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### INTRODUCTION

The issues addressed in this document are for the purpose of emphasizing rules the league is conforming to, or identifying those Little League rules that Lower Perkiomen Little League is modifying, in the interest of creating a better playing environment for our children. Lower Perkiomen Little League is interested in your opinions and/or comments regarding the Rules, Guidelines, and Comments included in this document. All comments should be referred to the League Vice-President of Baseball, and will be addressed before the Rules Committee.

### UMPIRES

- i. Study the “Official Regulations and Playing Rules” and the supplemental rules and practices, policies, and courtesies for the league in which you are working and carry a copy of the rulebook with you.
- ii. Chest Protectors, broom, shin guards, facemasks with neck guard, ball/strike/out indicators and brushes are available in the storage bin at the field or the umpire closet in the garage behind field 1. Please return equipment to the storage bin or umpire closet at the conclusion of your game.
- iii. NEVER use profanity while umpiring a game. The use of tobacco and/or alcoholic beverages in any form is prohibited on the playing field, benches, and dugouts. Little League Baseball Official Regulations and Playing Rules, section XIV(a).
- iv. The actions of players, managers, coaches, umpires, and league officials must be above reproach.” Section XIV(a).
- v. Umpires are responsible for handling the game balls. The home team is responsible for supplying a minimum of (2) clean unused game balls to start the game. Teams will coordinate supplying additional balls as required by the umpire.
- vi. If you are unable to attend a game for which you are scheduled, please call or e-mail the Umpire-in-Chief as early as possible to allow for time to find a replacement.
- vii. Prior to the game, the umpire(s) and a representative of each team shall review the Ground rules, exchange lineup cards, and inspect the field to ensure that there are no unsafe conditions. The plate umpire shall verify that all completed lineup cards are identical and players are properly equipped. Umpires, managers, or league commissioners DO NOT have the authority to change or supersede a Little League or LPLL Supplemental Rule. viii. When an injury incapacitates a player, and in the umpire's judgment the injury is serious, the umpire shall call "time" immediately. The likely outcome of the completed play will be determined at the discretion of the umpire.

## POLICIES, PRACTICES & COURTESIES

- i. A minimum of two adults must be present at each LPLL activity at all times. This may include a member of the coaching staff and a parent/guardian. Two adults MAY coach the bases as long as there is one adult in the dugout to supervise the players on the bench.
- ii. All coaches and parents assisting during practices and games must complete the Little League Background Questionnaire. Please send your email address to the league secretary to be issued an official questionnaire. In addition, all head coaches must complete USA Baseball's Abuse Awareness for Adults training and pass the certification administered at the end of the training.
- iii. Rainouts will be rescheduled by the Master Scheduler. Games will be rescheduled as allowed by available field time, not all games are guaranteed to be rescheduled beyond the minimum number of games required by each division.
- iv. Both the Home and Visiting teams are responsible for raking the infield, the pitcher's mound, and home plate areas following the conclusion of the game.
- v. HOME team is responsible for lining the field prior to the game.
- vi. Games should begin during the week at 5:30. The Plate Umpire shall declare to the managers the OFFICIAL start time of the game and will be responsible for curfew decisions. **No new inning shall start after 7:35 with a hard stop at 7:50 on field 1 during the regular season.** For late games on field 1, no new inning shall start after 9:40PM with a hard stop at 9:50PM.
- vii. Weekend games - no new inning shall start after 1 hour and 50 minutes from start time with a hard stop at 2 hours and 5 minutes with exception of the last scheduled game of the day on field 1
- viii. Games being played on unlit fields will be called due to darkness as determined by either the plate umpire or the league official on duty. Games will be halted IMMEDIATELY. Rule 4.11(d) will be in effect.
- ix. Teams will have access to the batting cages prior to the start of the game and should conduct pre-game warmups in the outfield on the side of their respective dugout, avoiding the infield to allow for field preparation.
- x. The line-up must be presented to the opposing team (and game announcer, if applicable) prior to the start of the game, including COMPLETE names & numbers of players.
- xi. The HOME team is the OFFICIAL SCORER of the game.
- xii. Each team shall designate a pitch count recorder, typically the scorekeeper. Between each half inning the pitch count recorders will verify the pitch counts and resolve any discrepancies. The winning team is responsible for reporting final score and pitch count totals for both teams to the commissioner.
- xiii. In case of inclement weather, the decision to play is the responsibility of the League Officer on-duty. Once the game(s) has started, the HOME PLATE UMPIRE alone is responsible for weather/darkness related decisions (Rule 3.10b) - The Umpire may consult with the League Official before making a decision. The league official on duty may cancel or "call" a game due to darkness or weather for games where an LP umpire is not assigned.

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- xiv. Pitchers may not wear gray or white supplemental gloves under their fielding glove, light colored turtlenecks, or light-colored sleeves, if the apparel, in the umpire's judgment, will impair the batter's view of the ball.
- xv. If an umpire is not present within 5 minutes of the scheduled starting time, the HOME team shall be responsible for recruiting a replacement umpire. The home team manager may elect to ask the visiting manager for a volunteer.
- xvi. The LPLL Executive Board will address all VALID protests within 7 days of protest submission. Protests must be filed properly, according to Rule 4.19. xvii. If a game cannot START because a team does not have enough players, the commissioner and Player Agent shall be notified as soon as possible to determine an outcome.
- xviii. Players that are not present at game time may not be included in the starting lineup. Players arriving after the exchange of lineups must be added at the END of the batting order upon their arrival. The plate umpire and opposing team shall be notified immediately upon the arrival of such players.
- xix. The plate umpire and opposing team shall be notified immediately when a player must leave a game (either temporarily or for the duration of the game). A team will NOT be assessed an out for an injured player that is not able to return to the lineup.
- xx. The "10 Run Rule" (Rule 4.10 (e)) shall be adhered to at all levels of play.
- xxi. Players that catch in 4 or more innings are not eligible to pitch the remainder of the day. Players that throw 41 pitches or more are not eligible to catch for the remainder of the day. These totals are cumulative for all games played in a day. If a pitcher reaches 40 pitches while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch, and maintain their eligibility to play the position of catcher for the remainder of that day, until any one of the following conditions occurs: (1) that batter reaches base; (2) that batter is retired; or (3) the third out is made to complete the half-inning or the game. The pitcher would be allowed to play the catcher position provided that pitcher is moved, removed, or the game is completed before delivering a pitch to another batter.
- xxii. If a team is missing player(s) prior to the start of a game that will put them below 9 players to start, they may request a play up or substitute player from another team. (SEE APPENDIX D – LPLL Policy on Play Ups & Substitute Players.
- xxiii. Teams should allow their catcher to stay on the field and warm up the opposing team's pitcher between innings whenever necessary/possible.
- xxiv. Fielding warm ups will be limited between innings in an effort to limit time between innings to no more than 1 minute. Managers and coaches should prepare players with their position prior to the end of the half inning, have someone to warm up the pitcher and prepare players to begin the next half inning as quickly as possible.

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### **RULES OF CONDUCT**

- i. Players from opposing teams will line up on their baseline closest to their dugout and shake hands with the opposing team at the conclusion of each game.
- ii. A Player must inform his Manager/Coach if he is unable to make a game. If a player cannot reach the Manager/Coach, that player should attempt to make contact with another player on the team roster to communicate their absence.
- iii. A player who missed the previous game shall be played as usual. However, after a player misses CONSECUTIVE games without giving notice to a manager/coach, the manager may request to discuss that player's future with LP with the VP of Baseball and/or Board of Directors
- iv. Spectators are not permitted to stand behind the backstop, the fences between the dugouts, the bullpen area or inside of the dugouts.
- v. Portable speakers or music is not allowed on fields 2 or 5 prior to 10AM on Saturdays or Sundays.
- vi. No parking is allowed on grass areas.
- vii. Players shall not climb or hang on fences. Baseballs, softballs, and "heavy balls" shall not be hit into fences.
- viii. A player may not leave the field area without receiving permission from his manager or coach.
- ix. Players must be in full uniform. Shirrtails are to be tucked in and hats worn.
- x. The use of profanity by players, managers, coaches, or parents will not be tolerated.
- xi. Players, managers, spectators, and coaches may not intentionally agitate or distract any player on the field or in a dugout, nor an umpire. Any coach or player in violation of this rule is subject to removal from that game by the league officials or umpire and game suspension determined by the Executive Board.
- xii. Verbal abuse of the umpires, by managers, coaches, players, or parents WILL NOT BE TOLERATED. Violation of this code will result in possible disciplinary action, to be decided by the LPLL Board.
- xiii. The presence of pets is governed by local ordinances. Pet owners are responsible for immediately cleaning up and disposing of their pet's waste and controlling their pet at all times.
- xiv. A player who throws equipment in anger or frustration, uses obscene or indecent language, or behaves in an unsportsmanlike manner, may be ejected from the game (Rule 4.07)
- xv. NO FOOD WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE DUGOUTS, other than food provided by/for the team.
- xvi. A player's future in Lower Perkiomen Little League may be jeopardized by his conduct, OR the conduct of that player's family. If these rules of conduct are repeatedly violated, the manager may address the situation with the Board of Directors to determine if any further action is required.

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- xvii. Home and Visitor Managers are responsible for trash collection and recycling after conclusion of their game.

### **SAFETY**

- i. First aid kits will be stored in the designated storage containers at each field. The home team is responsible for notifying the Officer on Duty if First Aid Kits need to be restocked
- ii. All equipment must be kept off the playing area at all times.
- iii. For obviously serious injuries, (sprain or broken bone...), **DO NOT MOVE THE PLAYER.** Contact the league official on duty. Call 911 for an ambulance. Report all injuries to league officials and file an incident report. Incident reports are available in the snack stand.
- iv. All male players must wear athletic supporters. Catchers must wear the metal, fiber, or plastic CUP type. At a minimum, catchers must also wear a MASK (with throat protector) and a catcher's helmet during infield/outfield practice and while warming up pitchers.
- v. During batting practices and games catchers are required to wear chest protector, shin guards, a catcher's helmet with a dangling throat protector and catcher's mitt. League provided catchers equipment will be stored in the storage bin at each field and should be returned at the conclusion of the game.
- vi. Watches, jewelry, earrings etc., must be removed if, in the umpire's judgement, it presents a safety hazard. "MEDICAL ALERT" bracelets must be taped to the player's wrist.
- vii. A HEADFIRST slide into any base in an AUTOMATIC OUT at all levels, unless the slide is back into a base already attained.
- viii. No on deck batter will be allowed.

## **SUPPLEMENTAL RULES & REGULATIONS - BASEBALL**

### **MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL**

- i. There are no offensive substitutions. The batting order will consist of all players present for the game.
- ii. Courtesy runners are allowed for the catcher or pitcher of record with 2 outs. The runner should be the player that made the last out. (Rule 7.14)
- iii. All players must play a minimum of 4 innings. This mandate is based on the following criteria:
  - a) 12 players (or less) on the roster
  - b) 6 inning games
  - c) All other “Little League Baseball Rule Book” pitching rules apply
- iv. In accordance with Little League rules, teams will be permitted to start and play games with eight (8) players. Games will not be allowed to start or be completed with less than 8 players. If a team begins the game with 8 players, the 9th position in the lineup will be skipped without an out assessed.
- v. A player arriving after the official start time of the game may be entered as the last batter in the order.
- vi. For the 2026 season, all regular season and playoff games will be played at 50/70 distance.
- vii. Pitchers may pitch a MAXIMUM of 4 INNINGS PER GAME during the regular season. A single pitch, or a warm-up pitch from the pitching rubber, constitutes having pitched an inning. All other pitch count rules are also in effect. (SEE APPENDIX E: PITCH COUNT RULES FOR ALL LEVELS). There is no inning limitation in the playoffs.
- viii. During the regular season there will be a 6 run limit per inning. The 6th inning will be unlimited. The run limit rule will not apply during the playoffs.
- ix. Leads are permitted from each base, however leads from 3rd base may not extend past the 60 feet base marker flag until the pitch is thrown.
- x. Delayed steals are not allowed. Players may advance if a fielder attempts to make a play at base.
- xi. Runners may ONLY advance home from third base on a batted ball in play or on a walk or hit by pitch with the bases loaded. Runners may not advance home under any other circumstance including, but not limited to: pick off attempts, uncaught third strikes, put out attempts on steals and overthrows back to the pitcher.

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### **GENERAL RULES (Minors Baseball - All Divisions below Major League)**

- i. All players must play a minimum of 4 innings, based on 6 innings being played
- ii. Any player who has not played defensively in either of the first 2 innings of a game **MUST** be put onto the field defensively for **AT LEAST** the next 2 innings (6 consecutive outs). The manager may substitute freely, with the exception that a pitcher, once voluntarily removed, may not return to the mound during that game.
- iii. In accordance with Little League rules, teams will be permitted to start and play games with eight (8) players. Games will not be allowed to start or be completed with less than 8 players. If a team begins the game with 8 players, the 9th position in the lineup will be skipped without an out assessed.
- iv. There are **NO OFFENSIVE SUBSTITUTES**. The batting order will consist of all players present for the game.
- v. A team shall score no more than 6 runs per inning. After completion of a play in which the sixth run has scored, the umpire shall declare that half of the inning **COMPLETED**. The 6 run per inning rule will not apply in the 6th inning in the regular season or in the last declared inning in the playoffs
- vi. Courtesy runners are allowed for the catcher or pitcher of record with 2 outs. The runner should be the player that made the last out. (Rule 7.14)

### **AMERICAN LEAGUE**

- i. Games are played at 46/60 distances
- ii. Stealing of bases is allowed with the exception of home plate. Players may not take leads and must wait until the pitch reaches the plate before leaving the base. Delayed steals are not allowed.
- iii. Runners may **ONLY** advance home from third base on a batted ball in play or on a walk or hit by pitch with the bases loaded. Runners may not advance home under any other circumstance including, but not limited to: pick off attempts, uncaught third strikes, put out attempts on steals and overthrows back to the pitcher.
- iv. The "infield fly rule" (2.00) is enforced.
- v. The dropped 3rd strike will not be enforced.
- vii. There are **NO OFFENSIVE SUBSTITUTES**; the batting order will consist of all players present for the game.
- viii. Pitchers may pitch a **MAXIMUM** of 4 **INNINGS PER GAME**. A single pitch, or a warm-up pitch from the pitching rubber, constitutes having pitched an inning. All other pitch count rules are also in effect. The 4 inning rule will adhere to the regular and postseason.

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### NATIONAL LEAGUE WEST

- i. Games are played at 46/60 distances
- ii. Stealing of second and third base is allowed only on a “catchable” pitch. A “catchable” pitch is one that can be caught with a normal effort and determined at the discretion of the umpire. At the decision of the commissioner and VP of Baseball, stealing on any pitch may be allowed after a certain point during the season and during the playoffs.
- iii. Players may not take leads and must wait until the pitch reaches the plate before leaving the base.
- iv. Runners may ONLY advance home from third base on a batted ball in play or on a walk or hit by pitch with the bases loaded. Runners may not advance home under any other circumstance including, but not limited to: pick off attempts, uncaught third strikes, put out attempts on steals and overthrows back to the pitcher.
- v. The "infield fly rule" (2.00) is enforced.
- vi. The dropped 3rd strike will not be enforced.
- vii. There are NO OFFENSIVE SUBSTITUTES; the batting order will consist of all players present for the game.
- viii. Pitchers may pitch a MAXIMUM of 4 INNINGS PER GAME. A single pitch, or a warm-up pitch from the pitching rubber, constitutes having pitched an inning. All other pitch count rules are also in effect. The 4 inning rule will adhere for the regular and postseason.
- ix. Helmets with "WIRE CAGE" Masks MUST be used during games and practices.

### NATIONAL LEAGUE EAST

- i. Stealing of any base is not permitted.
- ii. The first two games of the regular season will be conducted with “coach pitch” only. Players will pitch the remainder of the season and playoffs according to the rules below. The number of games with coach pitch may be adjusted based on a consensus of the coaches and commissioner.
- iii. Pitchers may pitch a maximum of 2 innings per game. A single pitch or a warm up pitch from the rubber constitutes a pitching inning.
- iv. A No Walk Rule will apply. If a pitcher progresses to a four ball count the pitcher will step aside and an adult pitcher will finish the at bat with either a strike out or ball in play. The adult pitcher must stand within 3 feet of the pitching rubber and deliver the ball to the plate with a full throwing motion at a speed comparable with the age level.
- v. If a pitcher walks three (3) consecutive batters or hits three batters (non-consecutively), he/she can be replaced by a substitute pitcher at the manager’s discretion. A player removed for the

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consecutive walk rule is eligible to return to pitching during any subsequent inning if he/she has not exceeded the maximum number of innings per game or for the week or pitch count rules.

- vi. Balks (rule 8.05) are not called. Umpires will insist that pitchers deliver the ball to the plate in a legal manner (see rule 8.01). An umpire may declare that a pitcher ineligible to continue pitching if he/she violates this rule REPEATEDLY.
- vii. A play is considered to be completed, and the ball becomes dead, when a defensive player is in possession of the ball in the infield area and attempts no play on any runner. A runner may advance only to the next base he/she is attempting to reach.
- viii. Runners may advance only one base at a time and only to second or third base on an overthrow. Runners may not advance home on an overthrow. This will be considered a "live ball" and subject to a put out by the defense. This includes a ball thrown in from the outfield.
- ix. Outfielders may not breach the infield area to make a defensive put out.
- x. The "infield fly rule" is NOT called. If a ball is INTENTIONALLY dropped, and an out has been recorded, the umpire may call the infield fly in effect and reset the runners accordingly.
- xi. BUNTING IS ALLOWED, only when the players are pitching.
- xii. Helmets with "WIRE CAGE" Masks MUST be used during games and practices.

### AAA

- i. Games shall consist of 6 innings. No new inning may be started after 1 hour and 45 minutes.
- ii. All players shall bat and field the entire game. Fielders shall be placed in the following manner:
  - Normal Pitcher position;
  - 4 infielders (standard positioning);
  - Remainder of players shall assume OUTFIELD positions and must play at an equal and consistent depth (well beyond the infield cutouts). Outfielders may not record an unassisted out in the infield.
- iii. No catcher is used during games conducted with a pitching machine.
- iv. Any ball hit beyond the outfielders is considered a double. Everything else is a single. Baserunners can only take the number of bases awarded to the hitter.
- v. Bunting is NOT permitted.
- vi. Helmets with "WIRE CAGE" masks MUST be used during games and practices.
- vii. Defensive coaches are permitted in the field.
- viii. The player will bat until they strike out or get a hit.
- ix. A batter may only reach base by a batted ball, or catcher's interference.

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### AAA – PITCHING RULES

- i. If a pitching machine is used at the decision of the Player Agent and Rules Committee, it will be placed approximately 46 feet from the plate and set to 36 MPH using regulation baseballs. Coach of the hitting team will operate the pitching machine. Pitching machine use during inclement weather will be determined by the Officer on Duty or an available LPLL Board Member.
- ii. A 10 foot diameter circle should be indicated around the pitching machine with a chalk line. Players are not permitted to field the ball inside the circle. Pitchers must stand on either side of the circle. Any ball that hits the machine or coach shall be considered “dead” and the batter awarded first base. All other runners will advance one base.
- iii. For the first four games (as determined by Player Agent/Rules Committee), PITCHING WILL BE PERFORMED BY ADULTS OR MACHINE. The following rules will be applied:
  1. A coach/adult will pitch TO HIS/HER TEAM, from the mound area, and will maintain his/her position when a ball is batted.
  2. The adult/pitcher must make every attempt to NOT interfere with the defensive play.
  3. If the Adult-Pitcher comes into contact with a batted ball, the ball will be declared dead and the batter will be awarded first base.
  4. By the fourth game (or time determined by the Player Agent/Rules Committee) PITCHING WILL BE PERFORMED BY PLAYERS.
- iv. The following rules will be applied for player pitch:
  1. Pitchers may pitch a MAXIMUM of 2 INNINGS PER GAME. A single pitch, or a warm-up pitch from the pitching rubber, constitutes having pitched an inning.
  2. NO WALK RULE: If a pitcher progresses to a four ball count or hits a batter, the pitcher steps aside and the adult pitcher from the batting team comes in to pitch. The count remains intact and the adult pitcher finishes the at bat with either a strike-out or a hit.
  3. If a pitcher hits three batters (non-consecutively), it is recommended that the pitcher be removed for the remainder of the inning. However, that pitcher may re-enter the game the subsequent inning to pitch.
  4. Pitching will occur from 39 feet using a temporary mound (if available).
- v. Each player will get 5 HITTABLE pitches, as determined by the coach. If the player does not put the ball in play, they will complete the at bat with the batting tee.
- vi. No walks

### PONY

- i. Games shall consist of 3 innings.

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- ii. An inning ends when the offensive team has batted around. If the defensive team records 3 putouts in an inning, the bases shall be cleared of all runners, and the batting order will resume until all offensive players have batted in that inning.
- iii. Pitching Rules:
  - a. A coach/adult will pitch TO HIS/HER TEAM from the mound area or the teams will utilize a PITCHING MACHINE AT A PREDETERMINED SPEED, and will maintain his/her position when a ball is batted. The adult/pitcher must make every attempt to NOT Interfere with the defensive play.
  - b. A maximum of FOUR hittable pitches will be delivered to each batter.
  - c. A batter may only reach base by a batted ball. If the player has not reached base after FOUR (4) pitches, the player must then hit the ball from the TEE.
  - d. Player/pitcher must stand with one foot in the mound area, and MAY NOT be positioned in front of the Adult/Pitcher.
- iv. Coaches should use their discretion in awarding the appropriate number of bases to a batter, based upon the merit of the hit. Batters will be awarded a ground rule double when a batted ball rolls or bounces beyond the field of play in the outfield. The field of play is limited to the level playing field.
- v. No offensive runners shall advance on an overthrow to any base
- vi. All players shall bat and field the entire game. Fielders shall be placed in the following manner:
  - Normal Pitcher position;
  - 4 infielders (standard positioning);
  - Remainder of players shall assume OUTFIELD positions and must play at an equal and consistent depth (a minimum of 6 feet beyond the infield cutouts). An outfielder may not field a ball hit in the infield and may not field a ball and complete an “unassisted” force out on any base. The outfielder must throw the ball to an infielder covering the base to complete a force out on a ball hit to the outfield. If an “unassisted” force out occurs, the base runner is awarded the base and no out is recorded.

## TEE BALL

- i. Games shall consist of 3 innings.
- ii. An inning shall end when the offensive team has batted around. Neither the offensive or defensive team shall leave the field until the last batter has reached
- iii. If the defensive team records 3 putouts in an inning, the bases shall be cleared of all runners, and the batting order will resume until all offensive players have batted in that inning. A batter or runner who is legally put-out must be removed from base.
- iv. **ALL HITTING WILL TAKE PLACE FROM A BATTING TEE THE ENTIRE SEASON (NO EXCEPTIONS)**

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- v. Managers and coaches should use their discretion in awarding the appropriate number of bases to a batter, based upon the merit of the hit. (e.g., If a player hits a ball to one of the infielders, the manager/coach should instruct the players to take one base; if a batter hits a ball into an outfield gap, the manager/coach should instruct the player to take 2 bases; if a batter hits the ball well past the outfielders, the manager/coach may instruct the player to take 3 or 4 bases, again based on the merit of the hit, and NOT on any miscues by the defensive team.)
- vi. No offensive runners shall advance on an overthrow to any base.
- vii. All players shall bat and field the entire game. Fielders shall be placed in the following manner:
  - Normal Pitcher position;
  - 4 infielders (standard positioning);
  - Remainder of players shall assume OUTFIELD positions and must play at an equal and consistent depth (well beyond the infield cutouts).

## **APPENDIX A – Baseball Playoff Format**

The playoff format for the Major, American, and National Leagues (East & West) will be a double elimination format if possible. Other formats may be considered when the number of teams is limited.

At all league levels, seeding will be determined by drawings made by the VP of Baseball/Player Agent/Level Commissioner.

The designation of home team at all league levels shall be determined by a coin toss prior to the start of the game. Representatives of the team seeded higher in the playoff grid schedule shall call heads or tails, prior to the toss of the coin. In the finals, winners of the winner's bracket shall call heads or tails.

Unless otherwise specified, regular season rules will also apply during the playoffs. Deviations from regular season rules must be approved by the Lower Perk President, Vice President - Baseball, Player Agent, and League Commissioner(s), with the concurrence of a simple majority of the managers of the affected leagues. Deviations from regular season rules must be distributed prior to the start of the playoffs. It is recommended that each division hold a meeting with mandatory attendance of all managers prior to the start of the playoffs.

## **APPENDIX B – LPLL Training Goals**

The LPLL Board of Directors has developed the preliminary set of training goals, which is presented on the following page to serve as a guide for managers and coaches. The intent of the Directors is to establish uniform goals and expectations for each level of play within the organization and to assist the managers and coaches in developing their instructional goals for the season. The training goals, along with the guidance provided during the coaches' clinics, are designed to ensure a logical progression in the development of the fundamental skills necessary for baseball and softball.

# 2026 Little League® Age Chart

Match month (top line) and box with year of birth. League age indicated at right.

| JAN  | FEB  | MAR  | APR  | MAY  | JUN  | JUL  | AUG  | SEP  | OCT  | NOV  | DEC  | AGE | LP LEVEL                 |
|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----|--------------------------|
| 2022 | 2022 | 2022 | 2022 | 2022 | 2022 | 2022 | 2022 | 2021 | 2021 | 2021 | 2021 | 4   | TEE BALL                 |
| 2021 | 2021 | 2021 | 2021 | 2021 | 2021 | 2021 | 2021 | 2020 | 2020 | 2020 | 2020 | 5   | TEE BALL                 |
| 2020 | 2020 | 2020 | 2020 | 2020 | 2020 | 2020 | 2020 | 2019 | 2019 | 2019 | 2019 | 6   | PONY                     |
| 2019 | 2019 | 2019 | 2019 | 2019 | 2019 | 2019 | 2019 | 2018 | 2018 | 2018 | 2018 | 7   | AAA                      |
| 2018 | 2018 | 2018 | 2018 | 2018 | 2018 | 2018 | 2018 | 2017 | 2017 | 2017 | 2017 | 8   | NL EAST                  |
| 2017 | 2017 | 2017 | 2017 | 2017 | 2017 | 2017 | 2017 | 2016 | 2016 | 2016 | 2016 | 9   | NL WEST                  |
| 2016 | 2016 | 2016 | 2016 | 2016 | 2016 | 2016 | 2016 | 2015 | 2015 | 2015 | 2015 | 10  | AL                       |
| 2015 | 2015 | 2015 | 2015 | 2015 | 2015 | 2015 | 2015 | 2014 | 2014 | 2014 | 2014 | 11  | MAJORS                   |
| 2014 | 2014 | 2014 | 2014 | 2014 | 2014 | 2014 | 2014 | 2013 | 2013 | 2013 | 2013 | 12  | MAJORS                   |
| 2013 | 2013 | 2013 | 2013 | 2013 | 2013 | 2013 | 2013 | 2012 | 2012 | 2012 | 2012 | 13  | INTERMEDIATE/<br>JUNIORS |
| 2012 | 2012 | 2012 | 2012 | 2012 | 2012 | 2012 | 2012 | 2011 | 2011 | 2011 | 2011 | 14  | JUNIORS/<br>SENIORS      |
| 2011 | 2011 | 2011 | 2011 | 2011 | 2011 | 2011 | 2011 | 2010 | 2010 | 2010 | 2010 | 15  | SENIORS                  |
| 2010 | 2010 | 2010 | 2010 | 2010 | 2010 | 2010 | 2010 | 2009 | 2009 | 2009 | 2009 | 16  | SENIORS                  |

**NOTE: This age chart is for BASEBALL DIVISIONS ONLY, and only for 2026.**

## LPLL TRAINING GOALS

- Have fun and create an enjoyable and memorable experience for each player and family.
- Teach fundamental skills and game strategy:

### Basic Skills

- ✓ Outs per inning
- ✓ Position names and locations ✓      What is an out and why?
- ✓ Basic base running skills

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- ✓ Proper batting stance and mechanics
- ✓ Proper throwing skills and mechanics
- ✓ Proper mechanics of fielding – fly balls, ground balls.
- ✓ How to slide
- ✓ Proper bunting mechanics

### **Advanced Skills**

- ✓ Steals
- ✓ Situational baseball
- ✓ Pitch grips – change ups, 2 seam and 4 seam fastball
- ✓ Pitching – varying speeds and locations
- ✓ Refine Hitting techniques

## **APPENDIX C – Post-Season Tournament Play**

### **Introduction to Tournament Play**

Traditionally, Lower Perk has entered teams into a number of Little League sanctioned tournaments. A tournament is typically held for each age group beginning at 9 years old. The tournaments in which Lower Perk typically participates in are:

#### **BASEBALL:**

##### **Intermediate 50/70**

This international tournament culminates in the Intermediate Little League World Series in Livermore, CA. The team selected represents the best of Lower Perk. Traditionally this team is comprised of primarily 13 year olds.

##### **The International Tournament**

This tournament culminates in the Little League World Series in Williamsport. The team selected represents the best of Lower Perk. Traditionally this team is comprised primarily of 12 year olds.

##### **The 10-11 Year Old International Tournament**

This is an International tournament LPLL will send its “11 Year Old” team to this tournament.

##### **The John Klein Tournament**

This is a District-wide tournament. LPLL has traditionally entered two teams, an 11 year old and a 12 year old team.

##### **The 9-10 Year Old (Formerly the Al Patton Memorial) Tournament**

This is a State-wide tournament. Traditionally this team is comprised of 10 year olds.

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### **The 9 Year Old All Star Invitational**

This is a District-wide tournament. LPLL typically sends a single team at this age level.

### **The Bob Jones Major League Team Tournament**

This is a District wide tournament. Traditionally, if the Major League playoffs are complete, LPLL will send the first and second place teams of the Major Leagues to this tournament, otherwise two available teams will be selected by the Player Agent.

### **Manager Selection Process**

- The Baseball/Softball Player Agent will submit his/her recommendation for tournament team managers at each level to the LPLL Executive Board of Directors for approval.
- Interviews with the candidates may occur at the discretion of the Board.
- Managers will be selected on the basis of their managerial skills and ability to represent Lower Perk in a “professional” manner.
- The selected manager will have the ability to select their assistant coaches.
- Managers are responsible for submitting necessary roster, affidavit, birth certificate etc., for all selected players in accordance with Little League rules.

### **District/ Travel Team Selection Overview**

Each head coach will provide an evaluation/ ranking of their team to the Player Agent that will serve as guidance during the evaluation.

During the evaluation, each of the head coaches in the division is given their own evaluation sheet and will rank the players based on a combination of what each coach has seen throughout the season and at evaluations. The coaches will put the kids in order from the best ranked player at number 1 to the lowest ranked player having the highest number. So, for instance, if there are only 5 players trying out (Tom, Bob, Andrew, Sam and Travis), it would be the coaches' job to put them in order from highest ranked to lowest ranked, 1 being the highest ranked player and 5 being the lowest ranked player. The rankings would look like the following:

1. Tom
2. Bob
3. Andrew
4. Sam
5. Travis

The coaches do not rank their own child during this process so that they do not have an unfair influence on their own child's selection to a team. All coaches rank players independently and do not share their rankings with one another. Each coach's rank has equal weight. When the rankings are done, all sheets go to the player agent without any of the other coaches seeing the rankings.

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The combined rankings from all coaches are compiled by the player agent by adding all of the individual coach rankings for that player and dividing by the number of coaches. Using the example above, if Tom was ranked number one on 3 of the 4 coaches' sheets and number 2 on the other coach's sheet, Tom would have a score 1.25  $((1+1+1+2)/4)$ . If Travis was number 5 on 2 of the coach's rankings and 4 on the other 2 coaches rankings, he would have a score of 4.5  $((5+5+4+4)/4)$ . After all the player rankings are calculated, they are each given a score, lowest being the number one ranked player all the way up to the last player who has the highest score.

The top 10 players in the combined rankings are automatically selected for the team. A head coach will be selected from that group of players based on previous experience coaching a district/ travel team, availability and willingness to manage the team throughout the year, and final approval from the Executive Team. In some cases, the league may look outside the Top 10 selected players for a coach. The selected coach of the new team will be given a list of the next 5 players in the rankings (players 11-15 in no particular order) and will make a recommendation on which player(s) would be the best fit for the team based on overall skill or to fill a position of need. The baseball executive board (President, VP of Baseball, Baseball Player Agent) or softball executive board (President, VP of Softball, Softball Player Agent) will make the final decision on players to be added to the baseball or softball team, respectively, and will take the recommendations of the coach into account during the process. If one of the executive board members listed above has a child being considered in the 11-15 rankings for a division, then that board member will be recused from participating in that decision.

## **APPENDIX D – LPLL POLICY ON IN SEASON PLAY UPS & PLAYER SUBSTITUTIONS**

As per the new International Little League age determination protocol, The LPLL Board of Directors has adopted the following policy on “playing up” and “playing down”:

- If a team is missing player(s) prior to the start of a game that will put them below 9 players to start, they may request a play up from the level below. The determination on the player will be made/approved by the player agent. A substitute from the same level will be a player originally drafted in the same round in the draft or later and MUST bat last. Sub can play ANY position, except pitcher. No subs can be used for the playoffs.
- Playing-up or down will be allowed at the discretion of the Player Agent in coordination with the commissioner at each level.
- In Season play-ups are ineligible to pitch while playing at the higher level (ie – Minors player playing up to Majors will be ineligible to pitch).
- During the playoffs, play-ups are not allowed unless approved by the Player Agent.

## **APPENDIX E – LPLL POLICY ON PLAY UPS**

- If a player is interested in playing up to the next age level, parents can make the request to the Executive Board prior to the start of pre-season evaluations.
- The player will be evaluated at their age appropriate level and given the option to play up, only if they are rated in the top 3 at their age level. (Example: Based on their skill level a 9 year old, league age NL West requests to play up to the AL for the regular season. That player will attend NL West evaluations and if rated in the top 3 at that level, they will be given the option to play in the American League.

## **APPENDIX F – 2025 LITTLE LEAGUE PITCH COUNT REGULATIONS**

Any player on a regular season team may pitch. (NOTE: There is no limit to the number of pitchers a team may use in a game.) Exception: Any player who has played the position of catcher in four (4) or more innings in a game is not eligible to pitch on that calendar day.

A pitcher once removed from the mound cannot return as a pitcher. Intermediate (50-70), Junior, and Senior League Divisions only: A pitcher remaining in the game, but moving to a different position, can return as a pitcher anytime in the remainder of the game, but only once per game.

A player who played the position of catcher for three (3) innings or less, moves to the pitcher position, and delivers 21 pitches or more (15- and 16-year-olds: 31 pitches or more) in the same day, may not return to the catcher position on that calendar day. EXCEPTION: If the pitcher reaches the 20-pitch limit (15- and 16-year-olds: 30-pitch limit) while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch, and maintain their eligibility to return to the catcher position, until any one of the following conditions occur: (1) that batter reaches base; (2) that batter is retired; or (3) the third out is made to complete the half-inning or the game.

The manager must remove the pitcher when said pitcher reaches the limit for his/her age group as noted below, but the pitcher may remain in the game at another position:

### **League Age:**

- **13-16 – 95 pitches per day**
- **11-12 – 85 pitches per day**
- **9-10 – 75 pitches per day**
- **7-8 – 50 pitches per day**

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**Exception:** If a pitcher reaches the limit imposed in Regulation VI (c) for his/her league age while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch until any one of the following conditions occurs: 1. That batter reaches base; 2. That batter is put out; 3. The third out is made to complete the half-inning. NOTE: If a pitcher reaches 40 pitches while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch, and maintain their eligibility to play the position of catcher for the remainder of that day, until any one of the following conditions occurs: (1) that batter reaches base; (2) that batter is retired; or (3) the third out is made to complete the half-inning or the game. The pitcher would be allowed to play the catcher position provided that pitcher is moved, removed, or the game is completed before delivering a pitch to another batter. If a player delivers 41 or more pitches, and is not covered under the threshold exception, the player may not play the position of catcher for the remainder of that day.

Pitchers league age 14 and under must adhere to the following rest requirements:

- **If a player pitches 66 or more pitches in a day, four (4) calendar days of rest must be observed.**
- **If a player pitches 51-65 pitches in a day, three (3) calendar days of rest must be observed.**
- **If a player pitches 36-50 pitches in a day, two (2) calendar days of rest must be observed.**
- **If a player pitches 21-35 pitches in a day, one (1) calendar days of rest must be observed.**
- **If a player pitches 1-20 pitches in a day, no (0) calendar day of rest is required.**

**Exception:** If a pitcher reaches a day(s) of rest threshold while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch until any one of the following conditions occurs: (1) that batter reaches base; (2) that batter is retired; or (3) the third out is made to complete the half-inning or the game.

The pitcher will only be required to observe the calendar day(s) of rest for the threshold he/she reached during that at-bat, provided that pitcher is removed or the game is completed before delivering a pitch to another batter.”

NOTE: If a pitcher reaches 30 pitches while facing a batter in the first game, the pitcher may continue to pitch, and maintain their eligibility to pitch in the second game on that day, until any one of the following conditions occurs: (1) that batter reaches base; (2) that batter is retired; or (3) the third out is made to complete the half-inning or the game. The pitcher would

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be allowed to pitch in a second game provided that pitcher is moved, removed, or the game is completed before delivering a pitch to another batter. If a player delivers 31 or more pitches in the first game, and is not covered under the threshold exception, the player may not pitch in the second game that day)

Pitchers league age 15-16 must adhere to the following rest requirements:

- **If a player pitches 76 or more pitches in a day, four (4) calendar days of rest must be observed.**
- **If a player pitches 61-75 pitches in a day, three (3) calendar days of rest must be observed.**
- **If a player pitches 46-60 pitches in a day, two (2) calendar days of rest must be observed.**
- **If a player pitches 31-45 pitches in a day, one (1) calendar days of rest must be observed.**
- **If a player pitches 1-30 pitches in a day, no (0) calendar day of rest is required.**

**Exception:** If a pitcher reaches a day(s) of rest threshold while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch until any one of the following conditions occurs: (1) that batter reaches base; (2) that batter is retired; or (3) the third out is made to complete the half-inning or the game. The pitcher will only be required to observe the calendar day(s) of rest for the threshold he/she reached during that at-bat, provided that pitcher is removed or the game is completed before delivering a pitch to another batter.

Each league must designate the scorekeeper or another game official as the official pitch count recorder.

The pitch count recorder must provide the current pitch count for any pitcher when requested by either manager or any umpire. However, the manager is responsible for knowing when his/her pitcher must be removed.

The official pitch count recorder should inform the umpire-in-chief when a pitcher has delivered his/her maximum limit of pitches for the game, as noted in Regulation VI (c). The umpire-in-chief will inform the pitcher's manager that the pitcher must be removed in accordance with Regulation VI (c). However, the failure by the pitch count recorder to notify the umpire-in-chief, and/or the failure of the umpire-in-chief to notify the manager, does not relieve the manager of his/her responsibility to remove a pitcher when that pitcher is no longer eligible.

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Violation of any section of this regulation can result in protest of the game in which it occurs. Protest shall be made in accordance with Playing Rule 4.19.

A player who has attained the league age of twelve (12) is not eligible to pitch in the Minor League. (See Regulation V – Selection of Players

A player may not pitch in more than one game in a day.