



**Forestville Little League
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1. Revision History

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2. Introduction & Purpose

a. Introduction

- i. Forestville Little League, located in the Forestville section of Bristol, Connecticut was established in 1954 and has annually served the local youth who reside within our boundaries defined by Little League International.

b. Purpose of this document

- i. This document is intended to be a living document that serves the purpose of the annually elected Board of Directors. It will provide a general overview of the various processes, guides, timelines and rules the Board must follow when operating the league.
- ii. Please note, in general, the official Little League “Greenbook” governs gameplay. These bylaws serve as an addendum to the “Greenbook” and therefore are prioritized accordingly.

3. General League Management

a. Registration (All Seasons)

- i. School Flyer Distribution
 1. Prior to December 15, school flyers should be distributed to all of the applicable elementary & middle schools within our District
 - a. Greene-Hills School (K – 7th) (approx.. 650 K-5, 325 6&7)
 - b. Stafford (approx. 425)
 - c. Mountain View (approx. 400)
 - d. Hubbell (approx. 450)
 - e. Northeast Middle (6th & 7th) (approx. 500)
 - f. St. Joseph’s (requires email to school principal) (approx. 100)
 - g. St. Matthew’s (requires email to school principal) (approx. 100)
 2. Flyer Approval: To begin the process, an email to BOEADMIN@ci.bristol.ct.us needs to be sent requesting flyer distribution including the designed flyer and the distribution information (schools). The Superintendent will send back updated counts by school as well as a “Blue Slip” which is required to be included at drop off
 3. Printing: Email Garrett Printing requesting 8 copies of the Blue Slip to be printed on Blue paper. Also email the flyer to be printed (roughly 3000 based on current counts) asking for separator sheets every 25 counts.
 4. Bundling & Drop off: Based on the school count, bundle the required flyers by school and include one of the Blue Slips. Drop off is at the BOE building, 3rd Floor Admin.
- ii. Online Registration Configuration & Process - TBD
- iii. Scholarship Definitions

b. Annual Permit Process

- i. Process Overview & Timeline

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1. Each year Forestville Little League must apply to the City of Bristol, Parks Department and Board of Education for Field Permits.
2. Permitting requests should begin in December of each year and submitted on or around January 15 of each year.
- ii. Bristol Parks Department
 1. The "Request for use of Fields" includes Field 2 (Peck Softball) and Field 3 (T-Ball & Instructional Field), Wilson Field, Casey Field, Page Park/Ingraham Field
- iii. Bristol Board of Education
 1. The "Request for use of Fields" includes Greene-Hills School, Hubbell School, Stafford School and Mountain View School

c. Our Complex

- i. Parking
 1. Forestville Little League parents, managers, coaches, and volunteers will park in the Greene-Hills School Parking Lot. There is reserved Handicap Parking off of Daley Street. Any Manager or Coach caught parking within the area of Handicap Parking without proper legal documentation will be subject to a one game suspension.
- ii. Smoking Policy
 1. Forestville Little League parents, managers, coaches and volunteers agree to maintain our facility as a smoke-free facility. This includes;
 - a. Cigarettes
 - b. Cigars
 - c. eCigarettes/Vaping
 2. For those that do smoke, you must do so outside of Park & Board of Education Property, which is at the main entrance gate. Please dispose of your trash accordingly.
- iii. Dog Policy
 1. Forestville Little League has a no-pet policy and only Service Animals are allowed within the facility. Proper paperwork should be available if asked.
- iv. Parks Department
 1. Field 1 (Watson Field) is the responsibility of The Bristol Parks Department. Pursuant to our agreement, Forestville Little League has agreed to properly maintain these premises at the leagues expense.
 2. Any major repairs, modifications or improvements must have the Parks Department & City of Bristol Building Department approval in writing prior to performing any work.
 3. The Parks Department is responsible for conditions on Peck Park Field 2 (Peck Softball Field).

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4. When in our control, Forestville must maintain, clean and water this field in order to fulfill our obligation pursuant to our granted field permits. Failure to adhere to this policy is grounds for cancellation of the permit.
 5. Forestville must request permission for any improvements or repairs from the Parks Department before proceeding.
 6. Forestville must also maintain, clean and water Field 3 (T-Ball and Instructional) pursuant to our granted permits.
- v. Board of Education
1. Temporary fencing is allowed on the lower Greene-Hills Softball field but must be taken down daily during school hours per our agreement. The fence may remain during non-school hours (e.g. Summer).
 2. There is an agreement with Greene-Hills Administration to utilize our complex in the event of a school evacuation. Administrators have access to the Board Room and their access is controlled through Noke Pro (GH Admin Group within the application).
- vi. Water Department
1. Forestville Little League has two accounts with the Bristol Water Department. One meter is for the Field House water needs and the second is for the irrigation system on Watson & Instructional Fields.
 2. After Fall Cleanup, the meters must be removed in prep for winterizing the Field House. Scheduling early ensures the Water Department has enough time to schedule before freezing temperatures are a daily occurrence. It is recommended to have the meters removed on or before November 15 annually.
 3. The meters must be reinstalled prior to Spring Clean-up and ensuring access to the Field House. It is recommended to have these installed on or around March 15 annually. Each year the water supply must be turned on and off.

d. Spring Clean-Up

- i. Spring Clean-up should be held on or around March 15 annually. Water should be available prior to scheduling the Clean-up date.
- ii. Major tasks include;
 1. Setting up the Kitchen and doing a thorough cleaning.
 2. Installing Batting Cage Nets and Batters Boxes
 3. Raking leaves and dethatching of the fields. Debris can be piled by the parking spaces in Peck Park and communicating to the Park Superintendent for pickup.
 4. Begin to install Sponsor Banners, if available
 5. Fixing broken pipes, ensuring no leaks exist
 6. Cleaning of the Board Room, organizing as necessary

e. Fall Clean-Up & Winterizing

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- i. Fall Clean-up should be held on or before November 15 annually. Water should be turned off after Fall Clean-up.
- ii. Setting up appointment with Andersen Turf Irrigation to winterize the system after water meters have been removed by Bristol Water Department.
- iii. Major tasks include;
 1. Thorough cleaning & scrubbing of the kitchen and cooking areas
 2. Boxing and storing of Square Registers and other kitchen appliances/equipment
 3. Donating any unused food/drinks to a local soup kitchen or Non-Profit
 4. Removing batting cages and storing in Conex box
 5. Leaves raked, debris to be piled by the parking spaces in Peck Park and communicating to the Park Superintendent for pickup.
 6. Removal of sponsor banners and stored in the equipment room.
 7. General cleaning of the Board Room, organizing as necessary
 8. Draining water from lines and either blowout of lines or winterizing pipes with Non-Toxic antifreeze (used in the RV industry).

f. Kitchen Annual Opening & Closing

- i. Inspections – on an annual basis, preferably in the late March timeframe, the following inspections are required:
 1. Food Serving License - [Bristol/Burlington Health District](#)
 2. Fire Suppression Equipment - All State Fire Equipment

g. Kitchen Sales Closing Process

- i. At the end of the night, cash should be counted from both Square Registers and confirmed with the report available from the Square terminal. \$150 should be put into each drawer and the remaining amount should be deposited to the Webster Account. A text message should be send to Scott Lodge, Steve Joslyn & Bryan Theriault with the amount being deposited on a nightly basis.

h. Preferred Vendor List & Contacts

- i. Waste/Dumpster – All Waste
- ii. Provisions – [Hartford Provision Corp \(HPC\)](#)
- iii. Ice Cream – [Hersheys Ice Cream](#)
- iv. Drinks – BJs
- v. Bathroom/Kitchen Paper Goods, Soaps, Sanitizers – [Timeline Products](#)

i. Special Awards & Awards Banquet

- i. Joe McGinn Sportsmanship Award
 1. The Joe McGinn Sportsmanship Award is presented annually to (1) 12 Year Old Player who demonstrates the best sportsmanship during the year.

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2. Majors Managers and Coaches will anonymously submit up to 4 names to the Player Agent by the end of the Regular Season. Please note; 1 of the 4 players nominated must be from a different team.
3. Voting process;
 - a. Voting to be conducted by Majors Managers & Coaches, Player Agent, Vice Presidents, Umpire-in-Chief and the Majors Division Director.
 - b. The President will vote last in case of a tie-breaker is needed.
 - c. Only one vote is allowed per person, regardless of Position/Title when an overlap situation occurs (e.g. Majors Coach and Vice-President).
 - d. The recipient will receive their award at the close of season banquet.
- ii. Volunteer of the Year Award
 1. The Volunteer of the Year Award is presented to an adult member of the league who has gone above and beyond normal expectations of a volunteer.
 2. Board of Directors will nominate at least one person to the Secretary of the league.
 3. Voting process;
 4. The Secretary will aggregate all nominations and put a motion to the Board of Directors for a vote.
 5. The person or person's with the most votes will be nominated as the Volunteer of the Year and will receive their award at the close of season banquet.
- iii. Awards Banquet
 1. The close of season awards banquet is held annually prior to the close of the fiscal year.
 2. Awards are presented to;
 - a. District All-Star Teams
 - b. Watson All-Star Team(s)
 - c. Volunteer of the Year Recipient
 - d. Joe McGinn Recipient
 - e. Graduating 12 Year-Olds
- iv. League to provide awards to the Champion Regular season teams for AAA & Majors.

4. Spring Baseball Season

a. Registration

- i. Online - Registration will become available on or around November 1 annually on www.forestvillell.org.

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1. The registration system must be configured by the Information Director and signed off on by the Player Agent, Vice Presidents and the President.
- ii. In-Person - In-Person registration is held over the 1st or 2nd Saturday of January at the annual pancake breakfast.

b. Division Age Requirements

- i. Each Division of play is designed to use specific fundamental training principles. Little League Inc. specifies certain criteria in which children could play in any particular division.
 1. **T-Ball: Ages 4 to 6.** This division is for new players and players wishing to understand the game and have fun.
 2. **Single A (Coach Pitch): Ages 5 to 7.** This division is for players, who have played at least 1 year in T-ball and those players wishing to better understand the game. This division is coach pitch, runs will not be counted and everyone plays in each game.
 3. **AA (Modified Player & Coach Pitch): Ages 6 to 9.** This division is for players who have played at least 1 year in Instructional and those players wishing to understand all the rules of the game. This division is kid pitch with a coach coming in to pitch after the pitcher walks four batters. Runs will be counted and everyone bats in each game. There may be substitutions based on team size. This division will help equip the players for the next level of play.
 4. **AAA (Player Pitch): Ages 8 to 11.** Limited spots are available in this division and tryouts will be required. This division is for players who have played at least 1 year in Transitional and players wishing to understand all the rules of the game. This division is kid pitch. Runs are counted and everyone bats in each game. There will be substitutions based on team size. This division will help equip players for the next level of play.
 - a. In order for a 8 year old to play for the AAA Division there must be a majority vote by the Board of Directors that the player is capable
 5. **Majors: Ages 9 to 12.** Limited spots are available and tryouts are required. This division is for players who have played at least 1 year in Minors and players wishing to understand all the rules of the game. This division is kid pitch. This division will help equip the children for the next level of play.
 - a. In order for a 9 year old to play for the Majors Division there must be a majority vote by the Board of Directors that the player is capable.

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6. **50/70: Ages 11 to 13.** This division is played on a 50/70 field. There may be travel to other locations. Games will most likely be played on Sundays. Players can play on both a majors team and an Intermediate team but pitching will be heavily monitored. This division allows for leading and will ready players for the Junior Division and 60/90 field play. This division will be open to all of Bristol and will be run jointly by Forestville, Edgewood and McCabe. This division does have an All-Star team opportunity within Little League but players must choose only one division to represent.

c. Selection of Managers & Coaches

- i. The selection of the Managers and Coaches are fundamentally one of the most important tasks that any league faces. Forestville Little League's ability to achieve its mission is dependent upon the adult role models that we place into these critical positions. These rules follow guidelines to ensure equal opportunities for all that wish to Manage or Coach a Team.
 1. Any person that wishes to volunteer as a Manager or Coach of a team in any division must fill out a Letter of Intent and a Volunteer Form per Little League regulations.
 2. The Letter of Intent must be neatly written and have all pertinent information on it. Example: Name, Address, Phone Number, and specific intentions on whether they wish to Manage or Coach, along with qualifications.
 3. The Letter of Intent along with the Volunteer Application must be submitted no later than the selection date announced by the league President. The league President must announce that date at least 30 days before the selection process begins.
 4. Managers are nominated by the league President and approved by the Board of Directors.
 5. Coaches are nominated by the league President and approved by the Board of Directors.
 6. There are no assumed positions for any divisions as a Manager or Coach from year to year. All persons interested in managing or coaching a team must submit a new Letter of Intent along with their Volunteer Form each year.
 7. Submissions for these positions by proxy, is prohibited.
- ii. Manager & Coach Responsibilities
 1. You shall submit a Letter of Intent and a Volunteer Application per Little League requirements each year that you wish to manage or coach.
 2. You must attend a coaching clinic that is league sanctioned. No person may become a manager unless they have attended at least one clinic.
 3. You must attend at least one Umpires Clinic (league sanctioned) every two years.

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4. You must attend a Safety Seminar each year given by the Safety Officer or designee.
5. You must notify coaches and "Team Parent" of the League meetings.
6. You shall be responsible for all team equipment. All equipment must be returned to the Equipment Director immediately after your last game, along with your keys to the facility.
7. You must attend all league meetings and assist at league functions such as fall clean up, spring clean up (start up, etc.) Failure to attend these functions without notifying the President may result in being removed from your position.
8. You must not use offensive language or hand gestures that are deemed inappropriate.
9. You must not smoke while on Forestville Little League property. Any manager or coach that is caught smoking in or around their dugout during a game or leaves the dugout to do so, will be instantly suspended for at least 1 game. You may be brought up before the Board of Directors for further action.
10. You must never argue with the Umpire. If the umpire removes a manager or coach from the game, that person is suspended for the next game.
 - a. Per Little League regulations, when a coach or manager has been "thrown" out of a game by the Umpire, that person must leave the complex completely and must not attend the next game. Failure to adhere to this policy is grounds for dismissal from their position as manager or coach.
 - b. If parents or spectators harass or badger the umpire or opposing team manager, coaches or players, the umpire may remove the manager of the offending team without warning. If the manager is removed, rule 10(a) applies.
11. Only a Manager may discuss a call with the Umpire or manager of the opposing team. Coaches may only address their manager during the game.
 - a. If a coach attempts to confront the opposing team or umpire to argue a rule, call or failure to make a call on a play, the umpire may remove that coach from the game.
 - b. Rule 11 (a) applies.
12. Managers may only select coaches that have been approved by the Board of Directors. Major and Minor divisions are entitled to have 1 manager and 3 coaches per team. Tee-Ball and Instructional divisions may have 1 manager and 2 coaches per team.
13. All managers/coaches are to stay in the dugout area and off the field of play unless coaching first or third base.

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14. You must play all players on your roster according to the mandatory minimum play rule for the division in which you play. If the mandatory play guidelines are broken, the manager will be suspended for 2 subsequent games. If the mandatory play guideline is broken again, the manager will be removed from his/her duties.
15. You must report in writing to the safety division director within 48 hours of the occurrence of any injury or accident involving a player or coach.
16. (Majors) Must notify the Player Agent and their division director if a replacement player is required. (See Replacement Player qualifications)
17. All managers and coaches must fulfill their obligation and commitments to umpire or assist the umpire in scheduled or rescheduled games. Failure to comply is an automatic 1 game suspension.
18. Home team manager/coaches are responsible for preparing the field for play. The visiting team (Forestville Teams) is responsible for trash removal and general cleanup of the field and dugout area after the game.
19. During tournament play, both teams must participate in field preparation and field cleanup.

d. Selection of Teams

- i. The number of players in each division that have signed up and registered to play determines teams. Each year the Board must vote based on the actual enrollment.
- ii. The minimum number of players that would constitute a team in the Minors, Instructional and Transitional divisions are 9. The maximum number is 14 but the recommended number is 13.
- iii. The minimum number of players that constitutes a team in the T-Ball division is 6. The maximum is 8.
- iv. In the Majors division, the roster must have at least 12 twelve players on each team. A waiver can be requested to reduce the number of players on a Majors division team to 11.

e. Trading

- i. Forestville Little League will follow the trading rules in the current year Little League Operating Manual (aka "Green Book").
- ii. The Player Agent must monitor any attempt by managers and parents to manipulate the system and thus create an imbalance in the league.
- iii. All trades must be for justifiable reasons and approved by the Board of Directors.

f. Assignment of Rosters (Except Majors & 50/70)

- i. The Player Agent is solely responsible for the completion of rosters for each team. The Player Agent will attempt, to the best of their ability, to honor parent's requests for their child to be placed with a particular team or manager.

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1. Although every attempt should be made so that a player who played on a particular team a previous year is placed on the same team, there is no absolute guarantee that such player is placed on that team for the current season. The Player Agent is responsible for the fair balance of players based on age, talent and other factors that keep competition of each team even.
- ii. Unless permission from the parent is granted, no direct siblings shall be placed on separate teams if playing in the same division regardless of talent.
- iii. Because the "stacking" of a team is frowned upon, the Player Agent has the final authority on the placement of a player regardless of the relationship between the manager and coaches.
 1. For example, if the manager and the coach are brothers, co-workers etc. and their children are extremely talented; the Player Agent may reserve the right to not place the two players together on the same team.

g. Tryouts (Except T-Ball & Single A)

- i. The league will hold at least two separate and independent tryout sessions. Any player who wishes to play in the Major's Division must attend at least one session.
- ii. The Player Agent must organize the tryouts to give managers adequate opportunity to properly evaluate the player's abilities.
- iii. Any child who wishes to tryout must be registered with the league.
- iv. The Minor Division tryouts are for children who are at the league age of at least 8 years old. The tryout consists of a very basic agility test to make sure the children will be able to protect themselves from injury. They must also know the positions on the baseball field. The Player Agent is in charge of this operation. If they feel the child would be safer and have a more enjoyable playing experience in the Instructional or Transitional Division, it is their decision, not the parents.

h. Draft Selection (50/70 & Majors Only)

- i. The Draft Method for all applicable divisions must utilize the draft methods outlined in the Little League Operating Manual. The draft options are Plan A (Returning Players), Plan B (Redraft) and Plan C (Blind).
 1. **Plan A (Returning Players):** All returning players stay on the Majors team they were on the prior year. After a thorough tryout has been completed of players wishing to move up to this division, the last place team of the preceding season gets the first choice in every round of the draft, the next to last team gets the second selection in every round and the remaining teams select in the reverse order of standing.

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2. **Plan B1 (Historical Method):** The "Historical" Plan B is actually two parts. The first part includes those players who are returning from a Majors team and have registered for the current season. This first draft of returning players must be completed before the second part of the draft and all returning players who qualify under both conditions must be drafted. The second part of the draft includes all players who are eligible for selection and have attended the required number of tryout sessions. When the second part of this draft method begins, the draft order starts with the team that is due to draft next after the completion of the first round.
 3. **Plan B2 (Alternate Method):** The "Alternate" method Plan B is a one part draft. Instead of having two separate drafts, one for returning players and one for new players, managers can draft any player but all returning Majors division players need to be drafted at some point during the draft. If a number of returning Major players have not been drafted by the time that same number of draft picks remain then those returning players must be the only players eligible from that point forward in the draft.
 - a. The draft position will be determined randomly. The managers draw numbers to determine who will select the first player. A serpentine draft order will be used. Serpentine means the order will reverse each round. Serpentine draft example: 1-2-3-4 – 4-3-2-1 then start again.
 4. **Plan C (Blind Method):** Blind draft method, where you pick the players out of a hat by age group (12's first, then 11's, then 10's)
- ii. Add/Contract Teams
 1. Please note that if the league decides to add or contract a Majors Team, a redraft will be necessary and the process for the draft will be determined by the Player Agent.
 - iii. Options
 1. Only the Manager may elect to use the following options. All option picks must be declared to the Player Agent in writing prior to the draft.
 - a. Sons/Daughters of Managers - If a manager wishes to submit an option on their child or stepchild, such candidate must be drafted in or before the following round: if the child is 12 years old by the 3rd round, if the child is 11 years old by the 4th round, if the child is 9/10 years old by 5th round.
 - b. Brothers/Sisters in the draft - When there are two or more siblings in the draft and the first brother or sister is drafted by a manager, that manager automatically has an option to draft the other brother or sister on the next turn. If the manager does not exercise the option, the second sibling is then available to be drafted by any team.

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- c. Redraft: A manager can elect to choose 1 coach prior to the draft but will lose their first round pick if this option is exercised.
2. Under League Age 10 in Majors
 - a. Each Manager in the Majors division is eligible to have up to 2 (two) nine year old players if the player qualifies as stated in section IV(a). In order for a Manager to select a nine year old player, there are certain rules that apply;
 - b. There must be no eligible 12 (twelve) year olds available for draft choices unless; Any remaining twelve year olds are deemed not fit for safe passage for play into the Majors Division (Division Director decision) which would exempt a Manager the penalty as stated in rule G(l)b for selection of a replacement player during regular season play. A 12yr old waiver must be completed and signed by a parent.
- iv. Draft Completed
 1. When the draft is complete, the Player Agent will need to alert the families of players who were not drafted and will let them know of the option to play in the Minor League division.
 2. The Team Managers will inform the families of the players they drafted on their team.
 3. Players shall never be told the position in which they were drafted.

i. Replacement of Players

- i. Player replacement is designed so that all Majors teams play at the same level of competition. Since the loss of a player could constitute a significant advantage for a team, these rules are put into place to advert such a controversy.
 1. If a player, due to health, relocation, release or any other justifiable reason deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors, will not be returning for a period of three weeks, the player must be replaced by an eligible Minor league player within three days.
 2. An eligible Minor league player consists of a player who participated in the Majors tryout session but was not selected within the first 2 weeks of the season.
 3. The selection of the player will be in coordination with the Player Agent and the VP of Baseball & VP of Operations.
 4. The start of three consecutive weeks begins at the time the player would miss their first game. If the loss of a player happens within the final three weeks of the regular season, no replacement player shall be selected with board approval.
 5. If the replaced player is able to return before the end of the season, that team will be allowed to play with 13 players.
 6. If a player returns to the roster, mandatory minimum play rules are in effect for all players.

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7. If the replaced player is not able to return for the current season, but is of legal age to return the following season, they will be allowed to play with their former team.
8. If the manager selects a replacement player that is not 12 years old when one was available to be selected, then that team loses their first round draft pick the following season if that manager returns the following year.
- ii. Managers must notify the Player Agent and the Majors Division director within 48 hours if a replacement player is needed due to injury, relocation, release or any other justifiable reason deemed appropriate by the board. Failure to comply will result in a replay of the affected games or possible suspension of the Manager as determined by the Board of Directors.

j. Mandatory Minimum Play

- i. Overview - This guideline was established to ensure that each player was granted playtime in accordance with Little League Regulations. Forestville Little League recognizes that each player should be given playing time set by Little League, Inc. to establish a more positive playing experience for all players.
- ii. Every player must play a minimum of 6 consecutive defensive outs and at least 1 at bat for every game, *unless*:
 1. The game was shortened by weather, darkness, time factor, or "called" by the Umpire in Charge. Complete Game Note: If the game is called prior to the completion of six innings, it is considered an official game if four innings have been completed or 3 and a half completed when the home team is leading.
 2. The player was removed from the game due to injury, sickness, behavior, such as poor sportsmanship, or any reason deemed appropriate by the Umpire.
 3. Both team managers and the umpire in charge of that game must approve the suspension of a player, before the start of a game.
 4. Note: If the Umpire removes any player from the game, they will sit out the next game.
- iii. All Divisions – If a player does not play the minimum allotted time because the game was shortened due to weather, darkness, time factor or the game was "called" by the Umpire in Charge; that player must start the very next game and must not be removed until their minimum amount of playing time has been fulfilled. (For the current game).

k. Postponements & Cancellations.

- i. Occasionally due to weather, school or religious functions, games may need to be either postponed or cancelled. Guidelines to determine whether they are postponed or cancelled help establish a better communication between the manager and the players.

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1. The announcement for game postponements shall be posted on the leagues website approximately 1 hour before game time.
2. The appropriate Division Director should reschedule postponed games as soon as possible.
3. The Division Director has the right to cancel a scheduled game as long as each team has played the minimum amount of games.
 - a. Majors division teams must have played at least 16 games.
 - b. Minors (AA & AAA) division teams must have played at least 13 games.
 - c. Instructional (A) division teams must have played at least 12 games.
 - d. Tee-Ball division teams must have played at least 8 games.

l. Scheduling Make-Up Games

- i. When at all possible, all Forestville league games must be made up and played regardless of the division or standings. Each Division Director is responsible for communicating and coordinating the make-up of all games in their division in the event of adverse weather or other mitigating circumstances.
 1. All Major and Minor league make up games will be made up pending the leagues field availability. Games should be made up by the following Sunday.
 2. Make-up games (for t-ball and instructional) must be played on the first available date. Teams should be available to make-up their postponed game in as little as 24 hours.
 3. There is no guarantee that the rescheduled game will be on the same field in which it were originally scheduled to play.
 4. Division Directors have the final say on whether or not an acceptable excuse is granted to postpone a scheduled or rescheduled game; acceptable excuses include school field trips involving 3 or more players, April school vacation, religious activities or other events involving 3 or more players etc.
 5. Failure to show up for a scheduled make-up game may result in possible suspension of the manager and or disciplinary action.

m. Safety Concerns

- i. Little League, Inc. regulations state that every league that operates pursuant to its charter granted by Little League, Inc. must have submitted a "Safety Manual" each year. Forestville Little League complies and submits a Safety Manual that is "ASAP" certified. The Safety Officer is responsible each year for the submission of this plan.
 1. The Field Director is responsible for the inspection of all fields, equipment and storage for the overall safety and operation. They shall report any deficiencies to the Board of Directors and delegate volunteer help to repair any problems that would violate the safety manual.

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2. The Safety Officer shall be the final inspector to ensure compliance of the manual.

n. Pitching Rules

- i. According to Little League Inc., Regulations, Forestville Little League has established a "pitch count" in accordance with the Operations Manual. The pitch count rules are for both the Majors and Minors Division baseball. The following guidelines will ensure that all teams adhere to the mandatory rules for pitchers.
 1. Before each game, the Managers must submit a list of any player that is ineligible to pitch to the umpire and opposing manager.
 2. After each game, each Manager must record every player that pitched, along with the amount of pitches that the player had thrown. This information must be recorded in the FLL website, Pitchers report section.
 3. d. Violations by managers that fail to record their player's statistics will be subject to disciplinary action by the Board of Directors.
 4. e. After each inning, each scorekeeper shall verify the number of pitches thrown, with the opposite team scorekeeper. If no Field Umpire is present to record pitches, then managers must choose a volunteer to count pitches to settle any discrepancies on pitch count.

o. Use of Fields

- i. Each Division must have fields available for their teams to practice. Each Division Director must coordinate a schedule that will allow enough time for each team within their division to hold practices. These rules are put into place to establish guidelines for each division, a fair opportunity to conduct these practices:
 1. There is to be absolutely no scheduled practices on any fields unless field permits have been granted by the Board of Education and/or the Parks Department. Violation of this rule is instant removal as Manager or Coach of your team.
 2. Currently, Forestville Little League requests the use of four different field locations; Peck Park, which has three fields under the Board of Education and two fields under the Parks Department, Mountain View which has one field, Hubbell has one field, and Stafford School has one field.
 - a. Hubbell is to be used for T-Ball and Instructional Divisions only.
 - b. Stafford School is to be used by the Minors or Instructional Divisions only.
 - c. Mountain View is to be used by the Majors Division. The Minors Division teams are allowed to practice if no major's team is scheduled to practice on the field.
 - d. Peck Park's Watson field #1 is reserved for the Major's Division practices as long as there are no scheduled or rescheduled games.

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- e. No AAA game should be played on a different field if Watson Field is not occupied with a Majors game. All games hold precedent over team practices (including All-Star teams).

p. Regular Season Playoffs & Format (Majors & AAA Division)

i. Majors Division

1. After regular season play, the Majors' Division will play in a final double elimination tournament. The winner of this tournament will go on to play in the City Series against McCabe Waters and the Edgewood Little League division winners.
2. All teams will participate in the playoffs regardless of standings, as voted unanimously by the Board of Directors.
 - a. When there are an odd number of teams in the division, the 1st place team will have an automatic "bye" in the first round.
 - b. As in the regular season rules, the pitch count rules will be followed.
 - c. Since the pitching count rules are in effect, there is no "start" to the pitching week.
 - d. Divisional Round playoffs will follow the Little League, Inc. procedures for Championship play.
 - e. Both Teams must participate in Field Preparation before the game and field clean up after the game.

ii. AAA Division

1. After regular season play, the AAA Division will play in a single elimination tournament (except the Championship).
2. The Championship Series will be a best of 3 with the winner being the AAA Division Champion

iii. End of Season Assessments

1. All managers in the Spring season are required to submit an assessment per player.
2. Assessments will be sent to the Player Agent and may be shared with the applicable Board Members (VP of Baseball, Division Directors, Safety Officer)

5. Fall Baseball Season

a. Registration

- i. Registration should begin in late July and end by September 1 to enable the Player Agent and Fall Ball Director enough time to build the applicable teams
- ii. Fall Ball should consist of:
 1. Bronze (AA Level) – Modified Player Pitch, normal Spring AA rules
 2. Silver (AAA Level) – Player Pitch from 46', normal Spring AAA rules
 3. Gold (Majors Level) – Player Pitch, normal Spring Majors rules

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4. Platinum (50/70 Level) – Player Pitch, specific rules apply if only playing in fall ball. See Appendix
- iii. Teams are generated based on number of registrants and should include at least 11 players per team. Teams should be assigned based on;
 1. Spring Assessments – players can play up if their Spring assessment indicated the ability to do so
 2. Spring Teammates – There is benefit keeping teammates together where possible. This may not always be applicable but is recommended.
 3. Parent Requests – due to the more informal nature of fall ball, parent requests should be entertained, however, not mandated.

b. Rules, Manager & Coach Selections, Trading, etc.

- i. Most rules apply as per applicable in the Spring Season. Specific handouts will be provided to managers & coaches where specific game rules differ than Spring rules.
- ii. Schedules are built with league games first priority with interleague possibilities based on registration numbers. David Greenleaf (McCabe-Waters) has volunteered to produce the schedules city-wide.
- iii. Manager & Coach selections are done via the methods outlined in the [Spring Season](#)
- iv. Unless specific reasons occur, no trading of players is applicable in the Fall Season.
- v. There are no championship teams in Fall Ball.

6. All-Star Baseball Season

a. Majors/District All-Star Manager Selection

- i. The manager of the Majors League Regular Season Champion the previous season has the first option to manage the All-Star team of his/her choice. In the event the manager does not return after winning the previous year, then the option follows the final standings list. (Before championship play for the City-Series) Although certain rules apply, the selection is a straightforward and simple process.
 1. The selected manager must be fully available for the entire duration of the District All-Star series and Invitational Tournaments.
 2. The selected manager may only choose coaches that have managed or are currently coaching for at least 1 full season in the Majors **or AAA** division.
 3. The Board of Directors reserves the right to overrule the selection process in cases in which it feels that the best interests of Forestville Little League may not be met.

b. Majors/District All-Star Player Selection

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- i. The selection of the 10/11/12 year old All-Star players was designed to be a fair unbiased selection of eligible players. This selection process was based partly on procedures outlined in the Little League Inc., Operations Procedures Manual. The object of this selection process is to establish a team that will represent Forestville Little League to the best of its ability.
 1. The selection of players must not be before June 1. Failure to obey this rule could constitute automatic elimination from All-Star play.
 2. The Player Agent will construct and distribute an eligible players list for all the managers in the Majors and AAA Divisions.
 3. Each manager in the Majors and AAA Divisions must select up to nine players who they feel is among the best eligible players. The Player Agent will collect and tally up the votes. Only those players who were voted on by all the managers in the league will be exempt from the tryouts, but their names will not be announced until the day of the tryouts!
 4. The manager must coordinate and hold at least one tryout for all eligible players.
 5. The manager must have a min. of 12 to a max. of 14 players selected on their roster.
 6. The Player Agent will submit the list of players that received the most votes to the All-Star Manager and the President. From this list, the first nine players are selected. The Manager will select the last three to five players to complete their team from the tryout session.
 7. In case of ties on Managers' voting, the All-Star Manager will make the final decision.
 8. Each Manager should place their vote for players based on talent, sportsmanship, teamwork and dedication.
 9. The voting list is confidential and no manager should discuss their picks with other managers, players or parents.
 10. At least 1 nomination must be from all other teams in your division.
 11. Suspended at District Tournament you are ineligible to manage the following All Star Season
 12. If you are suspended in the regular season, you are subject to board review.

c. Watson All-Star Selection

- i. The same selection criteria and process used for the District Teams will apply to the Watson All-Star Team(s).

7. Miscellaneous

a. Dissolution of Forestville Little League

- i. Forestville Little League, being a charitable corporation constituting a public charity, desires to voluntarily windup and close its affairs, may authorize its dissolution in accordance with this section. This section shall constitute the sole method for the voluntary dissolution of this charitable corporation.

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1. A petition for dissolution must be authorized by the general membership of Forestville Little League by a majority vote of members entitled to vote thereon; provided, however, that a petition for dissolution has been authorized by a vote of a two-thirds majority of the Forestville Little League's Board of Directors who are entitled to vote.
2. Two thirds of seated Board Members must be present to constitute a quorum for the purpose of voting on the dissolution of Forestville Little League.
3. A Board Member must be present in order to vote on the dissolution of Forestville Little League.
4. Upon dissolution of Forestville Little League and after all outstanding debts and claims have been satisfied, the Members shall direct the remaining property of Forestville Little League to another Federally Incorporated entity which maintains the same objectives as set forth in Article II of our Constitution, which are or may be entitled to exemption under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or any future corresponding provision.
5. Any matters not specifically addressed in this section will follow the guidelines set forth in Robert's Rules of Order.

b. Terms of Bylaws

- i. Approval - These By-Laws are intended to serve as a guide to direct and govern the Board of Directors to properly enforce certain rules and ideals that we as a Board feel will be in best interest of the children that participate in Forestville Little League and the League itself. These rules are subject to change and must be reviewed, approved and resubmitted to Regional Headquarters at least once every three years.
- ii. Amendments - From time to time a rule may need to be added or deleted from this document. In such cases, the amendment may be submitted after Board Approval, directly to Regional Headquarters.
- iii. Overruling - In certain cases, there may be in the scope of these By-Laws, in which a governing rule may not be able to be enforced. These By-Laws are put into place to help the League act in best interest for all its members. Forestville Little League reserves the right to "overrule" any stated governing rule by Board vote