PLAINVILLE LITTLE LEAGUE LOCAL RULES
(As of 1-1-26, last revised 10-2-25)

The following rules are not meant to replace any rules in the Little League Baseball Regulation and Rulebook published by Little League Baseball, Inc. These rules shall be considered the policy of this League, per Article XII, Section 2 of the Constitution, and all policies shall be voted upon per Article XIII, Section 2 of the Constitution.

ARTICLE I – GENERAL LEAGUE POLICY

Section 1. The League Season shall begin on January 1st and terminate no later than October 31st, which includes the **Fall Ball Season**.

Section 2. The season will consist of a schedule proposed by the major league director and approved by the board of directors.

Section 3. Plainville Little League will require a **Registration Fee** for each child participating in a Little League program. This fee will be collected annually during the registration period. The fee amount will be set at the time of the annual budget by the Budget Committee and approved by the Board of Directors.
These fees are required, regardless of the program levels. The League President must allow for individual hardship cases where it can be clearly established that a family cannot afford to pay the registration fee. Under no circumstances will a child be denied the opportunity to participate in Little League.

Section 4. Team Sponsor Fees are to be determined by the Signs/Sponsors Committee and approved by the Board of Directors. The fee amount is to be set at the time of the annual budget by the Budget Committee.

Section 5. Treasurer is appointed to present sponsors and advertising sign contract holder with an annual billing statement by March 1 with collection by May 1st. Refer to article VII section 5 of the Constitution for duties and responsibilities.

Section 6. Rosters for Plainville Little League Baseball and Softball shall be established in accordance with regulation III (a) of the Official Regulation and Playing Rules of Little League Baseball.

Section 7. Managers and (3) Coaches of all Baseball and Softball teams shall be appointed by the President, with the approval of the Board of Directors annually. Managers and Coaches must receive a majority vote from the remaining Board of Directors per Article V, Section 2 of the Constitution. Annual re-appointment of Managers and Coaches shall occur. The appointments shall be based on an evaluation by the Managers/Coaches Selection Committee and President with the following as guidelines:

a. Demonstrated commitment to Little League Baseball, Inc. and Plainville Little League.
b. Attendance at regular and special Board of Directors meetings.
c. Support of and participation in League activities, including but not limited to:
    1. Conduct with their team both on and off the field.
    2. Cooperation with the Major League Director, Player Agent and President.
    3. Fund raising.
    4. Maintenance of facilities.
    5. Active participation on League committees.
    6. Cooperation with the Little League Auxiliary and team mothers.
    7. Cooperation with the Umpire in Chief and umpire staff.

8. Home and visitor team Manager duties as specified in the local rules.
9. Manage and coach with the guidelines the Goals and Expectations Committee in mind
10. Adhere to Three Strikes Policy
11. Any new training aide to develop a players strength, coordination and skill (this includes weighted baseballs) must be cleared by your director before implemented.

Three Strike Policy is as follows:

1. If a manager or coach is ejected: (Refer to National Rule 4.00 starting and ending a game section 4.07) Automatic 1-2 game suspension based on severity to be determined by a review by the managers and coaches selection committee. Individual will be brought in front of managers and coaches selection committee. Incident will be on the individuals' record.
2. 2nd offense: Automatic 1-2 game suspension based on severity to be determined by a review by the managers and coaches selection committee and/or possible suspension for remainder of season including All Stars and Fall Ball. Individual must submit letter of apology and appear before board of directors for reinstatement.
3. 3rd offense: Lifelong ban in Plainville Little League. District 5 will be notified.

Note: If a coach gets ejected, acting manager WILL ALSO be suspended. Suspensions will be determined by the managers and coaches selection committee but will not be for the same game(s)

d. Managers or Coaches not re-appointed shall have the opportunity to appeal the decision to the Board of Directors.

Section 8. Minor Baseball, Junior/Senior/Big League Softball Divisions

a. Each division shall have a Director who will be a member of the Board of Directors.
b. The Directors of each division shall operate in accordance with **National** Rules and such other Local Rules, as necessary, and approved by the Board of Directors.
c. The Directors of each division shall provide copies of their approved rules to the Board of Directors.

Section 9. Little League Supplies/Equipment/Property

The League will not lend or rent any equipment for use other than Little League functions.

Section 10. Equipment

a. All Major League team Managers, AAA, AA, T-Ball, Softball and Junior Baseball Directors shall provide the equipment manager with an actual inventory by September 30th of each year.
b. The equipment manager shall submit an annual inventory report at the first meeting of the fiscal year (October).
c. Emergency equipment purchases must be pre-approved by the Equipment Manager and notify the Treasurer after purchase.
d. All Major Division Baseball players shall return their uniforms, excluding hats and socks, at the end of the last scheduled game including All-Star games.

Section 11. Uniforms. All divisions will have their team equipment inventoried after the end of the season and before the Annual meeting of the Board of Directors on a date determined by the Equipment Manager. Uniforms to consist of and conform to the following:

a. Major League Baseball Teams:
    1. Hat with team letter
    2. Jersey with the number on front and back, team name on the front and sponsors name on the back
    3. Socks
    4. Team name and colors as follows:

Cubs – Royal Blue	Owls – Maroon
Robins – Light Blue/Black	Hawks - Black
Tigers – Orange	Jays – Gold/Purple
Bears – Green	Rams – Yellow Gold
Bees – Red	Seals – Navy Blue

b. AAA Teams:
    1. Hat with LETTERING
    2. T-shirt with the number on the back, team name on the front, and sponsor's name on the back.

c. AA Teams:
    3. Hat with LETTERING
    4. T-shirt with the number on the back, Plainville Little League on the front, and sponsor, if applicable, on the back.

d. T-Ball Teams:
    5. Hat with Plainville P LETTERING
    6. T-shirt with the number on the back, Plainville Little League across the front, and sponsor name, if applicable, on the back.

e. Major League Softball Teams:
    7. Visor with team letter
    8. Jersey with number on front and back, team name on front and sponsors name on back
    9. Socks
    10. Team name and colors as follows:
        Plainville Cubs - Royal Blue
        Plainville Jays – Gold/Purple

f. Minor Softball Teams:
    12. Visor with team letter or Plainville P.
    13. T-shirt with number on the back, Plainville on the front and Sponsor's name on the back.

Section 12. All-Star Uniforms:
Uniforms to consist of and conform to the following:

a. 10/11/12-year-old All-Star Team:
    1. Hat (regular season style) with letter P (3D lettering with same style P across all levels).
    2. Vest-style jersey with "Plainville" across the front with the number on the front and back of the jersey. The Little league patch will be on the front of the jersey.
    3. Dry-fit shirt (light grey for color) with the player's name and number on the back. The front of the shirt will have the "P" on the left chest.
    4. Pants (purchased by parents), manager's choice from the following - grey, grey with royal blue piping or white with royal blue piping.
    5. Royal blue socks.
    6. All-Star players are to keep both the hat and dry-fit shirt at the conclusion of all Tournament play.
    7. The team jersey color shall consist of Royal Blue.

b. 9/10/11 year old and 8/9/10 year old Tournament Teams:
    1. Hat (regular season style) with letter P (3D lettering with same style P across all levels).
    2. Returnable uniform jersey with number (1-15) on back, Little League patch on the appropriate sleeve and "Plainville" in red and outlined in white on the front of the uniform.
    3. Pants (purchased by parents), manager's choice from the following - grey, grey with royal blue piping or white with royal blue piping.
    4. Royal blue socks.
    5. The team jersey color shall consist of Royal Blue.
    6. Team Sponsors Name and/or Logo (should a sponsor be necessary) will be on the back of the Team jersey.
    7. All-Star players are to keep the hat at the conclusion of all Tournament play.
c. Juniors All-Star Team:
    1. Hat (regular season style) with letter P (3D lettering with same style P across all levels).
    2. Vest-style jersey with "Plainville" across the front with the number on the front and back of the jersey. The Little league patch will be on the front of the jersey.
    3. Dry-fit shirt (color to be determined) with the player's name and number on the back. The front of the shirt will have the "P" on the left chest.
    4. Pants (purchased by parents), manager's choice from the following - grey, grey with royal blue piping or white with royal blue piping.
    5. Royal blue socks.
    6. All-Star players are to keep both the hat and dry-fit shirt at the conclusion of all Tournament play.
    7. The team jersey color shall consist of Royal Blue
d. Softball All-Star Team:
    1. A hat, visor, or headband will be determined by the coach.
    2. Sleeveless-style jersey with "Plainville" across the front with the number on the front and back of the jersey.
    3. Dry-fit shirt (color to be determined) with player's name and number on the back.
    4. Pants (purchased by parents) will be black.
    5. Royal blue socks
    6. All-Star players will keep the hat, visor, or headband along with the dry-fit shirt at the conclusion of the Tournament.
    7. The team jersey color shall consist of Royal Blue.
e. Any other tournament teams uniforms will be determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 13. Any person, not a member of Plainville Little League, who volunteers for active participation in any Plainville Little League function, may do so only with prior permission from a current member of the Board of Directors.

Section 14. Park and School Field Permits.
Park and school field permits and permission are intended to provide the League with priority to use the facilities over other groups which do not have a permit for Little League sanctioned activities, within the prescribed dates and times on the permits. Little League-sanctioned activities generally include the following:

a. Regular & pre-season games (scheduled, makeup, practice, scrimmage).
b. Team practice scheduled by a Team Manager or Coach during the pre-season, regular season and Training and Development season.

c. Clinics scheduled by the League or one of its Directors.
d. All-Star and Tournament Team clinics, practices, and games.
e. Tournament practices and games.
f. Any other activity approved in advance by the League Board of Directors, Officers, or Division Directors.

Section 15. Team Pictures.
Team pictures shall consist of all players, Manager, Coaches and the team sponsor (if appropriate).

Section 16. Background Checks.
Managers, Coaches, Umpires, and Any Volunteers who have repetitive contact with Players are required to complete a Little League volunteer form, which grants permission for a criminal background check.

ARTICLE II. – PLAYERS

Section 1. Major League Baseball Player Selection Process:

a. Players selected to play in the Major League Division shall be determined using **Draft System Plan A** of Little League Baseball, Inc. Operating Handbook.
b. Definitions:
'**PLAYER EVALUATIONS**' - a player that meets the age requirements set forth by Little League Baseball, Inc. and has been registered by the Player Agent.
'NO-SHOW' - a player who does not participate in the placement process. A no-show player cannot be brought up by a Major League Team during the regularly scheduled playing season, including any playoff games.
f. The Player Agent shall establish Major League Baseball Player Evaluations dates and a Draft date.
1. A Chairman shall be appointed to work with the Player Agent to organize the Player Evaluations, recruit volunteers, and run the Player Evaluations.
2. Members of the Board who are not active Managers or Coaches of Major Baseball Teams and Managers/Coaches of AA, AAA Minor Divisions shall participate in running the Player Evaluations.
3. There will be a minimum of two (2) Player Evaluations.
4. Players must attend at least 50% of the Player Evaluations to be eligible to be drafted by a Major League Baseball Team.
5. Players selected for a Major League team who then refuse to play on that team are not eligible to play for another Major League team during that season and shall be reassigned to the Minor League System 2.

g. Draft System Plan B – Redraft will be used for three (3) seasons (2020, 2021, 2022)
After Player Evaluations have been completed all eligible Players, as determined above, shall be eligible for a Major League Division draft at a time and date set by the Player Agent.

The draft rotation order for the seasons of 2020, 2021 and 2022 will be drawn of a hat. The process shall be as follows:

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1. All mandatory 12 year olds will be drafted first in the order of the draft rotation. If there are more mandatory 12's than major league teams, the 12 year old draft will continue in a serpentine manner. Meaning the first place team will pick twice

in a row and then continue to the last place team and continue with serpentine order until all the mandatory 12's are drafted. The only way a team is not required to draft a mandatory 12 is that they have met the criteria of maximum of 8 players in any given age group.
Once that is completed, all other eligible players will start being drafted in order of the draft rotation according to Plan -B. Any player who does not meet the eligibility requirements for the Draft will automatically be assigned to the Minor League System and is not eligible for a Major League team during that season.

2. **Managers must not select more than eight (8) players in any given age group.** The team roster may be comprised of players of league age 9, 10, 11 and 12 unless modified by the local league according to options established by Little League Baseball, Inc. All returning 12 year old players must remain in the Major Division.
3. **Secrecy:** Players, parents or any volunteer shall never be told the position in which they were drafted.
4. **Bonus Picks:** Each Manager requiring eight or more players prior to the draft to complete the team roster will be allowed one bonus pick at the completion of round four. If more than one Manager is allowed bonus picks under this section, the order of rotation will be identical to that being followed in the draft.
5. **Options on Sons, Daughters and Siblings:**
   - An option is an agreement between a Manager and the Player Agent covering a special condition.
   - All options must be in writing and submitted to the Player Agent 48 hours prior to the draft.
   - The waiver options are as follows:

   a. **Brothers/Sisters in the Draft -** When there are two or more siblings in the draft, and the first brother or sister is drafted by a Manager, that Manager automatically has an option to draft the other brother or sister by the next round. If this option is not exercised, the second sibling is available to be drafted by any team. **NOTE:** This provision also applies for Managers having eligible brothers or sisters in the draft.
   b. **Brothers/Sisters of Players currently on a team** – If desired, a Manager shall submit an option in writing on a draftee if the player candidate's brother or sister is a member of that Manager's team. If such an option is submitted, the manager MUST draft the sibling within the first three draft selections. If the second sibling is not drafted in the first three selections then they are available to be drafted by any team.
   c. Sons/Daughters of Managers - If a Manager has sons/daughters eligible under Regulation II for the draft, and wishes to draft them, the Manager automatically has an option to draft the other brother or sister - that Manager shall submit the option in writing.
   d. **Sons/Daughters of Coaches**
   New Coach: a new Coach shall not be appointed nor approved until after the draft to avoid red shirting of players through selective Coaching appointments. The Manager must then obtain the son or daughter through a trade for another player following the Trading Players Rules, below.

Returning Coach: through the Manager, may exercise an option in writing to the Player Agent provided the Coach has

- served as a Manager or Coach at any level of the league for the past 2 years.
- The coach is returning to the same Major league team as last year.

Important: In order for the Manager to exercise this option, the Coach must qualify under BOTH conditions above

e. Draft Rounds:

If the options for sons/daughters of managers or coaches are exercised, the candidates must be drafted in or before the following rounds:

Round	Age
5	9-10
4	11
3	12

f. Parent/Manager option takes priority over any other option.

6. **Trading Players.**
   a. Following the Draft, Managers may trade players up until the Final Rosters are due to the Player Agent.
   b. All Trades must be player for player.
   c. All Trades must be made through the Player Agent and with the approval of the Player Agent.
   d. All Trades must be for justifiable reasons and be approved by the Board of Directors.
   e. In the event any team loses a Roster player after the Draft, they will draft another draft eligible player.
   f. A returning Manager and or Coach (s) have first choice in selecting his or her child for his own team at the League Draft with waiver provision under option rule. Once he bypasses this option and his child is selected by another team, he loses all rights to this privilege.
   g. Parents of Major League players who become Managers or Coaches after their children have been selected to a Major League team may not automatically claim their sons or daughters, but must trade for them at the proper time. All trades must be player for player only, by mutual agreement of the Managers, through the Player Agent, and approved by the Board of Directors.

7. **Final Rosters** will be submitted to the Player Agent seven (7) days prior to opening day.

Section 2. Mandatory Playing Rule / Substitutions:

1. Substitutions shall be implemented by each team's offensive half of the fourth inning, penalty shall be the same as outlined by **National Rules.**
2. It will be optional for the AAA division and Major League division to have a manager/coach or a player to be a 1st base coach during a game. It will be required that if a player is coaching 1st base they must wear a helmet with a face guard. (Edited 1/12/16)
3. Batters will have the option for use of a helmet with a face guard or C Flap (follow Green Book Rule for proper documentation) at Major league level (BB,SB), AAA level (BB,SB) and Fall ball (BB,SB). (Edited 11/21)

Section 3. In order to verify adherence to the Little League mandatory playing and pitching rules (**National Rules IV and VI**), opposing team Managers shall review and sign the opposing team scorebook.

1. The team's scorebook shall indicate the names of all pitchers and innings pitched and any players who did not play six (6) defensive outs and get one (1) at bat (**National Rule 4I**.)
2. Violations or discrepancies must be reported to the Major League Director or President within twenty- four (24) hours.
3. Both managers must report scores to the Major League Director. If a team is mercied, it must be reported to the Major league Director those players who did not make mandatory play and follow (NATIONAL RULE) Regulation IV – Players, section(i).

Section 4. No team in Plainville Little League shall be allowed to have more than eight (8) players of any given age group.

Section 5. A Manager can in no way be forced to relinquish a player in this manner.

Section 6. When a player is released from a Major League team by the Board of Directors, the manager of that team must submit a list of the next three(3)eligible players in order to the player agent within forty-eight (48) hours of the board vote to replace the player. If not abided by, the Player Agent and Minor League Director will assign the **oldest eligible 11-year-old player in the Minor League System to** that same age group. Should this occur during the last fourteen (14) calendar days of the regularly scheduled season, the Manager of a Major League team may not bring up any Minor League player as a replacement for a released player.

Section 7. All **Players** shall come from the Player Agent.

Section 8. Every player shall present **Proof of Age** and the parents shall present proof of residency when he/she originally registers for Little League and again the first year on a Major League team. Ages shall be verified by the President.

Section 9. Medical Release Forms must be obtained from all players in all divisions of the league prior to participation in clinics, practices or games.

Section 10. Managers must notify the Player Agent, Vice President or Major League Director within 48 hours when a player quits a team or moves out of town.

Section 11. Any Major League player released by a Manager during the current playing season, with the approval of the Board of Directors, may not return to or be selected by a Major League team during the current season. The Player will become eligible for the Major League draft the following season.

Section 12. If a player is missing from a regularly scheduled game, the opposing Manager will verbally notify the Player Agent or Major League Director within twenty-four (24) hours to verify the absence, followed by a written statement. The Player Agent or Major League Director shall determine the circumstance of the absence. If it's determined by the Player Agent that the player's Manager did not comply with Section 4I of the **National Rules**, the appropriate disciplinary action, as stated in said rule, shall be enforced.

Section 13. Injured Reserve: When a Major League Player is unable to play for the remainder of the regular playing season, due to a valid medical reason, the player will be placed on the 'Injured Reserve' List by his team. This will remove the player from the Active Roster for the remainder of the season.
If a player is placed on 'Injured Reserve':

a. During the final fourteen (14) calendar days of the regularly scheduled playing season, no replacement will be allowed.

b. Prior to the final fourteen (14) calendar days of the regularly scheduled playing season, the manager of the team shall provide a list to the player agent of the next three(3) eligible players in order from AAA they want to fill the roster spot within 48 hours from board vote to remove injured player..
c. If the team fails to replace the player within the two (2) days allotted, the Player Agent and the AAA League Director shall assign the oldest eligible player in the Minor League System in that same age group.
Local Rule ARTICLE II, Section 4 shall not be violated.
d. If the 'Injured Reserve' Player is less than twelve (12) years of league age, he will be returned to the Active Roster of that team as soon as an opening exists after the completion of the regularly scheduled playing season.
e. If the 'Injured Reserve' Player is twelve (12) years of age, he will be eligible to receive a trophy.

Section 14. Disciplinary Rule:
A manager may refuse to play a player per **National Rule IV (i)** for disciplinary reasons under the following conditions:

a. Notify the Player Agent or League Director within twenty-four (24) hours of the occurrence of disciplinary action.
b. Notify the opposing team Manager of the action.
c. Notify the Player and parents of the action.

Section 15. If during a game (Major League Baseball and Softball) either team is unable to place nine (9) players on the field due to injury or ejection. Refer to Green Book
Rule 4.00 – Starting and Ending the game, Section 4.17.

ARTICLE III -- MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL SCHEDULES AND GAMES

Section 1. The schedule and number of games played will be determined by Major League Director and voted on by board of directors.

Section 2. Last named team on the schedule shall be the home team.

Section 3. No teams are allowed to take batting practice on the ball fields at Trumbull Park prior to any game. They are to use the batting cages as outlined below:

1) Visiting team shall use the batting cages beginning no later than one (1) hour and fifteen (15) minutes before the scheduled game time.
2) Home team shall use the batting cages beginning no later than forty-five (45) minutes before scheduled game time and finish no later than fifteen (15) minutes before scheduled game time.

Section 4. All weekday games shall start at 5:45 PM. The last inning shall start no later than 8:30 PM, Monday through Thursday, and 10:00 PM on Friday.
The starting time for all regularly scheduled weekend, and holiday games shall be decided by the Board of Directors at the time the schedule is adopted.
When two (2) games are scheduled to be played at Trumbull Park under the lights, the game times are as follows:

First Game - Start time at 5:30 PM.
No new inning to start after 7:30PM
After the first game is completed, the two teams are requested to leave the dugouts

As quickly as possible to ensure and 8:00 PM start time for the next game.
Second Game-Start time will be 8:00 PM or after the completion of an official game per **National** Rule 4.11.
No new inning to start past 10:00 PM.

If either game ended as a tie, the game will be concluded at the next scheduled meeting of the same teams or on the next available rain-out date as determined by the Major League Director.

Infield practice must be completed five (5) minutes before game time with each team allowed ten (10) minutes of infield practice. Visitors are to practice first.
*Note: See **ARTICLE III, Section 13** for Legally Postponed Games.

A game in progress may be moved from the Thompson field to the RKL(lighted) field if the home plate umpire determines there is not enough light to complete the game safely. The game may be stopped at any time by the umpire. The game will resume from where it stopped, provided the field is available.

a. When instructed to move, the defensive team should immediately take their positions on RKL (lighted) field, the first three offensive players should move to appropriate dugout and prepare to bat. All other players will move equipment.
b. Interruption of the game should be kept to a minimum. If the RKL (lighted) field is unavailable the curfew rule of Article III Section 4 shall apply.
c. National Rules 4.10, 4.11 and 4.12 shall apply.
d. Neither team is allowed to take fielding or batting practice. The defensive pitcher will be allowed to warm-up in accordance with **National Rules**.
e. Teams that have completed their game on the RKL (lighted) field should clear the dugouts as soon as possible allowing the moving teams to take over.

Rule 4.10 Mercy rule: All divisions for both baseball and softball will follow the mercy rule set by Little League International. (Edited 12/1/22)

Section 5. Drawn numbers for the schedule cannot be changed, once drawn.

Section 6. First base dugout shall be home team dugout.

Section 7. Game balls shall be returned to teams. Home team to furnish two (2). Visitors to furnish one (1).

Section 8. If a team is unable to field nine(9) players, from a roster because of **school function**, that manager may postpone the game subject to **48-hour advance notification** being given to the President or Major League Director. The missing players must attend the school function. The President or Major League Director may require proof of attendance from the parents. Attendance at High School or Middle School graduation for a brother or sister will be considered a school function.

Section 9. Home team manager on the Labranche Field will be responsible for
locking up the fields and dugouts, put away umpire equipment and bases, and lockup bathrooms, storage sheds. (Note: The manager of the team whose week it is to work in the stand, regardless of which field his/her team is on will be responsible for supplying someone to stay until the concession stand is closed. If stand team is not playing, the home Labranche team will be responsible. Also, if a game is transferred for any reason to the Labranche field, the home team of transferred game will be responsible.) Field and equipment responsibilities will be as follows:

a. Home team manager will:
    1. install and remove bases for the game, put up and take down American Flag.
    2. get and store umpire equipment if necessary
    3. close and lock scoreboard
    4. Thompson Field- close and lock batting cages.
b. If a double header is played, the home team manager of the first game will be responsible for a1 and a2, the home team manager of the second game will be responsible for a3.
c. If a game is moved, per **ARTICLE III, Section *3*** the home team manager of the game which was moved will be responsible for a1, a2, a3.
d. Home team manager on the Gnazzo field will lock up the dugouts, field, remove bases and lock up the score booth
e. Home team manager of the Jr. League field will lock up the dugouts, field, put scoreboard pad and bases away.

Section 10. Any umpire who has a player on a Little League team shall not umpire any games for that team unless agreed upon by both managers before the start of the game.

Section 11. Umpires taken from spectators shall be agreed upon by both managers.

Section 12. Opening day shall be held on a Saturday, with the rain date the following Sunday. All teams shall play.

Section 14. Legally Postponed Games:

a. The official schedule, as prepared and approved by the Board of Directors, will identify days for playing legally postponed games (i.e. Tuesday or Friday or Saturday).
b. A postponement shall be played in the same calendar week the postponement occurs. If more than one postponement occurs within that calendar week, the first postponement shall take preference; others that cannot be scheduled in that calendar week shall be played in the following weeks.
   However:
   Back to back games may have to be played, during the course of the season, to make up postponements.
c. Failure of any team to adhere to the provisions of Article III, Section 12 shall result in a Forfeit.
d. Postponements remaining at the end of the regularly scheduled season will be played on the day following the regular scheduled games, unless through mutual agreement of the
   The team managers and the Major League Director no make-up is necessary. If there is no mutual agreement between the team managers, the Major League Director will have the final decision.

Section 15. Turf Field Regulations

a. Anyone wishing to use the field must obtain a permit by contacting the Plainville Board of Education at (860) 793-3210. **Drinking water only**. Please remove all trash and debris after use of the complex. No food (including sports drinks), No sunflower seeds, No chewing gum, no pets, no golf, no bikes, rollerblades, or strollers, No motorized vehicles on the field or track, no fireworks, flammable liquids, or equipment, no metal cleats, spikes, shoes with cleats/spikes removed or heels, no chairs, tents, or stages on field, no glass or sharp objects, all materials are to be carried (not dragged) across the field, no driving stakes, no spectators on the track or field, no alcohol, smoking/tobacco products on the premise.

ARTICLE IV. - - AWARDS

Section 1. The players, managers, and coaches of the championship team shall receive an engraved trophy and a little league pin. That team will receive the large engraved trophy with a nameplate noting the town of Plainville Little League champions. NOTE: The town Champion will be determined each year by the format proposed by the major league director according to that year's schedule, subject to approval by the board of directors.

Section 2. Any umpire who officials in at least 20 games in a season on a volunteer basis will qualify for an appropriate award as determined by the Awards Committee.

Section 3. The League will allow a player to keep the first home-run ball of the season, also the game ball for a no-hit game, keep the ball for their first hit in the majors and for any special event such as the winning of the championship game. A player shall not be able to get more than one home-run ball or two-balls for a season. The team presenting the ball shall replace the ball during the game to the umpire.

ARTICLE V. - - TOURNAMENT PLAY

Section 1. Any decision on All Stars (major/minors for baseball and majors/minors for softball) pertaining to: number of teams, selection of teams, tournament play (majors and minors for both baseball and softball) will be discussed every February and will be voted on in March.

Section 2. All Star Manager and Player Selection:

a. Manager
The president shall appoint, from the recommendations of the All-Star Managers Committee, and the Board of Directors shall approve the selection of the manager of all Tournament Teams. The manager shall be a regular season team manager or coach from a Major League Division as per National Tournament Playing Rules.
Criteria to manage or coach will include but not be limited to the following:
1. Standing in the league
2. Previous record.
3. Years of service
4. Past All Star experience
All managers/coaches interested in managing an All Star team must submit their request in writing to the Vice President, prior to May 15th of the current season.

If for any reason that an All Star team has no manager, the President may appoint a manager based on previous years **Regular Season** record of finish from first to last including coaches after all managers have refused.

b. Coaches
The selected manager shall recommend his or her choice of coach(es) to the President for approval by the All-Star Managers selection committee and by Board of Directors approval per National Tournament Playing Rules.

c. Selection and eligibility of players for District All Stars (baseball and softball) 8/9/10 team, 9/10/11 team and 10/11/12 team.
A. Managers from all the Major league teams will pick the first 9 players. The manager of the 8/9/10, 9/10/11 and 10/11/12 All Star team will pick the remaining 3 to 4 players – depending on the roster size. (Revised 10/5/17)
1. For the 8/9/10 All Star team (baseball and softball) and 9/10/11 All Star team

(softball) – Major league players will be picked first and if required will have a minor league tryout to fill remaining roster spots (if needed).

2. In order for a minor league player to be considered for the 8/9/10 All Star team (baseball and softball) and 9/10/11 All Star team (softball) players age 10 and 11 must have participated in the player evaluations for the major league draft (considered eligible for the draft). There is no requirement for league-age eight or nine players to be considered. (Revised Jan. 2024)

d. Minor league post season tournament for baseball and softball.

1. Selection process for the minor's post season tournament (baseball and softball) will be the same as the majors.

2. Eligibility for the minors' post season tournament (baseball and softball), a player must have been considered eligible for the major league draft (baseball and softball) except if the said player was league age nine.

ARTICLE VI. - - PLAYER AGENT

Section 1. Duties and Responsibilities

a. Shall be a member of the Board of Directors
b. Shall not be a Manager or Coach of a Major League team.
c. Shall set registration dates and get Board of Directors approval.
d. Shall, in conjunction with the League Treasurer, insure the collection of the appropriate registration fees as determined by the Board of Directors.
e. Shall submit articles to local newspapers announcing the registration dates
f. Shall assist the League President in verifying accurate proof of age and residency requirements, for all participating players in the league (as defined in **National Rules** Section 4a)
g. Shall be responsible for distribution of medical release forms to team managers (in all divisions)
h. Shall be responsible for maintaining player records, registration forms and information.
i. Shall be responsible for preparing a list of all 6, 7,and 8-year-old players to be used for 'fundraising purposes only', if the fundraiser is being held before the playing season starts.
j. Shall be responsible for preparing the tentative and final roster dates.
k. Shall submit team roster to Williamsport no later than fourteen (14) days after the first regular scheduled game.
l. Shall be responsible for coordination of all player transfers, releases and trades with approval of the board.
m. Shall be responsible for setting up a draft of all players eligible for Major League and Minor League teams.
n. Shall be responsible for assigning all players in the Instructional and T-Ball Leagues with the assistance of the respective Directors.
o. Shall prepare a list of all members on All Star Teams for Baseball and Softball for the Trophy Committee, Awards Banquet Chairperson, and League Secretary
p. Shall prepare and maintain a list of all active players in all Divisions of the League.

ARTICLE VII. - - MAJOR LEAGUE DIRECTOR

Section 1. Duties and Responsibilities

a. Shall be a member of the Board of Directors
b. Shall not be a Manager of a Major League team. (if no such director steps forward a major league manager can serve in this role with approval from District 5 and the board of directors)
c. Shall be responsible for preparation of Major League game schedule and pre-season practice schedule for Board approval.
d. Shall be in charge of Opening Day Ceremonies.

e. Shall be responsible for legally postponed game. Responsible for notifying the League President, Auxiliary President (or designee) and the Director of Umpires of the game changes.
f. Shall monitor games and troubleshoot problems on a daily basis, as needed. In the event of serious problems, shall advise/counsel with the President.
    1. Monitor local/national mandatory playing rules/substitutions
    2. Monitor local/national pitching rules
    3. Monitor local disciplinary rule
    4. Monitor player absence (school functions, illness, etc.)
    5. Monitor adherence to Goals and expectations
g. Shall be duly delegated representative of the President to determine the fitness of the playing field before the game starts, in the event the two managers cannot agree (National Rule 3.10a)
h. Works with Equipment Manager
i. Member of the Budget Committee
j. Member of the Protest Committee
k. Works with the Safety Officer for the League
l. Shall be responsible for maintaining Major League Baseball Fields in proper playing condition, (may set up work parties, etc.)

Section 2. Goals and expectations

Reinforce Fundamentals-

1. Throwing, catching, fielding and base running
2. Position play-infield, outfield, backing up and cutoffs
3. Proper pitching mechanics
4. Competitive play and SPORTSMANSHIP
5. Set up productive practices that reinforce all of the above

Communicate with parents/guardians:

1. Expectations of players, parents and coaches.
2. Practice and games schedules
3. Proper equipment needed (glove, cup, proper bat size)
4. Commitment-specifically volunteering time in the concession stand, the primary fundraiser the league during the season

ARTICLE VIII. - - AAA LEAGUE DIRECTOR

Section 1. Duties and Responsibilities:

a. Shall be a member of the Board of Directors
b. Is responsible for preparation of game and pre-season practice and All Star Game schedules for President's approval and presentation to the Board, no later than the May Board meeting.
    1. Max of 2 games and 2/3 practices per week
c. Provide copies of the schedule to the President and Player Agent. Supervises games, monitors practices as needed and trouble shoots problems on an ongoing basis, including postponements for weather and other appropriate reasons.
d. During pre-season practice period, with assistance of the AA Director, identifies players who may be qualified to play in the Minor Division. Contacts parents/player to determine interest in playing in the AAA division.
e. Advises Player Agent of all player transactions involving Division.
f. During season, with assistance of team Managers, identifies players who may be qualified to move up to the Major Division in the event there are openings in that division.
g. Works with President to revise local rules as necessary to supplement National Little League Rules. Provides copies of the Local Rules to the President, Player Agent and to all Managers and Coaches in the Division.
h. Responsible for recruiting Managers and Coaches for teams.
    1. AAA Director and a board member would interview AAA candidates to vet candidates and set expectations. If the AAA Director is coaching, he would be interviewed by VP and a board member.
i. Establishes the appropriate number of teams in conjunction with the President and Player Agent
j. In conjunction with Player Agent holds AAA division player placement to establish team rosters prior to the start of the season
k. Obtains necessary field permits from the President for fields and provides to each team Manager
l. Verifies that all Managers have obtained completed medical treatment forms from all players before the players participate in practices and games.
m. Works with the Safety Officer for the League
n. Responsible for Division Equipment.
    1. Obtains needed equipment from Equipment Manager and distributes equipment to team managers
    2. Requires team Managers to obtain and return team equipment at the end of the season
    3. Completes an inventory of equipment with the Equipment Manager by Sept. 1 each year
o . Monitor adherence to goals and expectations

Section 2. Goals and Expectations

Fundamentals-

1. Throwing, catching, fielding, and base running
2. Position play-infield, outfield, backing up, rotating players
3. Basic pitching mechanics, basic hitting
4. Basic game situations
5. Basic practice drills
6. Continuous batting order: The manager will decide on a batting order for the first . He/she will use the same batting order for the rest of the year by dropping the leadoff

batter to the last position and the second hitter from game 1 will lead off game 2. This will continue until the end of the season. Note: If a player(s) are not at game their spot will be skipped that game. When they return, they will be inserted in the lineup after the batter they normally follow.

Communicate with parents/guardians

1. Expectations of players, parents and coaches.
2. AAA to majors (know how to advance)
3. Proper equipment needed (glove, cup, proper bat size)
4. Commitment-specifically volunteering time in the concession stand, the primary fundraiser the league during the season

*** The board voted on October 2, 2025 to add a new division between current AAA and Coach Pitch/AA. The plan being to structure this new division based on the league we will be proceeding our regular season interleague relationship with. Will have in place prior to play begins in 2026 spring season. ***

ARTICLE IX - -AA LEAGUE DIRECTOR

Section 1. Duties and Responsibilities

a. Shall be a member of the Board of Directors
b. Is responsible for preparation of game and pre-season practice and All Star Game schedules for President's approval and presentation to the Board, no later than the May Board meeting.
c. During pre-season practice period, identifies players who may be qualified to play in the AAA Division. Recommends these players to the Player Agent.
d. Provides copies of the schedules to the President and Player Agent. Supervises games, monitors practices as needed and trouble shoots problems on an ongoing basis, including postponements for weather and other appropriate reasons.
e. Advises Player Agent of all player transactions involving Division.
f. Advises Player Agent of all player transfers from AA League to Minors.
g. During season, with assistance of team Managers, identifies players who may be qualified to move up to the AAA division in the event there are openings in that division
h. Works with the President to revise Local rules as necessary to supplement National Little League Rules. Provides copies of the Local rules to the President, Player Agent and to all Managers and Coaches in Division.
i. Responsible for recruiting Managers and Coaches for teams.
j. Establishes the appropriate number of teams in conjunction with President and Player Agent.
k. In conjunction with Player Agent establishes team rosters prior to the start of the season.
l. Obtains necessary field permits from the President for fields and provides to each Manager.
m. Verifies that all team Managers have obtained completed medical treatment forms from all players before the players participate in practice and games.
n. Works with the Safety Officer of the League
o. Responsible for Division Equipment
    1. Obtains needed equipment form the Equipment Manager and distributes equipment to team managers
    2. Requires team Managers to obtain and return team equipment at the end of the season (to the Director)

3. Completes an inventory of equipment with the Equipment Manager by Sept. 1 each year
4. Obtains needed equipment from Equipment Manager

p. Monitor adherence to goals and expectations

Section 2. Goals and expectations

Basic Fundamentals--

1. Throwing-Gripping the baseball with a four seam grip
2. Catching
3. Position Players-mandatory rotation of players
4. Absolutely NO SCOREKEEPING
5. Introduce player pitching and rules/game play at AAA level
6. Continuous batting order: The manager will decide on a batting order for the first game. He/she will use the same batting order for the rest of the year by dropping the leadoff batter to the last position and the second hitter from game 1 will lead off game This will continue until the end of the season. Note: If a player(s) are not at game their spot will be skipped that game. When they return, they will be inserted in the lineup after the batter they normally follow.

Communication with parents/guardians

1. Expectations of players, parents and coaches.
2. Levels of play
3. Proper equipment needed (glove, cup, proper bat size)
4. Commitment-specifically volunteering time in the concession stand, the primary fundraiser of the league during the season

ARTICLE X - - T-BALL LEAGUE DIRECTOR

Section 1. Duties and Responsibilities:

a. Shall be a member of the Board of Directors
b. Is responsible for preparation of game and pre-season practice game schedules for President's approval and presentation to the Board, no later than the May Board meeting
c. Provides copies of the schedules to the President and Player Agent
d. Supervises games, monitors practices as needed and trouble shoots problems on an ongoing basis, including postponements for weather and other appropriate reasons.
e. Works with the President to revise Local rules as necessary to supplement National Little League Rules. Provide copies of the Local rules to the President, Player Agent and to all Managers and Coaches in Division
f. Responsible for recruiting Managers and Coaches for teams
g. Establishes the appropriate number of teams in conjunction with President and Player Agent.
h. Advises Player Agent of all player transactions involving Division.
i. Obtains necessary field permits from the President for fields and provides to each team Manager.
j. Verifies that all team Managers have obtained completed medical treatment forms from all players before the player participate in practices and games.
k. Works with the Safety Office of the League
l. Responsible for Division Equipment.
   1. Obtains needed equipment from Equipment Manager and distributes to team Managers

2. Requires team Managers to obtain and return team equipment at the end of the season (to the Director).
3. Completes an inventory of equipment with the Equipment Manager by Sept 1 each year

m. Monitor adherence to goals and expectations

Section 2. Goals and expectations

Start explaining the game of baseball/softball, while making the game enjoyable for all players involved.

Basic Fundamentals—

1. Throwing
2. Base Running
3. Introduce players to coach pitch and other AA playing rules

Communication with parents/guardians

1. Expectations of players, parents and coaches.
2. Levels of play within Plainville Little League (baseball/softball)
3. Commitment-specifically volunteering time in the concession stand, the primary fundraiser of the league during the season.

ARTICLE XI - - SOFTBALL LEAGUE CO-DIRECTORS
(Up to two people can hold this position)

Section 1. Duties and Responsibilities:

a. Shall be a member of the Board of Directors
b. Is responsible for development of game and pre-season practice schedules for President's approval and presentation to the Board, no later than the May Board meeting.
c. Provides copies of the schedules to the President and Player Agent.
d. Supervises games, monitors practices as needed and trouble shoots problems on an ongoing basis, including postponements for weather and other appropriate reasons.
e. Advises Player Agent of all player transactions involving Division.
f. During season, with assistance of team Managers, identifies players who may be qualified to move up to the Major Division in the event there are openings in that division
g. Works with President to revise Local rules as necessary to supplement National Little League rules.
h. Responsible for recruiting Managers and Coaches for teams.
i. Establishes the appropriate number of teams in conjunction with President and Player Agent.
j. In conjunction with President and Player Agent participates in player placement to establish team rosters prior to start of the season
k. Obtains necessary field permits from the President for fields and provides to each team Manager
l. Verifies that all team Managers have obtained completed medical treatment forms from all players before the players participate in practices and games.
m. Works with the Safety Officer of the League
n. Responsible for Plainville Little League Division equipment
   1. Obtains needed equipment from Equipment Manager and distributes equipment to team managers.
   2. Requires team Managers to obtain and return team equipment and player shirts or majors at the end of the season (to the Director)

3. Completes an inventory of equipment with the Equipment Manager by Sept. 1 each year

o. Monitor adherence to goals and expectations.

Section 2: Goals and Expectations

AA Division

Basic Fundamentals

1. Throwing-gripping the ball.
2. Catching
3. Position Play

Communicate with parent/guardian:

1. Expectations of players, parents, and coaches
2. Levels of Play
3. Proper equipment needed (bat/glove size).
4. Commitment (i.e. volunteering within the league).

AAA Division

Basic Fundamentals

1. Throwing, catching, and fielding.
2. Position Play – infield, outfield, backup and rotating players
3. Basic pitching mechanics
4. Basic hitting mechanics
5. Basic game situations and practice drills.
6. Practice and game schedules.

Communicate with parent/guardian:

1. Expectations of players, parents and coaches
2. AAA to majors (how to advance.)
3. Proper equipment needed (bat/glove size).
4. Commitment (i.e. volunteering within the league).

Major Division

Reinforce Fundamentals

1. Throwing, catching, fielding, base running and hitting
2. Position Play – infield, outfield, backup and rotating players
3. Proper pitching mechanics
4. Competitive play, sportsmanship.
5. Set up productive practices that reinforce the above.

Communicate with parent/guardian

1. Expectations of players, parents and coaches
2. Practice and Game schedules
3. Proper equipment needed (glove/bat size)
4. Commitment (i.e. Volunteering within the league).

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ARTICLE XII - - JUNIOR BASEBALL DIRECTOR

Section 1. Duties and Responsibilities:

a. Shall be a member of the Board of Directors

b. Is responsible for development of game and pre-season practice schedules for President's

approval and presentation to the Board, no later than the May Board Meeting.

c. Provide copies of the schedules to the President and Player Agent
d. Supervises games, monitors practices as needed and trouble shoots problems on an ongoing basis, including postponements for weather and other appropriate reasons.
e. Works with President to develop local rules as necessary to supplement National Little League rules.
f. Responsible for recruiting Managers and Coaches for teams, all managers and coaches to be approved by board vote
g. Establishes the appropriate number of teams in conjunction with President and Player Agent
h. In conjunction with President and Player Agent participates in draft to establish team rosters prior to the start of the season in the event there are enough players for two teams.
i. Advises Player Agent of all player transactions involving Division
j. Obtains necessary field permits from the President for fields and provides to each team Manager
k. Verifies that all team Managers have obtained completed medical treatment forms from all players before the players participate in practices and games.
l. Works with the Safety Officer of the League
m. Responsible for Plainville Little League Division equipment
    1. Obtains needed equipment from Equipment Manager and distributes equipment to team managers
    2. Requires team Managers to obtain and return team equipment and player uniforms at the end of the season (to the Director)
    3. Complete an inventory of equipment with the Equipment Manager by Sept. 1 each year.

n. Monitor adherence to goals and expectations

Section 2 – Goals and Expectations

Adjustment to the Big Diamond

1. Leading, stealing, pick off plays, new rules of the game.
2. Reinforce proper mechanics (throwing, fielding, hitting)
3. Proper pitching mechanics (wind up vs. stretch)
4. Competitive play, sportsmanship.
5. Set up productive practices that reinforce all of the above.

Communicate with parents/guardians

1. Expectations of players, parents and coaches.
2. Practice and game schedules
3. Proper equipment needed (glove size, bat size, cups)
4. Commitment-specifically volunteering time in the concession stand as this is the leading fundraiser during the season.

ARTICLE XIII --- Fall Ball Director

Section 1. Duties and Responsibilities:

a. Shall be a member of the Board of Directors
b. At June board meeting, a director shall be appointed
c. Coordinates with Player Agent, Umpire in Chief, Safety Officer, Field Maintenance committee and the organization responsible for fall baseball (schedules and logistics)

d. Communicates with: managers if issues arise and Equipment Director on the number of teams within all divisions
e. Use division directors as a resource
f. Shall be responsible for the postponement of games due to weather and or field conditions/reschedule games and notify the following: Umpire in Chief and the organization in charge of fall baseball
g. Shall monitor games and trouble shoot problems on a daily basis, as needed. In the event of a serious problem, shall advise/counsel with the President of the league.

ARTICLE XIV - Equipment Director

Section 1. The Equipment Director shall secure prices from spots dealers for needed supplies and equipment. He/she will take input from managers, coaches, division directors and board of directors. He/she shall be responsible for issuance and collection of all equipment and supplies in conjunction with division directors. This will include repair, cleaning and storage at the equipment cage located at Trumbull Park batting cages. He/she will provide an annual inventory to the Plainville Little League accountant for use during tax filing. The Equipment Director will be an active member of the Budget Committee and will operate within the amount appropriated in the approved budget.

ARTICLE V – Umpire in Chief

Section 1. Shall recruit, maintain, train, observe, and schedule suitable umpires for the major and minor leagues. (Board Members Only)

ARTICLE VI – President of the Auxiliary (Plainville Little League)

Section 1. Shall be a member of the board of directors, report financial earnings to the board of directors on a monthly basis.

A. Duties and responsibilities
    1. Ordering/receiving supplies
    2. Scheduling volunteers
    3. Beginning and end of year cleaning
    4. Collection of funds
B. Will have access to the Auxiliary bank Account
    1. General Supervision