

**2021 BY-LAWS**

(PARTICIPATION, ELIGIBILITY AND PLAYING RULES OF LOCAL LEAGUE)

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**ARTICLE I NAME AND DEFINITIONS**

**Section 1** Folsom American Little League (Local League) is governed by the Operating Manual and the Official Regulations and Playing Rules of Little League International, and the Local League Constitution. The Local League accepts the definitions contained in those documents, unless they are further clarified, for the purpose of Local League operation, in this document.

**Section 2** The President, or his/her delegate, shall present qualified manager and coaching candidates for approval to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors must approve all candidates based on the rules of the approval stated in the FALL By-laws.

**ARTICLE II LOCAL LEAGUE DIVISIONS**

The Local League aligns its Local League Divisions as defined by Little League International except as explained below.

**Section 1:**

**T-Ball Division:**

T-Ball is the introductory level for players who are league age five (5) and league age six (6) that have no prior playing experience in programs operated by any Local League.

**Farm Division:**

Farm Division teams shall be comprised of players league age seven (7); and those league age six (6) players who have not less than one (1) prior season playing experience in programs operated by any Local League. (If prior experience occurred in a local league other than this Local League, the player's parents must provide proof of said experience. The Player Agent (of this division) must verify that this playing experience has occurred before granting league age six (6) players' eligibility in the Farm Division.

**Single A Division:**

Single A Division teams shall consist of all league age eight (8) players and league age nine (9) players not drafted to AA; and those league age seven (7) players who have not less than one (1) prior seasons playing experience in programs operated by any Local League. If prior experience occurred in a Local League other than this Local League, the player's parents must provide proof of said experience. The Player Agent (of this division) must verify that this playing experience has occurred before granting league age seven (7) year old players eligibility in the Single A Division.

All league age 9 players must play single A or higher.

**AA Division:**

AA Division teams shall consist of players' league age ten (10), league age nine (9), and league age eight (8) who participated in age-pure tryouts.

All league age ten (10) players must play AA or higher.

**AAA Division:**

AAA Division teams shall consist of players' league age eleven (11), league age ten (10), league age nine (9) who participated in age-pure tryouts.

All league age 11 players must play AAA or higher.

**Majors Division:**

Majors Division teams shall consist of players league age twelve (12), league age eleven (11), and league age ten (10) who participated in age-pure tryouts OR who were retained by a Majors Division team as a property player.

All league age 12 players must play in Majors Division or higher.

**50-70 Intermediate Division:**

-The 50-70 Intermediate Division teams may consist of players who are league thirteen (13) year old's only, who participated in age-pure tryouts.

All league age 13 players must play in the 50-70 Intermediate Division or higher.

**Junior Division:**

The Junior Division teams shall consist of players who are league age thirteen (13) and league age fourteen (14) who participated in age-pure tryouts OR who were retained by a Juniors Division team as a property player.

All league age fourteen (14) players must play in the Junior Division or higher.

**Senior Division:**

The Senior Division teams shall consist of players who are league age 14-16. This season may begin after the High School season.

### **ARTICLE III REGISTRATION, MEMBERSHIP FEES, REFUNDS**

Section 1 The board shall annually establish and adopt a fee schedule and registration policy for all programs operated by Local League consistent with the provisions of this Article and the Constitution.

Section 2 Registration. The board shall establish the registration period for all programs of the Local League. The league shall publish late penalty fees.

The Local League shall open registration for all programs of the Local League, not less than forty five (45) days prior to the date the draft, auction or player selection process shall be scheduled to commence for said program.

The Local League shall establish the closing date of registration for each program of the Local League, no earlier than after completion of fifty percent (50%) of the scheduled tryouts and not less than seven (7) days prior to the date that the draft, auction or player selection process shall be scheduled to commence for said program.

The Local League may establish intermediary time intervals within the registration period established for any of the Local League's programs for the application of a fee schedule that may include discounts and/or late fees, as may be established by the board.

Registration may be made by any means and/or method or combination of means or methods established by the Local League to effectuate Player registration. Registration means and methods of the Local League may include but are neither limited to nor obligated to include the following examples: electronic registration over the internet ("on-line registration"); electronic mail ("e-mail"); facsimile to a designated telephone number; in person; and/or by U. S. Mail or other third-party courier and delivery service.

The Local League may accept applications to register for the Local League's programs after the closing date of registration for any program of the Local League and the Vice President of Divisions shall place such Applicants on a 'waiting list.' The Player agent(s) (Division specific) shall maintain the waiting list for his/her/their Division(s) of play in any program of the Local League and shall make Applicants placed on the waiting list available for selection as a Player in a Division for which Player is eligible based upon the Players league age as described herein at Article V, Section 4. With respect to the Majors Division, no player who fails to comply with the minimum "try-out" requirements can be placed on a team when such addition will cause such team to exceed the total of 12 players.

Refunds: As a general policy, the Local League does not provide refunds. Requests, for all types of refunds (including injury, moving out of the Local League boundaries, etc.), must be made in writing to the Vice President of Divisions by the parent and must provide reason for refund request. Each case will be considered by the Executive Committee and will be judged on a case-by-case basis. Refunds must be approved by a vote of the Executive Committee.

If a refund request is submitted prior to the date established for the player selection draft, auction or other player selection process established pursuant to the Local League's By-Laws, 100% of the registration fee (less a \$10.00 administrative fee) may be refunded upon a vote of the Executive Committee.

If a refund request is submitted after the completion of the player selection draft, auction or other player selection process established pursuant to the Local League's By-Laws, but prior to the date of the first scheduled practices for the league division relevant to the player, 50% of the registration fee (less a \$10 administrative fee) will be refunded upon a vote of the Executive Committee.

No registration fee requests will be considered or processed after the first scheduled practice dates for the league division relevant to where the player was drafted.

**Section 3** Scholarships: Any member, who cannot afford to pay the registration or participation fee(s) applicable to any program as set forth in this article, may make written application to the President for relief from said fees, in whole or in part, as a condition of participation in programs of the Local League. Such application shall be deemed a request for a "Scholarship." The President and board shall treat such applications confidentially.

Applications by members for scholarships must be submitted and approved by the Executive Committee prior to a player becoming eligible for assignment to a team in any division of play. When a scholarship is awarded, the player's family is required to complete ten (10) volunteer hours assisting the Local League on or before July 5<sup>th</sup> of that same season. Volunteer hours will be managed by the VP of Operations. The scholarship family will turn in a personal check for the registration amount (minus \$50) during registration. After the volunteer hours are worked, the check will be returned. Personal checks will be cashed if the hours are not worked by July 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Section 4** Any individual properly registering, after having paid all applicable fees and meeting the requirements to establish the player's age and legal residence as set forth in the Official Regulations and Playing Rules of Little League International and after having met all registration requirements of the Local League, shall be a player.

Eligibility to participate:

**Senior, Junior, 50-70, and Major Divisions and Minor AAA and Minor AA Sub-Divisions:**

No person shall be eligible to be placed on the list of eligible players for selection to a team in the Senior, Junior, 50-70, or Major Divisions, or the Minor AAA and Minor AA sub-Divisions, until such person shall have submitted the following to the satisfaction of the Vice President of Operations:

- Proof of residency documentation;
- Proof of age documentation; and
- Payment of program registration fees
- Participation of at least 50% or 1 tryout

### **T-Ball, Farm and Single A Divisions**

The Vice President of Operations shall establish the date upon which any person applying to participate in the T-Ball, Farm and Single A Division programs shall have submitted the following to his/her satisfaction:

- Proof of residency documentation
- Proof of age documentation
- Payment of program registration fees

## **ARTICLE IV MANAGER, COACH AND UMPIRE SELECTION**

### **Section 1 Managers' and Coaches**

The President, or his/her delegate shall present all qualified Manager and Coach Candidates for approval to the Board of Directors. All Managers and Coaches presented shall be approved by a Board of Directors vote. Managers shall be responsible for the selection of their teams and for the actions of the players and coaches on that team. Manager and Coach Appointments conclude at the end of the season in which they were approved.

All Managers and Coaches shall submit an application designated by the President and undergo a background check in accordance with the Operating Manual and the Official Regulations and Playing Rules of Little League International. The Vice President of Divisions will provide all Managers with a list of Coaches that have completed the application and background check.

The President or his/her appointees may, at his/her discretion, interview Manager Candidates, and may be assisted in the interviews by one or more of the following: the Vice President Divisions, applicable Player agent(s), Head of Umpires, Director of Development and the applicable Division Representative(s). Upon review of the applications and completion of interviews (if conducted), the President shall submit a list of appointed Managers for each Division to the Board for approval. In the event a Board Member's spouse is a candidate for a Manager or Coach position, that Board Member will be allowed to cast vote for the candidate, but the Board Member will remove themselves from the deliberation process among the remaining board members.

Any Board member who is a Manager Candidate shall remove themselves from the selection approval process for themselves and any requested Coach(es).

Manager appointments should be made in the following order:

1. Senior, Junior and 50/70 Division Managers can be appointed as soon as those Divisions are formed
2. The Major Division Managers are appointed.

3. All other Division Managers are appointed.
4. Managers and coaches understand that they will be expected to help prepare the fields for pre-season and post-rain duties. The division representative will coordinate with managers for assistance.

One approved Managers and/ or Coach per team must attend or complete all mandatory training requirements, clinics and meetings, unless excused by the President, Vice President of Divisions and/or the Division Representative. A, AA, and AAA, Major, 50/70, Junior managers who fail to have one representative from their team attend the training, that manager will have to attend a make-up or they, at the discretion of the President, may have their practice schedule reduced or be ineligible to attend their teams first game.

Team Assignments for the Major Division will be made in the following sequence:

1. Managers will be assigned to the team that his/her son/daughter played on the previous season; followed by
2. All remaining team assignments will be assigned to an approved manager by random selection (i.e. pull names out of a hat)

All Divisions – Any manager or coach that plays an ineligible player in an official game is subject to a minimum 3-game suspension or termination of his manager and/or coaches responsibilities.

The manager is responsible for the actions of their parents, players and coaches. The manager is subject to the discipline action for the actions of their parents, players, and coaches. The manager is responsible to ensure that their parents do not bring and consume alcohol to a Little League function. See additional information in the Code of Conduct Section.

Manager will ensure that no electronic video equipment is allowed in the dugout or on the backstop area of any Little League fields. Game Changer is an approved device to be used for the home book.

## Section 2 Umpires

All Umpires shall submit an application and undergo a background check in accordance with the Official Regulations and Playing Rules of Little League International.

Umpire candidates shall be interviewed by the Chief Umpire and may also be required to be interviewed by the President and/or the Board prior to their appointment.

Umpires shall attend or complete all mandatory training requirements, training games, clinics and meetings unless excused by the Chief Umpire.

Umpires shall be responsible for their assignments, their actions on the field and to comply with the Operating Manual, the Official Regulations and Playing Rules of Little League International and all other Local League Policies and Procedures as determined by the Chief Umpire.

All Umpire's pay rates will be posted by the VP of Divisions and any variation from the posted rate can only be modified, in writing, by the President – no exceptions.

## ARTICLE V TRYOUTS

- Section 1 All registered player members, ages eight (8) to fourteen (14) are required to attend 50% or at least one (1) of the scheduled tryout sessions in order to be eligible for to be drafted to the highest level possible for them, as dictated by their skills and abilities.
- Section 2 Any registered player member, age eight (8) to fourteen (14) who fails to attend 50% or one (1) of the scheduled try-out sessions (as required above) will be waitlisted and placed to a team if an opening becomes available up until opening day of the league schedule. Players will be assigned from waitlist to complete team rosters or replace dropped or injured players. Players will be assigned based on earliest registration date in the highest age group allowed for that division. After opening day, if the player is not placed a refund will be issued to the wait listed players. In the event the player hasn't played in the AA division and is league age 8 or 9, that player can elect to not attend try-outs and will be placed in the Single A division.
- Section 3 Tryouts will be conducted by League Age.
- Section 4 The following Personnel are allowed to be on the field during try-out sessions:
- Local League Board Members who are actively participating in the work of conducting try-outs and any High School or other Volunteers who have been specifically recruited to assist with conducting try-outs.
- Managers plus (+) one (1) approved Coach. Single A and below Division Managers are not allowed on the field during try-outs.
- Section 5 The Local League reserves the right to use Independent Raters during try-outs to serve any purposes it deems necessary. The term "Independent Rater" as used herein shall mean those individuals appointed by the Player agent(s), who shall observe tryouts and rate Player skill and ability for purposes of assisting Managers in the Player selection process.

## ARTICLE VI DRAFT, PLAYER SELECTION, TRADES AND WAIT LISTS

- Section 1 The drafts for the Major Division, Minor AAA, Minor AA, and Single A Division shall be held after tryouts.
- If there is a sufficient number of Players registered in the Senior and/or Junior Divisions to field more than one team in any/all of these Divisions, teams shall be selected by a draft to be held after tryouts.
- If there are not a sufficient number of players registered in the Senior and/or Junior Divisions to field more than one team in any/all of these Divisions, try-outs and a draft shall not be held.
- T-Ball and Farm Division Player selections and team assignments shall be made at the discretion of the Player agent(s) (Division specific) and respective Division Representative(s).
- Prior to the commencement of the draft for any Division or Sub-Division of the Local League, the Vice President of Operations and the Player agent(s) (Division specific) shall prepare the list of Players eligible for selection in the respective Division or Sub-Division's draft. No draft shall commence prior to the completion of the list of Players eligible to be selected in the draft for

any Division or Sub-Division of the Local League by the Player agent(s) (Division specific).

The Player agent(s) (Division specific) shall determine the date, time and location of each Divisional and Sub-Divisional draft of the Local League.

## Section 2 **Eligibility - Major Division Only:**

The Major Division draft shall be conducted by utilizing one of the draft options described in the Little League Operating Manual and in a manner consistent with the requirements of the Official Regulations and Playing Rules of Little League International.

The Board establishes Option B of the Little League International Operating Manual as the player selection method, the following provisions apply to the selection and establishment of Major Division teams:

Major Division managers shall fill their rosters through the draft by choosing players in rotation.

The order of selection will be based on the final regular season standings from the previous year. For example, the team with the worse record will have the first (1) overall draft selection. The draft will be conducted using a serpentine order, with the first round being completed in the order as established in paragraph (2), and the next round in the reverse order of the first round. Order in subsequent rounds will alternate accordingly. Returning managers have first right of refusal to retain their prior season's Team Name. All other teams will select Team Names in reverse order of the draft position.

In the event of expansion or contraction, as defined by the President, of the Major Division the Executive Committee shall choose one of the four (4) expansion or contraction options, as described in the Little League International Operating Manual. One shall be utilized to effect expansion of the Major Division.

Players who are league age ten (10) and league age eleven (11) will not be eligible for selection in the Major Division draft if the Player fails to attend 50% of the scheduled try-out sessions. League age twelve (12) will be placed on waiting list and cannot be placed on a team when such addition will cause such team to exceed the total of twelve (12) players.

Players who are league age twelve (12) will only be ineligible for selection in the Major Division if a determination is made by District 54 that a safety risk exists.

Prior to the Major Division draft the Vice President of Operations and the applicable Player agent shall provide the names of all Players who are eligible for selection in the Major Division draft and the number of vacant roster positions available in the Major Division.

All returning players in the Major Division must register and be a Player (submit a completed Player application and pay the full amount of the applicable registration fee) before the draft begins. Any returning Player who has not completed the registration process and paid the full amount of the applicable registration fee prior to the start of the Major Division draft shall be considered released and ineligible for the draft. If a returning Player registers with the Local League after the start of the Major Division draft, they may be put on a waiting list in accordance with these By-Laws and the Official Regulations and Playing Rules of Little League

International.

**Section 3 Eligibility - All Other Divisions:**

The Senior, Junior, 50-70, Minor AAA, Minor AA and Single A Division teams shall draw for the order of Player selection in the draft. In the first round, the teams shall draft in order with the first team picking first and the last team selecting last. The teams shall select in serpentine order thereafter, with the last team selecting first in the second round and all subsequent even numbered rounds. The first team selects last in the second round and all subsequent even numbered rounds.

Property Players:

**Junior & Major Divisions:**

The Manager may protect their child only. Property Players, defined as a player that played on that same team in the previous spring season, must return to the same team from the previous year unless they voluntarily participate in Try-outs.

When a Property Player separates from the league that player loses their Property Rights. If such a player returns after missing at least one season that player will need to attend at least one try-out and will be placed in the draft pool.

**Protected Players:**

- Applies to AA through Juniors
- Single A will continue to be follow Article IV Section 3 – The manager may protect their child plus four (4) additional players
- Sibling rule still applies and the siblings will be slotted according to the player’s age. For example, AAA head coach(s) kid – league age 10 / Two assistant coaches’ kids are league age 10 and league age 9, but the league age 9 has a brother who is league age 10
  - Those kids would be slotted accordingly. Second round for 10yr old / third round for other 10yr old / and rounds 3 and 4 for the two-league age 9 players.
    - For this example, this coach would have 4 protected players due to one of his coaches having two boys that are brothers. But as you see those kids are slotted round 2-5 for those picks leaving that coach his 1<sup>st</sup> round pick only until he can pick again in the 6<sup>th</sup> round.
- Head Coaches’ son/daughter are automatically slotted as follows:

Majors:

- League Age 12 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Round
- League Age 11 – 4<sup>th</sup> Round
- League Age 10 – 5<sup>th</sup> Round

AAA:

- League Age 11 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Round
- League Age 10 – 4<sup>th</sup> Round
- League Age 9 – 5<sup>th</sup> Round

AA:

- League Age 10 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Round
  - League Age 9 – 4<sup>th</sup> Round
  - League Age 8 – 5<sup>th</sup> Round
- The assistant coaches' kids that are protected as follows:
    - Jr's**
      - Manager plus two assistant coaches
      - Protected player slotted by round
      - League age 14 – 1st round
      - League age 13- 2nd round
    - **AA**
      - Manager plus two assistant coaches
      - Protected player slotted by round
      - League age 10 – 1st round
      - League age 9 – 2nd round
      - League age 8 – 3rd round
    - **AAA**
      - Manager plus two assistant coaches
      - Protected player slotted by round
      - League age 11 – 1st round
      - League age 10 – 2nd round
      - League age 9 – 3rd round
    - **Majors**
      - Manager plus two assistant coaches
      - Protected player slotted by round
      - League age 12 – 1st round
      - League age 11 – 2nd round
      - League age 10 – 3rd round
    - **Major and Jr's Rule specific due to property player(s)**

-Any player that has played in the current division and opts to go into the draft may not be a protected player

-In order to prevent managers flipping assistant coaches year after year, once a player is protected and that player returns to his team no more protected player slots can be open until that player ages off the team or opts to go back into the draft.

-Except for a new manager and that manager's son/daughter to that team, if a manager has

protected two players from the previous year and that manager is not voted back to coach and if those protected players remain on that team, then there are no open slots for the new manager to protect players, unless those players re-enter the draft.

-A manager is not required to protect one or two assistant coaches kids, if a manager chooses to not protect assistant coaches kid(s), then the manager will draft with no pre-draft slots filled.

- If a coach declares an assistant coach before tryouts and that player is drafted into a higher division, that coach will be given another player protection option.
- The manager has to declare his assistant coach(es) (protected player(s)) prior to the first tryout, or that manager forfeits its rights to declare a protected player. Once those decision are made (prior to first tryout) there can be no changes. All assistant coaches will be provided badges in order to be in the dugout during a game. Those assistant coaches for which their son/daughter was a protected player, must be in the dugout for a majority of the games during the season, and if not, that manager may not be allowed to manage or coach in FALL the following year.

#### Section 4 **All Divisions:**

If a Player is drafted to a team, in any Division, he/she must play in that Division, except as determined by the Player agent(s) (Division specific), President and applicable Division Representative.

Roster size and allocation of Players within each division, with the exception of Majors, is based upon Players league age and is determined by the President, Vice President of Divisions, Vice President of Operations, applicable Player agent(s) and the applicable Division Representative. For Majors, the maximum numbers of players to start the season is twelve (12).

#### Section 5 The following shall be required to attend and participate in Player selection drafts, auctions and/or other Player selection processes:

The Player agent(s) (Division specific), who shall be responsible for the operation of the draft, auction or Player selection process;

The Division Representative (s) who shall be present to represent the Division for which the draft, auction or Player selection process is being conducted;

The Managers of the Division who shall represent each team for which the draft, auction or Player selection process is being conducted;

If a Manager cannot attend the draft, the Manager may designate a Coach to act as his/her representative at the draft;

For all divisions except the Majors division, each team may be represented in the draft, auction or Player selection process by no more than one persons who are approved Managers or Coaches.

For the Majors division, each team may only be represented in the draft, auction or Player selection process by the Manager.

Anyone wishing to attend the draft or selection process other than the above mentioned, will need to have Executive Committee approval prior to the day of the draft.

Section 6 Prior to the completion of tryouts, a parent may request in writing to the Vice President of Divisions, that their son/daughter not be drafted by a particular Manager and/or Coach.

The Local League will attempt to accommodate all such requests that the Vice President of Divisions and Player Agent (s) have determined to be valid. If the Local League is unable to accommodate such a request, or if the Vice President of Divisions and Player Agents(s) determines that the request is not valid, a player that is selected to play on a team that they have requested to not play on may request to be released from that team, in which case the player shall be placed onto the waiting list for that division. In event that the Vice President of Divisions and Player Agent are split on a decision of validity, the President will be the deciding vote.

Section 7 Trades: All Senior, Junior, Major, Minor AAA and Minor AA and Single A Division trades shall be completed immediately after the draft has been completed, and in any event, must be **completed and finalized before any of the Managers leave the draft room**. The following trade procedure must be complied with:

- All trades shall be made through and with the approval of the Division Representative, Division specific Player agent, Managers of both teams.
- All trades must be Player for Player only;
- There will be no trading of Property Players.
- Trades involving a Player for draft choices are not permitted.

Section 8 Waiting Lists: Players registering after tryouts will, by the Vice President of Divisions, be placed on the waiting list sequentially by the date and time that they registered with the Local League. When there are eligible Players on a waiting list the Vice President of Divisions shall notify the applicable Player agent and applicable Division Representative. When there is still room (post-draft or other team formation and not in conflict with league established roster size limitations) on the rosters of some or all teams in a division, the Division Representative shall notify the Team Managers, within his/her division that new players are available and the Team Managers may elect to accept players from said list, in the same order used in the draft for their Division, in the order that Players were placed on the waiting list. Once a team declines to add the waitlist player, the next team in the draft order will have the option to add the waitlist player. A team that declines to add the player cannot select an additional player on the list until all waitlist players are placed on a team. Selections must be processed through the Player agent with assistance of the Vice President Operations.

If an opening occurs on a team that was previously at capacity, the Manager shall notify the Division Representative regarding the vacancy. The Division Representative will notify the applicable Player agent. The applicable Player agent will request a copy of the current wait-list of players from the Vice President of Divisions. The applicable Player agent will then offer to place, the first Player on said waiting list, onto the team that has a vacancy on its roster. The Player will be provided with forty-eight (48) hours (from notification of the placement) to complete all registration requirements (payment of fees and submission of required

documentation). When the Player completes the registration requirements, the Division specific Player agent shall assign the Player to the team and officially authorize his/her participation in the Local League activities. If the Player does not complete the registration requirements, the Player agent may withdraw the placement offer and make a placement offer to the next Player on the waiting list. This process shall repeat itself until all roster openings have been filled.

In all Divisions except Majors, if, and only if, all teams in a division are at capacity, a Manager may choose to select a specific wait-listed player (only case where “in order of placement” may be by-passed) by agreeing to expand his/her roster to a size larger than was determined in the draft or team formation process (subject to maximum allowable roster size) for that Division. When a Manager indicates a willingness to accommodate a wait-listed player in this manner, all other Managers in the Division must be notified, in the same order determined by draft or team formation, and in said order may elect to take any wait-listed player. If this process continues and the Managers “in line” prior to the ‘initiating’ Manager have not selected the desired player, the ‘initiating’ Manager is clear to take the player.

## Section 9 – Siblings

- Single A Division & Below – Parents request for siblings to play on same team will be honored
- AA and AAA Divisions – Where there are two or more siblings in the draft, and the first sibling is drafted, that manager has an option to draft the other sibling within their next two draft picks. If Manager does not exercise such option, the other sibling is available to be drafted by any other Manager. Manager must declare their intention immediately following the selection of the initial sibling.
- Majors Division – Where there are two or more siblings in the draft, and the first sibling is drafted, that manager has an option to draft the other sibling with their next draft pick, as long as the additional sibling does not exceed the maximum number of age specific players per roster (i.e. exceeding 8 players that are league age 12). If Manager does not exercise such option, the other sibling is available to be drafted by any other Manager. Manager must declare their intention immediately following the selection of the initial sibling.
- Majors – If a draft eligible player has a sibling that is a member on an existing Major’s team (i.e. Property Player), that Manager has the option to draft the sibling within their first three draft selections. Such intentions to draft the sibling must be declared at the commencement of the draft process.

## ARTICLE VII PLAYER REPLACEMENT

Section 1 Replacement Player - Majors Division: Pursuant to the Official Regulations and Playing Rules of Little League International and as such modified within these By-laws, the Board may approve the addition of a replacement Player to a Major Division team roster when such a team loses a Player during the regular season due to:

- A Player moves to another city or state too distant to commute to practice and

play

- A Player is injured and will not be able to fully participate in practices or games until the completion of seventy-five percent (75%) of the regular season games have been completed. However, such player may remain on a team's roster as an injured reserve Player unless their retention would cause a team to have an illegal roster of more than fourteen (14) total players.
- A Player, for personal reasons, decides to terminate his/her association with the team; or,
- Any other justifiable reason that is reviewed and approved by the Board

If a Major Division player is injured and will not return before the completion of seventy-five percent (75%) of the regular season games, the Players team must follow the process to pick up a replacement player.

If the injured player provides documents showing he will be back by the completion of seventy-five percent (75%) of the regular season games, the team does not have to pick up a replacement player.

If after the completion of fifty percent (50%) of the regular season games a player is injured, the team is not required to pick up a player (due to the season being half over), unless the team will be left with less than nine (9) eligible players to finish the season.

The Player Agent(s) will work closely with the Manager, Parents and Dr. to monitor the return of the player

**The following replacement Player process must be followed:**

Two weeks after AAA teams are formed, the Player Agent will send all AAA league age ten and eleven-year old player a letter asking who would be interested in moving up to the Major Division if so asked during the season. The Player Agent will use that list with the Manager of a team that needs a replacement player to choose from.

If a player who is on the volunteer list then declines after being asked, he/she will forfeit his/her rights to be placed into the higher division for any team for the duration of the season.

Upon notice of circumstances amounting to the loss of a Player, or upon becoming reasonably aware of such circumstances, a Manager shall within three (3) days notify the applicable Player agent and Division Representative who shall advise the President. At this point, the Manager's only points of contact are the President, the applicable Player agent and/or the Division Representative. The Manager is NOT to discuss this process with anyone else.

If a lost Player will not be able to return to full participation with their team, the Board shall issue a letter releasing the Player from the team's roster and this Local League.

Otherwise, the lost Player will remain on their team's roster as an inactive/injured Player until they are able to return to a full playing status and have been cleared, if necessary, to play by a physician or accredited medical provider.

If the President, Player agent and Division Representative conclude that there is indeed a situation amounting to a Player loss warranting a replacement Player, the Player agent (with the assistance of the Vice President of Operations) is to identify those Players on the divisional waiting list if prior to start of league play, and if there is no waiting list, those other Players eligible for selection as a replacement Player and will identify said eligible Players by name, age and current team and will present said list to the affected Manager.

Managers will be allowed reasonable amount of time to make a roster decision in order to allow for time to obtain the appropriate medical or other documentation. However, if another team incurs a need for a replacement player, that second team can make a player selection in advance of the team waiting to make a player determination

Failure of a Manager to properly address the loss or potential loss of a Player as described herein, or violation by a Manager of any other of the provisions of the replacement Player process, shall be grounds for disciplinary action by the Board.

NOTE: No Minor AAA or AA team can lose (as a replacement Player) more than one (1) Player until all other Minor AAA or AA teams have also lost one (1) Player (as a replacement Player).

## Section 2 Replacement Player – Minor AAA Sub-division

A AAA manager will work with the Player Agent (s) to determine if they have a need to replace a player on their team. If replacement player is deemed warranted, the same process above will be used.

## Section 3 Replacement Player – Seniors, Juniors, Minor AA, Single A, Farm, or T-Ball Divisions Only:

Pursuant to the Official Regulations and Playing Rules of Little League International, if a Senior, Junior, Minor AA, Single A Division, Farm, or T-Ball Division team Manager loses any Player on the roster during the regular season, the Board may approve the transfer of a replacement Player from within the affected division, or from a waiting list of children who registered after teams were formed if prior to start of league play.

An effected manager shall make a request to their respective division's Player agent and Division Representative who shall review the request and approve or deny a replacement Player.

If the Player agent and the Division Representative approves an affected Manager's request for a replacement Player, the respective divisional Player agent shall have each of the remaining Managers within the division supply the names of five (5) prospective players from which may not be Manager's or Coach's sons or daughters. The divisional Player agent shall then provide to the effected Manager with the list of all prospective replacement Players. The effected Manager shall, within three (3) days make their selection for a replacement Player and ranks all of the remaining prospective replacement Players.

The divisional Player agent shall, within twenty-four (24) hours notify the selected replacement Player of their selection as a replacement Player.

If the selected replacement Player declines their selection the divisional Player agent shall

immediately notify the highest ranking remaining Player of their selection. This process shall continue until a replacement Player accepts their selection or the list is exhausted.

Should all of the prospective replacement Players decline their selection, the process ends and the affected team continues to play the remainder of the season with a reduced roster.

## **ARTICLE VIII SCHEDULING OF GAMES**

Section 1 Opening Day (first scheduled game of the season) shall be set at the discretion of the Board.

Section 4 For the Major Division, the Vice President of Divisions, Division Representative and Chief Umpire must reschedule, a make-up date and shall communicate same to the affected teams. If one or both teams fail to report to the field for the scheduled make-up game, one or both shall be subject to forfeiture. All forfeits count as losses.

These same accommodations may be made for Senior and Junior games where standings are necessary and warrant the make-up of games (NOTE: This is only the case when Local League standings are being used to determine post-season participation).

Above named Divisions shall be considered to have priority and will be provided a scheduling preference for any and all available fields when any attempt by the Local League is being made to reschedule any game(s) postponed due to any of the aforementioned causes.

For the Minor AAA Division, these same Officers are encouraged to also make reasonable attempts to make-up any games, postponed or cancelled, for the same reasons as listed above (where field availability permits). AAA or below are not required to reschedule postponed or cancelled games.

Home teams will be on the third base side dugout.

## **ARTICLE IX SPECIAL LEAGUE PLAYING RULES**

### **Section 1 T-Ball Division**

#### **Games:**

Games are three (3) innings or one hour and thirty minutes, whichever comes first.

All games will be played using the Local League provided leather flexi-ball.

Distance between bases is fifty (50) feet. Distance between home plate and pitcher's mound is forty (40) feet.

Prior to each game, Managers shall mark an arc approximately ten (10) feet from home plate and between the foul lines. A hit ball must travel beyond the arc or it will be called a foul ball. A ball picked up inside the arc is a foul ball, whether it is still moving or is has stopped.

Game scores are not kept during the game. No team standings or player statistics shall be maintained.

### **Offensive Play/Batting:**

The Offensive team shall provide a coach who will assist each batter at home plate. That same coach will ensure that all defensive players are ready before each batter attempts to hit a ball off of the tee or from a pitch. This coach also makes all calls regarding plays at home plate.

The Offensive team shall have a coach or approved volunteer in the dugout at all times when the players are present. No player is allowed to hold a bat while in the dugout unless they are moving onto the field of play or returning from the field of play.

The Offensive team shall supply first and third adult base coaches who will assist the runners on base and shall call all plays on the bases.

Players must hit off the tee until the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) Sunday in May of the season. After the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) Sunday in May of the season coaches may introduce coach pitch. It is strongly recommended that coaches start to practice coach pitch with their players for a few weeks before starting. (See Pitching below)

Teams shall bat their entire roster each inning regardless of the number of outs. The batting order shall not be changed during the game. If a Player arrives late to a game, but in time to bat in his/her original slot, then that Player will bat in the original slot shown on the line-up. If a Player arrives late and is unable to bat in his/her original lineup slot, that Player will be placed at the end of the batting lineup.

Any batter who throws the bat will be warned that if he/she throws the bat a second time in the game he/she will be called out. The batter shall be called out the first time the bat is thrown if it hits anyone.

Bunting is not allowed.

Leading off and stealing bases is not allowed.

Runners shall not advance to the next base on any passed or overthrown balls.

Sliding is not allowed.

When a player hits a ball into the field of play that player may only advance to 1<sup>st</sup> base if the ball does not travel past where the defensive infielders are playing. When a player hits a ball into the field of play and the ball travels into the outfield past where the defensive infielders were playing that batter may advance as far as second (2<sup>nd</sup>) base, but will do so at the risk of being thrown out at 2<sup>nd</sup> base.

The final batter in each half inning shall run from the batter's box around all bases (Home Run) once they put the ball into play and is not subject to being thrown out at any base. The defensive team may attempt a play, but the runner will not be out if they are successful.

### **Defensive Play:**

Up to three (3) adult defensive coaches are permissible on the field to assist defensive players.

There is no limit to the number of outs that may be recorded in an inning and the three (3) out per inning rule shall not apply in the T-ball division. If a player is called out on the base path, he/she does not remain on the base and must leave the field of play, returning to the bench/dugout area.

When playing defense, all team members are on the field. Infielders (Pitcher, 1<sup>st</sup> Base, 2<sup>nd</sup> Base, Short Stop, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Base) shall play normal positions. The remaining players will fill the outfield.

Each Player, in every game, must play at least one (1) defensive inning as an infielder. No exceptions.

Outfield positions must be played in the outfield. Outfield players shall not be permitted to crowd into the infield and shall not be permitted to run into the infield to field a ball that would normally be handled by an infielder.

The Pitcher must begin within five (5) feet of the pitching rubber.

No player shall be permitted to play the position of catcher. No exceptions.

### **Pitching:**

It is the decision of each Manager to coach pitch after the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) Sunday in May. If a Manager decides not to coach pitch during this time then that decision has no bearing on what the opposing team's Manager does. Coach pitching is highly recommended after the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) Sunday in May because it will get the players excited about how they will be playing in the Farm Division.

After the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) Sunday in May each batter may receive four (4) pitches from a coach pitcher. If the batter does not hit the ball into fair play after the batter receives the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) pitch (irrespective of pitch quality), then the player shall hit off the tee. If the batter fouls the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) pitch thrown by the coach, he/she will continue to receive pitches until the batter swings and misses at a pitch or puts the ball in fair play, whichever comes first.

The coach shall only pitch overhand, from a knee/bucket, and from a distance that will give the batter ample time to react to the ball. The coach is encouraged to pitch a strike to the player no matter how the player swings to teach proper swing to the player.

Coaches that violate the four (4) pitch rule are subject to disciplinary action including suspension.

The rule ensures that the defensive team can maintain focus long enough to adequately protect themselves from a hard-hit ball.

## **Section 2 Farm Division**

### **Games:**

Games are four (4) innings or one hour and thirty minutes, whichever comes first.

All games will be played using the Local League provided leather flexi-ball.

Distance between bases is sixty (60) feet. Distance between home plate and pitcher's mound is forty (40) feet.

Prior to each game, Managers shall mark an arc approximately ten (10) feet from home plate and between the foul lines. A hit ball must travel beyond the arc or it will be called a foul ball. A ball picked up inside the arc is a foul ball, whether it is still moving or is has stopped.

Game scores are not kept during the game.

No team standings or player statistics shall be maintained.

**Offensive Play/Batting:**

The Offensive team shall supply first and third adult base coaches who will assist the runners on base and shall call all plays on the bases.

The Offensive team shall supply a coach pitcher that will pitch to his/her batters and will protect the defensive pitcher from injury. This coach will make all calls occurring at home plate.

The Offensive team shall have a coach or approved volunteer in the dugout at all times when the players are present. No player is allowed to hold a bat while in the dugout unless they are moving onto the field of play or returning from the field of play.

Teams shall bat their entire roster each inning regardless of the number of outs. The batting order shall not be changed during the game. If a Player arrives late to a game, but in time to bat in his/her original slot, then that Player will bat in the original slot shown on the line-up. If a Player arrives late and is unable to bat in his/her original lineup slot, that Player will be placed at the end of the batting lineup.

Batters are to be encouraged to hit the ball into play. There shall be no base on balls or base awarded as a result of a player being hit by a pitched ball.

Any batter who throws the bat will be warned that if he/she throws the bat a second time in the game he/she will be called out. The batter shall be called out the first time the bat is thrown if it hits anyone.

Bunting is not allowed.

Leading off and stealing bases is not allowed.

Runners shall not advance to the next base on any passed or overthrown balls.

A player may slide into any base, other than first, on any close play. A runner may only slide feet first. Ho head first sliding is permitted. Any player who slides head first shall be called out.

When a player hits a ball into the field of play that player may only advance to 1<sup>st</sup> base if the ball does not travel past where the defensive infielders are playing. When a player hits a ball into the field of play and the ball travels into the outfield past where the defensive infielders were playing that batter may advance as far as second (2<sup>nd</sup>) base, but will do so at the risk of being tagged out at 2<sup>nd</sup> base.

The final batter in each half inning shall run from the batter's box around all bases (Home Run) once they put the ball into play and is not subject to being thrown or tagged out at any base. The defensive team may attempt a play, but the runner will not be out if they are successful.

**Defensive Play:**

Up to three (3) adult defensive coaches are permissible on the field to assist defensive players.

There is no limit to the number of outs that may be recorded in an inning and the three (3) out per inning rule shall not apply in the Farm division. If a player is called out on the base path, he/she does not remain on the base and must leave the field of play, returning to the bench/dugout area.

When playing defense, all team members are on the field. Infielders (Pitcher, Catcher, 1<sup>st</sup> Base, 2<sup>nd</sup> Base, Short Stop, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Base) shall play normal positions. The remaining players will fill the outfield.

Outfield positions must be played in the outfield. Outfield players shall not be permitted to crowd into the infield and shall not be permitted to run into the infield to field a ball that would normally be handled by an infielder. Any out obtained by the defensive team in violation of this rule will result in the batter and/or runner being called safe.

Any player fielding the position of Catcher must wear all the proper protective equipment (Helmet, Mask, Throat Guard, Chest Protector, and Leg Protection) and shall play the proper position behind home plate. An Offensive or Defensive coach is recommended to aid the catcher in returning the balls to the coach pitcher.

The Pitcher must begin within five (5) feet of the pitching rubber.

Each Player, in every game, must play at least two (2) defensive innings as an infielder. Infield positions include Pitcher, Catcher, 1<sup>st</sup> Base, 2<sup>nd</sup> Base, Short Stop, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Base. There will be no exceptions unless a player is injured and leaves the game or the Manager makes alternative arrangements with the consent of the President, vice President of Divisions, or Player Agent. Parents shall be notified of any change made to the application of this rule.

The infield fly rule does not apply.

#### **Pitching:**

Each batter will receive five (5) pitches from a coach pitcher. If the batter does not hit the ball into fair play after the batter receives the 5<sup>th</sup> pitch (irrespective of pitch quality), then the player shall hit off the tee. If the batter fouls the 5<sup>th</sup> pitch thrown by the coach, he/she will continue to receive pitches until the batter swings and misses at a pitch or puts the ball in fair play, whichever comes first.

The Offensive coach that is pitching shall call all plays at home plate.

The coach shall only pitch overhand, from a knee/bucket, and from a distance that will give the batter ample time to react to the ball. The coach is encouraged to pitch a strike to the player no matter how the player swings to teach proper swing to the player.

Coaches that violate the five (5) pitch rule are subject to disciplinary action including suspension. The rule ensures that the defensive team can maintain focus long enough to adequately protect themselves from a hard-hit ball.

### **Section 3      Single A Division**

#### **Games:**

No new inning shall start after one hour and forty-five minutes or at the conclusion of the 6<sup>th</sup> inning. The home team Manager will log the starting time of each game. If there is time for an inning to begin, then the entire inning must be played unless the game is called on account of darkness or inclement weather.

For every inning, each team may bat until three (3) outs are obtained or five (5) runs are scored, whichever occurs first.

All games will be played using the Local League provided ball.

Distance between bases is sixty (60) feet. Distance between home plate and pitcher's mound rubber is forty (40) feet.

A coach or approved volunteer must be in the dugout at all times during the game.

Game scores are not kept during the game.

No team standings shall be maintained or published in any way.

Player statistics shall not be maintained.

### **Offensive Play/Batting:**

The Offensive team shall supply first and third base adult coaches who will assist the runners on base and shall call all plays on the bases. A player may assist an adult coach at first base, but no player is allowed to assist a base coach at 3<sup>rd</sup> base. All players assisting the adult base coach at first base must wear a batting helmet.

The Offensive team shall supply a coach who is permitted on the field to act as a pitcher when necessary.

Teams shall bat their entire roster. The batting order shall not be changed during the game however, each inning shall start with the person who was on deck from the previous inning unless the third out was made by a base runner, in which case the current batter would begin the next offensive inning. If a Player arrives late to a game, but in time to bat in his/her original slot, then that Player will bat in the original slot shown on the line-up. If a Player arrives late and is unable to bat in his/her original lineup slot, that Player will be placed at the end of the batting lineup.

Batters are to be encouraged to hit the ball into play. There shall be no bases on balls or bases awarded as a result of a player being hit by a pitched ball.

Any batter who throws the bat will be warned that if he/she throws the bat a second time in the game he/she will be called out. The batter shall be called out the first time the bat is thrown if it hits anyone.

Bunting is not allowed.

Leading off and stealing bases is not allowed.

The infield fly rule will not apply.

Runners shall not advance to the next base on any overthrown balls to first base unless the ball goes out of the field of play. If the ball goes out of the field of play then the runner may advance one base.

A player may slide into any base, other than first, on any close play. A runner may only slide feet first. No head first sliding is permitted. Any player who slides head first shall be called out.

When a player hits a ball into the field of play that player may advance to any base with the risk of being called out by force or tag. Once the coach/pitcher/umpire feels that the ball is controlled by one of the defensive team's infielders and they are not making an attempt to put out a runner then he/she shall halt play. Once play is halted then any runners on base will go back to or advance to the base

they were closest to when play was halted.

**Defensive Play:**

Up to two (2) adult defensive coaches are permitted on the field to assist the players.

Each team will field players at traditional defensive infield positions, with a Pitcher, Catcher, 1<sup>st</sup> Base, 2<sup>nd</sup> Base, Short Stop, 3<sup>rd</sup> Base, and four (4) outfielders, so as to have ten (10) defensive players on the field at any one time.

Outfield positions must be played in the outfield. Outfield players shall not be permitted to crowd into the infield and shall not be permitted to run into the infield to field a batted ball that would normally be handled by an infielder. The outfielder is allowed to field a ball in the infield only after the infielder attempted to make a play.

A Catcher must wear all the proper protective equipment (Helmet, Mask, Throat Guard, Chest Protector, and Leg Protection). The catcher is to play in the normal position behind home plate.

The Pitcher must begin within five (5) feet of the pitching rubber when a coach is pitching.

Each Player, in every game, must play at least two (2) defensive innings as an infielder. Infield positions include Pitcher, Catcher, 1<sup>st</sup> Base, 2<sup>nd</sup> Base, Short Stop, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Base. There will be no exceptions unless a player is injured and leaves the game or the Manager makes alternative arrangements with the consent of the President, Vice President of Divisions, or Player Agent. Parents shall be notified of any change made to the application of this rule.

No player shall sit out more than two (2) innings per game unless requested by the player's parent, due to illness, or injury.

A player may not play the same defensive position in more than two (2) innings in a game. This rule applies to all positions and to all players.

**Pitching:**

Pitching will be facilitated by use of player pitch and coach pitch. Each team shall utilize player/coach pitching throughout the entire game.

The Pitcher must pitch from the pitching mound rubber. If provided, all teams will use the portable pitching mound

No balks will be called in this division.

The strike zone for this Division will be from the batter's shoulders to knees and the width of two balls on either side of home plate.

From the first game of the Season until the end of the season the following will be required:

- Pitcher shall throw five (5) pitches, or until the ball is put into play by the batter. The coach pitcher/umpire shall call any balls or strikes.

- If the coach pitcher/umpire calls any combination of 3 swinging and/or called strikes the batter will be out. This applies to pitches thrown by the player pitcher or the coach pitcher/umpire.
- If the coach pitcher/umpire calls three balls thrown by the pitcher the coach pitcher/umpire will throw up to three (3) additional pitches or until the ball is put into play.
- If the batter does not put the ball into play on the third coach pitched ball then the batter shall be called out unless the batter fouls the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) pitch thrown by the coach. If the batter fouls the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) pitch thrown by the coach he/she will continue to receive pitches as long as he fouls off additional pitches or the batter swings and misses at a pitch or puts the ball in fair play, whichever comes first.
- The Coach must pitch from 1 knee.

The maximum pitching per game for a player is 2 innings.

Any player pitcher who hits three (3) batters in a game must be replaced by another pitcher.

The coach pitcher/umpire shall stay on the mound with the player pitcher to assist him/her. This coach is responsible for making calls on all plays at home plate and for calling balls and strikes on all pitches thrown.

The coach shall only pitch overhand, from a knee/bucket, and from a distance that will give the batter ample time to react to the ball. The coach is encouraged to pitch a strike to the player no matter how the player swings to teach proper swing to the player.

Coaches that willfully violate any of rules set forth in the Single A Division playing rules are subject to disciplinary action including suspension.

## **Section 4      AA Division**

### **Games:**

Teams must have 8 dressed (able to play offense and defense) players to start and finish a game. If there are 7 players or less to start or finish a game, that team will forfeit the game. Both teams may continue to play however; the result will be the forfeit.

No new inning shall start after two hours or at the conclusion of the 6<sup>th</sup> inning. The home team Manager will log the starting time of each game. If there is time for a final inning to begin, then the entire inning must be played unless the game is called on account of darkness, inclement weather, or the team designated as the home team leads the game after the first half of the final inning.

For every inning, each team may bat until three (3) outs are obtained or five (5) runs are scored, whichever occurs first.

All games that end in a tie will be considered a tie and shall not be played out.

All games will be played using the Local League provided ball.

Distance between bases is sixty (60) feet. Distance between home plate and the pitching mound rubber is forty (42) feet.

Each team will strive to have a designated Manager and two additional Coaches.

A Manager/Coach or approved volunteer must be in the dugout at all times during the game.

Game scores are kept during the game and the final score of each game must be posted to the Local League web-site before midnight the day of the game by the home team Manager/Coach.

The pitch counts must be submitted by the Manager/ Coach by midnight the day of the game by each team.

The home team in each game shall be the official score keeper for a game. The scoring will include the number of runs by each team, numbers of outs in each half inning, and the balls and strikes pitched to each batter. Each team is encouraged to keep score during the game and to compare what they have recorded with the other team several times during the game. If there is a discrepancy and a mutual agreement can't be reached then the home team's scoring shall be used.

End of Season Tournament-Single elimination tournament- teams will be seeded according to league standings.

Managers may keep, but shall not publish or disseminate, under any condition or for any reason, without the prior written consent of the President and Player Agent, statistics of Player performance.

Umpires shall be provided by the Local League. If there is ever a time when no umpire is available, the defensive team Manager or one of his/her coaches will call balls and strikes from a safe location behind the pitcher's rubber while that Manager's team is on the field. The offensive team's first and third base coaches will serve as the base umpires, calling fair and foul balls and plays at all bases. The "umpire" who is (in the opinion of the defensive team's "umpire") in the best position, and/or has the best view of a play at home plate shall make the call at home plate.

### **Offensive Play/Batting:**

The Offensive team shall supply first and third base adult coaches who will assist the runners on base. A player may assist an adult coach at first base, but no player is allowed to assist a base coach at 3<sup>rd</sup> base. All players assisting the adult base coach at first base must wear a batting helmet.

Teams shall bat their entire roster. The batting order shall not be changed during the game however, each inning shall start with the person who was on deck from the previous inning unless the third out was made by a base runner, in which case the current batter would begin the next offensive inning. If a Player arrives late to a game, but in time to bat in his/her original slot, then that Player will bat in the original slot shown on the line-up. If a Player arrives late and is unable to bat in his/her original lineup slot, that Player will be placed at the end of the batting lineup.

Any batter who throws the bat will be warned that if he/she throws the bat a second time in the game he/she will be called out. The batter shall be called out the first time the bat is thrown if it hits anyone.

Bunting is allowed.

- A batter **may not** squeeze bunt a runner home from 3<sup>rd</sup> base if it would score the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) or fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) run of the inning.
- A batter **may not** squeeze bunt a runner home from 3<sup>rd</sup> base when that batter's team is leading by six (6) runs or more.

Leading off is not allowed.

The infield fly rule will not apply.

A runner may steal 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> bases but, shall not leave the base they are on until the pitched ball crosses home plate.

Runners **may** steal home or score on passed balls, with the following limitations:

- A runner **may not** steal home or score on a passed ball when it would be the third (3<sup>rd</sup>), fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) or fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) run of the inning.
- A runner **may not** steal home or score on a passed ball when that runner's team is leading by five (5) runs or more.

Runners may advance to the next base on any overthrown balls, but are subject to being put out. If the ball goes out of the field of play then the runner may advance to the next base.

A player may slide into any base, other than first, on any close play. A runner may only slide feet first. No head first sliding is permitted. Any player who slides head first shall be called out, unless the player returns to the base.

### **Defensive Play:**

No defensive coaches are permitted on the field to assist the players unless the defensive Manager/Coach calls time with the Umpire.

Each team will field players at traditional defensive infield positions, with a Pitcher, Catcher, 1<sup>st</sup> Base, 2<sup>nd</sup> Base, Short Stop, 3<sup>rd</sup> Base, and four(4) outfielders, so as to have ten (10) defensive players on the field at any one time.

Outfield positions must be played in the outfield. Outfield players shall not be permitted to crowd into the infield and shall not be permitted to run into the infield to field a batted ball that would normally be handled by an infielder. The outfielder is allowed to field a ball in the infield only after the infielder attempted to make a play.

A catcher must wear all the proper protective equipment (Helmet, Mask, Throat Guard, Chest Protector, Leg Protection, and Little League Approved Catcher's Glove). The catcher is to play in the normal position behind home plate.

Catcher limitations shall be followed as outlined in Appendix I – Local League Pitching and Catching Limitations.

Each Player, in every game, must play at least two (2) full defensive innings as an infielder. Infield positions include Pitcher, Catcher, 1<sup>st</sup> Base, 2<sup>nd</sup> Base, Short Stop, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Base. There will be no exceptions unless a player is injured and leaves the game or the Manager makes alternative

arrangements with the consent of the President, Vice President of Divisions, or Player Agent. Parents shall be notified of any change made to the application of this rule.

No player shall sit out more than two (2) innings per game unless requested by the player's parent, due to illness, or injury.

**Pitching:**

Pitching will be facilitated by use of player pitch only.

The pitcher must pitch from the pitching mound rubber and will use a league provided portable pitching mound.

No balks will be called in this division.

The strike zone shall be called from the player's shoulders to knees and the width of two balls on either side of the plate.

The maximum pitch count per player is 50 pitches, regardless of league age. A pitcher may exceed 50 pitches only to finish the batter that they are currently facing.

Every player that pitches in a game must not pitch again until they have completed the prescribed days of rest as outlined in Appendix I – Local League Pitching and Catching Limitations.

The manager is responsible for keeping a pitch count log book for each game documenting pitches thrown for each team's pitchers. Pitch counts should be compared between opposing teams each half inning to limit the chances of discrepancies. If a mutual agreement can't be reached in the event of a pitch count discrepancy then the home team pitch count book will be the official pitch count used. The manager must use the pitch count book supplied by the Local League. The pitch count book must be presented upon request to an opposing manager or any Board Member from the Local League for inspection 15 minutes before the beginning of a game, during the game, or for 15 minutes after any game. All pitch counts must be posted on the Local League's web-site no later than 24 hours after the game has concluded.

Any player pitcher who hits three (3) batters in a game must be replaced by another pitcher.

Coaches that willfully violate any of rules set forth in the AA Division playing rules are subject to disciplinary action including suspension.

Intentional walks are not allowed.

**Section 5     AAA Division**

**Games:**

Teams must have 8 dressed players (able to play offense and defense) to start and finish a game. If there are 7 players or less to start or finish a game, that team will forfeit the game. Both teams may continue to play however; the result will be the forfeit.

No new inning shall start after two hours and fifteen minutes or at the conclusion of the 6th inning. If

there is time for an inning to begin, then the entire inning must be played unless the game is called on account of darkness, inclement weather, or the team designated as the home team leads the game after the first half of the final inning.

The ten (10) run rule shall not apply to the regular season games in the AAA Division. For the first five (5) innings, each team may bat until three (3) outs or five (5) runs are scored, whichever comes first. After the completion of the 5<sup>th</sup> inning, there shall be no limit to the number of runs a team may score.

All games that end in a tie will be considered a tie and shall not be played out.

All games will be played using the Local League provided ball.

Distance between bases is sixty (60) feet. Distance between home plate and the pitching mound rubber is forty (46) feet.

Each team will strive to have a designated Manager and two additional Coaches.

A Manager/Coach or approved volunteer must be in the dugout at all times during the game.

Game scores are kept during the game and the final score of each game must be posted to the Local League web-site before midnight the day of the game by the home team Manager/Coach.

The pitch counts, and game Umpires must be submitted by the Home team Manager/ Coach by midnight the day of the game.

The home team in each game shall be the official score keeper for a game. The scoring will include the number of runs by each team, numbers of outs in each half inning, and the balls and strikes pitched to each batter. Each team is encouraged to keep score during the game and to compare what they have recorded with the other team several times during the game. If there is a discrepancy and a mutual agreement can't be reached then the home team's scoring shall be used.

Standings will be published only on the Local League web-site and shall be used to set the brackets in the End of Year Tournament.

Managers may keep, but shall not publish or disseminate, under any condition or for any reason, without the prior written consent of the President and Player Agent, statistics of Player performance.

Umpires shall be provided by the Local League. If there is ever a time when no umpire is available, the defensive team Manager or one of his/her coaches will call balls and strikes from a safe location behind the pitcher's rubber while that Manager's team is on the field. The offensive team's first and third base coaches will serve as the base umpires, calling fair and foul balls and plays at all bases. The "umpire" who is (in the opinion of the defensive team's "umpire") in the best position, and/or has the best view of a play at home plate shall make the call at home plate.

League age eight (8) year old players are not allowed to play in the AAA Division.

### **Offensive Play/Batting:**

The Offensive team shall supply first and third base adult coaches who will assist the runners on base. A player may assist an adult coach or act as a first base coach, but no player is allowed to assist or act as a base coach at 3<sup>rd</sup> base. All players assisting the adult base coach at first base must wear a batting

helmet.

Teams shall bat their entire roster. The batting order shall not be changed during the game however, each inning shall start with the person who was on deck from the previous inning unless the third out was made by a base runner, in which case the current batter would begin the next offensive inning. If a Player arrives late to a game, but in time to bat in his/her original slot, then that Player will bat in the original slot shown on the line-up. If a Player arrives late and is unable to bat in his/her original lineup slot, that Player will be placed at the end of the batting lineup.

Any batter who throws the bat will be warned that if he/she throws the bat a second time in the game he/she will be called out. The batter shall be called out the first time the bat is thrown if it hits anyone.

Bunting is allowed.

Leading off is not allowed.

The infield fly rule does apply.

A runner may steal 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and home, but shall not leave the base they are on until the pitched ball crosses home plate.

A runner may steal home on a passed ball by the catcher.

A batted ball that hits the top (yellow guard) of an outfield fence in fair territory, at any field so equipped, and then continues over the fence and out of the field of play beyond such fence, shall be called a home run. Any batted ball that strikes any portion of a foul pole, at any field so equipped, shall be called a home run.

Runners may advance to the next base on any overthrown balls, but are subject to being put out. If the ball goes out of the field of play then the runner may advance to the next base.

A player may slide into any base, other than first, on any close play. A runner may only slide feet first. No head first sliding is permitted. Any player who slides head first shall be called out.

### **Defensive Play:**

No defensive coaches are permitted on the field to assist the players unless the defensive Manager/Coach calls time with the Umpire.

Each team will field players at traditional defensive infield positions, with a Pitcher, Catcher, 1<sup>st</sup> Base, 2<sup>nd</sup> Base, Short Stop, 3<sup>rd</sup> Base, and three (3) outfielders, so as to have nine (9) defensive players on the field at any one time.

The dropped third strike rule shall apply.

Catcher play limitations shall be followed as outlined in Appendix I – Local League Pitching and Catching Limitations.

A Catcher must wear all the proper protective equipment (Helmet, Mask, Throat Guard, Chest Protector, Leg Protection, and Little League Approved Catcher's Glove). The catcher is to play in the normal position behind home plate.

Each Player, in every game, must play at least three (3) full defensive innings, with at least two of those innings (6 defensive outs) at an infield position. Infield positions include Pitcher, Catcher, 1<sup>st</sup> Base, 2<sup>nd</sup> Base, Short Stop, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Base. There will be no exceptions unless a player is injured and leaves the game or the Manager makes alternative arrangements with the consent of the President, Vice President of Divisions, or Player Agent. Parents shall be notified of any change made to the application of this rule.

No player shall sit out more than three (3) innings per game unless requested by the player's parent, due to illness, or injury.

### **Pitching:**

Pitching will be facilitated by use of player pitch only.

The pitcher must pitch from the pitching mound rubber.

No balks will be called in this division.

The maximum pitch count per player is 60 pitches, regardless of league age. A pitcher may exceed 60 pitches only to finish the batter that they are currently facing. Every player that pitches in a game must not pitch again until they have completed the prescribed days of rest as outlined in Appendix I – Local League Pitching Days of Rest Requirements.

Intentional walks, automatic or otherwise, are not allowed.

The manager is responsible for keeping a pitch count log book for each game documenting pitches thrown for each team's pitchers. Pitch counts should be compared between opposing teams each half inning to limit the chances of discrepancies. If a mutual agreement can't be reached in the event of a pitch count discrepancy then the home team pitch count book will be the official pitch count used. The manager must use the pitch count book supplied by the Local League. The pitch count book must be presented upon request to an opposing manager or any Board Member from the Local League for inspection 15 minutes before the beginning of a game, during the game, or for 15 minutes after any game. All pitch counts must be posted on the Local League's web-site no later than 24 hours after the game has concluded.

Any player pitcher who hits three (3) batters in a game must be replaced by another pitcher.

Coaches that willfully violate any of rules set forth in the AAA Division playing rules are subject to disciplinary action including suspension.

Any Tournament games with another league will revert to the International Little League Green book of rules (and/or a mixture of FALL's local rules the other League's rules)

## **Section 6 Major Division**

**Games:**

A team must field nine (9) players to start a game, but can finish with eight (8) players. Refer to the Green Book for specific details.

Games will consist of six (6) innings unless the home team leads the game after the first half of the final inning. All games must be played out and shall not end in a tie.

No players may participate in a game unless the player is present before the start of the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) inning. Any such player must meet playing requirements of that game.

Player Participation for Resumed Games: Any Player not in the original line-up can only play in the completion of a resumed game if such team needs the addition of such Player to complete a nine (9) Player roster.

The 10-run rule will apply only to Regular Season games. At the completion of four innings or more, if there is a 10-run difference in the game by either team, the game will be called officially over with that score standing. The remaining innings will be played up until the conclusion of 6 innings or two hours of game time. Once the 10-run rule applies, the game will continue and no new inning will start after a 2:00 minute duration. Scrimmage will be played with a 5 run maximum per half inning after the 10-run rule has been applied. During this time there will be free substitutions ("subs" may re-enter). All other rules will still apply. (Pitch counts will be kept and documented as normal). A Manager will not face disciplinary actions for failure to achieve minimum playing time requirements for any of their player if the full six (6) innings are not played.

If a manager refuses to comply with the requirements of the "controlled scrimmage" that manager will face a minimum of one (1) game suspension. Subsequent failures to comply will receive additional disciplinary action, up to and including, being released from their managerial responsibilities.

Distance between bases is sixty (60) feet. Distance between home plate and the pitching mound rubber is forty (46) feet.

Each team will strive to have a designated Manager and two additional Coaches.

A Manager/Coach or approved volunteer must be in the dugout at all times during the game.

Game scores are kept during the game and the final score of each game must be posted to the Local League web-site before midnight the day of the game by the home team Manager/Coach.

The pitch counts must be submitted by the Manager/ Coach by midnight the day of the game.

The home team in each game shall be the official score keeper for a game. The scoring will include the number of runs by each team, numbers of outs in each half inning, and the balls and strikes pitched to each batter. Each team is encouraged to keep score during the game and to compare what they have recorded with the other team several times during the game. If there is a discrepancy and a mutual agreement can't be reached then the home team's scoring shall be used.

Standings for the Majors (1st through last place) will be determined by the winning percentage of the teams, calculated by dividing the number of games won by the total number of games played. Each team is required to play and complete all games scheduled in the "Official Playing Schedule."

Managers may keep, but shall not publish or disseminate, under any condition or for any reason, without the prior written consent of the President and Player Agent, statistics of Player performance.

Umpires shall be provided by the Local League. If there is ever a time when no umpire is available, the defensive team Manager or one of his/her coaches will call balls and strikes from a safe location behind the pitcher's rubber while that Manager's team is on the field. The offensive team's first and third base coaches will serve as the base umpires, calling fair and foul balls and plays at all bases. The "umpire" who is (in the opinion of the defensive team's "umpire") in the best position, and/or has the best view of a play at home plate shall make the call at home plate.

**Offensive Play/Batting:**

The Offensive team shall supply first and third base adult coaches who will assist the runners on base. A player may assist an adult coach or act as a first base coach, but no player is allowed to assist or act as a base coach at 3<sup>rd</sup> base. All players assisting the adult base coach at first base must wear a batting helmet.

Bunting is allowed.

Leading off is not allowed.

The infield fly rule does apply.

A runner may steal 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and home, but shall not leave the base they are on until the pitched ball crosses home plate.

A runner may steal home on a passed ball by the catcher.

A batted ball that hits the top (yellow guard) of an outfield fence in fair territory, at any field so equipped, and then continues over the fence and out of the field of play beyond such fence, shall be called a home run. Any batted ball that strikes any portion of a foul pole, at any field so equipped, shall be called a home run.

Runners may advance to the next base on any overthrown balls, but are subject to being put out. If the ball goes out of the field of play then the runner may advance to the next base.

A player may slide into any base, other than first, on any close play. A runner may only slide feet first. No head first sliding is permitted, unless they are returning to the base.

**Defensive Play:**

No defensive coaches are permitted on the field to assist the players unless the defensive Manager/Coach calls time with the Umpire.

Each team will field players at traditional defensive infield positions, with a Pitcher, Catcher, 1<sup>st</sup> Base, 2<sup>nd</sup> Base, Short Stop, 3<sup>rd</sup> Base, and three (3) outfielders, so as to have nine (9) defensive players on the field at any one time.

The dropped third strike rule shall apply.

Catcher play limitations shall be followed as outlined in Appendix I – Local League Pitching and Catching Limitations.

A Catcher must wear all the proper protective equipment (Helmet, Mask, Throat Guard, Chest Protector, Leg Protection, and Little League Approved Catcher's Glove).

Each Player, in every game, must play at least two (2) full defensive innings, and have at least one official at-bat. There will be no exceptions unless a player is injured and leaves the game or the Manager makes alternative arrangements with the consent of the President, Vice President of Divisions, or Player Agent. Parents shall be notified of any change made to the application of this rule.

**Pitching:**

Pitching will be facilitated by use of player pitch only.

The pitcher must pitch from the pitching mound rubber.

No balks will be called in this division.

The maximum pitch count per player is outlined in Appendix I – Local League Pitching Days of Rest Requirements.

The manager is responsible for keeping a pitch count log book for each game documenting pitches thrown for each team's pitchers. Pitch counts should be compared between opposing teams each half inning to limit the chances of discrepancies. If a mutual agreement can't be reached in the event of a pitch count discrepancy then the home team pitch count book will be the official pitch count used. The manager must use the pitch count book supplied by the Local League. The pitch count book must be presented upon request to an opposing manager or any Board Member from the Local League for inspection 15 minutes before the beginning of a game, during the game, or for 15 minutes after any game. All pitch counts must be posted on the Local League's web-site no later than 24 hours after the game has concluded.

Any player pitcher who hits three (3) batters in a game must be replaced by another pitcher.

Coaches that willfully violate any of rules set forth in the Major Division playing rules are subject to disciplinary action including suspension.

Any Tournament games with another league will revert to the International Little League Green book of rules (and/or a mixture of FALL's local rules the other League's rules)

Automatic intentional walks are allowed. FALL will follow LL International ruling on how to implement an intentional walk.

**Section 7 - 50/70 Intermediate, Junior and Senior Divisions**

The Local League's Intermediate/ Junior and Senior Division may be structured into one (1) or more sub-Divisions to coincide with the available Junior Division programs put into effect by District 54. The Local League's Junior, Senior Division sub-Divisions may be established based upon age, recreational or competitive levels of play, playing field size, any combination thereof, or any other criteria as may be determined for Junior Division play by Little League and/or District 54.

The Board shall retain the authority to modify the structure of the Junior Division program in any given year into appropriate sub-Divisions in an effort to coordinate the Local League's Junior Division

Programs with District 54 Junior Division programs as the Board may deem appropriate and in the best interests of the Local League.

This Local League requires every Player on Intermediate/Junior team roster to participate in each game for a minimum of nine (9) defensive outs and bat at least one (1) time. This ruling has been made mandatory, for all Local League Intermediate/ Junior teams, by the Board, and cannot be modified by the Inter-League Governing Committee.

The 10-run rule will apply. (Regular season only) does not apply to tournaments. At the conclusion of five innings or any point after, if there is a 10-run difference in the game by either team, the game will be called officially over with that score standing. The remaining innings will be played up until the conclusion of 7 innings. During this time there will be free substitutions ("subs" may re-enter). All other rules will still apply. (Pitch counts will be kept and documented as normal)

Participants may include the Local League and other sanctioned Local Leagues within District 54 that may elect to participate in such Intermediate/ Junior Division programs (Inter-League) as well as Local Leagues from other Districts (Inter- District). Game schedules will be prepared in consultation with other participating Local Leagues, District 54 and other participating Districts. The number of regular season games may vary.

Playing time for games: No new inning will start after a 2:30 minute duration for all Intermediate/ Junior, Senior Division games. The umpire in charge of the game retains authority to suspend or end any game due to inclement weather or darkness (on non-lighted field). The home team will provide a scorekeeper for the entirety of the game. The scorebook used by the scorekeeper shall be considered to be the official score book and shall be labeled as such. Each team shall maintain for the entirety of the Inter-League season, an official score book to be used solely for home games.

The scheduled home team shall provide umpires.

Play contained solely within the Local League may operate utilizing the provisions in these By-Laws. However, District 54 has mandated that the Official Regulations and Playing Rules of Little League International, only, govern all Inter-League/Inter-District play. No Local League playing rules are enforceable during Inter-League/Inter-District Play.

Each team is responsible for contacting its respective Local League's umpire-in-chief for instances of game rainout/cancellations. Should a team be unable to field a team, a forty-eight (48) hour notice to the manager of the opposing team is required as well as notice to the other Local League's umpire in- chief. At all games the home team shall assume the field no earlier than fifteen (15) minutes from the scheduled start of the game; and shall conduct formal warm-ups. The visiting team shall have use of the field prior to the home team, but in no way shall conduct more than fifteen (15) minutes of formal warm-ups.

No players may participate in a game unless they are present before the start of the 4th inning.

League age twelve (12) year old players are not allowed to play in the Junior Division.

#### **ARTICLE X MINOR AAA SUB-DIVISION END OF SEASON TOURNAMENT**

- Section 1 Purpose: Each team (and its Players) will have the opportunity to participate in an end of season Minor AAA Division tournament.
- Section 2 Format: The End of Season Tournament ("EOST") shall consist of a single elimination tournament thus allowing each participating team to play a minimum of one (1) game. There will be two (2) brackets with winner of each bracket playing a championship game. Bracket games will be set by the seed from league standings
- Section 3 Dates of EOST: The EOST shall commence during the week following the completion of the regular season and shall be concluded as quickly as possible.
- Section 4 Scheduling of games: With the Vice President of Divisions, the Division Representative, serving as Tournament Director, shall be responsible for establishing the tournament brackets and schedule.
- Section 5 Home Team: Home team shall be determined by the highest seed from league standings for each game. The highest seed at the beginning of the EOST will retain the highest seed during the duration of the tournament until that team is eliminated. For example, if the highest seed (i.e. #1) at the beginning of the EOST plays in the championship game, but has one loss, it will still be the highest seed (i.e. home team) against a team with zero loses, but was a lower seed at the beginning of the EOST.
- Section 6 All protests will be handled at the time of protest. The contest will be halted until the matter is resolved by the final decision of the President. The President will confer with

these By-Laws and the Official Regulations and Playing Rules of Little League International, both managers involved in the protest, the umpires in the protested game and the tournament director to make his final ruling on any protest.

In the event the President is unavailable, the Vice President of Divisions will act in his/her place. Similarly, if both the President and the Vice President of Divisions are unavailable, the Tournament Director will act in their place.

- Section 7 The game will end if one team has a lead of 15 runs or more after the three inning, or if a team has a lead of 10 or more runs after the completion of the 4<sup>th</sup> inning.
- Section 8 Time Limit and Tie Games: There will be no game time limit used for this tournament; no games can end in a tie score.
- Section 9 Except as modified by the provisions of this Article, the playing rules that apply to the Minor AAA Sub-Division EOST shall be the same playing rules that apply to the AAA Sub-Division for the regular season.

#### **ARTICLE XI MAJOR DIVISION END OF SEASON TOURNAMENT**

- Section 1 The winner of the regular season league play will be awarded the “A” team berth. The winner of the End of Season Tournament (“EOST”) will receive the “B” team berth. If the winner of the regular season and “EOST” is the same team the “B” team berth will go to the runner up in the “EOST”.
- Section 2 Format: The EOST shall consist of either a single or double elimination tournament format as determined by the Board and assigned by the Vice President of Divisions. The bracket will be provided to managers prior to the start of the regular season play. The format for the bracket will use the “bracket” examples on Little League International website.
- Section 3 Dates of EOST: The EOST shall commence after the conclusion of the regular season and shall be concluded as quickly as possible.
- Section 4 The Division Representative, or their appointee, shall serve as Tournament Director.
- Section 5 Home Team: The highest seeded team shall be the home team in all games. The highest seed at the beginning of the EOST will retain the highest seed during the duration of the tournament until that team is eliminated. For example, if the highest see (i.e. #1) at the beginning of the EOST plays in the championship game, but has on loss, it will still be the highest seed (i.e. home team) against a team with zero loses, but was a lower seed at the beginning of the EOST.
- Section 6 All protests will be handled at the time of protest. The contest will be halted until the matter is resolved by the final decision of the President. The President will confer with these By-Laws and the Official Regulations and Playing Rules of Little League International, both managers involved in the protest, the umpires in the protested game and the tournament director to make his final ruling on any protest. In the event the President is unavailable, the Vice President of Divisions will act in his/her place.

Similarly, if both the President and the Vice President of Divisions are unavailable, the Tournament Director will act in their place.

- Section 7 The ten-run rule shall not be applied to all EOST games of the Local League's Major Division.
- Section 8 Time Limit and Tie Games: There will be no game time limit used for this tournament; no games can end in a tie score.
- Section 9 Except as modified by the provisions of this Article, the playing rules that apply to the Major Division EOST shall be the same playing rules that apply to the Major Division for the regular season.

## **ARTICLE XII JUNIOR DIVISION TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS (TOC) SELECTION**

- Section 1 Automatic Selection: This section shall apply only if Junior Division is divided into various levels for regular season play.

Teams in the Junior Division shall be eligible to participate in the District 54 TOC.

If the Local League has one (1) team competing in the Junior Division, that team shall participate in the District 54 TOC.

If the Local League has two (2) or more teams competing in the Junior program, the Local League shall conduct an End of Season Tournament (EOST).

- Section 2 Junior Division EOST: This section shall apply only if there are multiple teams in the Junior Division, within a single level of play, during the regular season.

Format:

The EOST shall consist of either a single or double elimination tournament format as determined by the Board and assigned by the Vice President of Divisions. The bracket will be provided to managers prior to the start of the regular season play.

Dates of EOST: The EOST shall commence during the week following the end of the regular season and shall be concluded as quickly as possible.

The Upper Division Representative shall serve as Tournament Director.

Home Team: Home team shall be determined by a coin flip at the prior to each game.

All protests will be handled at the time of protest. The contest will be halted until the matter is resolved by the final decision of the President. The President will confer with the Official Regulations and Playing Rules of Little League International and these By-Laws, both managers involved in the protest, the umpires in the protested game and the tournament director to make his final ruling on any protest. In the event the President is unavailable, the Vice President of Divisions will act in his/her place. Similarly, if both the President and

the Vice President of Divisions are unavailable, the Tournament Director will act in their place.

Time Limit and Tie Games: There will be no game time limit used for this tournament; no games can end in a tie score.

Except as modified by the provisions of this Article, the playing rules that apply to the Junior Division EOST shall be the same playing rules that apply to the Junior Division for the regular season.

## **ARTICLE XIII CODE OF CONDUCT**

### **Section 1 Conduct:**

Board Members, Managers and Coaches shall conduct themselves in a manner that is above reproach and in compliance with the Operating Manual and Official Regulations and Playing Rules of Little League International and the Constitution and By-Laws of this Local League, and the Local League Code of Conduct as spelled out herein. All shall strive to operate within the objectives of the Local League as defined in its Constitution.

Managers shall be responsible for the proper maintenance and control of the assigned uniforms and equipment provided by the Local League.

The manager is responsible for the actions of their parents, players and coaches. The manager is subject to the discipline action for the actions of their parents, players, and coaches. The manager is responsible to ensure that their parents do not bring and consume alcohol to a Little League function. See additional information in the Code of Conduct Section.

**Section 2** The actions of players, managers, coaches, umpires and Local League officials must be above reproach. Any violation of the Local League Constitution, this Code of Conduct as included in these By-Laws, the Operating Manual and or the Official Regulations and Playing Rules of Little League International will cause the responsible Player, Manager, Coach, Umpire or Board Member to become subject to review by a Conduct Review Committee, which could result in disciplinary action, suspension or removal in accordance with provisions in them.

**Section 3** The Board shall develop, maintain, and enforce this "Code of Conduct" policy hereby establishing appropriate and reasonable standards of behavior for all activities of Local League for Board Members, all other classes of Members including: Managers, Coaches, Umpires, Players and spectators. This Code of Conduct policy includes the mechanism used to address and prevent infractions and violations.

**Section 4** Only uniformed Players, Managers, Coaches, Umpires and the Safety Officer shall be permitted within the confines of the playing field just prior to, during and immediately after all scheduled games.

**Section 5** No more than three (3) adults (per team) AAA & above shall be allowed within the

confines of the playing field or in the dugout area. All others are allowed four (4) adults (per team). This limit does not include umpires. Each adult must be approved by the Local league as a Manager or Coach. Scorekeepers and team parents are not allowed within the confines of the playing field or in the dugout area during any scheduled game, except upon written authorization of the President, Player agent and Safety Officer & Chief Umpire.

Section 6 Except for the batter, base runners, base coaches, warm-up battery and the defense, all players and adults are to remain in their respective dugouts. Except for the warm-up batter, all players must remain in the dugout. EXCEPT in the Junior and Senior Divisions

Section 7 There shall be no smoking, eating (unless medically required) in the dugout. No manager, coach or umpire shall be allowed to smoke on or near the field of play. All forms of tobacco and alcohol are banned from the dugout and the playing area as well as the spectator seating area.

Section 8 Swearing is not allowed, and a violation of this rule or other rules related to sportsmanlike conduct during a game will be enforced by ejection.

Section 9 Enforcement of Code of Conduct

The Conduct Review Committee will be comprised of the President, Vice Presidents, Player agent(s) (Division specific), Safety Officer, and the Division Representative (s) (Division specific) of the Division(s) from which the offending party(ies) belong(s). If the participation by any Officer poses a conflict of interest, he/she shall not be eligible to participate in such case.

Process for Conduct Review and Discipline: As soon as is practical, after an incident which may warrant discipline, suspension or termination occurs, including but not limited to a violation of the Local League Constitution, By-Laws (including this Code of Conduct) or of the Operating Manual or Official Regulations and Playing Rules of Little League International, a report should be submitted in writing (describing the incident with specificity) to the Division Representative of the Division in which the incident occurred.

The Division Representative receiving a written report of an incident shall, within twenty-four (24) hours, provide a copy of the report or an oral or written summary to the Vice President of Divisions for review and resolution.

The Vice President of DIVISIONS shall resolve the incident with the respective Division Representative within five (5) calendar days, or refer the incident to the President for further review and resolution – including possible referral to the Conduct Review Committee. Any time an incident warrants further review, the Vice President of Divisions should make a full report, to the President. The President will then resolve the matter or provide the proper notices to the necessary parties and will convene a meeting of the Conduct Review Committee within three (3) calendar days unless additional time is warranted.

For purposes of this section, all records or reports of incidents shall be in writing. All incident reports shall provide the details of the incident being reported, as well as the disposition of the Division Representative's investigation. All such reports shall be delivered to the President, who shall retain the reports and maintain them in a confidential manner. The President shall turn over all such records to the subsequent year's President. The President for shall retain this information for as long as the subject individual(s) remain(s) involved in the Local League.

For purposes of this section the Chief Umpire shall act as the "Division Representative" when resolving an incident involving an umpire.

Any Member subject to an action before the Conduct Review Committee shall be given notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard, either orally or in writing. Notice shall be provided by any method that is reasonably calculated to provide the Member with actual notice. Any notice given by mail shall be sent by first class or registered mail to the member's last known address as shown in Local League's records.

The Conduct Review Committee, by two-thirds vote of those present at any duly constituted meeting, shall have the authority to discipline any Member of any class or to refer the matter to the full board with a recommendation for suspension or termination of the Membership of any Member of any class when the conduct of such person is considered detrimental to the best interests of the Local League and/or Little League Baseball. The Member(s) involved shall be notified of such meeting in writing, informed of the general nature of the charges and be given an opportunity to appear at the review to answer such charges.

Discipline of any Member of any Class is decided by the Conduct Review Committee and should be reasonable and appropriate to the offense. Disciplinary action is meant to be corrective, not necessarily punitive in nature. Suggested disciplinary action might include, but is not limited to: corrective action, required apologies, service to the Local League, probationary status or supervision of continued activity could also be imposed.

If the Conduct Review Committee finds that grounds appear to exist for the discipline of any member of any class or determines that suspension or termination of a membership should occur, the following procedure shall be followed:

Within 48 hours of the review, or within a reasonable amount of time, the Conduct Review Committee shall give the Member(s) written notice of its findings, its proposed remedy, if any, and the reason for such action. Notice shall be provided by any method that is reasonably calculated to provide the Member with actual notice. Any notice given by mail shall be sent by first class or registered mail to the member's last known address as shown in Local League's records.

Upon final review, the Conduct Review Committee shall decide whether the member should be disciplined or not, and whether or not the matter should be referred to the full Board with a recommendation for suspension or termination. The decision of the Conduct Review Committee within its authority shall be final.

Any Manager, Coach or Player who is ejected from any game will receive an automatic one (1) game suspension and shall appear before the Conduct Review Committee to

determine his/her status with the Local League.

**Section 10**      **Grounds for Suspension or Termination of Membership**

The basis for recommending a Member be suspended or for recommending termination of their membership includes, but is not limited to, the following events:

- Expiration of the period of membership;
- The member's failure to pay fees, or other assessments as set by the Board of Directors within 30 days after they are due and payable;
- Repeated failure to attend Board Meetings by a Board Member
- Any event that renders the member ineligible for membership, or causes the member to fail to satisfy membership qualifications
- Violation of the Local League Constitution, By-Laws, Code of Conduct or the Operating Manual and/or Official Regulations and Playing Rules of Little League International

All rights of any Member of any class of Membership in the Local League and to its property shall cease on the termination of such membership. Termination shall not relieve the Member from any obligation for charges incurred, services or benefits actually rendered fees or assessments arising from contract or otherwise. The Local League shall retain the right to enforce any such obligation or to obtain damages for any breach. Any Member whose membership is terminated by revocation shall have no claim against the Local League, its Officers or Members for any benefits or accruals that may be alleged to exist.

**ARTICLE XIV ALL STAR TEAM SELECTION**

**Section 1**      **Player Selection:** At the discretion of the Board, as many as five (5) All-Star teams (9/10 Year Old Team; 10/11 Year Old Team; Little League <Majors Division, 11/12 Year Old> Team; Junior Team; and Senior Team) will be assembled to represent the Local League.

NOTE: At such time, every All Star eligible player shall receive the Local League's All Star Notice. Said notice shall include information regarding all aspects of All Star play: try-out dates (if any); practice/game time commitment; tournament dates, etc. Parents must read, sign and return said notice in order for their player to be considered fully eligible. A player who:

Fails to return the notice or player cannot commit to all terms stated within the notice shall be ineligible to be considered for All Star selection.

**Section 2**      Teams shall consist of the appropriate number of players as required by the Official Regulations and Playing Rules of Little League International.

**Section 3**      In the event a Player declines, for any reason, his/her All-Star selection, such slot(s) will

then be considered vacant and immediately filled from the pool of eligible players. Replacement players shall be chosen by the All-Star Manager with approval by the President and Player agent(s) – Division specific.

**Section 4**      The 9/10 Year Old All-Star Team: The 9/10-year-old All-Star Team will be comprised of twelve (12) or more of those eligible league age nine (9) and league age ten (10) players. All league-age nine (9) and league age ten (10) players on a regular season roster of any team in the Major Division and/or Minor AAA Division shall be eligible. Consistent with Local League philosophy, the 9/10-yearold All-Star Team shall be selected with the goal of advancing as far as possible in the District 54 tournament and beyond.

Selecting 9/10 Year Old players: After the 11/10 All-Star Team selection process has been completed, the Division specific Player agent shall conduct and act as Chairperson for the 9/10 All-Star Team selection committee. The following process will be used to select the team:

By Committee

Each Minor Division AAA and Major Division team that has league age nine (9) and league-age ten (10) players may be represented by its manager (or a Manager's designee ONLY in the event the Manager cannot be present). All eligible managers in attendance shall be eligible to cast votes for players who are not members of their current Major or Minor AAA Division team on a ballot listing all eligible league age ten (10) and league age nine (9) players on the roster of Major and Minor AAA Division teams. This list will appear in alphabetical name order.

The ten (10) Players receiving the most votes will be selected to the 9/10 All-Star team. In the event of a tie, the selection/evaluation committee shall continue to cast votes until the tie is broken.

The remaining two (2) or more All-Star players will be selected by the 9/10 year old All-Star Manager.

The Local League will formally release the names announcing those Players selected for the 9/10-year-old All-Star Team only after the team members have been established. Additionally, the announcement of those Players selected for the 9/10-year-old All-Star Team shall not be made before the official Little League All Star team announcement date.

**Section 5**      The 10/11 Year Old All-Star Team: The 10/11-year-old All-Star Team will be comprised of twelve (12) or more of those eligible league age ten (10) and league age eleven (11) players. All league age ten (10) and league age eleven (11) players on a regular season roster of any team in the Major Division and/or Minor AAA Division shall be eligible. Consistent with local league philosophy, the 10/11-year old All-Star Team shall be selected with the goal of advancing as far as possible in the District 54 tournament and beyond.

Selecting 10/11 Year Old players: After the Little League (Major Division, 11/12 year old) All-Star Team selection process has been completed, the Division specific Player agent shall conduct and act as Chairperson for the 10/11 All-Star Team selection. The following process will be

used to select the team:

By Committee

Each Minor AAA Division and Major Division team having league age ten (10) and league-age eleven (11) players may be represented by its manager (or a Manager's designee ONLY in the event the Manager cannot be present). All eligible managers in attendance shall be eligible to cast votes for players who are not members of their current Major or Minor AAA Division team on a ballot listing all eligible league age ten (10) and league age eleven (11) players on the roster of Major and Minor AAA Division teams. Each Minor AAA Manager vote equals half (50%) of a Major Manager vote. This list will appear in alphabetical name order.

The ten (10) Players receiving the most votes will be selected to the 10/11 All-Star team. The Division Specific In the event of a tie, the selection/evaluation committee shall continue to cast votes until the tie is broken.

The remaining two (2) or more All-Star players will be selected by the 10/11 year old All-Star Manager.

The Local League will formally release the names announcing those Players selected for the 10/11-year-old All-Star Team only after the team members have been established. Additionally, the announcement of those Players selected for the 10/11-year-old All-Star Team shall not be made before June 1st.

## Section 6

The Little League (Major Division 11/12 year old) All-Star Team will be comprised of those eligible league age eleven (11) and league age twelve (12) Players from the Major Division. Consistent with local league philosophy, the Major Division 11/12 year old All-Star Team shall be selected with the goal of advancing as far as possible in the District 54 tournament and beyond and that has the best chances to compete in and win the Little League World Series.

Each Major Division Player will receive a ballot containing the names of all eligible league age eleven (11) and league age twelve (12) Players on the regular season roster of Major Division teams. This list shall appear in alphabetical Player name order, minus the names of the Players from the same team as the voting Player. Each Player may vote for not more than five (5) (or six (6) in the event there are more than eight (8) teams) Players. Voting Players may not vote for any Player on their own team. Player's ballots will be tallied by the Division specific Player agent and the five (5) Players who receive the most votes will be selected to the Major Division All Star team.

The Division specific Player agent shall chair a Major Division All Star Team selection meeting. Each Major Division team may be represented by its Manager (or a Manager's designee ONLY in the event the Manager cannot be present). All Managers in attendance shall be eligible to cast votes on a ballot listing all eligible league age eleven (11) and league age twelve (12) Players on the regular season roster of Major Division teams. This list will appear in alphabetical Player name order minus:

The names of the five (5) players already selected by their fellow players to be on the Major Division All Star team, and

The names of the Players from the same team as the voting Manager.

Each Manager may vote for not more than five (5) Players who are not members of their current Major Division team. Ballots will be tallied by the Division specific Player agent and those five (5) Players who receive a majority vote from the Major Division Managers present and voting will be selected to the All-Star team. The voting process will repeat itself until all five (5) slots are filled.

The Major Division All Star Manager shall select the remaining two (2) (or one (1) in the event there are more than eight teams and the manager elects to have only twelve players on the team) or more Players.

The Local League will formally release the names announcing those Players selected for the Major Division All-Star Team only after the team members have been established. Additionally, the announcement of those Players selected for the Major Division All-Star Team shall not be made before the official Little League All Star team announcement date.

## Section 7

The Junior Division All-Star Team will be comprised of those eligible Players from the Junior Division. Consistent with local league philosophy, the Junior Division All-Star Team shall be selected with the goal of advancing as far as possible in the District 54 tournament and beyond and that has the best chances to compete in and win the Junior League World Series.

If the Local League has only one Junior Division team, it will automatically advance to represent the Local League in All Star play.

Selecting Junior All Star players: If more than the maximum allowed number of Junior players seeks All Star selection, the Board shall specify one of the following two methods by which the Junior All Star Team shall be selected:

Through the holding of a try-out.

Ten (10) Players will be selected to the Junior All Star Team by a selection/evaluation committee consisting of all Junior Division Managers from each team playing in the Junior program and (2) independent raters. The Division specific Player agent (s) shall chair the Junior All Star Team selection/evaluation committee.

Each member of the committee must attend the Player tryout in order to participate in the selection/evaluation process.

Those ten (10) players receiving the highest number of votes from the committee will be selected to the Junior All Star Team. In the event of a tie, the selection/evaluation committee shall continue to cast votes until the tie is broken.

The remaining two (2) or more Players will be selected by the Junior All Star Team Manager

By Committee

Each Junior Division team shall be represented by its Manager (or a Manager's

designee ONLY in the event the Manager cannot be present). All eligible Managers in attendance shall be eligible to cast votes on a ballot listing all eligible players on the roster of Junior Division teams. This list will appear in alphabetical name order.

The ten (10) Players receiving the most votes will be selected to the Junior All-Star Team. In the event of a tie, the selection/evaluation committee shall continue to cast votes until the tie is broken.

The remaining two (2) or more Junior All-Star players will be selected by the Junior All-Star Team Manager.

The Local League will formally release the names announcing those Players selected for the Junior Division All-Star Team only after the team members have been established. Additionally, the announcement of those Players selected for the Junior Division All-Star Team shall not be made before the official Little League All Star team announcement date.

Section 8 The Senior Division All Star Team will be comprised of those eligible Players from the Senior Division. Consistent with local league philosophy, the Senior All-Star Team shall be selected with the goal of advancing as far as possible in the District 54 tournament and beyond and that has the best chances to compete in and win the Senior World Series.

If the Local League has only one Senior Division team, it will automatically advance to represent the Local League in All Star play.

Selecting Senior players: If more than the maximum allowed number of Senior players seek All Star selection the Board shall specify one of the two methods by which the Senior All Star Team shall be selected:

Through the holding of a try-out.

Ten (10) Players will be selected to the Senior All Star Team by a selection/evaluation committee consisting of all Senior Division Managers from each team playing in the Senior program and (2) independent raters. The Division specific Player agent (s) shall chair the Senior All Star Team selection/evaluation committee.

Each member of the committee must attend the Player tryout in order to participate in the selection/evaluation process.

Those ten (10) players receiving the highest number of votes from the committee will be selected to the Senior All Star Team. In the event of a tie, the selection/evaluation committee shall continue to cast votes until the tie is broken.

The remaining two (2) or more Players will be selected by the Senior All Star Team Manager.

By Committee

Each Senior Division team shall be represented by its Manager (or a Manager's designee ONLY in the event the Manager cannot be present). All eligible Managers in attendance shall be eligible to cast votes on a ballot listing all eligible players on the roster of Senior Division teams. This list will appear in alphabetical name order.

The ten (10) Players receiving the most votes will be selected to the Senior All-Star Team. In the event of a tie, the selection/evaluation committee shall continue to cast votes until the tie is broken.

The remaining two (2) or more Senior All-Star players will be selected by the Senior All-Star Team Manager.

The Local League will formally release the names announcing those Players selected for the Senior Division All-Star Team only after the team members have been established. Additionally, the announcement of those Players selected for the Senior Division All-Star Team shall not be made before the official Little League All Star team announcement date

Section 9 The All Star Manager is solely responsible for filling vacancies, drawing from eligible players that may occur on tournament teams.

Section 10 Selection of All Star Players shall not be announced prior to such date designated by Little League International.

Section 11 All Star Manager Selection Each All Star team shall have one (1) Manager and one (1) or two (2) Coaches as set forth the Tournament Rules Section of the Official Regulations and Playing Rules. To be eligible for selection, All-Star Managers and Coaches must submit an application and shall not have been disqualified by District 54 or the Local League due to continuous violation of safety rules and standards. In the event a Board Member's spouse is a candidate for a Manager or Coach position, that Board Member will be allowed to cast vote for the candidate, but the Board Member will rescue themselves from the deliberation process among the remaining board members.

Section 12 Selection and Appointment of All Star Managers and Coaches:

The President shall appoint all candidates to manage and/or coach the Senior, Junior, Little League (Major Division 11/12 Year Old), 10/11 Year Old and 9/10 Year Old All Star teams. To be eligible for selection as an All Star Manager and/or Coach, a candidate shall have served as a Manager or Coach of a regular season team of the Local League: Juniors/Seniors (for Junior/Seniors All-Stars); Little League (for Major 11/12) or Major/Minor Divisions (for 10/11 and 9/10). The President may, at his/her discretion, consult with the Vice President Divisions, Player agent and the Division Representative for the Division within which a proposed candidate/nominee managed or coached during the regular season prior to making an appointment. The President shall have the authority to, at his/her discretion, conduct interviews and/or consult with other persons with knowledge of any candidate's qualifications concerning the fitness for selection of any individual to serve as an All Star Manager or Coach.

Each All Star Manager and Coach appointed by the President shall be approved by majority vote of the Board.

Once approved by the Board, each All Star Manager may suggest to the President, one (1) or two (2) persons to serve as All Star Coaches for the respective All Star Team(s). The President will be assisted in the selection process by one or more of the following: the Vice President Divisions, Player agent, Director of Development Independent non- board member but a member of the league and the Division Representative from Division within which the suggested candidate managed or coached during the regular season. The President shall submit the names of those appointed to serve as All Star Coaches to the Board for consideration and approval.

Section 13 If any Player, Manager, or Coach fails to perform/complete his/her All Star commitment and obligations, unless sick or injured, that Player, Manager, or Coach may be subject to disciplinary action and sanctions by the Board, up to and including removal or replacement from the All Star team, and may include being declared ineligible for All Star participation in any subsequent year. The Board, upon review of the circumstances related to the failure to complete such commitment, will determine the appropriate disciplinary action for any All Star Player, Manager, or Coach.

## **ARTICLE XV PLAYER, MANAGER AND COACH SELECTION FOR SPORTSMANSHIP**

### **TOURNAMENT**

Section 1 The Sportsmanship team shall consist of between 12 and 16 players, who shall be selected as follows:

Each Manager in the AAA Minor Division shall select two Player representatives from his/her team who shall be nominated for participation on Local League's Sportsmanship Team. The Sportsmanship team manager is encouraged to select the team Player representative(s) after receipt of input from coaches on each team. The remaining players (14 minus 2 x the number of teams in Local League) may be selected by the Local League's Minor League Sportsmanship Team Manager, in consultation with the AAA Division Managers, the Vice President Divisions and the AAA Division Representative from those nominated to participate on the team by their regular season team Manager. In considering players to be selected as Sportsmanship Tournament team members, the Managers are strongly urged to consider the older players on their roster first, for characteristics such as leadership, sportsmanship, teamwork, effort, and thereafter, physical skills. Each manager is encouraged to select those players not expected to try out for or be selected to an All Star team when possible.

If any recommended Player is unable to participate for any reason, the Manager of the Sportsmanship team (in consultation with the Local League's Minor AAA Division Representative) shall select a replacement player from the remaining players on that same team when available or any team should the need become necessary.

It is the intent of the Local League to provide non-All-Star Players on the Sportsmanship Team. However, participation on a Sportsmanship Team shall not disqualify a player from participating in the All Star selection process.

Section 2 Manager and Coach(es) of the Local League's Sportsmanship team:

The President shall appoint all candidates to manage and/or coach the Local League's Sportsmanship team. To be eligible for selection as a Sportsmanship team Manager and/or Coach, a candidate shall have served as a Manager or Coach of a regular season within the AAA Division of the Local League.

Each Sportsmanship team Manager and Coach shall be approved by majority vote of the Board upon the appointment by the President. The President will at his/her discretion, be assisted in the appointment process by one or more of the following: the Vice President Divisions, Player agent Independent non- board member but a member of the league and the AAA Division Representative prior to making an appointment to the Board. The President shall have the authority to, at his/her discretion, conduct interviews and/or consult with other persons with knowledge of any candidate's qualifications concerning the fitness for selection of any individual to serve as an Sportsmanship team Manager or Coach.

Section 3 Selection of Sportsmanship team Players shall not be announced prior to such date designated by the Local League.

Section 4 If any Player, Manager, or Coach fails to perform/complete his/her Sportsmanship team commitment and obligations, unless sick or injured, that Player, Manager, or Coach may be subject to disciplinary action and sanctions by the Board, up to and including removal or replacement from the Sportsmanship team, and may include being declared ineligible for participation in any subsequent year. The Board, upon review of the circumstances related to the failure to complete such commitment, will determine the appropriate disciplinary action for any Sportsmanship team Player, Manager, or Coach.

Section 5 The Local League shall notify, by letter, each Sportsmanship team Player of their selection and obligation.

**ARTICLE XVI SPORTSMANSHIP TOURNAMENT PLAYING RULES**

Section 6 The Operating Manual, Official Regulations and Playing Rules of Little League International, in tandem with the Constitution and By-Laws shall be binding on the Local League. In the event of a conflict between the Operating Manual and the Official Regulations and Playing Rules of Little League International and the Local League's Constitution and/or By-Laws, the Operating Manual, Official Regulations and Playing Rules of Little League International shall prevail.

Section 7 Any Manager or Coach who fails to conform to the Operating Manual, Official Regulations and Playing Rules of Little League International, the Constitution and/or the By-Laws is subject to discipline. A second offense in a season will disqualify a Manager or Coach from participating in All-Star play. Repeated offenses may be considered cause for disqualification to serve as a Manager or Coach within the Local League.

**ARTICLE XVII AMENDMENTS**

These By-Laws may be amended, repealed or altered, in whole or in part, by a majority vote of the Board, at any duly organized meeting, provided that notice of such proposed change is included in the notice of such meeting. Notice of any proposed amendment to the By-Laws, along with the text of such amendment(s), shall be provided to each board member (via email)

prior to the date of the meeting at which the Board may first consider such proposed amendment.

**APPENDIX I:  
LOCAL LEAGUE PITCHING AND CATCHING LIMITATIONS**

**Divisions Effected:**

**Singe A, AA, AAA, and Majors.**

**Pitching Limitations:**

Any player, who has played the position of catcher in four (4) or more innings in a game, is not eligible to pitch on that calendar day.

A pitcher who delivers 41 or more pitches in a game cannot play the position of catcher for the remainder of that day.

A pitcher once removed from the mound cannot return as a pitcher in the same game.

A pitcher may not pitch in more than one game in a day.

**Days of Rest Limitations:**

Pitchers League age 14 and under must adhere to the following rest requirements:

- If a player pitches 66 or more pitches in a day, four (4) calendar days of rest must be observed.
- If a player pitches 51-65 pitches in a day, three (3) calendar days of rest must be observed.
- If a player pitches 36-50 pitches in a day, two (2) calendar days of rest must be observed.
- If a player pitches 21-35 pitches in a day, one (1) calendar day of rest must be observed.
- If a player pitches 1-20 pitches in a day, no (0) calendar days of rest is required.

These By-Laws were approved by the Folsom American Little League Board of Directors on December 8, 2019.

President's Signature:    \_[electronic signature]\_\_\_\_\_    Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
                                  Matt Ellis  
                                  President

Secretary's Signature:    \_[electronic signature]\_\_\_\_\_    Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
                                  Mike Lafortune  
                                  Secretary

## APPENDIX A – BOARD OF DIRECTORS ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

(a) **President:** The President shall:

- (1) Conduct the affairs of the Local League, and execute the policies established by the Board, in strict conformity to those policies and principles, of Little League, International as outlined in the Operating Manual and Official Regulations and Playing Rules as agreed to under the conditions of the charter issued to the Local League by said organization, and with this Constitution and the Local League's By-Laws.
- (2) Give notice regarding all meetings of the Local League and the Board, and reside over all meetings of the Board and Local League, as Chairperson.
- (3) Present a report of Presidential and Board activities at each General and Special Meeting of the Local League and at the Annual Meeting.
- (4) Communicate to the Board such matters as deemed appropriate, and make such suggestions and feedback from the Board as appropriate, as may tend to promote the welfare of the Local League.
- (5) Assume responsibility for the conduct of all Members of any class of the Local League. Ensure that all Members are conducting themselves in such a manner as to further the objective of the Local League as outlined in this Constitution.
- (6) Designate in writing, other Officers if necessary, to have power to make and execute for/and in the name of the Local League such contracts, leases and agreements they may receive and which have had the prior approval of the Board.
- (7) Appoint all Managers, Coaches and umpires for approval after consultation with the interview panel (if a panel was used) and by the Board. After verification of completion of the application process, the Vice President will ensure background checks are conducted. This duty may be delegated to another Director or Officer.
- (8) Conduct, with the assistance of the Vice President of Divisions, the Annual Manager's Meeting
- (9) Investigate complaints, irregularities and conditions detrimental to the Local League and report thereon to the Board as circumstances warrant. Convene the Conduct Review Committee when necessary to address said detrimental conditions.
- (10) Assess Local League strengths and weaknesses, making recommendations for change/improvement where warranted.

- (11) Act as spokesperson for the Local League in all matters upon which the Board is authorized to act including acting as media relations liaison and community relations liaison.

**(b) Vice President of Operations:** shall:

- (1) Perform, in the case of the absence or disability of the President, the duties of the President, and when so acting, shall have all of the powers of that office.
- (2) With the assistance of the Player Agent(s) and registrar, examine the applications and support the proof-of-age documents of every Player candidate and certify the residence and age eligibility before the Player may be accepted for tryouts and selection.
- (3) Prepare for the President's signature and subsequent submission to Little League, International: team rosters, as well as the All-Star and tournament team eligibility affidavits.
- (4) Supervise and facilitate completion of the activities of the: Team Parent/Volunteer/FALL Fan Fare Director and the Sponsorship/Fundraising Director.
- (5) Serve as the parliamentarian and Sergeant at Arms under at all meetings of the Board.
- (6) Order (or cause to be ordered) all uniforms, including postseason uniforms and Board Member Apparel.
- (7) Conduct (or cause to be conducted) background checks on every Regular Member that completes a volunteer application who fulfills any role or responsibility that puts them in direct, repetitive contact with Player Members. Direct, repetitive contact is defined as any role that puts an individual in contact with a Player Member on more than a very occasional or one time basis.
- (8) Perform such other duties as, from time to time, may be assigned by the Board or the President.

**(c) Vice President of Divisions:** shall:

- (1) Perform, in the case of the absence or disability of the President and the Vice President of Operations, the duties of the President, and when so acting, shall have all of the powers of that office.
- (2) Supervise and facilitate completion of the activities of the: Fields/Equipment Manager and the Director of Development.
- (3) Develop, with the assistance of the Webmaster, the Game Schedules (Spring and Winter) – all divisions.

- (4) Develop, initiate, implement, operate and maintain programs and systems for the purpose of collecting and publishing on the Local League website the win loss records and team standings in competitive Divisions and/or sub-Divisions of the Local League;
- (5) Supervise and facilitate completion of the activities of the: Division Commissioner(s) as well as the following specifically assigned activities:
  - (a) Field Assignments (work with the City/National/Girl's Softball, etc.) in conjunction with the Webmaster and Fields/Equipment Manager.
  - (b) Assist the Division Commissioner(s) with resolution of Division Problems
  - (c) Opening Day, if such event is held, with assistance from the VP of Operations and the Team Parent/Volunteer/FALL Fan Fare Director.
- (6) Develop, initiate, implement, operate and maintain programs and systems for the purpose of collecting pitching data and eligibility statistics (e.g., dates of games appeared in, numbers of innings pitched, pitch counts, etc.) for all Divisions. Uses said data to assist the Division Commissioner(s) (Division specific), Team Managers and Coaches, and Umpires in enforcing compliance with pitching requirements and limitations as set forth in the Official Regulations and Playing Rules.
- (7) Prepare, update and maintain the Manager's Handbook and, assist the President with the conducting of the annual Managers Meeting.
- (8) Perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned by the Board of Directors or the President.

(d) **Secretary:** shall:

- (1) Be responsible for recording the activities of the Local League and maintain appropriate files, mailing lists, and necessary records, books, accounts and records in condition for audit at all times and ready to turn over to his/her successor in the office of the Secretary (or Secretary/Treasurer).
- (2) Keep the minutes of the Board meetings and annual meetings and cause them to be recorded in a book kept for that purpose.
- (3) Conduct all correspondence not otherwise specifically delegated in connection with said meetings. Responsible for carrying out all orders, votes and resolutions not otherwise committed.
- (4) Perform such other duties as, from time to time, may be assigned by the Board of Directors or the President.

(e) **Treasurer:** The Treasurer shall:

- (1) Receive all moneys and securities, and deposit same in a depository approved by the Board.
  - (2) Keep records for the receipt and disbursement of all moneys and securities of the Local League, including the Auxiliary. Approve all payments from allotted funds and draw checks, which must be counter-signed by the Treasurer (or Secretary/Treasurer) and at least one (1) other member of the Executive Committee of the Local League in agreement with policies established in advance of such actions by the Board. Authorize electronic payment transactions through the Local League's financial institution's on-line system, which must be approved by the Treasurer and at least one (1) other member of the Executive Committee of the Local League. Prepare budget(s) (Spring and Winter). Prepare financial statements under the direction of the President for submission to the Board/Regular Members at the Annual Meeting and to Little League, International as requested. Prepare monthly financial reports for the Directors.
  - (3) Ensure that all accounts are properly designated and that there shall be no commingling of personal or non-league assets of the Local League.
  - (4) File, or cause to be filed, all annual State and Federal tax returns as required.
  - (5) Obtain an independent audit of the Local League's financial records if requested to do so.
  - (6) Perform such duties as, from time to time, may be assigned by the Board of Directors or the President.
  - (7) Manage payroll for contract workers including budget management and disbursement of required funds which includes, but may not be limited to, umpires and officials.
- (f) **Player Agent(s)** (Division specific): NOTE: There may be more than one. The exact format is subject to Board approval. Such structure may include one of the following format: 1) If Board chooses it may have one that serves the entire Local League; or they may have two (2) – one that oversees T-Ball, Farm, Single A and the Upper Divisions and one that oversees the AA, AAA and Majors Divisions; or they may have three (3) - one that oversees T-Ball, Farm, Single A... one that oversees the AA, AAA and Majors Divisions and one that oversees the Upper Divisions. None may act as Player Agent for any Division(s) in which their child(ren) is a/are Player(s).

As appropriate to the Division(s) served, the Player Agent(s) (Division specific) shall:

- (1) Record all Player transactions and maintain an accurate and up-to-date record thereof.
- (2) Assist the Vice President of Division in the verification of player residence and age eligibility.

- (3) Supervise, facilitate and coordinate activities surrounding:
  - (a) all Player tryouts, with assistance from all Directors;
  - (b) formation of teams with the Vice President of Division, for all non-draft divisions;
  - (c) all Player transactions and/or selection meeting(s)/Drafts;
  - (d) All-Star Player balloting;
  - (e) All-Star selection meeting(s)/Drafts.
- (4) Assist managers in resolution of Player personnel problems.
- (5) Investigate and report to the President, Vice President of Divisions and the Division Commissioner(s) (responsible for the Division within which the team to which the manager or coach is assigned) any written complaints or incidents involving any manager, coach or player misconduct.
- (6) Notify Little League, International of any subsequent Player replacements or trades.
- (7) Participate in all Player ejection/suspension hearings.
- (8) Notify such Player to the charges and time and place of ejection/suspension hearing.
- (9) Perform such other duties as, from time to time, may be assigned by the Board of Directors or the President.

(g) **Safety Officer:** shall:

- (1) Coordinate and conduct safety clinics, (or cause Managers/Coaches to attend a District Clinic) prior to Opening Day. Attendance at one of these clinics is required for all approved managers and coaches of the Local League.
- (2) Develop for Board approval the Local League's Safety Plan, in cooperation with the District Safety Officer. File said Safety Plan as required by Little League, International.
- (3) Receive all injury notifications, completing incident or accident reports when necessary and filing same with the President and District Administrator (as warranted/required). Follow up with injured persons to assess their wellbeing. Assist injured persons with Little League, International insurance follow-up (when requested).
- (4) Perform such other duties as, from time to time, may be assigned by the Board of Directors or the President.

(h) **Chief Umpire:** shall:

- (1) Oversee the officiating in every Division of the Local League.
- (2) Hire, instruct and schedule all umpires. Ensure that they are properly applying the rulings found in the Little League, International Operating Manual, Official Regulations and Playing Rules and in the Local League Constitution and By-Laws.
- (3) Perform such other duties as, from time to time, may be assigned by the Board of Directors or the President

**Section 54 Roles and Responsibilities of Appointed/Non-Officer, Non-Executive Committee, Other Board Members**

**(a) Fields/Equipment Manager:** shall:

- (1) Inspect all team equipment before, during and after the season. If any compromise in integrity in equipment is found, this person will report the deficiency to the President and to the Safety Officer and Chief Umpire (or Safety Officer/Chief Umpire) of the Local League.
- (2) Attend City meetings on behalf of the Local League, with President, Vice President of Operations and/or Vice President of Divisions, and work with the City of Folsom - Parks and Recreation Department and authorities from the local school district (FCUSD) to maintain the baseball fields used by FALL, so they are safe on which to play. Before the start of the season and during the season this person will conduct random site inspections. Any deficiencies found during these inspections will be reported, in writing, to the proper personnel at the Park and Rec. office, to the President and in the minutes of the next Board meeting.
- (3) Accept responsibility for developing, initiating, implementing, maintaining and/or overseeing the enhancement, improvement, repairs and/or modification of the Local League's playing facilities and fields.
- (4) Order any and all necessary equipment for the Local League.
- (5) Distribute to each Division Commissioner (Division specific) the necessary playing equipment, field maintenance equipment and access keys for each team in the Local League and secure the return of all issued equipment and keys at the conclusion of the season.
- (6) Check equipment before and after each season (Spring and Winter) and maintain appropriate levels of equipment inventories to ensure the smooth operation of the Local League.
- (7) Prepare, prior to December 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, an annual equipment budget for Board approval.
- (8) Prepare, prior to December 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, an annual property and equipment inventory list.

- (9) Perform such other duties as, from time to time, may be assigned by the Board or President.

**(b) Registrar**

- (1) Serve as the Local League's Registrar (Spring and Winter), responsible for all Player registration, Player eligibility and fee collection activities and assists the Player Agent(s) with transferring registration data into draft sheets and/or player rosters.
- (2) With the assistance from the President, VP Operations and VP of Division, prepare, submit and/or place press releases and advertisements concerning events and activities of Local League with community print and electronic media as appropriate and in furtherance of the Local League's objectives and interests

**(c) Webmaster:**

- (1) Manage, maintain and update the Local League's internet web site;
- (2) Maintain any necessary wait-lists and assist with the Replacement Player process.

**(d) Sponsorship/Fundraising Director: shall:**

- (1) Work with Managers to secure sponsors for all teams.
- (2) Work with each sponsor to coordinate Local League advertising.
- (3) Ensure that all sponsors receive appropriate recognition (i.e. field banner, plaques, etc.).
- (4) Attempt to secure signage sponsors for the Major Division field(s) and coordinate the creation and installation of sponsor signs.
- (5) Use his or her best efforts to receive appropriate payment from all sponsors.
- (6) Perform his or her duties by following any policies and procedures established by the Board.
- (7) Report findings to the Board as to the available fund raising activities/opportunities. Implement any fund raising activity approved by the Board.
- (8) Coordinate all fund raising activities selected by the Board and ensure that any or all fund raising activities comply with Little League, International's Official Regulations and Playing Rules.
- (9) Perform such other duties as, from time to time, may be assigned by the Board or President.

- (10) Shall ensure all banners are put up and taken down at the start and end of each season.

**(e) Director(s) of Development:** shall:

- (1) Oversee and be responsible for developing, initiating, and implementing programs and clinics designed to enhance the playing skills of players (including use of the Local League's Foundation Program) and/or coaching/managing skills of coaches/managers (including Instruction Materials and Binders).
- (2) Develop, initiate, implement, and oversee programs for the purpose of assisting the President with evaluating the performance of Managers and Coaches of the Local League in all Divisions.
- (3) Perform such other duties as, from time to time, may be assigned by the Board or President.
- (4) Will operate as the FALL Ball commissioner with support from webmaster, VP of Operations and the President.

**(f) Team Parent/Volunteers/FALL Fan Fare Director:** shall:

- (1) Ensure appointment and maintain a list of Team Parents for every team in the Local League.
- (2) Facilitate Local League communications with the team parents.
- (3) Conduct the annual pre-season team parent meeting.
- (4) Assist the Vice President of Divisions with Opening Day, if such event is held.
- (5) Set up and run Picture Day.
- (6) Order trophies.
- (7) Run/staff any concession stands operated by the Local League, if any.
- (8) Coordinate team volunteers for Local League activities (i.e. tournaments, firework sales, etc.).
- (9) Organize the process by which teams obtain tickets for the Annual Little League Day at River Cats stadium.
- (10) Perform such other duties as, from time to time, may be assigned by the Board or President.

**(g) Division Commissioner(s):** As appropriate to the Division(s) served shall

- (1) Communicate regularly with team managers and coaches in their assigned Division and advise the Board of the concerns and interests of managers and

coaches. Each Division Commissioner shall assist the Equipment and Field Maintenance Director with collection, inventory and distribution of uniforms and equipment.

- (2) Be responsible for maintaining the coaching standards that have been set up for their Division.
- (3) Organize and coordinate as Tournament Director any post season tournament within the Division to which the Commissioner is assigned.
- (4) Coordinate and work cooperatively with the Director of Development for the purpose of evaluating the skill and performance levels of Players, Managers and Coaches of the Local League.
- (5) Perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned by the Board or President