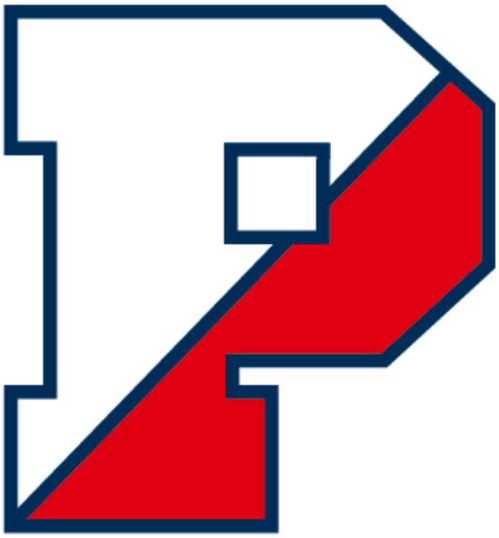


Peabody West Little League
Operating Rules
Effective March 2025

General

Regulation of Peabody West Little League

The *Little League Baseball Rule Book - Official Regulations, Playing Rules, and Operating Policies* (LL Rulebook), which is issued and copyrighted by Little League Baseball, Inc., shall govern the supervised program activities of Peabody West Little League (PWLL).

The PWLL Board of Directors can adopt local rules as permitted by the LL Rulebook. These Local Rules shall apply for the scheduled Spring and Fall seasons of play of PWLL, as defined herein. The LL Rulebook has precedence over the PWLL Local Rules if there is a conflict.

Any person associated with PWLL in any capacity may recommend changes to these local rules. Recommendations for change should be addressed to the PWLL Board of Directors and provided in writing. While changes are considered throughout the year, the PWLL Board of Directors attempts to finalize all changes for an upcoming calendar year prior to the start of the year.

Volunteer Background Checks

All PWLL volunteers are required to submit a completed Little League Volunteer Application to the PWLL Vice President. No volunteer subject to a background check is allowed to participate in any PWLL activity until such time he/she has been notified by the PWLL Vice President they have successfully passed the Little League International required background check.

New PWLL volunteers for the Fall Ball season will have to register prior to the start of the fall season so background checks can be run at that time. A background check is only valid for the calendar year. More information on the Little League Child Protection Program can be found online at LittleLeague.org/ChildProtection.

Player Registration

All players shall be registered with PWLL. Each parent/guardian shall provide an original birth record or suitable proof of age documentation (for a list of acceptable age documentation, refer to the LL Rule Book) upon request to verify the league age of any child upon request of a league official. Additionally, residency documentation must be made available upon request. The details of this requirement can be found in the LL Rule Book. A players "league age" is determined by Little League International.

Regular Season Divisions and Fees

It is the intent of PWLL that players participate at the level which is appropriate for their skill and ability in accordance with the LL Rule Book. It is recognized that in exceptional cases, the parents of a child may appeal to the PWLL President, Player Agent, and the applicable Division Coordinator for an appeal of the division a player may not otherwise be eligible to play in (lower or higher division).

Player requests to play up or down in a division must be submitted to the Player Agent in accordance with Addendum B to determine whether the player is eligible to attend a player evaluation. In order to even out roster sizes in AAA/AA divisions the Player Agent and Appropriate Division Coordinators will review these requests and determine if a player evaluation is necessary to accommodate these requests.

Players will be charged a league fee with the division in which they play. The age breakdown in the chart below reflect a typical age for the division before Addendum B requests are made.

PWLL Division	League Age	Fee*
TBall	4 & 5	$100.00
Coach Pitch	5&6	$100.00
AA	7 & 8	$125.00
Majors/AAA	9 - 12	$175.00

*Cost of registration is established by the Board of Directors.
Family Max Fee per Season is $350, exclusive of Winter Workouts.

Managers and Coaches

General

All individuals wishing to be considered for a Majors or AAA Division Manager position are required to submit a letter of interest to manage for the upcoming season to the President. The letter must be in the hands of the President by July 31st of each year.

The League President shall appoint all team Managers and Coaches for all divisions annually. All team Managers and Coaches appointed by the President are subject to approval by a minimum of two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors. There is no tenure for any PWLL position.

An individual may not be a Manager of more than one team within the same level. An individual that manages a team in the Majors, AAA, or AA may not manage at more than one level of play. Coach Pitch and Tee Ball are exempt.

Team representation is MANDATORY for the following:

- Monthly meetings
- Try Outs/Player Evaluations
- League approved events/functions

Conduct & Discipline

Any action by a Manager or Coach, that is reported in writing to a League Official before, during, or after a game, but did not result in an ejection such as, but not limited to: physical contact, foul language, or any action(s) deemed unacceptable conduct unbecoming of a league member, will be presented to the league Board of Directors. This could result in a hearing before the Board of Directors. The accused Member will be allowed to defend himself/herself to the Board of Directors as he/she so chooses.

In the event of a suspension of both a Manager and one Coach, the appropriate League Coordinator will appoint replacements for the term of suspension.

All discussions with an umpire must be made through the team's Manager. All Managers are responsible for the actions of their Coaches, Parents and Players. Actions of Managers and Coaches will have a bearing on re-appointments for the following season.

The Board of Directors, at its discretion, may implement an in-season evaluation process of Managers and Coaches to ensure all volunteers are abiding to the spirit of these operating rules and regulations. Anyone found in violation of these rules may be subject to termination from future participation in the league.

Managers are responsible for the actions of themselves, Coaches, players, and team supporters during all league sanctioned events.

Managers and Coaches will not be able to run a practice or coach a game until all volunteer forms are signed and returned to the league and background checks are completed. Only background check approved individuals will be allowed to be on the field and be allowed to interact with the players. Non-compliance will result in immediate removal from the field until approval is secured. The Division Coordinators and Managers are required to police this policy and will be subject to reprimands as appropriately deemed by the Board of Directors.

Mandatory Coaches Meeting

All team Managers and Coaches shall complete safety training as scheduled by the league during the Mandatory Coaches meeting required by Little League and held prior to the start of the season. Certification of attending this training by the Safety Officer is a requirement before a Manager or Coach is allowed on the playing field in a coaching role during scheduled games/practices.

Season Playing Rules

Not more than three (3) adults (Manager & two Coaches) will be allowed in the playing area during a Major Division Game or four (4) during a Triple A Division Game. One additional non-game day Coach can be selected and must be approved by the board. This Coach will only be allowed in the playing area if the Manager or one of the two primary game-day Coaches will be absent from the game. At NO time will (4) adults be allowed in the playing area during Majors games. See division specific ruls for AA Coach Pitch and Teeball coaching numbers. In Majors and AAA, the Manager and Coaches are allowed to Coach both bases, if there are (3) three adults present. In Majors and AAA, the team on defense is allowed to have the Manager outside the dugout, all other Coaches to remain in dugout. No Coach rotation is permitted.

Per Little League rules, no bat person is allowed on the field or in the dugout.

Tobacco products will not be permitted by any Managers or Coaches at the playing field. Smoking will only be permitted in designated areas; which is the opposite side of the roadway. NO SMOKING WITH IN 50 feet of a playing field while games or practices are taking place.

Each Team Manager, along with the Division Coordinators will collect and inventory their uniforms, equipment, and medical kits, at the end of the playing season. The Manager is required to complete an inventory form for the Purchasing Agent by July 31st of each year. The Purchasing Agent & Equipment Manager will review the inventory report and approve or disapprove as deemed necessary. All teams will turn in their equipment, uniforms, and medical kits to their appropriate Division Coordinators.

In Majors, Triple A, and Double A Divisions, each Manager or his/her designee shall keep a scorebook and pitch count during the game. Every half-inning and at every pitcher change, the pitch counter for each team shall meet and agree on the pitch count for the pitcher coming off the mound. At the end of each inning, the scorekeeper for each team shall meet to agree on the score of the game. Within 24 hours of a games official conclusion, the Manager of the winning team must e-mail the final score to PWLLScores@aol.com. In the event of a tie, the Home team must e-mail the score. In addition, within 24 hours of a games conclusion, each Manager shall enter the pitch count for each pitcher into the appropriate log book/web site. The Division Coordinators are required to monitor this.

Both Managers are responsible for preparing the field for play no later than 30 minutes prior to a games scheduled start time. At the conclusion of a game, each Manager is responsible to ensure the field has been fully raked/dragged and all trash has been picked-up to prepare it for the next game. Each team shall be responsible for cleaning out its dugout and adjacent area outside the fence and properly disposing of trash on its side of the field. It is both Managers responsibility to delegate tasks to an approved PWLL volunteer while children are present at the fields if they are unable to properly open and close the fields.

Reporting Injuries

Managers shall report all injuries or accidents to the League Safety Officer, Player Agent, and Division Coordinator. This shall include all injuries incurred from outside of PWLL that could cause a player to miss a game. Such reports shall be made as soon as practical, but no later than 24 hours of the injury or of obtaining knowledge of such injury or accident.

Any player or Coach or umpire suspected of having a concussion is deemed "done for the day" and shall be removed from the game or practice immediately.

Player Distribution

General

At the beginning of the season, all players shall either be assigned to a league team by draft or by age dependent level of play.

Distribution begins at the Major Division and works its way through Triple A division and so on by league age. The Managers in Majors, Triple A, and Double A divisions shall conduct a draft in the presence of the Player Agent in conjunction with the Division Coordinator. Only the Player agent or Division Coordinator can be replaced with a named board member replacement with advance notice.

After the completion of the Major Division draft, remaining players of league age 10 or 11 shall be drafted into the Triple A division.

Once registration levels have been achieved to create teams in the Double A Division, the Division Coordinator will nominate Managers to the President. The President will appoint the appropriate number of Managers, subject to Board of Directors' approval. The draft will then be conducted with the presence of selected Managers, division coordinator, and player agent. This division is a non-tryout-based division and can be subject to selecting teams after a player evaluation is conducted.

All draft positions and trades in the draft room shall not be revealed by anyone in attendance at the draft.

Tryouts, Evaluations, and Player Selection Process

Every registered participant league age 9 or older in the upcoming season must attend 50% of the scheduled Player Evaluation advertised by PWLL. League Age 9 year old players in the upcoming season will automatically be eligible for the Triple A Division, but still must attend 50% of the scheduled Player Evaluation. League Age 10 and 11 year old players in the upcoming season not already on a Majors team roster from the prior season will automatically be eligible for the Triple A and Majors drafts upon attending a Player Evaluation. League Age 10 and 11 year old players not drafted onto a Majors Division team will automatically be placed onto a Triple A Division team. If a League Age 10 or 11 year old player does not attend a Player Evaluation, the Board reserves the right to place said player onto a Majors or Triple A team, based upon player evaluation data and/or input from past managers and other factors deemed appropriate by the Board. A League Age 9 year old player who does not attend at least one Player Evaluation will nevertheless be placed into the Triple A draft.

PWLL will hold a minimum of two (2) Player Evaluations for the league. An attendance list will be compiled so the Player Agent can determine if required Little League objectives have been met.
Returning Majors Division players already on a team roster are not required to attend the player evaluations. Players who are League Age 12 in the upcoming season but who were not on a Majors team the previous season are automatically in the Majors Division draft per Little League rules and thus are not required to attend a Player Evaluation, but are encouraged to do so. All other registered players who will be league age 9, 10, or 11 in the upcoming season are required to attend a Player Evaluation scheduled by the league.

Majors Division Draft

The Majors Division will use the draft system, Method for Existing League - Plan A, as recommended in the LL Rule Book, with the following exceptions:

- Only One (1) representative (Manager or approved Coach) from each Majors team may attend the player draft.
- No Coaches are pre-selected by the Managers.
- A maximum of players drafted to each team in each age group will not exceed the following league age players: (8) 10-year-old players, (8) 11-year-old players, and (8) 12-year-old players. Each roster must consist of (12) players from the league age groups of 10, 11, & 12 and may not exceed the max number listed for each league age group.
- League Playoff Champion of the previous season will have the last pick in the next season's draft. All other teams will pick in reverse order of their overall regular season standings as published on www.pwll.net and used to determine playoff brackets.
- All returning Majors players will remain on the teams they played for in the previous season.

Triple A & Double A Division Draft

Minor Leagues (Triple A and Double A) will use the draft system, Method for New League - Plan A, as recommended in the LL Rule Book, with the following exceptions:

- Only One (1) representative (Manager or approved Coach) from each team may attend the draft.
- Managers may pre-select one Coach prior to the draft. If that Manager and/or Coach has a player in that division, that player(s) will automatically be placed on that Managers team with the first pick(s) in the draft.
- The draft order will be determined by drawing numbers from a hat.

Number of Players per Team

Major Division – 12 players per team.
Triple A Division – Preferred 12 players per team.
Single A/Double A Division – Preferred 12 players per team.
Coach Pitch Division – Preferred 6-10 players per team.
Tee Ball Division – Preferred 6-10 players per team.

Team Rosters

The Player Agent shall maintain each completed team roster in the league's database. Any roster changes should be approved through the Player Agent. The Player Agent may utilize the assistance of the Information Officer to complete these duties.

Pool Players

Pool Players will only be utilized in the Majors, Triple A, and Double A divisions in accordance with Little League Rules. If a Manager knows he/she will have LESS THAN 10 PLAYERS for a scheduled game, he/she MAY contact their Division Coordinator and request a pool player(s) to bring their roster for that game to a maximum of 10 players. Preference shall be given to a lower division pool player by placing them at the top of the list prior to rotation. Pool players will be called in order of the list until an available player is found. Once a player is found, the next use of the list will start in order after the last player picked from the pool, while also reorganizing for lower division players.

Coaches will use the player pool to field a team of 9 players if needed. If no player pool players are available then a game can be played with 8 players. The defensive team will field 6 infielders and 2 outfielders in this circumstance.

PWLL adopts LL regulation V(c) allowing player pools to consist of players from the same division as well as the age division below and this is applicable to Majors, Triple A, and Double A divisions.

The respective Division Coordinators from each of these three divisions are responsible for maintaining the Player Pool for their division. Managers or Coaches have no say in the pool player assigned to their team for any given game.

The following are also applicable to Pool Players in the Majors, Triple A, and Double A Divisions:

- A player may not miss their team's game to play as a pool player.
- A player may miss their team's practice to play in a game as a pool player. Family decision only, as Managers have no say.
- Player will use his regular team's shirt and hat as a pool player.
- A player may not play in more than 2 games in one day (including his/her teams game and as a pool player).
- The Player Pool will only be used during the Regular Season. Pool Players are not allowed during a playoff game.
- Pool players cannot pitch or catch in the game and must play nine (9) consecutive defensive outs. Player pool players will be placed in the last spot of the lineup.

Courtesy Runners
PWLL adopts the Little League courtesy runner rule for pitcher and catcher with 2 outs - See LL Rules 2.0, 3.04, and 7.14

Fielding a Team
PWLL has adopted the option in the LL Rule Book found in Rules 1.01, 4.16, and 4.17 to allow games to be played with 8 or more players in all divisions. For a team playing with 8 players, an out will not be called for the ninth position in the batting order. Rather, the team may skip over the ninth batting position without penalty. A game may not be started nor continued with less than eight (8) players on each team.

If a team is unable to field 8 players within 15 minutes of the scheduled start time of the game, the game will be forfeit. If a team cannot place one adult coach in the dugout within 15 minutes of the scheduled start time of the game, the game will be rescheduled. Teams are not allowed to “borrow” a player from the team they are versing, exception Coach Pitch and Tee Ball Divisions.

Coaching – General
Both Managers are responsible for preparing the field for play no later than 30 minutes prior to a game’s scheduled start time. At the conclusion of a game and practice, each Manager is responsible to ensure the field has been 5 fully raked/dragged and all trash has been picked-up to prepare it for the next game. If there is no game following, all tarps must be replaced and based properly stowed. Each team shall be responsible for cleaning out its dugout and adjacent area outside the fence and properly disposing of trash on its side of the field. It is both Managers responsibility to delegate tasks to an approved PWLL volunteer while children are present at the fields if they are unable to properly open and close the fields. This rule also applies to independent training and coaching vendors, subject to suspension or barring from the fields should the field not be properly cared for.

Division Specific Playing Rules

Major Division
Baseball Used – DLL 1 or Equivalent
Batting Order

- The batting order is continuous and is the order for the game. Each team is to give the opposing team their order at the start of the game. Any player who shows up after the exchange must be added to the end of the order.
- Batters can go through the batting order unlimited times each inning.

Bunting

- Unlimited bunting is allowed throughout all innings but NO slash bunting.
- If a player slash bunts, they are out.

Coaches

- SEASON PLAYING RULES: Not more than three (3) adults (Manager & two Coaches) Per Team will be allowed in the playing area or dugout during a Major Division Game. A fourth Practice Coach can be selected and must be approved by the board. The practice coach will only be allowed in the playing area if the Manager or one of the two primary game-day Coaches will be absent from the game. At NO time will (4) adults be allowed in the playing area during games. The Manager and Coaches are allowed to Coach both bases, if there are (3) three adults present. The team on defense is allowed to have the Manager outside the dugout, all other Coaches to remain in dugout. No Coach rotation is permitted. A Board Member can substitute for any coach should there be a deficiency.
- The Manager or one Coach from each team must be delegated the task of keeping track of pitch counts. Each person assigned this duty must agree on the pitch count at the end of each half inning and/or upon a pitcher change.
- The Manager or one Coach from each team must be delegated the task of keeping the game book. Each person assigned this duty must agree on the score at the end of each inning and at the conclusion of the game.
- The Manager from the winning team must email the final game score to pwllscores@aol.com
- Each Manager must log in pitch count information to the pitch count website. There is a link on the PWLL website and separate instructions will be communicated so that everyone can access the pitch count website.

Field

- The home team will be in first base dugout and the away team will be in the third base dugout.
- The Coaches from both teams should work together to prep the field before each game, which includes lining the fields and ensuring the fields are safe to play on.
- After the game, both teams should rake the field and make sure all trash is picked up in the dugouts and around the field. Also, it is extremely important to make sure the field and all other areas and structures are secure before you leave.

Infield Fly Rule

- The infield fly rule IS in effect

Inning Ends – Each half inning only ends with Three (3) outs.

Length of Game

- There are no time limits to Majors games and no ties.

Pitching Rules

- Official Little League Pitching Count and Rest Rule is in effect.
- Curve Ball pitches are allowed
- Uncaught Third (3rd) strike is in effect.

Playing Time

Everyone must play two (2) innings in the field, only if a six (6) inning game. The innings do not have to be consecutive and there is no distinction between outfield and infield play

Slaughter Rule

- Ten (10) runs after four (4) innings. (3 1/2 if home team is ahead). If slaughter point is reached, Managers are strongly encouraged to continue game to allow everyone to play and get some at bats. Any runs scored beyond this point will not become part of the official score and the overall time limit on length of games must be observed. Pitch Count Rules will remain in effect for any continued game.

Mound Visits – Refer to Item 8 enacted at the 2018 Little League International Congress Agenda Results, which modified Rule 8.06 for Majors Division only.

Sliding

- A player who slides head- first into any base shall be called out. Diving back to the base on a lead does not qualify as a head-first slide. While there is no 'must slide' rule in LL, a runner is out when the runner does not slide or attempt to get around a fielder who has the ball and is waiting to make the tag.

Steals and Base Advances

- Unlimited base advancements to second, third and home. This is constant through all innings.

Umpires

- Little League Patched Little Umpires utilized at this level.
- One necessary behind home plate; second umpire in the field when available for playoffs.

Triple A Division

Baseball Used – DLL 2 or Equivalent

Batting Order

- The batting order is continuous and is the order for the game.
- Each team is to give the opposing team their order at the start of the game.
- Any player who shows up after the exchange must be added to the end of the order.

Bunting

- Unlimited bunting is allowed throughout all innings but NO slash bunting.
- If a player Slash bunts, they are out.

Coaches

- SEASON PLAYING RULES: Not more than four (4) adults (Manager, two Coaches, and one Book Keeper) Per Team will be allowed in the playing area or dugout during a Triple A Division Game. The Book Keeper will be allowed in the dugout only. A fifth Practice Coach can be selected and must be approved by the board. The practice coach will only be allowed in the playing area if the Manager or one of the three primary game-day Coaches will be absent from the game. At NO time will (5) adults from a single team be allowed in the playing area during Triple A games. The Manager and Coaches are allowed to Coach both bases, if there are (3) three adults present. The team on defense is allowed to have the Manager outside the dugout, all other Coaches to remain in dugout. No Coach rotation is permitted. At any level, a Board Member can substitute for any coach should there be a deficiency.
- The Manager or a Coach from each team must be delegated the task of keeping track of pitch counts. Each person assigned this duty must agree on the pitch count at the end of each half inning.
- The Manager or a Coach from each team must be delegated the task of keeping the game book. Each person assigned this duty must agree on the score at the end of each inning and at the conclusion of the game.
- The Manager from the winning team must email the final game score to pwllscores@aol.com
- Each Manager must log in pitch count information to the pitch count website. There is a link on the PWLL website and separate instructions will be communicated so that everyone can access the pitch count website.

Field

- The home team will be in first base dugout and the away team will be in the third base dugout.
- The Coaches from both teams should work together to prep the field before each game, which includes lining the fields and ensuring the fields are safe to play on.
- After the game, both teams should rake the field and make sure all trash is picked up in the dugouts and around the field. Also, it is extremely important to make sure the field and all other areas and structures are secure before you leave.

Infield Fly Rule - The infield fly rule IS in effect

Inning Ends

- One (1) time through the batting order OR

- Three (3) outs OR
- Five (5) runs scored. On a continuation of play, a team may score up to eight (8) runs in an inning.
- This will apply to every inning but the final inning either being the sixth, or what managers decide is the final inning of the game, where runs will be unlimited. Final inning must be declared before the first pitch of that inning.

Length of Game

- A new inning may not start once the game reaches two (2) hours after the scheduled start of the game. If umpires are late or there is a weather delay, the teams are not penalized and the two (2) hour clock will start once the umpire says it is time to play ball. If the game starts late due to any other reason, the two hours begin from the scheduled start time and no time will be added to the game.

Pitching Rules

- Official Little League Pitching Count and Rest Rule is in effect.
- Each pitcher will be allowed three (3) hit batters per inning, or four (4) hit batters in game. The pitcher MUST be replaced at threshold numbers above.

Playing Time

- Everyone must play three (3) innings in the field. The innings do not have to be consecutive and there is no distinction between outfield and infield play

Slaughter Rule

- Ten (10) runs after four (4) innings. (3 1/2 if home team is ahead). If slaughter point is reached, Managers are strongly encouraged to continue game to allow everyone to play and get some at bats. Any runs scored beyond this point will not become part of the official score and the overall time limit on length of games must be observed. Pitch counts remain in effect for continued games.

Sliding

- A player who slides head- first into any base shall be called out. Diving back to the base on a lead does not qualify as a head-first slide. While there is no 'must slide' rule in LL, a runner is out when the runner does not slide or attempt to get around a fielder who has the ball and is waiting to make the tag.

Steals and Base Advances

- Unlimited base advancements to second, and third.
- Two (2) successful advances to home per inning. These two base advances to home are exclusive of the continuation of a batted ball put in play.
- This is constant through all innings.

Umpires

- Jr. Umpires utilized at this level of play.
- One necessary at home plate, second in the field when available
- Patched Umpires can be used if junior umpires are not available. When available, one patched umpire and one junior umpire will be used for Playoff games.

Double A Division

Baseball Used – DLL 2 or Equivalent

Batting Order

- The batting order is continuous and is the order for the game.
- Each team is to give the opposing team their order at the start of the game.
- Any player who shows up after the exchange must be added to the end of the order.

Bunting - No bunting allowed

Coaches

- No more than four (4) adults (Manager & three Coaches) will be allowed in the playing area during a Double A game. The Manager and Coaches are allowed to Coach both bases, if there are at least (3) three adults present. The team on defense is allowed to have the Manager outside the dugout, all other Coaches to remain in dugout. No Coach rotation is permitted. A fifth Practice Coach can be selected and must be approved by the board. The practice coach will only be allowed in the playing area if the Manager or one

of the three primary game-day Coaches will be absent from the game. No Coach rotation is permitted. At any level, a Board Member can substitute for any coach should there be a deficiency.

- One Coach from each team must be delegated the task of keeping track of pitch counts. Each Coach assigned this duty must agree on the pitch count at the end of each half inning.
- One Coach from each team must be delegated the task of keeping the game book. Each Coach assigned this duty must agree on the score at the end of each inning and at the conclusion of the game.
- The Manager from the winning team must email the final game score to pwllscores@aol.com
- Each Manager must log in pitch count information to the pitch count website. There is a link on the PWLL website and separate instructions will be communicated so that everyone can access the pitch count website.

Field

- The home team will be in first base dugout and the away team will be in the third base dugout.
- The Coaches from both teams should work together to prep the field before each game, which includes lining the fields and ensuring the fields are safe to play on.
- After the game, both teams should rake the field and make sure all trash is picked up in the dugouts and around the field. Also, it is extremely important to make sure the field and all other areas and structures are secure before you leave.

Helmets

- Full caged helmets must be worn by batters and baserunners at all times.

Incoming throw rule:

- On a ball hit in the outfield, runners will hold at the base once the ball breaks the infield plane. All runners must be held at each base they are on or attempting to reach at their own risk.

Infield Fly Rule - The infield fly rule is NOT in effect

Inning Ends

- One (1) time through the batting order OR
- Three (3) outs OR
- Five (5) runs scored.
- Unlimited runs in last inning. But inning still ends after going through the full batting order.

Length of Game

- No new inning may begin after 120 minutes (2 hours) from the first pitch of the game.

Overthrow rule

- Runner may only advance one base on an infield hit. Runners will not advance on overthrows or bobbled balls.

Pitching Rules

- Official Little League Pitching Count and Rest Rule is in effect.
- Pitching machine will be used for the first 3 innings of each game. Pitching machine will be operated by an adult coach of either team. The coach operating the pitching machine will call balls and strikes; No players will walk when pitched to by the pitching machine. The pitching machine will be used this way during the playoffs as well. The defensive team must field the pitcher's position with a player either on the right or left of the coach operating the machine. This will count towards minimum playing time requirements as an infield position.
- Each pitcher will be allowed three (3) hit batters per inning, or four (4) hit batters in game. The pitcher MUST be replaced at threshold numbers above.
- Player and coach pitcher will pitch from no closer than the 41' pitching plate on the field.
- With bases loaded and a fourth ball issued to the batter, batter would not advance to first base. The Coach of at bat team would come in to pitch from the pitching rubber and the count will reset to 0 balls and 0 strikes. Coach would pitch and play would be live. Thrown balls do not count (cannot walk).
- A Bases loaded HBP with the player pitching (not adult Coach) would result in advance to first and runners advance resulting in a run scored when the runner from third touches home plate.
- Each team will designate a single coach that would act as the pitcher in the event of a bases loaded walk.

Playing Time

- For Regular Season and Playoffs, players must play in the field for 4 defensive innings and have 1 plate appearance. For the regular season each player must play a minimum of 2 innings in the infield; during the playoffs they must play a minimum of 1 in the infield.
- During the regular season, if due to a shortened game a player does not meet the minimum playing time requirements above, they will play at least the first 4 innings of the team's next scheduled game.
- A team with 10 or more players present is allowed to field a 4th outfielder which will count towards the minimum playing time rules.

Slaughter Rule

- Ten (10) runs after four (4) innings. (3 1/2 if home team is ahead). If slaughter point is reached, Managers are strongly encouraged to continue game to allow everyone to play and get some at bats. Any runs scored beyond this point will not become part of the official score and the overall time limit on length of games must be observed. Pitch counts remain in effect for continued games.

Sliding

- A player who slides head- first into any base shall be called out. Diving back to the base on a lead does not qualify as a head-first slide. While there is no 'must slide' rule in LL, a runner is out when the runner does not slide or attempt to get around a fielder who has the ball and is waiting to make the tag.

Steals and Base Advances

- Three (3) steal limit per inning. One (1) steal to home is permitted in an inning and counts towards the maximum of three (3) per inning.
- A runner can only advance home in three (3) situations :
  - A HBP with the bases loaded
  - As a continuation of a batted ball.
  - On a steal of home before the catcher throws back to the pitcher (no delayed steal)
- This is constant through all innings.
- The ball is ruled DEAD on an overthrow from a catcher attempting to throw out a baserunner stealing second or third base. Baserunners cannot attempt to advance to the next base on this type of overthrow. When the catcher throws the ball back to the pitcher, runners not advancing on a steal must return to the base and not advance (no delayed steal and no advance on overthrow to pitcher/base).

Tag Up Rule

Runners may attempt to tag up and advance to the next base (including home) on caught pop ups in the infield or outfield.

Umpires

- Jr. Umpires utilized at this level of play.
- One necessary at home plate, second in the field when available

Coach Pitch Division

This Division will utilize the Little League Coach Pitch Program available at Little League University.

Baseball Used – DFX-LC5LL or Equivalent

Batting Order - The batting order is continuous and is the order for the game.

Bunting - No bunting allowed

Coaches

- No more than four (4) adults (Manager & three Coaches) will be allowed in the playing area during a Single A/Double A game. The Manager and Coaches are allowed to Coach both bases, if there are at least (3) three adults present. The team on defense is allowed to have the Manager outside the dugout, all other Coaches to remain in dugout. No Coach rotation is permitted. A fifth Practice Coach can be selected and must be approved by the board. The practice coach will only be allowed in the playing area if the Manager or one of the three primary game-day Coaches will be absent from the game. No Coach rotation is permitted. At any level, a Board Member can substitute for any coach should there be a deficiency.

Field

- The home team will be in first base dugout and the away team will be in the third base dugout.

- The Managers/Coaches from both teams should work together to prep the field before each game, which includes lining the fields and ensuring the fields are safe to play on.
- After the game, both teams should rake the field and make sure all trash is picked up in the dugouts and around the field. Also, it is extremely important to make sure the field and all other areas and structures are secure before you leave.

Helmets - Full caged helmets must be worn by batters and baserunners at all times.

Incoming throw rule - On a ball hit in the outfield, runners will hold at the base once the ball is retrieved.

Infield Fly Rule - No Infield fly rule necessary.

Inning Ends

- One (1) time through the batting order
- There are NO outs.
- This is constant through all innings.

Length of Game

- No new inning may begin after 105 minutes (1 hour and 45 minutes) from the scheduled start of the game.
- Beginning with the 2nd Sunday in May, no new inning may begin after 120 minutes (2 hours) from the scheduled start of the game.
- No innings start after 7:30PM

Overthrow rule

- Runner may only advance one base on an infield hit.

Pitching Rules

- Coach pitch only to their team.
- Manager may elect another Coach from either team to pitch.
- There are no walks.
- Adult catchers are used to speed up the game.

Playing Time

- All players play in the field in various positions every inning even if there needs to be four (4) outfielders.

Player Pool

- No Player pool is necessary in this division.
- Teams often play on multiple fields if there are not enough players on one field, Managers should combine fields and players to make all efforts to continue with a game.

Slaughter Rule - No Scores are kept in this division.

Sliding - No Sliding permitted in this division.

Steals and Base Advances - No Stealing allowed.

Umpires - No Umpires utilized at this level of play.

Tee Ball Division

This Division will utilize the Little League Tee Ball Program available at Little League University.

Baseball Used – DFX-LC1 OL or Equivalent

Batting Order

The batting order is continuous and is the order for the game.

Bunting **-** No bunting allowed

Coaches

- No more than four (4) adults (Manager & three Coaches) will be allowed in the playing area during a Coach Pitch game. The Manager and Coaches are allowed to Coach both bases, if there are at least (3) three adults present. The team on defense is allowed to have the Manager outside the dugout, all other Coaches to remain in dugout. No Coach rotation is permitted.

Field

- The home team will be in first base dugout and the away team will be in the third base dugout.
- The Managers/Coaches from both teams should work together to prep the field before each game, which includes lining the fields and ensuring the fields are safe to play on.

- After the game, both teams should rake the field and make sure all trash is picked up in the dugouts and around the field. Also, it is extremely important to make sure the field and all other areas and structures are secure before you leave.

Helmets
- Full caged helmets must be worn by batters and baserunners at all times.

Incoming throw rule - On a ball hit in the outfield, runners will hold at the base once the ball is retrieved.

Infield Fly Rule - No Infield fly rule necessary.

Inning Ends
- One (1) time through the batting order.
- There are NO outs.
- This is constant through all innings.

Length of Game
- Clinic style format to begin. Then it is up to the Managers to begin the game to get each player up two times within two (2) hours of play time.

Overthrow rule – Runner may only advance one base on an infield hit.

Pitching Rules
- Tee will be utilized for a majority of the season. Coach may elect to soft toss pitches to children that are capable of handling a ball off of the tee.
- Coach pitch only to own team.
- There are no walks.

Playing Time
- All players play in the field in various positions every inning even if there needs to be four (4) outfielders.

Player Pool
- No Player Pool is necessary in this division.
- Teams often play on multiple fields if there are not enough players on one field, Managers should combine fields and players to make all efforts to continue with a game.

Slaughter Rule - No Scores are kept in this division.

Sliding - No Sliding permitted in this division.

Steals and Base Advances - No Stealing allowed.

Umpires - No Umpires utilized at this level of play.

Completion of the Schedule

All scheduled games must be played if they affect in any way the overall league standings. The standings will be determined and published on www.pwll.net.

Playoffs

All Majors, Triple A, and Double A division teams will participate in a double elimination playoff at the conclusion of the regular season. Playoffs will begin at the conclusion of the season with available play dates.

In each division with playoff competition, the higher seed will be designated the home team in all playoff games through the finals. If there becomes a need for an "if necessary" game to be played, a coin flip will determine the home team.

See addendum C for playoff structure and Double Elimination playoff.

Season Awards

Regular Season and Playoffs

The Board of Directors will determine the awards given in the various divisions on an annual basis. Twelve (12) year old graduates from the PWLL will receive a League sweatshirt or other PWLL apparel item as determined by the Board on an annual basis. Purchases made through the Purchasing Agent.

Post Season

Roster players of district tournament teams (12/11; 11/10; 10/9 District Teams) that win a District Championship will be provided a League sweatshirt or other PWLL apparel item as determined by the Board. Purchases made through the Purchasing Agent.

Post Season Activities

The league may participate in the Little League District Tournaments and any other Tournaments approved by the Board of Directors. Playing requirements for post season activities are provided by the host of the tournament and supersede all Peabody West Little League requirements. Peabody West Little League will only submit one District Team per age division.

District Tournament Team Player Eligibility

- As determined by Little League. See Little League rule for full details.

District Tournament Teams - Managers Selection Process

- All individuals wishing to be considered for a District tournament team (Little League, 11/10 Year Old, or 10/9 Year Old) are required to submit a letter of interest to manage to the President prior to June 1st of the current season.
- The President will review and select Managers for the District Tournament teams with a selection committee consisting of the Majors Coordinator, Player Agent, and the Coaches Coordinator and an Impartial Board Member. The final say will be a nomination by the president to the Board of Directors and confirmed with a majority vote.
- Managers and Coaches must be eligible per Little League International Tournament Rules.

District Tournament Team Player Selection Process

The District tournament team players will be selected in order starting with the Little League Team, then the 10/11 Year Old team and then the 9/10 Year Old team.

11/12-Year Old District Tournament Team - Little League

- A Selection meeting will be held and attended by the 11/12-year-old District Tournament team Manager and the following board members unless otherwise appointed replacements: PWLL President, PWLL Major League Coordinator, PWLL Player Agent and an impartial PWLL board member. The Manager or their designee must be physically present at the entire selection meeting. No other person, not directly involved in this process, will be allowed at these meetings.
- The selection process for 11/12-year-old District Tournament team will include players with a league age of 11 or 12 years old from the Major's Division. If a player is selected they will be notified of their selection and must accept the selection within 24 hours of notification.
- The first 8 players will be selected by a majority vote of all the league age applicable players in the Major League, Majors Managers, and the two game-day approved Coaches from each Majors team.
- Votes may be cast for no more than 8 selections on the ballot.
- The results of the vote will only be known by the Manager of the 11/12 District Tournament Team, the President, the Major League Coordinator, Player Agent and an impartial board member.
- The Manager of the 11/12 District Tournament team will select the remaining players from the list of available players. These final selections will be combined as the Manager and players' selections. They will be announced in alphabetical order by last name.
- The Manager of the 11/12 District Tournament team is required to conduct a team meeting with the parents of the players on the team. They will explain the League's philosophy regarding the tournament and their guidelines. If a player is determined to be removed or ineligible the board members present at the selection meeting will work with the Manager to make a replacement available with 3/5ths vote.

10/11-Year-Old District Tournament Team

- A Selection meeting will be held and attended by the 10/11-year-old District Tournament team Manager and the following board members unless otherwise appointed replacements: PWLL President, PWLL Major League Coordinator, PWLL Player Agent and an impartial PWLL board member. The Manager or their designee must be physically present at the entire selection meeting. No other person, not directly involved in this process, will be allowed at these meetings.
- The selection process for 10/11-year-old District Tournament team will include players with a league age of 10 or 11 years old from the Major's Division. If a player is selected they will be notified of their selection and must accept the selection within 24 hours of notification.
- The 10/11-year old tournament team Manager will hold one or two tryouts (subject to their discretion). A 10 or 11 year old from the Triple A Division must attend a tryout in order to be considered to be selected.
- The 10/11-year old tournament selection meeting will be used to fill the roster with those they select from the tryout(s).
- The Major Division Coordinator in partnership with the Player Agent will oversee this process and make final determinations with a fellow impartial board member should there be any issues that arise.
- The Manager of the 10/11 District Tournament team is required to conduct a team meeting with the parents of the players on the team. They will explain the League's philosophy regarding the tournament and their guidelines If a player is determined to be removed or ineligible the board members present at the selection meeting will work with the Manager to make a replacement available with 3/5ths vote.

9/10-Year-Old District Tournament Team

- A Selection meeting will be held and attended by the 9/10-year-old District Tournament team Manager and the following board members unless otherwise appointed replacements: PWLL President, PWLL Tripe A League Coordinator, PWLL Player Agent and an impartial PWLL board member. The Manager or their designee must be physically present at the entire selection meeting. No other person, not directly involved in this process, will be allowed at these meetings.
- The 9/10-year old tournament team Manager will hold one or two tryouts (subject to their discretion). A nine or ten year old from AAA must attend a tryout in order to be considered for the team.
- The 9/10-year old tournament selection meeting will be used to fill the roster with those they select from the tryout(s). If a player is selected they will be notified of their selection and must accept the selection within 24 hours of notification.
- The Manager of the 9/10 District Tournament team is required to conduct a team meeting with the parents of the players on the team. They will explain the League's philosophy regarding the tournament and their guidelines. If a player is determined to be removed or ineligible the board members present at the selection meeting will work with the Manager to make a replacement available with two-thirds vote.

<u>Non-District Tournament Team Selection Process</u>

The Board of Directors will consider entering a team in any 8 and/or 9 year old Non-District Tournament held by a surrounding league.

9-Year-Old Non-District Tournament Team

- Before the end of the regular season, any board approved PWLL Manager or Coach for the current season interested in managing the PWLL 9 Year Old Non-District team must submit his/her interest in writing to the President. In the event the Board approves entering a 9 year old Non-District Tournament, the President will appoint the Manager from the list of interested candidates, subject to approval by a minimum of two-thirds vote by the Board.
- The Triple A Managers will select the team from 9 year old players on the current Triple A rosters.
- Prior to the scheduled vote, all PWLL eligible 9 year old players will be placed on a ballot. This ballot is finalized by the respective league coordinator no later than 72 hours prior to the vote.
- Managers will vote no more than 8 players on the ballot.
- The top 8 Manager voted players will make the respective team.

- The Manager of the 9-year-old team will then select the remainder of the team roster from the list of available players.
- The Triple A Coordinator in partnership with the Player Agent will oversee this process and make final determinations with a fellow impartial board member should there be any issues that arise.
- In the event the Manager cannot field a full team with 9 year old players from Triple A, he/she may hold a tryout for 8 year old players in Triple A and Double A interested in playing on the team.
- The Manager of the 9-year old team will select his Coaching staff from the other Board approved Triple A Managers. If, after considering the other Triple A Managers, the Manager of the 9-year old team is still unable to complete his Coaching staff, he/she may nominate Board approved assistant Coaches. All 9 year old team Coaches are subject to President appointment and approval by two-thirds of the Board.

8-Year-Old Non-District Tournament Team

- Before the end of the regular season, any board approved PWLL Manager or Coach for the current season interested in managing the PWLL 8 Year Old Non-District team must submit his/her interest in writing to the President. In the event the Board approves entering an 8 year old Non-District Tournament, the President will appoint the Manager from the list of interested candidates, subject to approval by a minimum of two-thirds vote by the Board.
- The Double A Managers will select the team from players on the current PWLL rosters. In addition, 8 year olds playing up in Triple A are automatically on the 8-year old Non-District Tournament Team if they select to play.
- Prior to the scheduled vote, team Managers eligible 8 year old PWLL players will be placed on a ballot. This ballot will be finalized by the respective league coordinator no later than 72 hours prior to the vote.
- Managers will vote no more than 8 players on the ballot.
- The top 8 Manager voted players will make the respective team.
- The Manager of the 8-year-old team will select the remainder of the team roster from the list of available players.
- The Double A Coordinator in partnership with the Player Agent oversee this process and make final determinations with a fellow impartial board member should there be any issues that arise.
- The Manager of the 8-year old team will select his Coaching staff from the other Board approved Double A Managers. If, after considering the other Double A Managers, the Manager of the 8-year old team is still unable to complete his Coaching staff, he/she may nominate Board approved assistant Coaches. All 8 year old team Coaches are subject to President appointment and approval by two-thirds of the Board.

Operating Rules Sign Off

These Operating Rules were approved by the Peabody West Little League Membership on February 28, 2021.

/S/ (Signature of President of PWLL)

(Printed Name of President of PWLL)

02211512 (Little League Identification Number)

APPENDIX A


Centre St
Pine St
Russell St
West Peabody
Essex St
Lake St
Newbury St
Lowell St
Forest St
Summer St
Farm Ave
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Pea

ADDENDUM B

Peabody West Little League
PO Box 2086
Peabody, MA 01960

- **Request to move player up in new division**

• Player Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

Parent Name(s): _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Division Eligible Upon Registration:

☐ Tee Ball ☐ Coach Pitch ☐ Double A ☐ Triple A

Division Request After Registration:

☐ Coach Pitch ☐ Double A ☐ Triple A ☐ Majors

Reason for Request:

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Parents must submit requests for approval to the Peabody West Little League Board to be voted on by President, Player Agent, and Division Coordinator. In the interest of player safety, Peabody West Little League reserves the right to withhold a player from "playing up" in the divisions. By signing this request, the parent should know and understand all decisions by the Peabody West Little League Board of Directors are final. Exceptions will be granted and reviewed on a year to year basis.

All requests submitted prior to the Peabody West Little League Board of Directors meetings will be considered at the meeting and notice will be sent to the parent in writing.

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- *Parent Signature* • *Date*

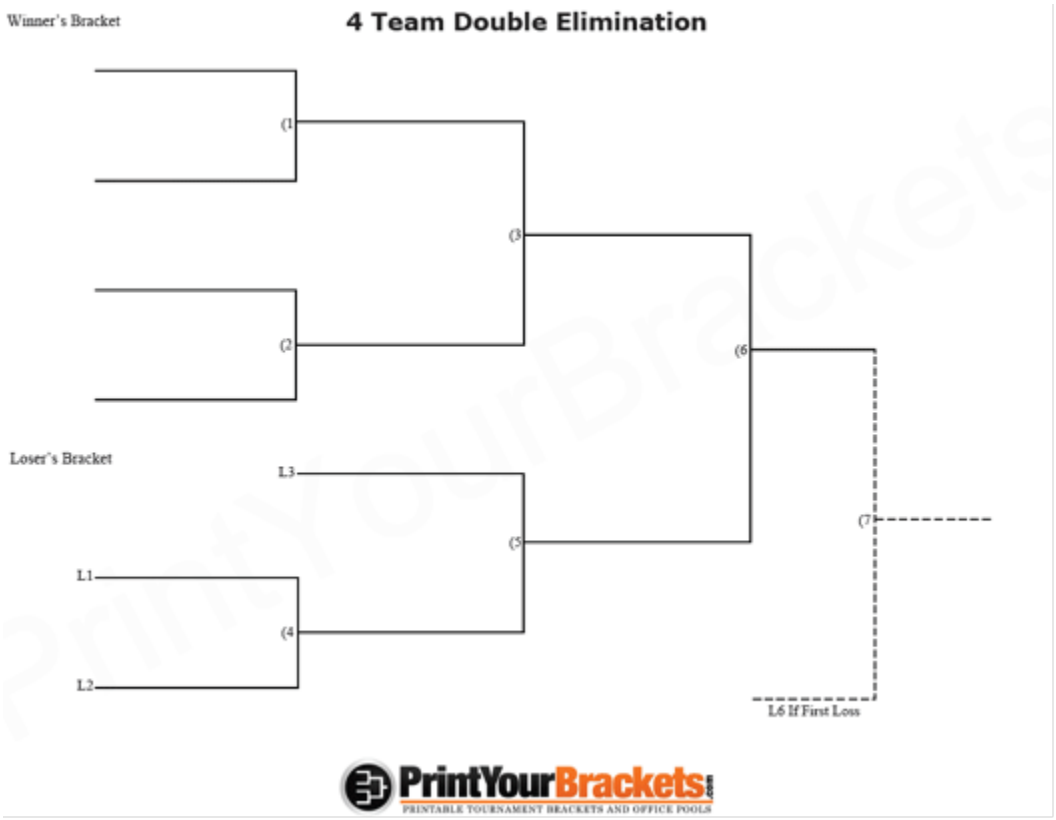
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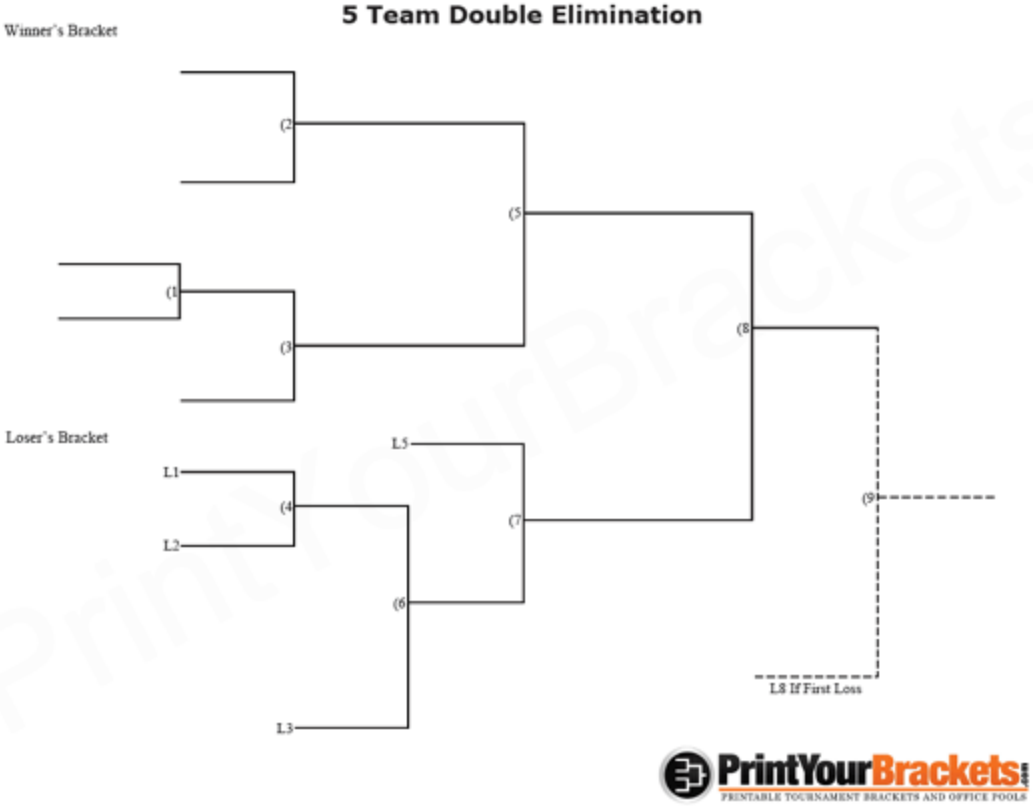
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