

**Bend North Little League**  
**Local Rules and Bylaws**  
2023

1. **General Guidelines**

- 1.1 Follow current year operating manual and playing rules.
- 1.2 Board Members will try to attend as many little league games as their schedule allows throughout the year, so most games have a representative in attendance.
- 1.3 Board Meetings will occur once a month and/or as needed.
- 1.4 Board Members receive 2 kids registration for free as long as Board members attend 75% of the board meetings throughout the year.

2. **Sportsmanship**

- 2.1. Absolutely no foul language or behavior will be tolerated.
- 2.2. Parents who are not directly involved with the board or team will not be allowed on the field during warm up or during the game.
- 2.3. Any inappropriate behavior will be dealt with by the plate umpire
  - 2.3.1. The plate umpire is required to inform the Umpire in Chief of any incident which he/she deems necessary. The Umpire in Chief will then discuss the incident with the league president.
  - 2.3.2. As needed, the league president will confer with the Board to discuss any actions. Actions may include suspension for game(s) or the remaining season.
- 2.4. All players, managers, & coaches will line up & stand at the infield baselines to recite the Little League pledge before each game.
  - 2.5.1 If any player, manager or coach chooses not to recite the verbiage in the pledge, that is their choice, but they must line up on the foul lines with their team to stand in silence while the pledge is recited by both teams. Sitting out is not allowed.
  - 2.5.2 If a player, manager, or coach refuses to stand at the infield base lines during the Little League Pledge, then they are not eligible to play/coach in that game or the next game & they could be subject to removal from their team by a majority vote from the board of directors.
- 2.5. All teams will acknowledge the opposing team after all games
- 2.6. All parents will sign a 'parent pledge' as a requirement of their child's eligibility.
- 2.7. The use of alcohol or tobacco will be prohibited at all league games.

### 3. **Manager Selections**

- 3.1. The League President will select all managers for all leagues and all teams. The League Presidents selections must be approved by the majority of the board.
- 3.2. The League President may use coaching evaluations to assist in his/her selection process.
- 3.3. Managers not selected will be notified of their status but will not be given any reason for the decision.

### 4. **Regular Season Team Selections**

#### 4.1. Leagues

BNLL will offer the following league divisions:

#### Baseball

T Ball	Age 5
Pee Wee	Age 6
Rookie Ball	Age 7
A Ball	Age 8
AA Ball	Age 9
AAA Ball	Age 10
Majors	Age 11-12
50/70	Age 13
Juniors	Age 13-14

#### Softball

Pee Wees	Age 5-6
Rookie Ball	Age 7-8
Minor Ball	Age 9-10
Majors	Age 11-12
Juniors	Age 13-14

- 4.2. BNLL will try to place players, from T-ball to A Ball Division teams, with others attending the same schools, living in the same geographic area of town.
- 4.3. Players in the AA Ball division or above will be required to participate in a skills assessment. For divisions that will have at least two teams, there will a draft as determined by the board of directors.
- 4.4. It is the desire of the BNLL Board that players play in the age-appropriate league once they reach AA Ball.
- 4.5. Any request for a player to be considered for play outside the designated league must be sent to the league President for review.

4.6. Pool Players...Regulation V in Little League rules. A list of players will be adopted who are willing to participate in extra games during the season. Players will be used on a rotating basis as decided by the Director of Pool Play. Players will not be used as pitchers or catchers. Junior league baseball will follow interleague rules.

5. **All-Star Selections (players and managers)**

5.1. All coaches or managers interested in managing the all-star teams must submit their requests to the League President by May 15th.

5.2. All-star managers will be selected by the League President and approved by the majority of the board of directors. The League President will select the coaches for each team after conferring with the All-Star team managers.

5.3. A minimum of 11 players will be selected unless otherwise mandated by Tournament rules.

5.4. BNLL would like to field competitive teams at all levels of the District Tournament.

5.5. BNLL will allow younger players to represent BNLL All-Star teams as long as their talent level would allow them to get significant play time subject to the following guidelines.

- 11 yr olds will be eligible to play on the Majors 11-12 yr old All-Star team if their overall ranking based on the voting below places them in the top six (6) of eligible Majors 12 yr olds.
- 10 yr olds will be eligible to play on the Majors 10-11 yr old All-Star team if their overall ranking based on the voting below places them in the top six (6) of eligible Majors 11 yr olds. If a 10 yr old would like to be on the ballot for the Majors 10-11 yr old team, a formal written request must be sent to the league President prior to the May board meeting and approved by a majority of the Board of Directors.
- All 9-10 yr olds are eligible to play on the 9-10 yr old All-Star team.
- The board of directors will place younger players on the teams that allow BNLL to field the best teams possible.

5.6. All-Star players will be selected by an average of their ranking in the following voting categories.

- A) All eligible players in the given league.
- B) All managers of teams in the given league.
- C) All coaches of teams in the given league.
- D) Any league umpire that has worked in at least 1 of each league team's game. Umpires will not be eligible to vote in leagues where they have a family member participating.
- D) Tie breakers will be settled by popular manager vote.

5.7. The ten (10) players with the highest overall rankings will be automatically assigned to the All-Star team. If one or more of these players are not available for All-Star play, the next player on the list will be added to the team until the initial 10 players are chosen.

- 5.8. The All-Star manager will then select the remaining 2-3 team members from the next available 10 players with the highest overall rankings. These remaining 2-3 players must be approved by the Board of Directors.
- 5.9. The League President along with the board of directors will decide how many players each All-Star team will carry, after conferring with the All-Star manager for each team.
- 5.10. The All Star families will be compensated \$50 per night toward hotel stay for District, State, Regional and World Series play. This will be in effect when the travel distance is more than 100 miles from Bend contingent on board approval.
- 5.11. If (a) negative behavior of a BNLL player, or parent of the player, is observed by any BNLL manager, umpire or board member either during a BNLL event or another event , and (b) the the board of directors deems such observations to be (a) credible, (b) indicative of behavior that is detrimental to the league, or potentially disruptive to the future tournament team, and (c) such player's overall ranking is subject to Section 5.7, then, upon the majority vote of the board of directors, (1) such player may be exempted from mandatory all-star assignment pursuant to Section 5.7 and, (2) the President shall brief the tournament team Manager of such observations and the substance of the deliberations and/or findings of the executive committee. For the avoidance of doubt, such player would still be included in the pool of players provided to the tournament team Manager for optional selection to the tournament team as outlined in section 5.8, and the number of mandatory placements on the tournament team under Section 5.7 shall be reduced correspondingly.
- 5.12. Players need to play 2 consecutive years within Bend North Little League in order to be eligible for All-Star postseason play. If a player was absent one or more of the 2 years that Bend North Little League requires to be eligible for All-Star postseason play, then that player's eligibility is to be voted on by the board of directors, and a majority vote is needed to determine the status of that player's eligibility.

## 6. **League Structure**

- 6.1. Stealing Home – Stealing home will not be allowed in the T-Ball and A divisions. Stealing home will not be allowed in the AA division. Stealing home will be allowed in the AAA division.
- 6.2. Uniforms – Little League participants will not be allowed to wear uniforms, hats, jackets or helmets associated with local club ball organizations when participating in Little League games, practices, or events.