

SAN CARLOS LITTLE LEAGUE BY-LAWS

(League ID No. 4053314)

Article I - General Responsibilities of the Board

A. The President will appoint a nominating committee no later than the May meeting of the Board of Directors (BOD). This committee will prepare a slate of nominations for the Board of Directors to be presented at the second General Membership meeting.

B. The Board will meet on a designated day and time that is selected by the Board of Directors at the beginning of its term of office. Time and location will be set by the President and communicated to the Board by the Secretary and communicated to the Members.

C. It is the responsibility of every Board member to immediately correct, if possible, and report to the appropriate Board member any act or conduct at variance with Little League rules, including unsafe acts or conditions.

D. Board members who miss three (3) consecutive meetings, or a total of five (5) meetings in a fiscal year, may be replaced at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

E. Any misconduct by a Board member shall lead to immediate removal from the Board of Directors.

1. Misconduct is defined by, but not limited to, any acts against the SCLL Code of Conduct, releasing and discussing information made privy in Board meetings or Board communication to non-board members.

Article II - Managers and Umpires

A. Managers of all teams will be selected by the President and voted on and approved annually by the Board of Directors. A committee may be formed to oversee the interview and selection process and make recommendations to the President.

B. All managers, coaches, and umpires shall attend the clinics required by the District Administrator and/or Little League Baseball, Incorporated to remain in compliance with the rules for participating in the District 33 Tournament of Champions (TOC) and Little League Tournament Games and to remain in compliance with the requirements of our Little League Charter. The Coaching Coordinator is responsible for giving information on clinics (coaching and safety) to the managers and coaches and the Umpire-in-Chief is responsible for giving information on training clinics to the umpires. Someone on each staff (team) has to attend safety clinic each year.

C. All managers, coaches, and umpires are expected to conduct themselves within the guidelines set forth in the Little League Baseball, Incorporated Operating Manual for the current year.

Article III - Divisions

A. **Majors** The Major division will be composed of mainly eleven- and twelve-year-olds. Players who want to be considered for a Majors team MUST try out for Majors. All twelve-year-olds who try out for the Major division must be drafted onto a Major division team, unless a player is deemed by the Player Agent to be lacking the necessary skills to play safely and effectively at the Major level. The Player Agent will use his/her best efforts to make a judgment in this regard, including, but not limited to, assessment using the points system at the time of assessments; inquiries made of the player's former managers and coaches, and consultation with any other person(s) whom the Player Agent may deem appropriate. Nine and ten-year olds are eligible for the Major division and may be drafted to a Majors team after assessments. The nine and ten-year-old assessments will be based on the same assessments as the eleven and twelve-year olds.

B. **Minors, Rookies, Caps, Tee Ball** The Minors division will be sub-divided into four levels, which will be known as Minors, Rookies, Caps, and Tee Ball.

1. Minors will be composed mainly of nine- and ten-year-olds, but may also include eight year olds, upon assessment, which will be based on the same assessments as the other players trying out for Minors. Eleven-year-olds who are eligible for a Majors team who may have been assessed by the Player Agent to be ineligible for a Majors team due to safety concerns, in accordance with Article 3A above and who have received a waiver as required by Little League, may be placed on a Minors team. The primary purpose of Minors is to continue the development of players so that they will be ready for Majors.

2. Rookies will be composed mainly of eight-year olds and some seven-year olds, upon assessment, which will be based on the same assessments as the other players trying out for the Rookies division. Nine-year olds who are eligible for a Minors team who may have been assessed by the Player Agent to be ineligible for a Minors team due to safety concerns, in accordance with Article 3B1 above and who have received a waiver as required by Little League, may be placed on a Rookies team. No four, five, six, ten, eleven, or twelve-year-old players will be allowed to play in the Rookies division. Rookies is similar to the Caps division, except it is envisioned to develop pitching skills of players to better prepare them and enable them to pitch with more success in Minors in the following seasons. The division will be a hybrid of pitching machines or pitching by managers and/or coaches, incorporating kid pitch as the season progresses. Games are to be played on the Caps or tee ball fields. For administrative purposes, Rookies is to be grouped with Caps and Tee Ball.

3. Caps will be composed mainly of six and seven-year olds, but may also include five-year-olds, upon assessment. No nine, ten, or eleven-year-old players will be allowed in Caps. Since it is the current policy of SCLL to allow six-year-olds to play at the Caps level, and in accordance with the Official Regulations and Playing Rules of Little League Baseball, pitching by players is prohibited. This policy is also based on the opinion of the Board of Directors that pitching by players at the Caps level is adverse to the best interests of the majority of Caps players and causes concerns regarding safety of players. Only pitching machines or devices or pitching by managers and/or coaches is permitted. Caps is primarily a training group focusing on hitting, running and fielding.

4. Tee Ball will be composed mainly of four, five, and six-year-olds. It is for beginners.

Article IV - Sign Ups

A. The Board of Directors will set the schedule and policies for sign-ups for the coming season, including sign-up dates and times, requested donations, deadlines, etc.

B. Every eligible youth within the boundaries of San Carlos Little League will be allowed to sign-up regardless of an inability to pay the league registration fee. All players registering does not guarantee placement on a team. Placement on a team will be based on the order of registration and assessment scores. The league may implement a waitlist based on field capacity number of teams per division.

Article V - Teams and Players

A. In order to allow each player a reasonable opportunity to play, the divisions will have established maximum numbers of players per team, as follows:

<u>Division</u>	<u>Minimum Number</u>	<u>Maximum Number</u>
Majors	12	12
Minors	11	13
Rookies	11	13
CAPS	10	13
Tee Ball	8	13

B. Registration for the spring season shall open on/after November 1st of the previous year. Registration may be capped in any/all divisions based on field availability. If necessary, a waitlist will begin and players will be placed on a waiting list in the order in which they sign up. Returning players who sign up late will be placed on the same lists as new players, in the order in which they signed up. As openings become available, players will be drawn from this list in the order in which they signed up. It is the responsibility of the Player Agent to get some idea of the playing ability of players on the waiting list.

C. Depending on the numbers of players that sign-up, the teams will be brought up to their maximums in the following order: Majors, Minors, Rookie, and Caps. After sign-ups and before the player draft, the minimum or maximum number of players per team for the coming season may be re- evaluated by a committee of the Board of Directors, which will include the Player Agent and the President.

D. Managers may release players from a team for a justifiable reason with Board approval under the advice and/or recommendation of the Player Agent. Playing ability will not be considered a justifiable reason for release or replacement. Procedures for dropping a player will be in accordance with Little League International.

Article VI – Assessments

A. There will be one assessment, preferably held on Saturday and/or Sunday as scheduled by the Board of Directors and conducted under the direction of the Player Agents. If needed, a makeup session will be scheduled at the Board of Directors discretion.

B. Players who want to be considered for a Majors team **MUST** be assessed for Majors. If an eligible player cannot make either assessment, he/she may be eligible for the draft only upon the unanimous agreement of all managers in that division.

C. Players must assess at their age and the division they wish to play.

D. Each manager will be given a copy of the grading sheet at the first assessment. The grading system to be used at assessments is as follows: 5 = outstanding; 4 = above average; 3 = average; 2 = below average; 1 = weak.

Article VII - Drafting of Players

A. Majors and Minors:

1. The Player Agent is in charge of the draft and will be assisted by the President and any other person designated by the Player Agent. For the protection and welfare of the players, all business during the draft must be kept strictly confidential. Sharing information related to the draft with persons other than those present at the draft, prior to announcement day may result in a disciplinary hearing before the BOD at which time coaching privileges may be revoked . Majors will draft first, followed by Minors, Rookies, and Caps.

2. The selection of players for teams will generally be conducted in accordance with the current edition of the Little League Operating Manual and the Official Regulations and Playing Rules.

3. Majors and Minors will use "Plan B" as outlined in the Little League Operating Manual, with the following exceptions and/or clarifications:
 - a. A lottery drawing at the beginning of the draft session will determine the order of each manager's draft selections. The Player Agent has permission to use a hybrid model to determine draft order by choosing to slot any/all managers according to their child's level of play while also using a lottery system to determine the drafting positions of the remaining managers.
 - b. No player will be deemed the property of a team.
 - c. Managers and teams will be entirely selected anew on an annual basis.
4. An example of the selection process is as follows: The manager who draws position #1 will select the first player, the tenth player, the eleventh player etc. in a five-team division. The manager who draws #5 will select the fifth player, sixth player, etc. Manager draft picks will be limited to three (3) minutes each. If an error is discovered during or following the draft process, the error will be rectified in the best interest of the player.
5. Managers will draft players from the player pool. A draftee must attend at least one of the current season's assessment sessions. If a player does not attend an assessment session, a review of that player will take place at the pre-draft meeting by managers for that division and the Player Agent. A unanimous vote will determine whether or not the draftee should attend a special assessment before becoming eligible to be drafted to the division he played in during the previous season or the next higher division.
6. Only a manager may represent a team at the draft. A representative may be sent in place of the manager to the draft with prior approval by the Player Agent and the President. Only one representative from each team may attend the draft.
7. Coaches will not be appointed or approved until after the draft to avoid "red-shirting" of players through selective coaching appointments.
8. Managers may submit an option on siblings who are subject to the draft. When the first sibling is drafted, and an option has been submitted, the manager takes the other sibling in the round of the draft that is to be determined by the consensus of the managers and the Player Agent.
 - a. There will be no trading of players during or following the draft, except those approved by the Player Agent and/or President.
 - b. All returning Majors players must be drafted to the Majors.

c. All returning Minors players not drafted to the Majors division must be drafted to a Minors team.

9. Rookies/Caps:

a. Following the Minors draft, the Rookies draft will take place in the same fashion.

b. Following the Rookies draft, the Caps draft will take place in the same fashion.

10. Tee Ball:

a. The players will be distributed by the tee ball coordinator. Every effort will be made to keep the ages of the players on each team as equal as possible, taking into consideration the players ages and school.

b. Any player acquired during the season will be assigned to teams by the Player Agent, with assistance from the Board of Directors , as necessary.

Article VIII - Policies Governing Play

A. Playing Rules:

1. Generally, the rules set forth in the current edition of Little League's "Official Regulations and Playing Rules" will be followed regarding play on the field unless otherwise posted by the League.

2. Each player must be given two innings in the infield each game. Ideally, each player should play at least one inning in the outfield, as well. No player shall sit twice before every player has sat once.

A. In the Majors division only, players are not required to play two innings in the infield once SCLL TOC begins. No player shall sit twice before every player has sat once.

B. An exception to “no player sits twice before everyone has sat once” rule:” In the majors division only, if the starting pitcher is still on the mound, they can continue pitching and another player can be sat twice (before the pitcher). As soon as the pitcher is removed from the game, they must sit the bench. If a full game is thrown, that pitcher must sit the first inning of the next game.

3. The 15-run and 10-run rule will be in effect for all divisions - Rule 4.10 (e).

4. Time limits and “no new inning” limits on games are as follows:

<u>Division</u>	<u>Time Limit</u>	<u>No New Inning</u>
Majors	None*	None*
Minors	None*	105 minutes
Rookies	105 minutes	90 minutes
CAPS	90 minutes	75 minutes
Tee Ball	75 minutes	N/A

*Time limits and "No new inning" limits will be determined by the Board based on field availability. Time limits and "No new inning" limits may be adjusted throughout the season depending on Lake Murray Community Park gate closure times.

5. Managers and coaches are allowed on the field within the foul lines in Tee Ball. A maximum of two managers and coaches are allowed outside of the foul lines in the Caps division. Rookies managers will only be allowed on the field if they are pitching/running the pitching machine.

6. The side is out in Tee Ball when the offensive team has batted through the entire lineup. The side is out in Caps when three outs are made or the offensive team bats through its entire lineup in its half-inning - Rule 4.04.

7. Protests must be resolved before the next pitch is thrown in the Major division, Minors division, and Rookies division. There are no protests in Caps or Tee Ball. Protests not resolved before the next pitch is thrown will not be considered - Rule 4.19.

B. Should a majors or minors team lose a player during the season due to illness, injury, change of address, or other justifiable reason, another player will be obtained through the Player Agent, in accordance with Regulation ill (d). The Player Agent will provide a list of eligible players to the manager. Eligible players are defined as those who were drafted in the first round from the lower division. The manager shall have no more than 72 hours to choose from the list provided.

C. No player will be called up from the Minors division to a Major division team within two weeks of the start of SCLL's local Major's TOC - Regulation ID(d) (2). No player will be called up until the District deadline if the length of injury time is unknown.

D. It is the policy of SCLL that if a Minors or Rookies division player declines to move up to a Majors or Minors team respectively when a vacancy occurs in the higher division, that player will be transferred to another team in their original division, which shall be the team who lost the player.

E. Majors - A batter is out when (1) a third strike is legally caught by the catcher; (2) a third strike is not caught by the catcher when first bases are occupied before two are out. Rule 6.05 This Rule will not apply to Minors.

F. Pool players are allowable for the majors and minors divisions for the "preseason" only in accordance with Regulation V (c). Pool players are not allowed in the "regular" season (when records for TOC standing are being kept) or the local TOC. Utilizing more than one pool player per team in a game is allowable but only to create a maximum of nine players per team (a pool player may not be utilized to create a roster in excess of nine players). All pool player(s) shall bat last in the batting order and shall only play in the outfield defensively (shall not play in the infield, pitcher or the position of catcher).

Article IX - Tournament Teams (All -Stars)

A. The All-Star teams shall be selected in the following manner: Each player who is All-Star eligible shall have the opportunity to vote for no more than twelve players on the official San Carlos Little League Ballot, which is to be prepared by the All-Star Coordinator or Player Agent, on any ballot for which they are eligible to participate as a player. The manager from each regular season Majors and Minors team shall also vote for no more than twelve players on the Official San Carlos Little League ballot on any ballot for which they are eligible to coach or manage in All-Stars. Each player's vote shall count as one point and each manager's vote shall count as three points.

B. The seven players receiving the greatest amount of votes shall be named to the 10-12 All-Star team, the five players receiving the greatest amount of votes shall be named to the 9-11 All-Star team and the seven players receiving the greatest amount of votes shall be named to the 8-10 All-Star team. If there are four or more league age 10-year-olds that played in the majors division for the current season then the five players receiving the greatest amount of votes shall be named to the 8-10 All-Star team subject to the final approval of the Board of Directors. 10's who have participated as an eligible player in 60 percent (60%) of the regular season games on a Little League (Major) division team are eligible for the 10-12 All-Star team. 9's who have participated as an eligible player in 60 percent (60%) of the regular season games on a Little League (Minor) or (Major) division team are eligible for the 9-11 All-Star team. 10's who have participated as an eligible player in 60 percent (60%) of the regular season games on a Little League (Minor) or (Major) division team are eligible for the 8-10 All-Star team. A player who is eligible to participate on more than one All-Star team shall be placed on an All-Star team based on the input of the All-Star managers, and the Board of Directors who will have final authority for placement based on a vote by the Board of Directors.

C. The Board of Directors will determine the number of players to be selected to each All-Star team and the number of All-Star teams that will be participating each season and will hold a yearly vote to determine these issues taking into account the Little League Baseball Official Regulations and Playing Rules relating to selection of players for tournament teams (otherwise known as "All-Stars").

D. The Board of Directors has the final responsibility for determining the participants for each All-Star team through meaningful discussion and majority vote. Other components such as

a player's spring season assessment score, manager feedback throughout the season, or recommendations from the Voting Committee, may be taken into consideration at the request of the Player Agent.

1. The collection of ballots for All-Star selection shall be collected by the All-Star Coordinator or Player Agent and one additional board member, with the collection envelope to be sealed at the time of the collection of ballots per each team and will remain sealed until opened at the time of counting by the All-Star Counting Committee.

2. The counting of All-Star ballots shall be counted by the All-Star Counting Committee. The Committee will consist of three or more board members including but not limited to The President, All-Star Coordinator and/or Player Agent, and at least one other board member.

E. Managers and coaches of the All-Star teams shall be selected by the Board. The rules regarding the selection of managers and coaches, as set forth in the Current Official Regulations and Playing Rules, will be used -- i.e., managers and coaches will be regular season team managers and/or coaches, as follows: The Little League Baseball Tournament manager and coaches will be chosen from the managers and coaches of the Little League Division (Majors); the 8-9-10 year-old division and 9-10-11 year-old division managers and coaches will be chosen from regular season team managers and/or coaches from the Little League Baseball (Majors) Division or Minors League Division.

F. If a Little Stars team(s) is (are) going to be formed, then a committee of the following volunteers shall be formed to select the players, roster size and managers of the Little Stars team(s): Rookies managers, Little Stars Coordinator, Lower Division Player Agent. Little All-Stars are for league age 8-year old's and under.

1. Eligible players are league age 8 year olds and league age 7 year olds who played in the Rookies division, or any league age 8 year olds who played less than 60% in the minors division. The player agent may ask the managers to provide a list of the top 3-4 players from each team to form a list of eligible players. The team(s) will be formed by the appointed manager(s) and All-Star committee.

G. Player Achievement: Eligible players are league age 9 year olds and any league age 8 year olds who played 60% of games in the minors division during the current season. League age 8 year olds who played up in minors division for 60% or more of the season are not eligible to play on the Little Stars team. The team is formed by the appointed manager and the All-Star committee. The player agent may ask the managers to re-vote for players they feel would be suitable for the Player Achievement team.

Article X - Fields

- A. No smoking or alcoholic beverages will be allowed on the field, in the grand stands, or in the dugouts by managers, coaches, or umpires during practices or games. Any violation may result in removal from the field and/or league.
- B. Managers are responsible for general maintenance of the field and dugouts, including but not limited to dragging and watering the field, covering the mound, cleaning up the dugouts, locking up after use, and emptying trash receptacles.

Article XI - Awards/Trophies

- A. All-Stars will be given hats and a practice shirt. All 12-year-old players will be given pins/medals. TOC League winners will be given medals.

Article XII - League Accounting

- A. The President will appoint a committee of at least two (2) Board members at the September Board meeting, to serve with the newly-elected Treasurer and the former Treasurer to audit the League's accounts. The audit will be completed by October 1st.
- B. It is the policy of SCLL that three directors, including the President, Treasurer and any other director, will be authorized to sign checks written against its bank account.

Article XIII - League Safety

- A. District 33 requires that SCLL's Safety Plan be submitted annually to District 33 for approval. SCLL's Safety Officer will be responsible for creating and reviewing this Plan.
- B. We will follow the Little League procedure for handling volunteer applications.
- C. Board of Directors will be identified by wearing shirts identifying them as "Board Member" and first name on shirt.
- D. Volunteers must be a minimum of 18 years of age or older, with Board approval, with the exception of our Jr. Umpire program, with board approval.


Article XIV -Amendments and Approval

A. These By-Laws or any section hereof may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors or the General Membership present at any duly constituted meeting.

B. These By-Laws will be reviewed and either amended or approved annually, at least one month prior to the first game of the spring season.

These By-Laws were approved and adopted by the Board of Directors of San Carlos Little League on October 11, 2023.

Confirmed by: Sheila Gigante, President

	February 8, 2024
_____ Signature	_____ Date