

LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL, DISTRICT 18

MINUTES

BOARD MEETING – November 5, 2025

ATTENDANCE: Milan Mrakich, DA, Diane Bowen, Mike Goodrich, Mike Dorado, ADAs. Ray Aragon, Fernando, Alhambra American, Jaime Garcia, East Alhambra, Cristina Rodriguez, South El Monte, Eric Horn, Northeast Los Angeles, Alberto Ocon, South Pasadena, Michael Chen, Temple City American, Rick Bowen, Temple City National, Nancy Gomez, El Monte Eastern.

ABSENT: El Monte National.

The meeting was called to order and presidents and League Reps introduced themselves.

2025 TOURNAMENT RECAP: Diane reported on the baseball tournament results and Mike reported on the softball tournament results. The District 18 teams that advanced furthest were the South Pasadena Junior baseball team which advanced to the State Championship division, the SP 8-10 softball team, which won State, and the East Alhambra Major softball team which played (and lost) in the championship State game against Westchester Los Angeles, which advanced to the Western Regional.

2026 WESTERN REGION TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION: Milan explained that LL picks hosts for State tournaments in January. Any league that would like to host a state tournament should let him know. In 2025 San Marino (District 17) hosted the Major state softball tournament and used the East Alhambra field, splitting games between San Marino and Alhambra. It is nice for our teams to have home field advantage and not have to travel. Milan handed out charts from Western Region showing number of teams chartered in baseball and softball divisions for the last two seasons, which showed increases in most divisions in California.

Milan advised the Charter Committee at LL headquarters make all decisions regarding waivers, i.e. rule waiver, draft procedures, residency waivers, etc. He can only recommend. Leagues must justify their reasons for waiver requests.

REQUIRED SUBMITTALS: Leagues were reminded Registration is required to be done electronically through the League's Sports Connect website. A handout with instructions was provided.

League Constitutions need to be updated each year and uploaded to the data center and saved in the League file cabinet on the data base. A handout was provided. League bylaws which address internal league procedures, such as drafts, selection to all-star teams, snack bar requirements do not have to be submitted to LL for approval as long as the LL Board approves the bylaws each year, and makes them transparent to their members.

Milan handed out the updated Required Submittals list. Milan reminded presidents the data center was reset for Mandatory JDP background checks, and Abuse Awareness training, which have to be done each season. Managers and Coaches must complete both before they can manage or coach, and it is required prior to opening games, and a requirement for tournament participation. Handouts for JDP checks were provided. Diamond Leader training is only required once.

Insurance will lapse December 31, and chartering and insurance need to be done through the data center prior to January 1st. A handout regarding insurance was provided. Presidents need to update their League Officer positions on the data base. Presidents should use a home address for materials that will be sent from LL headquarters, it cannot be a P.O. box. Residency waivers need to be done prior to drafting players on teams. Residency waivers were discussed.

Leagues combining play (such as softball teams, and other divisions where one league gives players to another

league because they do not have enough players to form complete teams), need to fill out the combined play forms in the data center. Leagues interlocking with other District 18 teams do not have to fill out forms, but if interlocking with leagues outside District 18 they must fill out forms and make sure the other league accepts the request so that Milan can approve.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS/TOURNAMENTS: Milan went over the district and tournament date information, and will try to keep to this schedule. April and May will have two meetings as we go over tournament rules and regulations. Leagues are invited to bring any board members to any meetings. Tournament dates should be approximately the same as 2025 dates. Leagues are advised they can run special tournaments at any time and just need to file a special games request with Milan, and outside teams must meet LL insurance requirements re liability.

CERTIFICATION: Mike discussed the certification requirements and recommended during registration leagues confirm eligibility within their leagues. If players graduate from a school they were previously certified on, a new school form will be required for the player at certification (2D forms not accepted as they were in prior years).

UPPER DIVISIONS BASEBALL & SOFTBALL: Mike and Diane discussed game schedules and request copies of all interlock schedules be provided to them. Mike is available to help with schedules if needed. Alberto will provide open dates for leagues to sign up for games at SP junior field. Teams will pay umpire fees when scheduled as the home team, regardless of what field they play on.

OPEN DISCUSSION: Milan has not seen any rule changes for 2026 as of now.

The next meeting will be WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3rd.

Written by Diane Bowen, District Secretary