

# **ROCKLEDGE LITTLE LEAGUE LOCAL RULES 2021**

## **1. BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Board of Directors shall consist of the following members. Changes to the Board may be made by a majority vote of the members of the Board. In the event a position cannot be filled, it will remain vacant and the duties will be assumed by the remaining Board members.

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| 1. President <sup>3</sup>     | 10. Auxiliary Coordinator, BB & SB                |
| 2. Vice President, Baseball   | 11. Vice President, BB Tee Ball                   |
| 3. Vice President, Softball   | 12. Vice President, BB Coach Pitch                |
| 4. Secretary                  | 13. Vice President, BB Minor                      |
| 5. Treasurer                  | 14. Vice President, BB Major <sup>1</sup>         |
| 6. Player Agent <sup>2</sup>  | 15. Vice President, BB Junior/Senior <sup>1</sup> |
| 7. Coaching Coordinator       | 16. Equipment Manager                             |
| 8. Safety Officer             | 17. Chief Umpire                                  |
| 9. League Information Officer | 18. Field Maintenance Coordinator                 |

<sup>1</sup> Cannot manage or coach in their division, but may umpire if not on the protest committee.

<sup>2</sup> Cannot manage, coach, or umpire in their division.

<sup>3</sup> Can manage, coach or umpire, if does not serve on the protest committee nor serve as tournament manager or coach.

## **2. REGISTRATION / APPLICATION**

It is the obligation of the Local League to give each child who indicates a desire to become a candidate for the league a chance to “tryout”, providing the requirements of eligibility are met. Notice of dates for registration shall be provided at least one (1) week in advance. Applications shall be accepted on scheduled sign up days only. The Local League may schedule additional sign up days if low enrollment warrants such dates. Any registration application received after tryouts shall be covered by Little League Regulation IV (f).

### **A. ELIGIBILITY**

1. Applicants must show proof of residency or school documentation within the League boundaries as assigned to Rockledge Little League by National Headquarters.
2. Applicants for Little League baseball must meet the Little League Age Requirements for the current season for which the child is registering.
3. Applicants for Little League softball must meet the Little League Age Requirements for the current season for which the child is registering.
4. Parents or guardians must complete the application form and show acceptable proof of the actual birth date, and this shall be deemed official and final for the regular season play.

### **B. REGISTRATION, DONATION, AND MEMBERSHIP FEES**

1. The registration, donation, and membership fees payable to the Local League shall be determined by the Board of Directors and shall be noticed along with the registration dates. No applicant shall be refused the right to participate because of an inability to pay these fees.
2. Should a parent remove their child from the application list before season play begins, the

registration, donation, and membership fees, or part thereof in the case of multiple child families, shall only be refunded as approved by the Board.

3. Should a parent remove their child/children from a team after the season play begins, the registration, donation, and membership fee is not refundable, except as approved by the Board.

#### C. LATE REGISTRATION AND APPLICATION

1. **Pre-draft:** Applications submitted after the final registration date but prior to drafts shall be considered late and assessed a late fee to be determined by the Board. The late fee for 2021 is \$25.00 per player.
2. **Post-draft:** Applications will be accepted after the drafts have taken place, but the names of players attempting to register shall be placed on the Player Agent's list. When the Player Agent's list contains an adequate number of names to maintain equally balanced team roster sizes, the fees will be accepted and the applicants shall be assigned randomly according to the draft order. Post Draft registration due to unique circumstances will be reviewed by the Board of Directors for immediate team placement.
  - a. 12-year-olds: Applications/fees will not be accepted for the Major division after drafts have taken place.

### 3. TRYOUTS

#### A. MINOR, MAJOR, INTERMEDIATE, JUNIOR & SENIOR DIVISIONS

1. All eligible candidates League age 9 through 16 (8-year-olds eligible if moved up early from the Coach Pitch Division) who are not currently on a Major, Junior or Senior team must participate in tryouts to be eligible for selection in the draft. Any candidate failing to attend at least one (1) of the spring tryout sessions shall forfeit eligibility, unless an excuse is presented which is accepted by the Board of directors, in accordance with Article IV(f) of the Little League Baseball Playing Rules. Late applicants shall be handled as in Rule 2. (C) above provided such assignments shall be reviewed by the Player Agent and the Board.
  - a. All candidates League Age 12 MUST participate in at least one (1) of the tryout sessions for placement on a Major division team, unless an exception waiver is approved by the District Administrator prior to the draft.
  - b. All players not attending at least 50% of tryouts sessions will be in the lowest division they are eligible for.
2. Procedure
  - a. Tryouts shall only be conducted with each Manager of that division, or representative thereof, present.
  - b. The Player Agent shall supply each Manager with a complete list of the player applicants showing their League age. The form provided shall allow for each participant to be rated on his or her abilities as defined below.
  - c. The applicants shall be divided into groups by League age. Each player shall, after sufficient warm up, demonstrate his/her abilities as follows:
    - (1) Running
    - (2) Throwing
    - (3) Batting

- (4) Catching
- (5) Fielding

- d. Each manager shall rate the applicants using the point system as described in the Little League Operating Manual. The Managers shall retain their ratings for draft purposes. The Player Agent shall establish a list of candidates available for the draft in each division.

#### B. COACH PITCH & TEE BALL DIVISIONS

- 1. There shall be no tryouts for these divisions.
- 2. All candidates League age 4 through 8 shall be assigned to a team by the random draw.

### 4. PLAYER SELECTION, TRADE, AND PLACEMENT

#### A. PLAYER SELECTION

- 1. As per Little League Rules.
- 2. The draft order shall be as follows:
  - a. SENIOR, JUNIOR, INTERMEDIATE (50/70), MAJOR, MINOR PLAYER PITCH, MINOR COACH PITCH, T-BALL
    - (1) In the reverse order of the combined split season standings (division champion picks last)
    - (2) In the case of a tie, a coin toss shall determine the draft order.
  - b. MINORS
    - (1) Managers will draw draft order out of a hat.
- 3. Player Assignment: Any player not participating in tryouts will be assigned to a team.

#### B. PLAYER TRADE

- 1. As per Little League Rules.

#### C. PLAYER REPLACEMENT

- 1. As per Little League Rules.
- 2. A Rockledge Little League Player Replacement Form shall be submitted to the Player Agent for action, who shall then submit it to the Board of Directors.
- 3. When a player is lost to a team for the purpose of moving up a division, the player shall be replaced from the Player Agent's list or as soon as a player becomes available, subject to Rule 2. (C).
  - a. Under no circumstances shall the new Manager talk to the player, his/her parents, or the Manager of the team from which the player is leaving until the Player Agent has been notified.
- 4. In the event a player is lost from a team for any other reason, the Manager must notify the Player Agent within four (4) calendar days. The Player Agent shall assign a replacement player from his/her list or when a player becomes available subject to Rule 2. (C). If not notified, Player Agent or Vice President-Baseball/Vice President-Softball will assign a player.
- 5. In the event a player is lost from a Major Division team, the Manager must notify the Player Agent of the loss within four (4) calendar days, and must submit to the Player Agent the name of a Minor Division player to replace the lost player. If the selected Minor Division player

refuses to accept the move to the Major Division, said player will forfeit further eligibility in the Major Division for the current season and will forfeit all-star eligibility for that year. (If special circumstances exist that would make it unreasonable for said player to transfer to the Major Division, the board by majority vote may restore said players all-star eligibility.)

## 5. DIVISION STRUCTURE

### A. BASEBALL

1. Tee Ball: League age 4, 5 and 6\*.
  - \* Six-year-olds can advance to Coach Pitch after participation in Tee Ball (Rockledge Little League) for one year and a recommendation from the player's previous year's Manager, subject to Board approval.
2. Coach Pitch: League age 7\* and 8
  - \* Can play in Tee Ball per individual option, only with approval of the Player Agent, Vice President-Baseball, and Division Vice President.
3. Minor: League age 8\* through 11, and including 12\*\* year olds with approved waivers
  - \* Eight- (8-) year-olds may play in Minor division with a recommendation from the player's previous year's Manager, subject to Board approval.
  - \*\* Twelve-year-olds who are assigned to the Minor Division with an approved waiver may not pitch.
4. Major: League age 9\* through 12
  - \* Nine- (9-) year-olds who played the previous year in the Minor Division may try out in the Major division, subject to Board approval.
5. Intermediate (50/70): League age 11 through 13
6. Junior: League age 13 and 14
  - a. If number of players registered is not adequate, then 13 through 15
7. Senior: League age 13 through 16

### B. SOFTBALL

1. Coach Pitch: League Age 7 through 8
2. Minor: League age 7\* through 11
  - \* Seven (7) & Eight (8) year-olds may play in Minor division with a recommendation from the player's previous year's Manager or Board Approval.
3. Major: League age 9\* through 12
  - \* Nine (9) year-olds who played the previous year in the Minor Division may try out in the Major division.
4. Junior: League age 13 and 14\*
  - \* If number of players registered is not adequate, then 13 through 15
5. Senior: League age 13 through 16

## 6. TRAINING AND PRACTICE

#### A. TRAINING SESSIONS

1. The Local League shall provide training sessions for Managers, Coaches, Umpires, and Scorekeepers. League members appointed to any of these positions are expected to attend all training sessions offered.
2. Scorekeepers and Umpires are expected to attend training clinics to ensure scorekeeping and umpiring methods shall be consistent for all games.
  - a. The home team shall provide a scorekeeper, and there should be two (2) alternates, who have attended a Scorekeeper's clinic.
  - b. Each team shall provide two Umpires who have attended an Umpire's clinic.

#### B. PRE-SEASON TEAM PRACTICES

1. Each Manager shall hold not less than 2, but not more than 5, practices per week. Practice games (only permitted before the start of the season) shall be limited to 2 per week and shall be held only with teams in their respective division. It is recommended the total number of practice games and practices shall not exceed the 5 per week. Little League Rules pertaining to pitching record limits shall apply to preseason games.
2. Managers shall keep attendance records and report to the Player Agent or Division Vice President any player who does not attend at least 50% of all team practices. If the absences are deemed unexcused, the Board shall determine any discipline under Article III Section 4 (b) of the Rockledge Little League Constitution.
3. No Manager or Coach shall conduct a practice prior to the date established by the Board of Directors. Any Manager or Coach found to have violated this Rule is subject to disciplinary action under Article III Section 4 (a) of the Rockledge Little League Constitution.
4. There shall be no practices or games prior to 12:00 noon on Sunday in Rockledge Little League.
5. There must be a minimum of 1 manager and 1 coach, or two (2) coaches at **ALL** team meetings.

#### C. SEASON PRACTICES

1. During regular season play, each Manager shall hold at least 1, but not more than 3, practices per week.
2. There shall be no Sunday practices or games prior to 12:00 noon in Rockledge Little League.
3. There must be a minimum of 1 manager and 1 coach, or two (2) coaches at **ALL** team meetings.

- D. All practice sessions will be held at locations within the Rockledge Little League Boundaries, unless prior approval has been received from the Board of Directors.

#### E. VIOLATIONS

Violations of these Rules shall result in disciplinary action. The sanctions shall range from a written warning (1st offense) to suspension for any subsequent offense. The Board of Directors shall decide all such disciplines.

### 7. PRE-GAME AND POST-GAME PROCEDURES

#### A. FIELD PREPARATION

1. HOME TEAM:

- a. The Manager and Coach of the home team shall be responsible for the preparation of the playing field before the scheduled starting time. Visiting teams are encouraged to assist to hasten preparation time.
- b. The field should be relined before each game and, if necessary, the clay watered and the plate & mound areas raked.
- c. The home team is responsible for providing the scorekeeper and announcer. No one under the age of 13 is permitted in the press box at any field.
- d. The home team shall be responsible for staffing and operating the concession stand. Failure to comply will result in forfeiture of that game by the home team.
- e. No person under the age of 13 is permitted in the concession stand during the operation; no pets are permitted at any time. NO EXCEPTIONS.
- f. If only one umpire is at the game, the home team shall be responsible for supplying a base umpire for the game. Current Rockledge Little League players will be allowed to umpire as long as they are not playing in that division or below. If UIC is unable to supply an umpire for the game, the Home team will be required to supply both umpires for that game. Failure to comply will result in forfeiture of that game by the home team.

2. Game balls shall be provided as follows:

- (1) The umpires shall provide 2 new balls each game and shall return the balls to the league at the conclusion of the game.
  - (2) In the Tee Ball and Coach Pitch Divisions, the home team will supply the game balls.
3. The home team of each game shall be responsible for returning all field equipment to the appropriate storage area and shall remain at the field until the Concession workers are finished and escort them to their vehicles.
  4. After each game, both team Managers and Coaches shall see that the dugouts are clean.
  5. The home team manager shall post the score and all pitch counts, both Home and Away within 48 hours.
  6. All games shall be played on the fields they are scheduled, unless prior approval has been obtained from the Vice President of the division involved.

B. PRE-GAME DRILLS

1. Twenty-five (25) minutes before game time, the visiting team shall take the field for a 10-minute drill.
2. Fifteen (15) minutes before game time, the home team shall take the field for a 10-minute drill and remain on the field in anticipation of starting the game.
3. In the event the pre-game drills would delay the game time, the Umpire in charge shall have the authority to shorten the pre-game drill times.
4. Hitting the ball into the chain link fences is not permitted.
5. Pitching into the chain link fences is not permitted.

C. LINE-UP CARDS

1. All players shall be listed on the line-up card for recording in the official scorebook.

2. Little League Baseball, Incorporated requires each player in attendance at the start of each game shall participate for at least 6 consecutive outs and have at least 1 turn at bat.
  - a. Any Manager who disregards this rule shall be disciplined as follows:
    - (1) First offense - written warning
    - (2) Second offense - Manager suspension for the game
    - (3) Third offense - Manager suspension for the remainder of the season
3. In order to assure compliance with the above rule, all players, whether present or absent, shall be listed as follows:
  - a. Injured/sick.....cannot play
  - b. Disciplined.....cannot play
  - c. Absent.....may play if arrives late
  - d. Blank.....shall play
4. If a player has 2 unexcused game absences, it must be reported to the Player Agent within 4 days for the Player Agent to investigate and the player may be replaced according to Rule 4 (C)(4) of these Rules.
5. The Managers and Umpires shall verify that the Official Scorekeeper is in possession of both line-ups prior to pre-game drills.
6. Substitutions shall be made in accordance with Little League Baseball, Incorporated Rules and Regulations with the following exceptions:
  - a. Baseball Coach Pitch and Minor substitutions shall be for defensive players only.
  - b. Softball Tee Ball and Baseball Tee Ball have no substitutions (i.e. all players shall have a defensive position, with a maximum of 6 players at all regular infield positions. All other players MUST be in the outfield grass).
  - c. All Coach Pitch and Minor players present shall bat in the line-up.
  - d. Tee Ball shall bat a maximum of 1 time through the lineup, or 3 outs, per half inning.
  - e. Late arrivals shall be immediately reported to the Official Scorekeeper for the means of maintaining the official playing record.
7. Player participation requirements for Minor Division Baseball
  - a. The Board of Directors recognizes the continuous batting order for Minor Division Baseball, in accordance with Little League Baseball, Incorporated Official Playing Rule 4.04. The continuous batting order will include all players on the team roster who are present for the game. Players who are marked “absent” on the lineup and arrive after the game has started may be placed at the end of the batting order upon their arrival.

#### D. GAME LIMITING RESTRICTIONS

1. All play ceases for the half inning when there are 3 outs or the entire line up has batted and the ball is dead in all Coach Pitch and Tee Ball games.
2. In the event any team cannot field a complete team within 15 minutes of the scheduled game time, the Division Vice President and the Scheduling Committee shall reschedule the game.
3. 10-Run Rule shall be as follows:
  - a. Baseball
    - (1) In the Minor Division, the 10-Run rule is not observed.

- (2) In Major, Intermediate, Junior and Senior divisions, the 10-run-rule shall apply after a regulation game (Majors - 3 ½ innings if the home team is ahead and 4 innings if the visiting team is ahead; Juniors and Seniors - 4 ½ innings if the home team is ahead and 5 innings if the visiting team is ahead).
  - (3) In Major, Intermediate, Junior and Senior divisions, the 15-run-rule shall apply after a regulation game (Majors - 2 ½ innings if the home team is ahead and 3 innings if the visiting team is ahead; Juniors and Seniors - 3 ½ innings if the home team is ahead and 4 innings if the visiting team is ahead).
- b. Softball
  - (1) In Minor, Major, Junior and Senior divisions, the 10-run-rule shall apply after a regulation game (Juniors and Seniors - same as above; Minors and Majors – same as above).
  - (2) In Major, Junior and Senior divisions, the 15-run-rule shall apply after a regulation game (Majors - 2 ½ innings if the home team is ahead and 3 innings if the visiting team is ahead; Juniors and Seniors - 3 ½ innings if the home team is ahead and 4 innings if the visiting team is ahead).
  - (3)
4. The 5-run-rule shall be in effect for the following divisions:
  - a. Baseball
    - (1) Minor division until 5 complete innings for both sides.
  - b. Softball
    - (1) Minor and Coach Pitch divisions for the entire game.
5. Baseball Tee Ball Time Limit:
  - a. 1 hour and 30 minutes from the scheduled game time.
  - b. No ball shall be put in play after the time limit.
6. Baseball Coach Pitch Time Limit:
  - a. 1 hour and 45 minutes from the scheduled game time.
  - b. No ball shall be put in play later than 1 hour and 45 minutes after SCHEDULED game time.
7. Baseball Minor Division Time Limits:
  - a. No inning shall start after 2 hours and 10 minutes from the scheduled start of the game.
  - b. No game shall continue after 2 hours and 30 minutes from the scheduled start of the game, batter in the box will compete the bat.
  - c. If the inning is not completed, the score shall revert back to the last completed inning.
  - d. No new inning shall begin after curfew (10:00 p.m.).
  - e. A regulation game that ends in a tie shall count as a half-game win and a half-game loss.
    - (1) If a tied game needs to be continued to determine final standings, it shall be a Board of Directors decision.
  - f. The Umpire shall call no illegal pitches during the first half of the season. The Umpire shall call no pitch and explain the rule to the party causing the illegal pitch.



8. Baseball Major and Junior Time Limit:
  - a. 3-hour time limit from Umpire's official start time.
9. Softball Coach Pitch Time Limit:
  - a. 1 hour and 45 minutes from the scheduled game time.
  - b. No ball shall be put in play after the time limit.
10. Softball Minor Division Time Limits:
  - a. No inning shall start after 2 hours and 10 minutes from the scheduled start of the game.
  - b. No game shall continue after 2 hours and 30 minutes from the scheduled start of the game.
  - c. If the inning is not completed, the score shall revert back to the last completed inning.
  - d. If a tie occurs, it shall count as a half-game win and a half-game loss.
  - e. An 11" ball shall be used and the pitching distance shall be 35 feet.
  - f. To comply with the mandatory minimum playing time, the Manager shall enter all substitutes who have not played up to that point at the 1 hour and 15 minute mark.
11. Other time limits:
  - a. All games other than the Baseball Minor Games previously defined and the last scheduled game of the day shall stop 30 minutes prior to the next scheduled game.
  - b. The last scheduled game of the day, other than those defined above, shall be governed by curfew as set by Little League Baseball, Incorporated.

#### E. SCHEDULE CHANGES

1. The Scheduling Committee of the Division Vice Presidents shall prepare the schedule of games for the regular season. The Division Vice President must approve any changes in the regular season schedule in advance.
2. In the event a team Manager knows he/she cannot field a team for a scheduled game, he/she must notify the Player Agent in writing requesting a pool player at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled game. In the event a team Manager knows he/she cannot field a team for a scheduled game, he/she must notify the Division Vice President in writing citing the reason at least 8 hours prior to the scheduled game. The Division Vice President shall then notify the opposing team Manager, the Chief Umpire, and Concession Personnel. Failure to comply with this rule shall result in disciplinary action as defined in Rule 6 (E) of these rules.
  - a. If the team that caused the reschedule cannot field a team on the make-up date, it is a forfeit.
3. Rescheduled games, rain-out games and make-up games shall be played the next available open day and in the order in which they were scheduled to be played.
  - a. The Board of Directors shall approve any exception.
4. Games shall not be rescheduled or moved to a different field by team Managers or Coaches, unless the field condition is unplayable, in which case the game can be moved to an available field.
5. Games shall begin on time. Games that do not begin at their scheduled time due to an act by either team (i.e. waiting for a late player) shall not run late and interfere with the start of

games scheduled to follow. Games affected by inclement weather or field availability shall not apply and the game time shall become the Umpire's official start time.

6. All games shall be played by the Little League Rules and Regulations as adopted by Little League Baseball, Incorporated and these Standing Rules. These Standing Rules shall not be changed, even with the agreement of both Managers, except by the Board of Directors.

#### F. TIE GAMES

In the event a tied game occurs in the Major division or above, the game shall be continued if time permits. If time does not permit, the game shall be continued at a later date following Little League Rules and Regulations.

### 8. LOCAL GROUND RULES

#### A. DUGOUTS

1. At all Rockledge Little League fields, the dugout shall mean the players bench, the building, and the concrete area at the end or in front but behind the chain link fence and under cover.
2. In order to permit an unobstructed view, two (2) adults (Manager or Coaches) may be allowed to STAND and watch the game from a point outside the dugout as previously described, but touching the chain link fence post.
  - a. This does not exempt the adult from Little League Baseball, Incorporated Rule 7.11 and any infraction shall be handled according to Little League Baseball, Incorporated Rule 3.16.
  - b. The Umpire shall have the authority to revoke this privilege at any time.
  - c. This rule does not apply to Tee ball and Coach Pitch.

#### B. NETTING

Any ball hitting the netting above the chain link fence at Simmons field is out of play and Little League Baseball, Incorporated Rule 7.05(g) shall apply.

#### C. GRASS INFIELDS

1. To avoid excessive damage to the grass, the batter shall not be permitted to stand between home plate and the backstop during practice games. Likewise, the pitcher shall not be permitted to pitch from a point in the grass in front of the rubber.

#### D. BATTING CAGES

1. On October 14, 2007, the Board of Directors adopted policy in connection with the use of its four batting cages. Two cages are located at McLarty Park (Minor and Major fields), and two are located at Rockledge Park (Softball and Senior Baseball fields). The cages are to be used by Rockledge Little League participants only, and then only during bona fide Rockledge Little League activities (Spring Seasons, District Tournaments, All Star Tournaments, and Fall Ball). When not in use for Rockledge Little League activities, the cages will remain locked. Use by any other baseball or softball associations, or the public at large, is strictly prohibited; violators will be subject to harsh penalties.

### 9. FIELD DECORUM

- A. Accurate and current pitching records shall be kept in the official scorebook. These records shall be available at all games and may be reviewed by the opposing team Manager or the Umpire.

1. Each Manager is encouraged to keep his/her records current in their team scorebook for their own pitching scheduling purposes.
  2. Under no circumstances shall any team Manager remove the official scorebook from the playing field.
  3. Each Manager is encouraged to review the official scorebook following each game to ensure the pitching of record is accurate.
  4. If there is a pitching record disagreement, the official scorebook shall be final.
- B. The throwing of equipment in an unsportsmanlike manner shall not be tolerated. Any Manager, Coach, or Player committing such an act shall be disciplined. The sanction may be a verbal warning to ejection from the game, depending on the Umpire's discretion. (i.e. if a player slings the bat, the Umpire may give a verbal warning to the team for the first offense and eject for any subsequent offense.)
  - C. The League President shall be notified in writing, by the Chief Umpire, within 24 hours of the names of any Managers, Coaches, or Players ejected from a game. An ejected person shall not re-enter a game or participate in a game in any manner. An ejected Manager or Coach must sit out the next two (2) games prior to participating in another Little League game. An ejected Manager or Coach must also appear before the Disciplinary Committee with further sanctions as a possibility. An ejected Player must sit out the next game. The Player must also appear before the Disciplinary Committee with further sanctions as a possibility.
  - D. The Manager and Coach or 2 Coaches shall be at all practices and games. At no time shall a team or any player be left unsupervised during or after a practice session or game.
  - E. The Manager and Coach of the team shall be responsible for the actions of their players and spectators. He/she shall be asked to control the games, so the game being played and the stands shall be conducted as exemplified by Little League Baseball, Incorporated, emphasizing fair play, good behavior, and good sportsmanship. The Umpire in charge or any Local League Official shall assist the Manager, if necessary, by halting the game until good order is restored or the individuals causing the disruption have been removed from the premises.
  - F. Each team shall appoint a "Team Parent" to assist the Local League in coordinating parent participating in meeting volunteer needs, including Concession responsibilities, fund raisers, work parties, picture day, special events for the players, Local League Auxiliary, and provide baked or other goods for fund raising activities. Remind all parents and guardians there is no paid staff for the Local League - everything relies on volunteer participation.
  - G. Managers may request to suspend players for disciplinary reasons. The Manager shall notify the Player Agent and the Division Vice President of any such request indicating the reason. If necessary, the Board of Directors shall decide any punishment as covered under Article III, Section 4 (b) of the Rockledge Little League Constitution.

# 10. LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

## A. PLAYING SEASON – MAJOR, INTERMEDIATE, JUNIOR, SENIOR DIVISIONS

1. Rockledge Little League shall play by the split season format.

## B. DETERMINATION OF CHAMPION – MAJOR, INTERMEDIATE, JUNIOR, SENIOR DIVISIONS

1. First half and second half winners shall be decided as follows:
  - a. Best win/loss record for the RLL vs RLL games determines the first/second half winner. Inter-league games are not included in determining a first/second half winner.

- b. If 2 teams are tied at the end of the half season, the winner shall be determined by a 1-game play-off scheduled 4 days following the half season end.
  - c. If 3 or more teams are tied at the end of the half season, the winner shall be determined by the guidelines set forth in the Little League Operating Manual.
    - (1) The Rule shall be published to the teams involved prior to the scheduling of the play-off game(s).
  - d. In the event time does not allow for the play-off game for the first half, the first time the 2 teams meet in the second half shall be the play-off game and that scheduled game shall be rescheduled.
2. The season winner shall be determined as follows:
- a. The first and second half winners shall have a play-off consisting of the best 2 out of 3 games.
  - b. The play-off shall begin 4 days following the season end.
  - c. The play-off schedule shall be 1 game on 2 consecutive days, 3 days off, then the final game.
  - d. If there is a play-off for the second half winner, the championship play-off shall begin 4 days following the second half play-off.
  - e. In the event inclement weather prevents the above, the play-off schedule shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

#### C. PLAYING SEASON – MINOR DIVISION BASEBALL

RLL VS RLL games will be played competitively and will be scored by an official scorekeeper, and the game scores WILL count toward division standings. Best win/loss record for the RLL vs RLL games determines the division standing. Inter-league games are not included in determining division standings.

#### D. DETERMINATION OF CHAMPION – MINOR DIVISION BASEBALL

- 1. The Minor Division champion will be determined by single-elimination tournament play at the season end.
  - a. The number of teams participating in the tournament is dependent upon the standings and the total number of teams participating in the Minor Division. This issue will be decided annually by the Board of Directors.
- 2. The championship games shall be played in accordance with regular season rules of the Minor division.

### 11. ALL-STARS

- A. After the deadline for players to return their all-stars commitment forms, the board shall decide what divisions to enter in the Little League International Tournament.

#### B. SELECTION OF MANAGER AND COACH

- 1. Baseball: Senior, Junior, and Intermediate Divisions
  - a. The Senior Champion Manager shall Manage the Senior All-Star team.
  - b. The Senior second place Manager shall Coach the Senior All-Star team.
  - c. The Junior Champion Manager shall Manage the Junior all-Star team.

- d. The Junior second place Manager shall Coach the Junior All-Star team.
  - e. The Intermediate Champion Manager shall Manage the Junior all-Star team.
  - f. The Intermediate second place Manager shall Coach the Junior All-Star team.
  - g. If the positions cannot be filled as described above, the Board of Directors shall fill the position(s) with a season Manager or Coach from that Division or above.
  - h. The Manager of the All-Star team shall be decided not later than one (1) week following the final game of the season.
2. Softball: Senior and Junior Division
- a. The Senior Champion Manager shall manage the Senior All-Star team.
  - b. The Senior second place Manager shall Coach the Senior All-Star team.
  - c. The Junior Champion Manager shall manage the Senior All-Star team.
  - d. The Junior second place Manager shall Coach the Senior All-Star team.
  - e. If the positions cannot be filled as described above, the Board of Directors shall fill the position(s) with a season Manager or Coach from the Division.
3. Major, 9, 10 & 11, and 8, 9 & 10 Divisions - Baseball and Softball
- a. The Major Champion Manager shall have the option to manage either the Major, or the 9-11, or the 8-10 All-Star team.
  - b. The Major second place Manager has the option to coach either the Major or 9-11 team, or select one option not taken by the Major Champion Manager.
  - c. The Major third place Manager has the option to choose any position not selected by the second place Manager.
  - d. The Major fourth place Manager will assume the remaining position not selected by the third place Manager.
  - e. The Minor Champion Manager shall coach the 8-10 All-Star team.
  - f. If the positions cannot be filled as described above, the Board of Directors shall fill the position(s) with a season Manager or Coach from the Major or Minor Division in accordance with Little League Baseball Tournament Rules.
  - g. The Managers of the All-Star teams and Coach of the 8-10 All Star team shall be decided not later than one (1) week following the final game of the season.
4. The second Coach for each All-Star team shall be selected by the Manager from season Managers or Coaches from that Division or above.
5. All Star managers and coaches are subject to final approval from the Board of Directors.

#### C. SELECTION OF PLAYERS

- 1. Players must be willing to commit to 100% participation to be eligible for All-Star selection. If a player knows they are going to miss 5 or more days (not due to illness or injury) once All-Star practice is allowed to begin, that player will be ruled ineligible for All-Star selection. EXCEPT IN RARE INSTANCES ONLY AS DETERMINED BY THE RLL BOARD.
- 2. The Senior, Junior, Intermediate, and Major (10-12) Divisions shall use the following format to select the All-Stars.

- a. Before the players are nominated, the board shall decide the amount of players they are intending to have on the team. If that number is 12 (per Little League rules, it has to be at least 12), then all Season Managers from that Division shall rate 10 nominees, 1 through 10, with 10 having the highest value. If the number of players is 13, then all Season Managers from that Division shall rate 11 nominees, 1 through 11, with 11 having the highest value. Managers can not rate players from the team they managed during the season.
    - (1) The 10 or 11 (Depending on roster size) highest rated nominees shall be the All-Star team.
    - (2) The Division All-Star Manager then selects 2 additional players from the player nominee ballot.
    - (3) The Division All-Star Manager has the option, subject to Board approval, to select a 14th player from the player nominee ballot if their original roster size was 13.
  - b. Those eligible to attend the individual All-Star drafts include the Player Agent, League President, related League Vice President, related Division Vice President, and the Season Managers from the related Division. Any additional or substitute attendees must be approved by the Player Agent.
  - c. If an All-Star Division team can not field at least 12 players due to lack of participation or only has one team in the Division, the Board shall decide whether or not to field an All-Star team in that particular Division. If the answer is in the affirmative, then all players eligible and willing to participate will be selected for All-Stars, regardless of the number.
3. The 8-10 and 9-11 Divisions shall use the following format to select the All-Stars.
    - a. The Manager and Coach of the 8-10 and the 9-11 All Star Teams shall select either 12 or 13 players from the list of eligible players.
    - b. The All-Star Manager has the option, subject to Board approval, to select a 14th player from the list of eligible players.
    - c. Those eligible to attend the individual All-Star drafts include the Player Agent, League President, related League Vice President, Major and Minor Division Vice Presidents, and the All-Star Manager and Coach of the individual team. Any additional or substitute attendees must be approved by the Player Agent.
  4. The Draft Order for selection of the All Star Division Teams shall be:  
SENIOR, JUNIOR, INTERMEDIATE (50/70), 10-12, 9-11, 8-10

#### D. RULES

1. There shall be no All-Star activity until the date set by Little League Baseball, Incorporated.
2. Rockledge Little League All-Stars shall be governed by Rules and Regulations set by Little League Baseball, Incorporated.
3. Every parent or guardian of each All-Star member shall sign a League generated form acknowledging the potential financial responsibilities that come with having a child on the All-Star team.
4. Rockledge Little League shall be responsible for the team and coaches only when it comes to All-Star travel expenses (meals, lodging, transportation and incidentals (Ice,

cage time, game time drinks, snacks, etc)). Each tournament level will be covered as follows:

- District Tournament Level: This is a local tournament. No travel expenses are deemed necessary therefore none are to be covered.
- Sectional Tournament Level: If the tournament it is held within district boundaries, no travel expenses are deemed necessary therefore none are to be covered. If held outside district boundaries, this is a one day tournament. If the location of tournament is more than 150 miles, one way, from Rockledge, the league will provide no more than three (3) hotel rooms for the **manager and coaching staff only** the night prior to the tournament. No other lodging is deemed necessary therefore it is not to be covered. The team and coaches are to be provided 1 meal, either lunch or dinner. The limit is \$10 per person. Incidentals are to be covered, as well as transportation to and from the tournament. If, due to inclement weather or other reasons beyond the team's control, the tournament is suspended until the following day, state tournament rules (see below) as far as hotel rooms will apply if the tournament site is located more than 150 miles, one way, from Rockledge. In this case, the league will also cover breakfast (\$5/person) and one additional meal (\$10/person) for coaches and players as well. If the tournament site is less than 150 miles, one way, from Rockledge and is suspended for reasons described above, the league will provide one extra meal at \$10 per person and cover the additional transportation costs as well. Please see below as to how these expenses will be handled.
- State Tournament Level: If the tournament is held within district boundaries, no travel expenses are deemed necessary therefore none are to be covered. If held outside district boundaries, the league will provide no more than eight (8) hotel rooms for the team and coaches. The league will also provide breakfast, lunch and dinner for the team and coaches. The limit is \$35 per person per day. Incidentals are to be covered, as well as transportation to and from the tournament. The lodging, meals and incidentals will be covered for the time period that the team is required to be at the tournament for as long as the team remains in the tournament. Please see below as to how these expenses will be handled as well as a more detailed breakdown of the hotel room coverage.
- Regional Tournament Level: The Regional Tournament hosts are responsible for providing lodging, so lodging is not to be covered by the league. The Regional Tournament hosts provide breakfast and lunch as well, so the league is responsible for providing dinner for the team and coaches. The limit is \$15 per person per day. Incidentals are to be covered, as well as transportation to and from the tournament. Any meals and incidentals will be covered for the time period that the team is required to be at the tournament for as long as the team remains in the tournament. Please see below as to how these expenses will be handled. If the Regional Tournament is held within district boundaries, the league will only cover the cost of providing the meals required by the tournament, as well as incidentals if needed. Transportation and meals not required are deemed not necessary therefore those expenses will not be covered.

World Series Level: Little League International provides transportation, meals and lodging for the team and coaches. Therefore the league is not required to cover any of these costs. Incidentals are to be covered, as well as transportation to and from the airport. The incidentals will be covered for the time period that the team is required to be at the tournament for as long as the team remains in the tournament. Please see below as to how these expenses will be handled.

For the State Tournament Level (Outside District Boundaries) hotel rooms, the league will provide up to eight (8) rooms for the players and coaches. This would allow a team of 13 plus 3 coaches to have two persons per room. The number of rooms would be reduced when:

- a. The team does not have as many members and coaches.
- b. The league has more than one team in the State Tournament and does not have the requisite funds to provide rooms that allow 2 per room.
- c. The league does not have the funds to provide rooms that allow 2 per room.

For b. and c. above, the number of people per room would have to increase to no more than 4 per room to make it fiscally feasible to accommodate the team and coaches. The league shall decide before the tournament how many rooms it is able to provide.

For transportation expenses, the league will provide a mileage log to each team member and coach. Each log will have a beginning odometer reading and an ending odometer reading. At the end of each level of play, other than the World Series, the logs are to be turned into the league Treasurer and the Treasurer will reimburse each mileage log turned in based on the current Federal Mileage Rate for charitable uses (current at \$.14/mile). Failure to turn in a mileage log will result in forfeiture of reimbursement. For the World Series Tournament, the league is to provide transportation to and from the airport via passenger service. If the team forgoes this option, the league will not provide parking, tolls or mileage.

For each tournament level, the expenses (other than transportation expenses) can be handled one of two ways:

1. Each team can appoint a parent, who is a league member in good standing as the team treasurer. The team treasurer will need to sign a league provided document acknowledging their fiduciary responsibility and the penalties for failing to uphold that responsibility. The league will provide an estimated expense amount for this person to cover the travel costs of the team, as well as an expense report type document where they can keep track of all of the expenses. The team treasurer must account for all of the expenditures, including hotel rooms, on the expense report with receipts and turn them into the league Treasurer at the conclusion of the tournament level. Any surplus money shall be returned to the league. Any additional receipts deemed acceptable by the league Treasurer shall be reimbursed to the team treasurer for distribution.
2. Each team member and coach will be provided an expense report type document that should be turned in at the conclusion of every level of play. Each expense item listed, including hotel rooms, must have an accompanying receipt, clearly noting what expense was paid for the player or coach. Failure to attach the receipt will result in forfeiture of reimbursement. The hotel room reimbursement shall be divided equally among the expense reports turned in, with accompanying receipts, based on the number of rooms the league had agreed to provide. All other receipts will be reimbursed based on the discretion of the league Treasurer.



12. GENERAL MATTERS

- A. All Managers and Coaches, after approved by the Board of Directors, shall attend a Managers/Coaches meeting.
  - 1. A mandatory meeting shall be held prior to the commencement of the playing season.
- B. When a work party is scheduled for field maintenance, all Managers and Coaches are expected to attend with team representatives.
  - 1. It is the responsibility of all members of the Local League (parents, as well as Managers, Coaches, and League Officials) to assist with maintaining the fields as a safe and pleasant place for our children.
  - 2. Parents shall be encouraged to assist in this vital function.
- C. To ensure the safety of players, parents, children, and visitors to Rockledge Little League playing fields,
  - 1. Warm-ups shall only be allowed within the confines of the fenced playing area or an area specifically designated for warm-up.
  - 2. No item, including stones, tennis balls, dirt clumps, etc., shall be thrown on the premises.
  - 3. Nothing shall be struck with a bat except a baseball or softball, and then only in the confines of the playing field, batting cage, or during a practice session.
  - 4. Violators may be asked to leave the premises.
  - 5. Players who violate these rules can or may be suspended at least 1 game, including that day's scheduled game.
    - a. The Board of Directors, depending on the seriousness and/or frequency, may add additional games.
  - 6. The Managers, Coaches, Umpires, parents, and League Officials shall enforce these rules.
  - 7. Any Manager or Coach who knowingly fails to follow any part of these rules shall be disciplined under Article III, Section 4 (a) of the Rockledge Little League Constitution.
  - 8. No child shall be dropped off at the field and left unsupervised at any game involving Rockledge Little League.
    - a. Parents/guardians shall be notified immediately and asked to pick their child up.
  - 9. Children shall not be allowed to climb on any dugouts, fences, trees, or roofs at Rockledge Little League fields.
  - 10. Children shall not be allowed to enter equipment rooms and areas, dugouts, or playing fields unless they are participants of the currently scheduled game or practice.
  - 11. All injuries or accidents shall be reported immediately to the Safety Officer or the Division Vice President so that a report may be filed with the County as required by our Brevard County contract, insurance company, and the Local League Safety Officers.
  - 12. Batting helmets shall be worn by all base runners, player base coaches, and on-deck batters (Junior and Senior Divisions only). Helmets shall be kept on until the player is in the dugout. Any player who violates this rule can be disciplined. There shall be one warning per team for any player who violates this rule. The second offense shall result in the player being ejected. Further sanctions may be imposed if felt necessary in the Umpire's judgment.

13. A minimum of two (2) names per team to umpire shall be submitted by each Manager.
- D. Managers and Coaches shall be responsible for the equipment assigned to them.
  1. The Manager or Coach receiving the team equipment shall sign an inventory and financial responsibility.
  2. At the conclusion of season play, each Manager shall be required to return all issued equipment to the Equipment Officer at the equipment room.
- E. If a team must be eliminated or deactivated because of a shortfall in eligible players to fill all team rosters, or for any other reason, the Board of Directors shall determine which team is dropped based on the following criteria:
  1. The number of players returning to the team.
  2. The effort to maintain balance within that Division.
  3. The team has a returning Sponsor, by seniority status in good financial standing.\*

\* Elimination process for sponsors should be closely scrutinized.
- F. The players from an eliminated or deactivated team shall be dispersed according to the guidelines set forth in the Little League Operating Manual.
- G. When additional (expansion) teams are to be added to a Division, the draft for creation of the expansion team shall be in accordance with one of the alternatives set forth in the Little League Operating Manual.
  1. The Board of Directors shall determine which alternative is to be used prior to the draft date.

### 13. MANAGER/COACH SELECTION

#### A. ELIGIBILITY

An individual who manages or coaches must make Rockledge Little League his or her first priority. Violators will be removed from their position, subject to Board approval.

#### B. APPLICATION

1. Each Manager or Coach candidate shall submit a volunteer form and an application form to the President indicating the team he/she is interested in managing.
2. Any person who managed or coached a team in the previous season is not guaranteed a position, and shall be required to submit a volunteer form and an application form for the current season.

#### C. APPOINTMENT OF MANAGERS

1. The President shall appoint the Managers.
2. The Board of Directors shall approve each appointment.

### 14. AMENDMENTS

Following adoption of these Rockledge Little League Standing Rules by the Board of Directors, they shall only be changed upon the concurring vote of the majority of the Board of Directors.

### 15. INTER-LEAGUE PLAY

Inter-league Rules shall be adopted by an inter-league committee set up by the District Administrator. The inter-league rules shall supersede these rules and prevail if in conflict with these rules during inter-league play.

Adopted by the Board of Directors of Rockledge Little League on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of December 2020.

/s/ Kelly Caceres

Kelly Caceres, President

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