

ROLANDO LITTLE LEAGUE

LA MESA NATIONAL LITTLE LEAGUE

2026 JUNIORS DIVISION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

SECTION ONE – OVERVIEW

Rolando Little League and La Mesa National Little League have introduced a shared division for Juniors players aged 13-14. This formation, approved by Little League pursuant to its Combined Teams policy, represents a new collaboration between two leagues which have their individual policies, rules and regulations. From a legal and insurance perspective, all registered individuals (players, volunteers and otherwise) fall within the governance of their heritage league – Rolando or La Mesa National. Registration costs will be consistent regardless of league entry.

In order to ensure all players, managers/coaches, parents and volunteers have a clear understanding of Juniors Division operations, the following document has identified key alignments agreed-upon by each League.

This comprehensive policy and procedure document is made available to each parent or guardian via both league websites to ensure their compliance. For any questions or further information stemming from the document, please contact your registering Little League directly.

SECTION TWO – VOLUNTEERS

Little League Baseball is a 100% volunteer-run non-profit organization. We rely on volunteers to ensure a positive and smooth experience for our ballplayers, and ask each participating family to find one or more roles listed below to support this division. The list below represents non-Board of Director roles and responsibilities, but rest assured each League’s Board will be significantly involved and vested in the Division’s success and operations.

Role	Responsibility	Capacity
Team Manager	Team operations and management	1 per team (5 total)
Team Coach	Team support and skills-building	2 per team (10 total)
Team Parent	Team culture, logistics, and uniform distribution	1 per team (5 total)
Scorekeeper	Gamechanger and pitch counting	2 per team (10 total)
Umpire	Game officiation (plate or base)	10-15 total
Grounds Crew	Field maintenance, setup, special projects	2 per team (10 total)
Concessions Crew	Snack bar management	10-15 total
Fundraising Committee	Sponsorships and revenue generation	3-5 total
Special Events Committee	Opening Day, Closing Day, Meet & Greets	4-6 total

All volunteer roles featuring repetitive access to players or teams will require background checks and training as provided by your registering Little League.

SECTION THREE – THE SEASON

Spring 2026 will run from January-May, with postseason opportunities for the team (Tournament of Champions) and individual (All-Stars) at the District 33 level and beyond. Key dates outlined for the season are as follows:

- 11/24 - full registration open
- 12/5 - registration closes
- Wk 12/15 - manager interviews
- 12/17 - division-wide parent meeting
- 1/5 - assessments
- 1/12 - draft
- 1/13 - teams announced

- Week of 1/12 - practices to begin
- Week of 1/19 - Meet & Greets across all teams
- 2/7 - field cleanup day
- 2/14 - Opening Day + games begin
- Week of 3/30 - skills clinic
- Week of 5/2-5/9 - final regular season games
- 5/11-5/22 - Tournament of Champions
- 5/22 - All Stars announced
- 5/26 - D33 TOC
- 6/13 - All Star Saturday
- 6/18 - All Star Tournament begins
- 5/30 - Closing Day

SECTION FOUR - TEAM SELECTION

Considering the variety of experience and skill sets possessed across Juniors Division players – as well as the dual nature of feeder Leagues – assessments will be required for all players prior to the division’s draft. Assessments will be held the afternoon/evening of Monday, January 5th (1/5/26). Information will be provided to all parents and guardians prior to that date for specifics.

Each league’s Board of Directors will appoint a Player Agent to oversee assessments and consult with managers during the draft. Draft order will be chosen at random and proceed in a serpentine format, with mixed teams from the leagues depending on manager draft preferences.

SECTION FIVE – DIVISIONAL RULES

All applicable gameplay rules will align with Little League International – for more information, download the free Little League Rulebooks app.

Notable rule departures from the Majors experience include:

- ‘Big field’ 60’6” mound and 90’ base distances
- Leading off permitted
- Balks resulting in base advancement
- Cleats with metal spikes are permitted

SECTION SIX – CONDUCT

While each respective league has established its own conduct enforcement policies, given the combined nature of this Juniors Division all players will abide by a Three Strikes Conduct Policy as outlined below.

Severe Infractions

Any players, managers/coaches, parents or volunteers who are observed committing a severe infraction will be assigned one or more strikes. Severe infractions are determined by the shared league governing board and include the following incidents:

- Verbal Abuse
 - Profanity
 - Racial/Ethnic slurs
 - Yelling at umpires, coaches, players, guests, other spectators or participants in a rude, derogatory or offensive manner
 - Threats of Physical Assault
 - Taunting a member, guest, and other spectator or participant.
- Entering the Field of Play.
 - Managers and Coaches entering the field of play is defined as crossing onto the playing field in either a hostile manner, or in a manner that impedes the natural progression/fairness of the game.
 - For all other members, guests, and other spectators or participants, it is defined as going onto

any part of the playing field, at any time without advance permission.

- Umpire Abuse
 - Repeated or uncontrolled questioning of an umpire's ruling
 - Repeated heckling of the umpire during play.
 - Approaching an umpire after any game to discuss the umpire's performance.
 - Ejection by an umpire is not a requirement to establish umpire abuse, or any other violation of this disciplinary policy, but if an ejection does occur, it will by nature be considered a severe infraction and thus trigger one or more Strikes being issued.

NOTE: The umpire shall request that the coaches speak to the offender. If behavior continues, the offender shall be ejected.

Upon an incident being assigned a strike, the following chart details the minimum and maximum disciplinary actions that the league will enforce for each offense.

Offense	Minimum	Maximum
Strike #1	Warning	2 Game Suspension
Strike #2	1 Game Suspension	5 Game Suspension
Strike #3	Season Ejection	League Expulsion

The Conduct Review Committee will determine the level of discipline applied by the above table in accordance with the severity of the incident, which will be confirmed via a voting majority of the Board of Directors in closed session.

The League may enforce additional discipline measures in addition to those outlined Minimum & Maximum penalties if it deems necessary.

Zero Tolerance Infractions

Rolando and La Mesa National consider all infractions under this section to be the most serious in nature and carry a season suspension or permanent expulsion from the league.

- **Physical Assault:** Physical Assault by any league member, guest, other spectator or participant toward any other member, guest, other spectator, or umpire will not be tolerated. Physical assault is defined as any physical action, or attempted physical action, participant, umpire. The offender shall be assigned 3 strikes for the incident, and subject to the discipline and procedures for 3 Strikes as outlined in this document.
- **Child Abuse:** Child Abuse is a violation of state law. Anyone who observes what they believe may be child abuse should immediately report this to law enforcement authorities and league officials. The league will immediately take every necessary action to protect the children within this league.
- **Sexual Harassment:** Sexual Harassment will not be tolerated. All reports of sexual harassment shall be immediately brought to the President of the League and, after investigation, and an identified need, a hearing may be conducted. Sexual harassment includes, but is not limited to, the following: treating a player or adult member, guest, or spectator in a hostile manner because of his/her gender, making comments with a sexual connotation to any player or other child, making sexual advance to any player or any other child, making an unwelcome sexual advance to an adult member, guest, or spectator, touching any player or other child in the groin area, touching any female player or any female child chest, touching any player, other child, adult member, guest or spectator in any other manner that is unwelcome by the person being touched.
- **Discrimination:** Discrimination based on race, color, gender, ethnicity, national origin or sexual orientation will not be tolerated. All reports of discrimination shall be immediately brought to the President of the league and a hearing conducted under this Article. It is our pledge that no player, member, guest, or spectator shall be treated differently than another similarly situated person on the basis of his/her race, color, gender, ethnicity, national origin, disability, sexual orientation or age.

Miscellaneous Infractions

The following are considered miscellaneous infractions:

- **Interference:** Interference with game or players – Members, guests, other spectators, or participants are prohibited from engaging in any actions which distracts the players or interferes with the game such as noises which are intended to disrupt pitchers, hitters, or fielders during the game. No member, guest, and other spectator or participant shall engage in actions that are intended to delay the game.

For infractions under this section as stated above, the following actions/penalties shall be taken:

1. The umpire shall stop the game and ask the respective coach to warn the member, guest, other spectator, or participant that any further infraction will result in ejection.
2. If the infraction continues the member, guest, and other spectator or participant will be ejected from the game.
3. The failure of the umpire to intervene and eject a spectator will not preclude the Conduct Review Committee from investigating an allegation of interference or issuing discipline for the same.

It is the expectation that the above will effectively resolve any miscellaneous infraction, however if such behavior should continue past one game, the Conduct Review Committee shall review the incident to determine if a Strike is necessary.

SECTION SEVEN – THE POST-SEASON

As registered members within each of our partnering leagues, we believe all Juniors Division players should have access to the exciting and rewarding post-season activities available through Little League.

Following the conclusion of the regular season, a Tournament of Champions will be conducted to identify the division's winning team.

- This double-elimination tournament will feature standard league rules with seeding determined by in-season record (not including interleague play).
- Tiebreakers are determined in the following order: head-to-head record, runs against, runs for, one game playoff if schedule allows, and then coin toss. Every effort will be made to play out any tie games, especially if the final standings might be affected.
- Tournament champion will have the opportunity to play against other leagues' strongest opponents in the District 33 TOC.

SECTION EIGHT – ALL-STARS

Eligible players will also have the opportunity to compete in the Juniors All-Star Tournament. RoMesa is committed to providing a single 13-14 All-Star Team to represent the combined Rolando and La Mesa National Juniors Division. The team will consist of 12-14 players, one Manager and two Assistant Coaches. There will be no requirement for equal league representation (Rolando/La Mesa National) on the team, as we seek ballplayers who exhibit the highest ability, effort and sportsmanship standards to meet All-Star qualifications.

Guiding Principles

The Little League rules regarding selection of the All-Star teams require that conditions outlined below are met. Once all conditions are met, RoMesa is responsible for implementing its own selection methods.

The Little League requirements are:

- Eligibility
 - League-age verified
 - Players will be selected to the All-Star team based only upon their league-age.
 - Residency Verified
 - Played in at least 60% of the regular season games.
- Ability – Best players
- Availability – Willing to commit to the postseason practices and games in an amount as the Board sees fit.

- **Players must exemplify League values and good citizenship throughout the season**
- Players must be in good standing with the league.
 - Any player receiving a conduct strike during the season will be ineligible for All-Star play. See Three Strikes Policy for more information.
 - Players that have violated their All-Star letter agreements in previous years may be disqualified from future All-Star eligibility.
 - Board of Directors may use additional criteria to determine good standing with the league.

After providing proof that all Little League criteria have been met, the player and their parents will sign an All-Star Commitment letter indicating that they would like to be included on the All-Star ballot.

Each league's President will make an announcement of players making the All-Star Team to their respective Board, prior to the All-Star Team announcement date.

Manager Selection - To qualify for All-Star Team consideration, each individual must be a current Manager or Assistant Coach in good league standing. They must submit written intent to participate, and will be subject to selection by the All-Star Committee as outlined below. Once selected, Managers will choose two (2) Assistant Coaches at their discretion who also meet the standards above.

All-Star Committee - A five-person All-Star Committee will be formed and will be comprised of the All-Star Manager and two (2) Boardmembers from each league. The committee will initially consist of 4 members, 2 Boardmembers from each respective league. This committee will interview nominated managers and provide its recommendation to the league Presidents who will ratify the decision. Upon selection, the All-Star Manager will join the All-Star Committee as its 5th member.

The All-Star Committee will be given the duty to select remaining picks for each All-Star team after the automatic qualifier rules have been followed as outlined below.

The Committee will be asked to evaluate the remaining non-automatic qualifying players based on the following criteria:

- Player's representation of RoMesa values
- Player's citizenship and conduct from the regular season
- Player's skills and abilities

The Committee process to select players will comprise a nomination of players from the eligible list. Each committee member will have an opportunity to comment on the nominee list. Once everyone has been given time to comment, Committee members will nominate their recommended players and . In the event that the vote ends in a tie, the committee will execute a run-off vote with only the tied players to break the tie and select the required players.

All-Star selection methods are described in more detail below.

Voting Procedures:

- Single combined ballot (no league identifiers)
- All players, Managers and Coaches can vote
- Voters select up to 13 players
- Weighted voting system: Managers (5 points), Coaches (3 points), Players (1 point)

Vote Tallying & Confidentiality – ballots will be processed and votes tallied by both league Presidents. The ballots themselves and the final point totals will remain strictly confidential.

Player Selection Process

Step 1: The top 8 players based on aggregate vote scores including players, Coaches and Managers will be automatically rostered

- Player votes count for 1 point
- Assistant Coach votes count for 3 points
- Manager votes count for 5 points

Step 2: The All-Star Committee selects the remaining 4-6 players by unanimous agreement following the Committee selection process outlined above.

Replacement of Players – in the event of injury or extenuating circumstances, a roster spot can be replaced by the next eligible player from the voting list. If no additional players are available, the All-Star Committee may select a replacement with approval from both league Presidents.

Final Approval – the full All-Star roster will be reviewed by the All-Star Committee holistically, ratified by both league Presidents, shared with each respective league Board of Directors, and announced to the Juniors Division at large.

Authority – the All-Star Committee and league Presidents have final authority on any All-Star related decisions (from selection to attendance to conduct and beyond). Any situations uncovered during the All-Star Tournament will be resolved in the best interest of the leagues and participating players/families.