La Grande Little League Bylaws

ARTICLE I - MEETINGS

Section 1 – The Board of Directors shall meet on the 3rd Monday of each month, at 6:00 P.M. except in case of holiday when the League shall meet on the 2nd Monday of the month, at 6:00 P.M. When needed, for Planning an extra meeting will be called two weeks later, matching the original day of week and time of meeting.

Section 2 – The annual election of officers shall be held at the September General membership meeting.

A. The Board will have the following voting positions: President, Vice-President(Baseball/Softball), Secretary, Treasurer, Safety Officer, Player Agent(Baseball/Softball), Equipment Manager, Field Manager, Fundraising Manager and Umpire in Chief. Other positions may be added if deemed necessary.

B. Non Voting positions include: Past President, Honorary Members

Section 3 – Special meetings may be called by the President and/or the Board of Directors.

Section 4 – At any regular or special meeting, a majority vote of eligible voting members present shall be considered binding except as provided for elsewhere in the By-Laws.

ARTICLE II - FINANCES

Section 1 – Upon approval by the Board of Directors, purchase orders and itemized bills shall be disbursed by the Treasurer & the Purchasing Agent.

Section 2 – No contract shall be binding on the League unless authorized in writing and authorized by order of the Board of Directors.

Section 3 – The Board of Directors, managers, coaches, volunteers and voting members shall not receive remuneration for any normal services or duties performed by them for the League.

Section 4 - Necessary operating budgets shall be drafted and approved by the December Board of Directors meeting.

Section 5 - Any expenses up to $500 approved by the President, Vice-president or Purchasing agent shall be reimbursed without approval by the Board of Directors so long as documentation is provided.

ARTICLE III - PARLIAMENTARY RULES

Section 1 – The parliamentary manual governing meetings shall be the most current version of Robert's Rules of Order Revised except where it conflicts with the By-Laws of the League.

Section 2 – The Official Rules and Regulations as published by Little League International shall be binding on the League.

Section 3 – Rules adopted by the League and approved by the Board of Directors shall in no way

conflict with the Rules and Regulations of Little League Baseball & Softball.

Section 4 – The Order of Business at League meetings shall be as follows:

1. Call to Order & Roll Call;
2. Reading and approval of the minutes of the previous meeting;
3. Unfinished Business;
4. New Business; and
5. Report of the Treasurer;
6. Adjournment

ARTICLE IV - STANDING RULES

GENERAL LEAGUE POLICY

1. The League shall begin January 1st and terminate no later than October 31st.

2. La Grande Little League will require a registration fee for each child participating in a League Program. The fee will be collected annually during the registration period. The fee amount will be set at the time of the annual meeting and approved by the Board of Directors. a. These fees are required, regardless of the program levels.

b. The fee for current board members' children will be waived.

b. The League President must allow for individual hardship cases, where it can be established that a family cannot afford to pay the registration fee.

c. The Board will either create a scholarship program where they can sell raffle tickets to pay for their fees or develop another way to help them work off the player fees.

d. Under no circumstances will a child be denied the opportunity to participate in Little League.

3. Any member or player is subject to disciplinary action by the Board of Directors if their conduct is viewed as detrimental to the league.

4. Team sponsor fees to be determined by the Board of Directors meeting prior to the letters going out.

a. The Sponsorship Manager will collect monies and track all communications with sponsors.

b. All Sponsors will receive 2 LGLL hats.

5. Equipment:

a. The equipment manager/s shall submit an annual equipment report.

b. All equipment shall be returned at the scheduled return dates.

c. All managers are responsible for their equipment and in order to get new equipment, they need to turn in the old equipment.

d. No La Grande Little League equipment will be loaned to any organization unless a member of

the league is present at the event and will take responsibility for said equipment.

6. Fields:
   a. The home team is responsible for setting up the field prior to a game. Visiting team will be responsible for putting away bases, raking the fields and general field cleanup.
   b. Each team will clean their respective sides of the field, including dugouts, following each game.

7. Uniforms:
   Provided:
      i. Softball: Uniform Shirt and LG Socks
      ii. Baseball: Uniform Shirt and Hat
      iii. Coach pitch and T-Ball: Uniform Shirt and Hat
      iv. Managers and Coaches: Uniform Shirt and a hat

8. Team pictures shall consist of all players, managers and coaches.
   a. A team picture will be given to each sponsor paid for by the league.
   b. Coaches, Managers and Players are responsible for their own purchases.

9. Training:
   a. Managers/Coaches/Team volunteers will need to pass
      i. Concussion course (choice of 3 sites)
      ii.. Diamond Training through Little League (only needed 1x ever)
      iii.. Abuse awareness training through Little League ***(new in 2025 season)***
      Iv. JDP background check through Little League

10. Monies:
    a. In the case of monies being distributed to the coaches or players for fundraising, Little League will not pay out in cash. All payouts will be in check form for better bookkeeping.

11. Local Rules for the regular season: (only when we are playing in La Grande):
    a. Minors Division:
       i. Games will be played with a 5 run rule per inning per team to speed up games.
       ii. At the count of ball 4, the batter's coach will come to the mound and pitch to the batter. The count for strikes will stand as is and the player will either strike out swinging or looking or they can put the ball in play. The umpire will continue to call the coaches pitches that are strikes.

REGULAR SEASON

ARTICLE V - REGISTRATIONS AND EVALUATIONS

Section 1 - The League shall accept all player candidates regardless of race, color, religion, sex, national origin or ancestry, and ability to pay, provided that the candidates meet the requirements established by Little League International, including age, residency and try-out requirements.

Section 2 – The League shall establish registration and evaluation dates for the following spring season to allow for evaluations, recruitment and training of managers and coaches, scheduling of safety and coaching clinics prior to the start of the season and completion of the appropriate paperwork by volunteer candidates.

Section 3 – All registrations occurring after the drafts in the Minor, Major, Junior and Senior Divisions will be assigned in the drafting order that has been kept on record by both the president and vice-president of that division.

Section 4 – All player candidates Minors to Senior will be evaluated.

ARTICLE VI - DRAFTING - REGULAR SEASON

Section 1 – Order of Selection

- Senior, Junior, Major and Minor Softball and Baseball Players Selection Process:

1. The Little League Board will establish a Try-out and Draft Date

La Grande Little League builds new teams every year; the Board will use the Serpentine Draft plan.

a. First, the Managers and Coaches draw numbers to see who goes first.

b. In a 4 team league the order will be 1,2,3,4,4,3,2,1,1,2,3,4 until all the layers are chosen. d. The Head Coach's child is chosen in the 3rd round.

e. The assistant coach's child is chosen in the 4th round.

f. Coaches Siblings: A manager shall submit in their volunteer application if their brother/sister is a player to be selected. The sibling should be treated as a coach's child; being drafted in the 3rd or 4th rounds. If needed this can also be taken on the 5th in the case of prior coaches siblings.

g. Siblings are drafted together and chosen in consecutive rounds.

h. The board tries to be sure that each team has a pitcher and a catcher.

i. Trades between teams can be considered, but they must happen within 24 hours of the draft. All

trades must be for justifiable reasons and be approved by the Board of Directors.

- Coach pitch and T-ball will be a blind selection process organized by the Board of Directors.

Section 2 - Special Considerations That Apply

a. If the manager so chooses, the option on son/daughter may be waived.
b. In the event that the parent becomes a manager in another league, that parent may not claim the son/daughter.
c. Players are eligible only in the league whose boundaries include the parent/manager's physical residence or the school the player attends.
d. 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 in the spring draft.

ARTICLE VII - MANAGERS and COACHES

Section 1 – Managers and coaches are appointed annually by the president; appointments are then approved or denied by the board.

Section 2 – Each team roster shall contain the names of one manager and at least one coach.

Section 3 – It is the duty of the managers and coaches to be available for all scheduled games. If a manager or coach misses three consecutive scheduled games and/or four scheduled games in a season, the Vice-President will consult with the coaches regarding circumstances and develop a plan to ensure the team has sufficient coaching staff.

Section 4 – An active member may not manage and/or coach more than one team per season. A manager and/or coach shall only manage and/or coach one team per season among the Minor, Major, Junior and Senior Divisions. A manager and/or coach shall only manage and/or coach one team per season among the Coach Pitch and T-ball Divisions.

Section 5 – Managers and coaches shall not collect money on behalf of the League without the expressed consent of the Board of Directors. Managers and coaches shall not solicit or collect money from sponsors and/or parents for additional equipment, enhanced uniforms, practice or play time at a private facility or for programs not sanctioned with the La Grande Little League.

Section 6 - All-Star coaches are selected through an application and voting process facilitated by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VIII - INTERPRETATION

The sole power of interpretation of the League's By-Laws shall be entrusted to the Board of Directors. The Board shall review the by-laws annually and recommend to the League any proposal and changes.

They shall interpret the laws and statutes of the town of La Grande and the State of Oregon and to see that they are complied with in the conduct of League business.

ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws and standing rules may be amended at any regular meeting by two-thirds (2/3) vote of eligible voting members present provided that the proposed amendment was presented in writing and read at the previous regular meeting and that the substance of such amendment was included in the notice of the meeting during which the vote is scheduled. Exception: No By-Law or standing rule shall be reconsidered or voted upon for a three month-period following a legal vote on the same issue.

ALL-STAR SEASON

ARTICLE X - All STAR VOTING PROCEDURES: MAJORS,MINORS, JUNIORS & SENIORS

Section 1 – Teams:

a. The League shall be represented in the annual All-Star Tournaments by:

- 10U - 8, 9, 10
- 11U - 9, 10, 11
- 12U - 10, 11, 12
- Jrs. - 12, 13, 14
- Srs. - 13, 14, 15

b. A minimum of 12 and a maximum of 15 players throughout tournament play who satisfy the eligibility requirements of Little League Baseball.

c. Players who are league age 15 are not eligible to participate on the Junior All-star team.

Section 2 – Coaches ***(Manager, Head Coach & Assistant Coach):***

a. ***ALL Individuals interested in being considered for All-Star Manager, Head Coach or Assistant Coach should complete the All-Star application and email it to the Board by May 18th 2025 for the 2025 season and also sign up within Sports Connect, the same way as the regular season.***

b. Any member of the Board, including the President, may be considered for a manager or another coaching position for an All-Star team, however they will not have a vote in the selection process of the position they are applying for.

c. Board members, ***Regular Season Head Coaches and Regular Season 1st assistants*** will vote for the All-star managers. This will be for Minors, Majors, Junior and Senior leagues coaches only. If a

coach is also a board member, but not a candidate, they only ***cast*** one vote.

d.In the event that the respective manager of the Minor, Major, Junior or Senior Divisions is unable or unwilling to assume the position as All-Star manager, the position shall be offered to the individual who receives the next highest number of votes.

e. ***All coaching positions will be determined before all-star tryouts***. ***Managers can choose their 2 coaches, but they must be vetted and approved by the board and have submitted an application to the board. All applying coaches should have coached during the regular season unless lack of interest. In the event that there is lack of interest for a coaching position in a division, a coach can be vetted or approved by the board after the application deadline.***

Section 3 – Evaluations

The player evaluation will consist of each player catching, throwing, and batting.

a. Players will attend a required evaluation session. Those who do not attend an evaluation session will not be allowed to participate in All-Stars unless a prior arrangement has been approved by the board. ***Those who are absent (approved) from evaluations are still eligible to make a team. However, they will only be able to be chosen as one of the remaining players, not as one the top 9 since they will not be able to be evaluated.***

b. Regular season Coaches and Board members may evaluate the players.

c. Players who want to pitch or catch will be given the opportunity to showcase their abilities.

d. Players will be evaluated by performance at the evaluation session and their skill/performance through the regular season will also be taken into consideration when making All-Star teams.

Section 4 – Draftings:

a. The top 9 players will be on the team. The Manager, Head Coach & Assistant Coach may choose the remaining players.

b. Members of the Board shall collect and hold all ballots. Vote tabulation shall require at least three members of the, appointed by the President, to be present. This should consist of Player Agents, Vice-presidents, and another board member by choice of the President.

c. There are no “Alternate Players” to be selected. Adding or deleting players after the team is selected may be done in accordance with Little League International Tournament Rules and guidelines in the Official Regulations and Playing Rules. Any added players must be selected from the remaining names on the evaluation roster; unless extenuating circumstances prevent this in which case any player to be added is approved by the League President.

d. If a player declines, the All-Star Manager can automatically move to select another player from the remaining names on the evaluation roster until the team roster is filled with committed players. The Manager shall send a note to the Player Agent of any roster changes from the Board's approved roster.

e. Players will be drafted based upon skill and maximizing potential team quality. Players may end up being selected to play in an age group that they didn’t play in during the regular season.

Section 5 - Uniforms:

a. All-Star Softball teams: Uniform Shirt and Socks
b. All-star Baseball: Uniform Shirt and Hat
c. Managers and Coaches: hat and shirt
d. The Little League Board will not buy any District Champion T-Shirts for the players. Those can be purchased at the Players' expense. The Board will purchase shirts for State qualifying teams.

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