CHINO VALLEY LITTLE LEAGUE LOCAL RULES

The following rules are not meant to replace any rules in the Little League Baseball Regulation and Rulebook as published by Little League Baseball, Incorporated. These rules shall be considered the policy of this League and voted upon annually per Article IX Section 3 of the Chino Valley Little League Constitution.

ARTICLE I – GENERAL LEAGUE POLICY

Section 1

The League season shall run from March 1st through the final tournament date that shall be no later than September 30th.

Section 2

Registration fees - Chino Valley 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 Membership Meeting and approved by the Board of Directors. These fees will be required regardless of program level.

a) The league President and Board of Directors 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 3

Sponsorship fees - Team Sponsor fees to be determined by the Board of Directors under advisement of the Sponsorship Manager at the Annual Membership Meeting.

Section 4

Rosters - Rosters for Chino Valley 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 5

Managers and Coaches - Managers and Coaches of all Baseball and Softball teams shall be appointed by the Board of Directors prior to try-outs. There is a 3 coach maximum per team. Annual re-appointment shall be based on the following:

a) Demonstrated commitment to Little League Baseball, Incorporated and Chino Valley Little League.
b) Attendance of League games and tournaments as required by the team
c) Use and return of all Little League equipment and/or property
d) 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 Board of Directors
    3) Cooperation with the Umpire-in-Chief and umpire staff.
    4) Manage and coach with the guidelines laid out in the Little League Baseball/Softball Rulebook
    5) Adhere to the policies laid out in the “Chino Valley Little League Local Rules”

Section 6

Little League Supplies/Equipment/Property – The League will not lend or rent any equipment for use other than Little League functions. Each team coach will be given an equipment bag consisting of the basic equipment needed to practice for the year, including but not limited to:

a) Baseballs or Softballs
b) Batting helmets

c) Catchers gear
d) Mobile plates and mounds (as available)

All equipment must be returned at the end of the season by the team coaches to the Equipment Manager or a member of the Board of Directors. If equipment is not returned further action can be taken including but not limited to: denial of future coaching and/or monetary reimbursement.

Section 7

Any person, not a member of Chino Valley Little League, according to Article II of the CVLL Constitution, who volunteers for active participation in any Chino Valley Little League function, may do so only with prior permission from a current member of the Board of Directors.

Section 8

Park Field Permits – Park and field permits 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, make-up, practice & scrimmage)
b) Team practices scheduled by a team coach, and approved by the Board of Directors, during the season
c) Clinics scheduled by the League
d) All-Star and Tournament Team clinics, practices and games
e) Any other activity approved in advance by the League Board of Directors

Section 9

Volunteers – All Chino Valley Little League managers, coaches, umpires, and any volunteers who have repetitive contact with players must complete a volunteer application and satisfactorily complete a criminal background check as laid out in the Little League Baseball, Incorporated, Rulebook.

ARTICLE II – PLAYERS

Section 1

Division Alignment – Division age ranges may be adjusted depending on enrollment

a) Tee Ball Baseball: 4-6 year olds
b) (Rookie) Minor League Coach Pitch Baseball: 5-8 year olds
c) Minor League Baseball and Softball: 8-10 year olds
d) Major league Baseball and Softball: 10-12 year olds
e) 50/70 baseball: league age 13 year only – 14 year olds only with a waiver from district.
f) Junior League Baseball and Softball: 13-14 year olds (12 & 15 by petition and waiver)

All players, League age 8-14 must tryout for Minor, Major, 50/70, or Junior teams. If not selected for a Major Division team, these players will be placed as follows: Age 8-10 in the Minor Division, 10-12 in Major Division, 13-14 in Juniors Division regardless of the draft as mandated by Little League International.

Section 2

Player selection – Once a player is placed on a Major, & Junior Division team, he/she becomes a property player on that team. If a property player is to be removed from their team, the coach, player or their parent must request the removal in writing from the Board of Directors. If the Board approves the request, the player will go back into the try-outs and draft as an open player for any team. Pending teams are continued from year to year.

a) **NOTE**: The Board cannot guarantee that the player will not be drafted by the same team they requested removal from.

All non-property Baseball and Softball players league age 8-14 will be eligible for the draft.

Section 3

Try-outs – The Board of Directors will establish dates and times for tryouts for all players in any division above Minors. Unless otherwise notified there will be a minimum of two (2) tryout days. Players must attend at least one (1) day to be eligible for the All-Star tournament at the end of the season.

Draft – The draft date and time will be determined by the Board of Directors but must be conducted within week of the final day of tryouts. The Draft Method used for all divisions will be the same as "Plan A – Method for Existing Leagues" in the current Little League Baseball Operating Manual

a) In the event of a division expansion CVLL will use the Draft Method for Expansion "Option Three"

For draft purposes the following season, coaches player selection order will be determined by overall records/winning percentage. If two or more teams are tied, play-off games will be held to determine placement.

Section 4

Schedules – Schedules will be created by the Board of Directors and handed out to all coaches before the first game

a) Any division that inter-leagues game schedules are not determined by Chino Valley Little League; therefore games cannot be guaranteed by CVLL.

ARTICLE III – GAME PLAY

All Softball and Junior Baseball local game rules are superseded by the inter-district game rules

Section 1

Tee-Ball Division– The tee-ball division will adhere to the following rules:

a) There is a 90-minute time limit on games
b) Second team on game schedule is the "Home Team"
c) Home Team manager or coach will supply: One (1) new ball and one (1) good backup
d) Managers and coaches are allowed on the field
e) The side is out when the batting order is completed
f) All trash must be removed from dugouts/fields after games. The manager and/or coach is responsible for this.

Section 2

Rookie (Coach/Machine Pitch) Minor Division – The rookie minors division will adhere to the following rules:

a) There no new inning after 1:30.
b) Second team on game schedule is the "Home Team"
c) Home Team manager or coach will supply: One (1) new ball and one (1) good backup
d) Managers and coaches are allowed on the field
e) Adults (offensive team manager or coach) will **over-hand pitch or use machines provided by the Board.** f) Each player gets seven (7) pitches. If the player fouls on the 7th pitch, he/she will get another 2 pitches maximum. g) The side is out when three outs are made or the offensive team bats through its entire roster in its half-inning, whichever comes first.
h) The team will have a continuous batting order. All players must bat
i) Managers and Coaches will umpire games.
j) An all-girl team is authorized depending on player availability. Parents can opt to not have their daughters assigned to this team.

k) All trash must be removed from dugouts/fields after games. The manager and/or coach is responsible for this.
l) Home Team Coaches are responsible to have all equipment returned to the storage container after the game.

Section 3

Minors (Player Pitch) Division – The minors baseball and softball division will adhere to the following rules:

a) Player Pitch
b) Two (2) adult base coaches will be allowed as long as there is one adult coach in the dugout at all times.
c) The team will have a continuous batting order. All players must bat.
d) Each inning will consist of three (3) outs or completion of batting order, whichever comes first.
e) Stealing home is allowed.
f) The five (5) run rule is in effect, with exception of the 6th inning, which will be an open inning.
h) Protests must be resolved before the next play. Protests not resolved before the next play will not be considered.
i) Managers and Coaches will umpire games from behind the mound when umpires are not available. The offensive coach will call for his/her batter
j) Second team listed on the schedule will be the "Home Team". Home team is to keep a record of the game in the scorebook with pitch count and submit information in the Standings online file, within 24 hours of the completion of the game.
k) No new inning after 1:30
l) A 15-minute infield practice will start 30 minutes before the start of the game for the home team. Visiting's team 15-minute infield practice will start 15 minutes before the start of the game.
m) If a game is called due to weather and four (4) innings have been completed, the game is considered completed
n) All trash must be removed from the dugouts/fields after the game. The manager and/or coach are responsible for this
o) No player will be called up from the Minor Division to a Major Division team in the last two weeks of the regular season.
p) Softball: Pitchers may pitch from 35 feet and are required to do a full revolution circle arm pitch.
    a. one full arm rotation must be completed by pitcher before release of ball

q) Softball: If four (4) pitches thrown in succession are called balls by the umpire, the offensive manager or coach will be allowed to come to the mound and throw from one (1) to three (3) pitches to his/her player to finish the count..
    a. The manager will throw fast-pitch softball pitches and all pitches will be considered strikes
r) Softball: Stealing is allowed, except when a coach is pitching
s) Home Team Coach is required to return all equipment to the storage container at the completion of the game.

Section 4

Majors Division – The major baseball and softball division will adhere to the following rules:

a) Game Run Rule: 10 run rule is in effect after four (4) complete innings

b) Inning Run Rule: 5 run rule per inning for all inning starting prior to 1:30, all new innings after 1:30 will be open run rule.

c) Two (2) adult base coaches will be allowed if there is always one adult coach in the dugout

d) Second team listed on the schedule will be the "Home Team". Home team is to keep a record of the game in the scorebook with pitch count will enter their game information, including pitch counts in the Standings online file, within 24 hours of the completion of the game.
    a. If a team manager/Coach does not enter their game information in the Standings Book, he/she will receive a warning for the first offense. The second offense will result in a one (1) game suspension. The third

offense will result in a three (3) game suspension. The fourth offense will result in suspension for the rest of the season.

e) No new inning will begin after 1:45 minutes

f) If a game is called due to weather and four (4) innings have been completed, the game is considered completed

g) A 15-minute infield practice will start 30 minutes before the start of the game for the home team. Visiting's team 15-minute infield practice will start 15 minutes before the start of the game.

h) All trash must be removed from the dugouts/fields after the game. The manager and/or coach are responsible for this

i) All Major Division teams must carry at least 9 active players per game, in the event there is not 9 players the coach is required to contact the player agent for a pool player. A pool player will be provided if available.

Home Team Coach is required to return all equipment to the storage container at the completion of the game.

j) Softball: All inter-league softball games played at CVLL fields will be played based on CVLL rules

k) Softball: When pitching, one full arm rotation must be completed by pitcher before release of ball

Section 5

50/70 Division- *The 50/70 division will adhere to the district 50/70 rules.*

Section 6

Juniors – The Juniors division will adhere to the following rules:

a) Game Run Rule: 15 run rule is in effect after five (4) complete innings (3 ½ innings if home team is ahead)

b) Two (2) adult base coaches will be allowed as long as there is one adult coach in the dugout at all times

c) Teams will carry no more than 15 and no less than 10 active players

d) Metal cleats are allowed except for the pitcher on the mound for baseball only.

e) Players 15 years or older by LLB age charts will not be eligible to pitch

f) No new inning after 1:45 minutes

g) All trash must be removed from the dugouts/fields after the game. The manager and/or coach are responsible for this

h) Refer to inter-league rules for all other rules

i) Home Team Coach is required to return all equipment to the storage container at the completion of the game.

Section 6

Pitch Count – Minors, Majors, 50/70 and Junior Baseball please see 2025 Little League Rule Book regarding pitch count and rest periods involving both pitchers and catchers. Rest days are full calendar day

Section 7

Spectators – If a spectator becomes verbally abusive, the Umpire will call both managers/coaches to home plate and inform them that if the verbal abuse continues the Umpire shall eject the spectator and or clear the playing field until a CVLL Board member can be found. If one cannot be reached or the issue cannot be resolved, the home plate Umpire will suspend the game. Suspended games, due to umpires, are not forfeits. All suspended games will go before the board for review and possibly rescheduled for a later date.

ARTICLE IV – ALL STARS

Section 1

Tournament team player selection –

a) In order to be eligible for All Star selection a player must attend at least one try out. This may include the beginning of season try out or a Tournament try out (if Board determines this tryout is needed.)

c) 8-14 regular season players will be allowed to participate in the try-out. Players will be selected Tournament Team Manager/Coach for the all-star age bracket teams.

Section 2

Tournament Team Managers and Coach selection –

a) The All Star coach(es) shall be decided upon by the Board of Directors at the end of the regular season.

b) b) This selection will be based upon application and or interview with the Board as well as coach adherence to Article 1 Section 5 of Chino Valley Little League Local Rules.