

Laredo Hillside Little League

Official Community



Laredo Hillside Little league 2025 By-Laws

This Document contains the local rules and regulations of Laredo Hillside Little League (LHLL) as directed by Article VIII (III) of the constitution of Laredo Hillside Little League. The purpose of these bylaws is to provide operational rules for any baseball games and/or activity played at LHLL that are not prescribed by the LHLL constitution or by Little League Baseball, Incorporated.

Article I.

Player Eligibility

Any player residing within the specified boundaries set forth by Little League Baseball can play for Laredo Hillside Little League. League boundaries can be found at LittleLeague.org/leaguefinder. Age requirement for each division is defined by the yearly Little League Baseball age chart found at LittleLeague.org/agechart.

(Players outside of league boundaries who so desire to play Little League Baseball at Laredo Hillside Little League shall not be denied. However, the Board will notify and inform the parents of the ineligibility of their child to participate in Little League All-Star tournament play with Laredo Hillside Little League.)

Article II.

Rules of Play

All games shall adhere to the official rules and regulations set forth by Little League Baseball to include the following Laredo Hillside Little League regulations:

Time Limits and Curfews

Dugout T-Ball- Game will consist of 45 minutes of play. There will be no umpire or score keeping record.

T-Ball Advance Division - The umpire shall be responsible for noting the starting time of each game. A game shall consist of three (3) innings or one (1) hour, whichever comes first. No -inning shall begin after fifty (50) minutes. If an inning starts, the home team should finish the inning (unless they are ahead). Umpire will announce to both coaches when the last inning/time limit is approached.

Coach Pitch Division- The umpire shall be responsible for noting the starting time of each game. A game shall consist of six (6) innings or one (1) hour and fifteen (15) minutes, whichever comes first. No inning shall begin after one (1) hour and five (5) minutes, If an inning is started, the home team should finish the inning (unless they are ahead). Umpire will announce to both coaches when the last inning/time limit is approached.

Major and Minor League Divisions - The umpire shall be responsible for noting the starting time of each game. A game shall consist of six (6) innings or one (1) hour and thirty (30) minutes, whichever comes first. No inning shall begin after one (1) hour and twenty (20) minutes. If an inning starts, the home team should finish the inning (unless they are ahead). Umpire will announce to both coaches when the last inning/time limit is approached.

ALL AGE DIVISIONS If a scheduled game must be delayed due to lack of players, a fifteen (15) time frame will be issued. If after fifteen (15) a team is unable to field a minimum of eight (8) players, the game will be forfeited. If a game is started after the scheduled time, the lost time will NOT be added to the end of playing time. This is to allow a timely start to the second scheduled game, maintain scheduled times, and adhere to Laredo Parks & Rec curfews.

Game Play Rules and Player Safe

- A. All games from T-ball Advance (4-6) Coach Pitch Division (7-8) through Majors Division (11-12) will consist of three (3) outs or five (5) runs per inning, with the sixth (6th) inning bang open. However, all games will adhere to the time limits stated in the Time Limits and Curfews section.
- B. 10 Run-Rule will be applied when a team leads by ten (10) or more runs after four (4) innings (fourth (4th) inning must not be completed if Home Team is ahead).
- C. Protests may be requested prior to any game play for use of an ineligible pitcher or an ineligible player and must be submitted by the manager to the umpire on the field of play. Manager filing a protest must then submit such protest in writing to the local League President within twenty-four (24) hours. The umpire-in-chief shall also submit a report detailing the events being protested.
- D. There will be no headfirst sliding into any base, unless returning to a base. There will be no sliding while the runner is attempting to reach first (1st) base, unless returning to the

base. ALL runners attempting to score must slide or make a reasonable attempt to avoid any collision with the defensive player. A runner who does not slide at home plate while a play is being made or does not make a reasonable attempt to avoid any collision with the defensive player will be automatically called out.

E. When a baserunner is attempting to score on a wild pitch/passed ball, they must remove themselves from the batter's box and allow the catcher and/or pitcher to cleanly and safely attempt to make a play on the baserunner. If a batter does not remove himself, it will be an automatic obstruction call and the baserunner will be ruled safe.

F. Defensive players shall never block the baserunners path to any base. Defensive players who do not have the ball or are not in the act of attempting to make a play on a baserunner shall not place themselves in a position which blocks and/or hinders a baserunner's path to the base.

G. Bats for T-Ball/Coach Pitch/Minors/Majors/Juniors/Seniors Divisions: The bat must be a baseball bat which meets the USA baseball bat standard (USA Bat) as adopted by Little League. It shall be a smooth, rounded stick, and made of wood or of material and color tested and proved acceptable to the USA Baseball Bat standard (USA Bat). Non-wood and laminated bats used in the Little League Majors and below, and Juniors division shall bear the USA Baseball logo satisfying that the bat meets the USA Bat — USA Baseball's Youth Bat Performance Standard. All BPF — 1.15 bats are prohibited. That bat diameter shall not exceed 2 5/8 inches for these divisions of play. Bats meeting the Batted Ball Coefficient of Restitution (BBCOR) standard may also be used in the Junior Division.

i. T-Ball Under the USA Bat standard, certified T-Ball bats (26" and shorter) will feature the USA Baseball mark and text which reads ONLY FOR USE WITH APPROVED TEE BALLS. All T-Ball bats must feature the USA Baseball mark and accompanying text.

ii. Coach Pitch/Minors/Majors It shall not be more than 33" inches in length; nor more than 2 5/8 inches in diameter, and if wood, not less than fifteen-sixteenths (15/16) inches in diameter (7/8 inch for bats less than 30") at its smallest part. Wood bats taped or fitted with a sleeve may not exceed sixteen (16) inches from the small end. Note: Solid one-piece wood barrel bats do not require a USA baseball logo.

iii. Juniors It shall not be more than 34" inches in length; nor more than 2 5/8 inches in diameter, and if wood, not less than fifteen-sixteenths (15/16) inches in diameter (7/8 inch for bats less than 30") at its smallest part. Wood bats taped or fitted with a sleeve may not exceed eighteen (18) inches from the small end. Note: Solid one-piece wood barrel bats do not require a USA baseball logo. Also permitted for Junior Division are bats meeting the BBCOR performance standard and so labeled with a silk screen or other permanent certification mark. The certification mark shall be rectangular, a minimum of a half inch on each side and located on the barrel of the bat in any contrasting color. Aluminum, alloy and composite bats shall be marked as to their material makeup being aluminum, alloy or composite. This marking shall be silkscreen

or other permanent certification mark, a minimum of a half inch on each side and located on the barrel of the bat in any contrasting color.

iv. Seniors It shall not be more than 34" inches in length; nor more than 2 5/8 inches in diameter, and if wood, not less than fifteen-sixteenths (15/16) inches in diameter (7/8 inch for bats less than 30") at its smallest part- Wood bats taped or fitted with a sleeve may not exceed eighteen (18) inches from the small end. The bat shall not weigh, numerically, more than three (3) ounces less than the length of the bat (e.g., a 33-inch-long bat cannot weigh less than 30 ounces). All bats NOT made of a single piece of wood shall meet the Batted Ball Coefficient of Restitution (BBCOR) performance standard, and such bats shall be labeled with a silk screen or other permanent certification mark. The certification mark shall be rectangular, a minimum of a half inch on each side and located on the barrel of the bat in any contrasting color. Aluminum, alloy and composite bats shall be marked as to their material makeup being aluminum, alloy or composite. This marking shall be silkscreen or other permanent certification mark, a minimum of a half inch on each side and located on the barrel of the bat in any contrasting color.

v. In all divisions, non-wood bats must have a grip of cork, tape, or composition material, and must extend a minimum of ten (10) inches from the small end. Slippery tape or similar material is prohibited.

H. If the score is tied after time expires or six (6) complete innings, whoever scored the most runs in the first inning in which BOTH teams scored, is declared the winner.

I. A pitcher is only allowed to pitch while adhering to the Little League Baseball Rules & Regulations:

- a. Minors (9- 10yr olds) seventy-five (75) pitches per day limit
- b. Majors (11-12 yr olds) eighty-five (85) pitches per day limit
- c. Juniors (13-14 yr olds) ninety-five (95) pitches per day limit
- d. Seniors (15-16 yr olds) ninety-five (95) pitches per day limit
- e. 01-20 pitches (zero (0) days rest)
- f. 21-35 pitches (one (1) day rest) 36-50 pitches (two (2) days rest) h.
- 51-65 pitches (three (3) days rest)
- i. 66+ pitches (four (4) days rest)

J. All coaches and players must play their specified and registered division rules. There will be no changes of game play or rules agreed upon at the plate by coaches or by umpire. Coaches or Umpires found in violation of such stated rule may be disqualified for the remainder of the season if approved by the Disciplinary Comm or Board of Directors.

K. Any League Member, Volunteer, Manager, Coach or Assistant Coach assisting on the field or in any league event must wear a league approved uniform with verbiage indicating the position.

L. Any player who has played in the catcher position for four (4) innings in a game, is not

eligible to pitch in the same game- A pitcher who has pitched forty (41) or more pitches cannot play the catcher position in the same game. Catchers MUST have a throat guard (This is a Little League Baseball player safety issue).

- M. Coaches may warm up pitchers at the plate or in the bullpen at their own risk. Other than the catcher, any player must wear a catcher's face mask at minimum to be allowed to warm up the pitcher on the field (This is a Little League Baseball player safety issue).
- N. Dropped third strike and infield fly rules will not apply at the Minors Division (9-10) but will apply at the Majors Division (11-12).
- O. The official scorekeeper will be the home team, but BOTH teams must verify the score after every inning (score must be kept on an official score book and submitted to the concession stand after every game). Home Team will take the third (3rd) base dugout.
- P. All teams in every division may play with eight (8) players minimum (the ninth (9th) batter will be considered an out in the inning in which his turn is up in the lineup).
- Q. A continuous batting order will be used for all games in T-Ball (4-6) and Coach Pitch (7-8) Divisions.
- R. All players must remain in the dugout AT ALL TIMES when not playing on defense or 'batting on offense, outside warm up will not be allowed, no player will be allowed on deck, ALL equipment must be inside the dugout, and ALL gates must remain closed at all times.
- S. No parent is allowed to be in the dugout or on the playing field during any official Little League Baseball event unless authorized by the manager AND having previously submitted an official Little League Baseball Volunteer Registration Form. Managers will be held responsible for their team parents and crowd control. No foul profanity, vulgar language or gestures, or any misconduct will be permitted!!!
- T. A maximum of three (3) coaches are allowed on the playing field. Only one (1) coach is allowed on the field while their team is on defense. Only two (2) coaches are allowed on the field while their team is on offense (or one (1) coach and one (1) player ((player must wear a batting helmet while in the coach's box)). Only the manager (or head coach) is allowed to address any issues, concerns, and/or play calls with the umpire.
- U. Player Re-Entry (Any player who has been removed for a substitute may re-enter the game but must do so in the original position of the batting order in which he was in).
- V. Substitutions.
Defense: Must be made as the team takes the field and announced to the umpire.
Offense: Must be made as the player comes to bat and announced to the umpire.
- W. Defensive Conferences: Managers are allowed two (2) defensive conferences per defensive inning; a pitcher must be removed from mound after a second (2nd) defensive conference in the same inning.

- X. Illegal Bat: All bats will be inspected by the umpire prior to the start of the game. Any batter who is found to be using an illegal bat will be ruled out. Incident will be recorded with the league Board. If any team has a second (2nd) incident where an illegal bat is utilized, both the player and the manager will be ejected from the game. The League Board will vote what further action can and/or shall be taken if deemed necessary.

- Y. Courtesy runner will be allowed for the player in the catcher's position only when two (2) outs have been recorded in the inning.

Scheduling

All games will be scheduled Monday through Sunday (League Board will determine if Saturday games are deemed necessary for scheduling purposes). No game shall be scheduled earlier than 6:00 pm (except on Saturdays). Not including forfeited games; If any game is postponed due to inclement weather or poor field conditions, game will be rescheduled to be played on a later date including but not limiting to weekends. All rescheduled games if necessary will only be rescheduled once no accommodations or reschedules will be made. Once regular season game schedules are made there will be no modifications or changes unless approved by the Board of Directors; game will be noted a forfeit.

T-ball Dugout Divison (Ages 4-5)

- A. All players are allowed on field while on defense play.
- B. All players must be coached and placed behind the pitcher's mound when playing defense.
- C. There will be a maximum 4 coaches when playing offense, one at home assisting the batter, one on first, second and third base.
- D. There will be a maximum of 2 coaches when playing defense, one on left field behind the base and one on right field behind the base and may not interfere with offense coaches.
- E. This division is recreational play only to learn the fundamentals of the game.

T-ball Advance Division(Ages 4-6)

In the T-Ball advance division of play, it's 3 pitches by the coach and 2 swings on the tee. There is one coach pitching overhand to the player, and one coach behind the player in the batter box assisting the player on the tee if they miss the 3 swings. 2 coaches are allowed on the field one on first and third base to direct players with the fundamentals of the game, but coaches shall avoid always contact with a live ball.

- A. The umpire shall be responsible for noting the starting time of each game. There will be three (3) innings or a one (1) hour time limit on all games in the T-Ball division. No inning shall begin after fifty (50) minutes has elapsed.

- B. Each batter will have three (3) swing attempts before being given the tee (if the third (3rd) swing attempt is a foul ball, the batter receives one (1) courtesy swing. On the tee the player has 2 attempts a total of six (6) total possible swing attempts before recorded as an out if the ball is not put into play.
- C. The T-Ball division shall utilize a continuous batting order including players not playing defense (ALL players will be allowed to play on defense in the T-Ball division). Mandatory playing time as outlined in the Little League Official Rules will be followed.
- D. There will be no on deck batters. Only players moving to and from the batter's box should have a bat in hand.
- E. The Coach shall not make physical contact of any sort with a player while the ball is in play. Doing so will result in the player being out (if the player touched by the coach is on offense) or an obstruction call (if the player touched by the coach is on defense).

Coach Pitch (Ages 7-8)

In the Coach Pitch division of play, the batting team's coach shall pitch the ball while in contact with the pitching mound. That coach shall make every effort to not interfere with the play of the game in any manner and will avoid contact with a live ball whenever possible. If the pitching coach makes contact with a batted ball, it will be ruled a dead ball and counted as a pitch towards the batter's allotted five (5) pitches. Batter will return to the batter's box and continue his at bat.

- A. The umpire shall be responsible for noting the starting time of each game. There shall be a one (1) hour and fifteen (15) minutes time limit on all games in the Coach Pitch division. No inning shall begin after one (1) hour and five (5) minutes has elapsed. If an inning has been started, the home team will be allowed to finish the inning unless they are ahead.
- B. Each batter will get five (5) pitches per at bat. If the fifth (5th) pitch is fouled off, the batter will receive a courtesy pitch (limited to one (1) courtesy pitch per batter per at bat).
- C. The Coach Pitch division will utilize a continuous batting order including players not playing defense. Mandatory playing time as outlined in the Little League Official Rules & Regulations shall be adhered to (three (3) defensive outs and one (1) at bat).
- D. The Coach Pitch division may field up to ten (10) players while on defense. Catchers must have full catcher's equipment or be placed away from home plate and to the side while wearing a batter's helmet at minimum.
- E. There will be no on deck batters allowed. Only players moving to and from the batter's box should have a bat in hand.
- F. The Coach shall not make physical contact of any sort with a player while the ball is in play. Doing so will result in the player being out (if the player touched by the coach is on

offense) or an obstruction call (if the player touched by the coach is on defense).

Minors Division (Ages 9-10)

A. In the Minors division of play, the coach shall make every effort to not interfere with the play of the game in any manner and will avoid contact with a live ball whenever possible.

B. The umpire shall be responsible for noting the starting time of each game. There shall be a one (1) hour and thirty minutes (30) time limit on all games in the Minors division. No inning shall begin after one (1) hour and twenty (20) minutes has elapsed. B. Foul balls will be shagged and returned to the umpire by the team on offense.

C. There will NOT be a continuous batting order, including players not playing defense, in the Minors division. Mandatory playing time as outlined in the Little League Official Rules shall be followed (three (3) defensive outs and one (1) at bat).

D. There will be no on deck batters allowed. Only players moving to and from the batter's box should have a bat in hand.

E. The Coach shall not make physical contact of any sort with a player while the ball is in play. Doing so will result in the player being out (if the player touched by the coach is on offense) or an obstruction call (if the player touched by the coach is on defense).

Majors Division (Ages 11-12)

In the Majors division of play, the coach shall make every effort to not interfere with the play of the game in any manner and will avoid contact with a live ball whenever possible.

A. The umpire shall be responsible for noting the starting time of each game. There shall be a one (1) hour and thirty minutes (30) time limit on all games in the Minors division. No inning shall begin after one (1) hour and twenty (20) minutes has elapsed.

B. Foul balls will be shagged and returned to the umpire by the team on offense

C. There will NOT be a continuous batting order, including players not playing defense, in the Minors division. Mandatory playing time as outlined in the Little League Official Rules shall be followed (three (3) defensive outs and one (1) at bat).

D. There will be no on deck batters allowed. Only players moving to and from the batter's box should have a bat in hand.

E. Dropped third (3rd) strike and infield fly rule will be applied at the Majors division of play.

F. One (1) courtesy balk call per pitcher per game will be issued to any pitcher in the Majors division of play.

G. Runners may lead off from the bases. Headfirst sliding will not be allowed on any play unless it is attempting to return to base.

H. The Coach shall not make physical contact of any sort with a player while the ball is in play. Doing so will result in the player being out (if the player touched by the coach is on offense) or an obstruction call (if the player touched by the coach is on defense).

Juniors Division (Ages 13-14)

In the Juniors division of play, the coach shall make every effort to not interfere with the play of the game in any manner and will avoid contact with a live ball whenever possible.

A. The umpire shall be responsible for noting the starting time of each game. There shall be a one (1) hour and thirty minutes (30) time limit on all games in the Minors division. No inning shall begin after one (1) hour and twenty (20) minutes has elapsed.

B. Foul balls will be shagged and returned to the umpire by the team on offense.

C. There will NOT be a continuous batting order, including players not playing defense, in the Minors division. Mandatory playing time as outlined in the Little League Official Rules shall be followed (three (3) defensive outs and one (1) at bat).

D. There will be no on deck batters allowed. Only players moving to and from the batter's box should have a bat in hand.

E. Dropped third (3rd) strike and infield fly rule will be applied in the Juniors division of play.

F. There will be no courtesy on balk calls for any pitcher at the Juniors division of play.

G. Runners may lead off from the bases. Headfirst sliding will be allowed on both, advancing to or returning to a base. Every base runner MUST slide if there is a play at home plate. No collisions will be tolerated and WILL result in base runners being called out and ejected from the game.

H. The Coach shall not make physical contact of any sort with a player while the balls in play, Doing so will result in the player being out (if the player touched by the coach is on offense) or an obstruction call (if the player touched by the coach is on defense).

Seniors Division (Ages 15-16)

A. In the Seniors division of play, the coach shall make every effort to not interfere with the play of the game in any manner and will avoid contact with a live ball whenever possible.

B. The umpire shall be responsible for noting the starting time of each game There shall be a one (1) hour and forty-five minutes (45) time limit on all games in the Seniors division. No inning shall begin after one (1) hour and twenty (20) minutes has elapsed.

C. Foul balls will be shagged and returned to the umpire by the team on offense. C. There will NOT be a continuous batting order, including players not playing defense, in the

Seniors division. Mandatory playing time as outlined in the Little League Official Rules shall be followed (three (3) defensive outs and one (1) at bat).

D. Batters are allowed on deck. Only players moving to and from the batter's box should have a bat in hand.

E. Dropped third (3rd) strike and infield fly rule will be applied in the Seniors division of play.

F. There will be no courtesy on balk calls for any pitcher at the Seniors division of play.

G. Runners may lead off from the bases. Headfirst sliding will be allowed on both, advancing to or returning to a base. Every base runner MUST slide if there is a play at home plate. No collisions will be tolerated and WILL result in base runner being called out and ejected from the game,

H. The Coach shall not make physical contact of any sort with a player while the ball is in play. Doing so will result in the player being out (if the player touched by the coach is on offense) or an obstruction call (if the player touched by the couch is on defense).

Article III.

Committees

A. Disciplinary: Board of Directors will establish a disciplinary committee with a minimum of three members one which must be the President. This committee is for the purpose of determining the merit of allegations or actions and will submit recommendations to the board. Disciplinary committee will meet to review any actions committed at any Hillside Little League program, including but not limited to League officers, Board members, managers, coaches, parents, players, and those desiring to attend games or functions. Anyone unwilling to participate with the disciplinary committee and procedures will be suspended for one year or at the discretion of the board after committee review. Activities or any action that goes against the Little League manual, Official Regulations and playing rules or the leagues Bylaws may be subject to disciplinary action in this committee. Furthermore, any action by any Individual who is in any way involved with or visiting the league may be subject to Disciplinary action.

B. Grievance and General Complaint: Board of directors will establish a Grievance committee to review any and all complaints or concerns that do not fall under the Disciplinary Board scope. The committee will consist of three members, one of which must be the President. These include but not are limited to Field conditions, unfair treatment, Concession, general concerns, league practices etc.

Article IV.

Reports of Poor Conduct

If the Board becomes aware and/or receives reports of unsportsmanlike conduct, profanity, vulgar gestures, and/or any other negative behavior issues, to include conduct off the field that may reflect poorly on LHLL, by any player, manager, coach, or volunteer, the Board may investigate the report and request appearance of by said player, manager, coach, or volunteer before the Disciplinary Committee.. Poor conduct may also include, but not limited to, the disclosure of confidential results of player selection for regular season and tournament teams prior to authorization by the President. No board member will withhold any information from any disciplinary, grievance or poor conduct report. Failure to report will be consideration for removal.

Article V.

Punishment and Sanctions

After completing its review of the conduct issues above, the Board may suspend the player, manager, coach, volunteer or any other person whom the board has jurisdiction over from one or more future games and/or, in the case of extreme misconduct, may terminate the membership of the offending player, manager, coach, volunteer or person for the remainder of the season or duration deemed appropriate.

Article VI.

Election for Conduct

Any player, manager, coach, or volunteer who has been ejected from a game by an umpire for unsportsmanlike conduct, profanity, vulgar gestures, or any other behavior issues is automatically suspended for one game. The Disciplinary board will be advised to interview, investigate and advise the board if any further action is recommended.

Article VII.

Complaints or Protests

1. All judgments (e.g., foul, fair, strikeout, and safe) calls by the umpire are final. The Hillside Little League board does not accept protests of judgment calls.

2. Irregularities that are contrary to Little League baseball / softball handbook or Hillside Little League Bylaws and constitution can be protested. Only a team's manager may protest. Little League Official Regulation and Playing rules rule 4.19 and 10.10 (b) (3) apply to all complaints and protests with the following additions and addendum:

i. If protesting a rule violation, the protest must be filed within 24 hours along with a \$25.00 fee. If the protest goes in favor of the one filing, the fee will be returned. If the protest goes against the one filing the protest, the fee will remain with the league.

ii. The complaint or protest may be given to the officer of the day in lieu of the president. However, the complaint or protest must be filed within 24 hours and be in writing with the fee of \$25.00 attached.

iii. The President, upon receiving the complaint or protest, presents it to the Board of Directors for resolution.

iv. If the Hillside Little league board decides they need to hear statements from both parties involved, the president will call a special meeting. The Hillside Little League board secretary notifies the complainant and the defendant of the special meeting within 3 days of the meeting.

v. Should the complainant fail to appear at the special meeting, the complaint or protest is automatically dismissed. Should the defendant fail to appear, the board may make a decision on the basis of the evidence and statements before them.

vi. If neither party can appear at the special meeting, they should contact the secretary and ask to have it rescheduled.

vii. The board accepts statements only from people having firsthand knowledge.

viii. The Board of Directors decisions are final.

Team Assignments

A. Draft A draft process will be utilized for all league ages (divisions).

B. Secrecy Players shall never be told the position in which they were drafted. Laredo Hillside

C. Blind Draft Process

Step 1: Decide how many teams per division your league will operate for the season. Take the number of eligible players per division that signed up and divide by the number of teams to determine an equal roster size (approximate).

Step 2: Each manager is allowed to place their child/children on their roster and allowed a maximum of six (6) total picks prior to the draft (each manager's child/children will count towards their maximum of six (6) total picks).

Step 3: All remaining eligible player registrations are placed in a nontransparent container by league age (division); all managers in each division will draw numbers to determine the order of draft selection; a single name is selected at random and placed on that manager's roster. This draft selection method will be followed until all registered players have been selected.

D. Siblings Any siblings of the same league age (division) shall be placed on the same team. Should a manager draft a player who has a sibling registered with the league and of the same league age (division), that manager will automatically draft that player's sibling and will skip a turn in the draft's next round.

E. League Age All registered players will be placed in their respective league age (division) as determined by the Little League Baseball, Incorporated League Age Chart; unless prior consent by the player's parent(s) or legal guardian(s) has been given to have said player participate in a higher league age (division).

F. Draft Oversight All draft procedures will be supervised and observed by the League Board Members to ensure draft process integrity remains intact throughout the selection process.

Article VIII.

All-Star

Team Selection Each year the board of directors shall decide the number of tournament teams that will represent Laredo Hillside Little League in All-Star tournament play. For each team, the board will determine the roster size as deemed appropriate and fair.

Manager Selection The manager of the All-Star team will be selected based on the manager with the season's winning record. The second and third place coaches will be assigned as assistant coaches on the All-Star team.

Player Selection Each team will be allowed to nominate a maximum of five players for the all-star team tryouts. Players must be present on all days of the tryouts as part of the selection process. An absence will result in automatic disqualification. Tryouts will be supervised, and the selection process will be monitored by the board of directors and League President. *
*Caution: Any player playing in Mexico or any other place that is little league of America will not be able to participate in any Little League Baseball All-Star tournament.

Article IX.

Player Registration Fees

The Board shall establish player registration donation on an annual basis.

Article X.

Sponsor Fees

The Board shall establish the sponsor donations tier on an annual basis.

Article XI

Food Service/Concession

The sole purpose of the concession stand is to generate revenue for LHLL and its youth. The President shall arrange for management of the Concession Stand.

Article XII

Third Party Services

The League has the authority and the right to hire third party services as needed for league events or any league business. Included but not limited to maintenance, repairs , umpires, or contract labor etc. Any said services must be approved by unanimous vote by Board of Officials

Article XIII

Managers, Coaches, and Volunteers

Required Background Checks

In order to participate within LHLL in any capacity (board member, manager, coach, or volunteer) where contact with children is likely to occur, the participant shall submit a Little League International, Volunteer Registration form and have undergone a national background check through JDP as required by Little League International on an annual basis. The President will review and have a final decision for denying any application in the event a conviction is present. Hillside Little League is conducting a search of the nationwide sex offender registry through JDP for anyone who has committed sexual offenses involving minors. An individual who has been convicted or plead guilty to charges involving or against a minor, no matter when the offense occurred, must not be permitted to work or volunteer. Even though convictions or other offenses may not be against a minor, the Hillside Little League President still may deem these individuals as inappropriate and/or unfit and may prohibit him/her from working as a hired worker or volunteer within the league. The president is ultimately responsible for conducting JDP background checks. Any member or official conducting tests must sign a Confidential Disclosure Agreement. Any and all results are confidential and may not be disseminated to anyone including but not limited to any league member, parent, media or player.

Coach Attire: To better protect our league players, it is mandatory for coaches, managers, and team volunteers to wear a league approved uniform. Uniforms must clearly and visibly identify the position of coach, manager or volunteer. To wear such uniform, the volunteer must be approved by the league by undergoing a JDP background check as mentioned above. In the event a volunteer, coach or manager does not have the shirt available, the league will provide a high Visible Vest with identifying markers during gameplay and must be worn. Failure to meet this standard is grounds for referral to the Disciplinary board. In the event a coach or volunteer refuses to wear a vest they will be asked to leave the field or dugout and are grounds for forfeit. Attire is not required for practice but is recommended for the safety of the players as other family members in care of players might not be familiar with volunteers.

Board Meetings: General League Monthly Board meeting will be held on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Additionally, members will be advised within 3 days of said meeting if there is any change. Special Meetings of the board will have at a minimum 3 day's notice to each official.

Board Member Absenteeism: Board members, officers, or those in official capacity to the league will be asked to resign after missing 2 consecutive meetings whether general or special Board meetings. A $\frac{2}{3}$ vote will be required to dismiss a board member or official if they do not resign. The board in its best capacity will try to amend a date of meeting if sufficient reason is given and a unanimous vote is held for the date change of the next meeting. This is to better serve the league and the member must step aside to find someone who is more available. Missing 4 general monthly board meetings throughout the year will be grounds for dismissal.

Eligibility for Candidacy in Annual Elections

1. **Membership Standing:** Only members in good standing are eligible to run for positions in the annual elections.
2. **Minimum Registration Period:** To qualify as a candidate, a member must have been continuously registered with the league for a minimum of **two (2) years** prior to the election date.
3. **Community Service Requirement:** Candidates must have completed at least **forty (40) documented hours** of community service or volunteer work with the league within the two-year period preceding the election.
4. **Documentation:** Verification of registration duration and community service hours must be provided and approved by the league's election committee or designated officer prior to nomination.

Continuity of Business: For time sensitive business decisions that need to be made for the league, The president with the agreement of one more board member will have the authority to decide in the best interest of the league. This will be only applicable if the President has contacted the board through two different methods without success. This does not include modifications to any contracts or structure of the league. This is for day-to-day business of the league that cannot wait.

All rules, guidelines, and v procedures herein were adopted and reviewed by the board of directors on today's date: January 19, 2025.

** Any rule, regulation, scenario, and/or situation in question not addressed herein, will be referred to the Little League Baseball, Incorporated Rules & Regulations Handbook. Laredo Hillside Little League Board of Directors will then apply the Little League Baseball, Incorporated Rules & Regulations Handbook, Local League's Constitution, Local League's Bylaws, and vote on what is the best decision on said rule, regulation, scenario, and/or situation in question. **