

# Foothill Little League Local Rules 2019 - 2020

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## 1. GENERAL

All registered players and adult members of Foothill Little League must comply with all Little League rules and regulations, both National and Local. These "Local Rules" supplement and provide local interpretation to the "2019 Little League Official Regulations and Playing Rules" for all divisions of Little League Baseball. If there are any actual conflicts between the Local Rules and the Official Regulations and Playing Rules, then the Official Rules shall prevail. Infraction of any of these rules may require appearance before the Executive Committee and could lead to suspension or dismissal from Foothill Little League. The Foothill Little League has adopted the 2019 Little League Official Regulations, Playing Rules, and Operations as it pertains to pitch count.

## 2. PROPERTY

All equipment, supplies, and buildings are considered the property of Foothill Little League, Inc.

A. Any person (adult or minor) who attempts to break into League buildings, or who willfully damages any League property (owned or leased), will be subject to loss of all rights to future participation in Foothill Little League.

B. Equipment/Keys issued to coaches/managers are considered League property and are to be returned upon demand.

C. Parents or legal guardians of a minor child may be subject to legal action by Foothill Little League, Inc., to recover any losses sustained.

D. No one shall post handbills or other advertisements without prior written approval of the Board.

## 3. FINANCIAL SUPPORT

A. **Sponsorships:** The Sponsorship subcommittee will encourage the sponsorship of the League rather than any one team. However, if a sponsor wishes to be associated with a particular team, the request will be granted so long as no team receives any advantage thereby, and any expense to the League is minimized.

1. Donations may be made in any amount.

2. Sponsorships are in set amounts approved by the Board. Each sponsor will receive such recognition as the Board decides, e.g., outfield signs, ads, etc.

B. **Membership Contributions:** Parents or guardians of every registered player are expected to contribute annually to support the League.

1. Prior to registration, the Board will determine the amount of this contribution.

2. No player will be refused registration because of family inability to make this contribution.

C. **Volunteerism:** In addition to financial contribution, parents or guardians are expected to contribute time to the volunteer programs of the League.

## 4. LEAGUE STRUCTURE

**“League Age” to be set using the outline set forth by Little League International (See attached Addendum C)**

**A. Junior Division** - League ages 12 to 15. Played on 90-foot base-path fields (not at the fields at Arroyo Verde Park). Fully competitive division.

**B. Intermediate Division** - League ages 11 to 13. Primary field is Perez/Newell Field. Individual statistics, competitive games, league standings, and post-season playoffs. Post-season playoff pairings will be decided by regular season league standings. With a five-team Intermediate division, the first place team at the end of the regular season will receive a first round playoff bye. A managerial draft is conducted for team formation in Intermediate division. Players of league age 11 to 13 may try out for Intermediates. If undrafted by an Intermediate division team, the player will be placed into the pool for the Minor division draft. Once an 11-year old is drafted to an Intermediate division team, the player may not return to the Minor division.

**C. Minor Division** - League ages 9 to 11. Primary field is Kitko Field. Individual statistics, competitive games, and post-season playoffs. Post-season playoff pairings will be decided by draw as opposed to regular season league standings. A managerial draft is conducted for team formation in Minor division. Note: League policy and draft procedures encourage most 11-year olds to play “up” to the Intermediate division subject to successful participation in tryouts, the draft and the ranking within the selection range established at draft time.

**D. Farm ‘A’ Division** - League ages 7 to 9. Primary field is Perez Field. Primarily instructional with competitive games. Competitive games and post-season playoffs, but no individual statistics. Post-season playoff pairings will be decided by draw as opposed to regular season league standings. A managerial draft is conducted for team formation in Farm A division. Note: League policy requires careful evaluation of any 7-year old being considered for placement into Farm A. Most 7 year olds will play Farm B or T-Ball.

**E. Farm ‘B’ Division** - League ages 6 to 8. Primary field is Kwiatkowski-Sexton Field. Primarily instructional with competitive games but no post-season playoffs and no individual statistics. Plate umpires shall not be provided in the Farm “B” division. The home team shall provide a base umpire. Note: League policy requires careful evaluation of any 6 year old being considered for placement into Farm B. Only 6-year-olds having completed one year of T-Ball may be considered. Many 6-year olds will play T-Ball.

**F. T-Ball** - League ages 4 to 6. Player must be age 4 as of the date set forth by Little League International (See Addendum C). Primary field is Kwiatkowski-Sexton Field. Instructional. No scores or standings. Umpires shall not be provided in the T-Ball division. Limited to one game per week.

## 5. PLAYER SELECTION AND PLACEMENT

- A.** Prior to the draft, or balance, the Player Agent will decide how many players will be carried on team rosters in each classification (decision subject to Board approval)
- B.** Tryouts will be conducted prior to team assignment in order that players may be placed in the division most approximating their talents.

- C. The Little League draft will utilize the Alternate Method for Plan “B” as contained in the most recent edition of the Little League Official Regulations, Playing Rules, and Operating Policies of Little League will be used for team formation in the Farm A, Minor, Intermediate and Junior divisions.

## 6. ADULT TRAINING

Foothill Little League will conduct annual training sessions for managers, coaches, umpires, and scorekeepers. Members of the League who are appointed to the aforementioned positions must attend the training sessions. All other League members are encouraged to attend as many sessions as possible.

## 7. MANDATORY PLAYING RULE (MPR)

- A. This rule is made with respect to Little League Regulation IV(i). The intent of the rule is that all League players must play a minimum of one-half of the game (nine defensive outs) and have at least one time at-bat. The following cases illustrate this rule:
- Case 1.** In a regulation six-inning game, all players must play at least three innings defensively (9 outs), six defensive outs of which must be consecutive, and have a minimum of one at-bat.
  - Case 2.** In an extra-inning game, Case 1 applies.
  - Case 3.** In a game terminated prior to the sixth inning, the player must play six consecutive outs defensively and bat once.
- B. When a player has not met the mandatory play requirement cited above, that player will start the next scheduled game and play any previous requirement, then satisfy the mandatory play requirement for this game before being removed. (Example: If a player played only 7 defensive outs and had one at-bat in game “A”, this player must start game “B”, make up the 2 out play requirement from the previous game, then satisfy the mandatory play requirement (9 defensive outs and one at-bat) for game “B”; prior to being removed from game "B." In the case of a shortened game, then 6 defensive outs and one at-bat is required per Case 3.
- C. Benching a player for cause, e.g. illness, injury or disciplinary cases, is permitted; however, in disciplinary cases, the Player Agent must give his/her approval in a reasonable time (not less than 24 hours) prior to the game.
- D. Managers who violate this rule will be subject to action by the Executive Committee, up to and including dismissal from their positions.
- E. At the end of the 3rd inning, the umpire should remind both managers to make such substitutions as are required to comply with the Mandatory Playing Rule.
- F. The official scorekeeper for each game will inform the Player Agent of any infraction(s) of the Mandatory Playing Rule; and the Player Agent, in turn, will present the matter to the Executive Committee.
- G. Intermediate Division utilizes the Mandatory Player Rule\*, with continuous batting order. With continuous batting order the MPR still applies per Local and Little League Rules.  
\*6 consecutive outs, 1 at bat. 9 total outs in 7 innings

**NOTE:** For all divisions who use continuous batting order, free substitution will be used in lieu of Little League Rule 3.03 to enhance player participation and spirit of the game.

## 8. SCHEDULES

### A. Game Start times:

1. During Pacific Standard Time: All weekday games begin at 4:30 PM. Applies to the first week of the season only.
2. During Pacific Daylight Time: All weekday games begin at 5:00 PM.
3. Weekend game start times are as noted in the division schedules.

### B. Game Duration Time Limits

1. **T-Ball division:** Games are limited to a maximum of three (3) innings or 1½ hours whichever is greater. There will only be one game per week per team. It is the responsibility of the **team managers** to limit play as described here.
  2. **Farm B:** Games are limited to a maximum of four (4) innings or 1½ hours whichever is greater. It is the responsibility of the **team managers** to limit play as described here.
  3. **Farm A:** Games are six (6) innings **BUT** a new inning may not be started after 2 hours. All Saturday games must end no closer than 25 minutes prior to the next scheduled game. It is the responsibility of the scorekeepers to record the starting time of the game in the scorebooks. It is the responsibility of the **umpire** to limit play as described here.
  4. **Minors:** Games are six (6) innings **BUT** a new inning may not be started after 2 hours and the inning must be played to completion. In the event of a tied score at the end of six innings, the game will be played to completion as long as no new inning starts after the 2-hour limit. It is the responsibility of the scorekeepers to record the starting time of the game in the scorebooks. All Saturday games must end no closer than 25 minutes prior to the next scheduled game. It is the responsibility of the **umpire** to limit play as described here.
  5. **Intermediate:** Games are seven (7) innings per Little League Rules. No new innings will begin after 2 ¼ of play. Games CAN end in a tie. Games tied after “no new inning” time can stay tied. Tied games will count as ½ win and ½ loss in the standing for playoff seeding purposes.
- Note: For weekday games or late Saturday games in all divisions, it is up to umpire's discretion to limit play in all divisions if lighting conditions are not conducive to safe play even if maximum time has not been exceeded.**

- C. Managers and umpires will keep all games moving along quickly. Players are expected to hustle to and from defensive positions and be prepared to bat when they are due up.

## 9. ABSENCES

- A. **Limits:** Any manager or player with TWO (2) unexcused absences from the regularly scheduled games of his or her team, or TWO (2) unexcused absences for the regularly scheduled practice of his or her team may be required to appear before the Conduct Committee (Executive Committee) for the consideration of disciplinary action.
- B. **Excuse:** Acceptance or rejection of a player's excuse for absence will be left to the judgment and discretion of the team's manager. Acceptance or rejection of a manager's excuse will be left to the judgment and discretion of the Board.

- C. **Reporting:** Excused and unexcused game absences will be reported by the manager on the batting order slip and will be entered in the official scorebook. Managers are required to report to the Player Agent all unexcused game absences. An absent player may not be subsequently benched for the absence if the manager has failed to make such a report.
- D. **Notification:** The Player Agent will notify the chairman of the Conduct Committee whenever a player has been charged with two unexcused absences from the regularly scheduled games or practices of his or her team.

## 10. CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PLAYERS/PARENTS/VOLUNTEERS

Foothill Little League has established a Code of Conduct for Players as well as Parents and Volunteers. All players and members of the League must agree to these Codes of Conduct before the beginning of each season and are required to sign these Codes of Conduct during the registration process. See **Addendum B** for the complete agreements.

## 11. CONDUCT COMMITTEE

- A. The Code of Conduct (see Addendum B) is to be followed by all Players, Parents, and Volunteers at all times. If anyone is in violation of these rules they will be referred to the Committee for discipline.
- B. The Code of Conduct will be signed by all Players/Parents/Volunteers at the beginning of each season and kept on file.
- C. The Conduct Committee will consist of the members of the Executive Board. If the violation is related to a coach or manager, the Executive Board has the discretion to include the Coaching Director and/or UIC if needed.
- D. Violations related to players and parents should be made to the Player Agent, violations related to coaches and managers should be made to the Coaching Director, and violations related to umpires should be made to the UIC, unless it involves the UIC at which time it should be made to the President.
- E. All violations will be documented and all documentation will remain with the Secretary.

## 12. PRE-GAME PROCEDURES

### A. Drills

1. To ensure fairness and to provide time for field preparation, the field may not be used for practice or warm-ups by the participating teams more than twenty-five minutes before game time.
2. Twenty-five minutes before game time, the visiting team will take the field for a ten minute pre-game drill.
3. Fifteen minutes before game time, the home team will take the field for a ten-minute pre-game drill.

### B. Batting Order

1. Five minutes before the game's official starting time, with both teams in their respective dugouts, managers of the opposing teams, and a player representative from each team, will proceed to home plate for a pre-game conference with the umpires. In accordance with rule 4.01, each manager will present to the umpire-

in-chief copies of their team's batting order. These copies will contain the following information: Name of each player (in order of appearance at-bat), his or her uniform number, and the starting position or status as a substitute. If a player is late, absent, sick, injured, or being disciplined, that status will be recorded in the official scorebook by the official scorekeeper.

2. Any change in player status, i.e. late, absent, sick, or injured, and all pitching substitutions and /or line-up changes must be reported immediately by the manager to the umpire-in-chief. To make any change, the manager must request “time” from an umpire, and then report the changes to the umpire-in-chief. The umpire-in-chief will relay these changes to the official scorekeeper and the opposing manager. (Because offensive substitutions do not occur in the Minor and Farm divisions, Minor and Farm division managers additionally are to report to the umpire-in-chief any defensive changes that cause players to enter or leave the game; this is done to ensure the MPR for each player is met.)

3. The decision of whether or not a late player is allowed to enter the game will be left to the judgment of the manager. NOTE: A late player not allowed to enter the game must be reported as being in a disciplinary status in accordance with rules 7 and 10.B.2.

#### **C. Scorekeeper**

1. The home team will provide the official scorekeeper for each game. The scorekeeper will use the official scorebook to record the game. A game will not begin until there is an official scorekeeper designated.

2. The official scorekeeper will obtain the umpire’s signature on the game record immediately after the conclusion of the game. The official scorekeeper will also record his/her name on the game record in the space provided.

3. The official scorekeeper is responsible for noting the actual game start time in the official scorebook for games in Farm A division, Minor league and Intermediate divisions.

4. The official scorekeeper will maintain the official pitch count for each game. Division appropriate pitch count forms will be provided in the official scorebook at each field.

Division specifics are outlined below in local rule 15. The official scorekeeper will advise the umpire and manager if a pitcher is approaching, or has pitched their maximum number of pitches for a game. Failure to notify the umpire or manager does not relieve the manager from their responsibility to enforce the pitch count rule.

### **13. FIVE RUN RULE**

The Five Run Rule is in effect until the last inning of each game for divisions that utilize the continuous batting order (Minors, and Farm A). The intent of this rule is to provide a mechanism for ending an inning should one team dominate play by preventing a team from scoring more than five runs in a single inning even though there may be less than three outs. The Farm B division will play by the Five Run Rule for the duration of the game.

Note: The “last inning” will typically be the 6<sup>th</sup> but may be at the discretion of the umpire dependent upon game conditions (weather / light).

The Intermediate Division may utilize the continuous batting order if agreed upon by the managers in that division. The Five Run Rule does not apply to the Intermediate Division.

#### **14. TEN RUN (“MERCY”) RULE**

The Ten Run Mercy Rule is in effect for Farm A, Minor and Intermediate divisions in accordance with rule Little League Rule 4.10(e). The rule applies to the Juniors Division due to the interleague aspect of the division.

#### **15. FIELD AND AREA CONDUCT**

- A. Dugouts:** These areas are for the roster players and up to three adults (manager, coaches, and assistants). Players are expected to remain in the dugouts or on the field during the course of all games. No food or drinks (except for water cooler) are to be brought into the dugouts.
- B. Hillsides:** Due to the potential dangers, (landslides, snakes, etc.) of the immediate area, climbing, sliding or otherwise playing on or occupying the hillsides around the playing fields is not permitted.
- C. “Chatter”:** Consistent with National Little League guidance, general chatter (including the traditional “Hey, batter, batter.”) is permitted. However, yelling “SWING!” is NOT allowed. Such chatter may not include cadence changes, personal name calling or other sounds intended to, or having the effect of, influencing a particular action by an opposing player. Spectators are expected to keep their opinions of a player’s ability to themselves. Catchers may not “chatter” at batters. The on-field umpire shall be the final opinion in this area of the rules.

#### **16. SPECIAL DIVISION RULES**

##### **A. T-BALL DIVISION**

1. T-Ball is a non-competitive division. Individual statistics, game scores, and standings are not maintained. All players on the roster bat once each inning.
2. No more than three adult coaches shall be on the playing field defensively at any time. These coaches can help to properly position players in the field.
3. **No more than three adult coaches are allowed on the playing field during the offensive half of an inning. Two of those adults can be base coaches (although players can be base coaches as long as they wear a protective helmet. One adult should be assisting at the plate by placing the ball on the tee and ensuring the catcher is not in danger of being hit by the bat.**
4. **At no time during the game should the adults interfere with the play, whether on offense or defense.**
5. **There must always be one adult in the dugout during the duration of the game (a team parent is eligible).**
6. Play will stop when the ball has been returned to the pitcher’s control within the 10-foot circle of the mound. Base runners who have not reached the halfway point between bases will return to the previous base. Those who have passed the halfway point will continue to the next base.
  - a. There are no strikeouts. If the batter hits the tee with the bat causing the

ball to fall from the tee, or if the ball only travels a very short distance (less than 15 feet), the ball is foul.

b. Bunting is not allowed.

c. Base stealing is not allowed.

d. During the pre-season games and the first half of the regular season, all roster players may be assigned a defensive position on the field. During the second half of the regular season, only nine defensive players are allowed on the field at one time. An exception to this may be made if a team has 10 players present in which case all 10 may play defense at one time.

e. T-Ball catchers will be required to wear all catchers' gear as described in rule 1.17 of the Official Rules.

## B. FARM 'B' DIVISION

**1. This division is "Machine Pitch." The coach will operate pitching machine while on pitcher's mound. The batter will be allowed a maximum of four (4) pitches. If the player fouls the fourth pitch, he/she remains at the plate until he or she strikes out or hits the ball.**

2. Base stealing is not allowed.

3. All players on the roster will be included in the batting order (i.e., in the case of a 12-player roster, batter #12 must bat before batter #1 can bat again). Only nine defensive players are allowed on the field at one time.

4. There will be no advancement on overthrows.

5. During the "pre-season" (Games #1 - 5) players will be given the opportunity to hit off the tee after their fourth pitch.

6. During the regular season (Games #6 - end of season) players will not get the option of using the tee after the fourth machine pitch and will be considered out.

7. If a hit ball doesn't reach the outfield grass all runners may only take one base.

If a ball is hit to the outfield grass all runners may advance two bases at the risk of an out.

8. Little League rules apply to base coaches (4.05) in that three adult base coaches are allowed on the field during the team's time at-bat in addition to the coach pitching to his players. **There must always be one adult in the dugout during the duration of the game (a team parent is eligible). No more than four adults are allowed within the dugout/playing field at any time.** No coach or manager is allowed on the field during the defensive half of the inning.

9. The pitcher should be at least 3 feet in diameter from the pitching rubber.

Coaches use best judgment to make sure the pitcher is in a safe position and not obscured from viewing the batter.

10. Five run rule applies for the entire season per local rule 13.

## C. FARM 'A' DIVISION

1. During the "pre-season" (Games #1 - 5) when the count reaches "Ball 4" the coach will enter the infield and pitch overhand to the batter, with the strike count remaining intact. Coach pitches are limited to a maximum of four, dependent



upon the count or play (hit or out). The coach must pitch from anywhere on the slight rise of the mound. The umpire will call strikes during coach pitch. If the count allows a fourth coach pitch and the batter chooses not to swing, regardless of a ball, strike or foul, the batter is out. During the opposing team's coach pitch the defensive pitcher must remain in contact with the mound (not the pitcher's plate) and remain in a safe position not obscured from viewing the batter.

**2.** During the regular season (Games #6 – the end of the season), the players will pitch to each other. Once there have been two consecutive walks in a specific inning, the coach will enter the infield and pitch overhand to the batter, and pitch to his batter(s) to complete the at bat. Hit batters are considered an exception and does not change, or restart, the count. A slightly more liberal strike zone (high ankle to shoulders and between batter's box chalk lines on either side of home plate) is encouraged to minimize instances of coach-pitch during **preseason**. The strike zone will be tightened to normal specifications as the season progresses.

**2(a).** There will be no coach pitch during playoffs

**3.** Runners cannot advance more than one base on an overthrow.

**4.** Stealing: During preseason games only, a runner may advance to 2<sup>nd</sup> base or 3<sup>rd</sup> in accordance with Little League rules on stealing bases. A runner may **NOT** advance to 3<sup>rd</sup> or home on an overthrow by the catcher. During preseason a runner may NOT steal home or advance to home on a pitched ball that passes the catcher or is not fielded by the catcher (i.e., a wild pitch). A runner may not steal home or advance to home on a ball that is overthrown by the catcher to the pitcher or any base. The runner can advance to home only on a hit ball, a walk, or when forced home. During the regular season and playoffs, the restrictions on stealing home do not apply and national rules will apply.

**5.** If a pitcher hits two consecutive batters in any inning or 3 batters in a game, the coach must substitute that pitcher.

**6.** All batters on the roster will be included in the batting order (i.e., in the case of a 12- player roster, batter #12 must bat before batter #1 can bat again).

**7.** Little League rules apply to base coaches (4.05) in that only two adult base coaches are allowed on the field during the team's time at-bat **INCLUDING** the coach pitching after ball four. There must always be one adult in the dugout during the duration of the game (a team parent is eligible). No more than three adults are allowed within the dugout/playing field at any time. No coach or manager is allowed on the field during the defensive half of the inning, unless an umpire grants "time" and permission has been given to enter the field of play.

**8.** Five-run rule applies throughout the season per local rule 13.

**9.** There is no Infield Fly Rule in Farm A.

**10.** Intentional Walks are prohibited in Farm A during regular season and post season play.

**11.** Little League National rules will apply for pitch count throughout the season. It is the manager's responsibility to enforce the pitch count rule for their pitchers.

**12.** If a pitcher is within the 10-foot radius of the pitcher's mound, and a runner is less than ½ way to the next base, he must not advance and return to his original base.

13. Regular season standings **will not** be used to determine post-season playoff seeds. Playoff game pairings will be made by random draw. This is to encourage player development at all positions during the regular season without regard to team record.

#### **D. MINOR DIVISION**

1. During the first 5 games (pre-season) only, a runner may only advance to 2nd base or 3rd base in accordance with Little League rules on stealing bases -- a runner may NOT steal home, or advance to home on a pitched ball that passes the catcher or is not fielded by the catcher (i.e., a wild pitch). A runner may not steal home or advance to home on a ball that is overthrown by the catcher to the pitcher or any base. The runner can advance to home only on a hit ball, a walk, or a force play. During the regular season (games 6 – end of the season) and playoffs, the restrictions on stealing home do not apply.
2. All batters on the roster will be included in the batting order (i.e., in the case of a 12- player roster, batter #12 must bat before batter #1 can bat again).
3. Five-run rule applies throughout the season per local rule 13.
4. Intentional Walks are prohibited at the Minor Division during regular season and post season play.
5. Little League National rules will apply for pitch count throughout the season. It is the manager's responsibility to enforce the pitch count rule for their pitchers.
6. Regular season standings **will not** be used to determine post-season playoff seeds. Playoff game pairings will be made by random draw. This is to encourage player development at all positions during the regular season without regard to team record.

#### **F. INTERMEDIATE / JUNIOR DIVISION**

1. For the Intermediate Division only, the Mandatory Playing Rule Applies.
2. Pitching limits for all ages are referenced in the Little League Rule Book.
3. Little League Rules for the Intermediate and Junior Divisions apply at all times.

NOTE: Foothill Junior Division teams play their entire season against teams from other District 63 leagues. Because Foothill does not possess a regulation junior size field, all games are played outside Arroyo Verde Park. Home games may be played in cities other than Ventura. Foothill Junior home teams are responsible for providing an umpire if one cannot be provided by the Foothill League Umpire in Charge.

#### **17. UMPIRES**

- A. Umpiring is very important to the successful conduct of our league. The umpire's role is a demanding and challenging one and our volunteer umpires have put in many hours of training and hard work preparing for their responsibilities. While some minimal level of "background chatter" directed at umpires may be part of the game, the league will not

tolerate negative, loud, or abusive language or actions towards our umpires. Umpire judgment calls should not be challenged. Managers may request time and, if approved, approach an umpire to clarify a rule interpretation.

- B.** The League Umpire In Charge will attempt to provide volunteer umpires for each game. In the event that an umpire is not available for a game, the participating teams will provide umpires. The home team is responsible for providing the home plate umpire while the visiting team will provide the field umpire. It is recommended that coaches take on this responsibility as long as there is one adult in the dugout at all times. If another adult is selected, they should have knowledge of the rules and game situations. Knowledge of umpire positioning is highly desirable.
- C.** In accordance with 2010 Little League Rules, the Umpire in Charge (UIC) of any given game must be an adult 18 years of age or older. In cases where junior umpires (league age 13-17) are umpiring, the UIC must still be an adult. The league UIC will attempt to provide adult UICs for Farm A, Minor and Intermediate division games. The UIC does not need to be the plate umpire. In cases where no adult umpire is available, and non-adults are used, the home team must provide an adult to serve as Game Coordinator (formerly the UIC) per Rule 9.03(d) of the Little League Official Regulations and Playing Rules. The Game Coordinator must not be a manager or coach of either team in the game and shall not be on the field.
- D.** Note: Children under league age 13 are not permitted to umpire at any time.
- E.** The umpire is responsible for complying with game duration limits as outlined in paragraph 8(B) above. The umpire should confer with the official scorekeeper to ensure that game start time is noted in the official scorebook.
- F.** The umpire shall ensure that the official scorekeeper notes pitching changes (Farm A, Minors and Intermediate) and player substitutions (Intermediate only).
- G.** The umpire does not have specific responsibilities regarding the pitch count rule. The official scorekeeper will advise the umpire if a pitcher is nearing, or has reached, their pitch count limit. The umpire will advise the pitcher's manager if a pitcher reaches their maximum. It is the manager's responsibility to take appropriate action if the pitch count is reached.

## **18. ALL-STAR AND TOURNAMENT PROGRAM**

The League supports participation in All-Star and Tournament programs subject to the endorsement of the Board. The All Star Committee will be chaired by the Player Agent. Assisting the Player Agent will be the Vice President, Secretary, UIC and Coaching Director. The Committee members will monitor the player selection process, as well as selection of managers, and uphold the rules of the draft. These committee members may assist in deciding on the final roster if conflicts should arise.

- A.** Participation in All Star Tournaments is reviewed by the Board of Directors on an annual basis. This participation is based upon District 63 offerings as well as Foothill Little League's ability to put forth a roster. Team selection is age-based. All teams will be selected by the managers in each age group. Each Manager will pick no more than 4 players throughout their own division with the exception of any player on their own team. The top 8 players will be selected by the number of votes received. The final team make up for each age group will be decided upon by the managers, with the assistance of the

- All Star committee, if needed, taking into consideration the overall team make-up, the needs of the team(s) and the strengths/weakness of the player(s).
- C. All Star players are prohibited from participating in other tournaments held concurrently with the Foothill All Star Tournament.
  - D. Other Tournaments - The League does not formally participate in other tournaments (e.g., CBC, Northside, Southside, Santa Paula, etc.). If teams are put together which have Foothill Little League families participating on them, this is coincidental and does not indicate League sponsorship for such teams.
  - E. Manager Selection - All Managers in each division participating in tournament play will be asked to submit, in writing, via email, their interest in managing the All Star team in their division. If a potential All Star manager is a member of the All Star Committee, they will not be eligible to participate in the selection process. The final decision will be decided on by vote. Participants in the vote will include the managers unable to participate in the tournament and the All Star Committee.

## 19. POOL PLAY

This rule is meant so that kids can play ball. Any purposeful manipulation of, or intentional disregard for, the rule may result in manager suspension.

Pool players filling in **MUST** play right field (if using two pool players they must play right and left field only), and must bat at the bottom of the order, it is required that when a pool player is the tenth player on the team in need, he/she play only the minimum per Foothill Little League Local Rule (MPR)\*. A maximum of two pool players may be used per game and all pool players must be reported to the Home plate umpire prior to the start of the game.

The method for pool player selection: Regulation V – Selection of Players Guidelines

- 1) The league's **Player Agent** will create and run the pool. The league's player agent will use the pool to assign players within their respective division to teams that are short of players on a rotating basis.
- 2) Managers, coaches and/or others will not have the right to randomly pick and choose players from the pool within their respective division.
- 3) If a manager is aware he will have nine players at the start of a game they must request a pool player.

\*6 consecutive outs, 1 at bat. 9 total outs in 7 innings

## 20. PLAY OFF SEEDING

At the completion of the regular season, seeding for the Intermediate Division will be determined by overall record. If two teams are tied, the following format will be used: 1.) Head to head; 2)Runs allowed; 3) Runs scored; 4) Coin flip.

For Minor and Farm A Divisions (non-competitive), seeding will be determined by draw.

Seeding for all divisions will be made public on the last day of the regular season.

## **21. BOARD OF DIRECTOR APPOINTMENTS & DUTIES**

A complete list of the Members of the Board of Directors can be found in Addendum A

## **22. ANNUAL ELECTION**

For purposes of the Annual General Membership Election, Regular Members will be defined as one vote per household as long as the household is in good standing. Good standing is defined as a paid or scholarship household whose family has fulfilled their volunteer obligation. A Regular Member can also be defined as someone whose child is not an active player but they have maintained a Board Position for the current season.

## **23. INTERPRETATIONS**

- A. Interpretations of local rules or requests for modification should be addressed to the Foothill Little League Board of Directors.

**These rules may be evaluated throughout the season by the Foothill Little League Board of Directors. Any updates will be communicated to team managers after Board approval and prior to implementation.**

## Addendum A

### 2019-2020 FOOTHILL LITTLE LEAGUE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**President.** The President shall:

- (a) Conduct the affairs of the Local League and execute the policies established by the Board of Directors.
- (b) Present a report of the condition of the Local League at the Annual Meeting
- (c) Communicate to the Board of Directors such matters as deemed appropriate, and make such suggestions as may tend to promote the welfare of the Local League
- (d) Be responsible for the conduct of the Local League in strict conformity to the policies, principles, Rules and Regulations of Little League Baseball, Incorporated, as well as Local Rules, as agreed to under the conditions of charter issued to the Local League by that organization
- (e) Designate in writing other officers, if necessary, to have power to make and execute for/and in the name of the Local League such contracts and leases they may receive and which have had prior approval of the Board
- (f) Investigate complaints, irregularities and conditions detrimental to the Local League and report thereon to the Board or Executive Committee as circumstances warrant
- (g) Prepare and submit an annual budget to the Board of Directors and be responsible for the proper execution thereof
- (h) With the assistance of the Player Agent, examine the application and support proof-of age documents of every player candidate and certify to residence and age eligibility before the player may be accepted for tryouts and selection
- (i) Attend monthly Board Meetings
- (j) Assist with player registration
- (k) Assist with Opening/Closing Day activities
- (l) Share in open/close snack shack duties

**Vice President.** The Vice President shall:

- (a) Perform the duties of the President in the absence or disability of the President, provided he or she is authorized by the President or Board so to act. When so acting, the Vice President shall have all the powers of that office
- (b) Perform such duties as from time to time may be assigned by the Board of Directors or by the President
- (c) Attend monthly Board Meetings
- (d) Assist with player registration
- (e) Assist with Opening/Closing Day activities
- (f) Share in open/close snack shack duties

**Secretary.** The Secretary shall:

- (a) Be responsible for recording the activities of the Local League and maintain appropriate files, mailing lists and necessary records
- (b) Perform such duties as are herein specifically set forth, in addition to such other duties as are customarily incident to the office of Secretary or as may be assigned by the Board of Directors
- (c) Maintain a list of all Regular, Sustaining and Honorary Members, Directors and committee members and give notice of all meetings of the Local League, the Board of Directors and Committees
- (d) Issue membership cards to Regular Members, if approved by the Board of Directors
- (e) Keep the minutes of the meetings of the Members, the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee, and cause them to be recorded in a book kept for that purpose
- (f) Conduct all correspondence not otherwise specifically delegated in connection with said meeting and shall be responsible for carrying out all orders, votes and resolutions not otherwise committed
- (g) Notify Members, Directors, Officers and committee members of their election or appointment
- (h) Apply for League Charter and submit Insurance documentation
- (i) Coordinate Opening/Closing Day Ceremonies
- (j) Attend monthly Board Meetings

- (k) Assist with player registration
- (l) Share in open/close snack shack duties

**Treasurer.** The Treasurer shall:

- (a) Perform such duties as are herein set forth and such other duties as are customarily incident to the Office of Treasurer or may be assigned by the Board of Directors
- (b) Receive all moneys and securities, and deposit same in a depository approved by the Board of Directors.
- (c) Keep records for the receipt and disbursement of all moneys and securities of the Local League, including the Auxiliary, approve all payments from allotted funds and draw checks therefore in agreement with policies established in advance of such actions by the Board of Directors. All disbursements by check must have dual signatures
- (d) Prepare an annual budget, under the direction of the President, for submission to the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting
- (e) Prepare an annual financial report, under the direction of the President, for submission to the Membership and Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting, and to Little League International
- (f) Work with outside professional accounting firm to ensure timely and accurate completion of tax returns
- (g) Ensure the annual payment of Player Assessment Fee
- (h) Attend monthly Board Meetings and communicate items as it relates to Treasury
- (i) Assist with player registration
- (j) Assist with Opening/Closing Day activities
- (k) Share in open/close snack shack duties

**Player Agent.** The Player Agent shall:

- (a) Record all player transactions and maintain an accurate and up-to-date record thereof
- (b) Receive and review applications for player candidates and assist the President in verifying residence and age eligibility
- (c) Conduct the tryouts, the player draft and all other player transaction or selection meetings.
- (d) Prepare the Player Agent's list
- (e) Prepare for the President's signature and submission to Little League International, team rosters, including players claimed, and the tournament team eligibility affidavit
- (f) Notify Little League International of any subsequent player replacements or trades
- (g) Administer the divisional player pool with the assistance of the Coaching Director
- (h) Attend monthly Board Meetings and communicate items as it relates to Player Management
- (i) Assist with player registration
- (j) Assist with Opening/Closing Day activities
- (k) Share in open/close snack shack duties

**Safety Director.** The Safety Director shall:

- (a) Be responsible to create awareness, through education and information, of the opportunities to provide a safer environment for children and all participants of Little League
- (b) Ensure background criminal checks are completed for all Managers/Coaches
- (c) Complete ASAP Safety Plan on an annual basis and submit to Little League International
- (d) Develop and implement a plan for increasing safety of activities, equipment and facilities through education, compliance and reporting.

**NOTE:** In order to implement a safety plan using education, compliance and reporting, the following suggestions may be utilized by the Safety Officer:

- Education - Should facilitate meetings and distribute information among participants including players, managers, coaches, umpires, league officials, parents, guardians and other volunteers.
  - Compliance - Should promote safety compliance leadership by increasing awareness of the safety opportunities that arise from these responsibilities
  - Reporting - Define a process to assure that incidents are recorded, information is sent to league/district and national offices, and follow-up information on medical and other data is forwarded as available
- (e) Attend monthly Board Meetings and communicate items as it relates to Safety
  - (f) Assist with player registration
  - (g) Assist with Opening/Closing Day activities
  - (h) Share in open/close snack shack duties

**Coaching Director.** The Coaching Director shall:

- (a) Represent coaches/managers in league
- (b) Present a coach/manager training budget to the board
- (c) Gain the support and funds necessary to implement a league-wide training program
- (d) Order and distribute training materials to players, coaches and managers
- (e) Coordinate mini-clinics as necessary
- (f) Organize/Manage pre-season player tryouts with Player Agent
- (g) Attend monthly Board Meetings and communicate items as it relates to Coaching/Managing
- (h) Ensure player equipment is in safe, working order
- (i) Attend monthly Board Meetings and communicate items as it relates to Coaching
- (j) Assist with player registration
- (k) Assist with Opening/Closing Day activities
- (l) Share in open/close snack shack duties

**League Information Officer.** The League Information Officer shall:

- (a) Set up and manage the league's official website
- (b) Set up online registration and ensure the league rosters are uploaded to Little League
- (c) Assign online administrative rights to other local volunteers
- (d) Encourage creation of team web sites to managers, coaches, and parents
- (e) Ensure that league news and scores are updated online on a regular basis
- (f) Collect, post, and distribute important information on league activities including direct dissemination of fund-raising and sponsor activities league members
- (g) Organize and maintain social media avenues
- (h) Attend monthly Board Meetings and communicate items as it relates to IT
- (i) Assist with player registration
- (j) Assist with Opening/Closing Day activities
- (k) Share in open/close snack shack duties

**Sponsorship/Fundraising Director.** The Sponsorship/Fundraising Manager shall:

- (a) Solicit and secures local sponsorships to support league operations
- (b) Collect and review sponsorship and fundraising opportunities
- (c) Organize and implement approved league fundraising activities
- (d) Coordinate participation in fundraising activities
- (e) Maintain records of monies secured through sponsorship and fundraising initiatives
- (f) Create and distribute League Directory
- (g) Order and organize sponsorship banners on the playing fields
- (h) Coordinate Mother's Day activities including flowers and baseball game
- (i) Coordinate Family Dining Nights
- (j) Attend monthly Board Meetings and communicate items as it relates to Sponsorship/Fundraising
- (k) Place orders and maintain FHLL clothing inventory
- (l) Assist with player registration
- (m) Assist with Opening/Closing Day activities
- (n) Share in open/close snack shack duties

**Concessions Director.** The Concessions Director shall:

- (a) Ensure proper training of snack shack volunteers
- (b) Organize the purchase of concession products
- (c) Responsible for the management of the concession sales at league events
- (d) Ensure proper training of snack shack volunteers
- (e) Ensure compliance with Health Department Regulations
- (f) Update snack shack procedures and documentation
- (g) Create and maintain BOD open/close snack shack schedule
- (h) Attend monthly Board Meetings and communicate items as it relates to Concessions
- (i) Assist with player registration
- (j) Assist with Opening/Closing Day activities
- (k) Share in open/close snack shack duties

**Head Umpire/Field Maintenance (UIC).** The UIC/Field Maintenance Director shall:

- (a) Provide Umpire Training
- (b) Schedule Umpires
- (c) Is a member of the Protest Committee
- (d) Coordinate and execute pre-season scorekeepers clinic with Scorekeeper Coordinator



- (e) Review and correct possible discrepancies in scorebooks with Scorekeeper Coordinator
- (f) Attend monthly Board Meetings and communicate items as it relates to Umpiring/Field Maintenance
- (g) Direct all activities as it relates to field maintenance and keeping the fields in good playing condition
- (h) Assist with player registration
- (i) Assist with Opening/Closing Day activities
- (j) Share in open/close snack shack duties

**Auxiliary Director.** The Auxiliary Director shall:

- (a) Secure photographer, coordinate Picture Day, and distribute pictures
- (b) Secure photographer, coordinate Action Photos, and distribute pictures
- (c) Attend monthly Board Meetings and communicate items as it relates to Auxiliary
- (d) Assist with player registration
- (e) Coordinate Dodger Day fundraiser including ticket sales and ticket distribution (with Treasurer)
- (f) Assist with Opening/Closing Day activities
- (g) Share in open/close snack shack duties

**Volunteer and Team Parent Coordinator.** The Volunteer and Team Parent Coordinator shall:

- (a) Compile and keep records of parent volunteer activities
- (b) Secure volunteers for various League events, when needed
- (c) Prepare end of season list for Treasurer to include families unable to fulfill their volunteer duties
- (d) Coordinate and execute start of the season Parent meeting
- (e) Be the communication liaison between the Team Parents and BOD
- (f) Maintain volunteer sheets for registration
- (g) Schedule volunteers to work the concession booth/cart shifts during regular season, playoffs and special events
- (h) Attend monthly Board Meetings and communicate items as it relates to Volunteers and Team Parents
- (i) Assist with player registration
- (j) Assist with Opening/Closing Day activities
- (k) Share in open/close snack shack duties

**Junior Representative.** The Junior representative shall:

- (a) Be the team liaison between the manager, players, parents, and Board of Directors
- (b) Assist with securing practice and game field time for the team
- (c) Coordinate with District 63 Leagues for game schedules, rules, and field usage
- (d) Maintain communication with District Administrator as needed
- (e) Attend Board meetings as necessary

**Equipment and Scorekeeper Coordinator.** The Equipment and Scorekeeper Coordinator shall:

- (a) Ensure player equipment is in safe, working order
- (b) Procure and distribute equipment to each manager at the beginning of the season.
- (c) Organize and maintain all player equipment
- (d) Provide Team Managers with needed equipment and keys at the beginning of the season and ensure their return at the end of the season
- (e) Coordinate and execute pre-season scorekeepers clinic with UIC
- (f) Prepare blank scorebooks and pitching logs for the season and maintain scorebook boxes for each division
- (g) Review and correct possible discrepancies in scorebooks with UIC
- (h) Attend monthly Board Meetings and communicate items as it relates to Coaching/Equipment
- (i) Assist with player registration
- (j) Assist with Opening/Closing Day activities
- (k) Share in open/close snack shack duties

## **Addendum B**

### **Foothill Little League Parent and Player's Code of Conduct**

I hereby pledge to provide support, care, and encouragement for my child participating in the Foothill Little League program by adhering to the Parents' Code of Conduct as follows:

- I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, managers, coaches, league officials, and umpires at every game, practice, or other Foothill Little League event.
- I will insist my child treat other players, managers, coaches, league officials and umpires with respect.
- I will make sure my child attends every practice and game, however, I will notify the manager if he/she cannot.
- I will adhere to the NO PETS, including dogs and cats, and NO SMOKING policies of Foothill Little League. This includes any of my guests attending the games or practices of my player.
- I will adhere to the 5 mph speed limit at all times when I'm driving on Foothill Little League property.
- I realize that Foothill Little League is a volunteer organization and requires all parents to fulfill their volunteer commitment in order to run efficiently. In addition to the chosen volunteer commitment, one snack shack shift is required for every player in the league.
- After each game, I will make sure my player demonstrates the "Winning without gloating" or "Losing without complaining" philosophy.
- I will supervise all children who are attending the games with me as spectators, and will make sure they stay off surrounding hillsides, buildings, and refrain from playing on roads or throwing rocks on Foothill Little League property.
- I will be a responsible parent at all times during the season and will adhere to this Code of Conduct established by the Foothill Little League Board of Directors.
- I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol, and will refrain from their use at all Foothill Little League practices and games.

It is important that parents conduct themselves in a proper manner. Use of profanity, verbal or physical harassment toward officials, staff, coaches or other parents will not be permitted at Foothill Little League. I understand that failure to abide by the above Code of Conduct and Rules may result in parents being asked to leave the fields, and possibly being sanctioned by Foothill's Board of Directors to be excluded from attendance at future games.

Foothill Little League fields are graciously leased to us by the San Buenaventura Conservancy for \$1.00 per year and we need to respect this wonderful haven in which our children have to play baseball.

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Player(s) \_\_\_\_\_

## Addendum C

### 2020 Little League® Age Chart FOR BASEBALL DIVISION ONLY

Match month (top line) and box with year of birth. League age indicated at right.

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AGE
2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2015	2015	2015	2015	<b>4</b>
2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2014	2014	2014	2014	<b>5</b>
2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2013	2013	2013	2013	<b>6</b>
2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2012	2012	2012	2012	<b>7</b>
2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2011	2011	2011	2011	<b>8</b>
2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2010	2010	2010	2010	<b>9</b>
2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2009	2009	2009	2009	<b>10</b>
2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2008	2008	2008	2008	<b>11</b>
2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2007	2007	2007	2007	<b>12</b>
2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2006	2006	2006	2006	<b>13</b>
2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2005	2005	2005	2005	<b>14</b>
2005	2005	2005	2005	2005	2005	2005	2005	2004	2004	2004	2004	<b>15</b>
2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2003	2003	2003	2003	<b>16</b>

**NOTE:** This age chart is for **BASEBALL DIVISIONS ONLY**, and only for 2020.