

## **2026 Bylaws**

### **Bylaw 1: League Ground Rules**

- a. The 10 run rule and 15 run rule will be in effect for all competitive divisions, according to Little League rules. (Rule 4.10 (e))
- b. Any player who is out of the lineup for more than three (3) consecutive weeks (or six (6) games) is subject to being removed from him/her team by action of the board of directors. However, the board of directors reserves the right to allow such players to remain on the roster. Managers must make the player agent aware if any player misses more than two (2) consecutive games for any reason. Failure to do this will be cause for corrective action against the manager. (Regulation III (d))
- c. No player will be called up from the minor league team to a major league team in the last two weeks of the season.
- d. It is the policy of VVALL that if a minor division player declines to move up to a major division team when a vacancy occurs in the major division, the player will be transferred to another team in the minor division, preferably a team in lower standings, however, the board of directors reserves the right to waive this policy if warranted. (regulation VIII)
- e. Managers for all Minor A and above teams must retain a pitching affidavit throughout the regular season. The affidavit must be made available at the beginning of each game. Failure to provide the signed affidavit will result in the termination of that game and be logged as a forfeit.
- f. The home team will be required to keep the official scorebook. The visiting team will maintain the official pitch count for Minor A divisions and above.

### **Bylaw 2: Manager Selection**

The method of selecting managers for all divisions will be as follows:

- a. The prospective manager will give his name during sign-ups or register online along with the division which he/she wants to manage.
- b. The President will make the recommendation to the Board of Directors.
- c. The Board of Directors will vote to either approve or deny the recommendations. If they are denied, the Board of Directors will work cooperatively to come to a conclusion that suits the best interest of the league.

### **Bylaw 3: Player Draft and Selection**

The method of selecting and drafting players for all divisions will be as follows:

- a. Selection of non-competitive teams:
  1. All players must sign up/register at either in-person registration or through our online system with Sports Connect.
  2. All non-competitive division teams will be selected using a random selection process with each team receiving an even number of children based on age.

These divisions can also be created based on coach request. Parents may request a manager; however, managers may not select players.

- b. Selection of competitive teams (draft method)
  - 1. The draft method for Minor A division will be Plan B in the current Little League Baseball/Softball Operation Manual.
  - 2. The draft method for Majors Divisions and up will be Plan A in the current Little League Baseball/Softball Manual.
- c. All Players league age nine (9) years old and up must try-out. Eight (8) years olds may try out.
- d. All players league age nine (9) to fourteen (14) must be rated prior to being placed on a softball or baseball team.
- e. Any player signing up or registering after the close of the sign-ups will be placed on a waitlist (regardless of their prior years status) and will be drafted in order, according to the wait list.
- f. All Players on the wait list will be taken off in chronological order.

#### **Bylaw 4: Tournament Selection**

The method of selecting tournament teams and managers for all divisions will be as follows:

- a. The Board of Directors will approve All Star managers for each team.
- b. All Managers that are in good standing with the league will be considered for the selection as a tournament manager.
- c. Managers will nominate players (different ages for different age groups) from their teams and submit them to the player agent.
- d. President, Player Agent, and appointed All Star manager will have say on what players are selected on the All-Star teams.
- e. Appointed All Star managers may request a tryout to see the various players and their abilities prior to selecting the team.
- f. Coaches for the tournament team will consist of managers or coaches from the same division (chosen by All Star managers). Coaches must also be in good standing with the league.
- g. Any player that has been ejected during the regular season may lose his/her ability to be selected to an All-Star team.
- h. Any player that did not participate in the league fundraiser or pay regular season registration may lose his/her ability to be selected to an All-Star team.
- i. Major All Star team will consist of players 10-11-12
  - 9-10-11 year-old All-Star team will consist of players from this age pool.
  - 8-9-10 year-old All-Star team will consist of players from this age pool.

## **Bylaw 5: Division Alignment**

### **a. Baseball**

1. Pee-Wee (Tee Ball) Baseball: League age 4-6 years old
2. Minor B (Farm Ball) Baseball: League age 6-8 years old
3. Minor A Baseball: League age 8-10 years old
4. Major Baseball: League age 10-12 years old
5. Intermediate Baseball: League age 11-13 years old
6. Junior Baseball: League age 12-14 years old
7. Senior Baseball: League age 13-16 years old

### **b. Softball**

1. Pee-Wee (Tee Ball) Softball: League age 4-6 years old
2. Minor B (Sunshine) Softball: League age 6-8 years old
3. Minor A Softball: League age 8-10 years old
4. Major Softball: League age 10-12 years old
5. Junior Softball: League age 12-14 years old
6. Senior Softball: League age 13-16 years old

## **Bylaw 6: Time Limits**

### **a. Tee ball Baseball/Softball time limit:**

1. One (1) hour, drop dead

### **b. Minor B Baseball/Softball time limit:**

1. One (1) hour, thirty (30) minutes, drop dead

### **c. Minor A Baseball/Softball time limit:**

1. No new inning after one (1) hour, forty-five (45) minutes or four (4) innings.

### **d. Major Baseball/Softball time limit:**

1. No new inning after two (2) hours, fifteen (15) minutes or six (6) innings.

### **e. Intermediate, Junior, Senior Baseball/Softball time limit:**

1. No new inning after two (2) hours, thirty (30) minutes or six (7) innings.

### **f. Games cannot end in a tie in the Major division and above.**

### **g. During inter-league play, inter-league rules will apply.**

## **Bylaw 7: Volunteer Opportunities**

### **a. Umpires**

1. All competitive managers or coaches will be required to umpire a minimum of 2 games during the competitive season.
  2. Failure to umpire will result in forfeiting their eligibility to manage or coach an All-Star team and will result in your team being charged division price per game which will be deducted from the team account prior to funds being released at the end of the season.
  3. Any umpire being paid \$499 and over shall, for tax purposes, receive a 1099 form from the league tax preparer.
- b. Snack Bar
1. All teams will be assessed a \$100.00 fee, for a total of up to \$300.00, for failing to schedule and report for snack bar duty. This fee will be taken from the team account prior to funds being released at the end of the season.
  2. The snack bar coordinator will compile a list of shifts, hours, days and times which will be made available to team moms when game schedules are complete.
- c. Badges
1. All VVALL volunteers must complete and satisfactorily pass a background screening conducted through JDP. They must also complete any required safety courses required by the league and/or state of California.
  2. Badges will be mandatory for ALL volunteers and must be worn at all times while on the fields with players.
  3. Failure to wear your issued badge will result in removal of the volunteer until the badge can be presented. There will be NO EXCEPTIONS to this rule.
  4. Managers will have the discretion for appointing the volunteers he/she wants to assist them while on the field. The list of names will be forwarded by the manager to the safety officer, and they will be required to complete the same background check and safety classes as the manager.
  5. There will be a charge of \$5.00 per badge except for one (1) manager and one (1) team mom.
  6. Competitive teams are ONLY allowed to have 3 approved volunteers in the dugout during games.

#### **Bylaw 8: Registration Policy/Refund Policy**

- a. All player refunds must be made by submitting the player withdraw and refund requests to the Treasurer. The form can be found at [www.VictorvilleAmerican.com](http://www.VictorvilleAmerican.com)
- b. All player refund requests received prior to participating in ANY game, tryout, practice or team function may be entitled to a refund of their registration fees.
- c. All Player refund requests received after participating in any tryout, practice, or team function may not be entitled to a refund of registration fees.
- d. A picture packages is part of Spring registration fees. Registrations not paid in full are not guaranteed to receive the picture package.

- e. There will be one mandatory fundraiser per season. If the player does not participate in the fundraiser or buyout option, the player may lose All-Star eligibility.
- f. If player's registration is not paid in full, the player may lose All-Star eligibility.

#### **Bylaw 9: Team Accounts**

- a. During the competitive season, all teams will be assigned, through the league treasurer, an account to hold their team funds. This includes funds from the league team fundraiser, opening day booths, or team sponsors. Failure to turn funds into league treasurer may result in removal from team manager, coach, or team mom position. The treasurer will disperse team funds when provided with receipt for items purchased for the players of the team.
- b. Failure to notify board members of game/practice cancellation may result in corresponding fees being deducted from your team account (i.e. lighting costs, field usage fees, umpire fees).
- c. If team money is not claimed within 30 days of the end of the season, the funds will be absorbed by the league.

Approved by the 2025-2026 Victorville American Little League Board of Directors on December 11, 2025.

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