



Kent Little League Bylaws

The Kent Little League Board of Directors adopts Bylaws to guide how the league operates. These Bylaws are reviewed and updated as needed each year. Because they are managed by the Board, Bylaws may be approved or changed by Board vote and do not require approval from the general membership. All Bylaws, local rules, and ground rules must follow Little League International rules and may not conflict with them.

These rules are separate from the league Constitution. The Constitution explains how the Board operates, including officer responsibilities, membership, elections, and meeting requirements.

A copy of the Bylaws is posted on the Kent Little League website. Kent Little League Bylaws do not apply to interleague play; instead, the agreed-upon interleague rules will apply.

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1.– PURPOSE, AUTHORITY, AND GENERAL POLICIES

Section 1.1 – League Purpose and Authority

Kent Little League (Kent LL, or KLL) exists to provide organized baseball and softball opportunities to eligible youth in accordance with Little League Baseball®, Incorporated. Kent LL follows the Official Regulations and Playing Rules and the current Little League Operating Manual. These Bylaws serve as supplemental local rules and are mandatory during regular season play (Spring and Fall). Supplemental rules do not apply to post-season tournament play unless otherwise stated.

Kent LL may temporarily modify processes described in these Bylaws when extenuating circumstances require it, with approval of the President and Board of Directors. Any temporary changes will be posted on www.KentLL.org.

Section 1.2 – Player Eligibility and Participation

Kent LL intends to accommodate all players who:

- Live within the Kent LL boundaries as established by Little League International, and
- Meet registration and eligibility requirements established by Little League and Kent LL.
 - Players aged 4-7 are eligible to play for any league of their choice, regardless of their residency. Older siblings will also qualify under this regulation.
 - Parents may request an out-of-boundary transfer to change their home league. They must coordinate with the Player agent and/or president. If an out of boundary request is approved by Western regional, that player will be red-shirted and unable to qualify for an All-Star team until the following season.

No player will be denied participation except for:

- Severe disciplinary reasons, or
- Restrictions imposed by organizations with which Kent LL must comply.

Team formation is limited by the field and resource capacity. Players may be placed on a waiting list until roster space becomes available or sufficient registrations allow formation of an additional team.

Section 1.3 – Age and Residency Requirements

Kent LL enforces all Little League age and residency rules during the registration process.

League Age: A player's league age is determined according to Little League International age charts for the applicable season. Acceptable proof of age must be submitted during registration, as required by Little League.

Residency: Players must reside within Kent LL boundaries at least 51% of the time or have an approved Regulation II(d) waiver on file. Proof of residency must be submitted per Little League guidelines.

Players who move outside Kent LL boundaries may continue to play only if a Regulation II(d) waiver is approved. If a player does not participate in the following season, eligibility is lost unless residency within boundaries is re-established.

Section 1.4 – Safety and Conduct Standards

Kent LL is committed to providing a safe and respectful environment for all participants. Abusive language, harassment, injurious discipline, or threatening behavior by any participant is prohibited.

Alcohol, tobacco, vaping products, and THC-containing products are prohibited at all Kent LL activities. **Exception:** Alcohol and tobacco may be permitted at Kent LL–LL-sanctioned adult-only events.

2. – VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS AND CHILD PROTECTION

Section 2.1 – Volunteer Eligibility Requirements

All volunteers must comply with the Little League Child Protection Program. Required actions include:

- Annual submission of a Little League Volunteer Application
- Successful completion of an annual nationwide background check
- Annual completion of Little League Abuse Awareness training
- Avoidance of one-on-one interactions with minors
- Mandatory reporting of suspected abuse within 24 hours

Section 2.2 – Background Checks and Review Process

Kent LL requires annual nationwide background checks for all volunteers in accordance with Little League Regulation I(c)(8) and (9). The background check year runs from October 1 through September 30.

- Volunteers must provide government-issued photo identification.
- Background checks are administered through the J.D. Palatine (JDP) platform.
- The President shall designate one or more Board members to review background checks.

If a background check returns a flagged result:

- Kent LL will first determine whether the offense is disqualifying under Little League regulations, such as
 - Any conviction, guilty plea, no contest plea, or admission to any crime involving or against a minor is an automatic disqualification.
- If not automatically disqualifying, the President or Board will determine fitness to serve.

Felonies not involving physical harm, misdemeanors, traffic infractions, and DUIs are reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Individuals with disqualifying offenses may not serve as Board members, managers, or coaches. All eligibility determinations by the President or Board are final. Background check records are retained electronically for six (6) months.

Section 2.3 – Abuse Awareness Training

All volunteers must complete the Little League Abuse Awareness Training annually through Little League University before assuming duties.

3. – REGISTRATION, FEES, AND REFUNDS

Section 3.1 – Registration Fee Refund Policy

Registration fees are set annually as part of the budget-setting process.

All refunds are subject to a 20% administrative fee, and refund eligibility is based on timing:

- **Before league costs are incurred:** Refund approved minus administrative fee.
- **After player-specific costs are incurred (e.g., uniforms, hats):** Refund approved minus incurred costs and administrative fee.
- **After participation in evaluations, tryouts, or roster posting:** No refund.

Section 3.2 – Non-Volunteer Fees

Kent LL assesses a non-volunteer fee for families opting out of volunteer service. Volunteers assist in running the season while non-volunteer fees support facility maintenance and upgrades.

- Fee: \$50 per account.
- Refunds requested before evaluations, tryouts, or roster posting may be approved minus a 20% administrative fee.
- Once rosters are posted, non-volunteer fees are non-refundable.
 - If a parent changes their mind and decides to volunteer, they must inform the board of directors and complete all volunteer requirements in section 2 before performing any duties.

4. – SEASONS AND DIVISIONS OF PLAY

Section 4.1 – Seasons of Play

Kent LL offers Spring, Summer (All-Stars), and Fall seasons for both baseball and softball. Season-specific details, schedules, and formats are published annually.

Section 4.2 – Divisions of Play

Kent LL offers the following Baseball, Softball, and Challenger divisions. Ages listed reflect league age per Little League International. Division placement may be adjusted on a case-by-case basis by the Board of Directors to ensure player safety, appropriate development, and competitive balance.

Baseball Divisions

Division	Gender	League Ages	Division Description
Tee Ball	Boys & Girls	4–6	Introductory level focused on fundamentals and fun.
Single A (Minors)	Boys & Girls	6–7	Coach or machine pitch using a safety ball. Introduction to traditional three-out baseball. No scorekeeping or umpires.
Minors AA	Boys & Girls	8–9	Player pitch introduced. Umpires and scorekeeping are used. Evaluations may be conducted to form balanced teams.
Minors AAA	Boys & Girls	10–11	Evaluation-based division intended to distribute players evenly across teams.
Majors	Boys & Girls	11–12	Competitive division with teams formed by draft. Players must attend evaluations and be drafted; undrafted players are placed in the appropriate division.
Juniors	Boys & Girls	12–14 (15*)	Advanced competitive play using 60'6" pitching distance and 90-foot base paths. 15-year-olds may play in this division, but are not eligible to pitch
Seniors	Boys & Girls	14–16	Advanced competitive play emphasizes increased skill, strategy, and defensive awareness.

Softball Divisions

Division	Gender	League Ages	Division Description
Tee Ball	Girls	4–6	Introductory level focused on fundamentals and fun.
Minors B	Girls	6–8	Coach or machine pitch using a safety ball. Focus on fundamentals. Six-year-olds may play with one year of Tee Ball experience. Interleague play within District 10.
Minors A	Girls	9–11	Player pitch introduced at 35 feet. Evaluation-based division designed to balance skill levels across teams.
Majors	Girls	11–12	The player pitches at 40 feet. Competitive division with teams formed by draft. Players must attend evaluations; undrafted players are placed in the appropriate division.
Juniors	Girls	12–14 (15*)	The player pitches at 43 feet. Advanced play requires increased skill, strategy, and defensive awareness. 15-year-olds may play in this division, but are not eligible to pitch
Seniors	Girls	14–16	Advanced competitive play. Lead-offs allowed. Emphasis on higher-level strategy, defensive awareness, and base running.

Challenger Division

Division	Gender	League Ages	Division Description
Youth Challenger	Boys & Girls	4-16	The Challenger Division is a Little League program designed for children and adults with physical or intellectual disabilities, focusing on participation, fun, and inclusion rather than competition. The game is played similarly to teeball and coach pitch.

5. – MANAGERS AND COACHES

Section 5.1 – Appointment and Term

Managers and assistant coaches serve at the pleasure of the president and Kent LL Board of Directors under the supervision of the Coaching Coordinator or designee. Appointments are valid for one season only.

Section 5.2 – Manager Responsibilities

Managers are responsible for:

- Ensuring the physical and emotional safety of players
- Modeling and enforcing ethical conduct
- Knowing and enforcing Little League and Kent LL rules
- Coordinating team volunteers as assigned for concessions and general team support
- Maintaining league equipment and facilities
- Attending required meetings and trainings
- Maintaining required player documentation, such as medical release forms
- Supporting league improvement efforts, such as field clean-up day

Section 5.3 – Manager Eligibility Requirements

Managers may not manage evaluations, drafts, practices, or games until all requirements are met:

- Manager application on file (this may be waived by the KLL board)
- Completes all volunteer requirements of section 2.1
- Required training and safety classes completed
- Attend any KLL or District 10 manager meetings

Waivers may be granted for late selection, work conflicts, or illness.

Section 5.4 – Manager Selection Process

- Candidates may be interviewed by the Manager Selection Committee.
- Recommendations are submitted to the President and Board for approval.
- Prior service does not guarantee future appointments.
- Managers may not serve as assistant coaches on other teams.
- Managers for the majors division must meet the minimum of (1) year head coach or (2) years as an assistant coach within the KLL minors division.
 - This requirement may be waived by the board of directors based on the number and experience of the applicants.

Section 5.5 – Assistant Coaches

- Managers may appoint (1) assistant coach before team formation and must notify the registrar to ensure players are allocated correctly. (Drafted divisions require the assistant player to be drafted and cannot be pre-defined.)
- All assistant coaches must complete volunteer and training requirements.

Section 5.6 – Training Requirements

Managers must attend required classroom, field, and safety training. Failure to attend may result in removal at the Board's discretion.

Section 5.7 – Discipline

Managers and coaches are subject to discipline for violations of Little League rules, Kent LL Bylaws, or standards of conduct. Possible actions include reprimand, suspension, or dismissal.

Serious allegations result in a temporary suspension pending investigation. A disciplinary committee conducts investigations, with final decisions rendered by the Board.

Section 5.8 – Manager Registration Discount

Kent LL offers a registration discount of 50% for the Spring Season and 25% off the Fall season for managers who:

- Complete the season in good standing
- Return all issued equipment within 2 weeks of season end

Failure to meet these conditions results in forfeiture of the discount.

6. – PARENT VOLUNTEERS AND CONDUCT

Section 6.1 – Parent Volunteer Expectations

Kent LL relies on parent volunteers for league operations. Parents who waive the non-volunteer fee are expected to serve in a team or league support role, including but not limited to:

- Assistant coaching
- Concessions support
- Field preparation and maintenance
- Scorekeeping
- Team parent duties

Volunteer preferences are selected during registration, but parents may be asked to assist in other areas as needed, depending on team formation.

Section 6.2 – Parent and Spectator Conduct

Parents and spectators must demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times. Coaching from the stands and negative or disruptive behavior are prohibited.

Individuals who fail to comply may be asked to leave the facility. Repeated violations may result in suspension from league events.

Disciplinary Cross-Reference: Failure to follow procedures may result in manager suspension (Article 5.07).

7. – TEAM FORMATION

Section 7.1 – General Team Formation Principles

The primary objectives of team formation are to:

- Place players at the level of play best suited to their age, skill, and development; and
- Distribute available player talent to promote competitive balance across all teams and divisions.

To ensure fairness, team placement requests from managers, coaches, parents, or players shall not be accepted in divisions above the coach-pitch level.

Once rosters are released, no changes shall be made except to correct a league error or as approved by the Board of Directors.

Kent LL reserves the right to reassign players to divisions due to team size, evaluation results, or other unforeseen circumstances.

Players who request to be evaluated into a division above their league age and are not placed in that division shall be assigned to a team within their appropriate league-age division. Even if a player's skill is sufficient, the request may be denied based on available space in the evaluated up division.

Players who request to be evaluated into a division lower than their league age shall complete registration into the appropriate division and send a written request to be evaluated down. Based on the assessment, team availability, and the division they wish to move to, the board will determine the appropriate division for the player. If the player fails to attend an evaluation, the request to play in a lower division shall be considered withdrawn.

Registration numbers and age distribution may require players from the same school to be placed on different teams.

Kent LL will make reasonable efforts to structure practices in alignment with recommendations of the National Athletic Trainers Association (NATA), including age-appropriate workloads, rest periods, and guidance regarding sport specialization.

Section 7.2 – Tee Ball, Minors A (Single A), Softball Minors B, and Challenger

Teams in these divisions shall be formed using the following criteria:

- Equal distribution of age or school residence, if provided during registration

Parents may request placement on a specific team at the time of registration. Such requests will be considered, but are not guaranteed.

Section 7.3 – Evaluation-Based Divisions

Baseball Minors AA and AAA; Softball Minors A

To promote parity, players in evaluation-based divisions should attend evaluations when offered. Teams shall be formed using:

- Equal distribution of age, and Evaluation results

Players unable to attend an evaluation shall be assigned an average or lower evaluation score for team formation purposes. For returning players, where board members are familiar with a player's skill may evaluate that player above average score to ensure balanced teams.

If evaluations cannot be conducted due to time or logistical constraints, teams shall be formed based on age distribution alone.

Section 7.4 – Drafted Divisions

Majors, Juniors, and Seniors (Baseball and Softball)

The Majors, Juniors, and Seniors divisions for both Baseball and Softball shall be draft-based divisions. All players must attend scheduled tryouts to be eligible for selection. Tryouts shall be conducted under the direction of the applicable Program Vice President and Player Agent, or their designee, in accordance with the Little League Operating Manual.

Players who do not attend a scheduled tryout shall not be eligible for selection in the draft unless otherwise permitted. If a player will not be able to attend the scheduled tryouts due to unforeseen circumstances, they may request in writing to submit a video demonstrating their skills. The request will be reviewed by the evaluation committee, but it does not guarantee the option will be accepted.

A 12-year-old player who does not wish to participate in the Majors division must submit a written Waiver Request Form for 12-Year-Old Participation in Minor Division per Little League Regulation V (a) for approval by the League President and the District Administrator to play in the highest Minor division offered. If approved, the player shall not pitch. *(This same process will be used for 12-year-olds who are not drafted due to safety concerns based on skills assessment.)*

Drafts for Juniors and Seniors may be replaced with evaluation-based placement at the discretion of the Board of Directors, based on registration numbers and team count. If only 1 team is formed, evaluations will be waived, and the team will be formed with all registered players.

Twelve-year-old players may be considered for selection into the Juniors division only if their skill level is assessed as appropriate for that division and there is room in that division that will not consume a spot for a player of the appropriate age.

The League President or Vice President and the Secretary or Registrar shall be present at all drafts to assist with administration and to verify final draft results.

Section 7.4.1 – Draft Method

Per Little League approved draft methods, **Plan B** shall be used for all Baseball and Softball draft divisions.

Draft eligibility requirements include:

- Attendance at a minimum of (1) or fifty percent (50%) of scheduled evaluations
- All returning Majors Division players must be drafted, and these players must also attend evaluations
- All eligible 12-year-old players must be drafted, with distribution as equal as possible across teams

All draft procedures shall comply with the current Little League Operating Manual.

Section 7.4.2 – Expansion and Contraction

Expansion and contraction of drafted divisions shall be conducted in accordance with the Little League Operating Manual.

Expansion: If the league expands the number of teams in a drafted division, Expansion Option Three shall be used unless otherwise required by the Operating Manual.

Contraction: If the number of teams is reduced, the Board of Directors shall determine which team is eliminated, considering returning players, manager availability, and overall competitive balance.

Player reassignment shall follow **Option B** under the Local League Maintenance of Rosters provisions of the Little League Official Rules and Regulations.

Section 7.4.3 – Player Draft Re-Entry

Draft re-entry exists to protect the relationship between players, parents, and managers.

Before requesting draft re-entry, the following steps must occur in order:

1. Discussion with the team's coaching staff
2. Review by the Division Player Agent
3. Review by the Kent LL Board of Directors

If unresolved, a written petition for draft re-entry must be submitted no later than ten (10) days before the first scheduled tryout of the following season.

The Board of Directors shall grant or deny requests based on adherence to this process and consideration of the best interests of the player.

Any 11-year-old player re-entering the draft assumes the risk of not being drafted.

Section 7.4.4 – Player Vacancies

Vacancies on drafted teams shall be filled in accordance with the **Replacements** provisions of the Little League Operating Manual.

If a drafted player is injured before the first regularly scheduled game, the manager must notify the Player Agent and provide written medical documentation indicating the anticipated duration of the injury.

If the player is unable to return to play by April 1, a replacement player must be selected through the approved replacement process unless an extension is approved by the League President, the appropriate Program Vice President, and Player Agent.

Replacement player age distribution must remain in compliance with Little League regulations.

Section 7.5 – Manager Responsibilities During Tryouts and Drafts

Managers in drafted divisions are responsible for:

- Attending all scheduled tryouts

- Understanding draft eligibility rules and player evaluation results
- Ensuring that any assistants comply with the tryout and draft procedures

Managers may have limited assistance during tryouts and drafts as approved by the Player Agent or Program Vice President. Each manager shall have three (3) minutes per draft selection. Failure to select within the allotted time may result in forfeiture of the selection.

If a manager is assigned to a team other than the team on which their child currently plays, the child must re-enter the draft in accordance with the Little League Operating Manual and Board approval.

Section 7.6 – Team Size Limits

To ensure meaningful participation, team sizes shall not exceed the following limits:

- Tee Ball: 10 players
- Coach Pitch (Baseball Minors A / Softball Minors B): 11 players
- Minors and Majors divisions: 13 players
- Juniors and Seniors (Baseball and Softball): 14 players

8. – Player Code of Conduct

Managers shall distribute and collect signed Player Code of Conduct Agreements from players and parents or guardians before participation. (Parent meeting or first practice is recommended)

Alleged violations shall be reviewed by the disciplinary committee. Disciplinary actions may include written warnings, game suspensions, or removal from the league. All decisions are final upon approval by the League President.

Disciplinary Cross-Reference: Failure to uphold the player code of conduct may result in suspension (5.07).

9. – SAFETY

Section 9.1 – Safety Policy

Kent LL is committed to providing the **safest playing environment possible**. Managers, coaches, and volunteers are trained to manage most accidental injuries. Facilities are **periodically inspected and maintained** to prevent injuries.

All participants must comply with the **Little League Safety Code** (ORPR Section 1.17) and these Bylaws.

Section 9.2 – Protective Equipment

- **Male players:** Athletic supporter with a cup at all games/practices
- **Female catchers:** Pelvic protection recommended
- **Softball infielders:** Protective infielders' face mask recommended
- **Catchers during practice or games:** Full catcher's gear with full helmet and throat guard required. (No Skull Caps)
- **Plate umpires under age 18:** Full protective gear required, including throat guard
- Player-supplied equipment must meet all requirements

Disciplinary Cross-Reference: Violations may result in manager or player disciplinary actions (5.07).

Section 9.3 – Field and Facility Safety

- Dugouts: Equipment must be orderly; guests are not allowed
- One adult must be present in the dugout at all times when players are in the dugout

- Managers/umpires must inspect facilities before games/practices; report hazards to the **Fields Director or the Safety Director**
- Lightning/thunder: Stop play immediately; seek a safe location

Section 9.4 – Incident Reporting and First Aid

- Each incident must be **reported within 24 hours** to the Safety Director
 - If a major incident occurs, a phone call to the Safety Director is required as soon as possible
- Managers must maintain a Kent LL first aid kit and check supplies before each practice/game

Section 9.5 – On-field Safety Rules

- Head-first slides are prohibited except when returning to a base (ORPR Sections 6.08)
- Batters, base runners, and youth base coaches must wear helmets
- On-deck batters prohibited in Baseball/Softball Minors and Majors; first batter of each half-inning may take practice swings in foul territory
- On-deck hitters may not enter the field until all play is complete
- Breakaway/throw-down bases required for all divisions

Disciplinary Cross-Reference: Violations may result in manager or player sanctions (5.07).

Section 9.6 – Volunteer Safety

- Concessions volunteers briefed on operating guidelines
- Food handlers' certificates are desired but not required

10. – FIELDS

Section 10.1 – Field Access and Rules

- Practices/games only on **Kent LL-approved fields** (insurance compliance)
- Field addresses and rules are distributed with schedules
- No pets allowed unless posted

Disciplinary Cross-Reference: Unauthorized field use or neglect may result in manager suspension (Article 5.07).

Section 10.2 – Pregame Preparation

- Home team leads field prep
- Each team provides **two volunteers 60 minutes prior** for:
 - Removing debris
 - Dragging/raking the infield
 - Setting bases, chalking foul lines/batter boxes
 - Pre-game prep complete 30 min before game
- Abbreviated prep allowed between back-to-back games
- Rainy-day adjustment: Managers must review fields and call the game no less than **2 hours prior**. They are also responsible for notifying the visiting team and the KLL rainout group

Section 10.3 – Postgame Teardown

- Each team provides **two volunteers** for field repair after the last game
- Tasks include:
 - Filling holes, tamping bases/pitcher's mound

- Cleaning dugouts and spectator areas
- Emptying trash cans
- **Prohibited:** Field work on King County, Kent Parks, or Kent School District fields unless scheduled via Kent LL

11.– EQUIPMENT

Section 11.1 – Equipment Ownership

- Kent LL issued equipment remains league property
- Equipment must be returned at season's end
- Jersey number **14 retired**

Section 11.2 – Part Numbers

Baseball	Softball
Juniors/Seniors = 2BBSLG	Minors B 10" = SF10Y1
Majors/AAA/AA = 2BBG	Minors A 11" = 2A311FY
Single A = SAF - 5S	Majors & up 12" = 2A312FLY
Tee Ball = SAF - BST	Tee Ball = SAF - BST

Disciplinary Cross-Reference: Loss or misuse may result in an equipment replacement charge, forfeiting the discount and/or manager sanction (5.07).

12. – SUPPLEMENTAL PLAYING RULES

Section 12.1 – Authority and Scope

- Supplements are mandatory during the regular season
 - Conflicts submitted **in writing to the Kent LL Board**
- Interlock schedules take precedence (D10 rules)

Disciplinary Cross-Reference: Violations may result in manager/player sanctions (5.07).

Section 12.2 – General Rules (All Divisions)

- The home team occupies the **third base dugout**
- Provide **two new balls + away team provides one like-new ball** to the umpire
- Scorekeeping required for Baseball and Softball Player pitch divisions

Responsibility	Detail
Recordkeeping	Hardcopy or GameChanger; include pitch counts
Reconciliation	Verify score/pitch counts with opponent
Official Score	Home team scorekeeper official

Game Reporting	Home manager posts results the same day
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Section 12.3 – Game Definitions and Scheduling

Term	Definition
Scheduled Game	Appears on published schedule
Regulation Game	Rule Section 4.00
Called Game	Did not start at the scheduled time
Suspended Game	Started but not regulation length
Makeup Game	Rescheduled, called/suspended game

- Games shall only be played on **Kent LL-approved or designated interlock fields**
- Scheduled Monday–Saturday, makeups allowed but must be coordinated and scheduled with the **Kent LL Scheduler**

Disciplinary Cross-Reference: Unauthorized scheduling or field use may result in sanctions (Article 5.07).

Section 12.4 – Calling, Suspending, and Rescheduling Games

- Managers call games before the plate meeting; After the meeting, umpires call games.
- Severe weather: Managers may call no sooner than **3 hours prior**, unless the board issues cancellations for the day
- Makeup games must be requested within 48 hours and scheduled via **Kent LL Scheduler**. The game must be played within 14 days of the original date of the game.
- All divisions must start a game with a minimum of 9 players. (Tee Ball/Coach pitch divisions may start with 8)

Section 12.5 – Pitching Regulations

- Follow Regulation VI - Pitchers
- Manager responsible for **pitch count tracking** of every pitcher for every game.
- Managers are responsible for maintaining compliance with rest days
- Managers must submit game reports within 24 hours
 - Violations: 1st offense = 1 - game suspension; 2nd offense = possible season suspension

Disciplinary Cross-Reference: Failure to follow procedures may result in manager suspension (Article 5.07).

Section 12.6 – Pitchers and Catchers' Safety

- Full catcher gear required
- Players warming up, pitchers must wear a mask and a helmet
- Any youth catcher receiving balls for a coach during infield or fly-ball drills is required to wear a helmet

Section 12.7 – Game Rules

- **Standings & Tie-Breakers:** Complete/incomplete season precedence:
 - Win-loss

- Head-to-head record
- Runs allowed
- Runs scored
- Coin flip
- **Multiple games/day:** No interference from next-game teams; manager warning then suspension if repeated
- **End-of-season tournaments:** Single elimination or D10 Championship; no ties

Section 12.8 – Division-Specific Rules

Division	Game Duration	Rules / Notes
Tee Ball	4 innings or 60 min	Entire roster bats; in-play action ends at base; safety/experience mods allowed by Baseball Director
Baseball Single A (Coach Ptich)	5 innings / 1h 45m	Half-inning: 3 outs or 5 runs; steal prohibited; tee after 5 pitches if no hit; no walks
Baseball Minors AA/AAA	6 innings /No new inning after 2h 15m	2 extra innings max; 5-run rule lifted for last inning; game may tie
Baseball Majors	6 innings /No new inning after 2h 15m	2 extra innings max; game may tie
Baseball Juniors, Seniors	2h 15m district games	Intra-division games to completion; max 3h if next game scheduled
Softball All-Divisions (Except Tee Ball)	D10 interlock rules	D10 interlock rules

13. – ALL-STAR TEAMS

Section 13.1 – Purpose

As a chartered Little League, Inc. organization, Kent Little League (KLL) may form **All-Star teams** to participate in Little League-sanctioned tournaments.

- KLL aims to **fairly assemble the best team possible** for tournament play.
- Player selection is based solely on **playing ability, availability, and eligibility**.

Section 13.2 – All-Star Team Representation

- All trophies won at **District 10-sponsored tournaments** shall be **returned to District 10** before the next tournament season.
- Trophies won at **official Little League tournaments beyond district play** are the property of KLL and must be returned within **one (1) year** of the championship game.

Section 13.3 – Manager and Coach Selection

Step	Description
Manager Appointment	Managers serve upon approval of the KLL President
Regular Season Eligibility	Coaches must have coached >50% of the season games

Win/Loss Consideration	Coaches with the best record have the first right of refusal
Coach Selection	Coaches selected by the All-Star Selection Committee and approved by the President
Board Review	The President & Board review candidates and address issues
Coaching Support	Managers without All-Star experience are advised to choose at least one experienced coach.

Notes:

- Managers select their own **Board-approved coaches.**
- If a manager declines, the **President appoints** a replacement.
- Managers may **coach a different division** than Spring; original offers may be revoked accordingly.

Section 13.4 – Player Eligibility

- Players must meet **Little League Residency and School Attendance Requirements.**
- Players must have played in **≥ 8 regular-season games** before All-Star play begins.
 - Except for the **Senior Division**, no regulated season requirements
- Roster sizes follow **regulations.**

Section 13.5 – All-Star Team Selection Process

Step	Process
Interest Letters	Sent to all All-Star eligible players
Assessments	Held on a date determined by KLL, but no sooner than May 15th
Manager Evaluation	Managers meet with Player Agent, VP Baseball/Softball, and President to select players
Player Notification	Non-selected players notified via email or phone
Team Announcement	Teams announced ≥ 24 hours after non-selected players contacted
Video Submissions	Allowed for unforeseen circumstances (medical, family emergencies, etc). Parents must submit a request in writing for board approval a minimum of 48 hours in advance.
Exceptions	When only (1) spring team is formed at any level, evaluations may be waived

Notes:

- Selection and team formation start with the **uppermost division** and proceed downward.
- Process changes require the **President, VP Baseball, and VP Softball approval** and must be posted **≥ 2 weeks prior.**

Section 13.6 – Conduct During All-Star Tournaments

- Managers and coaches are responsible for **learning all tournament rules** and instructing players/parents.
- KLL or District 10 shall hold a **pre-tournament meeting** to review expectations.

- All managers, coaches, players, parents, and fans are expected to **exhibit excellent sportsmanship** at all times.
- All-Star teams may **not participate in non-Little League events** without the **approval of the President**.

Section 13.7 – All-Star Team Financing

Category	Policy
Uniforms	Teams may use Spring uniforms or purchase their own (red, white, navy) and must properly display Kent Little League branding and the Little League Patch
Equipment	Teams may use KLL fields and equipment (catchers' gear, helmets, first-aid kits)
Fundraising	Recommend that teams appoint a fundraising volunteer for out-of-state travel
District 10 Tournament	No financial assistance from KLL
Washington State Tournament	No financial assistance from KLL
Northwest Regional Tournament	KLL provides up to \$2,000 per team ; max \$6,000 total if >3 teams advance
World Series	Same funding rules as Northwest Regional

Notes:

- Funds must be used for **player/team expenses only**.
- All other expenses are the responsibility of **players' families**.
- Funding is **contingent on KLL budget availability**.

14. – FALL BALL Season

Section 14.1 – Purpose

Fall Ball is an **instructional program** focused on improving baseball and softball fundamentals, developing skills, and preparing players for the next Spring season. *(This often moves players up a division than they played in Spring)*

Fall Ball divisions are governed by:

- **Little League Baseball/Softball Official Regulations**
- **Kent Little League Bylaws**
- **District 10 Interlock Rules**

Note: When conflicts arise between these Bylaws and Fall Ball Supplemental Rules, the **Interlock Rules take precedence**.

Disciplinary Cross-Reference: Manager/coach violations may be subject to review per Article 5.07

Section 14.2 – Team Formation

- Divisions are **formed based on age distribution and school alignment**.
- Player age is determined by **league age for the following Spring season**.

- Players who participated in **Baseball Majors the prior Spring season** are **distributed evenly** across teams if their league age would not be 13 based on the next season.

Section 14.3 – Season and Schedule

- **Season:** Late August – Late October
- **Games:** Primarily Saturdays
- **Time Limits:** Follow District 10 Interlock Rules

Section 14.4 – Game Play Rules

Rule	Fall Ball Requirement
Called/Suspended Games	Will not be rescheduled
Pitching Limits	Maximum 2 innings per game (3 innings for Juniors/Seniors)
Runs per Half-Inning	Maximum 5 runs , including the last inning
Plate Umpire Absence	The parent may umpire behind the pitcher if proper equipment is unavailable
Coaching on the Field	Permitted to instruct players during play
Standings/Score Reporting	Wins are not recorded ; no win-loss standings (Pitch counts are still required in the applicable divisions)

15. Awards

15.1 Spring Season

- Each player shall receive a **current-year Kent LL pin**, presented by their manager at the conclusion of the final game of the season.
- If the championship games are played **within Kent only**, the **1st- and 2nd-place** teams will receive awards as described below:
 - If a division has **four or more teams**, awards will be presented to **1st and 2nd place**.
 - If a division has **fewer than three teams**, only the **1st-place team** will receive the additional award.

For divisions that participate in the **D10 End-of-Season Tournament**:

- If teams advance and **win through the district**, they will be presented with the appropriate **District award(s)**.

15.2 Tournament Awards

- Players on an **All-Star team** shall receive a **plaque** if the team wins the **District 10 Tournament**.

16. Umpires

Not Applicable: Tee Ball, Minors A Baseball, Softball Minors B.

Kent LL shall provide a **Home Plate Umpire** and a **Base Umpire** for all other divisions' home games.

- If one or more umpires are **minors**, the home team shall provide a **Game Coordinator** (Youth advocate) (Per Little League Rule Book Section 9.03(d))
- The game shall **not start** until a Game Coordinator is identified, unless an umpire **18 years or older** is present.

16.1 Pausing a Game

- Umpires shall stop the game if the coaching staff **violates the dugout or coach limits**, except for:
 - Base coaches
 - Time-out requests
 - Mound visits
 - Injury support

16.2 Umpire Misconduct / Discipline

Instances of misconduct shall be reported to the **Umpire Director**. Allegations will be addressed by a **subcommittee of Board members**, led by the Umpire Director. The subcommittee’s decision is **final** as long as it does not violate Kent LL Bylaws.

Discipline Levels:

Offense	Action	Notes
1st	Verbal Warning	Documented for tracking
2nd	Written Warning	Documented for tracking
3rd	Suspension	Length determined by subcommittee, minimum one week
4th	Do Not Return	Remainder of the season

Note: Discipline may begin at any level depending on severity; these are **minimum standards**.

Examples of Umpire Misconduct:

- Consistent tardiness or inability to start games on time
- Lack of basic rule knowledge or refusal to learn
- Poor attitude toward players, coaches, umpires, parents, or board members
- Discussing internal league business externally
- Altering strike zones or rule enforcement due to bias or lack of consistency(?)
- Frequently dropping assignments without reasonable attempts to fulfill duties
- Failure to comply with Little League rules, regulations, or the **Child Protection Program**

17. Uniform Policy

17.1 Player Uniforms

- All players must wear the **designated uniform**, including but not limited to:
 - League-supplied team jersey
 - Baseball pants (color as specified by coach)

- Appropriate footwear (plastic cleats or turf shoes)
- Required safety devices (e.g., protective cup)
- League-supplied baseball cap, Softball visors are optional

17.2 Coaching Staff Uniforms

- Managers, assistant coaches, and dugout parents must wear **appropriate team colors/uniforms** for all practices, games, and events.
- Wearing **other teams' uniforms or colors** is prohibited as it detracts from team spirit and may lead may disciplinary action in accordance with (Section 5.07)

17.3 Use of Little League Logo

- No custom designs may incorporate the **Little League logo** without **written permission from the Kent LL Board of Directors**.

2026 Kent Little League Bylaws Committee:

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The committee met in December 2025 to review and revise the 2026 Bylaws. The Kent Little League Bylaws were approved by the Kent Little League Board of Directors on **December 12, 2024**.