2026 SANDWICH LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL LOCAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

All coaches, assistant coaches, umpires, and players will strictly adhere to the following Rules and Regulations. Any flagrant or unsportsmanlike act by a coach, player, or umpire will result in disciplinary action by the Board of Directors.

1. Sunday games are not permitted. Team practices are permitted after 1:00 p.m.

2. No alcohol, drugs, tobacco, smoking, vape pens, e-cigarettes will be allowed on the fields or in the stands during practices or games or at any Sandwich Little League activity.

3. All equipment, including bats, batting helmets, and catcher's equipment must comply with Little League guidelines. Bats must have the USA logo conforming to the 2018 USA Baseball Bat Standard. All batters, base runners, and players serving as a base coach must wear a helmet. Sandwich Little League requires helmets with a cage or face shield. Catchers must wear a catcher's helmet (with face mask and dangling throat protector; skull caps not permitted), chest protector (long-model or short-model), and shin guards. Male catchers must wear a protective supporter and cup at all times.

4. The umpire may remove a player and/or coach from a game for a flagrant or unsportsmanlike act; including abusive language. Coaches and players may not, in any way, deride the opposing team. (Conduct: 4.06, 4.07, and 4.08 of the Little League Rule Book.

5. The coach of a Sandwich Little League team, if recommended by the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors, will receive a warning letter from the Board of Directors (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") if the coach demonstrates unsportsmanlike conduct while coaching his/her team.

6. Any additional reports of unsportsmanlike conduct, reported to the Board, after reviewing the matter and based upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors, may then suspend (for a period to be determined by the Board) or remove the coach or assistant coach from all Little League activities.

7. Bench discipline – Disruptive behavior shall not be allowed. No person, other than players, coaches and a team scorekeeper shall be allowed on the bench or inside the dugout area. All coaches, umpires, and Board Members are required to enforce this rule.

8. For just cause and with approval of the league commissioner and Executive Committee of the Board of Directors, a coach may suspend one of his own players for up to 2 games. To suspend a player, a coach is required to notify the following: the player, the player's parents/guardians, and the Board. For player suspension longer than 2 games, or for the expulsion of a player, a majority vote of the Board is required.

9. Safety – At all times, all safety guidelines that are outlined in the Sandwich Little League Safety plan are to be followed by all players, spectators, coaches and umpires.

10. Intentional mistreatment of equipment, such as the obvious and flagrant act of throwing bats or throwing or kicking helmets, shall be cause for immediate removal of the violating

player from the game. Where such actions occur in the last inning of the game, the player shall be suspended from his team's next regularly scheduled game.

11. Any player vacancies should be reported immediately to the respective commissioner of the league who will contact the Player Agent or President to fill the vacancy. No contact should be made to any respective candidates or the parents/guardians by anyone other than the Player Agent or President. The Player Agent or other member of the Board shall verify the vacancy with the child's parents/guardians. If a vacancy then exists, the Player Agent or President will fill the vacancy with a player in the next lower division. Any player missing 3 consecutive games shall be considered for replacement.

12. All rain outs or game cancellations will be made by the President of the League or his designated official. Games will be rescheduled by the scheduling coordinator. All games will be played unless otherwise notified.

13. There shall be **NO** on-deck batter at any of the Little League fields. At AL 1, on deck batters may stand in the fenced in area but **NO** swings should be allowed.

14. Only 1 batter is allowed in batting cages while hitting live pitching.

15. Players warming up pitchers must wear a mask at all times. Adult coaches **may** warm up pitchers at all levels of play.

16. There may be **no more than 3** adult coaches in any dugout area for a majors game. There may be **no more than 4** adult coaches in any dugout area for a minors game.

17. Field lights must be off no later than 9:45 PM.

18. Any Sandwich Little League Board Member who directly or indirectly promotes, recruits, funds, or in any way participates in the organization, development and/or maintenance of a team or organization which directly competes with the Sandwich Little League All-Star Program shall be removed from the Sandwich Little League Board.

19. Any parent who directly or indirectly promotes, recruits, funds or in any way participates in the organization, development and/or maintenance of a team which directly competes with the Sandwich Little League All-Star Program shall not be eligible for any type of future coaching position within Sandwich Little League.

20. All Head Coaches are required to complete league appropriate training courses as determined by the League's Board of Directors.

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