



Everett Little League 2025-2026 Bylaws

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 be eligible for play in Everett Little League either as outlined in Little League International's Regulation II or have an approved Little League waiver.

1.2 League age is determined as set out by Little League International.

1.3 Divisions are the following:

Tee-ball: League age 4 and 5

Rookies: League age 6 and 7

Farm (Baseball)/89er (Softball): League age 8 and 9

AAA: League age 9,10, and 11

Majors: League age 10, 11 and 12

Intermediates: League age 11, 12 and 13

Juniors: League age 12, 13, and 14

Seniors: League age 14, 15, and 16

1.4 All eligible players will be placed on a league-age appropriate team unless an exception must be made due to safety concerns or a request is made by the family **or as deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors**. Placement of a player in deviation to the standard age for divisions must be approved by the President, Player Agent, and Division Vice President.

1.5 Majors, AAA and Farm/89er Division Level Evaluation sessions: All Majors, AAA, and Farm/89er eligible players must attend a minimum of one evaluation session.

1.5 If a player fails to attend an evaluation session, their selection shall be by hat pick. If a player enters after the draft, a team will be selected by the Player Agent, President, and Registrar based upon division roster sizes (i.e. If Teams 1 and 2 have 13 players, and Team 3 has 12, the new player will be assigned to Team 3).

1.6 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, AAA and Farm/89er teams.

1.7 League Age 9 players who fail to attend an evaluation session will be entered into the Farm/89er Division Draft unless their absence is excused by the Player Agent in advance.

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. This provision applies only to the Majors Division.

2.3 Once a player is drafted to a Majors team, he or she is deemed a "legacy 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.

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 two players who are league age 10 or younger. The Player Agent will track rosters to ensure all teams are in compliance with this bylaw. Managers' players will be selected in specific draft positions in the Majors Draft, with League Age 12 kids of the manager selected in the third round, and League Age 11 kids of the manager selected in the fourth round and League Age 10 kids or younger selected in the fifth round.

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 Legacy Player provisions will apply only to the Majors Baseball Division so long as the division consists of a minimum of three charter teams. Majors softball, AAA, and Farm/89ers will select teams via a Snake Draft with the order determined via hat pick.

2.7 Expansion

2.7.1 If there are four teams or more and the Majors Division is expanded by one team, the single expansion team will receive the first two picks in a supplemental first round, and the first pick in each subsequent round, with the remaining order determined by the previous season's major standings.

2.7.2 If the Majors Division is expanded by two or more teams, 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 PROGRAM PLAYER PLACEMENT (BUDDY PICK) (THIS REPLACES LITTLE LEAGUE DRAFT REQUIREMENT)

2.9.1 For softball only: For players in AAA and 89er divisions, "buddy" requests may be submitted to the League Registrar.

2.9.2 For baseball and softball, rookies and tee-ball divisions, buddy requests and coach requests may be submitted to the League Registrar. Buddy and coach requests are not available in Farm (baseball), AAA (baseball), and Majors and above (baseball and softball) due to draft process.

2.9.3 Buddy and coach requests will be honored if possible but are not guaranteed.

2.9.4 No buddy and coach requests will be honored if the request is made after teams are selected.

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 and Farm (baseball) /89er (softball) drafts, 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 unless a deviation is approved per Bylaw 1.4 and consistent with Bylaw 4.1.2.

4.1.2 Players may only "play up" a division should they be within one year of the age parameters for the division, and with the recommendation of the President, Player Agent, and Division Vice President.

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 as well as the All Star coach's individual

assessment of the player throughout the season.

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 and Teen Ball teams can participate in five events per week.

6.2 AAA and Farm/89er teams can participate in four events per week.

6.3 Rookies teams can participate in three events per week.

6.4 Tee Ball can participate in two events per week.

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.

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

6.8 A week is defined as Monday – Sunday.

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

6.10 Team pictures do not count as an "event" for the purpose of this section.

7 Bat Rules

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

8 Managers

8.1 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.

8.2 All managers coaching Majors, AAA, Farm, and 89ers divisions of both baseball and softball will be interviewed by the President, Vice President of Baseball (for baseball), Vice President of Softball (for softball), Umpire in Chief, Player Agent and Coaching Coordinator prior to being assigned a team.

8.3 All managers must be approved by the Board of Directors.

8.4 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/Softball, Player Agent, and Coaching Coordinator.

9 Safety

9.1 [Reserved]

10 Concessions

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

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

10.3 No minor under the age of 12 may be present in the Concession Stand when it is open for business unless approved by a Concessions Manager.

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

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

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

11 Umpires

11.1 The Umpire in Chief shall maintain and coordinate the league umpire roster.

11.2 The Umpire in Chief shall evaluate league umpires using established guidelines to maintain program integrity.

11.3 Umpires must be currently approved volunteers by League or District.

11.4 The bylaws in this section shall not prohibit the Umpire in Chief and President from using paid umpires as long as the umpires meet the eligibility requirements of Little League International.

11.5 The League Board of Directors shall have the authority to suspend or terminate any umpire as outlined in the League Constitution, Article III (Membership), Section 5.

11.6 Abusive conduct towards umpires by players, parents, or other members will not be tolerated and may be grounds for suspension or termination from the League.

12 Other

12.1 Team Names

Team names and logos must comply with Little League International's regulations, which prohibit the use of team names, mascots, nicknames, or logos that are racially insensitive, derogatory, or discriminatory in nature. In addition, in EvLL, all team names and logos must be appropriate for a youth sports organization and consistent with the mission of this League. The Board of Directors reserves the right to refuse any proposed team names and/or logos.

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