

Taunton West Little League  
Local Rules / Bylaws  
**Effective for the Duration of the 2026 Season**

**OVERVIEW**

Taunton West Little League endorses the overarching philosophy of Little League International. The following excerpt is taken directly from Little League’s Website:

*“Through effective leadership, enthusiasm, and commitment, together with training extensions and adherence to rule and policy at the District and Local League levels, Little League provides inclusive, enjoyable opportunities for any child and volunteer to participate in a community-based program that is distinctive, unique, and promotes life lessons beyond the field of play.”*

Little League International requires that each Little League Board of Directors adopt its own bylaws, local rules, or ground rules for play (The terms are interchangeable). This document expires annually at the end of the calendar year (December 31<sup>st</sup>) and must be renewed and approved annually. The bylaws shall be reviewed at the culmination of each season at the Annual Meeting of the Members held in September. Any issues occurring during the regular season may be brought to this meeting for discussion to determine if the issue requires an update to these bylaws. The Board of Directors will hear all recommended modifications from any League Member in good standing, so recognized for the purpose at said meeting. Once the new Board is seated, a representative member shall take ownership of the bylaws and be responsible for updating them as agreed by the Board. The individual will make edits as required and be responsible for aligning with the members of the board via a shared document. Once ample time is given for review and revision, the updated bylaws shall be approved by the Board of Directors either electronically via a Google Form vote or at a meeting where the vote is an agenda topic. The new bylaws must be approved and implemented one month before the first scheduled games of the regular season.

None of the local rules shall conflict with or specifically go against current Little League Rules, Regulations, or Policies. Bylaws do not re-state any existing Little League Baseball Rule, Regulation, or Policy, as this invites conflicting interpretations. The Official Rules and Regulations published or amended each year by Little League International are always the final word.

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**GENERAL LEAGUE POLICY**

- a. **Philosophy** - It is the philosophy of Little League that all children’s playing experiences are positive and fun. Taunton West Little League (TWLL) will exhibit ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage, respect, and inclusion, so the youth will be well-adjusted, strong, and happy. Taunton West Little League will operate in the interest of all the children in their program and will not tolerate the misconduct of players or adults.
- b. **Fiscal Year** - Taunton West Little League’s fiscal year will end on September 30<sup>th</sup> and begin on October 1<sup>st</sup>.
- c. **Financials** – Taunton West Little League’s financial holdings are housed at Taunton Federal Credit Union. Financial Reports, including the status of the league’s accounts, are to be presented at each board meeting. The Treasurer and President, with input from each Director regarding their area of oversight, are responsible for creating the annual budget. Proper documentation of all income and expenses, including receipts and bank statements, will be made throughout the season. The Treasurer is responsible for holding an annual Audit of the League’s finances in such a capacity that transparently shows the allocation of funds collected in support of the League. Individual expenses greater than \$500 must be reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors. As a non-profit

organization, the financial records of the league can be made accessible to any member in good standing upon request.

- d. **Registration** – Registration will be conducted online via the TWLL.net Website. Registration for next year will reopen at the conclusion of the previous year's activities at a time determined to be reasonable by the Webmaster. All Major League players must be registered before the start of winter practices.

## **VOLUNTEER RESPONSIBILITIES**

Taunton West Little League is a non-profit organization dedicated to keeping baseball an enjoyable and accessible activity for young people. **TWLL is an entirely volunteer-run organization.** As such, families and volunteers are an integral part of keeping playing costs reasonable. Certain duties will be required by all parents and guardians for the current season. Teams failing to meet their volunteer duty obligations will face sanctions, including but not limited to additional in-season volunteer duties, loss of team practice time, ineligibility for all-star team coaching assignments, loss of voting rights at membership meetings, etc.

As described in the Safety section of this document, volunteers (including but not limited to: all managers, coaches, league officials, or any person who wishes to assist on the playing field or in a dugout of any practice or game) must have a certified background check completed by the safety Officer of the League before the start of the season and display the approved volunteer identification while on the field during games or practices.

## **SAFETY**

- Batting helmets must be worn during all hitting drills, including soft toss, whenever regulation baseballs are in use (squishy, soft, or plastic golf ball drills do not require the use of a helmet). Helmets must also be worn during base running drills when a live ball is in play.
- Cages or guards on helmets are not required by Taunton West Little League, and their use is left to the discretion of parents or guardians, apart from Tee Ball. Cages are strongly encouraged for players at ALL levels.
- Slash bunting (square to bunt, then pulling back and hitting away) is **STRICTLY PROHIBITED** at any level of play at Taunton West Little League to keep all players safe.
- Only a player at bat, on a field, or in the designated batting cages may swing a bat. Swinging of the bats in or near the dugouts is **STRICTLY PROHIBITED** during all games and practices. Little League regulations prohibit on-deck batters. This means no player should handle a bat, even while in an enclosed area, until it is their time at bat.
- At least one manager or coach must always be present in the dugout with players. At the beginning of the season, each team shall designate a team Safety person who shall be currently certified in first aid, CPR, and the use of the defibrillator.
- There is **NO TOBACCO** usage of any kind (cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco, e-cigarettes, and the like) anywhere within the Taunton West Complex. The **ONLY** designated area for smoking at the field is the parking lot area behind the right field side

of the Red Field. Anyone who is found violating this rule will receive a warning for the first offense and will be subject to suspension from the facility for subsequent offenses.

- There is NO ALCOHOL OR MARIJUANA usage of any kind at the Taunton West Little League complex, including parking areas. The TWLL complex is the property of the City of Taunton and is considered a public area. Alcohol use is subject to prosecution to the greatest extent of the law. Anyone found consuming alcohol anywhere on the grounds (including during or after Tournaments) will be subject to ejection from the property and potential suspension.

## **LEAGUE STRUCTURE**

Taunton West Little League shall be structured as follows:

Major League – (ages 9-12)

Minor League - Triple A (AAA) – (ages 8-12)

Double A (AA) – Instructional League (ages 6-7)

Tee Ball (ages 4-5)

**NOTE:** League age is determined by the current year's Little League Age Chart. Eligibility for Tee Ball, AA, and AAA can be adjusted based on skill level, as determined by coaches and parents or guardians.

## **MANAGERS and COACHES**

General: Each team may have one (1) Manager, three (3) rostered coaches, and an unlimited number of coaches/volunteers, provided they have completed the volunteer application form and passed the background check. The manager selects rostered coaches. New rostered coaches are selected after the draft.

Tee Ball & AA – Any parent or guardian expressing an interest in coaching a team is welcome and encouraged to volunteer through the website when registering their child. The Tee Ball/AA Director will assign managers and coaches, with assistance from the TWLL president, to distribute volunteer adults evenly among the teams. At these levels, the director will hear and attempt to meet requests for team/coach placement, but there is no guarantee that players will be able to be placed with friends. Siblings will always be placed together and on the same team as a volunteering parent or guardian.

Minors (AAA) –Preference will be given to adults interested in managing an AAA team who have at least two (2) seasons of coaching or managing experience. Individuals interested in managing a team are also required to attend at least one (1) of the coaching sessions provided by TWLL. Rostered Coaches are strongly encouraged but not required to attend training sessions. The AAA Director will assign volunteering managers with assistance from the TWLL president, once it is confirmed that they meet the requirements to manage. AAA Managers may select one (1) coach prior to the draft. The child of that coach will be placed on the team, and the team will lose a draft pick in the round that child was placed during the evaluations. During the draft, a notation will be made next to each child's name whose parent or guardian has registered as a coach. Managers should consider this when selecting their players in the draft to ensure they have enough coaches. The Player Agent, AAA Director, and the president or the president's representative will monitor this allocation during the draft for objectivity.

Majors – Preference will be given to adults interested in managing a Majors team that has at least 1 season of managing at a lower level of play and at least 3 seasons of coaching in some capacity. Solicitation for individuals interested in managing a Majors team will take place after the culmination of the regular season in a manner that is disseminated fairly throughout the community. The requests will be considered by the President, who will make recommendations to the board. The Board of Directors will vote on the recommendations made by the president. Interested individuals should attend the meeting in which the board will vote to give a statement, or may submit a letter of interest to be read aloud to the quorum. Major managers are expected to attend board meetings regularly upon their appointment.

Managers and coaches are responsible for making the Little League experience fun and enjoyable for all players. The president, along with the board, will thoughtfully screen each candidate individually in their consideration for appointment. All managerial positions are for one year only. No person is guaranteed to be a manager, or “grandfathered” to manage a specific team. Each year, if a person wishes to manage, then the same selection procedure will be applied equally to all candidates. **All appointments shall be finalized by a majority vote of the Board of Directors, provided that a quorum is present.**

## **PLAYING RULES**

Little League International publishes a rulebook updated annually, which can be purchased at the Little League website <https://www.shoplittleleague.org>. Additionally, Little League International offers an app for all smartphones with identical information as provided in the paper rulebook. Each team manager shall be provided with a copy of the paper rulebook by TWLL. All Little League® volunteers and parents need to be familiar with the most up-to-date version of Little League’s Official Regulations, Playing Rules, and Operating Policies. Updates are made to the rulebook every year and can be accessed online for review.

Managers and Coaches are expected to be fully aware of and abide by **ALL** Little League International rules found in the current Little League Baseball Official Rulebook.

## **LOCAL RULES**

Local rules are encouraged by Little League International to adjust for local conditions. Local playing rules are approved by the Taunton West Little League Board of Directors at the designated Board meeting and may be amended only by the Board of Directors' majority vote.

These local rules have been approved by the Taunton West Little League Board of Directors and are added here to reflect the needs and philosophy of Taunton West Little League.

### **Taunton West Little League (Majors) Local Rules**

#### **MAJORS**

- No Major team shall have more than six players at any age. (Exceptions voted by the Board of Directors)
- All Majors teams shall consist of twelve (12) players per roster. (Exceptions voted by the Board of Directors)

- GameChanger is the designated official scorekeeping system and must be used by all teams.

### THE VISITING TEAM

1. Uses the First base dugout due to scoreboard configuration.
2. Takes infield/outfield for practice 20 minutes before game start time.
3. Rakes the field after the game, in addition to cleaning out bases and plugs.
4. Cleans own dugout and dugout area.

### THE HOME TEAM

1. Uses the third base dugout.
2. Takes infield/outfield for practice 10 minutes before game time and must remain on the field upon completion until game start time.
3. Provides the official scorekeeper, scoreboard operator, and keeps track of pitch counts.
4. Preps field no less than 30 minutes prior to game start time. Field prep includes prepping and chalking the foul lines and batter's boxes. This must be completed before the visiting team's infield/outfield.
5. Cleans own dugout and dugout area.

### GAME TIMES

- No game may end in a tie – A tie game goes into extra innings until the tie is broken. If the game is still tied after one extra inning, the last batted out will start on second base in subsequent innings. Tie games called because of darkness will resume on White Field under the lights, if available. Games that are canceled due to weather or other reasons will be resumed as soon as feasible and before the playoffs begin. Decisions about makeup games are at the executive board's discretion, especially if these games impact playoff standings.
- In the regular season, no new inning may start after two hours and fifteen minutes unless the score is tied.

In regard to all practices at Taunton West Little League, all managers and coaches SHALL use darkness or a maximum limit of 2 hours as the signal to end ALL play, to include the use of batting cages.

In the event an umpire stops a game, at the Majors level, due to darkness, every effort should be made. In any circumstances, no regular league game shall continue after 9:00 P.M. on a weekday (Sunday -Thursday) and after 10:00 P.M. on weekends (Friday – Saturday). This may only be waived by the League President for Tournament or Special games.

- In the event an umpire stops a game, at the Majors level, due to inclement weather and is not a complete game, as defined in Little League Rule 4.10 and 4.11, the game shall be rescheduled and continued with the TWLL president's discretion.

Rule Run -

The Manager of the losing team will concede victory to the winning team if a substantial lead is held, per the following:

- Winning team is ahead by 15 runs after 3 innings
- Winning team is ahead by 10 runs after 4 innings

If the visiting team is holding the lead, the home team must still bat in its half of the inning. As per Little League 4.4.e, a game determined by the 15 or 10 run rule shall be considered a regulation game.

Managers are strongly encouraged to ensure players present at the start of a game participate for a minimum of six (6) defensive outs and bat at least one (1) time per Little League Regulation IV Section i, “Mandatory Play,”. The TWLL Board of Directors is responsible for ensuring fair play at all levels of the League.

## **PRACTICE**

Taunton West Little League deems its primary function to be one of training and preparation of Little Leaguers in the skills of baseball and promoting lifelong enjoyment of the game; therefore:

- Team managers should provide for an “adequate number” of team practices during a season. An “adequate number” is defined as a minimum of three (3) “contacts” (games and practices) per week, which includes the pre-season period. The minimum may be waived if fields are not made available by the league.
- There shall be no mandatory off-site practices at any time.
- No player shall be required to arrive at a game more than 60 minutes prior to game start time.

## **TRIPLE A (AAA)**

- All Local Rules pertaining specifically to Taunton West Little League Triple A (AAA) play shall be developed by the AAA Director and approved by the League President.
- A handout detailing these rules shall be distributed by the AAA Director to all applicable managers and coaches.
- The AAA Director reserves the right to change any of these local playing rules at any time under the guidance of the President to ensure safe and enjoyable play at the AAA level.

## **DOUBLE A (AA)**

- All Local Rules pertaining specifically to Taunton West Little League Double A (AA) play shall be developed by the AA Director and approved by the League President.
- A handout detailing these rules shall be distributed by the AA Director to all applicable managers and coaches.
- The AA Director reserves the right to change any of these local playing rules at any time under the guidance of the President to ensure safe and enjoyable play at the AA level.

## **TEE BALL**

- All Local Rules pertaining specifically to Taunton West Little League Tee Ball play shall be developed by the Tee Ball Director and approved by the League President.
- A handout detailing these rules shall be distributed by the Tee Ball Director to all applicable managers and coaches.
- The Tee Ball Director reserves the right to change any of these local playing rules at any time to ensure safe and enjoyable play at the Tee Ball level.

## **SCHEDULES**

The President, with recommendations from the Board of Directors, shall reserve the right to determine the number of regular-season games played for each league level. The Director of Coaching and Scheduling is responsible for generating the Game Schedule for all levels of play in collaboration with the President, the AA/Tee Ball Director, and the AAA Director. The Director of Scheduling is responsible for generating and maintaining the Practice schedule and ensuring fair time is allotted to all teams at all levels of play.

Teams shall play all other teams an equal number of times.

## **PLAYOFF FORMAT**

### **Majors**

At the end of the regular season, the four teams with the best record will qualify for the playoffs. Any ties will be broken by the head-to-head record. If a tie still exists, discretion will be left to the executive board on how to best resolve the tie.

The playoff format shall be as follows:

- In the first round of the playoffs, the first-place team shall play the fourth-place team, and the second-place team shall play the third-place team, in a best-of-three series. (Seeding based on regular season overall record.)
- The second round of the playoffs shall be the winner of 1 vs. 4 against the winner of 2 vs. 3 for the Taunton West League Championship.

Games should be scheduled with back-to-back and a third game if needed, played with a one-day break. (I.E. Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday)

- In the event of a rainout, the game should be pushed one full day.
- In the event of multiple rainouts, the League President shall reserve the right to determine the playoff schedule.

The winner of the Taunton West Championship will face the winner of the Taunton East Championship at a time agreed upon by both league presidents. If the championship team manager or coaches refuse to participate, an assistant coach will take over as manager, or the president will assign a new manager. If the Taunton West championship team does not have enough players to compete in the city championship, the championship title and awards will be revoked and awarded to the runner-up team, which will then compete in the city championship. This process will continue until all TW teams have been eliminated.

### **Triple A (AAA)**

The Director of AAA shall reserve the right to determine the format for the playoffs, with the League President's approval.

## **Double A (AA)**

The Director of AA/Tee Ball shall reserve the right to determine the format for the playoffs, with the League President's approval.

## **TEE Ball**

The Director of AA/Tee Ball shall reserve the right to determine the number of regular season games to be played, with the League President's approval.

## **TEAM RULES**

In addition to the Little League Baseball and local playing rules, each individual team may have additional team rules. Team rules are established to provide team, parent, and player-specific expectations regarding participation and other requirements. Any player (or parent) who interferes with the team management, including failing to adhere to the established team rules, can expect sanctions to ensure team harmony. Team rules are not meant to replace any official Little League Rule but to add to the playing experience, development, and cohesiveness of the team.

## **LEAGUE CONDUCT**

### **Sportsmanship**

Poor sportsmanship by managers, coaches, players, or spectators can result in ejection from the game and removal from the park. Examples of poor sportsmanship include: throwing equipment, using illegal equipment, bad language, taunting or gesturing in an unsportsmanlike manner to opponents, arguing with an umpire's judgment call, or harassing ANYONE.

A manager may deny a player his/her privilege to play in one or more future games for disciplinary reasons, provided that:

- The President, Vice President, and Player Agent are made aware of any such punishment in advance, and the opposing manager is notified prior to the start of the game. and
- The action is recorded in the scorebook as the player being absent, and
- Before any action is taken, every effort is made to resolve the problem.

### **Game Conduct**

Players are expected to arrive at the designated time as determined by the manager for pregame workouts and conduct themselves during the game in an appropriate manner. It is a team's responsibility to promote good sportsmanship and fair play. The following are simple rules for players to follow throughout the season:

Play for the fun of playing, not just to please your parents.

Play by the rules.

1. Never argue with or complain about an umpire's calls or decisions (that is the manager's job to do respectfully).
2. Control your temper and resist the temptation to retaliate when you feel you have been wronged.

3. Concentrate on playing baseball and on affecting the outcome of the game with your best effort.
4. Be a good sport by cheering all good plays, whether it is your team's or your opponent's.
5. Treat ALL players as you like to be treated.
6. Cooperate with your manager, coaches, teammates, opponents, and umpires.
7. Food is not allowed in the dugouts, although sunflower seeds and gum are permitted.

The game umpire or any league official may caution any player, manager, coach, parent, or spectator whose conduct is not consistent with these guidelines.

Foul or abusive language is ***STRICTLY PROHIBITED***. If an individual is unable to refrain from using foul language or making derogatory remarks to any player, manager, coach, umpire, another spectator, or league official, the umpire or any league official may suspend the game until that individual leaves the playing area and remains in the parking lot. If the individual refuses to leave the playing area and remains in the parking lot or the disturbance continues, the umpire or any league official (Board member) may discontinue the game, and the police will be called for assistance. The disruptive individual may face additional sanctions recommended by the League President and executive members, depending on the circumstances.

### **Disciplinary Committee**

In order to review cases of egregious misconduct that cannot be dealt with in any other manner, a Discipline Committee will be formed with preferably five individuals from the Board of Directors (a minimum of three required). Preferred members of the Discipline Committee will be the following board roles, while the President reserves the right to appoint any member of the Board of Directors to the committee, the Vice President will assume the President's role if the President is under review.

- Vice President
- Player Agent
- Umpire in Chief
- Majors/Minors Director
- Safety Officer

If a conflict of interest or other situation that makes one of these people unavailable arises, another board member may take their place, with emphasis on experience and understanding of Little League rules as the most important factor.

The Discipline Committee will be responsible for the following:

- Provide clear feedback to the subject of discipline on what part of the Code of Conduct was not followed.
- Communicate the potential consequences of these actions to the accused.
- Make an effort to gather statements from all the relevant parties involved (coaches, umpires, players, parents, etc.)
- Provide the Board of Directors with all gathered information and provide feedback on the suggested punishment.
- Take a vote from the board if punishment includes suspension or removal beyond the mandatory rules as stated.

### **Ejection Protocol**

Each umpire has the power and authority to eject players, managers, coaches, and spectators from a game. If a player is ejected, the player shall immediately leave the playing area (field, dugout, bullpen, etc.) before play continues, but may become a silent spectator in the stands. In addition, the player is expected to attend subsequent practices. The player shall NOT participate in the next scheduled game, but may watch the game from the stands, but shall not wear the team uniform.

When a manager or coach is ejected, the individual must immediately leave the vicinity of the playing fields. The parking lot is permitted, provided there is no further disruption.

Any ejected manager or coach shall have **no contact, in any form, with any team within Taunton West Little League** and is prohibited from the vicinity of the playing fields during all subsequent practices and games until the day after the team's next scheduled game has been completed, or until an earlier review and determination by the Executive Board or Disciplinary Committee.

Any ejected spectator shall immediately leave the vicinity of the playing fields and may remain only in the parking lot, provided there is no further disruption. Failure to comply may result in the umpires calling the game, and additional sanctions may be imposed on the associated team by the Board. The ejected spectator is prohibited from the vicinity of the playing fields during subsequent practices and games until the day after the team's next scheduled game has been completed, unless an earlier determination is made by the Executive Board or Disciplinary Committee.

The Board feels strongly that proper field decorum is an element of the Little League Baseball experience. Any player, manager, coach, or spectator who is ejected or otherwise suspended three times in a season will have their association with Taunton West Little League terminated.

Any complaints or issues that arise from a manager or coach's belief about poor officiating in a game should be directed to the President and/or the Vice President. All matters concerning umpires will be addressed directly through League Officials and the Umpires Union President.

The Board of Directors reserves the right in its sole discretion to impose any penalties if, in its judgment, any player, manager, coach, umpire, spectator, or other volunteer conducts him/herself in any manner, on or off the field, that does not positively reflect the high standard Little League holds for sportsmanship, citizenship, and decorum. This includes displays of unsportsmanlike conduct, "making a travesty of the game," or violating any rules, regulations, or policies contained herein during the game, or Taunton West Little League complex. The board also reserves the right to impose any penalty the Board deems appropriate if the Board determines it necessary to correct a situation brought to its attention, regardless of the source of said information. The decision of the Board of Directors is final and binding.

### **Reporting**

Reports of violations of the Code of Conduct should be submitted in writing to a member of the Discipline Committee. The Discipline Committee may also find it necessary to intercede without invitation in any situation that it feels is not being addressed or handled properly. It is suggested that the Discipline Committee review all ejections.

### **Potential Disciplines**

Discipline action for parents/guardians, guests, managers/coaches, or players levied by the TWLL Board of Directors by way of the Discipline Committee could include, but is not limited to, the following:

1. Verbal Warning
2. Written Warning
3. Suspension for games
4. Season suspension, including postseason (All-Stars)
5. Removal from all league activities
6. Expelled from the league
7. No Trespassed

## **Suspensions**

For all suspended individuals (Managers, Coaches, Parents, Players, and Spectators, of all ages) you are not allowed at the TWLL complex, in any capacity, or to any other Little League activities-during your suspension or lifetime ban.

## **Appeals**

A written appeal of the suspension must be submitted within 24 hours of the suspension notice to a member of the Executive Board or the Disciplinary Committee. The appeal must be submitted by the accused or the accused's legal guardian.

Upon receipt of the appeal, the Disciplinary Committee has 48 hours to respond and to determine whether a hearing will be scheduled. All suspensions remain in effect while the appeal is under review.

## **Career Infractions**

In the review of any case of misconduct, a review of previous misconduct and discipline will be taken into consideration.

## **THE DRAFT**

After a thorough evaluation of players has been completed, the team that finished last in the previous season will have the first pick in every round of the draft. The team that finished next-to-last will have the second pick in each round, and the remaining teams will select in reverse order of their standing. The president and the player agent oversee the draft to ensure fair selection of players based on the draft rankings. The Player Agent reserves the right to stop the draft at any time to maintain order and has the authority to assign players to teams if order cannot be reestablished.

## **Siblings & Sons/Daughters**

**Every reasonable effort will be made to place siblings on the same team. If this is not possible, the parents or legal guardians must be informed in advance.**

Children of Managers must be drafted to their parents' team no later than the 5th round of the draft. Children of Assistant Coaches must be drafted to their parents' team no later than the 3rd round of the draft. **An Assistant Coach is defined as a coach who was officially rostered during the previous season and who had a child on the team or whose child aged out of the Major League division during that same season.**

When two siblings are eligible in the same draft, the second sibling must be selected in the round immediately following the round in which the first sibling is drafted, provided there are no safety or player-ability concerns.

If a younger sibling is eligible for the draft while an older sibling is already rostered on a Major League team, the younger sibling must be selected within the first three rounds of the draft if no safety or player-ability concerns exist.

**Player-ability determinations will be made jointly by the evaluating managers, the Executive Board, and the player's parents and will be determined before the draft.**

## **ALL-STAR/DISTRICT/TOURNAMENT TEAMS**

### **ALL-STAR SELECTIONS**

#### **TRYOUTS**

Tryouts pertaining to the All-Star selection process are not a requirement of Little League International and will be held at the discretion of the Board of Directors. May be used for 9u and 8u teams.

#### **District All-Star Teams (10-12yo)**

- The player agent shall create a ballot with all eligible (league age) players listed on it.
- Each team's age players may vote for up to 5 All-Star candidates.
- Ballots with more than 5 selections shall be invalid and discarded.
- The top 5 vote getters will be selected, with approval from the Majors managers and the League executive board.
- The player age managers from the regular season shall meet and select the next 6 players.
- The All-Star manager shall select one (1) player of his or her choice. If the All-Star manager chooses to expand the roster, not to exceed 15, he or she will submit names of additional team age players to the President, and they will meet and discuss with the Executive Board members the possible players for the role, based on the recommendations of the All-Star Manager.
- Any player who declines to participate shall be replaced by the next highest vote recipient from the managers' list.

#### **Additional Teams and Younger Age Divisions**

Teams may be selected based on tryout evaluations and/or recommendations from regular-season age-division managers, in consultation with members of the Executive Board.

## **ALL-STAR MANAGER AND COACH SELECTIONS**

### **10-12 yo Manager Selection-**

Any individual who is interested in, or nominated for, the position of All-Star Team Manager must submit their name, or have their name submitted, when requested by the Board of Directors. Candidates must be a manager or coach during the current season.

A slate of eligible candidates will be presented at a Board meeting for voting. Each board member, Major League Division Manager, and each rostered coach within that division is entitled to one vote.

After the voting process is completed, the results will be tallied and submitted to the Board of Directors for final approval. The All-Star Team Manager shall be appointed upon a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Interest in managing any additional All-Star teams will be solicited via email. All remaining All-Star Team Managers will be selected by a vote of the Board of Directors.

Upon selection, All-Star Managers shall appoint two (2) Coaches to be the Rostered Coaches for the Team approved by the President. Any other qualified parent may assist during practices, but only Rostered Coaches shall be allowed on the field or in the Dugout during District Tournament games.

### **ALL-STAR Tournaments**

District All-Star teams shall participate in a total of four (4) tournaments funded by TWLL. These shall include:

1. The TWLL Home Tournament;
2. The District Tournament;
3. One tournament selected and booked by the Executive Board and Scheduling Director;  
and
4. One tournament selected by the team manager.

### **AWARDS**

#### **End-of-Season Awards and Recognition**

At the conclusion of each season, the League shall hold an on-field end-of-season celebration at which each Tee Ball player shall receive a medal.

The League shall also recognize the championship teams of each division — AA (Instructional), AAA (Minors), and Majors — at an awards banquet. Trophies may be handed out after the championship game as needed. Each winning team shall receive a team trophy and an additional commemorative item (e.g., sweatshirt). The celebration shall include food and a cake for each team.

In addition, a championship memento shall be awarded to the winner of the City Championship.

Managers may suggest a different memento (e.g., pins, plaques, medals) that are reasonable and customary in size and cost. Requests for change to such items must be submitted to the Executive Board for approval prior to purchase.

To recognize and perpetuate the memory of those who played a critical role in building and sustaining Taunton West Little League, awards shall be presented at the conclusion of every season:

#### **Majors Division**

1. Most Valuable Player (MVP)

2. Silver Slugger
3. Gold Glove
4. Cy Young
5. Sportsmanship Award
6. President's Trophy
7. Leadership Award
8. Most Improved
9. Rally Cap Award

#### Minors Division

- Awards will be determined by a Board vote at a meeting where a quorum is present, so assembled for that purpose.

#### Taunton West Little League

- Taunton West Little League Championship – Clem Butts Trophy
- Volunteer of the Year – The Doris Stevens Award

### **LEAGUE APPROVAL**

These Bylaws were reviewed and agreed to by the Board of Directors on this

Day of March 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ in the year 2026 \_\_\_\_\_ .

Signed,

*Christian Mills*

President