



Spring Valley Little League By-Laws

2026

3375 South Rainbow Blvd. #80778
Las Vegas, NV 89180

These local rules do not attempt to explain every playing or safety rule. All managers and coaches should have a thorough understanding of all rules and regulations in the Official Regulations and Playing Rules Book (the "Blue Book"). The rules and regulations within the Blue Book allow the local leagues some room for modifications.

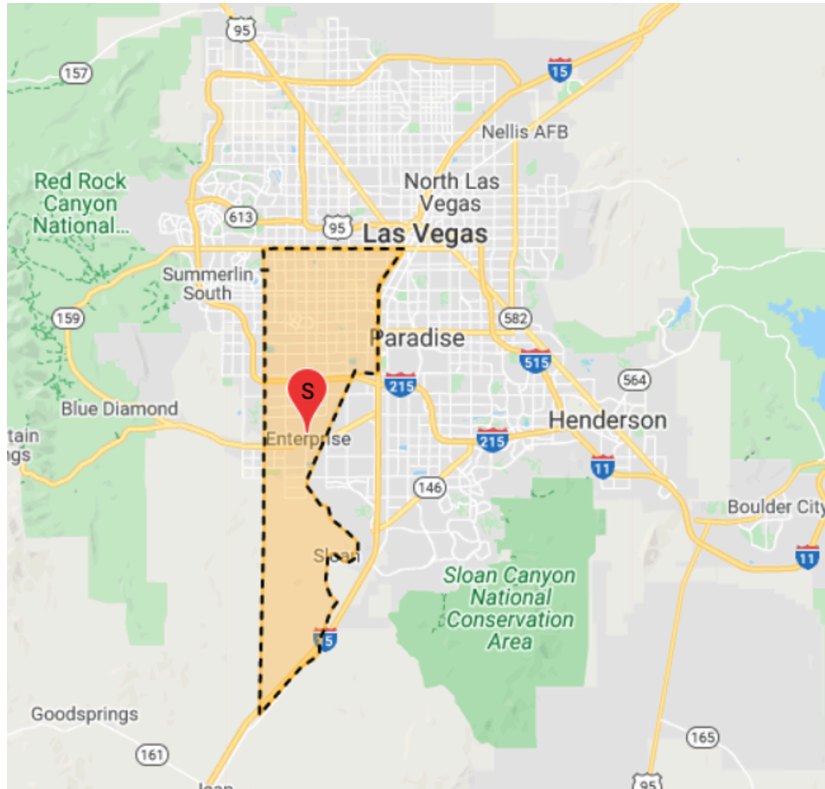
Spring Valley Little League

2026 Board Members

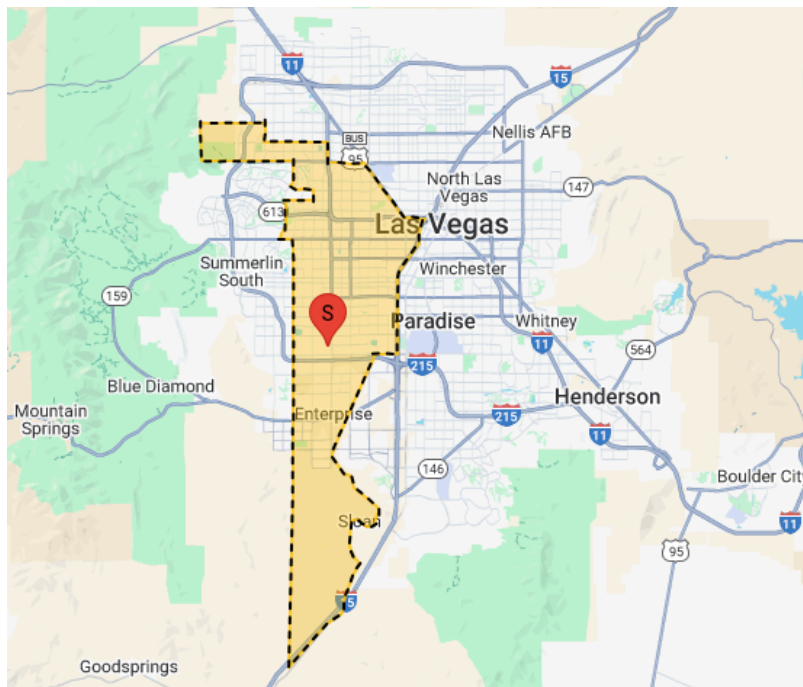
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Boundary Maps

Baseball



Softball



Organizational Structure

Spring Valley Little League (**SVLL**) is a Nevada nonprofit corporation and is a 501(c)(3) educational organization under the guidelines established by the IRS tax codes and operates under a charter provided annually by Little League International. SVLL's mailing address is 3375 South Rainbow Blvd. #80778 Las Vegas, NV 89180.

Code of Conduct

Any manager, coach, player, or parent/guardian who conducts themselves in an unsportsmanlike manner while participating in any SVLL function may be removed from further participation. Managers, coaches, players, parents/guardians, or any party associated with an SVLL team shall not abuse, heckle, or make unsportsmanlike remarks to any opposing manager, opposing coach, opposing parents/guardians, umpire, or team official.

Managers are responsible for the conduct of their coaches, players, parents/guardians, and or any party associated with an SVLL team. The umpire can eject the manager for the behavior of their coaches, players, parents/guardians, or any party associated with an SVLL team.

DO NOT:

1. Use foul language.
2. Make any unnecessary or offensive gesture in protesting an umpire's decision.
3. Throw helmets, bats, or any other equipment.
4. Make unnecessary gestures to fans or opposing players.
5. Consume alcohol, cannabis, or any illegal substance while in attendance for a SVLL activity.
6. Use tobacco on the playing field, dugout, or stands at any game.

SVLL Ground Rules

1. All adults in the dugout must have proper credentials (approved badge which indicates passed background check and training, to include Little League's Abuse Awareness Training and Little League's Diamond Leader Training)
2. Home teams will take the 3rd base dugout.
3. Teams are responsible to clean up the dugout at the end of games.
4. There is no on-deck circle in any division, with the exception of the Intermediate, Juniors, and Seniors Divisions.

5. During games, all bats are to remain in the rack or player bags. Only the batter who is next in the lineup to the player currently batting may hold a bat. A bat must be held below the waist while in the dugout. This is the manager's responsibility to enforce.
6. If there is a bat in hand, there must be a helmet on the head. All baseball bats **MUST** be stamped with USA Baseball. Softball bats must comply with Little League rules explained [here](#).
7. Managers and Coaches may warm up a pitcher.
8. There will be no swinging of bats in the bullpen.
9. Parents must remain at games and practice at all times. If a parent must leave for any reason they are required to inform the manager/coaches and leave contact information.
10. Teams will warm up in the outfield and attempt to stay off the infield until the game starts.
11. Home teams shall maintain the official pitch count in Game Changer for divisions that count pitches (Baseball Double A (AA), Baseball Triple A (AAA), Baseball Majors, and Baseball Upper Divisions). Each team's pitching log must be available for review at **all times** for the opposing manager and SVLL Board.
12. Little League Blue and Orange Book rules shall be followed. Please download the Little League Rule App.
13. No member shall use SVLL resources for any objective that is not in the best interest of SVLL. This includes emails or email addresses that would promote an individual's personal gain or publications that would slander or reflect negatively against the SVLL community.

Refund Policy

Players withdrawing from the league are eligible for a full refund if requested by the close of registration. A 50% refund of registration fees is available if the request is submitted before the draft in drafted divisions. A 50% refund of registration fees is available for non-drafted divisions until February 19 for the 2026 Spring Season. After February 19, registration fees are non-refundable. Refund dates for Fall Ball will be determined in the Fall. Deductions will also be made for any league-incurred fees from the original registration or the refund process. Please note that refunds do not include credit card or processing fees. If uniforms have been ordered, their cost will be deducted if the league is unable to cancel or recover the expense. Alternatively, players may request to apply any eligible refund (as outlined above) toward the following season. However, if the player does not participate in the next season, any credited refund will be forfeited to SVLL.

Refunds will not be issued under any circumstances if a player or their relative has been dismissed or suspended due to unsportsmanlike behavior or violations of Little League's Code of Conduct. SVLL has a zero-tolerance policy for behavior that undermines the values of sportsmanship, respect, and fairness. This includes, but is not limited to, physical or verbal altercations, harassment of players, coaches, officials, or other families, or failure to comply with league guidelines and policies.

Spring Valley Little League (SVLL) reserves the right to review refund requests on a case-by-case basis as deemed appropriate. Refund requests must be submitted in writing to the SVLL President at (president@springvalleylittleleague.com). Approved refunds will be processed within two weeks following Board approval.

Volunteer Fee Policy

1. Purpose

Spring Valley Little League (SVLL) depends on the active involvement of volunteers to operate successfully. The purpose of this policy is to establish a fair and consistent system that encourages family participation and ensures the league has the necessary support to conduct games, events, and league operations.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all registered players and their families participating in Spring Valley Little League programs.

3. Policy Statement

Active volunteer participation is a condition of registration in Spring Valley Little League. To promote equitable involvement, each family is required to contribute volunteer time or forfeit the volunteer deposit as outlined in this policy.

4. Volunteer Deposit Requirement

A \$50 refundable volunteer deposit will be collected at the time of player registration.

The deposit will be refunded upon verification that the family has:

- 1) Volunteered in the snack shack for two shifts OR**
- 2) Coached a team (Head Coach OR Assistant Coach) OR**
- 3) Volunteered to work and plan an event like Opening Day OR**
- 4) Is an active Board Member**

Families who do not fulfill the volunteer requirement by the end of the current season will forfeit the deposit.

Partial refunds will not be issued.

Baseball Division Alignment

Division	League Age	Classification	Roster Size
Tee Ball	4 - 6	Non-Competitive (Instructional)	8-10 Players
Single A (A)	6 - 8	Non-Competitive (Instructional)	12-13 Players
Double AA (AA)	8-10	Semi-Competitive	12 Players
Triple AAA (AAA)	9-11	Competitive	12 Players
Majors	11-12	Competitive	12 Players
Intermediate*	11 - 14	Competitive	12 Players
Juniors*	12 - 15	Competitive	12 Players
Seniors*	13 - 16	Competitive	12 Players

**The ability to charter teams in each division is dependent on the number of registered players*

Baseball Division Details (Ages 4-16)

Tee Ball (Ages 4–6): A non-competitive division ideal for beginners to develop fundamental skills and enjoy the game. Scores and standings are not kept, and players do not evaluate.

Single A (A) (Ages 6–8): A non-competitive division where players with at least one season of Tee Ball experience can continue skill development. Scores are kept, but evaluations are not required. Random seed end-of-season tournament.

Double A (AA) (Ages 8–10): A kid/machine/coach pitch hybrid division for further development. Players must evaluate, and teams are drafted. Random seed end-of-season tournament.

Triple A (AAA) (Ages 9–11): A competitive kid-pitch division with scores and standings that determine seeding for end-of-season tournaments. Evaluations are required, and players are drafted.

Majors (Ages 11–12): A competitive division for advanced players with scores, standings, and tournament opportunities. All 12-year-olds are drafted; all 11 year olds not selected will join the Triple A (AAA) draft pool.

Upper Divisions (Ages 11-16): Availability depends on interest, as it is played Interleague with other Little Leagues across the valley.

League age 12 year olds must evaluate and will be drafted to the Majors Division. League Age 12 year olds are also eligible for Intermediate and Junior Divisions.

League age 11 year olds must evaluate to be drafted to the Major Division. League age 11 year olds are also eligible for the Intermediate Division. League Age 11 year olds who do not evaluate will be placed in the Triple A (AAA) division draft pool.

League age 10 year olds must evaluate to be drafted to the Triple A (AAA) Division. League Age 10 year olds must be **APPROVED** by the Coaching Committee to play in the Majors division.

League age 9 year old must evaluate to be drafted to the Triple A (AAA) or Double A (AA) divisions. League Age 9 year olds who do not evaluate will be placed in the Double A (AA) division pool.

League age 8 year olds may evaluate for the Double A (AA) division, or may remain in the Single A (A) Division. 8 year olds that are not drafted to a drafted division will be placed in the pool of Single A (A) players and assigned to a team. League Age 8 year olds must be **APPROVED** by the Coaching Committee to play in the Triple A (AAA) division.

League age 7 year olds will play in the Single A (A) Division. If the player is new to the game or needs extra development, a guardian may submit a request to the Coaching Committee or President@springvalleylittleleague.com for an exception to be made for a 7 year old to play Tee Ball.

League age 6 year olds should have played at least one season of Tee-Ball to be eligible to play in the Single A (A) Division.

League age 5 year olds who want to play in the Single A (A) Division should have played at least one season (preferably two) of Tee-Ball AND must receive approval from the Coaching Committee to play in the Single A (A) Division. Contact President@springvalleylittleleague.com for more information.

Little League age is determined by the Little League Baseball Age Chart.

<https://www.littleleague.org/play-little-league/determine-league-age>

*****Final division placement for all Triple A (AAA) eligible players (LA 8-11) to be recommended by SVLL Coaching Committee.**

Softball Division Alignment

Division	League Age	Classification	Roster Size
Tee Ball	4 - 6	Non-Competitive (Instructional)	8-10 Players
Coach Pitch	5 - 8	Non-Competitive (Instructional)	12-13 Players
Triple A (AAA)	7-11	Competitive	12 Players
Majors	11-12	Competitive	12 Players
Intermediate*	11 - 14	Competitive	12 Players
Juniors*	12 - 15	Competitive	12 Players
Seniors*	13 - 16	Competitive	12 Players

**The ability to charter teams in each division is dependent on the number of registered players*

Softball Division Details (Ages 4-16)

Tee Ball (Ages 4–6): A non-competitive co-ed division ideal for beginners to develop fundamental skills and enjoy the game. Scores and standings are not kept, and players do not evaluate.

Coach Pitch (Ages 5–8): A non-competitive division where players can learn softball and develop skills. Depending on local & interleague rules, scores may be kept but this division is intended to be developmental and instructional with no emphasis on competition.

Triple A (AAA) (Ages 9–11): A competitive kid-pitch division with scores and standings that determine seeding for end-of-season tournaments. Evaluations are required, and players are drafted.

Majors (Ages 11–12): A competitive division for advanced players with scores, standings, and tournament opportunities. All 12-year-olds are drafted; all 11 year olds not selected will join the Triple A (AAA) draft pool.

Upper Divisions (Ages 11-16): Availability depends on interest, as it is played Interleague with other Little Leagues across the valley.

League age 12 year olds must evaluate and will be drafted to the Majors Division. League Age 12 year olds are also eligible for Intermediate and Junior Divisions (if available).

League age 11 year olds must evaluate to be drafted to the Major or Minor Division. League age 11 year olds are also eligible for the Intermediate Division. League Age 11 year olds who do not evaluate will be placed in the Triple A (AAA) division draft pool.

League age 7 to 10 year olds must evaluate to be drafted to the Triple A (AAA) Division. Players not drafted to the Triple A (AAA) Division will be rostered on a Coach Pitch team. League age 7 year olds who do not evaluate will automatically be rostered to a Coach Pitch team.

League age 6 year olds will be rostered to a Coach Pitch team.

League age 5 year olds who want to play in the Coach Pitch division should have played at least one season of Tee-Ball. Contact softball@springvalleylittleleague.com for more information.

Little League age is determined by the Little League Softball Age Chart.

<https://www.littleleague.org/play-little-league/determine-league-age>

Waivers

Any player who does not reside in or go to a school located in the league's boundaries must have an approved waiver to play in Spring Valley Little League.

Regulation II(d) Waiver (for former residents of the league who have moved)

If a player has lived within the league's boundaries while registered and playing in the league but later moves outside the league's boundaries, this waiver allows the player to continue participating in Spring Valley Little League. Siblings of players approved under this waiver may also qualify to play in Spring Valley Little League. The player in question must continue uninterrupted involvement in Spring Valley Little League after moving (or after the boundary changed) or the waiver lapses. Three valid Proofs of Residency from the last season in which the player resided within the league's boundaries are required for this waiver request.

Regulation IV(h) Waiver (residency waiver for children of longstanding league volunteers)

If a person had previously resided within Spring Valley Little League's boundaries for two years while serving as a volunteer manager, coach, or member of the league's Board of Directors for two years, his or her children are eligible to play in Spring Valley Little League if (1) he or she continues such volunteer service with the league, (2) the league within whose boundaries the volunteer currently resides consents to this waiver, and (3) the waiver request is approved by the District Administrator. Three valid Proofs of Residency from the last season in which the player resided within Spring Valley Little League's boundaries are required for this waiver request.

If none of the waivers apply, an Out of Boundary Waiver Player Transfer request between Little Leagues can be made. Please contact President@springvalleylittleleague.com to initiate an

Out of Boundary request.

Key Change for 4-7 Year Olds (2025 Season & Beyond):

Choice of League: Players league age 4-7 can register for any Little League program in the U.S., regardless of where they live or go to school.

Eligibility for Tournaments: These players remain eligible for all league play, including the International Tournament, if they maintain continuous participation in their chosen league.

Baseball Players Who Must Evaluate

Evaluation location, dates and times will be emailed to eligible registered players. Players need to only attend **ONE** evaluation session. Players are to come to evaluations ready to play ball. Players will need a bat, glove, helmet and protective cup (for male players).

Evaluations are for the Double A (AA), Triple A (AAA), Majors, and Upper Divisions (Intermediate, Juniors, and Seniors Divisions) **ONLY** and are **REQUIRED** (unless evaluations are waived for the Juniors and Seniors Divisions). **The Tee-Ball and Single A (A) Divisions do not evaluate.**

League Age 11 year olds who do not evaluate will be placed in the Triple A (AAA) division draft pool.

League Age 9 year olds who do not evaluate will be placed in the Double (AA) division pool.

ALL DRAFT ELIGIBLE PLAYERS MUST EVALUATE TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR ALLSTAR SELECTION.

Softball Players Who Must Evaluate

Evaluation location, dates and times will be emailed to eligible registered players. Players need to only attend **ONE** evaluation session. Players are to come to evaluations ready to play ball. Players will need a bat, glove, and helmet. The purpose of softball evaluations is to ensure that players are placed in the best division for them based on age, experience and skill.

Evaluations are softball players league age 7 to 11. League age 7 & 8 year olds who do not evaluate will be placed in the Single A (A) division. League Age 11 year olds who do not evaluate will be placed in the Minors division draft pool.

Draft System

The following divisions draft players: Baseball Double AA (AA), Baseball Triple A (AAA), Softball Minors, Baseball Majors & Softball Majors. Both Baseball & Softball Upper Divisions (Intermediate, Juniors, and Seniors Divisions) will draft players only if multiple teams are formed in each Division. Players will be drafted according to their skill level and age group. **Parents/guardians cannot make coach and/or friend requests and such requests will not be considered.**

For the drafting divisions, teams select in the order established by a random drawing, but in "serpentine" fashion each round. The manager who draws number one will select first and so on

down to the last number. The manager with the last number will begin the process for the second round through the selections. This process will repeat until all players have been chosen. For example, in a six-team draft, the order will be 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 in the first round, and then 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 in the second round, before recommencing in the third round with 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 then 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 in the fourth round, etc. Only one representative from each team may be present at the draft. No players or children may be allowed in the draft room.

Trading of players:

All trades must be completed during the draft in the draft room. No trading of players in different divisions. **ALL TRADES MUST BE PLAYER-FOR-PLAYER (1 for 1, 2 for 2, 3 for 3, etc)**. No trades after leaving the draft room. All trades must be for justifiable reasons and approved by Board Members in attendance of that draft.

Drafting of Manager's Child(ren):

If a Manager has a participating child, they **MUST** draft them **BY THE ROUND** listed below according to their League Age. If a Manager fails to draft their child by that round, they become eligible to be drafted by other Managers.

<u>BASEBALL DRAFT ROUND</u>	<u>LITTLE LEAGUE</u>	<u>INTERMEDIATE</u>	<u>JUNIOR</u>	<u>SENIOR</u>
5	9--10	11	12	13--14
4	11	12	13	15
3	12	13	14	16

<u>SOFTBALL DRAFT ROUND</u>	<u>LITTLE LEAGUE</u>	<u>JUNIOR</u>	<u>SENIOR</u>
5	9--10	12	13--14
4	11	13	15
3	12	14	16

Drafts are conducted in strict compliance with the Little League Operating Manual and the Official Regulations and Playing Rules Book (e.g., the "Blue Book").

Tee-Ball & Single A (Baseball) / Coach Pitch (Softball) Player Selection

In the Tee-Ball and Single A (A) (Baseball) / Coach Pitch (Softball) Divisions, each manager can request players to play on their teams. Parents are permitted to make a manager request and/or a friend request during the registration process. SVLL will do its best to honor manager and/or friend requests for Tee-Ball and Single A (A) / Coach Pitch, but does not promise that all such requests can be fulfilled.

Regular Season Manager and Coach Selection

The SVLL Board will appoint managers in each division. Managers will select their coaches after the completion of the draft for drafted divisions. Managers in the non-drafted divisions will submit their assistant coaches to the Coaching Committee for approval

All managers and coaches must submit a volunteer application, pass a background check, and any other requirement of the SVLL Board or Little League, including the Little League Abuse Awareness Training, CDC's HEADS UP Concussion Training, and Little League's Diamond Leader Training. Little League trainings can be found on the Little League website at <https://www.littleleague.org/university/training/>

The CDC HEADS UP Concussion Training can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/heads-up/training/youth-sports.html>

Under Little League regulations, the decision to appoint a manager or coach is strictly within the discretion of the President.

Note: As of 1/9/2026, all All Star Player and Manager Selection is TBD until a later date by the Board Of Directors of Spring Valley Little League. Previous information is left intact at this time. This information will be updated once the information is finalized by the Board.

All Star Manager Selection

All Star Managers will be selected based on their expressed written interest in managing and SVLL Board recommendation. Managers will submit their interest in writing to President@springvalleylittleleague.com at any time during the regular season, but no later than May 1. Each manager will interview with the Board of Directors, or the All Star Committee.

Only managers or coaches from the Majors or Triple A (AAA) Division are eligible to manage an All Star team for the 60' International Tournament, per District 4 rules.

All Star Player Selection

Evaluations will be conducted by the All Star Committee to assist in the selection of the All Star teams. All Majors players are invited to evaluate. Each Triple A (AAA) division manager will have the option to nominate five (5) players from their team to evaluate. **Players must attend evaluations to be eligible to play** on an All Star team. If a player absolutely cannot attend the set evaluation day, they must submit a letter to President@springvalleylittleleague.com providing a compelling reason BEFORE evaluations.

The All Star Committee will include the selected All Star managers, President, Player Agent, and at least one other SVLL Board member.

Grievances

From time to time there will be situations before, during or after games that will warrant the league to investigate and take appropriate actions. **Since this league is for the enjoyment of the children, any reported inappropriate action by any manager, coach, player or spectator that is detrimental to the enjoyment of the game for the kids and their parents will be investigated.**

Two different types of situations may arise.

1. Official protest of a game.
2. Violation of the Conduct Policy by a manager, coach, player, or spectator.

In the case of a game protest, the manager protesting the game must do so during the game according to the Blue Book and then submit a written explanation to the league's President within 24 hours of the game. The [Protest Committee](#) will review the written explanations submitted by the manager and umpire, review the rule book, and make a decision as soon as possible. The local league protest committee shall be composed of the League President, Player Agent, Umpire-in-Chief, and one or more other officers or directors who are not managers or umpires (per the Blue Book).

In the case of a violation of a Code of Conduct or non-game rule grievance, whoever initiates the grievance must notify Spring Valley Little League of their concern in writing. The Board of Directors will investigate the issue and the parties involved in the situation **MAY** be asked to meet with The Discipline Committee, to consist of the President, Vice President(s), Coaching Coordinator, Player Agent, and at least one other Board Member.

Decisions by the Discipline and Protest Committee are guided by the Blue Book, local handbook, Codes of Conduct, and the best interest of the league. All Committee decisions are final.

Resuming Protested Game

Managers should take all precautions to prevent protest. If a game must be played under protest, the manager should notify the umpire that the game will be played under protest. The SVLL Protest Committee should be notified as soon as possible with clear facts and supporting documents. Make notes of time, score, and inning of infraction. Provide pitch counts of both teams.

1. The game will resume from the point of the infraction. The clock will go back to the time of the infraction. This may be within the same game if available.
2. All rest requirements of Regulation VI shall be met before a pitcher can return to the mound.
3. Any player that missed the game played under protest may return in the resuming game.

4. The game will be rescheduled within 48 hours or earlier.
5. The game will not be played as a doubleheader.

The SVLL Protest Committee consists of the League President, Player Agent, Umpire-in-Chief, and one or more other officers or directors who are not managers or umpires (per the Blue Book).

Ejection Penalties

A manager or coach ejected from the game must leave the game site. The manager or coach may remain nearby if they are the only parent/guardian of a player at the game. If the manager or coach refuses to leave or creates a problem, the game in progress may be suspended until the problem is resolved. If the problem necessitates, the police may be called. The above also pertains to parents/guardians or any party associated with an SVLL team.

The minimum penalty for any player, manager, coach, or parent/guardian ejected from a game for any of the above will be:

1st time: Suspended for the next game.

2nd time: Suspended for 3 consecutive games.

The penalty for additional ejections or more flagrant offenses will be decided by the SVLL Board. A manager or coach suspended for any reason is not permitted to be at the game site, including parking lots. They must not take any part in the game, nor have any communications whatsoever with any persons at the game site. Violation may result in further suspension and possible forfeiture of a game. There is a zero-tolerance policy for fighting (deliberate body contact). Any manager, coach, player, parent/guardian, or anyone associated with an SVLL team caught fighting in or around the playing field, before, during or after a game or practice, will be suspended for 1 game and be subject to further disciplinary action. There will be no warnings and no second chances when it comes to fighting.

Ineligible Pitcher or Player

The use of an illegal player/pitcher will **NOT** automatically result in a forfeit of the game in which the player is used but may be referred to the SVLL Board for decision pursuant to Blue Book Regulation VI(h) and Rule 4.19.

REGARDLESS OF INTENT, any manager that does not **STRICTLY ADHERE TO THE PITCH RULES** shall be suspended as follows:

1st time: Suspended for 1 game.

2nd time: Suspended for 3 consecutive games.

3rd time: Suspended for the remainder of the season

Multiple violations and/or intentional violations may warrant additional discipline by the Board.

Pitch Count guidelines for baseball can be found [here](#). Pitching rules for softball can be found [here](#).

Postseason

All divisions (with the exception of Tee Ball & Single A (A)) shall play in a SVLL tournament at the end of the regular season (may not apply to Fall Ball).

1. Championship games will be played with no time limit.
2. The winning team must submit the score as soon as possible after the game ends (if not scored on GameChanger). It is important to submit scores timely to permit the League to update brackets.
3. The home team will be the higher seed in each game in the winner's bracket, unless a team has gone down to the consolation bracket and worked their way back up. In this circumstance the team that has the better record in the tournament will be the home team.
4. Home and Away will be determined by a coin toss in all consolation bracket games
5. Teams must occupy the correct dugouts. The home team occupies the 3rd base dugout. The visiting team occupies the 1st base dugout.

Any protest must be made immediately by the manager and will be resolved by majority vote of the Board in attendance or assigned (or, if not available, one of the other designated league officials) prior to play continuing. There is no time to replay any games unless canceled by weather, if possible. Judgment calls cannot be protested.

DISTRICT 4 TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS (SPRING SEASON ONLY)

The Triple A (AAA) and Majors Division team that wins the post season tournament will also represent Spring Valley in the District 4 Tournament of Champions. TOC is a single elimination tournament hosted by District 4 with the end of season champions from each D4 league. Schedules and brackets for TOC can be found on District 4's website.

Pool Players

Pool players are used to help teams avoid forfeits when they do not have enough players for a scheduled game. The purpose of the pool player system is to keep games fair, safe, and playable for everyone. The role of pool players also gives players more opportunity to play games and get extra practice. Pool players can be used by a team only when they do not have enough players to start the game as 8 players are required to start the game.

Families wanting to add their player to the pool must notify the Coaching Committee BEFORE season starts. The Coaching Committee will keep the list of approved pool players.

In order for a manager to request a pool player, they must reach out to the Coaching Committee and

request how many players they need for that game. The Coaching Committee will then offer the opportunity to the pool players in order from first to last. If a pool player is unavailable for that game, the opportunity goes to the next pool player on the list. **The manager of the team requesting the pool player MAY NOT reject or not use the pool player they are assigned.** Managers are also not allowed to pick or request a specific player. Once a pool player is used, they go to the bottom of the list.

- Pool players must be age-appropriate for the division. A player may play in a different division than they are rostered in BUT they may not play “down” i.e. a majors player playing in Triple A (AAA), a Triple A (AAA) player playing in Double A (AA), etc.
- Pool players must play a **minimum of 3 innings**, even if another rostered player arrives later and the team is no longer short handed.
- Pool players should NOT be asked to leave or be restricted from playing once they arrive at the game.
- Pool players must wear their own team uniform.
- Pool players bat at the bottom of the lineup.
- Pool players **cannot pitch**.
- **No pool players are allowed in playoffs.**
- A pool player must attend their own team’s game first if there is a conflict.

Replacement Players

Replacement players are used when a team permanently loses a rostered player during the season due to injury, illness, relocation, resignation or another approved reason. The purpose of the replacement player system is to ensure that every team maintains a full and fair roster throughout the season. Replacement players help keep teams balanced, competitive, and able to participate safely in all scheduled games. The Coaching Committee will review and approve a list of potential replacement players according to Little League® rules at all times.

If a rostered player needs to be replaced, the team manager must notify the Player Agent, Executive Committee and/or Coaching Coordinator. Failure of a manager to report a roster vacancy may result in disciplinary action. Once the resignation of a player is requested, the President will send a letter of release to the player and parents stating the reason for release. Once approved, the Player Agent, Executive Committee and/or Coaching Coordinator will assign an eligible player from the replacement list. Managers **MAY NOT** select or request a specific player, and may not reject the replacement player assigned to their team. **All communication shall only occur between the Manager, the Coaching Committee, and the player/parent being called up. As such, all communications**

between the team and the league must remain confidential.

Replacement players must be age-appropriate for the division. A replacement player may “play up” into a higher division if approved, but may never “play down” into a lower division.

If a player refuses to move from the Triple A (AAA) division to the Major division, he or she cannot be called up for the remainder of the year. Once a player becomes a replacement player for a team, they are considered a full and permanent member of that roster for the remainder of the season. They may not continue to serve as a pool player, and they cannot return to their previous team. Replacement players must wear the uniform of the team they are joining as soon as possible. Until their new uniform arrives, they may wear their original team uniform if needed.

Replacement players follow all standard playing-time rules required for rostered players in that division. They are not limited in batting order or defensive positions (including pitching) as long as they meet Little League pitching and safety regulations.

A replacement player must prioritize their new permanent team for all practices and games once assigned.