

## **ARTICLE I - RULE CHANGES**

The Local Rules may be amended, repealed, or altered in whole or part by a majority vote of any meeting of the Board of Directors provided notice of the proposed change(s) is included in the notice to such meeting. This notice is to be given to each Board Member at least two days prior to such meeting. The requirements to alter the local rule during regular season play are the same except that; the vote by the Board of Directors must be unanimous. Regular Season Play is defined as beginning on the first day of tryouts through the end of the last regularly scheduled game.

## **ARTICLE II - TEAMS**

Ideally, the teams will consist of up to 15 players per team. The requirement to place a minimum of 12 players on each team may be waived if the number of registered candidates warrants doing so. The number of players per team will be as equal as possible.

### ADDING TEAMS

Expanding Option 4 under Operating Manual.

### LOSING TEAMS

If the number of teams is reduced. All players affected must be reassigned by a preliminary draft in reverse order of finish to the remaining teams prior to the regular draft. Once completed the regular draft may begin in the reverse order of finish without regard to the last team pick in the preliminary draft.

## **ARTICLE III - TRYOUTS**

All player candidates age six through sixteen, eligible for tryouts and not protected by a Major; Junior or Senior team are required to tryout. Any seven to sixteen year old candidates failing to attend at least 50% of the tryouts shall lose the status of a candidate unless approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. However, all six year old candidates who have played at least one year of tee-ball have the option to tryout for a lower minor team. If the six year old candidate is eligible for tryouts and elects not to tryout, it will result in automatic placement on a tee-ball team.

On the first day of tryouts, the Player Agent will provide a list to each manager showing the eligible candidates and their respective league ages.

Managers of all teams, as well as the other members of the league, will rate all players during tryouts in each of their respective divisions.

No tryouts will be conducted at the Tee Ball level.

**Selection to a team or determination to what level a player is going to play is based on how the child executes during tryouts.** The managers of the respective division will select the players depending on talent through the draft system. It is not the prerogative of the parents to make a determination to what level their child will play. Failure to comply with this local rule could jeopardize the player's membership status with the Local League and may be subject to action by the Board of Directors as they may deem appropriate, including, but not limited to, suspension, termination, All-Star eligibility and team transfer.

## **ARTICLE IV – THE DRAFT SYSTEM**

All managers will be given reasonable notice of draft, time and location.

When a thorough tryout program has been completed, the last place team of the preceding season gets the first choice in every round of the draft, the next to last place team gets the second selection in every round and the remaining teams select in the reverse order of standing to be determined by the over-all season's records of wins and losses.

During the draft, the Upper Minor, Lower Minor and Tee-Ball will be asked to draw numbers to distinguish the order they will be selecting their team.

For the purpose of explanation, let us assume that there are four teams in the league.

- Fourth place manager selects the first player
- Third place manager selects the second player
- Second place manager selects the third player
- First place manager selects the fourth player

Then:

- Fourth place manager selects the fifth player
- Third place manager selects the sixth player
- Second place manager selects the seventh player
- First place manager selects the eighth player

#### DRAFTING BY DIVISIONS

##### THE MAJOR LEAGUE DRAFT

- The following draft rules have been reproduced in part from the current Operating Manual published by Little League Baseball. The local league has chosen to follow plan A of the drafting system rules. These noted exceptions are considered local league rules.
- Those present at the draft selection shall be limited to Player Agent, League Coordinator and named Manager. The President has the option to attend. No players shall be present at the draft and shall never be told the position in which they were drafted.
- Of course, the managers must keep in mind that they shall not select more than eight (8) players in any given age group. The team roster may be composed of players of league age nine (9) thru twelve (12).

##### JUNIOR LEAGUE DRAFT

- The following draft rules have been reproduced in part from the current Operating Manual published by Little League Baseball. The local league has chosen to follow plan A of the drafting system rules. These noted exceptions are considered local league rules.
- Those present at the draft selection shall be limited to Player Agent, League Coordinator and named Manager. The President has the option to attend. No players shall be present at the draft and shall never be told the position in which they were drafted.

##### SENIOR LEAGUE DRAFT

- The following draft rules have been reproduced in part from the current Operating Manual published by Little League Baseball. The local league has chosen to follow plan A of the drafting system rules. These noted exceptions are considered local league rules.
- Those present at the draft selection shall be limited to Player Agent, League Coordinator and named Manager. The President has the option to attend. No players shall be present at the draft and shall never be told the position in which they were drafted.
- Local league has opted to make fourteen (14) year olds eligible for drafting to a Senior league team, which includes replacement to Senior league teams later in the season.

#### THE UPPER MINOR, LOWER MINOR AND TEE BALL DRAFT

- After the Major teams have been selected, the Player Agent will then compile a list of remaining players eligible to be drafted to Minors.
- Tee Ball and Lower Minor draft can be scheduled at a separate time and from Upper Minor/Major League Draft. The eligible number of female candidates in the Tee Ball Division shall be divided as equally as possible between the teams.

#### OPTIONS

An option is an agreement between a Manager and the Player Agent covering a special condition. All options must be stated in writing to the Player Agent 48 hours prior to the draft. There are four options and they are as follows:

- BROTHER/SISTERS - A Manager may submit an option to the Player Agent on two or more brothers and/or sisters becoming candidates who are subject to the draft. When the first brother or sister is drafted under the option agreement, the manager automatically takes the brother/sister on next turn. The option must be completed within the first three draft selections.
- SIBLINGS: BROTHERS/SISTERS - A Manager shall submit an option on a draftee if the player candidate's brother or sister is a member of that Manager's team. The option must be completed within the first three draft selections.
- SONS AND/OR DAUGHTERS OF MANAGERS – (NOTE: The provisions below apply for Managers having brothers or sisters of eligible age.) A Manager who has sons and or daughters eligible under Regulation II for the draft who wishes to draft them must state so (verbally) to the Player Agent prior to the draft. If so stated, the parent/Manager is required to exercise this option prior to the close of the specific draft round depending on league age of sons and/or daughters. Parents/Manager option takes priority over any other option.
- SONS AND/OR DAUGHTERS OF COACHES - A NEW coach shall not be appointed nor approved until after the draft to avoid "Red Shirting" of players through selective coaching appointments. A returning coach, through the manager, may exercise an option to the Player Agent provided: (a) the coach has served as a manager or coach in the league (at any level) for the past two years and, (b) the coach is returning to the same Major League team as last year. (IMPORTANT: In order for a manager to exercise this option, the coach must qualify under BOTH conditions above.)

#### SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS, WHICH APPLY

If the Manager so chooses, the option on son and/or daughter may be waived.

In the event the parent becomes a Manager in another league, that parent may not claim the son or daughter. Players are eligible only in the league whose boundaries include the parent/Manager's home residence.

When a vacancy occurs during the playing season, the player selected to fill the vacancy becomes a permanent member of that team, governed by the same regulations as all members of the team selected during the draft.

All players nine (9) through twelve (12) years old, including the son/daughter of Managers and Coaches at the Upper Minor Division are subject to the Major Divisions draft.

Parents of Major Divisions players, who become Managers or Coaches after their children have been selected to a Major division team may not automatically claim their son or daughter but must trade for them at the proper time.

Teams will not have more than eight (8) players in any given age group.

#### **ARTICLE V - DURATION OF TITLE**

Each player acquired shall, for the duration of his or her Major Little League, Junior League and Senior League career, shall be the property of the team making the acquisition, unless subsequently traded or released.

The Board of Directors shall reserve the right to continue as a player any youngster whose residence changes after becoming a member of the league as provided for in Regulation II D. However, the best interests of the child should be taken into consideration by the board in exercising this right.

#### **ARTICLE VI - TRADING**

Following the draft, managers may if they desire, trade players until fourteen (14) days after the first scheduled game. Teams in leagues permitting over drafting may not trade players until after rosters are reduced in accordance with Regulation II. All trades shall be made through and with the approval of the Player Agent. Minor divisions players may not be traded for Major team players. All trades must be player for player only. Trades involving a player for draft choices are not permitted. The Player Agent must monitor any attempts by Managers and parents to manipulate the system and thus create an imbalance in the league. All trades must be for a justifiable reason and be approved by the Local Board.

#### **ARTICLE VII - REPLACEMENTS**

When a player is lost on a team during the playing season for any of the following reasons:

- He/she moves to another city or state too distant to commute for practice and play;
- He/she is injured and will not be able to return to playing within a reasonable period of time;
- He/she has for personal reason decided to eliminate his/her association with team; or
- Any other justifiable reason reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors, the Manager of the team losing a player is required to immediately notify the League Coordinator and the Player Agent. Player Agent will advise the President and the Board. If the Board of Directors approves loss of player, the Player Agent or President will notify the parents stating the player is released from any team and the league for justifiable reasons. This action creates a legal opening for replacement on the team roster. The Manager shall review the available player list with the Player Agent and the League Coordinator and shall select a replacement. The replacement becomes a permanent member of the team.

Replacement players for the Major division will be selected from eligible Minor divisions players. All other replacements player will come from the waiting list and will be pulled off the list in the order they were received.

NOTE: Failure by the manager to advise the Player Agent of a player's continued absence should result in disciplinary action against the manager.

#### **ARTICLE VIII - LATE REGISTRANTS AND THE PLAYER AGENT WAITING LIST**

If a candidate wished to register after the selection of the teams, their name will be placed on a waiting list in order of the date of the candidate's notification to the Player Agent. The Player Agent will maintain the waiting list. Every effort will be made to make the teams equal in number in each division.

#### **ARTICLE IX - TIME LIMIT TO CREATE A TEAM**

Any team, which does not have enough players to field a team, with a minimum of eleven (11) players, approximately thirty (30) days before the scheduled first game of season will not be chartered to play.

#### **ARTICLE X - PLAYER ROSTERS ARE NOT EQUAL**

If the number of players on the team is not equal within each division, the new player will be placed on the team that needs a player to balance the division. If more than one team needs a player, the new player will be placed on the team that was the next in line to draft a player at the original player draft. The second name on the list will be placed on the next team that would have drafted and so forth until the teams within the division are equal.

#### **ARTICLE XI - TEAM REGISTRATION AND RELEASE OF PLAYERS**

Five days prior to the first scheduled league game each manager shall register with the Player Agent the number of players as determined in Regulation III (a). Proper release of Major League players (Little League, Junior League, Senior League, Big League Softball/Baseball) due to injury, illness, relocation or resignation is essential.

During the season, the Player Agent must monitor teams to ensure rosters are at the proper level. Managers are required to inform the Player Agent if a player has been repeatedly absent. Failure to notify the Player Agent of a player's repeated absence is cause for disciplinary action against the manager.

#### **ARTICLE XII - PLAYER ROSTERS ARE EQUAL**

The new player's name will remain on the list until a manager requests a replacement. If a replacement is requested from the Major division, the replacement must come from the Minor league players, unless there is a player on the waiting list.

#### **ARTICLE XIII - ALL STAR SELECTION**

- The Player Agent oversees the selection of All-Stars.
- In order for an age eligible player to be nominated for the consideration on an All-Star team, the All-Star Intent to Play Form must be properly signed and returned by the date established by the Player Agent.
- The All-Star managers are determined by the over-all season's records of wins and losses.
- The nine (9) and ten (10), Majors, Junior and Senior Division Tournament Manager is decided in this order:
  - The first place manager of each division. If he/she declines the position, then the second, third and so forth will become the manager of the tournament team.
- In the case where no manager is available to manage the division, the President will recommend and the Board of Directors must approve a manager by a majority vote.

- The President must approve all Tournament Managers and Coaches. If a manager is not approved, the position goes to the next manager in line according to what is stated under item number four above.
- A player must be physically able to play in order to be nominated or placed on a team. A player who was injured prior to All-Star selection must have a doctor's release before he/she can be eligible for consideration.
- The Player Agent shall choose the number of players that will be carried on the team. The minimum number of players any team will carry is twelve (12); Little League Baseball, Inc., determines the maximum number of players as outlined in the rulebooks. Any number of players other than those stated by the Local League and Little League Baseball, Inc., must have the approval of the District Administrator.
- If there are less than 13 players to the team, only two adults will be allowed to act as coaches/managers for that game. If there are 13 or more players to the team, three adults will be allowed to act as coaches/managers for that game.
- Each manager will nominate those players from his/her team that he/she thinks deserves placement, provided an All-Star Intent to Play Form has been turned in. Then each manager will vote (by show of hands) for the twelve or up to the maximum number of players allowed by Little League Baseball, Inc., that he/she feels are most deserving to be a member of the All-Star team. The players receiving the most votes will be selected to represent the League on the All-Star team. The Player Agent with the assistance of the Coordinator for that division will break all ties. A vote will be considered a tie on the selection of players, if after two votes are taken on the same exact players. The Player Agent will then cast a vote to break the tie.
- In the event that any nine or ten year-olds were drafted and played on a Major Division team, the managers from the Major teams will be eligible to vote in the selection of the Minor Tournament team.
- In the event a replacement player is needed for a team, all the managers and the Coordinator for that particular division will meet at the request of the Player Agent to select a replacement.
- The managers must inform the Player Agent or the Coordinator for that division of any players who do not meet the requirements as stated in the All-Star Intent to Play Form.
- The All-Star Intent to Play Form is part the Local League's rules for All-Star selection.

## **ARTICLE XIV – PLAYING RULES**

### TEE BALL PLAYING RULES

Tee Ball will be played according to the Little League Rule Book titled, "Tee Ball, Minor League, Little League Baseball or Softball, except for the following:

- Five and six year-olds will play Tee Ball, however, any six year-old with one year of Tee Ball experience is eligible for the Lower Minor draft.
- The player who is playing the position of the pitcher, will be on the mound or in the pitcher's circle until the ball is hit into play.
- Each team will roster bat. Every player on the roster will have one at bat every batting cycle. Example: Once the number one batter has had his/her time at bat, the number one batter cannot bat again until all of the other players on the roster have had their at bat. Roster batting applies to the players, who are present and able to play at the start of the game. Additions or deletions from the playing roster are by the approval of the opposing manager. Additions will be placed at the bottom of the playing roster.
- Once a team bats through its roster, the side will be retired regardless of the number of outs.

- The batter will be allowed to swing a maximum of eight times in an attempt to put the ball into play. After the eighth swing has been made with failure to connect, the batter will be called out.
- After the ball is hit into play, any throw that hits a fence out of the field of play will be treated as an overthrow. The runners will be allowed to advance one base.
- There will be a maximum of four adults in the dugout (one of which shall be a same sex coach); however, only two adult base coaches will be allowed on the field while the team is on offense.
- The game will have a time limit of 45 minutes. If the time expires during play, the inning will be completed.
- No score will be kept.
- This division will be allowed to have a maximum of two practices per week. Each practice will not exceed one hour in length.