indoor Base Ball league or' club may become a member of this Association -on written application to the Secretary of the Association, signed by the President a,. Secretary, accompanied by documents showing that said club is regularly organized and officered. ARTICLE III. TERMINATION CF MEMBERSHIP. (1.) By resignation, duly accepted by two-third',vote of the Executive Committee. (2.) 'Playing 'any game of ball with a club that has been disqualified. (3.) Offering, agreeing, conspiring or attempting to lose any game of ball, or failing to immediately expel any player who shall be proven guilty of offering, agreeing, conspiring or attempting to lose any game of ball.

1, F. Fegen; 2, Hundrieser; 3, Classen; 4, H. Fegen; 5, Laus; 6, Krewer; 7, Burmeister; 8, Schenkl; 9, Kaufman; 10, Roeder; 11, Merz; 12, Ruetter, Mgr.; 13, Land; 14, Idstein. LE MONT TEAM, CHICAGO, ILL,

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SPALDING'S OFFICIAL INDOOR BASE BALL GUIDE. 53 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 nine members to constitute the Executive Committee. Said committee shall elect a President-Secretary, First and Second Vice-President, and Treasurer, whose term of office shall be for one year. ARTICLE VI. DUTIES OF OFFICERS. SECTION I. (A) The President shall be the Secretary of the Association, 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. (D) He shall, as Secretary of the Association, 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. 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. Any officer or director of the Association desiring to resign shall present his resignation to the Executive Committee in writing.

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SPALDING'S OFFICIAL INDOOR BASE BALL GUIDE. 57 sideration by the Executive Committee in giving final decision bearing on the subject. Any protest that cannot be

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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 finding 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. (1.1)- The Constitution of this Association may be altered or amended by a three-fourths vote of the Executive Committee, providing 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. ,

1, W. F. Smith, Pres. and Mgr.; 2, Pickett; 3, W. Berg; 4, Little; 5, Rooney, Capt.; 6, Spaniol; 7, Mungavin; 8, McDougall; 9, Halverson; 10, O. Berg; 11, Swan, Sec. and Coach. Greenfield, Photo. GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY ATHLETIC CLUB TEAM, SUPERIOR, WIS.

ORGANIZATION OF LEAGUES

ORGANIZATION OF LEAGUES ;f The first step to be taken is to get the proper parties interested. Call a general meeting, elect temporary officers, appoint a committee to draw up a Constitution, and also a press committee that will write up the affair and secure plenty of advertising. At the next meeting select the most desirable teams that apply for membership, aiming to get quality rather than quantity. Then adopt your Constitution, elect officers, etc. A good idea would be to register with the Secretary all the players of the various teams composing the league, and have the directors pass upon their eligibility. Be careful not to admit any one addicted to rowdy ball playing, as nothing will so quickly

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gain for a team a bad reputation or is more detrimental to the sport at large. As the game is an amateur sport, the practice of paying players for their services should be frowned upon, as the receipts do not warrant salaried ball players, and only a wealthy club could afford to support such a team, and they would soon become tired of the continual drain on their treasury. In a league where such practice would be allowed one or two of the wealthy clubs would gather together all the best talent in the town, and their teams would so far outclass the other teams of the league that the result would be to deaden the interest of both the public and the teams themselves. Another point to which careful attention should be given is the selection of officials. See that competent and impartial umpires and scorers are secured, and that the scores

SPALDING'S OFFICIAL INDOOR BASE BALL GUIDE. 61 are turned over to the Secretary after each game, so that the average of the players can be kept, as they are very interesting to both the public and the players. See that the umpire gets the respect due him, back him up in his official acts, and do not countenance continual kicking by the players. .Last, but not least, see that the press committee keep the press supplied with information concerning the affairs of the league and secure advertising wherever possible. The following is practically a copy of the Constitution of the Chicago Indoor Base Ball League, and has worked smoothly for the past ten or twelve years.

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CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS ARTICLE I NAME. This organization shall be known as the INDOOR BASE BALL LEAGUE. ARTICLE II. OBJECTS, To promote the game of indoor base ball among the clubs of ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP. The membership of this league shall consist of clubs from the recognized clubs of ARTICLE IV. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP. The membership of any club may be terminated- (1) By resignation, duly excepted by a three-fourths vote of all the clubs in meeting duly convened. (2) Allowing

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open betting or pool selling at a games or in room in which game is played. (3) Playing any game of ball with a club that has been dis-qualified. (4) Allowing any player to play on team that has been expelled by the League or any club thereof. (5) Offering, agreeing, conspiring, or attempting to lose any game of ball or of being interested in any pool or wage? thereon. (6) Failing or refusing to comply with any lawful require-ments of the Board of Directors. (7) Wilfully violating any provision of the Constitution or th e lgis;la'smn or playing rules in pursuance thereo*,

1, PemoroKe; 2, nenierson; 3, Morton; 4, Austin; 5, Baker; 6, Tauscher, Mgr.; 7, lchale, Capt.; S, Robinson; 9, Magee; 10, Bauer; 11, Tauscher. HONEYMAN HARDWARE COMPANY TEAM, PORTLAND, ORE. Portland Indoor Base Ball League. McAlpin, Photo.

SPALDING S OFFICIAL INDOOR BASE BALL GUIDE. 65 ARTICLE V. EXPULSION OF CLUBS. Any club is liable to expulsion that fails to live up to the Constitution; the facts in any case must be reported at once to the Secretary, who shall at once notify the party charged with the offense, inquiring whether any dispute exists as to the facts alleged. In case the facts are disputed, the Board of Directors shall, after due notice, try the case under such regulation as they prescribe, and their finding shall be final and conclusive. ARTICLE VI. Each club shall file with the secretary on or before the day of registration of each player, accompanied by the necessary fee, and shall deposit with the secretary' cash, same to be forfeited on expulsion or with- drawal of club. A special assessment may be levied by the Board of Directors to cover any deficit that may exist. ARTICLE VII. IMPOSING OF FINES. Upon conviction of any violation of the Constitution or By-Laws, the Board of Directors may, in the first instance, as a preliminary to or in lieu of expulsion, impose such a fine as is in their judgment commensurate with the injury, which fine may include a penalty payable to any other club or clubs, as an equivalent for damage sustained, or payable to the League, to be disposed of as the Board of Directors see fit. The Arbitration Committee shall have the power to impose such fine on any club or player reported for violation of the Constitution or playing rules, as in their judgment the case

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warrants. ARTICLE VIII. OFFICERS. Each club of the League shall be entitled to two (2) dele. ates to the League which

66 SPALDING'S OFFICIAL INDOOR BASE BALL GUIDE. shall constitute the governing body of said League, from which shall be elected a President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treas- drer, and six (6) directors, which shall constitute the Board of Directors; no two (2) shall be elected from any one club, Amended that President be non-representative of any club rep- resented in the League. ARTICLE IX. DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT. The President shall preside at all meetings of the League and Board of Directors; appoint all committees, and perform such other duties as pertain to "is office or may be assigned him by Board of Directors. He shall, with the Secretary, sign all necessary documents. He shall have the casting vote, in case of a tie, on all questions at both League and Board meetings. In absence of the President at any meeting of the League, the Vice-President shall exercise the power and duties of the President at such meetings. ARTICLE X. SECRETARY. The Secretary shall be treasurer of the League, and as such shall be custodian of all funds of the League, and shall render monthly a report of his account. He shall have the custody and care of all official records and documents; shall keep a true record of all meetings of the League and Board of Direc- tors; shall issue all official notices and attend to the necessary correspondence. He shall be entitled to such books, stationary, and material as the actual duties of his office may require (and shall keep a complete record of all games played). ARTICLE XI. DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to carry out the objects and purposes of the League. They shall have the power to adopt such rules and regulations as they may deem

SPALDING S OFFICIAL INDOOR BASE BALL GUIDE. 67 necessary for the government of the League on matters not determined by the By-Laws or special action of the League, and may enforce a due observance of the same by such actions as in the opinion of the Board of Directors the welfare of the League may render necessary or advi:able. They shall have power to receive and act upon all resigna- tions of members, officers,

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and directors. Any officer or director of the League desiring to resign shall present his resignation to the Board in writing. ARTICLE XII. PROTESTS. All protests shall be settled by an Arbitration Committee (, five, to be appointed by the Board of Directors, and must not be connected with any team or club of this League. All protests must be in writing and in the hands of the Secretary within forty-eight (48) hours after the game. Protests must be accompanied by a fee of \$5.00. ARTICLE XIII. UMPIRES AND THEIR DUTIES. A staff of League umpires shall be selected by a chief of empires (chief of umpires to be selected by the delegates), who will have full charge of same and direct them when and where to officiate, and shall pay them their salaries. He shall furnish umpires with proper credentials to show that they are duly authorized to officiate. (1) It shall be the duty of the umpire to enforce the rules as they are written, regardless of his personal opinion as to their merit. (2) The umpire is sole and absolute judge of play. In no instance (under penalty of fine, to be imposed by Arbitration Committee), shall any person, except the captians of the competing teams, be allowed to address him or question his decision, and they can only question him on an interpretation of the rules. No manager or any other officer of either club shall be permitted to go on the field or address the umpire under a penalty of a forfeiture of a game. (3) Before the commencement of a game, the umpire of the game shall see that the rules governing a,1 bhe materials of the game %re strictly observed

68 SPALDING'S OFFICIAL INDOOR BASE BALL GUIDE. He shall ask the captain of the home club whether there are any special ground rules to be enforced, and if there are he shall see that they are duly enforced, provided they do not conflict with any of these rules. (4) Umpires shall call game at 8.30 P. M., sharp. (5) The umpires must keep the contesting nines playing constantly from the commencement of the game to its termination, allowing such delays only as are rendered unavoidable by accident or injury. He must, until the completion of the game, require the players of each side to promptly take their positions in the field as soon as the third man is put out, and must 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. The umpire may remove from the game any player guilty of vulgar, indecent or other

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improper conduct or language, and shall report same to the Arbitration Committee. (6) It is the duty of the umpire to stop any offensive "root- ing" or noise, and to positively prohibit all continuous "root- ing" under penalty of a forfeiture of the game by the side at fault.

ARTICLE XIV. COACHING. The coachers shall be restricted to coaching the base-run. ner only, and shall not be allowed to address any remarks except to the base-runner, and then only in words of necessary direction; and shall not use language which shall in any man- ner refer to or reflect upon a player of the opposing team, the umpire or the spectators; and not more than one coach will be allowed with one runner on base, and two coaches with two or three runners on bases. To enforce the above the captain of the opposite side may call the attention of the umpire to the offence, and upon a repetition of the same, the offending player shall be debarred from further participation in the game. ARTICLE XV. REMOVAL. Any League umpire shall be subject to removal by the Board of Directors, and in the event of the resignation or removal of any League umpire the chief of umpires shall have powei to appoint a suitable person to fill the vacancy thus created.

SPALDING S OFFICIAL INDOOR BASE BALL GUIDE. 69 ARTICLE XVI. CAUSE FOR EXPULSION. Any League umpire who shall, in the judgement of tia Board of Directors, be guilty of ungentlemanly conduct, or of selling or offering to sell a game of which he is umpire, shall thereupon be removed from his official capacity. ARTICLE XVII. MEETINGS. Meetings of the League and Board of Directors shall be held at the call of the chair at least once a month or upon written request of three (3) clubs, three (3) days' notice being necessary. ARTICLE XVIII. GAMES PLAYED. It shall be the duty of the manager or his assistant of the winning team, to notify the Secretary, within forty-eight (48) hours after game is played, the final result of said game, giving complete individual and total score. ARTICLE XIX. BALL. The Spalding Red-Seam ball shall be the official ball of the League and must be used in all League games of the League and be stamped with seal of League. ARTICLE XX. TIE GAMES. All the games shall be decided within three (3) weeks from date of tie. ARTICLE XXI. RULES. The Spalding Indoor Base Ball Rules shall govern

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all game) played in this League. ARTICLE XXII. WINNING OF PENNANT. The club having the largest percentage at the end of season shall be declared winner of pennant.

70 SPALDING'S OFFICIAL INDOOR BASE BALL GUIDE. ARTICLE XXIII. MEMBERS OF TEAM. Any person in good standing with the League may play on any team represented in the League. A player who plays a League game with a club in this League cannot play a League game with any other club in this League unless he gets a written release from the manager of club with which he has played. ARTICLE XXIV. REGISTRATION. The manager of each club shall be required to register the players of his team (regular and substitute) with the secretary. Each registration to be accompanied by a fee of twenty-five (25) cents. Players must be registered one week before they are eligible to play. Their personal signature to be attached to said registration blank. Managers shall have option on services of player so registered for the next season, and any player desiring his release shall appeal to the Arbitration Committee. ARTICLE XXV. RULES GOVERNING MEETING. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the meetings of the League. ARTICLE XXVI. MISCELLANEOUS. i. Roll call. 2. Reading of minutes of last meeting. 3. Report of committees. 4. Report of officers. 5. Reading of correspondence, 5. Election of new members. 7. Unfinished business. E. New business. 9. Adjournment.

SPALDING'S OFFICIAL INDOOR BASE BALL GUIDE)E 71 ARTICLE XXVII.

AMENDMENTS. The Constitution of the League may be altered or amended by a three-fourths vote of all the delegates present at any regular or special meeting of the League called for that purpose, provided such alterations or amendments have been submitted in writing and entered on the minutes, together with the name of the person proposing it, at a previous meeting of the League. Any sect'n of the Constitution may be suspended or its provisions made non-applicable by unanimous vote at a League meeting.

INDOOR BASE BALL IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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INDOOR BASE BALL IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BY ALBERT GILL WADDELL, Director of Athletics, Urban Military Academy, Los Angeles, Cal. In Spalding's "Official Indoor Base Ball Guide" for the season of 1911 there appeared on page 25 the following by Mr. George W. Hancock, inventor of the game: "Indoor base ball is a game of which Southern Californians, with their snowless and practically freezeless winters, know little, but in the East, from the Atlantic to the Mississippi, it is played during the frosty months in places of sufficient importance to possess halls of proper dimensions for the sport. "Imagine a large club house auditorium with a diamond laid off in the center of the floor space, with just enough field room reserved to allow the fielders to act, the balance of the hall being filled with eager partisans of the two struggling teams, who rise en masse to cheer every good play and decry every muff; the coaches on the side lines urging on the base runners, with perhaps the temperature at zero outside, and you have a typical indoor base ball scene as depicted in the East." It is true, Southern California knew little or nothing of the indoor game a year ago; but conditions have changed. With that characteristic adaptability of the West, players and fans alike have taken hold of indoor base ball and have placed Mr. Hancock's game in the front rank of sports, and have made the above words of the inventor of the game sound out of place and decidedly ancient. With the opening of the Los Angeles house of A. G. Spalding & Bros. came an abundance of enthusiasm, which took form in various amateur athletic organizations, among which the indoor

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INDOOR BASE BALL IN OREGON

INDOOR BASE BALL IN OREGON BY HARRY K. SMITH, PRESIDENT PORTLAND INDOOR BASE BALL LEAGUE. With the organization of the Portland Indoor Base Ball League, this popular indoor game took on a more lively and interesting phase. The league was formed in November, 1909, by enthusiastic promoters and players of the outdoor game, who had in seasons past kept in touch with the indoor game, which was

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being played in desultory fashion by a few unattached teams located in Portland and surrounding towns. The league was organized and operated along the lines of the outdoor organizations. Six teams, representing some prominent business houses of Portland, applied for admission. The schedule committee issued a thirty-game schedule and the race for the league championship was on, and, as the season progressed, the enthusiasm of both player and fan increased. The personnel of the teams included veterans and novices, amateurs and professionals. A few games and the players soon caught the swing of fast play, rapid-fire thinking and clever performance. The fans at the start were apathetic and skeptical, but soon "sat up and took notice," and the crowds increased. The lack of proper floor space in some of the gymnasiums and a like limited seating capacity created some dissatisfaction, but, overcoming all obstacles, the league was a grand success, and marked a new epoch in indoor base ball on the Coast. The race for the pennant was a three-cornered fight between the first division teams, the race being only settled in the last series of games. The second division teams were left far behind. Some exceedingly clever players were developed and many of the veterans reclaimed their laurels of former days. The league

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CLASSIFIED RULES FOR INDOOR BASE BALL

CLASSIFIED RULES FOR INDOOR BASE BALL f . BY MARIE ORTMAYER, Instructor Women's Gymnasium, University of Chicago. DEFINITIONS. Base Line.-Direct line between home and first, first and second, second and third, and third and home. Good Ball.-One legally delivered by pitcher, over the plate, and between the knees and shoulders of the batter. Bad Ball.-Not over plate, between knees and shoulders of batter. Fair Ball.-Batted ball striking within diamond or on foul line. Foul Ball.-Batted ball striking outside foul line. Foul Tip.-Foul ball hit by batter not higher than his head. Illegal Ball.-Sent to batter by pitcher not entirely in box, or by pitcher not heeling line with both feet prior to delivery, or if pitcher takes more than one step in delivery. Dead Ball.-Pitched ball striking

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batter. Balk.-Motion by pitcher to deliver, or holding to delay. Block Ball.-Batted or thrown ball stopped or held by outsider. Foul Strike.-Fair hit ball batted when any part of batsman is upon ground outside his box. Not in Play.-After a foul strike, foul hit ball not caught, dead ball or base runner struck by a fair hit ball, the ball is not in play until held by the pitcher in his box. Shall be called for- STRIKES. (1) Ball struck at and not hit. (2) Good ball legally delivered, not struck at. (3) Foul tip caught. (4) Batter intentionally interfering with legally delivered good ball.

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80 SPALDING'S OFFICIAL INDOOR BASE BALL GUIDE. D. Base runner must return to base and can do so without being put out- (1) On foul hit not caught. (2) On foul strike. (3) If called back for starting too soon. (4) On batter's interference with catcher's fielding. (5) If batsman in going to first is hit by foul or fair fly. E. Referring to Runs and Scoring- (1) One run is to be scored every time a base runner, after having legally touched the first three bases, shall touch home before three men are put out. (2) No run counted, coming in on a third man "forced cut," or put out at first. (3) Runner is safe if touching bag or spot where bag should be. Likewise with home plate. (4) Runner may overrun first base, but must turn away from second in so doing. Can return either way. (5) If he slides with bag and stops, must return with bag, as in overrunning first, before going on. (6) Unless forced, no run to be scored if a man on base is hit by a batted ball. GENERAL RULES (1) The umpire shall not make a decision in regard to a premature start until base runner has: reached the next base or is put out. (2) Coaches restricted to coaching base runners only. No coacher allowed when bases are unoccupied; only one when one base and never more than two when more bases are occupied. (3) Coaches must remain four feet from base lines between home and first and home and third and from first and third bases.

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HANCOCK'S INDOOR BASE BALL RULES

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84 SPALDINGS OFFICIAL INDOOR BASE BALL GUIDE. RULE II. THE FOUL LINE. The foul lines must be drawn in straight lines from the outer corner of the home base, along the outer edge of the first and third bases to the boundaries of the ground, so that the bases shall come within the diamond. RULE III. THE BALL. The ball must be not less than 1634 nor more than 174 inches in circumference, made of a yielding substance, not less than 8 nor more than 834 ounces in weight, and covered with a white skin; should it become ripped or torn during a game, a new one must be substituted. The Spalding Red Seam Ball was adopted as the official ball of this Association, and must be stamped with the seal of the Association. When playing the armory game (that is, on the large diamond with 35-foot base lines) the Spalding No. IX. ball, fourteen (14) inches in circumference, shall be the official ball. RULE IV. THE BAT. The bat must be 23/4 feet long and not larger than i34 inches in diameter in the largest part, and may have a rubber tip on the handle to prevent slipping. It must be made otherwise of wood, except that a metal rod may be passed through the center to give desired weight, but under no circumstances is lead to be used in loading. The handle may be wound with string or tape. RULE V. THE PLAYERS. Seven to nine players must constitute a side. The players' positions shall be such as shall be assigned them by their captain (on fair ground), except that the pitcher must take his position within the pitcher's lines. When in position on the field, aP players will be designated as "fielders" in these rules.

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90 SPALDING S OFFICIAL INDOOR BASE BALL GUIDE. RULE XXV. ENTITLED TO BASES. The base runner shall be entitled, without being put out, to take one base in the following cases: (a) If, while he was batsman, the umpire called four balls. (b) If the umpire awards a succeeding batsman a base on four 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 "illegal pitch." (d) If a ball delivered by the pitcher pass the catcher or is fumbled,

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only one base may be taken, provided the runner makes it, unless it is a third strike or fourth ball, when the runner is entitled to all he can get. (e) If the pitcher does not give him time to return to his base. (f) If, upon a fair hit, the ball strikes the person or clothing of the umpire on fair grounds. (g) If he be prevented from making a base by the obstruction of an adversary, unless such adversary has the ball in his possession. (h) If, when he was batsman, the pitcher delivered an "illegal ball." (i) On a fair or foul fly ball caught the base runner can advance, providing he does not leave his base until after the ball is caught. (This does not exempt the runner from being put out.) NOTE.-Batsman is entitled to first base on an illegal pitch, but not on a balk. (j) If the person or clothing of the umpire is struck by a ball thrown by the catcher to intercept a base runner. RULE XXVI. WHEN TO START. (a) A base runner must not leave his base when the pitcher holds the ball standing in his box (except to moisten the soles of his shoes by permission of the umpire). (b) A base runner must not leave his base on a pitched ball not struck, until after it has reached or passed the catcher, on' penalty of being called back. (c) A base runner must be on his base when the pitcher is ready to deliver the ball to the batsman.

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SPALDING'S OFFICIAL INDOOR BASE BALL GUIDE. 93 RULE XXIX. TURN EITHER WAY. In returning to first base, after overrunning, the baseman may turn either way. RULE XXX. SAFELY ON A BASE. \5 ~ A 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

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unoccu- ' pied, and only one coacher when one base is occupied, and no more than two coachers when two or more bases are occupied. (c) A line shall be drawn four feet from first and third base towards the home base and four feet out from the base line which shall be known as the coachers' box. The ccachers must stand back of this line, and will not be allowed to take a po- sition anywhere other than the coachers' box, as defined above. RULE XXXII. SUITABLE SHOES. Only shoes with rubber soles or other soft material shall be used, and in all league games teams must be fully uniformed. RULE XXXIII. PITCHER MUST WAIT. When a base-runner is legally entitled to return to a base, the pitcher must wait a reasonable time for him to reach the base, on penalty of giving the base-runner another base for violation.

94 SPALDING'S OFFICIAL INDOOR BASE BALL GUIDE. RULE XXXIV. UMPIRES. (a) The umpires are masters of the field from the commence- ment to the termination of the game, and are entitled to. the respect of the spectators, and any person offering any insult or injury to either of them must be promptly ejected from the room by those in charge. (b) The umpires must compel the players to observe the pro- visions of all the playing rules, and are hereby invested with authority to order any player to do or omit to do any act as they may deem necessary to give force and effect to any and all of such provisions. (c) There shall be two umpires, who shall take suitable posi- tions on the field for observing the plays which they are to judge. (d) No. 1 shall decide on and call all balls, strikes, blocks, dead balls, balks, illegal deliveries, fair and foul hits, ground hits, foul strikes, all questions arising at home plate, and shall call play or time, and shall take a position behind the catcher. (e) No. 2 shall judge all base plays excepting those at home plate and shall take a position about ten feet back of the base' line, midway between home and first or home and third bases, or where he can best view the play. (f) The umpires shall be sole judges of the play, and discus- sion will only be allowed on correct interpretation of the rules and not on any optional decision. All such discussions are restricted to the two captains. (g) The two umpires shall change positions at the end of every full inning. (h) In case an umpire for some reason cannot decide a play, he shall refer to his colleague. The umpire shall ask

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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. (i) The umpires must keep the contesting nines playing constantly from the commencement of the game to its termination, allowing such delays only as are rendered unavoidable by accident

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96 SPALDING S OFFICIAL INDOOR BASE BALL GUIDE. SEC. 2. In the second column shall be set down the number of hits made by each player. A hit should be scored in the following cases: When the ball from the bat strikes 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 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 ball is hit so slowly toward a fielder that he cannot handle it in time to put out the batsman. That in all cases where a base-runner is retired by being hit by a batted ball, the batsman should be credited with a hit. SEC. 3. In the third column should 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 batsman. 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 a put-out or other play of the kind. An assist should be given to the player who makes a play in time to put a runner out, even if the player who could complete the play fails through no fault of the player assisting. SEC. 6. An error should 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 pitched balls, balks or passed balls, all of which

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comprise battery errors, shall not be included in this column. An error shall not be scored against the catcher for a wild

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HOW TO TEACH GIRLS TO PLAY INDOOR BASE BALL

HOW TO TEACH GIRLS TO PLAY INDOOR BASE BALL. if BY Jos. CERMAK, Gymnastic Instructor, Wendell Phillips High School, Chicago, Ill. HE further we advance in teaching gymnastics the more we must recognize the importance of games in that branch of education called, "Physical Culture." Nay, we hear the voices of some of the most prominent physiologists and psychologists who claim that plays are the only ideal form of gymnastic exercises, whereby we can attain marvelous agility, strength, endurance, by which we cultivate self-control, self-reliance, those important faculties, which only enable us to be successful in our strenuous struggle for existence. Admitting all this, we naturally come to a question, what kind of games will bring us thdie satisfactory results ? Most decidedly those which the children like best-games which arouse pleasant feeling, which we play with joy, with enthusiasm-for such feeling alone is apt to stimulate the heart to a vigorous action and drive the blood and a new life through our whole system. And my long experience as a teacher of gymnastics convinced me that of all the games I have introduced, girls like indoor base ball the best. Fact is, that we shall find individual girls who do not like the game, but such girls are, as a rule, indifferent to any kind of game, to any kind of physical exercise. Everything is "too much like work" for them. But ninety per cent. of our girls, as soon as they learn the simple rudiments of base ball, play it with the same en- thusiasm at the end of school year as at the beginning. It is a game which is developing all our bodily powers, a game in which mind must be just as quick as our body, is void of all danger of injury or strain, is a purely American game, and those are the chief reasons for which I have introduced it in our girls' classes, and, allow me to add, with success. The main problem a teacher encounters in introducing base ball in

100 SPALDING'S OFFICIAL INDOOR BASE BALL GUIDE. But that is not all. Pitching and playing for both sides is all right as far as it goes, but the more the girls know about the game. the more anxious they are to play it as it should be played, and, of course, with their own pitcher. And " there is a rub." You cannot have a good lively game if you have not a good pitcher in the box. How to find a girl who can play this important position? How to select a catcher, short-stops, basemen, fielders? It takes a little time, but by close observation of players you can in a short time divide the class into two regular teams and "-line them up" ac- cording to the best abilities of different players. There are always short intermissions during the game and those afford a teacher an excellent opportunity to look for "talent." Standing in the pitcher's box, throw the ball to those who happen to be idle, and you by chance discover a good catcher, good baseman, or a good fielder. Ask the girls to send the ball back to you as fast as they can ,(under- hand," or ,overhand," and you easily discover the "coming pitcher." And before the school year is over you have a class divided in two teams, lined up and ready to play a lively game of base-ball whenever called upon. At the Medill High School almost every class of girls from the second year up is divided in two teams-sometimes, of course, with more fielders than is necessary-but the main object (after a regular lesson in gymnastics) to give them a good, interesting, lively game is obtained, and if they play only three innings, they get enough exer- cise out of it, while some classes become such experts in the game that very often they play five and even seven innings in 15 to 20 minutes. There are, however, some objectionable features in the game which must be eliminated if we wish to introduce it in the girls' classes. All kinds of "sliding," "blocking," "tripping," and all such "smart tricks" must be left out. Playing " such a ball" might perhaps help to win a game, but such game will no; make our girls more refined, more gentle. As the girls in our high schools and colleges take more and more interest in indoor base ball, it would be well to modify the rules by proper authorities, as was done in the basket-ball. But care should be taken so as not to sacrifice all the interesting and scientific features of the game to the desire of " modification."

WHAT AN INDOOR BASE BALL CLUB NEEDS

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