



## Everett Little League

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### 2023-2024 Season

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#### Mission Statement for Everett Little League

Everett Little League's mission is to provide an environment for Everett youth to have an enjoyable, safe, team-oriented, and community-based experience while learning and playing the game of baseball and softball. We will use the rules provided to us by Little League International for the benefit of all contributing members, families, and children. We will encourage participation, develop character and discipline, promote teamwork, and advocate citizenship and community pride. We will strive to provide quality instruction in the development of baseball/softball skills, sportsmanship, competitiveness, and fair play.

#### 1 ELIGIBLE PLAYERS

- 1.1 Every player must reside in the league boundaries or have an approved Little League waiver.
- 1.2 League age is determined as set out by Little League International.
- 1.3 All eligible players will be placed on a league age appropriate team.

#### 1.3 Majors & AAA Level Evaluation sessions

- 1.3.1 Returning Majors players (players who previously played in the Majors division during Spring ball for Everett Little League) must attend a minimum of one evaluation session for their age group, unless their absence has been excused and approved by the Player Agent.
- 1.3.2 All other non-returning majors eligible players shall attend a minimum of 50 % of the available evaluation sessions for their age group. All players failing to attend the required minimum number of evaluation sessions shall lose their eligibility to participate in the Major league program unless their absence has been excused and approved by the Player Agent.
- 1.3.3 If a player is league age 12 and fails to attend the required minimum number of evaluation sessions or receive an approved absence by the player agent, they will be assigned to a division at the discretion of the Player Agent and President. Team selection shall be by hat pick unless the player enters after the draft, at which point a team will be selected by the Player Agent and President.
- 1.4 All AAA eligible players must attend a minimum of one evaluation session.



1.5 After the evaluation sessions have been completed and the eligibility of the players has been approved by the player agent, the draft will be conducted to form the league's Majors and AAA teams.

1.6 AAA eligible players who do not attend the required minimum number of evaluation sessions will be assigned to a league age level appropriate team via hat pick.

## **2 DRAFT ORDER**

2.1 Majors Team rosters will be set utilizing draft Plan A - Conventional Draft Plan as set out in the Little League Baseball Official Regulations, Playing Rules, and Operating Policies Rulebook. .

2.2 Once evaluations have been completed, the last-place team of the preceding season gets the first choice in every round of the draft, the next to last place team gets the second selection in every round and the remaining teams select in the reverse order of standing.

2.3 Once a player is drafted to a Majors team, he or she is deemed a "property player". The player remains with that team for the remainder of Majors-eligible years with EvLL; except in the case of an expansion or contraction year, in which case players may be moved or re-drafted per bylaws 2.7 and 2.9. OR in the case of a requested waiver by the player.. Players opting for a waiver must attend a minimum of 50% of the available evaluation sessions and will not be eligible to be drafted by their previous season's team. The Player Agent will ensure that all League Age 12 Players who attended the required evaluation sessions will be drafted onto a Majors team before the draft is completed.

2.4 Majors Teams will select no more than eight players who are league age 12, no more than eight players who are league age 11, and no more than three players who are league age 10. The Player Agent will track rosters to ensure all teams are in compliance with this bylaw.

2.5 Players who opt out of their previous year's team may opt out of their second year team as well, but this will make them eligible again for their first year team should they be playing three seasons in the Majors Division.

2.6 Property Player provisions will apply only to the Majors Baseball Division so long as the division consists of a minimum of three charter teams. AAA Baseball and all Softball divisions will select teams via a Snake Draft.

## **2.7 Expansion**

2.7.1 If there are four teams or more and the Majors Division is expanded by one team, expansion will occur as provided in Expansion: Option 2 as set out in the Little League Baseball Official Regulations, Playing Rules, and Operating Policies Rulebook and as supplemented by these bylaws. If the Majors Division expands beyond four teams, each currently existing team would allow one 12 year old and one 11 year old to join the new team(s). These players are drawn randomly via hat pick except the manager's



own child is exempt from the hat pick The new team will then complete its roster via the regular draft. receiving the first pick, and the first pick of each subsequent round.

2.7.2 If the Majors Division is expanded by more than one team, expansion will occur as provided in Expansion: Option 1 as set out in the Little League Baseball Official Regulations, Playing Rules, and Operating Policies Rulebook and as supplemented by these bylaws. All players would become free agents and would conduct a re-draft via the snake draft method, with the order determined by random draw, which would “reset” the league.

2.8 **Team Reduction:** Any reduction in number of teams in the Majors Division will occur as provided in Team Reduction as set out in the Little League Baseball Official Regulations, Playing Rules, and Operating Policies Rulebook and as supplemented by these bylaws. If the number of teams in Majors Division is to be reduced at the Major League level, the Board of Directors shall decide which team is to be deleted from the division. All current Major League players affected must be reassigned to a Major League team by a regular draft wherein, if a number of returning Major League players has not been drafted by the time that same number of draft picks remain, those returning players must be the only players eligible from that point forward in the draft.

2.9 Majors Level Manager Appointments: The League President will appoint Managers to Majors teams in the case of a vacancy, in consultation with the Vice President of Baseball and Coaching Coordinator.

## **2.10 SOFTBALL MINOR PROGRAM PLAYER PLACEMENT (THIS REPLACES LITTLE LEAGUE DRAFT REQUIREMENT)**

2.10.1 Players will be placed on teams based upon the AAA league draft, team “buddy” picks can be made and requests submitted to the Player Agent and Managers of the AAA division.

## **3 PLAYER OPTIONS – MAJORS AND ABOVE**

### **3.1 Managers**

3.1.1 Managers’ and coaches’ options are listed in the Little League operating manual.

3.1.2 For the AAA draft, the managers’ options will occur in the second round of the draft rather than as outlined in the Little League operating manual. A second child option (or more) for the Managers will occur in subsequent rounds.

### **3.2 Trading**

3.2.1 Trading of players shall be allowed at the discretion of the Board, and following the Little League rules outlined in the Little League rule book.



## **4 PLAYERS ROSTERS**

### **4.1 Little League Baseball and Softball Majors Division**

4.1.1 Only players who are league age 10, 11, and 12 are eligible for the Majors Division draft.

4.1.2 Majors and above teams can have a maximum of eight 12-year-old players.

## **5 ALL-STAR POLICIES**

### **5.1 Manager appointments**

5.1.1 Managers and coaches interested in managing an All-Star team must submit a letter of intent to the President by April 15th.

5.1.2 The President will appoint the managers. All appointments are subject to the approval of the League's Executive Board of Directors.

### **5.2 Player appointments**

5.2.1 All players will be reviewed by the Player Agent for eligibility.

5.2.2 In the 8-10 ("10s"), 9-11 ("11s"), Little League 10-12 ("12s"), Intermediate(11-13), Junior (12-14), and Senior (13-16) Divisions, a skills assessment showcase will be utilized unless the number of eligible players is equal to or less than the required roster size for each team.

5.2.3 Managers from the divisions represented at the showcase will participate in assessing players and give their assessment, along with valuable feedback regarding players' regular season performance, to the All-Star team manager for consideration.

5.2.4 All final All-Star team rosters are at the discretion of the All-Star manager, Player Agent, President, and the appropriate division Vice President(s) accordingly.

5.2.5 All-Star teams will carry up to 14 players at the manager's discretion.

## **6 TEAM PRACTICE AND PLAYING REGULATIONS**

6.1 Majors teams can participate in five events per week.

6.2 AAA teams can participate in four events per week.



6.3 Rookies (Machine Pitch) teams can participate in three events per week.

6.4 Tee Ball can participate in two events per week.

Note: An event is defined as any activity the team participates in. Example: An optional practice is an event.

Note: A week is defined as Monday – Sunday.

Note: A game season is defined as the start of practice in the spring, through the invitational tournaments, including the Tournament of Champions.

Note: Pictures and practice on the same day equal as 1 event. Pictures on their own day is not an event.

6.5 If additional events are needed, it must be approved by the division director and appropriate division Vice President(s) accordingly.

6.6 Violation of these regulations shall result in one warning. After the initial warning, the next violation shall result in dismissal of the manager.

## **7 BASEBALL/SOFTBALL BAT RULES**

7.1 See Current Little League Rule Book For Bat Regulations for both Baseball and Softball

## **8 TEE BALL AND ROOKIE DIVISION PLAY UP**

**8.1** Tee Ball is the available division for league age players 4 years old to 6 years old. Rookies is the available division for league age players 6 years old to 8 years old.

8.2 For 6-year-old players, parents may select which division they feel is most appropriate for their child. Rookies is suggested only for returning 6-year-olds but prior play is not required.

8.3 If it is determined that a 6-year-old player is unsafe playing in the Rookie division, that player may be re-assigned to Tee Ball at the discretion of the Player Agent and President in coordination with the Rookies Baseball division director.

8.4 8-year-old players may try up for the Baseball or Softball AAA Division. There is no requirement that the player have previously played baseball or softball.

8.5 Any approval of an 8-year-old to play in try-ups rookies to AAA must be approved by the Player Agent and League President.



8.6 If an 8-year old is allowed to play up in the Baseball or Softball AAA division, they will be required to attend the regular AAA evaluations in addition to the "Play-Up" evaluation.

8.7 Once a decision is made that a player will be placed at the next level, they will not be allowed to drop back down to the lower division.

8.8 The "Play-Up" option is only valid for one year and the player will still be held to regular Little League age/division rules the following year.

## **9 Managers**

9.1 All majors managers will need to have a minimum 1 year experience coaching a baseball or softball team (Spring Ball) of 10 year olds or above at the discretion of the President.

9.2 All managers coaching Majors and AAA divisions of both baseball and softball will be interviewed by the President, Umpire in Chief, Player Agent and Coaching Coordinator prior to being assigned a team.

## **10 Safety**

10.1 All Softball players Rookies and above will be required to wear a facemask while participating in the field (including infield and outfield).

10.2 Refer to A Safety Awareness Program (ASAP) for further safety requirements and recommendations. Proposed.

## **11 Concessions**

11.1 All individuals working concessions for the League shall comply with the rules related to the concession stands, including the following.

11.2 All individuals making or serving food made in house must have a food handlers permit.

11.3 No minor under the age of 12 may be present in the Concession Stand when it is open for business.

11.4 No minor under the age of 14 may make any consumable item, including hot beverages and popcorn

11.5 No minor under the age of 16 may work the grill.

11.6 All concession volunteers must comply with any requirements of the State, County, or City Department of Health.

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