



P.O. Box 101, Ingram, TX 78025

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#### 2018 Season

# SECTION I PURPOSE / MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of Ingram Little League is to implant in our youth the ideals of honesty, loyalty, courage, respect for leadership and sportsmanship in order to develop superior citizens first, and superior athletes second.

#### **AUTHORITY AND VALIDITY**

The Board of Directors shall be governed by the Constitution of the League on record in Williamsport, Pa. Ingram Little League operating rules and bylaws shall be approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors and may only be changed upon the concurring vote of a majority of the Board. These rules pertain to all of Ingram Little League.

#### **CONSTRUCTION OF THE RULES**

These rules are constructed in a manner intended to conform to the operating regulations and playing rules of Little League Baseball. Ingram Little League is a chartered component of Little League Baseball (LLB) and intends to continue as such.

- 1. Wherever these rules stand silent, the regulations and playing rules of LLB shall be followed. Wherever these rules are in conflict with LLB Operating Manual, Regulations and Rules (except where these rules are stricter than LLB rules) LLB regulations and rules shall prevail.
- 2. Whenever Ingram Little League engages in regular season interleague play with another chartered title league, the division involved shall play by interleague rules approved by the various District Boards and the District Administrator.

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The local rules, ground rules and/or bylaws of the Ingram Little League shall expire at the end of each fiscal year, and are not considered part of the Ingram Little League Constitution.

## SECTION II FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the Ingram Little League shall be from October 1 to September 30.

# SECTION III FEES

A reasonable Little League participation fee may be assessed as parent's obligation to assure the operational continuity of the Ingram Little League. The fees for this fiscal year are as follows:

#### **MEMBERSHIP AND VOLUNTEER**

General Membership / Volunteer Fee - \$5.00 No membership fee will be required.

#### **PLAYER REGISTRATION**

T-Ball & AA Minors: \$50.00 per child

AAA Minors: \$60.00 per child

Majors: \$70.00 per child

Intermediate Baseball: \$90.00 per child

Juniors: \$90.00 per child

Maximum Cost per family: \$150.00

#### PLAYER SCHOLARSHIP

Ingram Little League will not deny any child a chance to play baseball or softball due to financial hardship. Ingram Little League will make available either full or partial scholarships. To assist with the scholarships, Ingram Little League will offer scholarship sponsors an option to contribute either \$75.00 or a money donation to the program. The Ingram Little League scholarship program will cover season registration fees only.

All scholarships must be approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

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#### **TEAM SPONSORSHIP**

Team Sponsorship Fees per team, per season: \$250.00

#### ADVERTISING - FIELD AND ROAD

Field Advertising Fees:

4'x 8' Field, or 4/4 Road Signs: \$395.00 2'x3' Concession Stand Signs: \$395.00 Renewal of existing signs: \$195.00

#### **FUNDRAISER**

Every registered player in Little League is required to participate in a league fundraiser to help defray the costs of running the league. The fundraiser(s) is(are) determined each year by the Ingram Little League Board of Directors and managed by Ingram Little League's Fund Raising Manager.

#### GAME ADMISSION / OTHER / PLAYER WAIVERS

Admission fees WILL NOT be charged at any Regular Season Ingram Little League games. Team players will be given a drink or popsicle at the conclusion of their game. Umpires will Be granted a drink after each game, and a hot dog or sausage wrap during their session that day. These will be courtesy of the Ingram Little League.

All player **WAIVERS** to another League, or from another League must be approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

# **SECTION IV**MANAGERS, COACHES AND OTHER VOLUNTEERS

All managers, coaches, Board of Directors members, and any other persons, volunteers, or hired workers, who provide regular service to the League and /or have repetitive access to, or contact with players or teams, must complete and submit an official "Little League Volunteer Application" to the President and satisfactorily complete a background check. Refusal or failing to submit a fully completed "Little League Volunteer Application" will result in the immediate dismissal of the individual from the League. Volunteers can include, but are not limited to umpires, team moms, concession workers and parents who assist at practice.

All managers and coaches are responsible to help on announced work days and also to clean and rake the field

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following their respective games. Managers and coaches from both teams should work together to line and mark the fields before the games and also to return equipment and bases to the storage room after games. It is recommended that all team Managers and Coaches fulfill umpire duties whenever possible.

# SECTION V DISCIPLINE

#### MANAGERS, COACHES AND VOLUNTEER CONDUCT

Any volunteer who is arrested for any felony offense or any offense involving moral turpitude shall report the arrest to the President within 72 hours of the arrest. Any volunteer who is convicted, pleads guilty or no contest, or receives deferred adjudication for such an offense shall also report that event to the President within 72 hours. The President will bring such violations before the Board within 48 hours. Moral turpitude includes but is not limited to:

- 1. Dishonesty; fraud; deceit, theft, misrepresentation;
- 2. Deliberate violence;
- 3. Base, vile, or depraved acts that are intended to arouse or gratify the sexual desire of the actor;
- 4. Felony possession, transfer, sale, distribution, or conspiracy to possess, transfer, sell, or distribute any controlled substance defined in Chapter 481 of the Health and Safety Code;
- 5. Acts constituting public intoxication, operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol/drugs, or disorderly conduct, if any two or more acts are committed within any 12 month period; or
- 6. Acts constituting abuse under the Texas Family Code.

Managers will be responsible for the conduct of themselves, their coaches, team players and parents of team members. Managers and coaches will abide by the Coaches Code of Conduct.

An ejection from a game or league complex of a player, manager, coach, volunteer, parent and/or fan due to unsportsmanlike conduct will be followed up and brought to the attention of the Board of Directors. The meeting will consist of the Board of Directors, manager, coach, volunteer, parents, fan, and/or player and legal guardian of persons involved on case-by-case bases for status review. Upon review of any league violation and/or of unsportsmanlike conduct, any individual and/or player associated with the Ingram Little League can have action taken by the Board of Directors.

Any person in violation of any of the official Little League Rules and/or rules established in these By-Laws may result in disciplinary action by the Board, in accordance with Little League Rules. Additional penalties may be levied by the Board. As stated, violations will be brought to the attention of the Board within 48 hours after the President has been notified; however, at the Board's discretion, serious infractions reported after the 48

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hour limitation may be reviewed. Anonymous allegations will be discarded unless they can be documented or corroborated in writing through independent means. Action levels to be taken by the Board of Directors include but are not limited to:

- (1) Consultation by the League President
- (2) Letter of Reprimand from the Board of Directors
- (3) Suspension as manager/coach for one game
- (4) Suspension as manager/coach for any part of the remainder of season
- (5) Not favorably considered for future Little League appointments
- (6) Dismissal from all Ingram Little League activities

#### **PLAYER CONDUCT**

Players are expected to adhere to the Ingram Little League's Code of Conduct for sportsmanship and conduct. Failure to adhere to these guidelines may result in disciplinary action. Disciplinary action for player misconduct is covered in the Ingram Little League Player/Parent Code of Conduct. A manager may bench a child for disciplinary reasons, misconduct, or absence from practice or games with approval of the Player Agent or League President. If a child is benched, the manager shall include the child's name and a notation regarding the manager's action on the roster that is given to the scorekeeper and plate umpire. The manager shall also notify the player's parent(s) if present at the game. No child should be benched without prior approval by the appropriate board member.

- 1. Before a manager can bench a player, he must have a copy on file of the team's discipline plan signed by the player and the player parent or guardian. This may be a separate plan in addition to the Code of Conduct.
- 2. The teams discipline plan should be approved by the League Board. The Player Agent will keep a copy of the teams plan on file.
- 3. This plan should state clearly for what reasons a player may be benched other than for play. This leaves room for you to excuse situations.
- 4. If a child that has been marked absent or reports late to the game and is subsequently benched, the manager shall immediately notify the scorekeeper and plate umpire of this action. The manager shall also notify the player's parent(s) if present at the game.
- 5. Any manager electing to invoke the provisions of this rule shall report, in writing, to the league player agent within 24 hours of the game and state the reasons for this action. It will be the responsibility of the Player Agent to investigate the situation and report findings to the League President.
- 6. This does not apply to T-Ball and Coach Pitch Divisions

All levied actions to players, coaches and managers will be made a matter of record by the league secretary. Chronic offenders of minor infractions will be dealt with more severely as the violations accumulate at the discretion of the Executive Board.

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## SECTION VI UMPIRES

Umpiring is one of the most important and often overlooked aspects of the Little League program. The volunteer umpire is as much a part of Little League as the volunteer manager, coach or concession stand worker. According to Little League Baseball, there is no sound reason for paying umpires, or any other person whose services should be provided on a volunteer basis.

While the Board of Directors have agreed with Little League that there may truly be no valid reason to pay umpires, there will be situations during the season to pay a reasonable fee to the home plate umpire. The Board of Directors has given authority to the League President or Umpire-in-Chief to determine a reasonable fee to be paid. A reasonable fee may be paid for umpires when volunteer services can not be met in the Major and Junior Divisions only. Umpires will only be paid when they are in full uniform and have/use their personal equipment.

The Umpire-in-Chief will make umpiring assignments for all games. Only Ingram Little League approved managers and coaches, certified umpires or individuals approved by the Umpire-in-Chief will be allowed to umpire both the home plate and bases. Managers and coaches will adhere to the following guidelines:

- 1. A qualified umpire is one who knows the rules (Texas District 26 Common Ground Rules and Little League Rules) and can conduct themselves in accordance with Little League Rules and Regulations. Managers will be given copies of each before the season and are expected to read over them and study them.
- 2. New Managers must attend an Umpire Clinic, to be determined by the Umpire-in-Chief. Managers will not receive their league equipment if they have not attended a clinic. This may be waived by the President or Umpire-in-Chief if the manager can show proficiency in his umpiring skills/abilities. Managers will be responsible for passing information learned to their coaches.
- 3. The Umpire-in-Chief will try to avoid having teams umpire games in the same division, (ie. A minor boys team umpiring another minor boys team.) The Umpire-in-Chief will try to keep Softball managers and coaches in the Softball Divisions and Baseball managers and coaches in the Baseball Divisions. In the interest of helping future managers and coaches as they move up to the next level, the Umpire-in-Chief will try to schedule umpiring duties as follows:
- a. T-Ball Division No Umpires will be needed at the T-Ball level.
- b. AA Minors (Machine Pitch) Division This is an instructional league, managers and coaches from the T-Ball Division may assist at the Coach Pitch Level. It is recommended that there be two umpires at this level. However, because this is an instructional league, most games can be done with one umpire.
- c. AAA Minors Division The Managers and coaches from the Coach Pitch Division may assist at the Minor level. Although this is an instructional league as well, it is recommended that each game have

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- two umpires. This will make for better play at this level. One umpire will call from behind the plate; the other umpire will call in the field.
- d. Majors Division Managers and coaches from the Minors Division may assist at the Majors level. This level will have one umpire behind the plate and one or two umpires in the field.
- e. Managers and coaches from the Major and Junior Divisions may assist the Umpire-in-Chief at any level where he may need assistance, except at the Division level they are currently managing or coaching.
- 4. On games where a team may be assigned umpire duty, that team is responsible for providing umpires. In cases where umpire(s) do not show or failure to provide umpires, the manager of the team assigned umpire duty will be subject to assuming the next available duties of the two participating teams of the game missed. Intentional or multiple violations will result in game suspension of the manager for the next game. Missed umpire duty will be recorded and used for consideration of tournament team coaches and future Little League positions.
- 5. If a team wants to trade umpire duty with another team, to reassign that responsibility, the scheduler must be notified 24 hours prior to the game. Failure to notify the scheduler will result in the originally assigned team being held responsible for umpire duty.
- 6. Exceptions will be permitted by the Umpire-in-Chief or the League President to appoint emergency substitutes when necessary. This emergency appointment does not relieve the manager or coach of their responsibilities.
- 7. VERIFICATION OF THE BASEBALL PITCH COUNT RULE WILL BE CONFIRMED BY THE UMPIRE IN CHIEF WITH THE HOME TEAM'S SCOREKEEPER IN THE MIDDLE OF EACH INNING, AND UPON THE REMOVAL / CHANGE / RETIREMENT OF EACH PITCHER. THIS APPLIES TO THE MINOR DIVISIONS AND ABOVE. (the home manager will still be the responsible party to ensure pitch count is accurate)
- 8. The official scorebook will kept be the HOME team for rulings on the field by umpires. The official pitch count log will be kept by the HOME team.

# SECTION VII DIVISION ALIGNMENT

# A. DIVISION ALIGNMENT (MAY BE ADJUSTED DEPENDING UPON THE REGISTRATION NUMBERS)

1. TEE BALL BASEBALL DIVISION

Tee Ball Boys & Girls 4, 5 & 6 Year Olds

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#### 2. SOFTBALL DIVISION

AA Minors (Machine Pitch) Softball Girls 6, 7, & 8 Year Olds AAA Minors Softball Girls 8, 9 & 10 Year Olds Majors Softball Girls 10, 11 & 12 Year Olds Juniors Softball Girls 12, 13, 14 & 15 (by Charter Committee Waiver) Year Olds

#### 3. BASEBALL DIVISION

AA Minors (Machine Pitch) Baseball Boys 6, 7, & 8 Year Olds AAA Minors Baseball Boys 8, 9 & 10 Year Olds Majors Baseball Boys 10, 11 & 12 Year Olds Intermediate Baseball Boys 11, 12 & 13 Year Olds Juniors Baseball Boys 12, 13, 14 & 15 (by Charter Committee Waiver) Year Olds

Note: AA & Above; youngest age must have played the previous year in the lower league's age division.

If a 12 year old is drafted to a Junior Baseball or Softball Division team they will be ineligible to participate in Major Division tournament play.

#### B. TRYOUTS AND PLAYER SELECTION (DRAFT)

Tryouts and Player Selection (Draft) will be conducted according to the 2018 Operating Manual for baseball and softball and approved by the Board of Directors. Times and dates will be set by the Player Agent(s) with Board approval. The vice president(s) (baseball and softball) will be responsible for conducting tryouts for each division. Ingram Little League Board of Directors and Managers reserve the right to place all players in the appropriate division based on age and skill level. Although our system may assign players to a specific division based on age, Ingram Little League retains the right to make adjustments as necessary after Tryout Sessions and evaluations have been completed.

#### 1. TRYOUTS

- 1. There will be no tryouts for the T-Ball Division.
- 2. All Players aged 10, 11 and 12 will be eligible for the Majors Draft. See PLAYER SELECTION for returning Majors Division Players.
- 3. Regardless of the division the player is anticipating to play in, they will try out with their aged group first.
- 4. Players aged 8 Years old wishing to play at the Minor Baseball or Softball Levels or players aged 10 Years old wishing to play at the Major Level must attend the tryouts for that level after they have attended tryouts for their aged group. Eight year olds will try out with the 9 year old group and 10 year olds will try out with the 11 year old group.

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- 5. Request to move a player up from their assigned division must be presented in writing to the Board of Directors, and must include reasons for the move. Managers of the teams affected must be present at the board meeting and voice thier opinion on the move. The Ingram Little League Board of Directors has the sole right to approve or deny the request by a majority vote. All Board decisions to approve or deny these requests are final.
- 6. The tryouts for the Minor and Major Levels will occur on the same day. All managers for these two divisions should be present on this day.

#### 2. PLAYER SELECTION (DRAFT)

- 1. Selection of players will be done by the "hat" method whereby players will be rated during tryouts using the Ingram Little League "Skills Assessment" form and divided into A, B & C players (A being the best players). Each Manager will select an "A" player in round robin fashion until all "A" players are depleted. Then selection of "B" players in the same manner, and finally "C" players. Coaches sons/daughters will be placed on their respective team prior to selection of other players.6. Players not making at least one tryout will be placed on a team by the decision of the Managers of that Division and the Players Agent.
- 2. It will be at the Board's discretion to allow any player 12 years old that does not attend at least one tryout to be eligible to play in the Major League at any time during the season. That player may be put on a roster for player replacement.
- 3. All returning Players will not need to tryout and will be placed on the same team played on in the previous year, unless they are requesting a release or trade. If a release or trade is requested, they must present a letter of such request to the Player Agent at registration prior to tryouts. If a release is requested, a tryout must be made by that player and he may be selected by any team except the one he was released from. If a trade is requested, then a tryout will not be required if the managers involved can work a trade.
- 9. It will be at the discretion of the President or the Player Agent if such trade or release will be made.

#### C. REPLACEMENT OF PLAYERS

The Minor League program is an integral part of Little League and its purpose is to provide training and instruction for those candidates who by reason of age and other factors do not qualify for selection in the Major League division during the initial league draft.

1. All AAA Minors, Majors and Juniors League teams shall consist of a minimum of 12 players whenever possible. Managers will attempt to maintain 12 players in accordance with the following Little League rules:

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When a player is lost to a team during the playing season for any of the following reasons:

- a) He/she moves to another city or state too distant to commute for practice and play.
- b) He/she is injured and will not be able to return to play within 50% or more remaining games.
- c) He/she has for personal reasons decided to terminate his/her association with the team.
- d) Any other justifiable reason reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors. The effective date for losing the player will be the date of original notification by the parents and/or player. The manager of the team losing a player shall notify the Player Agent within 24 hours of such loss.
- 2. The vacancy shall be filled according to Regulation III (d) per Board approval.
- 3. Upon Board notification and approval of a vacancy, the manager shall have 48 hours to select a replacement player.
- 4. When a AAA Minors, Majors or Juniors League roster falls below 12 players and the manager has been given approval to find a replacement player, he will choose a league age player on the stand-by replacement roster. If there are no league age players on the roster, then a lower league player may be called up to the team to fill that players vacant position. The player if called up must be one year younger than the team league youngest age. If that player refuses to join that team, the player will forfeit further eligibility for the rest of the current season.
- 5. Teams with less than 12 players during the last 2 weeks of the regular season play are prohibited from calling up a replacement.
- 6. Managers who fail to notify the Player Agent as required and/or fail to call up a player when required may be disciplined by the Board and will forfeit that position for the remainder of the season.

# SECTION VIII LOCAL GROUND RULES

#### **GENERAL GROUND RULES**

1. In the interest of public health Ingram Little League prohibits the use of products containing tobacco or nicotine, including but not limited to, smokeless tobacco, snuff, chew, and clove cigarettes, on Ingram Little League owned property at all times. This prohibition now applies to electronic nicotine delivery systems, such as electronic cigarettes, electronic hookahs, and other vapor emitting devices, with our without nicotine content, that mimic the use of tobacco products any time. This policy applies at all times whether Ingram Little League sponsored activities or not. There are no exceptions to this rule or consequences.

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Violators of this by-law are subject to:

- a. For the first offense ejection from Ingram Little League property for that day.
- b. For the second offense ejection from Ingram Little League property for the remainder of Regular and All Star season play.
- c. For any subsequent offense permanent banishment from Ingram Little League property.
- 2. No outside food or beverages will be allowed on Ingram Little League property during Little League sponsored games. The only exception is water (bottled or in tank coolers) for use only by teams participating in games and must be kept in the respective team dugout.

Ingram Little League will operate its season under the official regulations and playing rules for all divisions. The Board of Directors has voted to approve the following exceptions.

#### **RULES APPLYING TO ALL DIVISIONS**

The Current Official Regulations and Playing Rules for Little League Baseball & Softball shall apply, and be followed, in all Divisions except as amended or stated in these Local League Rules. The Local League Rules DO NOT APPLY TO POST SEASON TOURNAMENT PLAY.

#### A. GAME PLAY

- 1. In all Leagues, an activity/practice is defined when 4 or more players from the same team meet for an organized event in which baseball/softball is practiced, played, or discussed between a manager and/ or coach and the players.
- 2. In all T-Ball and AA Minor League Divisions, the time limit will constitute a complete game regardless of the number of innings played, (if an inning is started within the time limit, it must be completed).
- 3. In all AA Minor League Divisions where the 5-run rule per inning is applied, the "home team" shall have its last at bats even if there is no possibility of a win.
- 4. In all AA Minor League Divisions where the continuous batting order is utilized, the starting 9 defensive players shall be listed as the first 9 batters in the batting lineup.
- 5. In all T-Ball and AA Minor League Divisions, games ending in a tie will be recorded as a tied game.
- 6. The umpire will designate the official start of the game in all League Divisions. This should be the same as the scheduled start time.
- 7. In the interest of safety in all Divisions, a batter will receive one warning for throwing the bat. This will be a team warning. If any player on that team throws a bat after the team warning is issued, the player will be called out and the ball will be considered dead. Managers and scorekeeper will be notified. The

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- second time this happens, the player may be ejected at the discretion of the umpire. This applies to each batter.
- 8. Complaints or protests of any nature must be in writing and signed in order to be considered. The complaint or protest should be submitted to the league president, who shall investigate as the circumstances warrant.
- 9. The 10-run rule will be utilized in the AAA Minor League Divisions and above. This rule will be used as described in the Little League Rule Book for the appropriate Division. There is no 10 run mercy rule in T-Ball or AA Minors.

#### **B. FIELD MAINTANCE**

- 1. The "home team" Manager and/or Coaches are responsible for marking the field before each game. The home team will keep the Official Scorebook and Pitch Count.
- 2. The "visiting team" Managers and/or Coaches are responsible for raking the Pitchers mound, home plate and infield.-
- 3. The manager of each team is responsible for ensuring that ALL trash is removed from their dugout after each game.
- 4. In an effort to keep our park nice and clean, each team will be responsible for trash pick up after their game. This includes not only the playing area, but the fan seating areas.

#### C. GAME DURATIONS

All league games will be played within the time limits defined by the approved Texas Little League District 26 Interleague Ground Rules or if not in effect, as follows. Tied games will go into the standings as a tie.

- a. T-Ball: 4 Innings or 1 hour 30 minutes whichever occurs first, hard stop. No new batter after 1 hour 30 minutes.
- b. AA & AAA Minors: 1 hour and 30 minutes with no new inning after 1 hour and 30 minutes.
  - i. If a new inning is started it will be completed, there is no hard stop.
  - ii. Must play regulation game regardless of time limit (4 innings, 3-1/2 innings if home team is ahead).
- c. Majors: 1 hour 45 minutes.
  - i. Complete the inning started.
  - ii. Must play regulation game regardless of time limit (4 innings, 3-1/2 innings if home team is ahead).
  - iii. If last game of the night or no games are scheduled to follow, a full game shall be played.
- d. Intermediate & Juniors: 2 hours.
  - i. Complete the inning started.
  - ii. Must play regulation game regardless of time limit (5 innings, 4-1/2 innings if home team is ahead).
  - iii. If last game of the night or no games are scheduled to follow, a full game shall be played.

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#### **D. GAME CURFEWS**

- 1.) Tee Ball, no new inning shall start after 9:00 P.M.
- 2.) AA Minors (Machine Pitch), AAA Minors (Kid Pitch), Majors, no new inning shall start after 10:00 P.M.
- 3.) Juniors, and above: No new inning shall start after 10:30 P.M.

#### E. RULES APPLYING TO SPECIFIC DIVISIONS

- 1. Ingram Little League will operate in accordance with Little League Official Regulations and Playing Rules (LLORPR) of Little League Baseball, Inc., and the ground rules extablished in the *Texas Little League District 26 Interleague Play Common Ground Rules Baseball/Softball* and approved by the Texas District 26 Little League Presidents and Administrators. A current copy of those rules are attached and are made part of these By-Laws.
- 2. Each team must have the following number of managers and coaches:
- a. Tee-Ball 1 manager and 3 coaches provided each are 18 years of age or older.
- b. AA Minors 1 manager and 3 coaches provided each are 18 years of age or older.
- c. AAA Minors 1 manager and 2 coaches provided each are 18 years of age or older.
- d. Majors Intermediate & Juniors 1 manager and 2 coaches provided each are 18 years of age or older.
- e. No exceptions to the age limit can be made to Tee-Ball, AA Minors and AAA Minors. For the Majors and above leagues, 1 coach may be less than 18 years of age but not less than 15 years of age and must be accompanied at all times on the field and in the dugout by the Manager or an adult coach, or two adult coaches. This exception must be approved by the President of the League and the Division Player Agent.

# SECTION IX TOURNAMENT TEAMS MANAGERS AND TEAM SELECTION

The first place team manager of the regular season may be the tournament team Manager upon Board approval. Once approved, the manager may select his coach or coaches depending on the number of players on the

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roster, who must be approved by the Board of Directors. Winning first place during the regular season does not guarantee selection since there are other important factors to be considered.

- 1. The Board of Directors has the option on the number of teams in each division.
- a. The Board will make the decision on having a 10-11 year old All-Star team each season.
- b. Since a 10-11 year old team can have players from the Major and Minor Divisions, the President shall choose the team manager. The Board must approve of the selection.
- 2. The regular season team managers will fill out the remainder of the rosters after the players have made their picks for the tournament teams of their Divisions.
- 3. The tournament team manager for each division will determine the number of players on their roster with a minimum of 11 players and maximum of 14 players.
- a. If 11 players are chosen, then the managers and coaches will select 4 players.
- b. If 12 players are chosen, they will select 4 players.
- c. If 13 players are chosen, they will select 5 players.
- d. If 14 players are chosen, they will select 6 players.
- e. The tournament team manager will decide the last 2 picks with 12 or more players chosen, 1 pick with 11 players chosen.
- 4. All tournament team selections shall be approved by the Board of Directors.

#### PLAYER SELECTION - MINOR LEAGUE THROUGH BIG LEAGUE

Players for the tournament teams will be chosen as follows:

- 1. All players who return completed All-Star forms will be eligible to be placed on the list of players to be voted on in their tournament age divisions regardless of league division they played in.
- 2. All Players in each division shall vote by secret ballot and choose 8 names on the list.
- 3. Ballots with more than 8 names marked, will be discarded. Players may choose less than 8 names.
- 4. The 6 players with the most votes will be named to the tournament team.

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#### PLAYER SELECTION - MACHINE PITCH AND T-BALL LEVEL-

There will be times a local Coach Pitch or T-Ball Tournament will be available to send a team to. It will be the decision of the Board of Directors if the League will send one team from each division. If the Board decides it is in the interest of the League to send a team, then the team will be chosen as follows:

- 1. The league president will chose the manager of the tournament team pending Board approval.
- 2. Each team manager of the regular season, of the respective divisions, will meet and decide who the best players are for their division and, as a group, will pick a 12 player roster based on the eligible players.
- 3. Players who played up a division during the regular season will be eligible to play on the tournament team of their age division.
- 4. The team manager will choose his coaches to assist.

#### **UNIFORMS**

The Uniform Committee will be responsible for the selection of all All-Star uniforms. No manager or coach of any All-Star team may solicit or make uniform arrangements. Any request by a manager / coach must be taken before the Uniform Committee. Failing to do so could result in disciplinary action by the Board. At the conclusion of a team's All-Star tournament play, thier All-Star uniforms are donated by the Board to each All-Star Manager, Coach and player.

Uniforms, as designated by the Uniform Committee, will be provided by the League for all teams at the Minor Division and above. The League will provide a cap or visor for Coach Pitch and T-Ball Divisions.

The Uniform Committee, with Board approval may choose to issue League All-Star uniforms. If the League issues uniforms to the tournament teams, the Uniform Committee may request that the uniforms are returned to the League. Failure of the players or team managers to return the uniforms may result in disciplinary action.

# SECTION X ALTERNATE METHOD OF OPERATION – THE REGULAR SEASON

To aid divisions that are having a difficult time getting enough players for their regular season teams the following option is available. A pool of players from existing regular season teams can be created with players that are willing to participate in extra games during the regular season when teams face a shortage of rostered players for a regular season game. Guidelines:

1. The League's Divisions Players Agents will create and run the pool. The League's Divisions Player Agents

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will use the pool to assign players to teams that are short of players on a rotating basis.

- 2. Managers and/or coaches will not have the right to randomly pick and choose players from the pool.
- 3. Players used from the pool will not be allowed to pitch when participating in a game as a pool player.
- 4. Pool players that are called and show up at the game site must play at least nine consecutive defensive outs and bat once.
- 5. For details on age alignments for Juniors, see Regulation IV of the rulebooks.

# SECTION XI EQUIPMENT

All equipment issued is for Little League use only. Team managers are responsible for the equipment issued to his / her team. No league equipment will be given to players. All managers will return their equipment on the day / night of their last game of the season. This includes managers for All-Star teams. All-Star equipment will be issued to the All-Star team manager.

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