

Warwick North Little League ID#02390316
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2023 BYLAWS

Local League Rules- Amended & Approved by the 2023 Warwick North Little League Board of Directors.

The *2023 Little League Rule Book: Official Regulations, Playing Rules & Operating Policies* governs Warwick North Little League playing rules. These rules are subject to change if deemed necessary by a 2/3rds vote by the Board of Directors of Warwick North Little League

Description of the new Warwick North Little League Baseball League (WNLL):

Warwick North Baseball will exercise control over and utilize the Sprague field complex.

The Warwick North Executive Board and/or League President can approve any spending proposal under \$500 and does not require Board approval. Projects requiring an expenditure of more than \$2500 and requiring outside contracting should secure a minimum of 3 bids. The Board of Directors shall vote to approve based on the bids presented.

I. REGISTRATION

- A. Registration will be open to children 4-16 who reside within league boundaries or are eligible under other Little League Baseball Rules. Registration fees may increase \$15 for any registration received after the last scheduled registration as set by the Board of Directors.
- B. No registration will be accepted for the Major Leagues after the annual league draft has been conducted. Late registrations will be accepted for all other divisions at the discretion of the Board of Directors. When necessary, a list of those waiting to join the league will be kept. As openings occur, players will be added to appropriate divisions in the order of their addition to the waiting list. The Player Agent(s) will keep those lists, including the date the players were added. No registration for any Division, other than Instructional Division, shall be accepted (2) weeks after the season's first game.
- C. Players added to AAA and AA Division rosters after the draft has been finalized will be placed on teams by the Division Director, in conjunction with the Player Agent, based on the number of players on each team. Teams with the fewest number of players will be allotted any post-draft sign-ups one at a time in draft order until all teams have an even number of players. In the event that all teams have an equal number of players, post-draft sign-ups will be placed on teams in the draft order. The Division Director/Player Agent will note the draft order of all teams including the team that had the last pick and will submit a copy to League Secretary to keep on file at the conclusion of drafts.
- D. Intermediate and Junior/Senior League and late registrations who signs up after tryouts but prior to the league draft, may register with the understanding they will be assigned in sequential number. Players so registered will be assigned to teams by lottery and in sequential order, as long as a vacancy exists, up to the League maximum.
- E. 50/70 and Junior/Senior Baseball will accept player registrations up until the roster(s) have been filled. **The Intermediate and Junior/Senior divisions will submit a separate seasonal procedure prior to the start of the season.** This seasonal procedure document will be added to these by-laws once the district rules for this division have been created. These rules are created at a pre-season meeting with all the participating

district teams.

Division Name	Age Group
Instructional Baseball	4,5, & 6*
Baseball AA	6, **7, 8
Baseball AAA	7,8, 9, 10 & 11
Baseball Majors	9, 10, 11, & 12
Intermediate (50/70)	11,12, & 13
Junior/Senior Baseball	12, 13, & 14
Senior Baseball	14, 15, & 16

* 6 year-old players to play Instructional by parent request and with approval by Registrar/Player Agent/Division Director.

** 7 or 8 year-old players are eligible to try out for AAA provided they have played in AA the previous year. Anyone not selected to AAA will return to AA.

II. TRYOUTS

- A. Any player ages 9, 10 or 11 who was not in majors during the 2023 season and who does not tryout, will not be eligible for a major league draft unless approval for their absence is obtained by the Exec Board, although players may be called up as deemed necessary by the Board of Directors during the season.
- B. Tryouts will take place with the date/s determined by the Board of Directors, allowing for the Little League required session. At the Board of Director's discretion, if needed, additional tryouts may be added up to and including the date of the individual division's drafts.
- C. All players registered for the AAA Divisions and above are invited to attend and participate in tryouts. Teams with the fewest number of players will be allotted any post-draft sign-ups one at a time in draft order until all teams have an even number of players. In the event that all teams have an equal number of players, post-draft sign-ups will be placed on teams in the draft order.
- D. Parents must notify the League President and/or Player Agent if their son/daughter is unable to attend tryouts. The League President, in conjunction with the Player Agent and the Division Director will then decide the player's status, and communicate this to affected managers and Division Directors.
- E. All Manager/Coaches options are to be declared prior to the beginning of tryouts and will participate in tryouts for the purpose of being rated. All returning Major Baseball players are not required to attend the tryout for the 2023 season.

III. ROSTERS

- A.. Every attempt will be made to ensure that there will be up to a maximum of a 12-player roster on Majors, AAA & AA teams. In case of exception, the Board of Directors will maintain the ability to adjust a team's roster depending on the number of registered players.

- B.. The respective Division Director in conjunction with the instructional managers shall determine instructional division rosters.

IV. OPTIONS AND DRAFTS

- A. In all divisions, options will be considered for children of managers with rating done by closed ballot. Options are to be announced prior to the beginning of tryouts and rated by the managers in that division. The rated option will be determined by mathematical averaging with appropriate rounding. The Division Director/Player Agent(s) will assure equitable rating. All options will be in place before the start of the draft. Once a Player is drafted, siblings of that player become an option at that point in time, to be rated in the same manner as listed above.
- B. Any 10 or 11yr. old player drafted by a Major League team, who, without valid reason as determined by the Board of Directors, refuses to report to that team, will become a member of the appropriate AAA division. That player will be ineligible for Major League and tournament team play for the remainder of the season.
- B,
- C. In Majors for 2023, there will be 4 teams with 12 to 13 players per team. The managers of the 4 teams will pick up to 2 coaches. (For the returning Major Division Managers that have already picked coaches options from the previous year. They are not entitled to pick additional coaches options for the 2023 season. Once all coaches have been selected, before the draft begins, each child of the manager and coach(s) will be ranked as per section IV, A of the Bylaws with the round he/she would have been selected in and they become that teams pick in that round. Once those rounds are filled, the draft order will be determined by the Player Agent, President, Vice-President and Division Director. A re-draft shall occur for this division going forward unless otherwise amended via these by-laws. The procedure of drafting will be a “snake draft” until all players are selected.
- D. The number of Baseball AAA teams will be based upon the number of AAA-rated players remaining after the Majors draft. The selection of manager and coach’s children will be the same as in section C. above. The procedure of drafting will be a “snake draft” until all players are selected.
- E The number of Baseball AA teams will be based upon the number of AA rated players remaining after the AAA draft. The selection of manager and coach’s children will be the same as in section C.above. The procedure of drafting will be the same as in section C. above.
- F.. Immediately following the draft, the Division Director, the Player Agent or the Board approved representative that monitored the draft will ask all the managers present if anyone would like to offer any trades. As long as the managers and the Board’s representative approve the trade, the trade will be allowed.
- G.. The league President(s), Vice President(s) of baseball, League Secretary, Division

managers, Division Player Agent(s) and Division Director will oversee the 2023 initial draft process for all the Baseball Divisions.

V. PRACTICES

- A. Managers will ensure that players are provided with adult supervision at all times.
- B. Due to insurance regulations, nonscheduled practices or games with teams of another league or at a field out of our local district is strictly forbidden. A waiver is required to play or practice outside district approved by WNLL. The waiver is obtained through the President of WNLL.
- C. There shall be a minimum of three combined practices and games per week in all divisions. This rule will be in effect beginning 2 weeks prior to the first scheduled game. League Director will enforce this rule.
- D. No practices will be allowed on Warwick Northcomplex fields during the regular & playoff season pending field availability. With the Board of Director's approval, if openings in the master schedule allow, practice time and cage time may be made available. Priority will be given to the higher divisions first as the need for backstops and safety of others (long fly balls, the speed of thrown and hit balls) place a greater need for a fenced in field.
- E. Teams and Tournament Teams will be allowed to practice on those fields upon the Board of Director's approval. Board of Directors will supply a practice schedule that will incorporate as many tournament teams possible as times permit.

VI. COACHES

- A. All managers, coaches & volunteers must first complete a Little Leagues background check before being approved to assist in any manner (except for those under the age of 18).
- B. Managers and coaches shall perform ALL reasonable service requested to improve the League. Managers, coaches, and other members are required to participate in scheduled cleanups and general work details. Failure to do so will result in disciplinary action or sanctions such as suspension and/or loss of home team status.
- C. Both teams shall be responsible for the preparation of the field on game day. Work shall include but not limited to; provide game balls and install bases, after the game to drag (rake) the infield, pitching mound, and home plate area. Additionally, both teams shall see that all trash barrels are distributed before the game in areas for the fans to use. At the completion of the games, all trash barrels are to be emptied and lined with new trash bags and returned to the dugouts. Failure to do so will result in disciplinary action or sanctions such as suspension and/or loss of home team status.

Specific Duties: Home Team is responsible for

- Responsible for opening and/or close snack shack.
- Assure that responsible team has snack shack coverage for entirety of the game
- Line & prepare the field.
- Place trash barrels in appropriate places near the bleachers.
- After the game – Clean and sweep dugout.
- Empty trash barrels and replace bags in barrels.

- Place trash barrels in a locked area in the dugout.

- Sweep and empty trash in Boys bathroom.
- Lock the field, batting cage, & bathroom.

Specific Duties: Visitor Team is responsible for

- Place trash barrels in appropriate places near the bleachers.
- After the game -- Rake the field, remove the bases & replace plugs.
- Clean and sweep dugout.
- Empty trash barrels and replace bags in barrels.
- Place trash barrels in a locked area in the dugout.
- Sweep and empty trash in Girls bathroom.
- Lock the field, batting cage, & bathroom.

- D. Both teams shall ensure that all field equipment is accounted for and returned to the storage area.
- E. Responsibility for cleaning up the playing field, dugouts and adjacent area (i.e. bleachers) after EVERY game will be jointly shared by both teams as stated. This is true at all fields used by Warwick North. Failure to do so will result in disciplinary action or sanctions such as suspension and/or loss of home team status.
- F. Each team is responsible for the completion of the post-game summary and pitching logs in the appropriate divisions - within 24hrs of the completion of the game.
- G. The team manager is responsible for all equipment issued to the team. Inventory will be taken at the start and finish of the season. Any items lost, stolen, or broken must be reported immediately to the Equipment Director. All equipment must be returned immediately following their team's final game.
- H. All team managers must possess a First Aid kit, including ice packs, along with their equipment at all games and practices.
- I. The batting cage is to be used during the regular season according to the schedule posted.
- J. The manager of the Majors, Intermediate, and Junior/Senior Divisions may select two asst. coaches, no more than three, to assist him/her with the operation of the team. For each game, no more than three total league approved volunteers are allowed in the dugout at one time. AAA/Minors managers may choose up to four asst. coaches with no more than four league approved volunteers in the dugout area at one time. *High School Students participating in mentorship programs are not included in the dugout count.* -No non-player (including siblings) is allowed in the dugout. -Coaches must remain within the dugout area. Coaches are not allowed on the grass. (AA Excluded). It is recommended that the "book" be kept in the dugout.
- K. **The Board of Directors must approve all coaches before they are allowed to coach.** An age limit for coaches is as follows:
- Individuals must be at least 14 yrs. old to coach in AA, and Instructional. No more than one 14 yr. old coach per team.
 - Individuals must be at least 16 yrs. old to coach in Majors, and AAA Divisions. No more than one 16yr. old coach per team.

- Individuals must be 20 yrs. old to coach in Intermediate/Junior/Senior Division.
- L. It is required that managers hold a player/parent team meeting prior to Opening Day to discuss the objectives of the team and League. The Division Directors and Coaching Coordinator should be informed of team meetings and given reasonable opportunity to attend.
 - M. The concession stand at the Warwick NorthWarwick NorthComplex will be covered by the teams playing on Klitzner Field. **It is the manager's responsibility (or designee) to assign snack bar coverage for their team.** Each Home team (with the exception of T-Ball) is responsible for providing two parents to cover the snack bar as described: **If a team does not have coverage the game will be stopped and the manager will be pulled to cover the snack bar. The home team is responsible to open 15 minutes prior to game time to set up the snack bar and is responsible to clean after the game.**
 - N. At least one manager or coach from each team is required to hold a valid 1st Aid/CPR Certificate.
 - O. The manager is responsible for ensuring that no form of tobacco is used on the playing field or in the dugout during a game. Likewise, consumption of alcoholic beverages by anyone on or near the playing field, or anywhere on the Warwick North grounds will not be tolerated. Any coach found in violation of this rule pertaining to alcohol will be subject to immediate dismissal per the decision of the Board. This is a City Ordinance in addition to being a League rule.
 - P. The use of foul language or gestures is strictly prohibited and will not be tolerated. Any manager or coach so charged will appear before the Board of Directors to discuss the possible suspension.
 - Q. The manager is responsible for controlling his/her players and corresponding parents in an orderly manner. Player harassment of opposing team members is prohibited and would meet with possible sanctions.
 - R. The manager shall ensure that no player leaves the playing field without the permission of the coaching staff. It is particularly important that players are kept out of the shack during games. Food and drinks (except water and sports drinks) in the dugout are prohibited.
 - S. Managers and coaches are required to attend and participate in a majority of League activities, meetings, games, and practices. Failure to fulfill these duties will result in the coach or manager appearing before the Board of Directors, which could impose sanctions, including dismissal.
 - T. All managers and coaches must be League Members in good standing, per the League Constitution. Managers and coaches serve at the discretion of the Board of Directors and may be removed by the Board for any offense deemed appropriate.
 - U. All managers and/or coaches at Warwick North must attend at least one baseball clinic

when offered by the League.

- V. Any individual who has a complaint about a manager/coach must be directed to the appropriate Division Director and/or one of the members of the Board of Directors.
- W. Managers and Coaches must wear appropriate attire on the field with sneakers or cleats to be worn. No sleeveless T's or open-toed shoes are acceptable.
- X. Board Members are responsible to work one shift of what is referred to as “**Board Member on Duty**”. Board Members are responsible to be the “Supervisor” on duty. The main responsibility is to be the present to help prevent any wrongdoing on the premises; from the behavior of Managers, coaches, and parents to local children hanging around the fields. Responsibilities also may include helping answer any disputed calls from a rule book perspective.

VII. TIME LIMITS, POSTPONEMENTS & MAKEUPS

- A. The League President and/or Division Director must approve all rescheduled games.
- B. For the 2023 season, WNLL will utilize West Bay Umpires and WNLL Junior Umpires.
 - For AAA playoffs, at least one West Bay Umpire will be utilized.
 - Junior Umpires must be 14 yrs. old to participate
- C. Once a game is rescheduled the President / Division Director will notify the person(s) in charge of Umpire in Chief.
- D. The President / Division Director will ensure that the Managers / Coaches of affected teams are notified.
- E. The President / Division Director will notify the individual in charge of concessions of rescheduled games.
- F. Forfeits – If a scheduling conflict occurs with a function or activity that will result in a team being unable to field the required number of players, team managers must provide at least a **days** Division Director that said game(s) must be rescheduled.
notice to the
Decisions will be final once a rescheduled date is chosen. For the regular season only, there will not be any forfeits. Teams with less than 9 players will borrow from the other team to play the outfield in order to play the game.
- G. The game that has been requested to be rescheduled will be rescheduled on the next available date within 7 days of the original date. The rescheduled date will be agreed upon by the two managers. The managers then will communicate to the Division Director to make arrangements of Umpires to be assigned.
- H. Major League & AAA Division Games will be rescheduled on the next available date decided upon by the Division Director and the scheduler and the umpires for times and date.
- I. All remaining divisions will be rescheduled per the decision of the Division Director.
- J. Prolonged inclement weather may prompt changes to the above specified make-up schedule.

- K. In case of rain or lightning, the following shall apply: all players are to be removed from the field, and the game is suspended until the umpire judges the conditions to be safe.
- L. ALL Divisions – The Division Director shall decide at least one hour prior to scheduled start time if a game is to be postponed. If he/she is unavailable, the decision to play is the responsibility of the Safety Director, Vice President(s) and/or League President. If none of the above is available, a Board member should be contacted to check the field(s) to make a decision. Once a game begins, it becomes the discretion of the umpire.
- M. Once a game is canceled the following shall apply: Immediately call the Umpire in Chief of West Bay Umpires, the Umpire in Chief of Junior Umpires, Contact Managers of effective teams. Contact individual in charge of concessions.
- N. Managers of games that have been canceled that require to be made up must report the games to their Division Directors. Division Directors must report makeup games to the Vice Presidents of the League. The Vice President's working w/ the Division Directors and the "Scheduler" will be responsible to notify the scheduled makeup games.
- O. For Boys AAA: after 1:30hrs the next inning is the last inning with unlimited runs. There will be a 2 hours Drop-dead Time (after one pitch on a batter, the current batter will complete his/her at bat). (Example: If 1:30hrs of time has past at any point in the 4th inning, the 5th inning will be the last inning with unlimited runs and a drop-dead at 2hrs)

For Baseball Majors: In the event that the game requires extra innings, no new inning can be started after 1:45hrs (Majors Only).

Drop-dead: If the Home team is winning on the drop-dead time, the Home Team is the winner. If the Home team is not able to complete its at-bats (after one pitch on a batter, the current batter will complete his/her at bat), the game reverts to the previous inning score to determine the winner. If the game does revert to the previous inning due to time restraint, and the score is tied, the result of the game is a tie.

- P. At all fields, the start time will be determined in the meeting w/ the opposing managers and the umpire at the beginning of the game. There will be a clock placed on the fence behind or aside of the home plate umpire. If the clock is not present to start the game the umpire in chief will keep a record of the time. The umpire in chief will keep time at the other fields.
- Q. All postponed games affecting playoff standings must be made up prior to the divisional playoffs.
- R. Any team that refuses to make up a postponed game as scheduled will forfeit the contest. This also applies to double forfeits.
- S. Instructional Division games shall have a (1) one-hour time limit.

VIII. THE GAME

- A. For regular season games, the home team shall occupy the first base dugout at all fields.
- B. Players who arrive after the start of a game shall be added to the end of the batting order.

- C. Batting orders in all divisions will be continuous and include all team members.
 - D. For safety reasons, in any division, any player who fakes a bunt and then swings at the pitch shall be called out.
 - E. The “Mercy Rule” applies in all divisions. In divisions with 6-inning games, it applies once the margin is reached after 4 innings (3 ½ innings if the home team is ahead). The number of runs that constitute the mercy rule for all divisions is 12.
 - F. In the Instructional Division, the inning is over when continuous batting order is completed. 1) All base runners will be cleared from the bases when the defensive team achieves 3 outs. 2) No outs will be allowed at home plate. 3) No player shall play the same position more than once in a game. 4) No more than 6 players will be allowed to play the infield at one time, remaining players position in the outfield.
 - G. Every player must play 4 innings in a game. In AAA, one of those innings must be in the infield. No player shall sit consecutive innings. If a player will not receive the required innings due to disciplinary action, approval must be received by the Division Director first. Division Director must notify Player Agent(s) of discipline. No player shall play four full games in a row.
 - H. After each game, each team will extend congratulations to the opposing team in an orderly manner.
- IThere is to be **NO** protesting during regular season play. During Play-offs all efforts should be made by both managers and umpires to acquire correct ruling prior to resumption of the game.
- J. All managers and coaches will make every attempt to assure that no unnecessary or deliberate delays occur that impact overall game play time.

IX. SAFETY

- A. Warwick North LL Safety Plan will be available online and in the clubhouses.
- B. All Managers and Coaches will have filled out a Little League Volunteer form and pass a Little League Background Check.
- C. The manager shall see that any injured player receives immediate care. A league accident form must be completed and recorded in the Safety Manual at the completion of the game and/or practice. Accident forms are available in the shack. Contact (e-mail or telephone call) must be made to the Divisional Director, Safety Director, and/or the President of the League.
- D. One (1) coach must be inside fenced dugout at all times.
- E. For all divisions above AA, coaches must remain inside the dugout area (at Klitzner Field, the “on-deck” enclosed area is an approved area for coaches). The gate to the dugout must remain closed at all times.

X. DISCIPLINE

- A. The manager shall be responsible for taking disciplinary action against any player who is verbally or physically abusive to an umpire, manager or coach, teammate, opposing player or fan, or any behavior that, as deemed by the Manager to be inappropriate or not in the best interest of the team or the league. The ability of each player shall not be

considered when deciding on appropriate discipline. The penalty will be determined by the Manager but must be approved by the Player Agent and /or the Division Director with the advisement from the President. The manager will report the behavior of the player to the Division Director as soon as possible, but at least within 24 hours. Division Director shall communicate this to the Player Agent. Disciplinary action for such conduct at practices is determined by the team manager.

- B. When an umpire removes a player from a game, he/she is automatically suspended from the next game. The player must be present and in uniform to serve the suspension. The player's manager and the umpire shall submit written reports to the Player Agent/Division Director within 48 hours explaining the circumstances. Upon evidence of misconduct by the player, the manager shall appear as a spokesperson for the said player before the Board, which has full authority to suspend the player for a period of time it deems suitable.
- C. The opposing manager will be notified prior to the beginning of a game of any player suspended, or otherwise unavailable for that game.
- D. No deliberate abuse of the equipment (throwing bats or helmets) will be tolerated. Players who do so shall be removed from the game and may not reenter. Managers must ensure players do not throw equipment into the dugout or batting cage.

XI. PITCHING

- A. AAA, Major, Intermediate, and Junior/Senior Baseball divisions:
 - Official Little League pitch count rules will be in effect.
 - Both teams are responsible for recording pitch counts, which must be verified after each half inning. In the event of a discrepancy, the home team count shall prevail.
 - Failure to complete pitching logs will result in the pitcher being charged the maximum pitches allowed for a game.
 - Division Director is responsible to supply and review log forms in the logbook (electronic or otherwise). Managers are required to complete the on-line form within 24hrs of the completion of the game.
- B. AA Division (See Section XII)
- C. Instructional Division: A hitting tee may be used by all teams for the duration of the season. Coaches may begin introducing coach pitch, at the discretion of the coaches. No more than 5 pitches per at bat then the Tee must be used.

XII. AA DIVISION

- A. The Board of Directors is allowed every season to determine what is best for the AA Division by evaluating the skill level of the division. Through advice from the President, Division Director and Player Agent, a set of rules can be established progressively to help develop the players to play baseball. Such rule changes as stealing, pitching, overthrows, etc... The goal is to have the AA Divisional players to be prepared to play in the AAA

Division.

B. General Rules

- A time limit of 1:30 will be enforced in this division.
- No player may play the same position more than two innings per game.
- No standings will be kept in this division.
- Stealing is not allowed in this division. Bunting will be allowed during player pitching ONLY.
- There is no infield fly rule in effect in this division.
- Coaches are allowed on the field to assist with the defensive alignment of players.
- Coaching of players while the ball is in play is NOT allowed.
- There must be one coach in the dugout at all times.
- Players begin their catching careers in this division.
- Baser runners cannot advance on defensive overthrows.
- During coach pitch, the batting order will be a continuous batting order. The inning is over when the continuous batting order is complete. The base runners will be cleared from the bases when the defensive team achieves 3 outs.

C. Pitching

- Pitching for this division will be decided upon after the first half of the season has concluded. The coaches, in conjunction with the AA Director, will determine when/if coach pitching will commence.
- During kid pitch, the rules of baseball will apply. If the defensive team records 3 outs, the half-inning is complete. If the defensive team does not record 3 outs, the half-inning ends when the team completes its batting order.
- During kids pitch, if a pitcher walks 3 CONSECUTIVE batters, the half-inning will be completed by coach pitching. Kid pitch rules re: outs still apply.
- A CALLED strike erases the balls.
- A coach for the batting team will call balls/strikes from behind the pitcher.

XIII. AAA BASEBALL

A. General Rules

- Stealing is allowed in this division. No more than one base on a steal. No advancement on an overthrown ball.
- Only one run is allowed to score on a non-batted ball per inning; i.e. offensive team has a runner on 3rd base, the pitcher throws a wild pitch, the offensive team can advance to home at their own risk.
- No forfeits during regular season play. The opposing team will lend players if

needed.

- One base allowed on an overthrown ball that was batted into play; i.e. Runner on 2nd base, ball hit to shortstop, throw to 1st is overthrown, the runner from 2nd may advance to home at their own risk, this does not count as a steal of home & the batter may advance to 2nd. Multiple overthrows on the same batted ball do not allow for extra bases for the runners.
- The side is retired when three defensive outs are recorded or when each player has batted once in that half-inning or when 5 runs are recorded. The 5 run limit is lifted during the last inning.
- There is no infield-fly-rule for this division.

XIV. CALL-UPS AND ROSTER CHANGES

- A. A “Wait List” will be developed for those players who register after the Major Baseball draft and/or after the other divisions are considered closed for those players who are only eligible to participate in the closed division.
- B. If for any reason a manager wishes to drop a player, he/she must contact the Division Director / Player Agent to schedule a Board meeting.
- C. If for any reason a player previously drafted in the Major Divisions does wish not to play for the manager of that Major League team (i.e. wishes to re-enter the draft) the player must: (See Section IV, C). If the WNLL Board of Directors finds the reasons to be acceptable, the Manager of the Major League team of which the player is on the roster will lose the player from his or her roster. The player will be put back in the draft. The player is bound by all rules associated with the draft. Primarily, the player is required to attend tryouts.
- D. Any AAA Division player who, after being called up as a permanent replacement by a major league team, refuses to play without valid reason as determined by the Board of Directors, will be ineligible for promotion at any time during the year, but the player is eligible for tournaments team consideration.
- E. Once a player has been called up from a team for any reason, every other team in the division must lose a player before a second player can be taken from that team.
- F. If a player quits a team, the Division Director shall be notified. The Division Director must inform the Player Agent. If the player’s decision remains unchanged as verified by the Division Director, his/her manager may suggest a player from the “Wait List” or AAA Division. By the end of 72-hour grace period, a player who misses three consecutive games or practices in the same time period without informing of his/her reason(s) will be deemed to have quit the team. The Division Director must verify this. The team manager must make a reasonable effort to contact the player and his/her parent(s). If a player quits a second time, the player will be immediately removed from the roster and a replacement will be selected.
- G. Permanent Player – If a player will miss in excess of three calendar weeks, the Player Agent and Division director must be notified immediately. The Division Director will immediately aid in the selection of a permanent replacement if desired. If the missing

player subsequently returns to full player status, the roster of the Major League team shall be expanded to accommodate the additional player.

- H. The Player Agent and Division Director will handle all call-ups. The manager requesting call-ups will notify his/her Division Director and/or the Player Agent of the need for a replacement player. The Division Director will aid in providing a list of eligible players to the requesting Manager and Player Agent as they were selected in that season's draft. After a player is claimed, the Player Agent will advise the affected manager of player status. The claiming manager will not make direct contact with a claimed player until call-up has been confirmed.

XV. PLAYOFFS – ALL APPLICABLE DIVISIONS

- A. All teams will make the playoffs. Playoffs will not be held in any league while the respective league All-Star team competes in International Tournament play. If playoffs are not completed before tournament play, they will start/continue upon completion of tournament play.
- B. In case of a tie, the results of the regular season game played between the teams will determine the final order of the standings. The team with the better record in head-to-head competition will be awarded the higher position in the playoffs.
- C. If teams tied in the standings have won an equal number of games against that opponent, then the team with the least runs allowed for the season will win the tiebreaker. If a tie still remains, the most runs scored will break the tie. If a tie still remains, the records of the affected teams will be compared against the other teams in the division starting with the highest finishing team not involved in the tie and continuing in descending order until the tie is broken. If a tie still remains, playoff position will be determined by a coin toss.
- D. The playoff schedule will be developed and approved by the Board of Directors.
- E. The team with the better league record will be the home team in the first round of playoffs. After each successive round, the team with the higher seed will have the advantage of choosing to be the Home Team or the Away Team. Teams remaining in the "Winners Bracket" will assume a higher seed over those in the "Losers Bracket." When two teams compete in the "Loser Bracket" and during the "If Game" a coin toss will decide Home/Away - the team with the higher initial seed will call the flip. Dugouts will be determined by the Home/Away status awarded during the coin flip.
- F. A team shall forfeit any playoff game in which they are unable to field 9 players within 15 minutes after scheduled start time.
- G. During the baseball championship game, a neutral agent shall keep the pitch count.
- H. Any protests shall be resolved prior to the resumption of the game. If the issue cannot be resolved by parties involved a designated league official shall be consulted for the final ruling.
- I. Time Limits imposed on Regular Season Games will not be imposed on playoff games for Majors. [For AAA, TBD mid-season].

XVI. TOURNAMENT / ALL-STAR TEAMS

- A. A letter of interest to manage an All-Star team must be submitted to the President no later than May 15th. The letter of interest will be presented/read to the Board expressing their qualifications for this position. Choices will be made in compliance with Little League ruling.
- B. All tournament/All-Stars Team managers will send recommendations for coaching staff for President and Board Approval.
- C. Players chosen for postseason play must make a full commitment to the team for all practice and game schedules. If this is not feasible, a new player may be selected.
- D. Warwick North All-Star Teams must take priority for the player selected. If conflicts occur due to another baseball team's obligations, the player will not be allowed to represent the Warwick North All-Star Team.
- E. In choosing players for the All-Star team, selectors are encouraged to consider the sportsmanship and attitude of the players, as well as their ability.
- F. All-Stars will be selected at the time designated by the Division Director.
- G. There will be a minimum of 12 players on each All-Star roster with a Manager option to carry 13. There will be a minimum of 12 players on each Tournament Team with a Manager option to carry 13.
- H. The process to select all roster spots for the 11/12 All-Star Teams, 10/11 All-Star Teams, and the 9/10 All-Star Team is as follows: All Managers of the Majors will meet privately to select in agreement the 10 players on each All-Star roster (the Player Agent, Division Director, and/or President(s) or Vice President(s) will be present during the meeting).
- I. Only the Division Team Managers, League President and/or Vice President(s), Division Director(s) and/or Player Agent will be invited to the All-Star selection meeting. In the event that a team manager is unable to attend the All-Star selection meeting, the manager may appoint one coach from his/her team to attend. The manager must notify the Division Director of this situation prior to the meeting.
- J. If a vacancy should occur after the All-Star squad has been selected, the manager of the team may choose a replacement player at their discretion.
- K. Parents who refuse to have their child play for the 10-12 All-Star team, if they are eligible by age, will forfeit their child's ability to be selected for any other All-Star/Tournament team for that year. Parents of other All-Star teams have the right to decline their appointment without penalty and can be selected for another team. The decision to decline an All-Star appointment must be made in writing to the Player Agent and the President within 48 hours. Failure to comply with the 48-hr window will result in the child forfeiting the ability to play on any other All-Star/Tournament team for that year.
- L. The formation of additional tournament teams will occur at the discretion of the Board. Any manager wishing to form a tournament team (in-house or otherwise), will provide to the Board, in writing, the details of the tournament and the method in which players will be chosen to participate.

- M. The 9/10 yr. old All-Stars will be selected as follows; All players age 9-10 that played in the Majors Division shall be eligible for a position on the 9/10 All-Star Baseball Team. If there are more than 10 players of 9/10 year-old playing in the Majors Division the selection process will be the same as stated above. If there are not enough 9/10 year-olds participating in the Major Division to fill a 12 or 13 player roster, the remaining positions will be selected by the Manager of the 9/10 year-old All-Star team based on the recommendation of 9/10 year-old players from the AAA Managers.
- N. Non-Little League Tournaments: WNLL shall appoint a tournament director for all tournaments played that are unaffiliated with the LL All-Star Tournaments.
- O. Selection for the Sally Eddy Tournament will be determined by written recommendations to Division Director to ensure all managers submit recommendations of the Majors & AAA managers by June 30th
- P. All tournament teams are self funded and will pay for uniforms, entry fees and other expenses through sponsorships, or fundraising.
- Q. WNLL will pay Little League Tournament entry fees for all Little League District All-Star teams and to the extent determined to be fiscally appropriate the All-Star uniform shirts and hats, all other expenses are self funded through sponsorships, or fundraising. . The Board of Directors will approve managers for all tournaments.
- S. Any coach or manager wishing to enter a Tournament Team shall select players in a fair and equitable manner, with the approval of the Tournament Director. Those players who have played for WNLL, during the prior Spring Season, will be given the first right of refusal to participate.

XVII. All-Star and Advancing Teams

- A. Parents (or guardians), coaches, and the team manager must meet with the Executive Board before leaving for the tournament. A parent or guardian must meet with the league officers or the player will not be allowed to travel or play with the team.
- B. Someone that is traveling with the team must be assigned the responsibility as trip treasurer. The league officers must approve the trip treasurer. The trip treasurer will sign for any league money that the league designates for the team. Upon return, the trip treasurer will hand over any remaining money and all receipts for money spent.
- C. Any league money spent shall be for team and player expenses only. League money is not to be used for family members in any way.
- D. All players will room and dine with their teammates during the trip; this is not a family vacation.
- E. Four individuals will be approved and assigned by the Board of Directors as team chaperones; each chaperone will be assigned three or four players, at least (1) one chaperone should be the same gender as players. The Chaperones will be responsible for the players at all times except during the games.
- F. Managers, coaches, and chaperones must not drink any alcoholic beverages while on this trip.

- G. There must be at least three valid drivers listed for any vehicle the league rents to transport the players and the equipment.
- H. The WNLL will pay expenses for an 11/12 Year-Old All-Star Team up to \$3,000.00 for the team if they reach the Little League Regional and/or Little League World Series Tournament.

XVIII. AWARDS

- A. The Board of Directors will identify the team standings that will receive team and/or individual awards prior to the start of each season. In case of ties for any position, including the championship, all tied teams and all players on those teams will be recognized equally. Tiebreakers apply only to postseason manager selection, playoff positioning. Awards shall be created and be given as deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors.
- B. The winner of the Major and AAA playoff season division will represent the league in the City Series.
- C. Constantino and Sherlock Award Voting Process
 - a. All Major Managers will provide their nominations to the Division Director
 - i. Nominations are not limited to the players on the manager's team
 - b. The Division Director will review the list of nominations and will present his/her recommendation for each award to the Board.

XIX. FALL BALL

- The Director of Fall Ball will coordinate with the District III Fall Ball Director to determine the number of teams and the appropriate division each team to participate.

XX. FUNDRAISING

- Money raised for any league purpose requires the approval of the Board of Directors and shall become the property of the league. Spending of this money is at the sole discretion of the Board of Directors. This shall apply, but not be limited to, money raised to support Post-Season play by a league sponsored team. Managers of post-season teams must provide a report of any money raised or spent on behalf of their team.

XXI. FIELD USE/RENTAL

- The use of any fields operated by WNLL for games/practices or other purposes, by teams or associations not affiliated with WNLL, will require Board approval and is subject to a rental fee, as determined by the Board. Additionally, each team/organization which uses the field(s) will be required to provide proof of insurance and have an active release of liability form and rental agreement form on file with WNLL.

XXII. PENALTIES

- A. Warwick North Little League has instituted and will enforce a **ZERO TOLERANCE** rule against all verbal abuse and harassment from spectators that is aimed toward other spectators, or any player, manager, coach, or umpire; Discipline will be enforced by the

Board of Directors based on the infraction of the incident. Progressive discipline is not a right of parents, managers, coaches or other volunteers.

- B. The Executive Board may, in cases of severe infractions, by 2/3 vote suspend the offending member, player, parent, grandparent, family member, manager, volunteer, league official or any other spectator or guest of Warwick North Little League from attending further league activities, pending a hearing before the Board, as procedurally covered under the Warwick North Constitution (this procedure will be utilized regardless of membership status). Notice of such disciplinary action may be given to the offending person by a member of the Executive Board in person, electronically or regular mail.
- C. Any parent, coach, manager or other volunteers, who have been suspended, will NOT be allowed to be on the premises of the game(s) for which they are suspended. This includes the parking lot(s), area(s) surrounding the field, and/or other areas where the suspended person is visible by the coaches, players and spectators.