

FY2025-2026 OCEAN VIEW LITTLE LEAGUE BY-LAWS

SECTION 1 (clarification and addendums to the OVLL Constitution)

ARTICLE IV – DUES FOR REGULAR MEMBERS (NOT PLAYERS)

SECTION 1

Any adult person actively interested in furthering the objectives of the local league may become a Regular Member upon election and payment of dues as hereinafter provided. Each person desiring to become a Regular Member must complete an enrollment form and pay the membership dues for the local league 2025-2026 year of \$5.00 (participating) or \$20.00 (non-participating). Upon payment of the dues, the member will be issued a numbered card. The name and card number of the member will now be entered in the membership rollbook. The Secretary will maintain the roll of membership of qualifying voting members. This now entitles the Regular Member to vote at all General Membership Meetings. Those members who fail to pay their dues within 14 days of enrollment shall forfeit all rights and privileges of membership.

*participating – any person actively involved in the running of the league (coach, umpire, manager, team parent, etc.). All players' immediate family (parents, grandparents). If there is any question as to whether a person is participating or not, it will be referred to the OVLL Board of Directors for determination.

* Non-participating – Any person not participating in the league but wishing to further the objectives of the local league.

ARTICLE V

The number of Directors for the year of FY2024-2025 is set at twelve (12) consisting of the following officers:

- President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Player Agent, Safety Officer, Manager /Coaches Coordinator, Information Officer and Sponsorship/ Fundraiser Coordinator, Fields Maintenance, Volunteer Coordinator, and Concessions Manager.

ARTICLE VI

Reference Constitution Article VI - Sections 1 – 6

Clarification Article VI - Section 4

The board shall meet, at a minimum, one time per month during the operating year.

Clarification Article VII - Section 9:

***Coaching Coordinator: The Local League has decided to have one (1) Coaching Coordinator with the duties as described in the Constitution.

***Other Officers not named specifically by the Constitution but deemed necessary by the Local League: Information officer, whose duties are listed in the Constitution.

Reference Article VI - Section 5

Disciplinary Review Committee:

Every effort should be made to resolve any conflicts BEFORE calling on the DRC to become involved.

The purpose of the Disciplinary Review Committee is to review problem behavior by league members to determine if disciplinary action is required and if so, to recommend to the Board the way this action is to be carried out. The committee will consist of three (3) Board members. The members are the Vice-President, Secretary, and Coaching Coordinator. The Vice-President will be the committee chairperson. If for any reason any of the members cannot serve, any other board member can take their place with majority approval of the BOD.

Operating Procedure

Upon receiving a notice of a possible disciplinary problem, the Vice-President will investigate and notify the Board if disciplinary action is required. If disciplinary action is required, the committee will convene within forty-eight (48) hours of this notification. A meeting with all involved will be held to investigate the incident. A written statement(s) from the party or parties involved is required. At the meeting, the statements will be read, and interviews with the named and witnesses will be conducted (interviews should be held separately to avoid conflict unless both parties agree). Upon completion of this meeting, the committee will review all facts and recommend, in writing, disciplinary action for the incident to the BOD. The original written notice, written statements, minutes from the meeting, and the written recommendation will be filed with the League Secretary. The action taken by the Board will also be in writing with letters to the concerned party or parties. This written action will also be filed with the League Secretary.

Reference Constitution Article IX – Section 10

SECTION 2 – Operating Procedures

Refund Policy:

If a player withdraws before Opening Day Spring/Fall Ball they will be entitled to receive a full refund minus \$35. If they withdraw after Opening Day or are removed for any disciplinary reasons, they forfeit any possibility of a refund.

Field Responsibilities

A field maintenance sub-committee will be assigned to perform field maintenance. This maintenance will include but is not limited to mowing the infield close, spraying weed killer on the skinned part of the infield, pulling weeds, dragging the field with both nail drag, and matt drag as needed, raking the infield, spray painting the foul lines.

The home team will be responsible for pre-game field preparation. The visitor team will be responsible for post-game field maintenance. Both teams will be required to clean their dugouts and spectator areas after each game. This is to include emptying the large trash cans and installing new trash can liners.

MANAGER ONE GAME SUSPENSION If They Do not Comply!!

ARTICLE XI-FINANCIAL AND ACCOUNTING

SECTION 6

Deposits: All monies received, including Auxiliary Funds, shall be deposited to the credit of the Local League in/at **Towne Bank**. Yearly, the Ocean View Little League will create a budget for all incomes and expenses, which will include a line for concessions income, concessions expenses, spirit-wear income, and spirit-wear expenses. All monies except the listed above line items will be in the primary account at **Towne Bank**. The concessions and spirit wear funds will be maintained in a separate account at **Towne Bank**, named the "Concessions Account". At the beginning of the fiscal year, on October 1st, the allotted budget for concessions and spirit wear will be deposited from the main account to the sub-account, and the funds will be used to purchase supplies and maintain a separate accounting. The "Concessions Account" will have a monthly report generated at the end of each month, reviewed by the treasurer and any other member of the board, and posted to the drive for all to view.

ALL-STAR SELECTIONS:

- The selection of OVLL All-Stars (OVLLAS) will be conducted just prior to the completion of the league's regular season. The All-Star selection process will be conducted in private and results will be released in the proper format and at the time as specified by Little League Incorporated. All managers and coaches in minor player pitch and above will assist in the selection of OVLLAS. All players will be sent an availability form, with no less than 5 days to respond. This form will indicate if the player is eligible for ALL of the all-star tournament schedule. From these responses, we will also be surveying all the players in that division on whom they think should play All-Stars. We will select the top six (6) players with the most votes to play on the All-Star team. The Player Agent and the League President will oversee the selection process, with the Player Agent being the Chairperson. These individuals will be known as the selection committee. Managers and coaches will only be allowed to select and vote on players in the division that they are associated with.
- The selection committee will elect 20 players to each of the appropriate age groups for OVLLAS teams. When making this list of 20 players they will be placed in order of the selection committee's desire to have them on said team. Only the top 12-14 players will be actually on the team. If any of the top 12 players are not available, the next player selected on the list will be contacted, (i.e. the 13th). This process will continue until a 12-14 player roster is filled for the All-Star team.
- The committee also reserves the right to remove any player that is available and selected by players for the OVLLAS, with a just cause. The committee reserves the right to determine if the league can field teams in all the designated tournament age groups. If the committee does not believe the league can field a team at any age group, no team will be selected for that age group.

All-Star Team Manager/coach shall be selected as follows:

- All Managers interested in managing or coaching an All-Star team will submit in writing to the OVLL BOD (email or letter) by May 1st, 2026.
- The manager of each team may choose any other eligible Manager or Coach within their own division to fill out the coaching staff.
- Tournament team managers and coaches must be approved by the Board of Directors.

All-Star team progressing to State level:

- Fundraising will be coordinated through the league treasurer. All monies raised will be deposited in the league's general account.
- Monies raised will be to support the team's travel and food expenses.

- A league Board member or representative will be present at the tournament site and be responsible for ALL monies spent for the team. Receipts will be required for all expenditures.

ALL-STAR TEAMS ARE DIRECT REPRESENTATIVES OF OCEAN VIEW LITTLE LEAGUE AND WILL CONDUCT THEMSELVES IN A RESPECTFUL AND MINDFUL MANNER. FAILURE TO DO SO WILL RESULT IN THE TEAM BEING REMOVED FROM THE TOURNAMENT BRACKET.

DIVISION SPECIFIC RULES: These rules will be in effect at OVLL home fields. If rules are put out by the district for interleague play, those rules will override the rules below.

T-BALL:

- All players must be in the dugout before the batter being allowed to hit off the tee. One adult, little league background approved, must always remain in the dugout.
- Must use a continuous batting order to allow all players a chance to bat.
- Defense coaches allowed on the field – Two (2): Infield and Outfield. Offense coaches allowed on the field – Three (3): Tee, 1st, and 3rd Base coach.
- Players must be rotated to a new position at least every other game (infield to outfield).
- Continuous Batting Order (No maximum of outs)
- If a player is out, then they can stay on the base.
- Once the ball is in the infield and the fielder holds the ball up, a time-out will be called, if a runner is more than halfway to the next base before time is called, he/she shall be awarded that bag. If less than halfway, the runner shall return to the last base.
- Games will be **1 hour** in duration.
- **After May 3rd, coaches may elect (not mandatory) to pitch to players.** Players will be allowed 3 pitches from the coach, after 3 pitches, players must use a tee.
- **NO SCORE IS KEPT!**

COACH/MACHINE PITCH BASEBALL

- Coaches or machine pitch only. NO kid pitch. No umpires are provided. Coaches will be responsible for calling out. Games will be **1 hour 30 minutes drop dead time limit.**
- NO base stealing or lead-off. Players can leave the base on contact.
- Players must be rotated to a new position at least every other game (infield to outfield) to facilitate learning of different positions.
- 5 runs **or** 3 outs complete a half-inning.
- Must use a continuous batting order to allow all players a chance to bat.
- The score can be kept as informational only, games can end in a tie, and no standings will be kept.
- No on-deck batter out of the dugout.
- Fields must be checked for hazards before play including holes, lighting, etc.
- Coaches. Only background-checked board-approved volunteers can be on the field or in the dugout. While on offense, there should be a first base coach, third base coach and a dugout monitor. While on defense, all coaches **MUST** stay in the dugout.
- There is no infield fly rule in coach pitch.
- No headfirst slides.
- The catcher will wear a facemask with a dangling throat guard during games and warmups, this includes between innings.
- Runners can not advance on overthrows to First Base (only).

- The game may be played with seven (7) players. They will bat all seven (7) players continuously without taking an out for the number eight(8) or nine (9) spot. If the number eight(8) or nine (9) player shows up they must be placed at the bottom of the lineup (number 8 or 9 hole) and may be placed on the field in whichever position the Manager chooses. No out taken for eight or nine batting spots.
- 6 pitches per batter. After 6 pitches the batter is considered out or if the batter swings three times and does not put the ball in play. A foul ball will be played per normal minor baseball regulations.
- **BEFORE May 3rd:** If after 4 pitches a player does not put the ball in play he/she will be given a tee to hit from. The player will be allowed two (2) swings at the ball on the tee. After two swings without putting the ball in play, the player will be called out even if both swings produce a foul ball.
- **AFTER May 3rd:** Will be played as the rules stated above.

KIDS PITCH MINOR BASEBALL:

- Managers MUST have their pitch count log at EVERY game, if pitch count log is not available the opposing team has a viable protest situation and the offending manager is subject to disciplinary action.
- Must use a continuous batting order to allow all players a chance to bat.
- 5 runs **or** 3 outs complete a half-inning.
- Standings will be kept; the team with the best winning percentage is the champion.
- No new innings to start after 1 hour and 45 minutes, regardless of how many innings have been completed. If a regulation game has not been completed, the score from the previously completed whole inning will determine the winner.

MAJOR/INTERMEDIATE/JUNIOR/SENIOR BASEBALL:

- Managers MUST have their pitch count log at EVERY game, if the pitch count log is not available the opposing team has a viable protest situation, and the offending manager is subject to disciplinary action.
- Seniors, 9 Player batting rosters or continuous lineups can be used. Juniors and below must use a continuous batting lineup.

MINOR SOFTBALL:

- No new inning will start after 1 hour and 45 minutes; regardless of how many innings have been completed. If a regulation game has not been completed, the score from the previously completed whole inning will determine the winner.
- 5 runs **or** 3 outs complete a half-inning.
- Must use a continuous batting order to allow all players a chance to bat.
- Standings will be kept; the team with the best winning percentage is the champion.

MAJOR SOFTBALL:

- No new inning after 1 hour 45 minutes
- 3 outs complete a half-inning.
- Must use a continuous batting order to allow all players a chance to bat.
- Standings will be kept; the team with the best winning percentage is the champion.

These Bylaws were approved by the Ocean View (OVLL) Little League Board Members and Members on August 21, 2025, and shall be in effect from October 1, 2025 until September 30, 2026. The next update and review are to be conducted per Board Elections on the 3rd Thursday in August and continue on the regular schedule.

President name: Crissy Dassow President's Signature: Crissy Dassow Date: 08/21/2025