



Eugene Little League Bylaws

GENERAL POLICIES

The Policies and Local League Rules of Play for Eugene Little League will govern all league play, all-star, and tournament team selection and participation. These rules can only be modified by the board of directors. In order to be modified, the changes must be supported by a **two-thirds majority vote** of those directors present at the meeting. This is the only procedure for approving an exception to the Bylaws, Policies, and Local League Rules of Play unless otherwise noted in this Document.

The Bylaws, Policies, and Local League Rules of Play may be altered, amended, or changed only through the following process. Each year, the President of the Board of Directors shall appoint a "Policies and Local League Rules of Play Committee" (the Committee) any time between July and November of each year. The Committee will solicit input from all members of the Board of Directors. This condition will be met if the committee solicits input from all members of the Board of Directors who are present at a regularly called meeting of the Board, and is recorded in the meeting minutes. The committee shall consider all input from any source and propose to the Board of Directors any such changes as it, in its sole discretion, deems to be appropriate at a July through December meeting of this Board.

The amendments shall not be voted on when first presented and only discussed. The committee shall use this discussion and any subsequent comments to refine the proposed amendments. At a subsequent meeting of the Board of Directors, not fewer than two weeks nor more than eight weeks after initial discussion, the chair of the committee or their appointed representative may move to alter, amend, or change the Policies and Local League Rules of Play. If such a motion is duly seconded and approved by more than **two-thirds majority vote** of the members of the Board of Directors present at the meeting, the Policies and Local League Rules of Play for Eugene Little League shall be altered. Bylaws are to be reviewed and voted upon each year.

Bylaws may be amended for the current season only if deemed improper by Little League governing bodies during their review process of the Eugene Little League Local League Rules of Play, Code of Conduct, or Policies. Our board shall then have the right to add to or revise, should information be missed or need strengthening, to bring our rules and code of conduct into compliance with Little League Rules and Regulations.

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1. MEMBERSHIP

1.1. Eligibility

Any person sincerely interested in active participation may become a member.

1.2. Levels of Membership

There shall be the following levels of Membership:

A. **Player Members** - Any player candidate meeting the requirements of Little League Regulation IV and who resides, attends an accredited school within the authorized boundaries of Eugene Little League, or has received an exception to be an eligible member shall be eligible to compete for participation but shall have no rights, duties, or obligations in the management or in the property of Eugene Little League.

B. **Regular Members** - Any adult actively interested in furthering the goals of the Eugene Little League may become a Board Member upon election as hereafter provided. All Officers, Board Members, Committee Members, Managers, Coaches, and other elected or appointed officials must be in good standing.

C. **Honorary Members** - Any person may be elected as Honorary Member by the unanimous vote of all Directors present at any duly held meeting of the Board of Directors, but shall have no rights, duties, or obligations in the management or the property of the Eugene Little League.

1.3. Rights of Membership

Members shall have the following rights pursuant to their good standing status:

A. Eligibility to serve on the Board

B. Eligibility to serve as a Coach, Volunteer, or Team Parent in Eugene Little League

1.4. Suspension or Termination of Membership.

Membership may be terminated by resignation or action of the Board of Directors.

A. Officers of the League shall discuss and bring forth to the Board of Directors violations of any rule, regulation, policy, procedure, or Code of Conduct that may result in termination of membership. The Board of Directors, by a **two-thirds vote** of those present at any constituted meeting, shall have the authority to discipline, suspend, or terminate the membership of any Member when the conduct of such person is considered detrimental to the best interest of Eugene Little League and/or Little League Baseball. The Member involved shall be notified of such a meeting, informed of the general nature of the charges, and given an opportunity to appear at the meeting to answer such charges.

B. Officers of the League shall discuss and bring forth to the Board of Directors violations of the Code of Conduct that may result in removal from the board. The Board of Directors, by a **two-thirds majority vote** of those present at any constituted meeting, shall have the authority to remove the offender from the Board of Directors.

C. In the event of such charges being made against a Coach, Umpire, or Player Member, the League President or Vice President shall convene a Disciplinary Committee. The committee shall consist of the Eugene Little League President, Vice President (as the committee chairperson), Player Agent, Safety Officer, and Coaching Coordinator. If one of the aforementioned members of the Disciplinary Committee is the subject of the charge, they shall forfeit their place on the committee and may be replaced by another Regular Member.

1. The Disciplinary Committee shall, in the case of a Player Member, give no less than 24 hours' notice to the Coach of the team of which a player is a member. Said Coach shall appear in the capacity of an advisor.

2. The Disciplinary Committee shall meet before the Manager's, Coach's, Umpire's, or Player's next scheduled game or within 72 hours of the incident.

3. Pertinent information concerning the alleged incident shall be provided to the disciplinary committee in writing or in person by the person(s) making the complaint. Person(s) making the complaint may not be a member of the disciplinary hearing.
4. After hearing the complaint, the subject of the hearing shall have the opportunity to address the Disciplinary Committee.
5. The Disciplinary Committee, by a majority vote of the committee, shall have full power to suspend or revoke the subject's rights to future membership or participation.

2. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2.1. Authority

The management of the property and affairs of the Eugene Little League shall be vested in the Board of Directors.

2.2. Elections

The Board of Directors will be elected at the Annual Membership Meeting. The Board's term of Office shall continue until its successors are elected and qualified under this section.

2.3. Eligibility

In order to campaign for a position on the Board of Directors, the candidate must be a Regular Member in good standing.

2.4. Increase in Number

The number of Directors shall exist within the range established in the constitution. These numbers may be increased at a General Membership meeting or Special Meeting of the Board of Directors. All elections of additional Directors shall be by a majority vote of the Board of Directors present or represented by a properly executed and signed absentee ballot filed with the Secretary before the meeting. If occurring mid-term, the Directors shall, upon election, immediately enter upon the performance of their duties and shall continue in office until their successors shall have been duly elected and qualified, or their term shall have ended.

2.5. Vacancies

If any vacancy occurs in the Board of Directors, it may be filled by a majority vote of the remaining Directors at any regular Meeting or at any Special Meeting called for that purpose. Vacancies shall be filled by the Officer governing that vacancy until the Board of Directors supplies a replacement. If a vacancy occurs, the Secretary must notify all members of the new vacancy; the members shall be given five (5) business days to

respond, indicating interest. The new Directors may be elected at any subsequent meeting. All elections of additional Directors shall be by a majority vote of all Regular Members present or represented by a properly executed and signed absentee ballot filed with the Secretary prior to the meeting. The Directors shall, upon election, immediately enter upon the performance of their duties and shall continue in office until their successors shall have been duly elected and qualified.

2.6. Board Meetings, Notice and Quorum

Regular meetings for the Board of Directors shall be held immediately following the annual election and on such days thereafter as shall be determined by the Board. The President or the Secretary may, whenever they deem it advisable, call for a Special Meeting of the Board, providing the required notice as set in the Eugene Little League Constitution. Notice of each meeting shall be given by the secretary to each Director via electronic mail or personal contact at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting. The Officers of the Board (Executive Board) shall meet regularly prior to the meeting of the Board of Directors. A simple majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

2.7. Duties and Powers of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall have the power to appoint such standing committees as it shall determine appropriate and to delegate such powers to them as the Board shall deem advisable and which it may properly delegate.

The Board may adopt such rules and regulations for the conduct of its meeting and the management of the Eugene Little League as it may deem proper.

The Board shall have the power by a **two-thirds majority vote** of those present at any regular or special meeting to discipline, suspend, or remove any Director or Officer, or Committee member of the Eugene Little League in accordance with the Procedure set forth in Section 1.4.

2.8. Absence from Board Meetings

The league Secretary shall maintain a log of all Board Members present for each meeting. Any Board Member who is absent from two (2) consecutive board meetings unexcused (no advanced notice by phone or email) will be subject to removal from the Board of Directors following the rules set forth in the Eugene Little League Constitution.

2.9. Voting Board Members and Procedures

Voting will be conducted as set forth in Robert's Rules of Order and the Eugene Little League Constitution.

Voting members of the board of directors holding positions are as defined below:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Player Agent
- Safety Officer
- Information Manager
- Coaching Coordinator
- Marketing Coordinator
- Sponsor Coordinator
- Field Manager
- Umpire Coordinator

2.10. Officers and Directors

Officers shall consist, at a minimum, of roles required by the Constitution. These roles are President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Player Agent, Coaching Coordinator, and Safety Coordinator. Additional Officers can be decided on and elected by the Board of Directors to meet the needs of the current term.

2.11. Committees

The Executive Committee will consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Past President when active on the board.

The Finance Committee shall consist of two directors, not including the treasurer, to provide regular oversight of league financial matters.

Additional Committees and their Chairs are appointed by the Board President to meet the needs of the current term.

3. GENERAL POLICIES

- 3.1.** Before the regular season begins, teams are limited to three practices (including practice games) per calendar week (Sunday through Saturday). Once the regular season begins, teams are limited to two practices per calendar week. Batting practice and warm-up drills before games do not count as practices. Practices shall not exceed two hours.
- 3.2.** No more than four practice games may be played between league teams before league play. No such practice games are allowed once league play has begun.
- 3.3.** Players and coaches from each team will meet at home plate after each game to shake hands.
- 3.4.** To help ensure proper behaviour at Eugene Little League activities, all coaches, board members, parents, their guests, and players will be expected to follow the 2025 Eugene Little League Code of Conduct, Complaint and Grievance Policy Manual.
- 3.5.** Anyone ejected from a game is subject to the penalties and process as set in Section 1.4.
- 3.6.** All coaches, board members, and volunteers must pass a background check and complete any training as required by the State of Oregon or the Little League association.

4. PLAYER AGE REQUIREMENTS

- 4.1. Players are eligible to participate in baseball divisions as indicated in the Table below:

DIVISION	LEAGUE AGE	EXCEPTIONS
Tee Ball	4 - 6	7-year-olds may play down
Minors - Coach Pitch	5 - 7	5-year-olds must have played one season of T-ball
Minors - Player Pitch	7 - 11	9-year-olds may play up, and 12-year-olds may play down
Majors	9 - 12	Any player playing down may not pitch
Intermediate 50/70	11 - 13	Any player playing down may not pitch

Additional references -

<https://www.littleleague.org/play-little-league/baseball/divisions/>

Players requesting to play up may only do so in such a division in accordance with Table A. A player choosing to play up in a division is required to apply with the player Agent.

- 4.2.** Eugene Little League follows all rules set by Little League International. In rare cases, a player who is one year older than the standard age for a division (as outlined in Section 4.1) may be considered to play in a lower division, but only through an approved waiver.

Waiver Process

- The Eugene Little League Board must vote to request the waiver
- If approved, the League President submits a written request with supporting documents to the District Administrator
- The District forwards the request to the Region Office, which presents it to the Little League Charter Committee for a decision

Waivers must be requested by the league and are valid for one season only. If granted, Eugene Little League may place the player in the requested division with possible restrictions, such as not pitching.

Example: A league age 13 player may not participate in Majors (ages 9-12) without an approved waiver.

No exceptions will be made without a waiver granted through this process.

- 4.3.** No player will be exempt from division rules due to skill level. If safety concerns arise and if the age rules specified in section 2.1 allow it, a parent or guardian, only, may request that the board have their child moved to a lower division of play.

5. COACHES, PLAYERS, AND UMPIRES

- 5.1.** All divisions shall have a maximum of one (1) head coach and three (3) assistant coaches. Scorekeepers and additional volunteers do not count against maximums.
- 5.2.** A head coach may be assigned to only one (1) team per season.
- 5.3.** Eugene Little League requires the use of the Game Changer app by the coaching staff of each team for schedules, team communication, game scoring in divisions that keep score, and tracking pitch counts.
- 5.4.** If an umpire has an issue with a coach, player, parent, or spectator, they should notify the Eugene Little League VP of Baseball and the Umpire Coordinator.
- 5.5.** Head coaches shall notify the Player Agent, VP of Baseball, and Coaching Coordinator of any problems related to players, umpires, and/or parents.
- 5.6.** In the divisions of Minors Player Pitch, Majors and Intermediate 50/70, all team head coaches will be required to enter their game score and pitch counts within 24 hours of the end of the game. Scoring a game through the Game Changers App with accurate pitch counts constitutes submission of the game score and pitch counts. The home team is the official score.

Head coaches may also allow an assistant coach, team scorekeeper, and/or other responsible person to enter the score and pitch counts. However, the head coach is responsible for the accuracy and timely input of information. Head coaches who fail to comply with these rules will be subject to disciplinary action under the EUGENE LITTLE LEAGUE CODE OF CONDUCT.
- 5.7.** Umpires under the age of 18 require a board member, parent, or guardian present at the game.

6. PARTICIPATION IN SCHOOL PROGRAMS

- 6.1.** It is Eugene Little League's policy and intention to support all school teams and programs. Utmost consideration is to be given to the student athlete's safety and their commitment to the school program. Therefore, the following guidelines are to be followed by the coaches of Eugene Little League.
- 6.2.** No Eugene Little League coach will request, require, or cause a player to miss or to be late to a school program, function, game, or practice.
- 6.3.** No player should be allowed to pitch in an Eugene Little League practice/game if they have pitched in a school/travel ball game on the same day.
- 6.4.** No player will be required to participate in an Eugene Little League practice before or after a school practice/game without the consent of the parent and/or guardian.

7. LOCAL LEAGUE RULES OF PLAY

7.1. Except as noted herein, Little League Official Regulations and Playing Rules will govern all play at Eugene Little League, including Interleague games.

7.2. Game Time Limits

Eugene Little League games will be subject to the time limits as set forth below:

A. Majors and Intermediate 50/70: No new inning will start after two hours of total playing time or six innings. In addition, games shall end after two hours and fifteen minutes of total playing time if a later game is scheduled on the same field (including make-up games).

B. Minors Player Pitch: No new inning shall start after one hour and forty-five minutes of total playing time or six innings, whichever comes first. All regular-season games shall have a two-hour drop-dead time limit.

C. Minor Coach Pitch: No new inning will start after one hour and forty-five minutes of total playing time or six innings, whichever comes first. If the home team is winning in the last inning and time permits, the home team should still bat the last half of the inning. All regular-season games shall have a two-hour drop-dead time limit.

D. Tee Ball: No new innings will start after forty-five minutes or after playing two innings. Drop-dead time limit is 1 hour.

F. There shall be no drop-dead time limit in the playoffs. However, no new inning shall start after one hour and forty-five minutes of playing time.

G. Divisions not utilising Little League Rule 4.10(c), teams shall continue to play up to the allowable time limits set forth above.

7.3. Batting Lineup

Eugene Little League will use a continuous batting lineup in all divisions of play, and all players must play in the field at least every other inning. All players must play a minimum of 50% of the game in the field.

Exception: All interleague play must abide by the 2025 Little League Baseball Rules and Regulations. There will be no house rules used in interleague play unless agreed upon by both head coaches and the umpires prior to game start.

7.4. Majors and Intermediate 50/70

A. Majors and Intermediate 50/70 shall play all standard rules as set in Little League Official Regulations and Playing Rules.

7.5. Minors Player Pitch

A. A half inning will be complete when the batting team has scored five runs or three outs are made, whichever occurs first. Any runs that score on the last play of an inning that exceed five for the inning will not count toward the game score. As allowed under the Little League Rule 4.10(e) Note (2), the 10-run mercy rule will NOT be utilized.

B. In the event an umpire is not available, each team shall provide a coach to call balls and strikes from behind the pitcher when that team is on the field. The coach calling balls and strikes also calls plays at second base and home plate. The base coaches shall call plays at their respective bases. The home team umpire will be considered the umpire-in-chief.

C. The infield fly rule will be in effect for Minors Player Pitch and above.

D. Stealing will be allowed. Runners are to remain on base till the ball passes home plate. Players leaving early will be given one warning. An out will be called after a warning is given.

E. There will be no taking (stealing) of home unless on an earned play. Earned play would be defined as a live ball that is hit or a pickoff attempt by a catcher. This does not include a passed ball or a throwback to the pitcher.

7.6. Minors Coach Pitch

A. This is a coach-pitch division. Each coach of their own team will pitch to their batters. A coach may pitch anywhere in the area of the pitcher's mound and may pitch standing up or taking a knee. There will be no "kid pitch" in this division.

B. The player pitcher will stand outside the pitcher's circle and to the side of the mound. The priority is to have the pitcher stand in a safe position.

C. A batter will receive no more than five pitches in an "at bat", regardless of balls or strikes. If a hit has not occurred after 5 pitches, a tee will be used for the player to hit off of for 2 swings. After that, the batter is considered out, and the next batter is up.

D. Stealing and bunting will not be allowed in Minors Coach Pitch.

E. Base runners may, at their own risk, advance only one base on initial overthrow for a ball that remains in play. Runners may only advance one base for a ball ruled out of play. Play is considered dead when a pitcher within the pitcher's circle has control of the ball.

F. Teams may play with ten defensive players, with the additional player positioned in the outfield. Catchers must wear full catcher's gear and a protective cup. A catcher's glove is not required, and catchers may use their own glove. Two defensive coaches are allowed on the field, positioned behind the infielders.

G. A 30-foot estimated progression line will be used at every base. Once the ball is controlled inside the pitcher's circle, a runner will be allowed to proceed to the next base if they have crossed the progression line. If the runner has not, they will be sent back to the previous base.

H. Teams will bat the entire lineup. An inning will be over when the last batter in the lineup has hit and the defensive team either earns an out or an infielder raises the ball in the infield in fair territory. Base runners shall not continue running the bases. If three outs are earned before the last batter has hit, the bases are cleared, and the number of outs is reset to zero.

Tee Ball

A. There will be a maximum of four outfielders who must position themselves on the outfield grass approximately ten feet from the infield before play starts. Once the ball is hit, they may come forward to the infield area. Up to two defensive coaches are allowed in the outfield (behind 2nd and shortstop) and one on the infield near the pitcher.

B. For safety purposes, there will not be a catcher's position. The defensive team will end the play by throwing the ball to the pitcher, and the pitcher will toss the ball to the batting team's coach. The defensive team coach can stand near home plate with a glove to assist with bringing the ball in and giving directions to their team in the field. There are to be no plays at home.

C. An inning will be over when the last batter in the lineup has hit and the defensive team either earns an out or an infielder raises the ball in the infield in fair territory. Base runners shall not continue running the bases. If three outs are earned before the last batter has hit, the bases are cleared, and the number of outs is reset to zero.

D. A double will be the most bases that a batter can be awarded. A double can be awarded when the ball is hit past the outfielders and a play is not made on the ball.

E. Bunting and stealing are not allowed.

F. The infield fly rule will not be enforced.

G. Play will stop when an infielder raises the ball in the infield in fair territory. Runners more than half the distance to the next base when play stops will be allowed to occupy the next base. All others will return to the previous base unless they are forced to the next base.

H. The adult base coaches will umpire.

I. After obtaining the third out, the offensive team must clear all the base runners, but will continue through the end of the lineup.

J. All players must play one inning in the infield during the game.

8. PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

- 8.1.** Players must wear batting helmets when batting, running the bases, or coaching 1st or 3rd base during regular season play. This includes batting practice with any type of ball being thrown.
- 8.2.** All male players must wear a protective cup.
- 8.3.** A catcher's mask with throat guard and catcher's glove must be worn by any player warming up a pitcher in the bullpen area.

- 8.4.** In addition, the ASAP Safety Plan is to be followed for all other equipment and safety protocols. The ASAP Safety Plan is to be posted and maintained on the Eugene Little League website.

9. LEAGUE PLAYOFFS

- 9.1.** An end-of-season tournament may be planned either only within Eugene Little League or as an interleague tournament. The League Playoff Committee shall consist of three board members and will designate teams, times, and locations of the tournament to be held no later than the following week after the end of the regular season games. Only the Minors Player Pitch, Majors, and 50/70 divisions may have league playoffs.

- 9.2.** If there are teams tied at the end of the regular season, the tie will be broken by first reviewing their head-to-head record. In the event they are still tied, a coin flip will determine the higher seed.

10. TOURNAMENT TEAMS

10.1. Commitment

Eugene Little League is committed to making the All-Star (District 7 and Invitational) selection process as transparent, accountable, and inclusive as possible. In all circumstances, the League will attempt to field teams for all postseason-eligible divisions. If, for some reason, a team cannot be fielded, then this decision must be voted on and approved by a majority vote of the Eugene Little League Board of Directors.

10.2. All-Star Executive Committee

The All-Star selection process will be managed for each division by its All-Star Executive Committee. The All-Star Executive Committee will consist of three voting members and a record-keeper: The voting members will consist of the following individuals:

- The VP of Baseball
- Respective Division Director (any other board member can be used if no Division Director exists)
- One other board member selected by the VP of Baseball, the League President, and the division director

The record-keeper will be the League Secretary or their proxy. Their role will be to keep accurate notes of all proceedings.

For example, for the Majors All-Star baseball teams, the All-Star Executive Committee would consist of the following individuals:

- The VP of Baseball
- The Majors Baseball Division Director
- One other board member selected by the VP of Baseball, the League President, and the division director
- The record keeper (non-voting)

In cases in which there is a conflict of interest, the member will recuse themselves, and the Eugene Little League Board will select a replacement committee member. Reasons for recusal will include:

- The committee members have a child playing in the division under consideration.

10.3. All league players of the appropriate age, who have met eligibility requirements per the Little League rulebook, will be eligible, including those players who have played up into a higher age division.

- 10.4.** All players in each postseason eligible division will automatically be placed on the ballot for all divisions for which they are eligible. There is no guarantee that said child will be chosen for their respective division post-season team(s). Parents will have the option to decline the invitation if their child is selected for a postseason team.

10.5. All-Star Coach Selection

The All-Star Executive Committee will have the deciding vote on the final list of coaches.

A. Any regular-season coach interested in managing a tournament team in their respective age group must declare their intention by May 6th of the current season and have completed the Diamond Leader Training. All declarations must be submitted to the Eugene Little League All-Star Executive Committee.

B. No coach shall miss more than three practices and no games for the duration of the tournament unless ill or injured. All practice schedules will be drawn up by the team coaches in conjunction with the All-Star Executive Committee. All practices that are scheduled will be considered mandatory.

C. Coach selection

All coaches in all divisions will be selected using the same process.

The All-Star Executive Committee will interview coach candidates starting no earlier than May 6th and ending no later than May 15th.

Any coach from the Little League season will be able to nominate themselves for coach positions.

The coach must:

- Be a Little League member in good standing financially.
- Must have the ability to represent themselves and the league well. Any season ejections will be considered a strong disqualifier for candidacy.

Coaching candidates will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Eugene Little League history, including any feedback received from parents
- Baseball/knowledge/credentials
- Player knowledge
- Input from non-All-Star coaches (through a vote or direct communication)
- Personal commitment to the task

The All-Star Executive Committee will select head coaches and two assistant coaches per team by majority vote of the Committee.

All-Star Executive Committee members will recuse themselves from voting on any coach candidate in one of the following circumstances, but will be asked for his/her opinions:

- They participate with the coach candidate in a Little League capacity
- They participate with the coach candidate in a travel ball capacity

If a committee member must recuse themselves, the Eugene Little League Board of Directors shall select an alternate committee member. Minutes from All-Star Executive Committee deliberations will be recorded and, will be distributed to other Eugene Little League Board members, if deemed appropriate by the Eugene Little League Executive Board.

10.6. All-Star Player Selection (District 7 and Invitational)

Each regular-season coach will be presented with a ballot with the names of every eligible player listed alphabetically by team.

Each person voting will be instructed to vote for players that they feel will best represent Eugene Little League. The All-Star Executive Committee will have the deciding vote on the final list of approved players and coaches. Each person voting will be instructed to vote for no more than the number of players designated for each team. Although all players from the age group will be on the ballot, coaches may only vote for players who were discussed as the most deserving at the All-Star meeting amongst the coaches. In addition, each coach voting will be required to put their name on their ballot in the event of any question from the All-Star Executive Committee. No other instructions will be given. Ballots with more than said votes and/or no name will be discarded.

The All-Star coach shall decide on a 12 or 13 player roster for their respective roster. Team coaches shall solicit the opinions of the other team coaches at their respective division's all-star selection meeting.

10.7. All-Star Team Voting

Eugene Little League All-Star team players will be voted for by the coaches in their respective divisions. Votes from each group will be counted separately by members of the All-Star Executive Board. The said number of players receiving the most coach votes will receive one (1) "All-Star Team Vote." If there is a tie for the last place on the team, then all tied players will receive one (1) "All-Star Team Vote." The said players receiving the most "All-Star Team Votes" (3 being the maximum possible) will be presented to the All-Star Executive Committee for approval.

The All-Star team voting must be completed no later than May 25th if there is to be an All-Star team.

- 10.8.** The All-Star head coach will have the ability to select the final TWO participants on the All-Star team roster. The final two selections for that team will be made by the coach from the players who finished in eleventh through fourteenth place in voting. Ties are included. For invitational teams, the same process will be followed, but they will be selecting their twelfth and thirteenth slots on their roster. The thirteenth selection is optional at the discretion of the head coach. In each case, the All-Star head coach must advise the Eugene Little League All-Star Executive Committee, stating the reasons for their selection(s).

- 10.9.** The respective head coaches shall notify the players selected and approved to represent Eugene Little League as its All-Star team no later than June 5th, but will make every attempt to confirm the final roster by June 1st so that practice schedule creation, fees, and paperwork collection can start as soon as possible. The head coach is responsible for setting up the practice schedule.

The head coach will ask a parent or guardian of the selected players to verbally commit to the practice and game requirements and begin the process of collecting all required paperwork and fees. If a player cannot commit to these requirements, the first alternate would be added to the team roster.

The head coach shall:

A. Notify the player and the parents/guardian who were selected to their All-Star team, the player's fee, the tournament dates, and when the first practice will take place.

B. Ask for a commitment to the player fee. (This is for league expenses such as entry fees, equipment, utilities, players' jerseys, hats, and other expenses.) The estimated cost and what the league will cover must be approved before the start of the season as part of the upcoming year's budget.

C. Ask for commitment to practices and tournament dates.

- 10.10.** Tournament team players must commit that they will miss no more than three scheduled practices or a single game for the duration of the tournament, unless ill or injured.

11. FIELD USE POLICIES

- 11.1.** Alcoholic beverages are strictly forbidden from the Eugene Little League games, practices, fields, and parking lots.
- 11.2.** Pets are not allowed on the Eugene Little League fields or the surrounding areas. Designated service animals are not considered pets.
- 11.3.** All vehicles must be parked in designated parking areas.
- 11.4.** All bikes, motorcycles, and mopeds must be parked in designated parking areas and may not be ridden through the Eugene Little League fields or surrounding facilities.
- 11.5.** All games will be immediately suspended when there is lightning or thunder in the vicinity, and everyone shall be directed to their vehicles for at least twenty (20) minutes. Play will resume no sooner than twenty (20) minutes after lightning passes. Eugene Little League urges every adult to remember that the safety of our children is far more important than any ballgame.
- 11.6.** A heat index guideline is in place to limit players' exposure to excessive heat conditions. The safety officer and Board member on duty will monitor conditions and make the determination if practices and/or games will commence for Eugene Little League. Activities will be suspended when the heat index (temperature & humidity) is greater than or equal to 100 degrees.
- 11.7.** The home team scorekeeper is the official scorekeeper.
- 11.8.** Soft toss and tee into fences is limited to wiffle balls.
- 11.9.** Warm-up throwing shall be done in the outfield.

11.10. Before each game, the home team is responsible for lining the field, setting out the bases, and performing other preparation work necessary for the field to be in playable condition. All field preparation must be completed before the scheduled start of the game. The start of the games will not be delayed for the lining of the fields. Teams must vacate the infield before the game to allow for field preparation.

11.11. Dugouts are not to be climbed or swung on. There are to be no seeds, peanuts, gum, or other food products allowed in the dugouts. Players are to remain in the dugout or on the field at all times during the game. Bats are to remain on the bat rack at all times unless a player is up to bat.

Little League does not allow an “on-deck batter”.

11.12. Each team will clean up the area around the field, stands, and dugout after each game.

11.13. After the last game of each day, the home team is responsible for raking the pitcher’s mound and the home plate area, dragging the infield, putting away the bases, and any other field equipment. The home team shall do a final review of the dugouts and playing area for trash, equipment, and any items left behind.

12. CODE OF CONDUCT

12.1. Purpose

The actions of our coaches must be held to the highest standards and be beyond reproach. Likewise, for the coach to be able to do his job successfully, parents must understand that their actions should not interfere with that process.

The Eugene Little League Board is committed to making sure that all conflicts are resolved quickly, objectively, and equitably, with the very first consideration being given to the welfare of the children. Eugene Little League has adopted a written standard that all persons within our league shall abide by. These standards will be expected to be followed by our board members, volunteers, parents, visitors, and players.

Please note that all coaches are directed by the Board to deal fairly and impartially with each issue, and ANY retaliation will not be tolerated.

12.2. Code of Conduct Policy

A. Terms

For the purposes of this document, “Eugene Little League participant” will be defined as follows:

- Board members
- Coaches
- Players
- Volunteers
- Tournament directors

“Spectator” is defined to include anyone who is watching a game or is a guest at the field.

B. Code of Conduct

No Eugene Little League participant or spectator shall, at any time:

- Lay a hand upon, push, shove, strike, or threaten to strike another Eugene Little League participant, spectator, or umpire.
- Heap personal verbal or physical abuse for any real or imaginary belief of a wrong decision/judgment on another Eugene Little League participant, spectator, or umpire.
- Speak disrespectfully to any Eugene Little League participant, spectator, or umpire – including taunting, shouting, and screaming.
- Speak disrespectfully about any Eugene Little League participant, spectator, or umpire.
- Question the umpire(s) in a derogatory or abusive manner.
- Use profane, obscene, or vulgar language.
- Demonstrate dissent at a decision by an Eugene Little League participant or umpire by throwing gloves, helmets, hats, bats, balls, or any equipment.

- Use unnecessarily rough physical tactics in the play of a game against an opposing player.
- Be at the Eugene Little League fields or surrounding facilities while intoxicated (alcohol or drugs). Intoxication will be defined as an odour or behavioural issue.
- Smoke at the Eugene Little League fields or surrounding facilities.
- Refuse to leave the field and/or surrounding facilities if requested by a Board Member, umpire, or Tournament Director.

12.3. Violations of the Code of Conduct Policy

A. When a Violation occurs, Eugene Little League board members have an obligation to uphold these standards. If any Board Member perceives that an Eugene Little League participant or spectator has violated the code of conduct, they will have the right (if necessary and if circumstances dictate) to ask the violators to leave the field and premises immediately. If the violator does not leave willingly, the local authorities may be contacted without warning.

B. Exception(s): in cases in which an Eugene Board Member (the first Board Member) is participating in league activities in the role of coach, player, or volunteer; and a second Board Member perceives that the first Board Member has violated the code of conduct; and the second Board Member requests that the first Board Member leave the field and surrounding facilities immediately.

The first Board Member will be required to leave the field and surrounding facilities immediately until the respective VP of Baseball has given explicit instructions to both the first and second Board Members that the first Board Member can return. If the first Board Member is the VP of Baseball, the first Board Member will be required to leave the field and surrounding facilities immediately until the League President has given explicit instructions to both the first and second Board Members that the first Board Member can return.

C. After a Violation

The violation should be reported to the Coaching Coordinator and the VP of Baseball. This group will conduct an initial investigation within the first 72 hours to collect additional information about the incident.

After the initial 72 hours, the Procedure as outlined in Section 1.4 is to be followed.