

BYLAWS OF WEST PASCO LITTLE LEAGUE

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LITTLE LEAGUE BYLAWS

West Pasco Little League, INC., WPLL, is a chartered Little League through Little League International, INC.. Thus no WPLL bylaw is intended to, nor shall apply if it is a contradiction to Little League International rules or the WPLL Constitution. With the above guardrails, it is hereby determined that WPLL Bylaws are a living breathing document thus WPLL Bylaws can be modified by a simple majority vote of the WPLL Board of Directors, BoD's, at any WPLL BoD meeting (WPLL Constitution: Article VI Section 4).

ARTICLE I - LEAGUE OVERVIEW

1. All WPLL Members (WPLL Constitution: Article III Section 2) will follow [Little League International rules](#), [WPLL's Constitution](#), WPLL's Bylaws, and the [WPLL Code of Conduct](#) to the best of their ability. Failure to do so may result in a WPLL Member being subject to disciplinary action.
 - a. WPLL Members are responsible for their family/guardian(s)/caregiver(s) and/or guest(s) who attend WPLL sanctioned events. Refusal to follow Little League International rules, WPLL's Constitution, WPLL's Bylaws, and the WPLL Code of Conduct subject the WPLL Member and/or their family/guardian(s)/caregiver(s) and/or guest(s) to disciplinary action.
 - b. Disciplinary action, at WPLL, is determined by the League President, the WPLL Disciplinary Committee, and/or the WPLL BoD's (WPLL Constitution: Article III Section 4).
2. All WPLL Members and/or their guests shall adhere to all rules and expectations set forth by Pasco County Parks & Recreation & Natural Resources, PCPRNR while a field or an area of a park is in use under the reservation of WPLL.
 - a. WPLL Members and/or their family/guardian(s)/caregiver(s) and/or guest(s) are not permitted to use or share their knowledge of WPLL team(s) field usage to offer a field to an outside organization or entity not in partnership with WPLL.
3. All WPLL Members and/or their guests, in the most unfortunate situation, are subject to an arrest and/or being trespassed from any fields under the reservation of WPLL for conduct deemed to be deserving of such a consequence by the League President and/or by majority vote of the WPLL BoD's.
4. Only WPLL Members, in good standing, or invited guests are permitted to attend WPLL BoD meetings.

ARTICLE II - LEAGUE GENERAL INFORMATION

5. WPLL's website is www.wpll.info. WPLL's social media is on Facebook [@WestPascoLittleLeague](#).
 - a. A change, or addition, to the referenced sites is at the sole discretion of the WPLL President and/or, by a majority vote, of the WPLL Board of Directors.

6. The WPLL Constitution and WPLL Bylaws are to be available to all Members on the league website.
7. Registration to play at WPLL must be completed through the league website.
8. The principal office address of WPLL shall be the home address of the League President.
9. The principal mailing address of WPLL shall be PO BOX 1901 New Port Richey, FL 34656.
10. The principal league email and/or contact number of WPLL shall be found on the WPLL website.
11. The WPLL player agent is responsible for assigning registered players to team rosters, except in a spring season in draftable divisions (Major, Junior, and Senior divisions).
 - a. It is WPLL's intention to have competitively balanced teams while striving to, not always able to, respect the requests received by the hundreds of WPLL families when registering their child.
 - i. NOTE: Any player eligible for the Major or Junior Division draft, in spring, who refuses to attend, participate, and/or be draft eligible is not eligible for All-Stars that season.
12. All banners, plaques, and trophies awarded to teams, not individuals, of WPLL in any tournament, district tournament, or All-Star Tournament must be turned over to WPLL.
 - a. Awards will be displayed for a reasonable period of time as determined by the WPLL BoD's.
13. WPLL teams that win District 12 Tournament of Champions or Little League All Star Tournaments at the District, Sectional, Regional, or World Series level shall have a sign made and placed on a field in recognition of the collective team's accomplishment.
 - a. WPLL BoD's will handle the purchase to be compliant with WPLL and PCPRNR rules.
14. Any Member actively soliciting for another baseball league, baseball organization, or baseball entity may be subject to removal from WPLL by the League President and/or by majority vote of the WPLL BoD's.
15. Any Member who is not in good standing will not be eligible for tournament play or involvement.
16. Any Member may submit, in writing via email, a request for their status/standing to the League Secretary or the League President.
 - a. The WPLL BoD's are not required to notify any Member of their standing status.
17. All fields reserved by WPLL are smokeless, alcohol, and drug free. Smoking areas may be designated.
18. The League President has the discretion, not required, to bring financial outlays to the WPLL BoD's for any financial outlay(s) under \$5,000 or more.
19. The League President is required to bring all financial outlays, except for equipment or league uniforms, to the WPLL BoD's for any financial outlay(s) of \$5,000 or more.

ARTICLE III - LEAGUE BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEETINGS

20. There are to be no less than six (6), open to Members, WPLL BoD meetings each league calendar year, including the Annual General Membership Meeting, AGM.
 - a. The WPLL BoD meeting following the AGM is the first WPLL BoD meeting of the league year.
 - b. Members are encouraged to review WPLL BoD Meeting Minutes of upcoming BoD meetings (dates subject to change).
 - i. Postings of upcoming BoD Meetings may also be posted at the primary field location, the league website, the league's social media platform(s), or by asking the League President.
 - c. Members can submit via email, no less than 48 hours in advance, to the League President an agenda item they would like to request be added to the agenda of an upcoming BoD meeting. If the agenda item is not included in the upcoming BoD meeting the Member will be notified.

- d. Members can submit via email, no less than 48 hours in advance, to the League President a request to speak (up to 2 minutes) prior to the adjournment of a BoD meeting. If the allotment of time is not possible the Member will be notified.
 - e. Non-Members, unless invited by the League President or the WPLL BoD's, are not granted time to speak at BoD meetings unless requesting time to praise an individual(s). Non-Members are encouraged to contact the League President for concerns to be addressed.
 - f. Any Member or guest(s), at the discretion of the League President, will be directed to leave a BoD meeting if discussion is inappropriate or infringes on another Member's rights.
21. The attendance of BoD's and other attendees are included in the WPLL Meeting Minutes.
- a. Any elected BoD who has two (2) unexcused absences (no advance notice by phone or email) in a calendar year, from scheduled board meetings, is subject to removal (Article VI Section 5).
 - b. Any elected BoD who has three (3) unexcused absences (no advance notice by phone or email) in a calendar year, from assigned responsibilities, is subject to removal (Article VI Section 5).

ARTICLE IV - LEAGUE ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

22. BoD's up for reelection are required to notify the League President if seeking or not seeking reelection no less than two weeks prior to the Annual General Membership Meeting, AGM.
- a. The League President is to assign a nomination committee to discuss, nominate, and take a majority vote to identify no less than 1 more candidate than seats available for the BOD election.
 - b. In the event there are not enough viable candidates the nomination committee shall recommend to reduce the number WPLL BOD's for the next term of WPLL BoD's.
23. A Member interested in joining the WPLL BoD's must express their intent no less than 72 hours in advance of the Annual General Membership Meeting to the current League President to be considered.
- a. This is to ensure, if the Member is eligible, they are listed on all forms of accepted ballots.
 - b. A Member interested in joining the WPLL BoD's is strongly encouraged to attend BoD meetings, league events, and/or offer their time to the WPLL program outside of one's own team.
24. A non-Member interested in joining the WPLL BoD's must express their intent no less than 1 week in advance of the Annual General Membership Meeting to the current League President to be considered.
- a. This is to ensure the non-Member, if eligible, is able to present in writing the purpose and intent of their candidacy for a role as a WPLL BoD's, which is to be sent to all WPLL BoD's.
25. Any Member or non-Member who has interest in joining the BoD is to attend the General Annual Membership Meeting or prepare in writing to the League President a prepared statement that summarizes their interest in joining the WPLL BoD's, which is to be read at the AGM to attendees.
26. Any Member or non-Member who seeks election to the WPLL BoD's understands and is willing to carry out assignments assigned by the League President in a timely manner. Assignments include but are not limited to offering their time and energy to attend league events and running errands on behalf of WPLL all while remaining committed to upholding the role they are seeking to obtain or are assigned.
- a. A BoD may be assigned, up to 5 times a season, as the Board Member on duty.
27. The League President will assign a Chairperson, who is not up for reelection in the current election, to oversee the tallying, recording, and announcement of the WPLL BoD election results.
28. A WPLL BoD's term begins once the WPLL BoD's ratify the WPLL BoD election, which shall follow the Chairperson announcing the election results at the AGM meeting.

29. A WPLL BoD's term in office shall continue until a successor is elected, as their replacement, at an AGM meeting, the WPLL BoD resignation is accepted, or the WPLL BoD is removed through a WPLL BoD vote (WPLL Constitution: Article III Section 4).

ARTICLE IV - LEAGUE ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTOR OFFICERS

30. At the WPLL BoD meeting following the Annual General Membership Meeting, a closed door meeting for the purpose of holding the WPLL BoD Officer elections, the election of WPLL officers is held.
- a. An open door WPLL BoD meeting could be scheduled to follow the WPLL officer elections.
31. Any BoD may be nominated for or nominate themselves for any BoD position but must do so in writing via email or text to the sitting League President within 72 hours of the Annual General Membership Meeting or following the announced elections of the new BoD's.
32. The first order of business of the BoD's each year is to elect the WPLL President for the upcoming year. If a candidate is running unopposed then no voting will take place. As needed, all board Members present or by proxy ballot will vote via a paper ballot. The votes shall be tallied and recorded by the sitting Secretary, if applicable, and the designated chairperson who oversaw the WPLL BoD elections. Only the BoD who received the most votes will be announced as the WPLL President. There will not be an announcement of the voting tallies per candidate. In the event of a tie the BoD with the most tenure will be announced the WPLL President.
- a. Prior to any other role being filled the WPLL President will announce their appointments for league player agent and the league umpire-in-chief. A vote will be taken to approve these assignments.
 - b. If a non-board Member is nominated for either of these roles they will join the board as an Honorary Member of the WPLL BoD's until the next voting cycle thus shall have no voting rights until elected by the General Membership.
 - c. If a vacancy exists on the set number of seats on the BoD then a motion can be made concluding in a vote to add said appointments to the BoD which would grant the appointee voting rights.
33. The next order of business must be in the specific order listed, following the same format for the election of the League President, to elect a Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Safety Officer, Sponsorship/Fundraising Manager, Equipment Manager, and Coaching Coordinator. The election for any other league officer shall follow, if applicable.

ARTICLE V - LEAGUE DIVISIONS

34. Tee Ball (league age 3 - 7), Rookie (league age 5 - 9), Minor (league age 8 - 12), Major (league age 9 - 12), Intermediate (league age 11 - 13), Junior (league age 13 - 14), Senior (league age 15 - 16). League age is determined by use of the appropriate league age calendar for an upcoming season. Exceptions to the league ages, depending on the request and/or concern for player safety, for any division listed above must be approved. The approval may be the approval of the league player agent with League President approval, League President approval, or it may require the approval of the District 12 Administrator.
- a. Tee Ball - a league age 3 player must have an active volunteer at each practice/game in addition to receiving the approval of the League President. A league age 7 player shall not have any prior baseball experience without the approval of the League President.

- b. Rookie - a league age 5 must have a coach(es) recommendation or have passing scores at the league evaluations. A league age 9 should have limited playing experience or have an existing safety concern reviewed by the league player agent and approved by the League President.
- c. Minor - a league age 8 must have a coach(es) recommendation or have passing scores at the league evaluations. A league age 12 must have an existing safety concern reviewed by the league player agent and approved by the League President (D12 approval in a spring season).
- d. Major - a league age 9, in a fall season must have played at least 1 season in the Minor Division or similar. A league age 10 - 12, in a fall season, is recommended if skill set exists, to play in the Major Division to be better prepared for the possibility of being drafted in the upcoming Spring seasons Major Division Draft. In a spring season a player must be drafted to make a Major Division roster. A drafted player is expected to remain, for the remainder of their playing seasons, with the drafted team.
 - i. NOTE: All league age 9 - 12, in a spring season, must remain Major Division draft eligible or the player will lose All-Star eligibility for the upcoming season.
- e. Intermediate - a league age 11 or 12 must be dual enrolled in both the Major & Intermediate Division. A league age 13, in a fall season may register for only the Intermediate Division (WPLL highly recommends dual enrollment for capable players); however, in the spring all league age 13 players must remain eligible for the Junior Division Draft. Pending an available head coach, league age 13 players not drafted to a Junior Division roster will be placed on an Intermediate Division roster together. Dual enrolled players may be added to this roster, if needed.
 - i. NOTE: All players who are league age 13, in a spring season, must remain Junior Division draft eligible or the player will lose All-Star eligibility for the upcoming season.
- f. Junior - a league age 14 player, who does not present a safety risk at evaluations or tryouts will be placed or drafted to a Junior Division roster pending an available head coach. In a spring season a player must be drafted to make a Junior Division roster. A drafted player is expected to remain, for the remainder of their playing seasons, with the drafted team.
- g. Senior - this division will follow the little league rule book.

ARTICLE VI - LEAGUE DIVISION RULES

- 35. WPLL's division rules are located on the league website ("Information", subsection "WPLL Division", then by selecting a division in the drop down menu). A change to any WPLL Division rules of play is at the sole discretion of the league player agent, with the approval of the League President.
- 36. Division rules are as follows: [Tee Ball](#), [Rookies](#), [Minors](#), [Majors](#), [Intermediate](#), [Junior](#), [Senior](#).
 - a. WPLL division rules are a living/breathing document thus subject to change even during a season.
 - b. Division rules are provided and discussed, to which any volunteer has an opportunity to discuss a concern, at length each season at the manager meeting.

ARTICLE VII - LEAGUE REQUESTS (YOUNGER DIVISIONS) AND/OR TRADES (OLDER DIVISIONS)

- 37. A special request can be made by entering it in the special request box when registering. WPLL will communicate and/or attempt to accommodate special requests, within reason, when possible.

- a. Requests made after players have been contacted not likely to be accommodated.
- 38. A player drafted in a division, who is requesting to change teams (trade request) must express the request in writing no less than 48 hours prior to a draft. This can be in the special request box of registration or by submitting in writing via email to the League President and/or League Player Agent.
 - a. If the request is approved, the player is available to all other teams within the division, via trade.
 - b. Only one time in a player's eligibility, per division, can a trade request be approved.
 - c. If necessary the player, to ensure all coaches in the division are familiar with the players abilities, may need to attend evaluations in order to be eligible to be traded. Refusing to participate in the evaluation, if requested, nullifies the trade request.
- 39. A player requesting a trade, which is approved by the League Player Agent and/or supported and approved by the League President, must be completed regardless of the specific team's willingness.
- 40. Per Little League rule a player must be traded for another player. Therefore the options at WPLL are:

OPTION 1.) A team within the division can (not required) offer a specific round (pick) in that season's draft (not a future season). The best offer is the offer that must be accepted, not the preferred destination. At the point of the draft the team who has made the trade will notify their trade partner who the other team would be willing to trade said player for in that spot.

OPTION 2.) If more than one team has a player requesting a trade the two players can be swapped for one another negating the best offered round requirement.

ARTICLE VIII - LEAGUE DRAFT PROCESS & GENERAL DRAFT INFORMATION

- 41. WPLL selects the "First Option - Plan A" of Little League with the below referenced modifications:
 - a. There will be no draft in any division with less than 3 teams.
 - b. A team(s) drafting 8 players or more in one draft shall receive a compensation pick between rounds two (2) and three (3), to improve competitive balance, in the original draft order.
 - c. Following the completion of the 3rd round the draft order will snake (reversing the draft order each round) thereafter beginning in the 4th round.
 - i. Snaking continues until the draft is complete (all teams reach the set number of players).
 - ii. NOTE: Major Division only a supplemental round(s) of league age 12-year old players only being drafted will follow the completion of the 1st round. The number of supplemental rounds is set by the League President, unless assigned otherwise, in accordance with the number of teams in the division and the number of league age 12's in the current draft to ensure all league age 12's will be drafted by the end of the draft.
 - iii. NOTE: A Major Division team is not to have more than 9 league age 12's on their roster.
 - d. Brother/Sister/Family "option" shall be respected at WPLL, within reason. It is considered reasonable so long as prior to the draft each team announces the round they project their team would potentially draft the sibling who is projected to go second. The highest round announced by another team is then set to be the round the "option" player must be drafted by the team who drafted the first of the sibling/family option. If not selected in that round the "option" player is then eligible to be drafted by any team in the following rounds or be subject to not being drafted and placed on a Minor Division roster.

- e. Sons/Daughters/Family of head coaches are protected until the 5th round. If not selected in the 5th round then said player is eligible to be drafted by any team in the following rounds.
 - f. Sons/Daughters/Family of returning assistant coaches shall follow the same process as the Brother/Sister/Family option WPLL plan (Article 8.40.E).
42. A coaches pick has been leveraged for many seasons at WPLL, but it is not a requirement/expectation.
- a. A coaches pick is after all tryouts are complete each team can select one player, "coaches pick" in the upcoming draft. If each team has selected a different player to be protected, an agreed upon round (the earliest round must be the round selected), becomes the coaches agreement but in no way is it binding as the draft may dictate otherwise.

ARTICLE IX - LEAGUE ALL-STAR COACH/PLAYER SELECTION PROCESS AND ELIGIBILITY

43. Head Coach, Assistant Coaches, and Team Representative are selected as follows:
- a. All-Star head coaches, coaches, and team representatives must be in good standing with WPLL.
 - b. The WPLL BoD reserves the right to restrict a Member from being named an All-Star head coach, coach, or team representative if that Member is a part of a team who has not upheld their teams responsibility to cover that season's set number of umpire shifts or concession shifts.
 - i. NOTE: Fall seasons teams are responsible to umpire the league set expectation number of games. If they fail to umpire their requirement, the team will be responsible for supplying an umpire for their games. During a spring season teams are responsible to umpire the league set expectation number of games. If they fail to meet their obligation no manager or coach from that roster can be considered to be an All-Star manager, coach, or team rep. If a team in a lower division, who does not have All-Star eligibility, the manager would not be considered to be a team manager for the following season. The umpire needs to be a background check approved volunteer.
 - c. The League President reserves the right to restrict a Member from being named an All-Star head coach, coach, or team representative if that Member has been ejected during the current season or is currently under review by the WPLL BoD for conduct unbecoming of a WPLL Member.
 - d. The head coach of each respective age group selects, with the approval of the League President, their two assistant coaches and a team representatives from Members in good standing.
 - e. In the Major Division the first place team, in house league scheduled games, gets the first selection of which All-Star team they would like to coach in their division. The second place receives second choice, third place receives third choice, and so on.
 - i. NOTE: A coach may forgo selecting a team in the upcoming All-Star Tournament the next in succession picks. If all head coaches in the division have been exhausted the League President will assign a Member to the role of any vacant teams.
44. Players are selected are selected as follows:
- a. The League President is to serve as the Chairperson of the All-Star Player Selection Committee. The League Player Agent serves as the Secretary tallying votes of division head coaches.
 - b. All head coaches from each respective team in the eligible division will convene with the League President and/or the League Player Agent to select by way of voting the top 9 players of each age group. The Intermediate and Senior Division player selection process, unless more than 3 teams, is a hand selected process by the head coach, with League President approval.
 - i. NOTE: If two teams or less are in a division the selection of players for that age group shall

be made by the head coach of that respective team but must the roster is not official without receiving and thus not announced without the League President's approval.

ii. NOTE: No players or children are allowed in the room during the selection process.

iii. NOTE: Senior Division players are eligible for All-Star selection so long as within the past calendar year the players themselves are or have been registered at WPLL or a direct family Member has served as an active volunteer at WPLL.

c. The final roster spots available per team shall be hand selected by the head coach of that respective team but not announced to anyone other than the League President and League Player Agent in order for those selections to be confirmed and accepted.

d. Any playing Member's family must be able to provide a birth certificate and the required documentation to the WPLL League President to have All-Star Tournament eligibility.

45. Any parent/player who refuses to attend, participate, and be draft eligible for the Major, Junior, or Senior Division Spring draft/tryout will not be eligible for an All-Star tournament selection in that season.

46. The release of players selected for the All-Star tournament teams shall not be released before the date set forth in the Little League rule book.

47. Any parent/player who loses the status of "in good standing" will not have tournament eligibility.