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Yuma Boys Baseball LITTLE LEAGUE BY-LAWS

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Yuma Boys Baseball League *Little League* will provide a supervised program under the Rules and Regulations of *Little League Baseball, Inc.* All Directors, Officers and Members shall bear in mind that the attainment of exceptional athletic skill or the winning of games and the molding of future citizens is of prime importance.

The Official Regulations and Playing Rules and the Little League Operating Manual, as published by Little League Baseball (LLB) Incorporated, Williamsport, Pennsylvania, shall be binding on Yuma Boys Baseball League (YBBL).

This manual defines the responsibilities, conduct, and procedures of the Managers, Coaches, and Players in conducting the field operations of Yuma Boys Baseball League - *Little League*, (YBBL). The contents of this manual are intended to define the options provided to YBBL by Little League Baseball, Inc.(LLB), and are intended to augment the rules and regulations, not modify them. In all cases, it is the intention of YBBL to follow the rules and regulations of LLB, Inc. Therefore, should there be a conflict between the contents of this manual and LLB, Inc., the LLB, Inc. rules and or regulations will prevail unless given a variance from District 22 Board.

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1. Local League Board or Directors

Section 1 .01 – Appointments

Annually, YBBL Board Members, Head, Assistant and Volunteers assigned to a team for the entire season who actively coach and volunteer in the Spring or Fall season will meet and elect Officers who administer the policies, operating procedures and controls, as set forth by Little League Baseball, Inc. The YBBL Board of Directors must adhere scrupulously to all rules and regulations established by Little League. Meeting attendance for voting and for applying for a vacant board position is required at the annual meeting unless approved by the board.

- A. All YBBL official meetings shall be conducted utilizing Robert’s Rules of Order as required by National Little League.
- B. YBBL BOD meetings will be held quarterly, or more frequently if deemed necessary, where all BOD and Ancillary Board Members will be expected to attend.

- C. A quorum is 1/3 of Regular Voting Members during a Regular Membership Meeting or a Special Membership Meeting. A Quorum will not exist without proper notification to all Voting Board Members. A notification to voting board members of an upcoming meeting shall be properly by two or more of the following methods transmitted in person; by website posting, phone text and by electronic mail. Notification for general meeting will include time, place and reason for meeting, and an agenda that is clear and also available for open items to be added. This notification must take place at least Ten days prior to meeting date as per YBBL National Little League constitution.
- D. Voting members will consist of members that hold a current Little League Board Officer title or are an YBBL Board member serving as a Director that has been assigned to them by the YBBL Board.
- Voting members rescind their voting privileges upon notification of intended termination from the YBBL board.
- Under extenuating circumstances – votes can be conducted electronically by email but must be a roll call vote where everyone declares their respective vote.
- Board members that are unable to attend a meeting may proxy their vote with one proxy per board member per meeting to another attending member but the proxy vote can only be used for items that were stated on the agenda prior to the meeting.

Annual Meeting and Elections

- At the Annual Meeting the regular authorized voting members shall determine the number of Directors to be elected for the ensuing year.(s) and shall elect such number of Directors. The annual meeting for YBBL will be held after Fall Baseball Season or as directed by the board of directors but no later than October 31 of each year. Directors shall be elected for a term of three (3) years with one third of the Directors being elected every year or as directed by the Board of Directors. Candidates applying to become a YBBL board member must attend the annual meeting for the board elections.

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- After the Board of Directors is elected, the Board shall meet to elect the Executive officers. Officers will be elected annually. After the election, the Board of Directors shall assume the performance of its duties immediately. The Board's term of office shall continue until its successors are elected and qualified under this section.
- Election Cycle:
 - YBBL board nomination forms will be collected annually as directed by the YBBL Board.
 - If required YBBL Board will host a forum where nominees interested in serving on the YBBL board will have a venue to address why they want to be a board member and speak to the other qualified electors (qualified electors are those who filled out a nomination form to be a board member).
 - Annual meeting for conducting elections will be held after the Fall Ball season but no later than October 31. Votes will be collected as directed by the Board and supervised by an election committee consisting of no less than 3 active board members. Candidates must attend the annual meeting to qualify for consideration.
 - Elected members shall meet to establish the executive Board and the newly elected officers shall assume the duties on 10-31 or after Fall Ball season as approved by the Board. (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Player Agent etc.)

All Executive Board Member appointments shall be renewed annually and The YBBL board shall consist of no more than 20 voting members. All board roles are defined per YBBL constitution.

If the BOD exceeds five (5) members, the BOD members shall elect at minimum these five Officers:

- 1. President
- 2. Vice President
- 3. Secretary
- 4. Treasurer

- 5. Player Agent

Upon selection of the members to the BOD, the following suggested positions shall be filled upon a volunteer basis. If more than one person volunteers, the BOD shall conduct an informal election or assign both active members to a position.

- 1. Safety Director
- 2. Communications Director / Public Information Officer
- 3. Registration and Facilities Director
- 4. League Tournament and Division Director
 - 5-6yr Tee Ball Division Director or (non-voting member)
 - 7-8yr Minor B Division Director or (non-voting member)
 - 9-10yr Minor A Division Director or (non-voting member)
 - 11-12yr Major Division Director or (non-voting member)
 - 13-15yr Junior Division Director or (non-voting member)
 - 16-18yr Babe Ruth Senior Division Director or (non-voting member)
- 5. Equipment Director
- 6. Sponsorship & Coach Coordinator
- 7. Umpire in Chief
- 8. District 22 Representative
- * Any other position deemed necessary by BOD.

Any BOD may hold more than one position, i.e. Secretary/Events Coordinator.

Officers shall, in addition to responsibilities have the authority to:

- 1. Make decisions on daily operations of YBBL.
- 2. Have fiscal responsibility for expenditures
- 3. Hire outside professionals for legal or other aid necessary to conduct YBBL business.
- 4. Have authority to enforce accountability within YBBL.
- 5. Be point of contact when needed for any outside communication with the District, Western Region, LL Inc. or International, Press, etc.

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The Officers primary responsibility is the administration and management of the YBBL.

Section 1.02 – Vacancies

If any vacancy occurs in the Board of Directors, by resignation, death, or otherwise, the position shall be filled by a majority vote of the remaining Board Members within 30 days of vacancy from the pool of nominees in the previous election cycle. If nominees from the previous election cycle are unavailable then a pro-tem designee for the vacant role can be established by the remaining board of directors. Any Director so elected shall remain a Director for the duration of his or her predecessor's unexpired term.

Section 1 .03 – Suspension and Termination

The Board of Directors may remove any Director with cause, by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors and all votes regarding this matter must be at a threshold of 2/3 vote (including when to table discussion or call for a vote). This shall only occur at a special meeting with a previous announcement stating that the purpose of the meeting includes removal of a Director. Votes regarding suspension or termination must be held in person – not via email or other electronic means. Removal of a Director may occur by a 2/3 vote of the BOD. Active Board members that join or participate on another youth baseball or softball board shall be removed from the YBBL Board as per NLL guide lines. If a Director misses more than three board meetings they may not proxy their vote.

2. Local League Rules and Guidelines for Managers and Coaches

Section 2.01 – Appointments

The procedures for appointing Managers and Coaches must be understood and accepted by all concerned. The policies are:

- The power to appoint Managers and Coaches is granted to the Local League President and Coach Coordinator.

- The Board of Directors has the right to approve or disapprove any appointment made by the President and Coach Coordinator by a simple majority vote.
- All Managers and Coaches are directly responsible to the President and Coach Coordinator.
- The President and Coach Coordinator are responsible to the Board of Directors for the actions of all Managers and Coaches.
- The President and Coach Coordinator must get YBBL board approval prior to removal or disciplining a coach/volunteer/or any paid contractor working for the league.

Selection of Managers, Coaches and Umpires is in the Local League jurisdiction and is not subject to intervention from the Little League District or Region.

Section 2.02 – Selection

- Team Managers and Coaches shall be determined by the following procedure: Each candidate (including Managers and Coaches from the preceding year) shall submit a written or electronic application to the Local League President and Coach Coordinator and when needed request coach candidate's experience and qualifications.

The President and Coach Coordinator shall determine the form of application and deadlines for their submission. The President and Coach Coordinator shall review written applications and conduct in-person interviews as necessary. The President and Coach Coordinator shall present recommendations to the Board of Directors who shall approve or disapprove the candidates. This process shall be repeated until all manager and coach positions are filled.

Section 2.03 – Qualifications

All coaches, volunteers, and paid staff that have direct contact or access to personal information must obtain a yearly background check. YBBL Board shall investigate any discrepancies with background process and make a final decision with board approval. Any volunteer that with a Misdemeanor that is less than three years from court sentencing will not be permitted to volunteer. Any volunteer that with a Felony that is less than five years from court

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sentencing will not be permitted to volunteer. These restrictions are required above any other requirements per the National Little League requirements.

To ensure that the Local League has the best possible leadership and commitment, Managers and Coaches should live within the League Boundaries and should have the following qualifications:

T-Ball/Minor League – Managers selected should have managed or coached previously or display sufficient knowledge of baseball to perform successfully at this level. In order to manage or coach in the Local League, it is recommended that individuals involved attend an orientation meeting and coaching clinic to learn or review the rules and ideals of the Local League. The time and place will be designated by the Board of Directors prior to the season opening game.

Major/Junior League – Manager and Coach Candidates should have managed and/or coached at the Major or Minor level. Managers from the previous year shall have seniority/preference on Managerial spots, subject to team availability (e.g., Majors Managers/Coaches shall have seniority over Minors Manager/Coaches coming up from Minors to Majors level). Assistant coaches shall be requested by Managers and reviewed by the league President and Coach Coordinator; a coaching staff shall be presented to the Board for approval. In the event of too many volunteers requesting Managerial/Coaching roles, the President and Coach Coordinator shall submit coaching staff suggestions for the Board members to vote on in the best interest of the children participating.

Section 2.04 – Obligations

Head Coaches and Assistant Coaches are leaders and role models for every child in our league. The Manager will ultimately be held accountable for the actions of their coaching staff, players, and player's parents.

Head Coaches and Assistant Coaches will be dressed in neat clean clothing. Shirts and hats in team colors identify adult leaders. Appropriate coaching attire must be worn at all times. No open toe shoes or sandals are allowed.

The league may assign teams responsibilities pertaining to working umpiring games, field cleanup days, etc. If teams are not properly represented at the assigned functions, the following course of action will be followed:

- First infraction – the Head Coach will be suspended for his/her team's next game.
- Second infraction – the Head Coach will be suspended for his/her team's next game, and will not be allowed to manage or Coach an All-Star/Tournament team that season.
- Third infraction – the Head Coach will be suspended for the remainder of the season.

Section 2.05 – Equipment

Head Coaches are responsible for the safekeeping, maintaining good condition and preventing loss of all equipment issued to them.

It is the responsibility of the Head Coaches to request issue of replacement or additional equipment from the Equipment Director during the season.

Head Coaches must return all equipment issued to their team upon request of the Equipment Director. Failure to return league property will result in suspension from the league for future seasons, and further action if necessary.

Section 2.06 – Length of Term

All Head Coaches, Coaches and Umpires are appointed for one season only, and incumbents must be re-appointed on a seasonal basis if interested in continuing. At the conclusion of each season, the Board shall review the performance of the Managers and Coaches. They shall determine their ability to handle a team and members of that age group within the concepts and purposes of Little League Baseball. Head Coaches shall be assigned to a team by the League President and Coach Coordinator after consultation and subject to the approval of the Board.

Section 2.07 – Suspension and Termination

A Head Coach and/or Coach position may be terminated by resignation or action of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors, by a two-thirds vote of those present at any duly constituted meeting, shall have the authority to discipline or terminate a Head Coach and/or Coach when the conduct of such person is considered detrimental to the interests of the local League and/or Little League Baseball.

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The Manager and/or Coach involved shall be notified of such meeting, informed of the general nature of the charges, and given the opportunity to appear at the meeting to answer such charges.

Managers and Coaches must be held to a high standard. There is zero tolerance for inappropriate language, alcohol, or tobacco use during practices or games. Failure to abide to these standards will result in immediate termination.

3. Sign-ups & Tryouts

Section 3.01 – Sign-Up Dates

The Yuma Boys Baseball Little League Board (YBBL) is responsible for announcing the dates and places where representatives will receive registration applications. The YBBL board will provide many opportunities for players to register.

Notice shall be conveyed through adequate and economical means and made available throughout the League boundaries. Every child that resides within the boundaries of the Yuma Boys Baseball Little League as set by District 22 has the right to register, and tryout prior to drafts taking place. These rights will be protected and are a condition of Charter.

On the dates announced for registration, YBBL representatives shall be prepared to receive a completed registration form signed by the parent and/or guardian of the player and the registration fee.

Parent and/or guardian must provide acceptable forms of birth date and satisfactory proof of the residence eligibility requirements as outlined in the Little League Official Regulations and Operating Manual. Such proofs must be made available no later than the tryout event.

NO REFUNDS OF REGISTRATION FEES WILL BE ALLOWED ONCE A PLAYER IS DRAFTED. Exceptions can be made by board approval.

Section 3.02 – Late Registration

YBBL will take into consideration that for some reason or other, parents may not hear about sign-ups on the specific dates established for registration. The Player

Agent committee or registration committee will be responsible for handling late sign-ups.

Section 3.03 – Assessment Protocol

YBBL requires all players age 7 before August 31 and up to participate in a skill level evaluation held during the pre-season assessments. Interested 6 year olds who would like to be considered for assignment in a higher division may participate in this skill level evaluation with prior board approval.

Since players of different ages play in the same division, an objective and consistent, non-age-weighted scoring system will be employed. Additionally, teams will be formed considering the "Skills Assessment" scoring sheet. The Skills Assessment Score Sheet will be created through a Player Evaluation Subcommittee chaired by the Player Agent.

Each player will be assigned a tryout tracking number. Each player will be judged in the areas of batting, fielding ground balls, fielding fly balls, throwing, and running. Each player will be scored on a predetermined scale (Skills Assessment Score Sheet). Each Manager should score each player and use such scoring in assessing interest of said player during the draft. The YBBL Board shall have the final say on level of placement.

Section 3.04 – Late Sign-up

Any player age who signs up after team assignments have been completed will be classified as a “late sign-up” and may be placed on a waiting list or as a hat pick as decided by the YBBL board. The League will make its best effort to place all those who desire to play on a team, pending volunteer and field availability.

Section 3.05 – Eligibility

Player candidates must check in and participate in the Assessments to receive credit for attendance. Players who do not attend the tryouts shall be placed in the hat for team assignment on draft day as approved by the Board of Directors. Hat picks can be reviewed by the board and amended for equitable placement on teams in order to provide a balanced competitive team per age division.

4. Team Composition

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As a policy, age requirements/limitations will be met as set forth by the Rules and Regulations of Little League Baseball, Inc.

The board of directors have the discretion to establish the following protocols based on season need:

- Major and Jrs. Teams will be allowed to carry over players from the previous season should they stay in the same age division.
- Teams can allow the head coach, and two assistant coaches to have their respective children on the team – plus a sponsor's child. If coach or sponsor player being frozen has siblings in the same division the siblings shall be placed on the same team if the player parent/guardian request it. In this case, the team mentioned before would not be able to draft until the 5th round. Should this team have four other returning players above and beyond the coaches and sponsor children (4 plus 4) then that team would not be able to draft until the 9th round.
- Returning players are defined as those returning Spring Season Returners to Spring Season Returners, and Fall Season Returners to Fall Season Returner (no crossover - same age division).
- If the head coach, assistant coaches and their associated players or sponsors child do not return as coaches or sponsor player to the same team the next season then all frozen players from the previous season shall be placed back into the draft.
- Coaches will obtain written parental consent prior to claiming a sponsored player or an assistant coach's child. The written parental consent must be submitted to YBBL prior to the draft.
- Parents/guardian with siblings in the same division shall be placed on the same team if requested prior to draft.

Section 4.01 – Divisions

Safety is the primary consideration for the placement of all players, for both the individual play and other players on the team. It is for this reason that YBBL requires all players age 7 and up to participate in a skill level evaluation held as part of preseason tryout. These are general age guidelines for each division:

All ages are based on the player age as of August 31 or as directed by National Little League and approved by the board.

T-Ball: includes Machine or Coach Pitch primarily 4, 5, and 6-year-olds. Some 7-year-olds at parent's request, and with YBBL approval. This division is focused on the basics of catching, throwing, and hitting using an instructional batting tee. 4 year old players require prior YBBL Board approval

Minor B– Coach or machine Pitch transition to Player Pitch: Primarily 7 and 8-year-olds. 6 year olds will be considered for Minor B only if they have played at least one year of T-Ball, or have demonstrated the level of skills appropriate for this level of play.

While further developing the concepts of baseball, this level specifically focuses on improving the players hitting fundamentals, using live pitching by an adult Coach. Coaches should further develop their instruction of throwing fundamentals in preparation for player pitching at the Minor A level.

Minor A - Player Pitch: Primarily 9 and 10 year olds, with a limited number of 8 year olds that have demonstrated the level of skills appropriate for this level of play, and a limited number of 11 year olds who were not drafted to the Major Division. The primary objective of this level is to develop all players' abilities to qualify them for Major League play. This is the introductory level of player pitch. 10 year olds with no assessment score or experience in Major League will normally be assigned to the Minor A Division.

Majors: Players of league age 9 thru 12 are eligible to play in the Majors. All 9, 10, 11, and 12 year olds who have no previous experience playing in Yuma Boys Baseball Little League must attend tryouts prior to selection in the Major Division. All 9/10 year olds selected for a Major League Team must have Board approval.

Junior Division; Players of league age 12 thru 15 are eligible to play in the Junior Division. All 13 and 14 year olds who have no previous experience playing in Yuma Boys Baseball Little League must attend tryouts prior to selection in the Junior Division. All 12 year olds selected for a Major League Team must have Board approval.

The Board of Directors, upon the recommendation of the Player Agent and respective League Coordinator, must approve any exceptions.

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5. Division Rules

These rules are only the local league options for the specific divisions of baseball. The Official Regulations and Playing Rules issued annually by the Little League Baseball, Inc. always take precedence if not stated in these Bylaws. The Board of Directors reserve the authority to make changes to playing rules as needed during the regular season without Bylaw changes.

Section 5.01 – Tee Ball Division Rules

Game will be played with a "Safe-T" ball.

Head Coaches shall use the instructional Tee and or coach/machine pitch a maximum of 5 balls to all batters, and then utilize the tee if necessary after the 4th pitch (LL Rule Book - Regulation I THE LEAGUE (a)3). If after the 5th ball pitched or after two failed attempts off the tee player has not placed the ball in play the player shall be called out. If the ball is hit foul on the 5th pitch or swing off the tee the at bat will continue until a hit or strike is been made.

No game scores or win/loss records will be maintained. Managers are encouraged to utilize the team scorebook for maintaining a record of the batting order, which should be rotated from game to game.

When not actively in game play. Players shall remain in their designated dugout during the entire game. No on deck hitters are allowed.

Adults will function as base Coaches. No player base coaches are allowed. Adult base Coaches are permitted only if there is an adult Coach or Manager in the dugout.

The Infield Fly Rule will not apply to this division of play.

Batting/Fielding – All players on the team roster present for the game shall bat in continuous order.

The batting order shall be routinely varied with the objective of providing every player the opportunity to bat first and last throughout the year. An example of a varied batting order would be to reverse the order each inning (or game) (1st inning 1-12; 2nd inning 12-1.)

Players are not to handle bats while in the dugout.

Minimum Play Rule - All players shall be on the field defensively. Managers will rotate playing positions as follows:

- The Pitcher position will be played. While the Coach Pitcher is being used, the player "pitcher" must play behind and to the side of this Coach and not enter the pitching circle.
- Catcher position will be used at the discretion of the coach.
- Managers to play players at defensive positions at their discretion and within player's ability. No player to occupy same infield position two innings continuously.

Games shall consist of six (6) innings OR a Time Limit of 90 minutes from the scheduled game start time, whichever comes first. All new innings shall start prior to 75 minute mark. A full inning is not required to end the game based on time limit.

All games should be played. A team with less than nine (9) players shall "borrow" a fielder from the opposing team to play in the field (alternate these players). Forfeits are not part of this program.

Stealing bases, leading off, bunting, walks, and sliding are not part of this program.

The inning shall be over after 5 offensive runs have scored or three defensive outs have been made.

No runner may advance on an over-throw at any base any time during the season.

Once coach, infielder or umpire gains control of baseball hit to outfield play shall stop. If runner is beyond half way point runner shall be allowed to advance to next base at own risk of being tagged out. If not beyond the half way point runner must go back to previous base. Umpire has judgment on half way point.

Player must hit the ball beyond an imaginary line extending out 5 feet from home plate. If less than 5 feet, the ball shall immediately be called "foul" by the Manager or Coach at the Tee. If unable to hit ball past 5 feet on the 5th pitch or tee with two swings the tee player shall be called out.

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Head Coaches are required to notify the player agent if a player will miss more than two (2) consecutive games for any reason or if the player repeatedly misses practices or games. Note: Consistent with a Manager's ability to conduct the affairs of his or her team, a Manager (with the knowledge of the Player Agent and/or President) may limit a player's "Playing Time" in games if the player has been absent from "scheduled" team practices and/or games. Attendance must be thoroughly documented and disciplinary action fairly and consistently administered in order to exercise this discretion.

Excessive and/or unexcused absences from the games and/or scheduled practice sessions may jeopardize a player's status with the team and YBBL.

Managers are encouraged to initiate pitching or soft toss to their batters during game time as soon as possible. This will expedite the process of establishing eye/hand coordination in our players and improving the competitiveness of our league.

The Head Coach and Coaches should take the following field positions during games:

- a) The Manager or Coach of the team at bat must take his/her position adjacent to the Tee, and place the ball on the Tee, provide instruction to the batters, and to remove the Tee when the ball is put into play, or to pitch to the batter. This Manager or Coach also serves as Chief Umpire. Offensive Manager or Coach will act as catcher for machine/coach pitch.
- b) Base Coaches may be used so long as one Coach remains in the dugout.
- c) The Manager and at least one other Coach of the defensive team may position themselves on the field to provide instruction to their players in the field; however, they should not interfere with the play of the game.

All Coaches/Volunteers (on the field or in the dugout) must be Registered and approved by the League. No exceptions. Four coaches will be allowed for this division

Section 5.02 – Minor B Division Rules

League standings will be kept in this Division and will be determined as prescribed in Section 8 - District TOC Team Selection

Home team shall be responsible for keeping the official score book including pitch count when player/pitcher is used. Each team Manager/Coach when using Player pitch shall maintain a pitching log, which, upon request, shall be made available throughout the game to the opposing team Manager/Coach. The teams' scorebook will fulfill this requirement as long as it contains the appropriate information regarding pitchers. The book should include all games played to date. Failure to produce the log will make any pitcher who pitched in the previous game ineligible to pitch in the game. These official score books shall be property of the YBBL until all tournament plays are completed.

Players that do not successfully advance to the next base shall return to the dugout.

Adults will function as base Coaches. There are no "player base Coaches" allowed. Adult base Coaches are permitted only if there is an adult Coach or Manager in the dugout.

When not actively in game play, Players shall remain in their designated dugout during the entire game.

The Infield Fly Rule will not apply to this division of play.

Runner cannot advance on over throws to first base. All other over throws
Runners on base can only advance one additional base.

Ex. Runner on first base. Hitter hits ball to third. Third base throws ball to second and goes into outfield. Runner from first base can advance to second base and proceed to third base at their own risk of being tagged out. Runners cannot advance any further past third base even if ball is thrown to third to get runner out and ball gets away for fielder.

If ball is batted to outfield runners can advance until outfielder makes an exchange of the baseball from outfielder to a designated infielder. Infielder must have control of the baseball on the dirt infield. Once infielder has control of the ball the play is stopped. If runner is past the half way point of the base path in umpire's judgement the runner will be granted the next base. If not past the half way point of the base path umpire will have runner return to previous base. No advancement on a pass ball by the catcher.

- Continuous Batting Order - All players on the team roster present for the game shall bat in continuous order regardless of whether the players are playing defensively that inning. (LL Rule Book 4.04)

Defensive positions: Traditional infield positions will be maintained with four outfielders to be occupied. Coaches may select to play all other players on their roster other than the normal infield positions in the outfield. Outfielders must play beyond the infield dirt area at a minimum of ten feet onto the grass. A defensive Coach may be positioned behind the catcher (against the backstop) for instruction and to retrieve passed balls (to speed up play).

Games shall consist of a maximum of six (6) innings or 1 hour 30 minutes from the game start time. All innings shall start prior to the 75 minute mark. New inning must be fully completed to end game. If winner can't be decided after completed inning game shall be ruled a tie during the regular season.

An Adult Coach/Machine will pitch to the batters. No walks will be given.

The inning shall be over after 5 offensive runs have scored or three defensive outs have been made. After three innings of play run rule will not be enforced.

The mercy rule will be in effect using Tournament rules.

Head Coaches are encouraged to begin identifying potential player pitchers on their roster. Managers will utilize "coach pitch" for the first half of season/schedule, and player vs player pitch for 2nd half of season/schedule. The use of these player pitchers should not significantly delay the game. This will expedite the process of developing pitching mechanics in our players and improving the competitiveness of our league. Pitching distance should be at a maximum of 43ft except for D-22 tournament play it shall be 46 ft.

When coach pitch/machine/player pitch exists the batter will be called out when the batter has three (3) strikes and/or seven (7) pitches have been pitched to the batter. On the seventh (7) pitch, the batter will be out, unless the seventh pitch and each successive pitch is a foul ball, or hit fair.

Example: Jimmy is batting and has a 1 strike, 3 ball count. The opposing player pitcher throws a ball four – the coach for the batting team has two pitches to throw two strikes for his player to hit. If the hitter does not hit successfully to reach 1st base then they are out.

If the player-pitcher throws four balls called by the umpire the pitcher shall yield to allow the batting team coach to pitch to the batter the remaining allowed pitches to the hitter. **If a player pitcher hits two batters the pitcher must be removed.**

Balls and Strikes shall be called by designated league umpire or offensive team coach. If no designated umpire is present defensive coaches will be calling defensive plays out or safe. If call is challenged by the opposing head coach coin flip will determine the outcome. Every challenged call after shall rotate to the appropriate team. Abuse of the challenge system shall be reported to the division manager if appointed or the YBBL President.

Batter is out on a third strike dropped by the catcher which was not a foul ball as determined by the umpire as per NLL 6.05.

The designated Coach Pitcher will take a comfortable position 43' from home plate and pitch to the batter in an overhanded manner. This Manager or Coach may also be required to serve as Chief Umpire.

While the Coach Pitcher is being used, the player "pitcher" must play behind and to the side of this Coach and not enter the pitching circle.

Runners cannot advance until the batter hits the ball. (NO STEALING).

A fair fly ball that goes over the outfield fence in flight, or hits the fence on the fly and goes over, (whether the ball was touched by a fielder or not) is a home run. All runners advance.

A batted ball that hits the Coach Pitcher/machine is considered a dead ball and the batter is awarded one base. Any runner forced to advance will do so.

After a baseball hit to outfield and returned to the infield the ball is controlled on the infield the Umpire shall call time. If runner is beyond half way point runner shall be allowed to advance to next base at own risk of being tagged out. If not beyond the half way point runner must go back to previous base. Umpire has judgment on half way point.

Batters shall not throw the bat.

Players are not to handle bats while in the dugout.

- Stealing bases, leading off, bunting, walks are not part of this program. Once the ball has been called dead it will be given to the Coach/Pitcher to be delivered to the next batter.

A team with less than 9 players can start a game and play with a minimum of 8 players. If the team loses a player to injury the game cannot be continued it will be considered a forfeit. Game may be started or continued with less than 8 players with shared players from opposing team but forfeiting team shall remain forfeited. If player pool is established manager must contact YBBL player agent for an additional players to avoid forfeit with less than 9 players. If no player pool is established team may start game with 8 players but the 9th position in the batting order will be called out. During YBBL tournament play a team with additional players may opt to use a batter line up to match the opposing teams players. Example if team “A “ has 10 players and team “B” has 13 then team “B” may opt to bat 10 players and sub in the remaining players using the mandatory playing rules of two defensive outs and one time at bat.

During player pitch each team Manager/Coach shall maintain a pitching log, which, upon request, shall be made available throughout the game to the opposing team Manager/Coach. The teams' scorebook will fulfill this requirement as long as it contains the appropriate information regarding pitchers. The book should include all games played to date. Failure to produce the log will make any pitcher who pitched in the previous game ineligible to pitch in the game and must adhere to max calendar days rest per national league pitch counts. All final pitch counts shall be tallied with three signatures after the game. Umpire and two coaches must sign and date with non-erasable material. The home team shall keep the official score for the game being played. Home team shall be responsible for entering the final scores and pitch counts for both teams onto the YBBL web site prior to their next game. Pitchers will be subject to national LLB pitch counts by age division.

No Manager or Coach is allowed past the base lines, with the following exceptions:

- a) The Manager or Coach of the offensive team at bat must take his position as the Adult Pitcher; however, they should not interfere with the play of the game. Offensive coaches should be at following positions First base coach, third base coach and one coach in dugout is required at all times.

- b) Two Coaches of the defensive team may position themselves on the field to provide instruction to the players in those positions. However, he should not interfere with the play of the game.
- c) A Manager or Coach is allowed on the field to render first aid to an injured player.

Players will not be allowed to coach bases.

There shall be no more than four (4) adults Head Coach (and 3 Coaches) and properly uniformed players in the dugout at any time. There must be a rostered Adult Coach occupying the dugout at all times.

Head Coach/Coach pitcher interference is an act that interferes with, obstructs, impedes, hinders or confuses any fielder attempting to make a play. If this occurs, the ball is declared dead. No base runners will advance, the batter will return to bat with the count the same as before the declared dead ball.

Head Coaches are required to notify the player agent if a player will miss more than two (2) consecutive games for any reason or if the player repeatedly misses practices or games. Note: Consistent with a Manager's ability to conduct the affairs of his or her team, a Manager (with the knowledge of the Player Agent and/or President) may limit a player's "Playing Time" in games if the player has been absent from "scheduled" team practices and/or games. Attendance must be thoroughly documented and disciplinary action fairly and consistently administered in order to exercise this discretion.

Excessive and/or unexcused absences from the games and/or scheduled practice sessions may jeopardize a player's status with the team and YBBL.

All Managers will be responsible for the actions of their coaching staff, players, and player's parents. Abuse of opposing players, Managers, or Coaches shall result in disciplinary action to be determined by the YBBL.

All Volunteers (on the field or in the dugout) must be "Registered Volunteers" and approved by the League.

Section 5.03 – Minor A Division Rules

League standings will be kept in this Division and will be determined as prescribed in Section 8 - District TOC Team Selection.

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When not actively in game play, Players shall remain in their designated dugout during the entire game. On deck batter is not allowed.

There shall be no more than three (3) adults (Manager and 2 Coaches) and properly uniformed players in the dugout at any time. There must be a rostered adult coach occupying the dugout at all times.

Defensive positions: Traditional infield positions will be maintained with three outfielders.

Continuous Batting Order - All players on the team roster, present for the game shall bat in continuous order regardless of whether the players are playing defensively that inning. (LL Rule Book 4.04)

The Infield Fly Rule in effect as per 2.0 in the NLL rule book

Batter is out on a third strike dropped by the catcher which was not a foul ball as determined by the umpire as per NLL 6.05.

A team with less than 9 players can start a game and play with a minimum of 8 players. If the team loses a player to injury the game cannot be continued it will be considered a forfeit. Game may be started or continued with less than 8 players with shared players from opposing team but forfeiting team shall remain forfeited. If player pool is established manager must contact YBBL player agent for an additional players to avoid forfeit with less than 9 players. If no player pool is established team may start game with 8 players but the 9th position in the batting order will be called out. During YBBL tournament play a team with additional players may opt to use a batter line up to match the opposing teams players. Example if team "A" has 10 players and team "B" has 13 then team "B" may opt to bat 10 players and sub in the remaining players using the mandatory playing rules of two defensive outs and one time at bat.

Each team Head Coach/Coach shall maintain a pitching log, which, upon request, shall be made available throughout the game to the opposing team Manager/Coach. The teams' scorebook will fulfill this requirement as long as it contains the appropriate information regarding pitchers. The book should include all games played to date. Failure to produce the log will make any pitcher who pitched in the previous game ineligible to pitch in the game and must adhere to max calendar days rest per national little league pitch counts. All final pitch counts shall be tallied with three signatures after the game. Umpire and two coaches must sign and date with

non-erasable material. The home team shall keep the official score for the game being played. These official score books shall be property of the YBBL until all tournament plays are completed.

Pitchers will be subject to age division pitch counts as per LLB national rules.

Mercy rule is in effect per rule 4.10(e).

The inning shall be over after 5 offensive runs have scored or three defensive outs have been made. After three innings of play run rule will not be enforced.

Games shall consist of a maximum of six (6) innings or 1 hour 30 minutes from the game start time. All innings shall start prior to the 75 minute mark. New inning must be fully completed to end game. If winner can't be decided after completed inning game shall be ruled a tie during the regular season.

No intentional walks are permitted during regular season play.

Two adults will be allowed on the playing field as a base Coach during season games.

Any offensive player on the field during "in play" situations must wear a properly fitting protective helmet which must meet NOCSAE specifications and standards as described in LL Rule Book 1.16 .

Head Coaches are required to notify the player agent if a player will miss more than two (2) consecutive games for any reason or if the player repeatedly misses practices or games. Note: Consistent with a Manager's ability to conduct the affairs of his or her team, a Manager (with the knowledge of the Player Agent and/or President) may limit a player's "Playing Time" in games if the player has been absent from "scheduled" team practices and/or games. Attendance must be thoroughly documented and disciplinary action fairly and consistently administered in order to exercise this discretion.

Excessive and/or unexcused absences from the games and/or scheduled practice sessions may jeopardize a player's status with the team and YBBL

All Managers will be responsible for the actions of their coaching staff, players, and player's parents. Abuse of opposing players, Managers, or Coaches, Umpires, or scorekeepers shall result in disciplinary action to be determined by the YBBL.

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The home team is responsible for providing the official scorekeeper. Home team shall be responsible for entering the final scores and pitch counts for both teams onto the YBBL web site prior to their next game

Section 5.04 – Major Division Rules

League standings will be kept in this Division and will be determined as prescribed in Section 8 - District TOC Team Selection.

Continuous Batting Order will be used in the major league division.

Dropped third strike shall be in-play as per National Little League Rulebook 6.05

Mercy rule is in effect per rule 4.10(e).

Games shall consist of a maximum of six (6) innings or 1 hour 30 minutes from game start time. All innings shall start prior to the 75 minute mark. New inning must be fully completed to end game. If winner can't be decided after completed inning game shall be ruled a tie during the regular season. Managers shall make every effort to play the maximum amount of time possible.

Two adults will be allowed on the playing field as a base Coaches during games. Managers have the option of using a properly uniformed player instead of an adult.

There shall be no more than three (3) adults (Manager and 2 Coaches) and properly uniformed players in the dugout at any time. There must be a rostered Adult Coach occupying the dugout at all times.

Any offensive player on the field during "in play" situations must wear a properly fitting protective helmet which must meet NOCSAE specifications and standards as described in LL Rule Book 1.16.

When not actively in game play, Players shall remain in their designated dugout during the entire game.

Continuous batting order will be used in the Major Division

A team with less than 9 players can start a game and play with a minimum of 8 players. If the team loses a player to injury the game cannot be continued it will be considered a forfeit. Game may be started or continued with less than 8 players with shared players from opposing team but forfeiting team shall remain forfeited. If player pool is established manager must contact YBBL player agent for an additional

players to avoid forfeit with less than 9 players. If no player pool is established team may start game with 8 players but the 9th position in the batting order will be called out. During YBBL tournament play a team with additional players may opt to use a batter line up to match the opposing teams players. Example if team “A “ has 10 players and team “B” has 13 then team “B” may opt to bat 10 players and sub in the remaining players using the mandatory playing rules of two defensive outs and one time at bat.

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Pitchers will be subject to age division pitch counts as per LLB national rules.

Head Coaches are required to notify the player agent if a player will miss more than two (2) consecutive games for any reason or if the player repeatedly misses practices or games. Note: Consistent with Head Coaches ability to conduct the affairs of his or her team, a Manager (with the knowledge of the YBBL Board) may limit a player's "Playing Time" in games if the player has been absent from "scheduled" team practices and/or games. Attendance must be thoroughly documented and disciplinary action fairly and consistently administered in order to exercise this discretion.

Excessive and/or unexcused absences from the games and/or scheduled practice sessions may jeopardize a player's status with the team and YBBL.

All Head Coaches will be responsible for the actions of their coaching staff, players, and player's parents. Abuse of opposing players, Coaches, Umpires, or scorekeepers shall result in disciplinary action to be determined by the YBBL Board.

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The home team is responsible for providing the official scorekeeper. Home team shall be responsible for entering the final scores and pitch counts for both teams onto the YBBL web site prior to their next game.

All Volunteers (on the field or in the dugout) must be "Registered Volunteers" and approved by the League. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Section 5.05 – Junior/Senior Division Rules

League standings will be kept in this Division and will be determined as prescribed in Section 8 - District TOC Team Selection.

Players in the **Junior** division shall be 12 years of age and no older than 14 years of age as per the National Little League rulebook. YBBL board has elected to allow players 15 years of age to participate in the junior division but shall not be allowed to pitch. **Noted that the 15 year old players are ineligible for the National Little All Star tournament at this level.**

A continues batting order or Nine batter rule shall be used in the Jr. Division as approved by the YBBL board.

Players in the **Senior** division shall be between the age of 12 years to 16 years as required by the National Little League rulebook.

Mercy Rule is in effect per rule 4.10(e).

Games shall consist of a maximum of six (7) innings or 1 hour 45 minutes from game start time. All innings shall start prior to the 90 minute mark. New inning must be fully completed to end game. If winner can't be decided after completed inning game shall be ruled a tie during the regular season. Managers shall make every effort to play the maximum amount of time possible. During regular season no new inning will start after game time limit has been met. Game will be considered a tie game with ½ game credit given to each team.

Two adults will be allowed on the playing field as a base Coaches during games. Head Coaches have the option of using a properly uniformed player instead of an adult.

There shall be no more than three (3) adults (Manager and 2 Coaches) and properly uniformed players in the dugout at any time. There must be a rostered Adult Coach occupying the dugout at all times.

Each team Head Coach /Coach shall maintain a pitching log, which, upon request, shall be made available throughout the game to the opposing team Manager/Coach. The teams' scorebook will fulfill this requirement as long as it contains the appropriate information regarding pitchers. The book should include all games played to date. Failure to produce the log will make any pitcher who pitched in the previous game ineligible to pitch in the game and must adhere to max calendar days rest per national little league pitch counts. All final pitch counts shall be tallied with three signatures after the game. Umpire and two coaches must sign and date with non-erasable material. These official score books shall be property of the YBBL until all tournament plays are completed.

Pitchers will be subject to age division pitch counts as per LLB national rules.

Any offensive player on the field during "in play" situations must wear a properly fitting protective helmet which must meet NOCSAE specifications and standards as described in LL Rule Book 1.16.

Head Coaches are required to notify the player agent if a player will miss more than two (2) consecutive games for any reason or if the player repeatedly misses practices or games. Note: Consistent with a Manager's ability to conduct the affairs of his or her team, a Head Coach(with the knowledge of the YBBL Board) may limit a player's "Playing Time" in games if the player has been absent from "scheduled" team practices and/or games. Attendance must be thoroughly documented and disciplinary action fairly and consistently administered in order to exercise this discretion.

Excessive and/or unexcused absences from the games and/or scheduled practice sessions may jeopardize a player's status with the team and YBBL.

All Head Coaches will be responsible for the actions of their coaching staff, players, and player's parents. Abuse of opposing players, Managers, or Coaches, Umpires, or scorekeepers shall result in disciplinary action to be determined by the YBBL Board.

The home team is responsible for providing the official scorekeeper. Home team shall be responsible for entering the final scores and pitch counts for both teams onto the YBBL web site prior to their next game.

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A team with less than 9 players can start a game and play with a minimum of 8 players. If the team loses a player to injury the game cannot be continued it will be considered a forfeit. Game may be started or continued with less than 8 players with shared players from opposing team but forfeiting team shall remain forfeited. If player pool is established manager must contact YBBL player agent for an additional players to avoid forfeit with less than 9 players. If no player pool is established team may start game with 8 players but the 9th position in the batting order will be called out. During YBBL tournament play a team with additional players may opt to use a batter line up to match the opposing teams players. Example if team "A " has 10 players and team "B" has 13 then team "B" may opt to bat 10 players and sub in the remaining players using the mandatory playing rules of two defensive outs and one time at bat.

All Volunteers (on the field or in the dugout) must be "Registered Volunteers" and approved by the League. NO EXCEPTIONS.

YBBL establishes that there is room for growth in the senior division beyond 15 year olds and may add an older division as necessary based on majority vote from the Board of Directors.

Section 5.06 - Protests

Reference Official Regulations and Playing Rule 4.19

6. Player Selection – Draft

Drafting of players will be completed for each season. Pre-season and allstar postseason tryouts will be conducted with a player scouting evaluation form that ranks all ball players on a 1 to 5 scale that will be used for both season team draft AND ALLSTAR SELECTION. A Head Coach, Two assistant Coaches and sponsors child may request to be teamed together. The YBBL board will determine the number of players and teams in each division. All coaches and sponsor players to be frozen shall be established prior their division assessments. A coach wishing to request a freeze must be from immediate family member; example son, daughter grandson or granddaughter. Siblings in the same age division shall be placed on the same team if requested prior to the draft by the Parent/Guardian. Coaches assigned a team and then recants the position that coach frozen player will be placed back into the draft and be unable to be frozen by another coach.

Section 6.01 – Tee Ball

It should be stressed that this division is non-competitive; therefore, players will be placed on teams on a random basis unless otherwise approved by the YBBL. Every effort will be made to accommodate parental requests made prior to team assignment, in reference to ease of schedule, transportation, practices, etc. but cannot be guaranteed. The Head Coaches and three Assistant Coach may request to be teamed together. The YBBL board will determine the number of players and teams in each division.

Section 6.02 – Minor A and B Division; Major Division Junior/Senior Division

The primary goal in the draft process is creating the most balanced competition possible. For this reason, the YBBL will utilize Draft Plan of the Little League Operating Manual, published by Little League Baseball Incorporated, Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

The Player Agent (or league official in the absence of the player agent) will conduct each draft consisting of, but not limited to, the guidelines outlined below.

The number of players on each team shall be determined by the YBBL Board, and should not normally be less than twelve (12) players per team.

Only the Head Coaches, League Player Agent, President/ Vice President and Division administrator shall be present, unless other Board Members are needed to facilitate the draft.

All players must attend a mandatory Assessment. The assessments will be used to rate the player freezes for drafting purposes and for ranking of player draft position. Example if a Head coach has four freezes then each player will be assigned a rating from the YBBL preseason Assessments. Each team freeze will be added together to create a total combined ranking for that team. The drafting will commence with the lowest team ranking to the highest. All minor league Divisions players will return back into the draft as per NLL RULE Regulation III section E. All Major teams and above can retain returning players that were drafted. Frozen players from the previous season still must be associated with coaches and sponsor player designations.

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Late registers (**after draft**) will be placed on a waiting list as determined by YBBL Board.

There will be no communication between Managers and prospective players or parents prior to the draft communication is to be handled by the Player Agent or registration committee.

Drafts will commence on a date set by the President or Player Agent following the division player Evaluations.

Minor A and B Division, Major Division, Junior/Senior Division

The YBBL Draft Coordinator reserves the right to stop the draft at a reasonable point and instruct Minor Head Coach to select the remaining 11/12 year olds before proceeding with the selection of 9/10 year olds.

The YBBL Draft Coordinator reserves the right to start or stop the Junior draft at a reasonable point and instruct Head Coaches to select the 15 year olds before proceeding with the selection of 13/14 year olds. If YBBL elects to field a Senior League Division the Player Agent reserves the right to start or stop the draft with selecting the 16years of age as required. Players 12 and older are allowed to play up as allowed by National Little League Rulebook.

Players shall never be told the position in which they were drafted.

A team shall not exceed the number of eligible League Age player requirements as set forth in the Little League Official Regulations.

No draft will be conducted without a league official present.

Minor league A and B attending Head Coaches will start the draft by assessment of which team has the lower Power player freeze ranking as mentioned above. Once the team alignment has been made from first pick to the last pick then the draft will commence as depicted below. Beginning with first draft pick Round one (1) of the Draft begins and then is reversed in Round two (2) and continues. All players shall be drafted with tier five players going first, fours second etc.

Example of a six (6) Team Draft Order

Round	Team A	Team B	Team C	Team D	Team E
1	1 st pick	2 nd pick	3 rd pick	4 th pick	5 th pick

2	10 th pick	9 th pick	8 th pick	7 th pick	6 th pick
3	11 th pick	12 th pick	13 th pick	14 th pick	15 th pick
4	20 th pick	19 th pick	18 th pick	17 th pick	16 th pick

Major Division, Junior/Senior Division

Majors, JRs. And Senior Divisions players will return to the same team for the same season. Example Spring to Spring and Fall to Fall. All frozen players that are returning to the same team the following season must be accompanied by the assistant or head coaches who requested the freeze. If a sponsor player was used and is returning, the team must use the same sponsor player. Example; John forms a team as a head coach and adds two assistant coaches and a sponsor player for draft purpose. The following season John does not return as the head coach the other three freezes must be returned to the draft. If John returns as a Head coach and his two assistance coaches opt not to coach then the players frozen used by them as an assistant coach must return to the draft. If his sponsor player is returning he must use him as his sponsor freeze.

All drafted players that were unfrozen **not to exceed 5 players** will return to the same team if head coach returns or an assistant coach takes over as head coach. Assistant coaches looking to be head coaches must assume the team they were an assistant coach for in the previous season unless head coach is returning.

Start of the draft seating will be set according to winning record the prior season, last place team drafts followed the following lower teams in sequence. Prior to the draft commencing the teams frozen players shall be rated. A team with a higher power rating will not be able to draft until all teams draft an equal power rating. All players shall be drafted with tier five players going first, fours second etc.

Section 6.03 – Terms of the Draft

If a player is drafted to a team in any Division, the player must play in that Division unless exempted by the Player Agent or President, specifically for reasons dealing with safety hazards associated with playing ability.

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A player that declines a position on a major team, whether by draft selection or mid-season call, is ineligible for future consideration for a major position for the remainder of the season.

Section 6.04 – Player Options

Head Coaches/assistant coaches/sponsors/siblings shall select a child in the round of the draft as agreed upon by the Player Agent committee and the approval of the Draft Coordinator. Should the manager have two or more children in the same division, the manager in the subsequent rounds will draft those players unless agreed upon with the above stated process. Parents with multiple children who are playing in the same division may request to have them play on the same team provided they have made a request to the league's Player Agent more than 48 hours before the draft. A Head Coach that selects siblings that had been approved by the YBBL Board to be placed on the same team must select the additional siblings to be drafted in the subsequent rounds as agreed upon with the above stated process.

Section 6.05 – Trading

Trading of players will be allowed but all trades must be completed and approved by the Board draft official prior to leaving that draft room the day off the draft. If a circumstance requires a player to be moved to another team the player agent shall be contacted. Any moves will require board approval.

Section 6.06 – Loss of a Player

No roster shall consist of more than the number of players approved annually by the Board of Directors.

Reference Official Regulations VIII (a, b, c, d,) pg. 44

The Player Agent must fill any team vacancies within seven (7) calendar days.

Head Coaches must replace a player who has moved, quit, or becomes injured to a degree which would prohibit his/her return during the remainder of the season.

Reasons for a player being lost to a team during the playing season:

- 1) Moves to another city or state too distant to commute for practice or play.

- 2) Injured and will not be able to return to play within areas within a reasonable period of time.
- 3) Decided to terminate his/her association with the team for personal reasons.
- 4) Any other justifiable reason reviewed and approved by the YBBL board.

The Head Coaches shall attempt to contact said player to determine the player's participation status. The Manager shall notify the Player Agent within two days of the two consecutive game or practice missed if s/he is unable to contact the player.

The Player Agent will then investigate the status of the player. If the Player Agent determines the player has abandoned his participation status, the Player Agent shall advise the President and the Board. If loss of player is approved, the President will send a letter of release to the player and the parents. This action creates an opening for replacement on the roster. The Head Coaches will be notified that his team has an official vacancy and the League transfer policy will apply.

Head Coaches must select players on the player waiting list before selecting players in a lower division, abiding by the age restrictions described in these bylaws and the Little League Official Regulations and Playing Rules.

The Head Coaches shall review the available player list with the Player Agent and shall select a replacement. Upon approval of the Player Agent and League President, the replacement becomes a season member of the team. Team composition must continue to meet any applicable Local League or National age constraints.

Head Coaches may request the availability of certain players through the Player Agent. Head Coaches or any persons affiliated with the team will not make contact with the parents or the player being considered. The Player Agent will coordinate all details of the transfer.

The Head Coaches must select the replacement within seven days following the loss of the player. If a Manager does not replace a player within seven (7) calendar days, the Player Agent will choose the player to be drafted up.

Should a Head Coaches be found in violation of these selection rules, the request for a specific player will be denied and the Player Agent will assign a player to fill the vacant roster position.

Section 6.07 – Minimum Play

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Prior to commencing each game, all Head Coaches must submit to the official Scorekeeper a list of all players on the team roster. If a player or players are not playing in that game, their names must also be included and the reason they are not playing (excused absence, unexcused absence, injury or illness, not playing for disciplinary reason, etc.)

All Head Coaches must play each player the minimum as stated in the Little League rulebook. The only exception to this rule will be in case of disciplinary action with approval of the Player Agent or League coordinator. Violation of minimum playing time will be handled per the national little league rulebook regulation IV.

All disciplinary actions taken will be approved by the YBBL board.

7. Scheduling

Section 7 .01 – Opening Day

Opening Day shall be at the discretion of the Board.

Section 7.02 – Rainouts and/or Delayed Games

Rainouts and/or Delayed games will be made up when the game(s) has/have a bearing on the regular season standings. This may be handled by playing three games or more in any one week or on an open date provided by the League Scheduling Coordinator.

Standard restrictions applicable to pitcher eligibility cannot be waived.

Absent Head Coaches, Assistant Coaches, or particular players should not normally be a reason for rescheduling a game, however advance Board consideration may be made. Managers who attempt to re-schedule games without due cause as expressed above will receive a Letter of Reprimand, which may jeopardize their selection in tournament play.

In the event opposing Head Coaches cannot agree on a date for a necessary make-up game, the League Scheduling Coordinator will select a date.

Failure to play the rainout or tie game will result in a forfeit. The forfeit will be reflected in the season standings as a loss for tournament play seeding. Inclement weather that could pose scheduling conflicts and not allow make-up game(s) is the exception.

Section 7.03 – Protests

Reference Official Regulations and Playing Rule 4.19

8. District TOC Team Selection

If the YBBL Board chooses to participate in a District tournament, the overall first and/or second place teams in their respective division will be entered into the District sponsored Tournament of Champions. If possible, additional teams will be entered. In the event that only one team will participate in the tournament, and the first place team is unable to attend, the Board of Directors will make the appropriate decision regarding participation. Also, in the event of a tie at the end of the regular season, final standings will be decided based on the following:

- 1) Record in Head-to-Head Competition including playoffs, if a winner is not determined then,
- 2) Record against Common Opponents, if a winner is not determined then,
- 3) 3) Difference of Runs Scored – Runs allowed.

9. Playing Field Maintenance and Responsibilities

Head Coach and Assistant Coaches shall arrive in sufficient time to prepare the field and ensure the game begins at the designated time. These field responsibilities shall apply to regular season as well as practice sessions.

The Visiting Team:

Prepare all bases and pitch machines or Tees. Preparation must include completion of the Field Safety Checklist.

The Home Team:

Cleans up the field upon completion of play and puts bases away and replaces with them with the Parks and Recreation bases. The home team shall also provide an Official Scorekeeper.

10. All-Star Team Selection

Section 10.01 – Selection of Tournament Team Managers/Coaches

- Because the All-Star Head Coach and Assistant Coaches represent Yuma Boys Baseball Little League, the YBBL board may reject a Manager/Coach nominee, especially for conduct inconsistent with Little League.

Tournament team Head coaches shall be determined by the following procedure:

Tournament Team All-Star Head Coach Candidates shall meet the requirements as outlined in the Official Regulations and Playing Rules for Tournament organization of Tournament Head Coaches according the NLL. All-Star Head Coach and Assistant Coaches must be currently rostered and in good standing. Each All-Star Head Coach interested in being an All-Star Head Coach shall notify the President, in writing, of his or her interest in a specific division no later than May 1st or as set by the YBBL Board. If there are multiple candidates for a position of the Head Coach each division shall vote to elect the All-Star coach. Only Head coaches/managers during the regular season are available to be a head/manager Allstar coach unless approved by the YBBL board. To qualify as an Allstar coach the head coach shall participate in the skills assessment unless approved by the board.

The YYBL Board may extend the deadlines for selection of the tournament team Head Coaches if it is determines it is in the best interests of the league.

The All-Star Head Coach shall select two (2) individuals to serve as his two (2) Assistant Coaches. These two Coaches will assume their positions as All-Star Assistant Coaches only after approval by the Board of Directors.

The names of these individuals shall be given to the Player Agent so that they can be included on the official All-Star Team Roster. The All-Star Head Coach shall be able to have as many additional assistants as he feels are necessary to help him at practice but these individuals must be registered with YBBL as volunteers and they will not be able to be in the dugout with the team during All-star games.

Section 10.02 – Selection of Tournament Team Players

The intent of the All-Star Team is to field the players that, as a team, best represent Yuma Boys Baseball Little League. The commitment to be available for ALL the All-Star practices and games is a very serious commitment, not only to the All-Star team, Head Coaches and Assistant Coaches, but also to the representation of Yuma

Boys Baseball Little League. A player selected to the All-Star team may be required to be available for every practice and game.

All rules that pertain to All-Stars at any level as outlined by Little League Baseball, Inc., either in the Official Regulations or in the Playing Rules, the Operations Manual, or any other official publication, will supersede any policy outlined herein.

The League All-Star Team shall not be announced prior to a date specified by the Little League District Office.

A list containing potential All-Star players grouped by age will be created for the following All-Star Divisions (age group):

14U Division

12U year-old Division

11U year-old Division

10U year-old Division

8U year-old Division

Each coach in their respected division may select 4 players (more at the discretion of the All Star Head Coach and Coach Coordinator) to represent their team for All Stars. All Star coach can select additional players to attend with Player Agent committee and Board approval. After approval from the Board of Directors the All Star coach may elect to hold a try out. Players will attend try out at which time appointed All Star Coach will make a determination who will be selected for the official All Star team. If a player is selected to participate in a try out or on an All-Star team and refuses to attend or play then that player is ineligible to play for another All-Star team. Jr. coach has first player selection rights to 13-15year olds. Majors coach shall have first priority 11-12year old players. Minor A shall have priority over 9-10year old players.

All players must meet YBBL and Little Requirements to participate. If requirements are not met YBBL board may investigate and rule on case by case basis.

After the All-Star Head Coach compiles his team, the roster will be submitted to the YBBL board at a scheduled meeting for final approval.

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The parents or guardian of a player may be requested to sign a "Player Availability Form" that indicates the player will be available for practices and games. That form must be submitted prior to the final approval of the All-Star player on the official roster.

Section 10.03 – Team Management

The All-Star Head Coach shall practice with the All-Stars selected as often as he deems necessary.

Should an All-Star Player be unable to fill his position on the All-Star Team for any reason, All-Star Head Coach should replace that player from the list of players submitted on the original compiled list of All-Star candidates.

Section 10.04 – Removal of an All-Star Player

The All-Star Head Coach shall establish and distribute to all the All-Star Players those rules that pertain to the All-Star Team. Failure of a player to conform to these rules could be grounds for removal from the team. All-Star Head Coach of an All-Star Team has the right to remove a player from the team with Board approval.

11. Management of Funds

Section 11.01 – Receipts and Expenditures

All funds received by this Corporation in the course of its business shall be deposited in a bank or banks or other depositories to the credit of this Corporation and disbursed for the purposes and requirements of this Corporation by checks signed by the Treasurer and/or other such persons as are authorized by the Board of Directors. Funds of any amount shall not be dispersed without prior approval of 2/3 of the voting board members. Votes can be cast via text, email, or at official board meeting, however – any electronic votes (text, email) must be unanimous. All purchases must be logged with valid hard copy receipt of purchase scanned to yumaboysbaseball@gmail.com and filed in appropriate Gmail folder. No family shall give one another authority for purchases. No family shall be given dual responsibility to monitor accounting for league expenditures.

Section 11.02 – Investments

The funds, endowments, and other assets of this Corporation, may be invested or used, subject to the provisions of the Act and of these Bylaws, as the YBBL board voted on by 2/3 of sitting board members in its discretion determine.

Section 11.03 – Gifts

This Corporation may accept and receive gifts, donations, grants, devises, and bequests of money or property of any kind in furtherance of this Corporation's purposes and goals with such conditions, reservations and qualifications as the YBBL Board of Directors may consider appropriate. All gifts shall be documented and dispersed or used with approval of the YBBL board.

Section 11.04 – Contributions

The Board shall not permit the contribution of funds or property to individual teams but shall solicit funds for the common treasury of the Local League, thereby to discourage favoritism among teams and to endeavor to equalize the benefits of the Local League.

Section 11.05 – Solicitations

The Board shall not permit the solicitation of funds in the name of Little League Baseball unless all of the funds so raised will be placed in the Local League treasury.

Section 11.06 – Fiscal Year and Accounting

The fiscal year of this Corporation shall end on September 30 of each year.

At the end of each fiscal year, the books of this Corporation shall be closed and reviewed by an accountant or other person or entity selected by the YBBL board. Annual financial reports shall be provided to each Director, and an annual report of financial condition shall be made available at each annual meeting by the Treasurer or by the President. A copy of any such report shall also be furnished to any person or entity authorized to receive the same by the YBBL board. The Treasurer shall present interim financial reports to the YBBL board monthly or as requested. The reports shall be in a form prescribed by the YBBL board or by this Corporation's financial policies. Monthly board reports shall at a minimum show all monies accrued and monies spent and for what the funds were allocated for.

12. Code of Conduct

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This Code of Conduct is intended to be an outline of the principles and rules that govern the conduct of all Managers, Coaches, players, parents, spectators and Umpires during sponsored activities.

This program is designed to teach sportsmanship, improve athletic skills, and provide wholesome and enjoyable entertainment for the youth involved. To achieve these goals requires that players and adults, both as Coaches and as spectators, adhere to certain rules of conduct.

Section 12.01 – Board Members

Board members are subject to all rules pertaining to parents and Coaches. The program will not tolerate any behavior or conduct by a Board member that dishonors the program, results in physical or mental abuse or is morally indefensible.

Section 12.02 – Managers and Coaches

By accepting a position as a team Manager or Coach, they agree to the following rules and disciplinary procedures:

- Managers/Coaches must be in attendance with their team on the field a minimum of 30 minutes prior to the scheduled game time.

Managers/Coaches must be aware of all local rules governing the game or field of play.

Managers/Coaches must have a copy of the rules of the sport and must read the rules before the season begins. Each Coach should have a copy of the rules available at each game. Knowledge of and playing within the rules of the game is an integral part of Coaching in any sports program.

- Coaches must beware of the difference between a judgment call and rule interpretations. An Umpire's call is just that, and is not to be disputed by a Manager or Coach. An Umpire should never be asked to change a judgment call.
- Managers/Coaches must discuss questions of rule interpretations in a mature, calm and reasonable manner at all times.

- Managers/Coaches shall not use loud or abusive language in front of athletes, parents or Umpires.
- Managers/Coaches shall not use profanity at any time.
- Managers/Coaches shall not criticize their players or opposing players in a manner that embarrasses or discredits the athlete.
- Managers/Coaches shall exercise discipline over and be responsible for the conduct of every player on the team. However, the YBBL President must approve any Manager/Coach suspension of a player. Any appeals regarding the decision(s) made by the YBBL President shall then be directed to the YBBL board.
- Managers/Coaches are responsible for the conduct of team members and shall cooperate with the Umpire in dealing with any loud, abusive or otherwise disruptive parent or spectator.
- Managers/Coaches shall show good sportsmanship during the game.
- Managers/Coaches shall remain on the field at all times during games and practices except for game related purposes or emergencies.

Managers/Coaches shall be gracious in victory and graceful in defeat. They shall neither gloat in victory nor sulk in defeat.

Field Day(s) (preparing all fields for league play) if required is MANDATORY for all Managers and Coaches. Teams may be penalized for managers/Coaches who fail to attend field day(s).

- Managers/Coaches should attempt to resolve any discussion or dispute at the lowest possible level (i.e. League Board of Directors, District President) before contacting Little League Regional or Headquarters (i.e. San Bernardino, Williamsport).
- Disciplinary action against a Manager or Coach during regular season play may jeopardize their selection in tournament play.

Section 12.03 – Players

- Players shall adhere to all Little League rules and regulations and follow the direction of their Coaches and Umpires during the game and/or practices.

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- Players are required to actively participate in all official practices and games scheduled by their Managers and YBBL. In the event that a player is unable to participate because of prior commitments, vacations, illness, or injury, it is the player or his/her parents' responsibility to notify the Manager or Coach of their inability to participate.
- Players shall not use loud, abusive, or profane language.
- Players shall not criticize their team members, opposing team members, Coaches or Umpires.
- Players shall be responsible for their uniforms and any equipment provided.
- Players shall always wear their uniforms in the appropriate manner.
- Players shall not report for a scheduled game in dirty or torn uniforms or damaged hats.
- No customized jerseys and/or pants, jackets, or undershirts not recognized as baseball undershirts will be allowed.

Per Little League International recommendation, during regular season play, player uniforms may NOT have first or last names on them.

Players will report to the field for scheduled games in full uniform. No unauthorized uniforms will be allowed for league players without prior approval of the YBBL board.

- Players shall report to the field a minimum of 30 minutes prior to their scheduled game time or at a time requested by the Coach.
- Any player willfully destroying or stealing YBBL property can be suspended for the balance of the season.
- Players shall not use foul language, obscene gestures, or instigate disruptions among other players or teammates. Fighting will not be tolerated.
- Players shall show good sportsmanship during the game.
- Players shall be gracious in victory and graceful in defeat. Players shall not gloat in victory nor sulk in defeat.

- Disciplinary action against a player during regular season play can include up to suspension and ejection from the team and the league based upon coach referral for judgement to the Board of Directors.

Section 12.04 – Parents

- By enrolling a child to participate in this program, parents agree to be subject to the rules and disciplinary procedures.
- Parents shall remain in the designated spectator areas at all times during games.
- Parents may come onto the field of play or into the players' area only when invited by a Coach. Once a parent has agreed to help a Coach, the parent is subject to all rules governing Coaches.
- A parent shall never use loud, abusive or profane language, rowdy, derogatory, or threatening behavior while attending an event.
- A parent shall not question the call of an Umpire or the actions of a Coach during the game and may be asked to leave the premises if such action occurs.
Parents shall not have alcohol at any time on the field of play or during the game.
- Parents shall show good sportsmanship during the game.
- Parents shall be gracious in victory and graceful in defeat. Parents shall not gloat in victory nor sulk in defeat.
- Parents should volunteer time to assist the Manager whenever possible or requested. (i.e., Snack bar, field preparation before and after games, etc.)
- Parents must inform the Manager/Coach of a player's absence at least 2 hours before the scheduled game time.
- Parents are responsible for their players' conduct in the parent's absence.

Section 12.05 – Coaches, Umpires, Players, and Parents should remember the following principles

- The Game at this level belongs to the Kids! Not the adults.

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- Children need positive examples. Negative criticism can damage young egos and discourage athletes.
- Make athletic participation for the athlete a positive experience.
- Attempt to relieve the pressure of competition, rather than increase it.
- Always show respect to all Coaches and Umpires.
 - All Coaches and Umpires are volunteers giving personal time to provide a recreational activity for the athletes. Coaching is a valuable community service and should be encouraged and not criticized.

Applaud good plays made by your team and of members of the opposing team. Do not criticize bad plays by either team or any player.

- The Umpires try to officiate to be the best of their ability. They will make mistakes. Do not question the Umpire's judgment, and never question the Umpire's honesty. The Umpire is a symbol of fair play, integrity and sportsmanship for athletes.

Accept the results of the game. Encourage athletes to be gracious in victory and proud of their conduct and effort in defeat.

- Parental behavior greatly influences children. The attitude shown by parents at the games toward their child, other children, opposing team members, Coaches, and Umpires influences the child's values and behavior in sports and in life. Criticism and disrespect for Umpires and opponents undermines the purpose of the sport and brings into the game stresses beyond those of competition. All parents and Coaches comments should be kept positive at all times.
- Alcohol consumption or possession on the premises is strictly forbidden at all times. Alcoholic beverages are strictly prohibited from all YBBL functions and the adjacent parking lots. Use of alcoholic beverages prior to practices or games is strictly prohibited. Should there be indications of alcohol use, i.e. breath, instability, obnoxious behavior, etc., the person in question may be ejected from the premises.
- The Board of Directors will review all infractions of the YBBL Code of Conduct. Depending on the seriousness or frequency, the board may assess

additional disciplinary actions up to, and including, expulsion from the league.

13. League Complaints

Coach/Player/Umpire/Parent Complaints; if a verbal complaint has been made it shall be directed to the Division Director. The Division Director shall keep written log of all verbal complaints to include subject of complaint and date. Division Director will forward all formal complaints to the Board of Directors via email. A formal complaint form will be available on the YBBL website (Google Form). All formal complaints will be reviewed within 5 business days by both the board president, vice president, and safety officer and respond accordingly.

14. Amendments

Amendments to these By-Laws may become necessary but only with the approval of two-thirds majority vote of the YBBL board.

These By-Laws of the Yuma Boys Baseball Little League have passed by a majority vote of all Members of the YBBL board listed on the dates shown.

President Date

Vice-President Date

Treasurer Date

Secretary Date

Safety Officer Date

Coach Coordinator Date

Head Umpire Date

