



WEST COVINA
AMERICAN
LITTLE LEAGUE

BYLAWS

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to provide an environment where kids feel safe to learn and enjoy the game of baseball.

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WEST COVINA AMERICAN LITTLE LEAGUE BYLAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS 2019

The biannual meeting of the Members of the West Covina American Little League (WCALL) **SHALL** be held Closing Day each year for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors (BOD) for the following year. Members receiving reports and for the transaction of such business as may properly come before this meeting.

The **OFFICERS/BOD** membership **SHALL** include the following positions:

- A. President
- B. Vice President
- C. Player Agent
- D. Safety Officer
- E. Secretary
- F. Treasurer
- G. Senior Director**
- H. Junior Division Director
- I. Major Division Director
- J. Minor Division Director
- K. Intermediate Division Director
- L. Rookie Division Director
- M. Operations Manager**
- N. Business Manager
- O. Fundraising Coordinator
- P. Purchasing Agent
- Q. Umpire-in-Chief
- R. Team Parent Coordinator
- S. Snack Bar Coordinator
 - **Snack Bar Assistant (2-4 positions)**
- T. Website Coordinator
- U. Yearbook/Historian Coordinator
- V. Event Coordinator

The BOD **SHALL** hold office for the ensuing year or until successors are duly elected. Each **BOD** will be included in the League's insurance policy (including the League Field Manager).

- **Note:** The BOD may appoint such other Officers, Agents, or Division Representatives deemed necessary; and may prescribe the powers and duties of each, and may fill any vacancy which may occur in any office

The **Executive Board of Directors** (EBD) membership **SHALL** include the following Officers:

- A. President
- B. Vice President
- C. Player Agent
- D. Safety Officer
- E. Secretary
- F. Treasurer
- G. Senior Director

ADMINISTRATIVE DECISIONS

EBD versus BOD

- 1) The EBD reserves the right to make business oriented decisions for the League in the event of urgent matters. Matters that cannot be delayed until the next scheduled Board meeting.
 - A. In the event of any meeting scheduled for the BOD, notice of the meeting **SHALL** include the purpose of the meeting as stated **in a written agenda** AND **no matters not so stated in the written agenda may be acted upon at the meeting *unless a BOD member makes a motion, it is seconded, and voted on.*** Said meetings **SHALL** be requested through the Secretary to the President, and the President **SHALL** call the meeting. Meetings must have a thirty-three percent (33%) quorum of the BOD.
 - B. In the event of any meetings scheduled by the EBD, notice of the meeting **SHALL** include the purpose of the meeting as stated **in a written agenda** AND, **no matters not so stated in the written agenda may be acted upon at the meeting.** Said meetings **SHALL** be requested through the Secretary, to the President; and the President **SHALL** call the Executive meeting. Executive **meetings must have a one hundred percent (100%) quorum of the EBD NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- 2) **PROXY VOTING IS NOT ALLOWED.** Any member who is not physically present at a board meeting cannot vote.
- 3) **BOD** attendance is critical to facilitation of League goals. **Any board member who misses ONE (1) regular scheduled meeting loses** their voting privileges at the next scheduled meeting.
- 4) In an effort to facilitate progress, BOD meeting topics limited to 30-minute discussions. If the topic has not been resolved, the topic will be placed back on the agenda and revisited during the following meeting.

Local League Accounting Procedure:

The **BOD SHALL** receive at its bi-annual meeting a “Statement of Income and Expense” and a “Statement of Assets and Liabilities” for the fiscal year. These reports will be verified by the President and Treasurer, or by a majority of the **BOD**. The reports will be based on the Local

League Accounting Procedure recommended by Little League Headquarters. The reports will show the Current Assets, Fixed Assets, Deferred Charges, Current Liabilities, Fixed Liabilities, Income, and Expenses.

The aforementioned reports **SHALL** be filed with the records of the Local League and an abstract thereof entered in the minutes of the proceedings of the annual meeting. A copy of such report **SHALL** be forwarded to Little League Headquarters. No **BOD** member is to receive special compensation for participating on the WCALL BOD. WCALL will operate under the laws and regulations of a nonprofit entity.

Each team in the League SHALL appoint:

1. A Team Parent
2. A Team Score Keeper.
3. A Team Safety Officer

Note: *Although discouraged, both positions may be filled by the same person.*

EXPECTED DUTIES OF EACH BOD:

The President SHALL:

- A. Conduct the affairs of the Local League and execute the policies established by the BOD.
- B. Present a report of the condition of the Local League at the Annual Meeting.
- C. Communicate to the BOD 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 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 BOD 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 residence and age eligibility before the player may be accepted for tryouts and selection.

- I. Be listed as the primary contact with the State of California Secretary of State Office.

The Vice President SHALL:

- A. Assist the League President in League operations.
- B. Assist the overall operation of concession stand.
- C. Fill in for the League President in the President's absence.
- D. Be responsible for all scheduling of games for the league, including regular season, playoff and Winterball (if WCALL hosts)**
- E. Be responsible for rescheduling all rained out games in all Divisions.
 - **No game can be rescheduled without the consent of the League President, the Vice President, Player Agent, Snack Bar Coordinator, Website Coordinator, and the Umpire-in-Chief.**

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, all-star voting and all other player transaction or selection meetings.
- D. Prepare the Player Agent's List.
- E. Prepare and update Team Rosters
- F. Prepare for the President's signature and submission to Little League Headquarters of any subsequent player replacements or trades.
- G. Notify Little League Headquarters of any subsequent player replacements or trades.
- H. Be responsible for the All-Star voting by players and coaches (keeping all results secret and sharing only with the League President).
- I. Be allowed, with the approval of the board, to manage in any division.
- J. Coordinate batting cage times.
- K. Assist the Safety Officer with practice field locations.

The Safety Officer SHALL:

- A. Be responsible for creating awareness, through education and information, of the opportunities to provide a safer environment for youngsters and all participants of Little League Baseball.
- B. Develop and implement a League Safety Report Plan for increasing safety of activities, equipment and facilities through education, compliance and reporting.
 - **NOTE: In order to implement a League Safety Report Plan using education, compliance and reporting, the following suggestions may be utilized by the Safety Officer:**

- I. **Education** – Should facilitate and distribute information among participants including players, managers, coaches, umpires, league officials, parents, guardians and other volunteers. Conduct safety clinics as needed.
 - Conduct a Safety Clinic for all division managers and coaches prior to season open.
 - Provide Sexual Harassment & Child Abuse reporting information
 - II. **Compliance** – Should promote safety compliance leadership by increasing awareness of the safety opportunities that arise from these responsibilities.
 - III. **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.
 - IV. **League Safety Report Plan**-Provide a League Safety Report Plan to the President by April 1st to be submitted by the President to Little League Headquarters.
- C. Review West Covina American Little League’s Insurance policy, and in collaboration with the League President, assure that adequate amounts of coverage are secured for the League and its Directors and Officers.
 - D. Conduct random safety inspections to check that player equipment, e.g., bats, helmets, catching equipment, etc. complies with Little League Rules and Regulations and that players are legally and properly equipped
 - E. Review West Covina American Little League’s Insurance policy, and in collaboration with the League President, ensure that adequate amounts of coverage are secured for the League and its Directors and Officers.
 - F. Will act as the liaison between the insurance company & any parties filing an insurance claim.
 - G. Record all incidences of safety and/or injury in a log to be submitted to the President.
 - H. Be responsible for distributing First Aid Kits and Safety Manuals to managers.
 - I. Survey WCALL concession stand and clubhouse for Safety Compliance
 - a. (Including fire extinguishers)
 - J. Perform such duties as are herein set forth and such other duties as are customarily incident to the Office of the Safety Officer or as stipulated in the WCAL L Safety Plan.

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 BOD.
- 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 BOD and Committees.
- D. Be responsible for seeing that the Bylaws and Constitution are reviewed and approved annually.
 - E. Maintain Manager/Coach Applications, All-Star Manager Applications, and Member Applications.
 - F. Keep the minutes of the meetings of the Members, the BOD and the Executive Committee, and cause them to be recorded in a book kept for that purpose.
 - G. 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.
 - H. Notify Members, Directors, Officers and committee members of their election or appointment and issue membership cards (if the League has them) to regular members, as approved by BOD.
 - I. Post charter document in field house and file the original.
 - J. Assist the Safety Officer with practice field locations.

The Treasurer SHALL:

- A. Receive all incoming money and securities, **and** deposit same in a depository approved by the BOD
- B. Keep records for the receipt and disbursement of all moneys and securities of the Local League, including the Auxiliary.
- C. Approve all payments from allotted funds and draw checks therefore in agreement with policies established in advance of such actions by the BOD. All disbursements in excess of \$100 must have dual signatures. Pay league expenses, with the approval of the President, in agreement with policies established in advance by the BOD. Any payments made with the League bank account checks in excess of \$100 must have two signatures with any combination of the President, Treasurer, Vice President, or Secretary.
- D. Ensure that no payment is made unless the invoice has been approved by and contains the signature and official stamp of the President.
- E. Prepare a biannual "Statement of Assets and Liabilities" and a "Statement of Income and Expense." This report will be submitted to the BOD at the Annual Meeting, to Little League Headquarters, and to the City of West Covina. Additional reports will be prepared on an "as needed basis", upon request by the President. The League fiscal year begins each October 1st and ends each September 30th.
- F. Be responsible for obtaining a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) to prepare and file the annual tax return with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). The specific Certified Public Accountant to be used must be approved by BOD.
- G. Be listed as the primary contact with the IRS, Franchise Tax Board and banking institutions.
- H. 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 BOD.

Senior Division Director SHALL:

- A. Most Senior Director
- B. Appointed by EBD
- C. Coordinate Batting Cages for all divisions

The Junior Division Director SHALL:

- A. Be responsible to the WCALL President for the proper conduct of the Junior Division Programs, and other duties set forth by the BOD.
- B. Assist the Player Agent with player promotion from the Major to the Junior Division.
- C. Be in charge of preparing playing fields prior to playing season.
- D. Coordinate the “work party” to assist with the duties of preparing the fields with the Operations Manager
- E. Oversee official score keeping and monitor all score sheets and track innings pitched and innings played, pitches thrown by each pitcher and at bats per player for the Major division.
- F. Be responsible for reporting final scores to the Website Coordinator.
- G. Serve as the contact person for Little League and its manager-coach education program for the Junior Division.
- H. Report complaints and incidents of bad conduct to the League President, Safety Officer, and Umpire-in-Chief.
- I. Conduct the tryouts, the player draft, all-star voting and all other player transaction or selection meetings with Player Agent.
- J. Coordinate batting cage times.
- K. Assist the Safety Officer with practice field locations.
- L. Organize a mid-season meeting with all managers.
- M. Responsible for collecting background checks and returning them to the Safety Officer before the first game.

The Major Division Director SHALL:

- A. Be responsible to the WCALL President for the proper conduct of the Major Division Programs, and other duties set forth by the BOD.
- B. Assist the Player Agent with player promotion from the Minor to the Major Division.
- C. Be in charge of preparing playing fields prior to playing season.
- D. Coordinate the “work party” to assist with the duties of preparing the fields with the Operations Manager
- E. Oversee official score keeping and monitor all score sheets and track innings pitched and innings played, pitches thrown by each pitcher and at bats per player for the Major division.
- F. Be responsible for reporting final scores to the Website Coordinator.
- G. Serve as the contact person for Little League and its manager-coach education program for the Major Division.

- H. Report complaints and incidents of bad conduct to the League President, Safety Officer, and Umpire-in-Chief.
- I. Conduct the tryouts, the player draft, all-star voting and all other player transaction or selection meetings with Player Agent.
- J. Assist the Safety Officer with practice field locations.
- K. Organize a mid-season meeting with all managers.
- L. Responsible for collecting background checks and returning them to the Safety Officer before the first game.

The Minor Division Director SHALL:

- A. Be responsible to the WCALL President for the proper conduct of the Minor Division Programs, and other duties set forth by the BOD.
- B. Coordinate with Operations Manager for all work parties and maintenance of WCALL facilities.
- C. Secure and coordinate with the Player Agent and the Safety Officer, the use of practice fields for all league divisions.
- D. Schedule and coordinate with the Player Agent and the Safety Officer, the use of League batting cages.
- E. Oversee official score keeping and monitor all score sheets and track innings pitched and innings played, pitches thrown by each pitcher and at bats per player for the Minor division.
- F. Be responsible for reporting final scores to the Website Coordinator.
- G. Be responsible for providing Minor Division game statistics to the Major Director.
- H. Serve as the contact person for Little League and its manager-coach education program for the Minor Division.
- I. **Be responsible for rescheduling all Minor Division rained out games in collaboration with the Vice President, Snack Bar Coordinator, Website Coordinator, and the Umpire-in-Chief.**
 - **Note:** *Scheduling conflicts will be resolved by the League Vice President.*
- J. **SHALL** assist the Player Agent with player promotion from the Minor Division to the Major Division.
- N. Report complaints and incidents of bad conduct to the League President, Safety Officer, and Umpire-in-Chief.
- O. Conduct the tryouts, the player draft, all-star voting and all other player transaction or selection meetings.
- P. Coordinate batting cage times.
- Q. Assist the Safety Officer with practice field locations.
- R. Responsible for collecting background checks and returning them to the Safety Officer before the first game.

The Intermediate Division Director SHALL:

- A. Oversee official score keeping and monitor all score sheets and track innings pitched and innings played, pitches thrown by each pitcher and at bats per player for the Intermediate Division.
- B. Be responsible for reporting final scores to the Website Coordinator.
- C. **SHALL** assist the Player Agent with player promotion from the Intermediate to the Minor Division.
- D. Maintain safety duties in the Intermediate Division as directed by the Minor Director.
- E. Coordinate with the Operations Manager for all work parties and maintenance of WCALL facilities. Serve as the contact person for Little League and its manager-coach education program for the League.
- F. **Be responsible for researching all Intermediate Division rained out games in collaboration with the Vice President, Snack Bar Coordinator, Website Coordinator, and the Umpire-in-Chief.**
 - **Note:** *Scheduling conflicts will be resolved by the League President.*
- G. Report complaints and incidents of bad conduct to the League President, Safety Officer, and Umpire-in-Chief.
- H. Conduct the tryouts, the player draft, all-star voting and all other player transaction or selection meetings.
- I. Assist the Safety Officer with practice field locations.
- J. Responsible for collecting background checks and returning them to the Safety Officer before the first game.

The Rookie Division Director SHALL:

- A. Be responsible to the WCALL President for the proper conduct of the Rookie Division League Programs, and other duties set forth by the BOD.
- B. Oversee official playing records for the Rookie Division and provide Rookie Division game statistics to the Major Director.
- C. Maintain safety duties in the Rookie Division as directed by the Minor Director.
- D. Coordinate with the Major Director for all work parties and maintenance of WCALL facilities.
- E. Serve as the contact person for Little League and its manager-coach education program for the Rookie Division.
- F. Be responsible for rescheduling all Rookie Division rained out games in collaboration with the Vice President, Snack Bar Coordinator, Website Coordinator, and the Umpire-in-Chief.
 - **Note:** *Scheduling conflicts will be resolved by the League President.*
- G. Assist the Player Agent with player promotion from the Rookie Division to the Intermediate Division.

- H. Be responsible for updating placards above Snack Bar relating to Tournament Teams.
- I. Report complaints and incidents of bad conduct to the League President, Safety Officer, and Umpire-in-Chief.
- J. Conduct the tryouts, the player draft, all-star voting and all other player transaction or selection meetings.
- K. Responsible for collecting background checks and returning them to the Safety Officer before the first game.

The Business Manager SHALL:

- A. Keep annual list of sponsors and be responsible for writing thank you letters and issuing official tax receipts.
- B. Soliciting sponsors and secures local sponsorship to support League operations.
- C. Keep accurate records of sponsor and fundraising income.
- D. Determine any sponsors whom made in-kind donations.
- E. Create admittance listing attendees.
- F. Have responsibility for League fundraising and raffle ticket activities and sponsorship activities.
- G. Coordinate with Purchasing Agent for the purchase of sponsor recognition plaques.
- H. Be responsible for ordering and displaying sponsorship banners.

Fundraising Coordinator SHALL:

- A. Coordinate and organize League raffle(s).
- B. Be responsible for distribution of fundraising items, and keep records of sales.
- C. Assist the Event Coordinator in organizing fundraising events.
- D. Advertise and market all fundraising events.
- E. Research additional sources of potential income.

The Purchasing Agent SHALL:

- A. Secure two (2) bids on needed supplies and make recommendations for their purchase and procurement.
- B. Be responsible for the proper issuance and reclaiming of all such supplies and equipment.
- C. Be responsible for the repair, cleaning and storage of all supplies and equipment at the close of the season.
- D. Prepare a beginning and ending of the season inventory report to be submitted to the League President.
- E. Secure two (2) bids for the purchase of trophies and place orders for all awards/plaques.

The Umpire-in-Chief SHALL:

- A. Recruit, and recommend to the President and **BOD** for appointment, a staff of umpires and replacements.
- B. Schedule and train staff by conducting a scorekeeper/pitch-count clinic for all divisions prior to season opener and at mid-season, as needed.
- C. Be chairman of any such committee relating to Umpire complaints or protests logged.
- D. Submit a Schedule of Umpires to the League President upon the completion of the official League Schedule.
- E. Coordinate paid and volunteer umpires.
- F. Provide a weekly recapitulation of games umpired by paid and volunteer staff.
- G. Submit a list of managers who do not properly notify the Umpire-in-Chief of a missed game.

The Team Parent Coordinator SHALL:

- A. Act as a liaison between the WCALL **BOD** and each Team Parent of the League.
- B. Represent the interests of the individual Team Parents for each team in all divisions in the League.
- C. Be responsible for the following tasks:
 - 1. Establish a connection with each participating Team Parent.
 - 2. Ensure that each Team Parent performs in the best interest of their respective team.
 - 3. Coordinate and disseminate key information necessary to maintain an open line of communication between the WCALL **BOD** and all teams within the League.
 - 4. Publish Monthly Newsletter.
 - 5. Assist with League events including Opening Day Ceremonies, Picture Day, Picnics, Closing Day Ceremonies, etc.
 - 6. Assist in the scheduling of parent volunteer work at the Snack Bar.
 - 7. Assist each Team Parent in coordinating a Scoreboard/Pitch count parent schedule for their respective team.
 - 8. Maintain team parent directory, which includes each team parents' names, addresses, telephone numbers, and email addresses.

The Snack Bar Coordinator SHALL:

- A. Assist the overall operation of concession stand.
- B. Coordinate the purchase of concession products.
- C. Be responsible for the management of the concession sales.
- D. Schedule and oversee concession stand personnel and volunteers to work the concession booth during League events.
- E. Review and evaluate concession related projects for fundraising and disposition of profits and make recommendations to the BOD.

- F. Prepare monthly ledger of accounts payable and receivable to the BOD.
- G. Maintain Volunteer Logs for disbursement of snack bar refunds for shifts completed and follow up with Treasurer for the distribution of refund checks.
- H. Collect and review concession-related offers including coupons, discounts and bulk- purchasing opportunities.
- I. Be listed as one of two primary contacts for all concession-related vendors and accounts.

The Assistant Snack Bar Coordinator(s) SHALL:

- A. Assist with the operation of concession stand.
- B. Coordinate the purchase of concession products with Snack Bar Coordinator
- C. Be responsible for the management of the concession sales when working snack bar.
- D. All purchases must be approved by Snack Bar Coordinator
- E. Must be available to work 2 days in the snack bar
- F. Responsible for seeking EBD for counting out for the night
- G. Responsible for making sure Snack Bar is clean every night

The Website Coordinator SHALL:

- A. Ensure that website news is posted and updated on a regular basis.
- B. Include direct dissemination of fundraising and sponsor activities to Little League Baseball, district, public, league members and media.
- C. Serve as primary contact person for Little League and current website regarding optimizing use of the Internet for League administration and for the distributing information to League members.
- D. Assist in e-mailing managers and Team Parents of any information as needed.
- E. Post team scores and standings on the League website.

The Yearbook Coordinator/League Historian SHALL:

- A. Produce and edit the WCALL Yearbook.
- B. Organize and be responsible for Picture Day.
- C. Secure two (2) bids of potential photography vendors for League Pictures.
- D. Photograph all League Events and Ceremonies.

The Event Coordinator SHALL:

- A. Coordinate Opening and Closing Ceremonies
- B. Secure a company for the annual Turnaround and coordinate activities on the bus.
- C. Secure venue for the annual Casino Night.
- D. Coordinate entertainment and décor for Casino Night.
- E. Assist in coordinating and planning the Annual WCALL Picnic.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MEMBERS, MANAGERS, COACHES AND UMPIRES

- A. Pursuant to the Little League Baseball Association, **only after a “Background Check” is approved**, will a Manager, Coach, Team Parent, or Board Member application be accepted for a position in the League.
- B. The President, with the approval of the EBD, **SHALL** appoint and approve of Team Managers annually.

Only Managers, Coaches, and team parents who have submitted a Background Check and have been approved by the League President are allowed in the dugout.

- **Note:** *Due to League safety concerns and liability, parents, siblings, or other non- approved volunteers **ARE NOT** allowed on the playing field or dugout areas during a game. Any non-compliance with this Bylaw may result in the suspension of the Team’s Manager. Managers and their appointed Coaches **SHALL** be responsible for the selection of their teams and for their actions on the field [Regulation 1(b)].*

- C. Manager applications and Background Check Forms are to be turned into the League Secretary and Safety Officer upon immediate request from the **BOD**.
- D. Umpires **SHALL** be appointed annually by the President with the approval of the BOD, who **SHALL** be responsible for their assignments and for their actions off the field. The Umpire-in- Chief **SHALL** work in collaboration with the President to ensure proper conduct and official League play in all divisions and enforce and maintain fairness and compliance with Little League Rules and Regulations and the WCALL Bylaws.

TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS (TOC)

The top teams from each of the Major and Minor divisions will represent WCALL in the Tournament of Champions (TOC) and District 19 (D19) Regular Season TeamTournaments.

POST-SEASON TOURNAMENT TEAM SELECTION

Managers of each division eligible for post-season tournament play will rank each of their players from their regular season roster.

Each division will host a post-season meeting to select All-Star teams and the Select Team.

- A. The League President, Vice President, Division Directors, and Player Agent **SHALL** facilitate and be present at the meetings.
- B. The managers of each team of each division **SHALL** attend the selection meeting for their respective division.
 - The managers awarded the post-season tournament teams will be allowed one (1) automatic roster selections for each division.
 - **Note:** The awarded team manager's child or children **SHALL** count towards their automatic roster bid.
- D. The remaining roster **SHALL** be voted on by the managers of the respective divisions.
 - **Note:** The Player Agent **SHALL** have the deciding vote in a tie.

WCALL will support five (5) Post-Season All-Star and/or Select Teams

- **Note:** *In order for a player to be eligible to represent WCALL and participate in post-season All-Star and/or Select competition, the guardian(s) must have satisfied ALL financial WCALL obligations AND have completed their obligatory Snack Bar duty, or have surrendered their Snack Bar Deposit to the General WCALL Fund.*
- A. One 12-14 year old All Star Team (to consist primarily of 13-14 year old players from the Junior Division)
 1. Managers from the Junior Division, Junior Director, Player Agent, and the President will select the team from a list of 12-13 eligible players based on votes.
 - **Note:** The BOD reserves the right to limit the Junior All-Star Team to 14 year olds only.
 - B. One 10-12 year old All-Star Team (to consist primarily of 11 – 12 year old players from the Major Division)
 1. Managers from the Major Division, Major Director, Player Agent, and the President will select the Team from a list of 12–13 eligible players based on votes.
 - **Note:** The BOD reserves the right to limit the Little League All-Star Team to 12 year olds only.

- C. One 9-11 year old All-Star Team will consist of players from the Major and Minor Divisions.
1. The Manager awarded the 9-11 year old All-Star Team will choose the 9-11 year old All-Star Team from a list of eligible players.
 - **Note:** The BOD reserves the right to limit 9-11 All-Star Team to 11 year olds only.
- D. One 8-10 year old All-Star Team will consist of players from the Major and Minor Divisions.
1. Managers from the Minor Division, Minor Director, Player Agent, and President will select the 8-10-year-old All-Star Team from a list of 12-13 eligible players based on votes.
 - **Note:** 10-year-old players in the Little League Division not selected to the 10-12-year-old All-Star Team or the 9-11-year-old All-Star Team **will automatically** be placed on the 8-10-year-old All-Star Team.
- E. 6-7-8 year-old Select Team, in the event that D19 hosts a 6-7-8 year-old Select Tournament,
- **Note:** WCALL will participate. Players **SHALL** be chosen from the Minor and Intermediate Divisions. Eight-year-old players in the Minor Division are automatically placed on 6-8-year-old Select Team.

Directors of each division will organize and delegate duties and responsibilities for each of the Tournament, All-Star Teams, and Select Team.

Junior Director:	12-14 year old All Star Team
Major Director:	10-12 year old All-Star Team
League President, Vice President and Player Agent:	9-11 year old All-Star Team
Minor Director:	8-10 year old All-Star Team
Intermediate Director:	6-8 year old Select Team

TOURNAMENT MANAGER/COACH SELECTION

All-Star and Select Teams **SHALL** consist of one (1) Manager and a maximum of two (2) Coaches. **In order to be eligible to manager and coach an All-Star or Select Team, managers and coaches must be:**

- **Managers:**
 - In **“Good Standing”** with **WCALL** (team financial responsibilities)
 - **Must have been ethical during the current season**
 - **Must be 2nd year manager (if first year manager is winning coach, they will automatically be assistant coach)**
 - **Assistant Coaches**
 - In **“Good Standing”** with **WCALL** (team financial responsibilities)
 - **Must have been ethical during the current season**
 - **The second and third team coach will be selected by the approval of the EBD and division director.**
 - **Coaches MUST be from the respective division**
- A. The Manager for the 12-14 year old All-Star Team **SHALL** be the Manager whose team won the current season’s Junior Division League Championship.
- **Note:** In the event the Junior Division winning Manager declines a nomination to manage his/her respective All-Star Team, the **EBD SHALL** select the manager for that All-Star Team
- B. The Manager for the 10-12 (Little League) year old All-Star Team **SHALL** be the Manager whose team won the current season’s Major Division League Championship.
- **Note:** In the event the Major Division winning Manager declines a nomination to manage his/her respective All-Star Team, the **EBD SHALL** select the Manager for that All-Star Team.
- C. The Manager of the 9-11 year old All-Star Team **SHALL** be selected by the **BOD**.
- **Note:** For the 10-11-year-old All-Star Team, the coaches will be nominated by the awarded team manager and approved by the BOD.
- D. The 8-10 year old All-Star Team Manager **SHALL** be the Manager whose team won the current season’s Minor Division League Championship.
- **Note:** In the event the Minor Division winning Manager declines a nomination to manage his/her respective All-Star Team, the **BOD SHALL** select the Manager for that All-Star Team.
- E. The 6-8 year old Select Team Manager **SHALL** be the Manager whose team won the current season’s Intermediate Division League Championship.
- **Note:** In the event the Major Division winning Manager declines a nomination to manage his/her respective All-Star Team, the **BOD SHALL** select the Manager for that Select Team.

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RULES AND REGULATIONS

- A. Adopted League Rules and Regulations must be adhered to by both Parents/Guardians and Players in order for the League to function smoothly.
- B. If a Player is the son/daughter of a manager, the child is protected from promotion. However, a child of a coach, member of the BOD, or other type of volunteer is not protected from promotion.**
- **Note:** The last date for player promotion will be four (4) weeks from the end of the season.
- C. Per Little League Regulations, all Players 7-14 must try out. No Player is eligible for the Junior or Major Division Draft unless he/she has tried out
- D. Makeup tryouts will be held prior to the all Division Drafts.
- E. Any player who registers after the established draft date will be considered a late registrant. The player will be placed in a player pool and then designated to a team based upon roster availability **AND** position in the respective Division Draft.
- F. Any player aspiring to play in any division who does not try out will be placed on a team in any division at the discretion of the Player Agent, in collaboration with the **EBD**.
- G. Manager's and Coach's son/daughter will play in their respective divisions
- H. Nine (9) year olds will be allowed to play in the Majors only with the prior approval of the Player Agent and the **EBD**.
- **Note:** A request, by the parent, must be made through the Player Agent and is to be submitted prior to Try-outs. Final placement of the player is at the discretion of the Player Agent and President, in collaboration with the **EBD**.
- I. Ten (10) year olds will not be allowed to play at the Intermediate Division unless prior approval by the Player Agent and the **EBD** is received. All requests must be submitted prior to the respective Draft.
- J. Seven (7) year olds will not be allowed to play at the Rookie Division unless prior approval by the Player Agent and the **EBD** is received. All requests must be submitted prior to the respective Draft.

***NOTE: For H, I and J, considerations for keeping player down will be made on a case by case basis and will be based on safety concerns that will be evaluated by the Player Agent and EBD.**

PLAYER OPTIONS/DRAFT

- **ALL PLAYERS MUST TRY OUT.**
- Managers option (manager's child) will be evaluated and given a rank by the player agent, division director, and other managers of respective division along with all players.
- Draft order for following divisions will be done by random draw.

Options for the Junior, Major, Minor, and Intermediate Divisions are as follows:

A. Junior Division Draft:

1. Managers will get one (1) Manager Option and zero (0) Coach Option
2. **The Junior Division Draft will adhere to "Plan B" in the Little League Rule Book.**
 - **Note: Sibling Options remain the same as outlined in the Little League Rule Book. Player options will be honored as outlined in the Little League Rule Book under "Plan B."**
3. Draft players using a standard order draft. The order will begin by drawing.

B. Major Division Draft:

1. Managers will get one (1) Manager Option and zero (0) Coach Option.
2. **The Major Division Draft will adhere to "Plan B" in the Little League Rule Book.**
 - **Note: Sibling Options remain the same as outlined in the Little League Rule Book. Player options will be honored as outlined in the Little League Rule Book under "Plan B."**
3. Draft players using a standard order draft. The order will begin by drawing.

C. Minor Division

1. Managers will get one (1) Manager Option and zero (0) Coach Option.
2. Use a "serpentine-style draft."

D. Intermediate Division

1. Managers will get one (1) Manager Option and zero (0) Coach Option.
2. Use a "serpentine-style draft."

- * Manager's Options for all divisions **SHALL** only apply to children, grandchildren or relatives of the immediate family of the Manager. **Unrelated players will be selected at the discretion of the Player Agent and EBD.**
- * **ALL PLAYERS WHO DID NOT TRY OUT WILL BE PLACED IN A BLIND DRAFT.**
- * **ALL LATE REGISTRANTS WILL BE PLACED IN A BLIND DRAFT.**

WCALL inspires to create an even distribution of talent. If the EBD determines that teams are not equal, players can be placed on different teams (will not happen beyond 24 hours after draft).

DISCIPLINE

Unethical Conduct

- A. This rule applies to throwing helmets, hat(s), or other equipment in a disrespectful or unsportsmanlike manner, the use of profanity, involvement in a verbal or physical altercation, or other incidents of unsportsmanlike conduct.
- B. When such an incident occurs, the umpire **SHALL** eject the involved individual from the game and/or field area.
- C. A zero tolerance Policy of unsportsmanlike conduct will be enforced by all umpires and the **EBD**. City law enforcement/authorities will be notified as deemed necessary by the **EBD** or anybody who witnesses such behavior.
- D. An emergency EBD meeting will be called immediately after the incident. An EBD meeting will be necessary to discuss any serious matters in order to determine the facts and the appropriate action to be taken.
- E. **BOD** are not to interfere with a game unless called upon by an umpire. Any **BOD** who was informed of official action **SHALL** immediately inform the **BOD**.
- F. The involved manager, together with the coach, player with parent/guardian, **SHALL** appear before the EBD to provide an explanation of the action(s) that caused concern and/or need for immediate intervention.
- G. Any Player, Manager, Coach, Parent/Guardian, or Individual who intentionally damages WCALL Property or Facilities will be automatically suspended for a minimum of one (1) game for the first offense **and** a minimum of three (3) games for the second offense.

All incidents SHALL immediately be reported to respective division director. The respective division director SHALL notify the League President, Safety Officer, and the Umpire-in-Chief.

SUSPENSIONS

- A. Any person who is ejected from a game:
 - 1. **Will automatically be suspended for a minimum of one (1) game for the first offense;**
 - 2. Forfeit the privilege of managing or coaching for the second offense.
 - **Note:** In the event that a coach or manager is ejected from a game, the ejected manager/coach **SHALL not** be replaced by another person residing outside the field boundaries.
 - a. An ejected or suspended Manager or Coach may not be in contact with his/her team in any manner (e.g., verbal, text, phone, etc.), nor sit in the stands.
 - b. The ejected Manager and/or Coach must remain at least 500 feet from the Playing Field at all times during the suspension.
- B. Any Manager who intentionally advises his/her team to forfeit a game in an effort to conserve a pitcher(s) **SHALL** be suspended for no less than one game for the first sustained violation.

- C. Any Manager who uses another player from another league, team, or division to fill a roster position to play a league game **SHALL** be suspended for no less than one game for the first sustained violation.

Any Manager who knowingly allows or encourages a player to use unauthorized Little League approved equipment in order to gain an advantage **SHALL** be immediately ejected from the game and **SHALL** be suspended for no less than one game for the first sustained violation. **FORFEITS** Any team that is unable to field a team for a scheduled League game or rescheduled game for the purpose of a make-up game, will be subject to forfeiture as determined by the League BOD or Discipline Committee, if twenty-four (24) hours written notices is not given to and acknowledged by the EBD.

RESCHEDULED GAMES

One (1) Reschedule upon approval by the Vice President and will be made up that following Sunday at 10am. Snack bar will not be open during make up games. In the event that a team cannot field 9 players, manager will use pool players. (Pool Player policy below)

POOL PLAYER POLICY

What it is:

*A pool of players from existing regular season teams created with players that are willing to participate in extra games during the regular season when team face a shortage of rostered players for a regular season game within their respective divisions. The Pool Players will be managed and run the league's Player Agent. **Pool player rules shall also apply to local interleague play.***

Steps to obtain a Pool Players:

1. Determine that you are in need of a player to abide by Rule 4.17 which states that a game cannot be played with less than 9 rostered players.
2. Contact the league Player Agent and ask for a Pool Player with a minimum of 24 hour notice. ONLY the Player Agent with the assistance of division director can assign a Pool Player to a team.
 - Note: Managers and/or Coaches do not have the right to randomly pick and choose players from the pool within their divisions.

LOCAL RULES FOR POOL PLAYERS:

1. Assigned Pool Player cannot play in the infield and will take the defensive position in the outfield ONLY.
2. Limit of 3 pool players
3. Assigned Pool Player will bat LAST in the lineup. EXCEPTION: If a team member arrives late to the game, that player will be placed last in the batting order (Green Book, Rule 4.04/NOTE 2). The Pool Player will remain until he/she has played at least the mandatory play requirements. Pool Player must play at least nine consecutive outs and bat once (Green Book, P. 39)

POOL PLAYERS OBTAINED IMPROPERLY:

1. If a manager obtains a Pool Player improperly, that manager will be suspended for his/her next regularly scheduled game.
2. Any Pool Player that is not obtained should be considered an ineligible player and the opposing manager can protest the game base on that. (Green Book Rule 4.19)

FIELD MAINTANENCE

Both teams (Home and Visitor) are responsible for the post-game field preparation. **NO** excuses to this requirement are acceptable.

AWARDS

Awards will be presented to the following:

1. All members of the winning teams of each division after championship play.
2. All members of the second place teams of each division after championship play.
3. All members of the third place teams of each division after championship play.
4. All remaining players will receive a participation trophy.
5. Little League regulations prohibit individual awards.
6. Per Little League Rules, **Game ball awards are prohibited**
7. All participation awards must be sanctioned and approved the League.

ROSTERS

- A. All Junior, Major and Minor Division Team Rosters will have a least twelve (12) players on their roster as established by the League (registration enrollment permitting).
- B. Teams may have eleven (11) players on their roster if an injury occurs and player will return back prior to end of season or Teams may carry thirteen (13) players.

VACANCY

- A. A team vacancy will be filled through contact of the Player Agent first in accordance with the duties of the Player Agent as outlined in the Little League Handbook and Manual,
- B. The Player Agent will make the necessary arrangements to fill the vacancy immediately after 3 games of no shows.
 - **Note:** The player must be picked forty-eight (48) hours after losing a player to promotion.

PLAYER PROMOTIONS

A player declining a promotion from the higher division may be subject to redistribution within the same division (subject to Board approval). Prior to tryouts, each parents signed consent to such promotion (Player Registration Sec. 5). Promotions are prohibited from the Minor, Intermediate and T-Ball/Rookie divisions during the last four (4) weeks of the regular season schedule.

- **Note:** Player promotions are to be conducted by exhausting the “waiting list” first, then promoting the highest ranked eligible player from subsequent lower divisions.
 - **“Waiting List” will be eliminated after 2 weeks or 4 games**
- **Note:** Sibling options cannot be promoted.

PLAYER PARTICIPATION

All Divisions:

Every player on the roster will participate in each game defensively for a minimum of three (3) consecutive outs at least every other inning in ALL Divisions.

- **Note:** The Major Division will exercise a continuous batting order. A practice in which the entire game roster will bat through the pre-designated batting order. **This amends the previous WCALL rule that only mandated Managers from allowing a player a minimum of only one at-bat per game.**

** A team Manager will be suspended for the next league game in the event that the rule is not followed.*

DUGOUT REQUIREMENTS

- A. At least one adult Manager or Coach must be in the dugout at all times for all Divisions (Little League Regulations XIV (d)).
- B. Only players on a team roster, manager, and a maximum of two (2) coaches are permitted in the dugouts during a game (Rule 3.17) as long as they have been approved and cleared by Little League and WCALL.
- C. One (1) Manager and two (2) coaches are allowed in the dugout in the Junior, Major, Minor, Intermediate Divisions.

EXCEPTION TO THE DUGOUT RULE: The Rookie Division is allowed one (1) Manager and four (4) Coaches in the dugout areas. It is the Manager's discretion to allow more Coaches in the dugout in the Rookie Division as long as they have passed a background check.

- **Note: Batboys/Batgirls are not allowed by Little League Regulation and are not covered by League insurance.**

PRE-GAME

- A. Infield practice will not be permitted between games unless there are at least fifteen (15) minutes remaining prior to the next scheduled game.
- B. Each team will be restricted to one-half off the available time beginning with the visiting team. (Teams should warm up outside the fences and be ready to play. Managers can get their pitchers ready by having the pitchers and catchers warm up in the bullpen area).

SEASON LEAGUE PLAY

All divisions will play a minimum of twenty (20) games and will participate in a double-elimination post-season tournament (Tee Ball is exempt from post season play).

TIES

Intermediate Division

An official game can end in a tie game.

Minor Division

An official game can end in a tie game.

- **Note:** In the event there are tie records for the regular season, the respective division(s) will be decided by total runs for head-to-head competition and total bases thereafter in an event of runs tied.

SCORE KEEPING AND SCORE KEEPER BOOTH

- A. Only scorekeepers, announcers, working umpires and League Officials on League business are permitted in the scorekeeper's booth. Managers and Coaches are not permitted in the scorekeepers booth unless on official business.
 - a. **HOME TEAM:** Scorekeepers are to be provided by the home team.
 - b. **VISITING TEAM:** Pitch count/scoreboard keepers/operators are to be responsible ADULT appointed by Managers of the visiting team.
 - **Note:** If no responsible volunteer is available, the Manager must appoint a team Coach to this position.
- B. The Umpire-in-Chief for the game **SHALL** ensure these policies are enforced and the game starts on time. In addition, per Little League Rule 6.07
 - **Note:** "The umpire and the scorekeeper **SHALL** not direct the attention of any person to the presence in the batter's box of an improper batter (a batter batting out of order)." Rule 6.07 is designed to require constant vigilance by the Players and Managers of both teams.
- C. Immediately following each game, both teams in all divisions must patrol the playing field and their dugouts for debris and personal property. Home team Managers are to submit score sheets to the Major field score booth for posting. Without exception, official scores and signatures must be written in permanent ink.
- D. Thrown or batted balls **SHALL** only be conducted in the areas provided. Fences and structures are excluded from use.
- E. At any level of play, two (2) adult base Coaches, one at first base and one at third base, may be used when their team is batting.
- F. Coaches and Managers **SHALL not** warm up pitchers behind home plate or in the bull pens.

RULES AND GAME TIME LIMITS

JUNIOR DIVISION

A. Refer to Little League Handbook

MAJOR DIVISION

- A. A continuous batting order has been implemented.
- B. For defensive innings, no player will sit out more than one (1) consecutive inning.
- C. **Mercy Rule:** If one team has a lead of at least ten (10) runs after 4 innings OR fifteen (15) after 3 innings, the umpire in charge will officially call the game and it will then be recorded as a completed game.
- D. Option: Pinch runner can be used for a catcher with 2 outs in the inning. Pinch runner will be the last batter out.
- E. There is no time limit to end a game.
- F. Should there be a game scheduled immediately following a Major Division game, then a drop- dead time limit of two hours and fifteen minutes (2:15) will be enforced.
- G. **Under no circumstances is any Major Division play to continue after 9:45pm.** No games in Major Division should revert back, game to finish at later date. In the event a game reverts back to the previous inning, all pitches thrown that day count (including the deleted inning).

MINOR DIVISION:

- A. A maximum of five (5) runs is allowed in the first three (3) innings for the first 10 games, or three outs before teams must switch sides on offense and defense.
- B. No new inning of a game **SHALL** begin later than one hour and forty-five minutes (1:45) after the start of that game **if there is a game after.**
 - **Note: Under no circumstances is any Minor Division play to continue after 9:30 pm.**
- C. **Mercy Rule:** If one team has a lead of at least ten (10) runs after 4 innings OR fifteen (15) after 3 innings, the umpire in charge will officially call the game and it will then be recorded as a completed game.
- D. Minor teams **SHALL** bat all players in attendance (continuous batting order). When a child becomes injured, becomes ill, or must leave the game after the start of the game, the team will skip over him/her without penalty. If that Player returns, he/she is merely inserted into their original spot in the batting order and the game continues. A child arriving late to a game site is added to the end of the current lineup if the Manager chooses to enter him/her in the lineup (Rule 4.04(1)).
- E. For the continuous line up used in the Minor Division, everyone is considered in the batting order and special pinch runners or replacement runners are not allowed. In the event of injury, a replacement can only be the offensive player who made the last out. A player can only have a runner replace him or her once in a game.
- F. For defensive innings, no player will sit out more than one (1) consecutive inning.
- G. The Infield Fly Rule [Little League Rules 2.00, 5.09(d), 6.03, 6.06 (a)] **will not** apply in the Minor Division.

- H. Open inning to begin on the start of the fourth (4) inning.
- I. **Not** every player in the Minor Division needs to play in the infield at least one inning per game.

INTERMEDIATE DIVISION:

- A. **Mercy Rule:** If one team has a lead of at least ten (10) runs after 4 innings OR fifteen (15) after 3 innings, the umpire in charge will officially call the game and it will then be recorded as a completed game.
- B. Intermediate teams will bat the entire roster (continuous batting order). All runners on base will advance and score on any batted ball or walk by the last batter of the inning until the ball is ruled dead by the umpire. When a child becomes injured, becomes ill, or must leave the game after the start of the game, the team will skip over him/her without penalty. If that player returns, he/she is merely inserted into their original spot in the batting order and the game continues. A child arriving late to a game site is added to the end of the current lineup if the Manager chooses to enter him/her in the lineup [Rule 4.04(1)].
 - Note: For the continuous line up used in the Intermediate Division, everyone is considered in the batting order and no special pinch runner or replacement runner is allowed. In the event of injury, a replacement can only be the offensive player who made the last out. A player can only have a runner replace him or her once in a game.
- C. For defensive innings, no player will sit out more than one (1) consecutive inning.
- D. Offensive innings will end after five (5) runs have been scored for the first three (3) innings
- E. Open inning to begin on the start of the fourth (4) inning.
- F. There will be no base on balls (walks) throughout the season. A coach must pitch to their team a maximum of three (3) pitches after the fourth called ball.
 - **Note:** A batter must be called out if the third ball is missed.
 - *Third pitch foul balls do not count toward the last pitch.*
- G. The use of a widened strike zone will be in effect for Intermediate Division Players in order to encourage batting development.
- H. Pitching:
 - a. Intermediate pitches must be of League age nine (9) or below.
 - b. **For safety reasons, ten (10) year old players cannot pitch in the intermediate division.**
 - c. **No pitcher can pitch more than three (3) innings per game.**
- I. Intermediate players can steal.
 - **Note:** After mid-point of the season, Intermediate players can steal home.
- J. The Infield Fly Rule [Little League Rules 2.00, 5.09(d), 6.03, 6.06 (a)] **will not** apply in the Intermediate Division.
- K. No new inning of a game **SHALL** begin later than one hour and forty-five minutes (1:45) after the start of that game **unless** there is no scheduled League game following after four (4) innings.

- L. A complete game is four (4) complete innings.
- M. Games can end in a tie score.

ROOKIE DIVISION:

- A. The Rookie Division **SHALL** consist of six (6) year-old players, and in some circumstances, seven (7)-year-old players.
- B. The Rookie Division Manager or Coach will be responsible for pitching to their own team. The manager or coach will pitch in an overhand manner from 25' from home plate from a crouched position NOT STANDING.
- C. Every child on the Rookie roster **SHALL** bat in a fixed preset batting lineup. One complete batting round of the number of players in the lineup for that day terminates or ends a half inning. No official score will be kept.
- D. After mid-season, the Rookie Division will play traditional three out innings or bat the entire lineup. The defensive team must switch position players each inning. For the first three (3) innings, the game will be played with the traditional three (3) out innings or a scoring limit of five (5) runs. From the fourth inning on, it will be played with a three (3) out rule or batting through the lineup twice. Scorekeeping will involve one (1) volunteer from each team who will sit behind the fence at home plate to keep accurate score.
- E. There will be six (6) pitched balls to each batter in the Rookie Division. If the last pitch is foul tipped, the player will continue the at-bat until they are struck out or ball is put in play.
- F. The ball need only penetrate the circle to cause play to be ruled dead. At that time, the umpire **SHALL** grant the runner or runners the base they were attempting to reach or they will be returned to the base they had just left. On a throw or attempt to get a runner out on first base, the runner may only advance to second base. **OR**
 - a. **The ball and play SHALL be considered "dead" when a player reached the infield area with their both hands in the air above their head for the first half of the season only.**
 - **Note:** A runner may continue to the next base if the player has crossed the midway point on the base path. If the runner has not crossed the midway point, the player must return to the last base.
- G. Coaches or managers will make every effort to avoid all balls hit at them. They will also make an effort to avoid obstructing a fielder's throw or vision. If a batted ball hits a manager or coach, the ball becomes dead and it becomes no pitch.
- H. If a player is intending to throw the ball to any of the four (4) bases, and the ball penetrates the circle in route, the play is to remain live.
- I. Play can only be interrupted for an injury of a player.
- J. No defensive player may approach home plate closer than thirty (30) feet until after the ball is hit.
- K. The entire Rookie defensive team will be on the field each inning. There will be a maximum of six (6) infielders allowed in the infield (catcher will count as an infielder).

- There will be a total of 4 outfielders.
- L. Rookie players cannot steal or bunt.
 - M. The Infield Fly Rule (Little League Rules 2.00, 5.09(d), 6.03, 6.06(a)) will not apply in the T- Ball/Rookie division.
 - N. Two (2) adult base coaches are permitted when their team is batting: one at first base and one at third base.
 - O. The defensive team can have two (2) coaches beyond the baseline in the field of play for the first half of the season.
 - P. The two (2) defensive coaches and the pitcher will be responsible for umpiring.
 - Q. Games must start on time. Managers should have teams ready to play for one hour and fifteen minutes (1:15) from start time.
 - R. Games **SHALL** last no longer than four (4) complete innings with a “drop dead” time limit of one hour and fifteen minutes (1:15).

Tee Ball DIVISION:

This is division is strictly instructional!

- A. The Tee Ball Division **SHALL** consist of league age four (4) through five (5) year-old players.
- B. There will only be 10 players total per team in the Tee Ball Division.
- C. The Tee Ball Division Manager or Coach will be responsible for bringing a tee for games.
- D. Every child on the Rookie roster **SHALL** bat in a fixed preset order. One complete batting round of the number of players in the lineup for that day terminates or ends a half inning. No official score will be kept.
- E. No outs in the Tee Ball Division for the first half of the season. After mid-season, traditional three outs/five run rule will be enforced.
- F. After mid-season, the Tee Ball Division will play traditional three out innings or bat the entire lineup. The defensive team must switch position players each inning. For the first three (3) innings, the game will be played with the traditional three (3) out innings or a scoring limit of five (5) runs.
- G. There will up to five (5) attempts off tee for each batter in the Tee Ball Division. If the ball has still not been hit in fair territory after five (5) swings, batter will automatically go to first base. After mid-season, after five (5) swings if the ball is not put in play, the batter is considered out.
- H. Coaches or managers will make every effort to avoid all balls hit at them. They will also make an effort to avoid obstructing a fielder’s throw or vision. If a batted ball hits a manager or coach, the ball becomes dead.
- I. Play can only be interrupted for an injury of a player.
- J. No defensive player may approach home plate closer than thirty (30) feet until after the ball is hit.
- K. The entire Tee Ball defensive team will be on the field each inning. There will be a maximum of seven (7) infielders allowed in the infield. The rest of the defensive players **SHALL** be in the outfield.
- L. Tee Ball players cannot steal or bunt.

- M. The Infield Fly Rule (Little League Rules 2.00, 5.09(d), 6.03, 6.06(a)) will not apply in the Tee Ball division.
- N. The Offensive team will have three (3) adult coaches permitted when their team is batting: one at first base, one at third base, and one behind the plate
- O. The defensive team can have three (3) coaches on the field. One (1) in the infield, and two (2) in the outfield.
- P. Games must start on time. Managers should have teams ready to play for one hour (1) from start time.
- Q. Games **SHALL** last no longer than a “drop dead” time limit of one hour (1:00).

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES & POLICIES

- A. ***All WCALL participants are required to participate in WCALL Fundraisers.***
- B. ***Additionally, as a team, WCALL participants are required to meet a \$900 sponsorship goal. The requirement may be levied by the acquisition of sponsors or approved fundraisers.***

Teams exceeding the \$900 Sponsorship Requirement

- A. Any team who exceeds the \$900 sponsorship requirement will be given the opportunity to utilize up to 60% of the sponsorship overage for special team purchases.
- B. All funds must be disbursed equally amongst the players **and cannot be used for team parties or gift cards.**
- C. **All funds must be preapproved by the BOD prior to purchase if seeking reimbursement.** Any item that is not equally distributed (each player gets his own), personalized, or are single item purchases (i.e., Catcher’s gear, left-handed gloves, bats, etc.) will become property of WCALL and is to be returned at the close of the season.
- D. DEADLINE FOR SPONSORSHIP OVERAGES WILL BE MAY 1.**

Any amount not used by the team will become part of WCALL General Fund.

In-kind Donations

- A. Value of In-kind Donations will be assessed according to market price at the time of donation (invoice required or comparison).
- B. In-Kind Donations in the form of a service **will not automatically** make a team eligible for reimbursement if the \$900 requirement is not exceeded. They **SHALL** have had excess of \$900 cash donation in order to be eligible for reimbursement.
No In-Kind donation can be used towards overages used for special purchases.
- C. Final reimbursement is to be at discretion of the EBD.

Team Fundraisers

- A. All teams are encouraged to conduct team fundraisers in order to meet their sponsorship requirement. Once having met their team sponsorship requirement, teams are able to keep 60% of their profits over the cash goal of \$900 for special team purchases.
- B. Requests for Team Fundraisers are to be submitted to the League Secretary for Presidential Approval. All team fundraisers must be approved by the **BOD** and cannot conflict with items being sold in the snack bar (i.e., no burgers, nachos, drinks, etc.)

Snack Bar Duties

All players' parents are required to complete **THREE, 3-hour** shifts in addition to bringing in a case of water in order to receive their Snack Bar Deposit refund.

Refunds

- A. Refunds will not be issued after League Try-outs.
- B. Pursuant to WCALL Constitution, any player not fulfilling their financial responsibilities (excludes registration fees) within 10 days of the deadline, will be suspended and/or forfeit all rights and privileges of membership until all fees are paid