

LYNDHURST N.J. LITTLE LEAGUE

BY-LAWS

2023 SEASON

Purpose

The purpose of these By-Laws is to support the Constitution of Lyndhurst Little League Inc. and to describe the duties and procedures associated with its government. In addition to the *Little League Baseball®* and *Little League Softball® Official Regulations, Playing Rules, and Policies* (Little League Rulebook), Lyndhurst Little League will adhere to the By-Laws set forth in this document.

Section 1. Government

1. The Little League program in Lyndhurst is sponsored by the Department of Recreation and is governed by an adult group known as the Executive Board. To alleviate all matters pertaining to the program and the Recreation Department, the Vice President of Baseball shall serve as liaison.
2. Little League Baseball in Lyndhurst will be governed by the Executive Board of Directors, which will consist of League President, Vice President (Little League Baseball), Vice President (Softball), Secretary, Treasurer, Player Agent, Coaching Coordinator, Information Officer, Business Agent, Safety Officer, Umpire in Chief, Equipment Manager and one alternate member. Only Board Members are allowed to vote at Board meetings.
3. The government of this organization shall be vested in the duly elected officers, subject to the vote of its membership.

Section 2. Membership

1. Any individual qualifying in accordance with the Constitution of this organization may be considered for membership.
2. All membership must be in compliance with Regulation 1. [c] 8 & 9 of the Official Rules and Regulations of Little League Baseball Inc.
3. All Board members shall consent to a background check after completion of the "Volunteer Application" form and pursuant of Township of Lyndhurst's "Resolution 18037"
4. Membership of an adult shall begin with personal introduction of anyone eligible to the Board and its members at a General Meeting. Approval by Membership Committee shall only commence after compliance with matters outlined in items 2 and 3.

5. Members must maintain a status of good standing. To be considered a “member in good standing”, adult members must attend a minimum of 50% of general meetings throughout the year AND/OR have contributed a minimum requirement of volunteer service to Lyndhurst Little League (i.e., coaching, team parent, assisting in organizing festivities such as Opening Day or 8-year-old. tournament, etc.), as determined by the Executive Board of Directors. A member’s absence from a general meeting is excused only if it was:

- a) Caused by attendance at a league function
- b) Caused by coaching in another season’s youth sport in Lyndhurst
- c) Caused by the attendance of work
- d) Approved in advance by the President

And, attendance records and all excused absences are to be recorded and documented by the Little League Secretary.

6. Only members in good standing are eligible to vote for the Board of Directors/Executive Board.
7. The names of the members in good standing for voting purposes only will be announced during the order of business after roll call of new members. Any member who is present and whose name is not read may question the Secretary as to what the reason may be for him/her not being considered in good standing. Membership Committee shall view good standing status monthly.
8. Membership may be terminated by resignation or action of the Board of Directors if the conduct of the member is considered detrimental to the best interests of Lyndhurst Little League and Little League Baseball Inc.

Section 3. Meetings

1. General meetings of the Lyndhurst Little League will be held at the discretion of the Executive Board. The Executive Board may call special meetings of the league whenever it deems necessary. Executive Board meetings should follow all general meetings.
2. The order of business of this organization shall be:
 - a) Meeting called to order by the President or ranking member
 - b) Roll call of Officers
 - c) Call for new members
 - d) Reading of minutes of previous meetings for approval
 - e) Treasurer report for approval
 - f) Communications
 - g) Committee reports
 - h) Old Business

- i) New Business
 - j) Good and Welfare
 - k) Adjournment
3. Members in good standing, inclusive of at least three (3) Board Members, shall constitute a “Quorum”. A quorum must be present to be considered a general meeting. A scheduled general meeting in any particular month may be cancelled by the President if supported by a majority of the Executive Board.
 4. All general meetings will be posted on the league’s website and/or social media pages. Electronic communication will be sent to members notifying them of meeting dates, times and place, at least 7 days in advance. The time to start a general meeting shall be no later than 8:30 pm.
 5. There will be no excused reason by a member stating they were not properly notified of such general meetings.
 6. Special meetings of this organization, when deemed necessary by the President shall require 48 hours’ notice to the membership. Only business for specified purposes shall be conducted at these Special meetings. It shall be the responsibility of the Board of Directors’ Secretary to make an effort to contact the membership in these cases.

Section 4. Nominations and Elections

1. Membership on the Executive Board will be decided at an election to be held prior to the start of the next fiscal year. The President will call this meeting. Only members in good standing will be eligible to vote (as described in Section 2.5).
2. A nomination committee may be appointed by the Board of Directors and shall be given the responsibility of soliciting any member in good standing for office. This process should take place between the August and September general meeting.
3. The candidates for elected office in this organization as presented by the nominating committee shall be nominated during the last general meeting prior to election.
4. Members in good standing status present at the meeting can have their names placed in nomination from the general membership during the meeting in which the elections take place ONLY IF there is not a sufficient number of nominations.
5. The president shall then appoint an election chairman
6. The voting process shall proceed in the following manner:
 - a) The Secretary shall prepare a written ballot of all candidates nominated for the Board
 - b) Ballots will be handed out to all members in good standing eligible to vote

- c) The president will ask the election chairman to properly count the ballots making sure the number of ballots is not greater than eligible members voting.
- d) Members who cannot be present on election night wishing to vote can obtain an absentee ballot from the Election Chairman in person but has the sole responsibility of delivering their ballot in sealed envelope or email to the Election Chairman prior to the election.
- e) After the Election Chairman counts the vote, the candidates in the number specified to be elected who have the highest number of votes should become the new Board of Directors.
- f) Following the election, the Board shall meet as a body and elect the officers of the Board from within membership of the Board.
- g) The Secretary of the Board as the 1st official responsibility, shall notify Little League Headquarters, Regional director and the District Administrator of election results and the identity of its officers, so proper communications may commence with the new Board of Directors on or after October 1st, or whenever the Fiscal cycle begins for Lyndhurst Little League.
- h) All results will be posted on the Lyndhurst Little League website once all offices of the board are assigned.
- i) All elected officers shall serve for a period of (1) one year. There will be no tenure for any Executive office.
- j) Any vacancy of office between elections shall be referred to the Executive Board, who, in turn shall appoint replacement to complete the term of the office.

Section 5. Duties & Powers of The Board

In conjunction and addition to duties, roles and responsibilities outlined in the “Little League Operating Policies” section in *Little League Baseball: Official Regulations, Playing Rules and, Policies*, the Lyndhurst Little League Board of Director’s and League Officer’s responsibilities include the following:

President: The President shall:

- Conduct the affairs of league and execute the policies set forth by the Board of Directors
- Preside at league meetings and assume full responsibility for the operation of the league
- Shall receive all mail, supplies and communications from Little League Headquarters
- Must see to it that all league members are properly briefed on all phrases of rules, regulations and policies of Little League Baseball
- Shall nominate all chairman of committees as deemed appropriate and approved by the board vote.
- Shall make sure charters are in compliance with regulations set forth by Little League Baseball
- With the help of the Player Agent, examine all applications and support proof of residence and age eligibility of its players
- Be involved with the background check for volunteer applications and ensure its content is kept private from all not involved with its process
- Investigate complaints, irregularities and conditions detrimental to Lyndhurst Little League and report to Board as circumstances warrant.
- Will serve as Chairman of District Committee

Vice President (Little League Baseball): The Vice President Little League Baseball shall:

- Perform the duties of president in the absence or disability of the president. Provided authorization from the Board. When so acting, he/she shall have all the powers of that office
- Perform such duties from time to time that may be assigned by the Board or President
- Assist Player Agent with rosters, registration of its players and serve on committees as deemed necessary by the Board
- Be liaison between League and Parks Department
- Serve on league's district committee with President
- Serve as Tournament Director of Junior League Tournament when held
- Will coordinate the Major, Minor, coach pitch, t-ball and fall ball baseball leagues
- Assist Equipment Managers in inventory needs and purchases of needed equipment
- Will coordinate all aspects of Junior leagues
- Chair committee for rules, bylaws and compliance.
- Makes game schedules for all game schedules not made by the districts.
- Maintains the practice schedule for all of the fields in the town.
- Assists the Information Offices in setting up the website.

Vice President (Softball): The V.P. Softball shall:

- Perform duties of President if so authorized by the Board
- Assist Player Agent with Softball rosters and registration of its players
- Serve on committees as deemed necessary by the Board
- Be liaison between League and Parks Department as it pertains to LL Softball
- Serve on league's district committee with President if needed
- Will coordinate all aspects of all LL Softball leagues
- Assist Equipment Managers in inventory needs and purchases of needed equipment

Secretary: The Secretary shall:

- Record all activities of Lyndhurst Little League and maintain appropriate files, mailing lists and necessary records.
- Perform any duty as assigned by the President or the Board
- Maintain a list of all leagues' members, Directors and committee members and give notices set forth in the Constitution and By-laws of this league
- Keep minutes of meetings of the membership and its Board of Directors and cause them to be recorded in a book kept for that purpose
- Keep an updated record of members in good standing
- Assist Safety Officer in recording of all injuries as well as any other league incidents
- Assist Equipment Managers in inventory needs and purchases of needed equipment

Treasurer: The Treasurer shall:

- Perform duties as is customarily incident to the office of treasurer or may be assigned by the Board of Directors
- Receive money to be deposited in bank approved by the Board of Directors
- Keep records for the receipt and disbursement of all moneys and securities of the league. Approve all payments from allotted funds and draw checks thereof in agreement of policies established by the Board of Directors. All disbursement by check must have two (2) signatures

- Help prepare an annual budget, under the direction of the President for submission to the Board of Directors for approval.
- Chair finance committee
- Will coordinate payment of scorekeepers and umpires for all leagues
- Assist Equipment Managers in inventory needs and purchases of needed equipment
- Perform any duty as assigned by the President or the Board
- Maintain the concessions daily intake records. Ensuring they are signed off by 2 people (at least 1 board member) that do not reside in the same household.
- Restore and maintain 503c3 non-profit registration.
- Helps coordinate fundraisers.
- Provides financial records to the Lyndhurst Recreation Coordinator quarterly or sooner if requested.

Player Agent: The Player Agent shall:

- Record all player transactions and maintain an accurate an up-to-date record thereof.
- Receive and review applications for player candidates and assist the president in verifying residence and age eligibility
- Conduct evaluations and tryouts, the player drafts and all other player transactions
- Help coordinate team rosters and tournament eligibility affidavits
- Maintain a pool of eligible, currently rostered players that may serve as replacement players for shorthanded teams
- Perform any duty as assigned by the President or the Board

Umpire in Chief: The Umpire in Chief shall:

- Coordinate paid umpires
- Coordinate paid scorekeepers
- Schedule umpires for all leagues
- Develop a pool of reliable umpires for assignment
- Communicate any and all rule changes/local rule amendments to all umpires
- Coordinate any umpire training programs and/or conduct or assist in any local umpiring clinics
- Perform any other duties the President or the Board deems necessary

Equipment Manager: The Equipment Manager(s) shall:

- Keep inventory as needed for supplies and equipment
- Make recommendations to Board for purchases of supplies and equipment
- Work with Treasurer, President, Secretary and all Vice Presidents to secure bids for any equipment/uniform needs
- Be responsible for the return of any supplies and equipment that the League deems returnable at the close of the season
- Help with the storage of league equipment
- Perform any other duties the President or the Board deems necessary

Business Agent: The Business Agent shall:

- Solicit sponsorships
- Assist Information Director with advertisements on website

- Coordinate signboard issuance, installation and removal
- Perform any other duties the President or Board deems necessary

Safety Officer: The Safety Officer shall:

- Be responsible to create awareness through information to educate players and coaches.
- Implement a plan for increasing safety of activities, equipment and compliance of safety rules set forth by the League and Little League Inc.
- Make sure that injuries and incidents are recorded, and information is sent to proper facilitators.
- Facilitate any required and/or suggested safety training to all leagues, coaches and managers
- Perform any other duties the President or Board deems necessary
- Responsible for the background check for volunteer applications and ensure its content is kept private from all not involved with its process.

Coaches Coordinator: The Coaches Coordinators shall:

- Oversee all volunteers in coaching roles
- Serve as a representative of coaches/managers
- Help guide managers and coaches to develop and hone the skills of its players.
- Gain support and funds necessary to implement any league wide training programs for coaches and managers
- Distributes training materials to players, coaches and managers and receives and distributes coaching information to all coaches and managers
- Coordinates mini-clinics as necessary
- Perform any other duties the President or Board deems necessary
- Facilitate managers/coach's meetings

Information Officer: The Information Officer shall:

- Set up, maintain and manage the league's website as the webmaster
- Set up and coordinate online registrations
- Ensures all rosters are uploaded to Little League
- Distribution of any online communication to membership
- Perform any other duties the President or the Board deems necessary
- Responsible for updating and uploading online the following on a regular basis:
 - League news
 - Rosters
 - All meeting dates, times and locations
 - All schedules (tryouts, games, meetings, etc.)
 - Scores and standings
 - Any important information
 - All league activities

Alternate Board Member: The Alternate Board Member shall:

- Vote for all Softball Matters
- May vote in the place of an absent member all Baseball related items.
- Perform any duties the Board deems necessary.

Section 6. League Structure

1. All divisions and leagues are to be determined by registration and/or at the conclusion of tryouts/evaluations.
2. Majors Division Baseball teams will consist of a minimum of 11 players each. Any team may elect to carry a 12-player roster if they so desire, which must be stated BEFORE the draft and is irreversible once the draft has begun. All other divisions and leagues are to be determined by registration. All Baseball age 11 (unless there are warrants circumstances to keep an 11 year old in the Minor Leagues) and 12 year olds registering for Baseball are mandatory to the Majors Division. All other Baseball age 9 and 10 year olds registering for Baseball that are not picked in the Major League draft will be returned to the Minor League Division.
3. During the regular season, each Major baseball team will play a 12 to 18 game schedule. Teams will play each team in their league or division two or three times. All other divisions and leagues are TBD yearly.
4. All team managers will be nominated and approved by the Board.
5. The Executive Board will meet prior to tryouts/evaluations to determine the league boundary.
6. Registration of candidates and returning players will be held prior to the upcoming season.
7. Tryouts and/or evaluations for all leagues will be held before the end March.
8. The annual player drafts will be held after the completion of the last tryout/evaluation session for all leagues and divisions. (Note: Executive Board can change date if there is any conflict.)

Section 7. Game Scheduling

1. A scheduling committee will be established and game schedules for all leagues will be produced based on all factors, included but not limited to: number of teams, number of games to be played, field availability, field assignment, holiday/special event consideration, board approval, etc.
2. Any regular season game that has been postponed for any reason, **MUST** be played on the next available open date* determined by the President and/or the Executive Board. There will be no mutual agreements between teams to play on another agreed upon date. There will be NO exceptions without consent of the President and/or Executive Board. If there is no “open date” in the schedule, only the President and/or Executive Board will reschedule the game(s) accordingly.
3. All game schedules are approved by the managers of said division. If the schedule is made by the district, the team managers may reach out with the other town’s managers to try and arrange any changes they may need.

4. No scheduled Lyndhurst Little League game will be bumped for a Lyndhurst Travel Team game.

*A manager's meeting will be conducted for all levels prior to the start of the season to confirm all scheduling and make-up procedures/processes and define "the next available open date"

Section 8. Playing Rules

Lyndhurst Little League will follow all Little League rules for all levels of play that are outlined and detailed in the Little League Rulebooks (Baseball and Softball.)

1. Under rule 6.05 (b)(2) in the Little League Rulebook (Baseball), there is an option to adopt the Minor League and T-ball dropped third strike rule: A batter is out when – "A third strike is caught or not caught by the catcher." Lyndhurst Little League WILL exercise the option for the Major Division baseball.
2. Pitchers in Minor and Major League baseball are prohibited from throwing breaking balls. If, as determined by the umpire, a pitcher violates this rule, the pitch will be called a ball. If there is a play on the pitch, the batting team's manager shall choose between the outcome of the play, or a ball on the pitch. Repeated violations can result in the pitcher being removed from the game at the umpire's discretion.

Section 9. Playoff Structure

1. Playoff structure will be determined once the league structure is established
2. Playoff structure will be based on regular season standings*.
 - a) TIEBREAKER PROCEEDURE if 2 teams have identical won-loss records:
 - i. Head-to-head record
 - ii. Run differential head-to-head
 - iii. Run differential season
 - iv. Coin flip
 - b) TIEBREAKER PROCEDURE if 3 or more teams have identical won-loss records**
 - i. Head-to-head record
 - ii. Run differential amongst tied teams in games involving said teams
 - iii. Run differential season
 - iv. Coin flip

*A manager's meeting will be conducted for all levels prior to the start of the season to define and confirm each level's playoff structure.

** First place among tied teams is determined first, then the tiebreaker procedure is then reset for remaining teams tied.

Section 10. Equipment

ALL BATS IN ALL BASEBALL DIVISIONS* MUST BE APPROVED BY USA BASEBALL AND FEATURE THE STAMP BELOW**. There are no changes to the bat standard or regulations for Little League Softball.



*NOTE: For Intermediate (50-70) and Junior League Divisions only, bats also meeting the BBCOR performance standard are permitted, and so labeled with a certification mark (below). There is NO DROP WEIGHT restrictions in Junior League as long as the bat is USA or BBCOR certified.

**NOTE: Solid one-piece wood barrel bats do not require a USA Baseball logo.

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MERGEFORMAT

Additional information is available at LittleLeague.org/BatInfo

All pitchers in Minor and Major League Baseball must be equipped with a heart guard.

Section 11. Injury Reporting & Procedure

1. Please refer to:
<https://www.littleleague.org/university/articles/how-to-handle-an-injured-player-returning-to-play-after-injury/> <https://www.littleleague.org/university/articles/how-to-handle-an-injured-player-returning-to-play-after-injury/>
for a full explanation and links to forms and additional resources.
2. All injuries and incidents must be reported to the league's Safety Officer.
3. If a Little Leaguer® is injured during a game, practice, or other league-approved activity that may or may not require medical attention, league officials (manager/coach, Safety Officer, Player Agent, etc.) should follow these steps:
 - Administer any initial first aid treatment (if necessary)
 - Be sure to have the player's medical release onsite or easily accessible so anyone who may treat the player is aware of any allergies or special conditions
 - Contact the player's parent or legal guardian if they are not onsite at the time of the incident

- Document the incident with as much detail as possible using any league-created form or utilize the [ASAP Incident/Injury Tracking Report](#).
 - If medical attention is needed, be sure to have [Accident Notification Claim Forms](#) on hand to provide to the family (only for those leagues enrolled in the AIG Accident coverage for Little League) and explain the local league's Accident Insurance, whether they have it through the AIG group program for Little League or through another source.
 - If a player misses seven (7) or more continuous days of participation, a physician or other accredited medical provider must give written permission for a full return to baseball/softball activity.
 - In cases involving a possible concussion, the league must adhere to their respective state law with respect to removal of the player and return to play protocols after being released by a physician. It is recommended a player suspected of sustaining a concussion be removed for at least the remainder of that day and then comply with their respective state law for return to play guidelines.
4. All injuries are to be taken seriously, and volunteers serving as managers and coaches are responsible for making the health and safety of the players the top priority. During all Little League functions, where a team of players is participating as a group, it is the responsibility of the manager and coaches to be advocates for safe behavior for each of the players on their team.
 5. During Little League games, if a player sustains an injury and is removed from the game, a team manager is not permitted to return said player to the game without first having a medical professional at the game site clear the player. If the player does return to the game after being removed due to injury, he/she is required to complete [mandatory play](#), if applicable.
 6. The [Little League A Safety Awareness Program](#) (ASAP) was created to assist local leagues in [developing a plan](#) that promotes a safe and healthy experience for all participants.

Section 12. Statistics

1. All statistics will be kept by both teams and by an official scorekeeper (when assigned). Upon the completion of each major league and junior league game, scorekeepers are urged to meet and verify their books for consistency of all statistics. Each team shall report their team's book to the league for entry into the league's statistical database within 24 hours of the completion of a game.
2. Baseball pitch count rules are strictly outlined in the Little League rulebook. Managers and the official scorekeeper (when assigned) are responsible for keeping pitch counts during all minor, major and junior league baseball games. Each manager/coach is to verify the pitch count of each pitcher at the end of each half inning, or during a pitching change, with the opponent's manager/coach and confirm all totals with the official scorekeeper.

- a) If determined, based on board approval for any or all divisions, an affidavit will be completed and signed at the conclusion of each game, recording all pitcher's pitch counts.
- b) IT IS BOTH MANAGER'S RESPONSIBILITY EVERY GAME THAT PITCH COUNTS ARE KEPT CONSISTENT AND ACCURATE. FAILURE TO COOPERATE WITH EACH OTHER AND TO ADHERE TO THIS PROCEDURE MAY RESULT IN DISCIPLINE DEEMED BY THE BOARD.

Section 13. Drafting of Players

1. Players must attend a minimum 50% of tryout dates to be eligible to be drafted by Major League Baseball teams. Any extenuating circumstances that warrant review will be referred to the board for decision.
 - a) For Major League (10-12 year olds) and Junior League (13-14-year olds), players not attending a minimum of 50% of the evaluation dates, a special evaluation will be scheduled for those players. In the event a special evaluation can't be arranged, that player will be subject to a "hat pick" to be placed on a team.
2. Any 9-year old player that quits after the draft, but before the first game of the season will have an option to play in the Minor League. The team that drafted said player will relinquish the player's rights, for that season (but retains player's rights for future seasons until the player ages out) and request a replacement from eligible draft pool of undrafted players.
3. Any player selected by a Major League team and refuses to play for that team cannot be picked up by another Major League team that season. The franchise will receive an undrafted, eligible player at the discretion of the Player Agent. The Major League team retains the player's rights for future seasons, until the player ages out.
 - a) The Player Agent will try to work out any issues between the player/parents and manager and coaches.
4. If the player moves out of town and needs to be replaced, the franchise shall receive no compensation. The franchise will receive an undrafted, eligible player at the discretion of the Player Agent.
5. If a Major Division team is shorthanded for any reason for game(s) and needs to temporarily "pick-up" a player, the Player Agent will assign a player to play for said team. The Player Agent will develop and maintain a pool of eligible, currently rostered, Major Division players, at his discretion, for this sole purpose. Major league age-eligible minor league players may not serve as a temporary "pick-up." If a minor league player is picked-up by a major league team, that player can no longer return to the minors.
 - a) If a team needs or elects to request a replacement player and happens to have 9 original team players present at the game, the "pick-up" will play no more than the minimum requirement, barring an injury or unforeseen circumstance.

6. There will be no trading of players in and no refunds for players refusing to play for the team they were drafted on.

Section 14. Draft Procedure

1. The League Drafts shall consist of the teams drafting by order of finish from the previous year.
2. The Baseball Majors draft order is determined as follows:
 - a) First Pick - the team with the worst regular season record from the prior season
 - b) Second and Subsequent Picks – teams will pick in reverse order of regular season finish in standings* (with the exception of the two teams in the Championship Series)
 - c) Next to last Pick - the Runner-up from the prior season (the team that lost the Championship Series)
 - d) Last Pick - the League Champion from the prior season

*tiebreakers follow same as described in Section 9.2, 9.2a & 9.2b

3. All other draft orders will be determined by the Player Agent and team managers at that level.
4. There will be an option on sons, daughters and siblings in the draft.
 - a) Brothers/Sisters in the draft – When there are 2 or more siblings in the draft, and the first brother or sister is selected by a manager, that manager has an option to draft the remaining brother(s) or sister(s) with their next selection(s). If the manager does not exercise the option, the remaining sibling(s) is then available to be drafted by any team.
 - b) Brothers/Sisters of players currently on a team - If desired, a manager can submit an option in writing, with parental consent, 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 2 rounds of the draft. If there are 2 or more siblings in the draft, the team's 1st pick must be one of the siblings. Any additional siblings are then protected through the 2nd round only. For example, if a team has more than one sibling in the draft, the team's 1st pick of the draft must be a sibling, followed by a free pick in round 2. The team then MUST select any remaining siblings in round 3, then round 4, and so on.
 - c) Sons/Daughters of Managers - The manager has an option to draft their child or children on an exclusive basis. Before the draft, a manager must make the Player Agent aware of any manager's or coach's child(ren) in the draft. The manager must draft the son/daughter within the first 2 rounds of the draft. If the manager has 2 or more sons/daughters available in the draft, the team's 1st pick must be a son/daughter. Any additional sons/daughters are then protected through the 2nd round only. For example, if a team has more than one son/daughter, the team's 1st pick of the draft must be a son/daughter, followed by a free pick in round 2. The team then MUST select any remaining sons/daughters in round 3, then round 4, and so on.

- d) Sons/Daughters of Coaches - The manager has an option to draft a coach's son or daughter (under the same criteria as 10.3.c) provided the coach meets the criteria listed below:
 - i. A coach must be coaching at least the previous two consecutive years with his team to exercise his option on a son or daughter for the draft.
 - e) A Brother/Sister AND a Son/Daughter – If a team has a son/daughter AND a brother/sister, the same criteria will be followed as described in 10.3.b & c. For example, if a team has more than one “protected” player, the team's 1st pick of the draft must be a son/daughter or brother/sister, followed by a free pick in round 2. The team then MUST select any remaining sons/daughters or brothers/sisters in round 3, then round 4, and so on.
- 5. At the conclusion of the 4th round and before the start of the 5th round, a “Catch Up Round” shall take place. All teams shall have the same number of players on their respective teams at the end of the catch up. During the catch-up round, the higher draft position team will pick first, and so forth.
 - 6. Towards the draft conclusion, all division's and league's age requirements will be determined by registration and/or number of remaining open selections in the draft is equal to the number of remaining eligible mandated candidates. All non-mandated candidates will be taken out of consideration and only eligible mandated candidates will be drafted. For example, if three eligible mandated candidates remain when there are three open selections left, only the three eligible mandated candidates will be drafted. This will assure that all eligible mandated candidates are selected for the Major League. Also included will be all released players that have re-entered the draft following the same format.
 - 7. Any player selected to fill an open roster spot that becomes open after drafting is complete, will become a permanent member of that team.
 - 8. Parents of Major League players who become managers or coaches after their children have been selected to a major team may not automatically claim their sons or daughters.

Section 15. Tournament Teams

- 1. The managers of the league's Baseball All-Star Teams shall be decided based on the manager's team place of finish the year prior. The manager that won the league championship shall have first choice of coaching 8u 9u 10u 11u or 12u All-Star Team. If the manager declines, the option goes to the manager of the runner up & so on and so forth (following the opposite order as the draft). In the event there are no qualified managers, The President will nominate one from within the membership to the Board and the nominee will become the manager with the board's approval by vote.
- 2. Softball managers are determined by the standing on the date of the All Star team selection.

3. Players for tournament teams shall be selected upon their playing ability, eligibility, age and availability. All age appropriate players can be eligible for tournament teams, as long as they were eligible for the major league drafts after tryouts/evaluations and played in 75% of their team's games in that season.
4. The managers of the league shall select the 9u 10u 11u & 12u teams by vote tally of all eligible players and the 8u team will be selected via tryout.
 - a) Players will be appointed by majority of ballots cast
 - b) Tournament team manager shall state how many players are needed for All- Star roster prior to votes being casted. Voting managers from all the league's teams shall select 11 players if it is a 12 or 13 player roster. The manager of the tournament team shall fill the rest of the roster.
 - c) After team is selected, any player that quits, is injured, or for some other reason has to be replaced the next highest vote getter will be asked to fill the roster vacancy and so on and so forth.
5. The 12u team will be selected first from the eligible player pool of 11 & 12-year-old players. The 10u team will be selected second from the eligible player pool of 9 & 10-year olds. The 11u team will then be selected based on remaining eligible 11 & 10-year-old players. The 9u team will be selected last based on remaining eligible 9-year-old players.
6. After the selection of the all-star rosters, the manager shall have a Parent/Guardian meeting. Included in this meeting will be discussion on obligation of the players and parents listed below:
 - a) player cannot be involved on more than one tournament team for the duration of the tournament season.
 - b) player cannot be absent from All-Star games or practices without permission of the manager and league President.
 - c) Parents will be expected to help the league during tournament play as a concession volunteer or any other duty as assigned/needed by the league.
 - d) Parent of players involved shall return All-Star uniforms back to the league in good condition.
 - e) Parents shall sign obligatory consent form.
 - f) there shall be a \$100.00 check given to the league (\$50 will be refunded if all obligations above are met.)*
 - i. *there is no \$100 fee for 8 year old all-stars. 8-year old parents are still required as volunteers to help the league during tournament play.
7. The managers of the teams shall select his/her coaches from within the membership.
8. The President or Player Agent shall not serve as a manager of an all-star tournament team, unless a waiver can be granted from Little League.

Section 16. Committees

As the need arises the President, with the approval of the Board, may activate committees. The Board may recommend to the President the activation of a committee for a specific purpose. The President shall appoint Chairmen or Co-Chairmen as required.

1. It shall be the duty of these Chairmen to enlist whatever number of members he shall deem necessary to efficiently carry out the specific assignment given to the committee.
2. The Chairman of the committee shall keep the Board informed of the committee's progress and activities.
3. Committees shall be either "standing" or "special" in nature.
 - a) Standing committees serve a specific assignment of long duration.
 - b) Special committees serve a specific assignment of short duration.
4. Activation of a committee shall be designed either "standing" or "special".
5. Deactivation of a committee is the function of the Board.
6. The Chairman of a committee shall be responsible for the Scheduling of meetings and for establishing an agenda for each Meeting. He shall also be responsible for the preparation of any Recommendation made by the committee to the Board.
7. No committee recommendation shall be binding or final until approval by a majority of the board.
8. All Committee reports to the Board are to be in the beginning of the Board Meeting and then the Board will meet in a closed door meeting afterwards.

Section 17. Code of Conduct

1. Any disciplinary process shall be initiated by a written request for the review of a member's conduct to the Executive Board.
2. Upon receipt of written request, the President shall schedule a meeting of the Board to review the matter. Both the requesting party and the member whose conduct is under review shall be advised of date of such meeting. Both parties have the right to appear and address the Board prior to any action taken by the Board. No other members may be present at the meeting unless requested by the President; Legal representation shall not be permitted.
3. No meeting under items 1 & 2 can proceed unless 6 Board members are present.
4. A member of the Board shall be disqualified from serving on this review if he/she is the either the one who the complaint is about or is the complaining member and might benefit from any decision recommended by the Board.

5. Any member who violates any provisions of these By-Laws or associated Constitution shall be referred to the Board for appropriate action.
6. Any spectator (parent, guardian, relative, etc.) physically or verbally abusing a manager, coach, umpire, or any officer of this organization may be immediately removed from Lyndhurst Little League property. And following a review by the Executive Board, could be excluded from all Lyndhurst Little League events and functions for the remainder of the year.
7. Any correspondence between any member of Lyndhurst Little League and any organization (including Little League headquarters in Williamsport, P.A.) or news media concerning the operations or functions of Lyndhurst Little League without the sanction of the Executive Board is in violation of these By-Laws. All members involved and the associated correspondence shall be brought to the attention of the Board for appropriate action.
8. The Board shall review the performance of all team managers and coaches every year. By the March meeting of the fiscal year, managers and coaches not re-appointed shall be notified of the change in their status prior to the March meeting of the fiscal year.
9. PARENTS' CODE OF ETHICS:
 - Parents' Code of Ethics (Provided by the National Youth Sports Coaches Association)
 - I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care and encouragement for my child participating in youth sports by following this Parents' Code of Ethics Pledge.
 - I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, and officials at every game, practice, or other youth sports event.
 - I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my child ahead of a personal desire to win.
 - I will insist that my child play in a safe and healthy environment.
 - I will support coaches and officials working with my child, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.
 - I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free of drugs, tobacco, alcohol, and will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.
 - I will remember that the game is for youth-not for adults.
 - I will do my very best to make youth sports fun for my child.
 - I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, fans, and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed, or ability.
 - I promise to help my children enjoy the youth sports experience by doing whatever I can, such as being a respectable fan, assisting with coaching, or providing transportation.
 - I will require that my child's coach have the knowledge and responsibility needed to be a positive youth sports coach.
10. COACHES' CODE OF ETHICS:
 - I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my players ahead of a personal desire to win.

- I will treat each player as an individual, remembering the large range of emotional and physical development for the same age group.
- I will do my best to provide a safe playing situation for my players
- I will promise to review and practice the basic first aid principles need to treat injuries of my players.
- I will do my best to organize practices that are fun and challenging.
- I will lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all my players.
- I will be knowledgeable in the rules and will teach these rules to my players.
- I will use those coaching techniques appropriate for each of the skills that I teach.
- I will remember that I am a youth sports coach and that the game is for children and not adults.

***Failure to comply with and/or exercise any of the codes of conduct and ethics brought forth above may result in exclusion from all Lyndhurst Little League events and functions, based on Board review.

Section 18. Rules of Order

1. Except as otherwise provided in these By-Laws, the Constitution of Little League Inc. shall be the governing law of this organization.
2. Except as otherwise provided by Lyndhurst Little League's Constitution or these By-Laws, Roberts Rules of Order shall be used as a guide governing this organization.