

2026 BAY CITY LITTLE LEAGUE BYLAWS, LOCAL LEAGUE RULES & POLICIES



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The Bylaws and Local League Rules of Bay City Little League shall be consistent with Little League Baseball, Incorporated Rules and Regulations. These Bylaws, Local League Rules and Policies shall be reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors (the Board) annually no less than one month prior to the first scheduled game. Items not covered in these Bylaws are governed by the official Little League rulebook.

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LOCAL LEAGUE BYLAWS

ARTICLE I – JUNIOR AND SENIOR LEAGUES

Section 1 – JUNIOR AND SENIOR LEAGUE TRYOUTS

The Board may allow players to participate in two divisions for Junior and Senior League. This allows the Board to place some or all 13- and 14-year-olds in the Junior League Division AND/OR Senior League Division. (**Little League Rules and Regulations I. The League.**) All Junior and Senior League candidates of league ages 13, 14, 15, and 16 should participate in the league tryout. Any candidate that does not try out will not be eligible for placement on a Tournament Team (on a case-by-case basis; the Board may vote to waive this requirement under special circumstances such as medical emergencies). Late registrants will be given an opportunity to try out before placement on a team. In order for a 12-year-old candidate to play Junior and Senior League, they must participate in a Junior and/or Senior League tryout and be drafted by the 6th round of the draft. (**Little League Rules and Regulations III The Teams Part c.**)

Section 2 - JUNIOR AND SENIOR LEAGUE ASSIGNMENT

- a. Teams will be chosen using a drafting system approved by the Board of Directors. The manager's child(ren) and one (1) coach's child(ren) are the only automatic placement on the team. Team Mom volunteers do not allow automatic placement of children on the team. One trade per team is allowed at the time of the draft if both managers are agreeable. If a team loses a player on the roster during the season for any justifiable reason, another player may be transferred within the League Division through the Player Agent. Division League players may be reassigned at the discretion of the Board of Directors and the Player Agent. Reassignment must be made randomly from the team with the most players and must be done with the approval of the Board of Directors.
- b. Any candidate who participates in the league tryout is subject to selection by draft by any Junior and Senior League team. This selection could occur at any time during the season. Prior to the start of the season, refusal of a candidate to accept a Junior and Senior league assignment will result in forfeiture of Junior and Senior League eligibility for that year. During the season the refusal of a candidate to comply shall result in the forfeiture of further eligibility in the Junior and Senior League for the current season and may require reassignment. (**Little League Rules and Regulations VIII.**)
- c. Junior and Senior League players may participate in other baseball programs during the regular season and tournament play subject to the provisions of **Little League Regulation IV.**
- d. When a team loses a player during the course of the playing season, the manager must contact the Player Agent for a list of replacement players. The manager will have **THREE days** to select an eligible player from the Player Agent's list. If the selection is not made within three days, the player agent will make the selection with Board approval. If there are two or less weeks remaining in the Junior and Senior League schedule, a selection shall not be made unless the Major League team has less than nine players remaining on the roster. (**Little League Rules and Regulations III The Teams Part d.**) Subject to Board approval, if a player has no contact with his or her team within **SEVEN consecutive days** the player will be considered removed from the team and a new player shall be named.
- e. Registration applications for Junior and Senior League candidates received after the team selections must receive Board approval.

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Section 3 - JUNIOR AND SENIOR LEAGUE STANDINGS

Standings will be kept in the Junior and Senior League. Each home team must have a scorekeeper and will keep the official League scorebook and/or Game Changer and pitch count. The official scorebook or Game Changer MUST have the final score and pitch counts annotated in it. The official scorebook will be provided by the League and SHALL stay at Little League Fields at all times. If a team wants a copy for themselves, they can either fill out 2 books or make a copy by taking a picture of the official book. The visiting team shall operate the scoreboard. At the end of each game, the official scorebook shall be signed by the umpire, scorekeeper, and both managers or coaches. If Game Changer is being used, the umpire shall review the input data in the presence of both managers or coaches. The home team manager will convey the game score, the names of the pitchers, and the number of pitches thrown by each pitcher to the League Information Officer. The Information Officer will post the standings and pitch counts weekly or as soon as practical. Standings will be determined by the order of 1) most overall wins, 2) head-to-head competition, 3) overall runs against, 4) overall runs for, 5) head-to-head runs against, and 6) head-to-head runs for. Forfeited games count as a 6 – 0 score. Standings will be calculated for internal league play only.

All ties will be played out as appropriate. If a team does not show up for a continuation of a tie game, it will be counted as a loss subject to Board approval. Refer to Local League Policies Article VI - Rescheduled Games for determining the day the tie game will be continued.

Section 4 - JUNIOR AND SENIOR LEAGUE PRACTICE

- a. No team shall have more than 5 practices per week and no practice shall last more than 2 hours.
- b. There shall be no more than 5 activities per week.
- c. A player must attend fifty percent of all practices and games on a weekly basis to be eligible to play. A player is required to adhere to reasonable team rules to remain eligible. Illness and excused absences will not affect eligibility. Junior and Senior League Vice President approval is required before a player can be declared ineligible for disciplinary reasons.

Section 5 - JUNIOR AND SENIOR LEAGUE UMPIRES

The league attempts to supply umpires for each game. Under certain circumstances umpires may not be available. In these cases, each team shall attempt to supply an umpire familiar with the rules and regulations of Little League Baseball who will act as a field umpire if none are available. Home team is responsible for the third base umpire and the visiting team is responsible for the first base umpire if required. All team managers must attend umpire training when offered.

Section 6 - JUNIOR AND SENIOR LEAGUE TIME LIMIT

On nights in which one game is scheduled, and for Saturday games, there shall be no time limit other than the Little League rule that no inning can start after 10:00 pm. Game time shall start at scheduled game time no matter if play has started or not. Teams must be ready for play at the scheduled time. (**Little League Rules and Regulations VII Schedules Part h.**)

When 2 games are scheduled on a weekday night, for the first game no inning shall start after 1 hour 45 minutes and any inning which has been started prior to the time limit expiring will be completed. If the 2-hour time limit is reached, the game shall be halted and resumed at the point at which play was halted at the next available date unless the Little League requirements to be deemed an official game are satisfied, in which case the game will not continue and will be called an official game (**ARTICLE VI - RESCHEDULED GAMES**). The time limit for the second game will be governed by the 10:00 pm Little League curfew rule (**Little League Rules and Regulations X Night Games Part a.**) If the curfew is reached, the 2nd game will be stopped at the end of the inning and play will resume at that point on the next available date unless deemed an official game. Game time is the posted time no matter if play has started or not (unless the first game delays the start of the second game, in which case the home plate umpire shall announce game time). Teams must be ready for play at the scheduled time. (**Little League Rules and Regulations VII Schedules Part h.**)

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Section 7 - JUNIOR AND SENIOR LEAGUE SCHEDULE

The schedule of games for the regular season shall be prepared and/or approved by the Board of Directors. No minimum regular season game required per team per regular season against other Little League teams within their respective division, exclusive of playoff and tournament games. Games may not be rescheduled without Board approval. The Board will determine annually if there will be a championship game. (**Little League Rules and Regulations VII Schedules Part a.**)

Section 8 - JUNIOR AND SENIOR LEAGUE GENERAL RULES

All rules for the Junior and Senior League shall be consistent with Little League Rules and Regulations. The following apply:

- a. If after four (4) innings, if the home team is ahead, one team has a lead of fifteen (15) runs or more, the manager of the team with the least runs shall concede the victory to the opponent.
- b. If after five (5) innings, if the home team is ahead, one team has a lead of ten (10) runs or more, the manager of the team with the least runs shall concede the victory to the opponent.
- c. If after six (6) innings, if the home team is ahead, one team has the lead of eight (8) runs or more, the manager of the team with the least runs shall concede the victory to the opponent. (**Little League Rule IV Starting and Ending the Game.**)
- d. Junior and Senior League teams shall have no less than ten (10) players on the roster. (**Little League Rules and Regulations III The Teams Part a.**)
- e. All male catchers must wear the plastic, metal or fiber protective cup.
- f. All non-wood bats must be recognized by the current Little League bat standards. Also, no stickers or painting of helmets or other protective equipment shall be permitted without written approval from the manufacturer.
- g. Each season the managers will determine if they want to bat 9 and substitution or have continuous batting order.

Section 9 - JUNIOR AND SENIOR LEAGUE PITCHING RULES

Little League Baseball Regular Season and Tournament Pitching Rules are as follows: *Pitchers league age 14 and under must adhere to the following rest requirements. Note that the pitcher may finish the batter as they cross a limit and only be charged with the lower amount of rest:*

- If a player pitches 66 or more pitches in a day, four (4) calendar days of rest must be observed.
- If a player pitches 51 – 65 pitches in a day, three (3) calendar days of rest must be observed.
- If a player pitches 36 – 50 pitches in a day, two (2) calendar days of rest must be observed.
- If a player pitches 21 – 35 pitches in a day, one (1) calendar days of rest must be observed.
- If a player pitches 1 – 20 pitches in a day, no (0) calendar day of rest is required.

Pitchers league ages 15 - 16 must adhere to the following rest requirements. Note that the pitcher may finish the batter as they cross a limit and only be charged with the lower amount of rest:

- If a player pitches 76 or more pitches in a day, four (4) calendar days of rest must be observed.
- If a player pitches 61 – 75 pitches in a day, three (3) calendar days of rest must be observed.
- If a player pitches 46 – 60 pitches in a day, two (2) calendar days of rest must be observed.
- If a player pitches 31 – 45 pitches in a day, one (1) calendar days of rest must be observed.
- If a player pitches 1 – 30 pitches in a day, no (0) calendar day of rest is required.

The manager must remove the pitcher when said pitcher reaches the limit for his/her age group as noted below. The pitcher may remain in the game at another position.

- League age 13 - 16 – 95 pitches per day
- Violations of Days Rest Requirements will result in a penalty to the manager of the violating team. The Official Scorebooks or BCLL Pitch Count Charts will be the only OFFICIAL counts used in determining pitch counts of players. The first infraction will result in a warning. The second infraction will result in a 1 game suspension. Subsequent infractions will be addressed by the Board and may result in suspension of the manager for the remainder of the season.

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ARTICLE II - MAJOR LEAGUE

Section 1 - MAJOR LEAGUE TRYOUTS

All Major League candidates of league age 11 and 12 should participate in the league tryout. Any candidate that does not try out will not be eligible for placement on a Tournament Team (on a case-by-case basis, the Board may vote to waive this requirement under special circumstances such as medical emergencies). Late registrants will be given an opportunity to try out before placement on a team. In order for a 10-year-old candidate to play Major League, they must participate in a Major League tryout and be drafted by the 6th round of the draft.

(Little League Rules and Regulations III The Teams Part c.)

Section 2 - MAJOR LEAGUE ASSIGNMENT

- a. Teams will be chosen using a drafting system approved by the Board of Directors. The manager's child(ren) and one (1) coach's child(ren) are the only automatic placement on the team. Team Mom volunteers do not allow automatic placement of children on the team. One trade per team is allowed at the time of the draft if both managers are agreeable. If a team loses a player on the roster during the season for any justifiable reason, another player may be transferred within the League Division through the Player Agent. Division League players may be reassigned at the discretion of the Board of Directors and the Player Agent. Reassignment must be made randomly from the team with the most players and must be done with the approval of the Board of Directors.
- b. Any candidate who participates in the league tryout is subject to selection by draft by any Major League team. This selection could occur at any time during the season. Prior to the start of the season, refusal of a candidate to accept a major league assignment will result in forfeiture of Major League eligibility for that year. During the season the refusal of a candidate to comply shall result in the forfeiture of further eligibility in the Major League for the current season and may require reassignment. **(Little League Rules and Regulations VIII.)**
- c. When a team loses a player during the course of the playing season, the manager must contact the Player Agent for a list of replacement players. The manager will have **THREE** days to select an eligible player from the Player Agent's list. If the selection is not made within three days, the player agent will make the selection with Board approval. If there are two or less weeks remaining in the Major League schedule, a selection shall not be made unless the Major League team has less than nine players remaining on the roster. **(Little League Rules and Regulations III The Teams Part d.)** Subject to Board approval, if a player has no contact with his or her team within **SEVEN** consecutive days the player will be considered removed from the team and a new player shall be named.
- d. Registration applications for Major League candidates received after the team selections must receive Board approval. Candidates of league age 12 will be placed on a waiting list unless a waiver to play in the Minor League is granted. Candidates of league ages 10 and 11 will be placed in the Minor League as outlined in the Minor League section below.

Section 3 - MAJOR LEAGUE STANDINGS

Standings will be kept in the Major League. Each home team must have a scorekeeper and will keep the official League scorebook and pitch count. The official scorebook or Game Changer MUST have the final score and pitch counts annotated in it. The official scorebook will be provided by the League and SHALL stay at Little League Fields at all times. If a team wants a copy for themselves, they can either fill out 2 books or make a copy by taking a picture of the official book. The visiting team shall operate the scoreboard. At the end of each game, the official scorebook shall be signed by the umpire, scorekeeper, and both managers or coaches. If Game Changer is being used, the umpire shall review the input data in the presence of both managers or coaches. The home team manager will convey the game score, the names of the pitchers, and the number of pitches thrown by each pitcher to the League Information Officer. The Information Officer will post the standings and pitch counts weekly or as soon as practical. Standings will be determined by the order of 1) most overall wins, 2) head-to-head competition, 3) overall runs against, 4) overall runs for, 5) head-to-head runs against, and 6) head-to-head runs for. Forfeited games count as a 6 – 0 score. Standings will be calculated for internal league play only.

All ties will be played out as appropriate. If a team does not show up for a continuation of a tie game, it will be counted as a loss subject to Board approval. **Refer to Local League Policies Article VI - Rescheduled Games** for determining the day the tie game will be continued.

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Section 4 - MAJOR LEAGUE PRACTICE

- a. No team shall have more than 5 practices per week and no practice shall last more than 2 hours.
- b. There shall be no more than 5 activities per week.
- c. A player must attend fifty percent of all practices and games on a weekly basis to be eligible to play. A player is required to adhere to reasonable team rules to remain eligible. Illness and excused absences will not affect eligibility. Major League vice president approval is required before a player can be declared ineligible for disciplinary reasons.

Section 5 - MAJOR LEAGUE UMPIRES

The league attempts to supply umpires for each game. Under certain circumstances umpires may not be available. In these cases, each team shall attempt to supply an umpire familiar with the rules and regulations of Little League Baseball who will act as a field umpire if none is available. Home team is responsible for the third base umpire and the visiting team is responsible for the first base umpire if required. All team managers must attend umpire training when offered.

Section 6 - MAJOR LEAGUE TIME LIMIT

On nights in which one game is scheduled, and for Saturday games, there shall be no time limit other than the Little League rule that no inning can start after 10:00 pm. Game time shall start at scheduled game time no matter if play has started or not. Teams must be ready for play at the scheduled time. (**Little League Rules and Regulations VII Schedules Part h.**)

When 2 games are scheduled on a weekday night, for the first game no inning shall start after 1 hr. 45 minutes and **PLAY SHALL STOP IMMEDIATELY AT 2 HOURS.** If the 2-hour time limit is reached in the middle of an inning, the game shall be halted and resumed at the point at which play was halted at the next available date unless the Little League requirements to be deemed an official game are satisfied, in which case the game will not continue and will be called an official game (**ARTICLE VI - RESCHEDULED GAMES**). The time limit for the second game will be governed by the 10:00 pm Little League curfew rule (**Little League Rules and Regulations X Night Games Part a.**) If the curfew is reached, the 2nd game will be stopped at the end of the inning and play will resume at that point on the next available date unless deemed an official game. Game time is the posted time no matter if play has started or not (unless the first game delays the start of the second game, in which case the home plate umpire shall announce game time). Teams must be ready for play at the scheduled time. (**Little League Rules and Regulations VII Schedules Part h.**)

Section 7 - MAJOR LEAGUE SCHEDULE

The schedule of games for the regular season shall be prepared and/or approved by the Board of Directors. The schedule will allow for a minimum of 12 games per team. Games may not be rescheduled without Board approval. The Board will determine annually if there will be a championship game. (**Little League Rules and Regulations VII Schedules Part a.**)

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Section 8 - MAJOR LEAGUE GENERAL RULES

All rules for the Major League shall be consistent with Little League Rules and Regulations. The following apply:

- a. The 10 Run Rule shall be in effect for all games (**Little League Rules and Regulations 4.10 e.**)
- b. Major League Teams will maintain 12 players on the roster. (**Little League Rules and Regulations III The Teams Part a.**)
- c. All male catchers must wear the plastic, metal or fiber protective cup.
- d. All non-wood bats must be recognized by the current Little League bat standards. Also, no stickers or painting of helmets or other protective equipment shall be permitted without written approval from the manufacturer.
- e. Each season the managers will determine if they want to bat 9 and substitution or have continuous batting order.
DURING GAMES BOTH TEAMS MUST HAVE THE SAME BATTING ORDER.

Section 9 - MAJOR LEAGUE PITCHING RULES

Little League Baseball Regular Season and Tournament Pitching Rules are as follows. *Pitchers league age 12 and under must adhere to the following rest requirements. Note that the pitcher may finish the batter as they cross a limit and only be charged with the lower amount of rest:*

- If a player pitches 66 or more pitches in a day, four (4) calendar days of rest must be observed.
- If a player pitches 51 – 65 pitches in a day, three (3) calendar days of rest must be observed.
- If a player pitches 36 – 50 pitches in a day, two (2) calendar days of rest must be observed.
- If a player pitches 21 – 35 pitches in a day, one (1) calendar days of rest must be observed.
- If a player pitches 1 – 20 pitches in a day, no (0) calendar day of rest is required.

The manager must remove the pitcher when said pitcher reaches the limit for his/her age group as noted below. The pitcher may remain in the game at another position.

- League age 11 - 12 – 85 pitches per day
- League age 10 – 75 pitches per day
- Violations of Days Rest Requirements will result in a penalty to the manager of the violating team. The Official Scorebooks or BCLL Pitch Count Charts will be the only OFFICIAL counts used in determining pitch counts of players. The first infraction will result in a warning. The second infraction will result in a 1 game suspension. Subsequent infractions will be addressed by the Board and may result in suspension of the manager for the remainder of the season.

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ARTICLE III - MINOR LEAGUE

Section 1 - MINOR LEAGUE TRYOUTS

All candidates league age 9, 10, and 11, and those 12 years old with approved waivers, are eligible for placement on a Minor League team and should participate in the league tryout. Players younger than league age 9 may request consideration for selection on a Minor League team. These players should be evaluated through tryouts by the Player Agent. Players of league age 7 will only be placed on a Minor League team provided a parent is a manager of the team. Any candidate that does not try out will not be eligible for placement on a Tournament Team (on a case-by case basis, the Board may vote to waive this requirement under special circumstances such as medical emergencies). (**Little League Rules and Regulations III The Teams Part c.**) Late registrants will be given an opportunity to try out before placement on a team.

Section 2 - MINOR LEAGUE ASSIGNMENT

Teams will be chosen using a drafting system approved by the Board of Directors. The manager's child(ren) and one (1) coach's child(ren) are the only automatic placement on the team. Team Mom volunteers do not allow automatic placement of children on the team. One trade per team is allowed at the time of the draft if both managers are agreeable. If a team loses a player on the roster during the season for any justifiable reason, another player may be transferred within the Division League through the Player Agent. Division League players may be reassigned at the discretion of the Board of Directors and the Player Agent. Reassignment must be made randomly from the team with the most players and must be done with the approval of the Board of Directors. (**Little League Rules and Regulations III The Teams Part e.) THERE WILL BE NO MINIMUM NUMBER OF PLAYERS ON A MINOR LEAGUE ROSTER.**

Minor League teams may have less than 9 players on the roster.

Registration applications for Minor League candidates received after the team selections must receive Board approval. Late registrants will be placed in a pool until enough additional players have registered to enable each team to select an additional player as determined by the Player Agent. At this point, the Minor League managers will continue the selection process in accordance with the approved system. If the number of additional players is too small to meet this requirement after the season has been underway 2 weeks, the Player Agent will determine team placement of those players and no further applications will be accepted.

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Section 3 - MINOR LEAGUE STANDINGS

Standings will be kept in Minor League. Each home team must have a scorekeeper and will keep the official League scorebook and pitch count. The official scorebook or Game Changer MUST have the final score and pitch counts annotated in it. The official scorebook will be provided by the League and SHALL stay at Little League Fields at all times. If a team wants a copy for themselves, they can either fill out 2 books or make a copy by taking a picture of the official book. The visiting team shall operate the scoreboard. At the end of each game, the official scorebook shall be signed by the umpire, scorekeeper, and both managers or coaches. If Game Changer is being used, the umpire shall review the input data in the presence of both managers or coaches. The home team manager will convey the game score, the names of the pitchers, and the number of pitches thrown by each pitcher to the League Information Officer. The Information Officer will post the standings and pitch counts weekly or as soon as practical. Standings will be determined by the order of 1) most overall wins, 2) head-to-head competition, 3) overall runs against, 4) overall runs for, 5) head-to-head runs against, and 6) head-to-head runs for. Forfeited games count as a 6 – 0 score. Standings will be calculated for internal league play only.

All ties will be played out in accordance with Little League rules if appropriate (**Little League Rules and Regulations 4.10a, 4.10b, and 4.11e**). If a team does not show up for a continuation of a tie game, it will be counted as a loss subject to Board approval. Refer to [**ARTICLE VI - RESCHEDULED GAMES**](#) for determining the day the tie game will be continued.

Section 4 - MINOR LEAGUE PRACTICE

- a. No team shall have more than 4 practices per week, no practice shall last more than 2 hours.
- b. There shall be no more than 4 activities per week.
- c. A player must attend fifty percent of all practices and games on a weekly basis to be eligible to play. A player is required to adhere to reasonable team rules to remain eligible. Illness and excused absences will not affect eligibility. Approval of the Minor League vice president is required before a player can be declared ineligible for disciplinary reasons.

Section 5 - MINOR LEAGUE UMPIRES

The league attempts to supply umpires for each game. Under certain circumstances umpires may not be available. In these cases, each team shall attempt to supply an umpire familiar with the rules and regulations of Little League Baseball who will act as a field umpire if none is available. Home team is responsible for the third base umpire and the visiting team is responsible for the first base umpire if required. All team managers must attend umpire training when offered.

Section 6 - MINOR LEAGUE TIME LIMIT

No inning shall start after 1 hour and 30 minutes from the scheduled time. Started innings shall be completed unless the home team is at bat and is leading after 3 ½ innings. Game time shall be the scheduled game time no matter if play has started or not. Teams must be ready for play at the scheduled time. (**Little League Rules and Regulations VII Schedules Part h.**) If 2 games are scheduled on a weekday night, the first game shall stop immediately at 2 hours so the second game may start.

Section 7 MINOR LEAGUE SCHEDULE

The schedule of games for the regular season shall be prepared and/or approved by the Board of Directors. The schedule will allow for a minimum of 12 games per team. Games may not be rescheduled without Board approval. The Board will determine annually if there will be a championship game. (**Little League Rules and Regulations VII Schedules Part a.**)

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Section 8 - MINOR LEAGUE GENERAL RULES

All rules for Minor League shall be consistent with Little League Rules and Regulations. The following options will apply:

- a. Offensive teams can score no more than 5 runs per inning. **The 10 run rule is in effect. (Little League Rules and Regulations 4.10e.)**
- b. Coaches may be on the field as base coaches for instructional purposes. **Coaches may not take a position within the field of play. (Little League Rules and Regulations XIV Field Decorum Part d.)**
- c. Protests must be resolved prior to the next pitch or play. **(Little League Rules and Regulations 4.19 Protesting Game Part g.)**
- d. The manager shall bat all players on the roster; the batting order must stay the same through the game.
- e. All male catchers must wear the plastic, metal or fiber protective cup.
- f. All non-wood bats must be recognized by the current Little League bat standards. Also, no stickers or painting of helmets or other protective equipment shall be permitted without written approval from the manufacturer.
- g. As there is no minimum roster size in Minor League, and some teams may have less than 9 players on a roster, the game may be played with less than 9 players **(Little League Rules and Regulations III The Teams Part a).** To prevent a travesty of the game, the home plate umpire will determine whether the game should continue if less than 8 players are present.
- h. Players arriving after the game has begun may be placed in the lineup at the bottom of the batting order. Their placement in the lineup must be communicated to the home plate umpire, the official scorekeeper, and the opposing team scorekeeper. Failure to do so may result in grounds for protesting batting out of order or for maintaining minimum playing time.

Section 9 - MINOR LEAGUE PITCHING RULES

Little League Baseball Regular Season and Tournament Pitching Rules are as follows. *Pitchers league age 11 and under must adhere to the following rest requirements. Note that the pitcher may finish the batter as they cross a limit and only be charged with the lower amount of rest:*

- If a player pitches 66 or more pitches in a day, four (4) calendar days of rest must be observed.
- If a player pitches 51 – 65 pitches in a day, three (3) calendar days of rest must be observed.
- If a player pitches 36 – 50 pitches in a day, two (2) calendar days of rest must be observed.
- If a player pitches 21 – 35 pitches in a day, one (1) calendar days of rest must be observed.
- If a player pitches 1 – 20 pitches in a day, no (0) calendar day of rest is required.

The manager must remove the pitcher when said pitcher reaches the limit for his/her age group as noted below. The pitcher may remain in the game at another position.

- League age 11 – 85 pitches per day
- League age 9 - 10 – 75 pitches per day
- League age 7- 8 – 50 pitches per day
- Violations of Days Rest Requirements will result in a penalty to the manager of the violating team. The Official Scorebooks or BCLL Pitch Count Charts will be the only OFFICIAL counts used in determining pitch counts of players. The first infraction will result in a warning. The second infraction will result in a 1 game suspension. Subsequent infractions will be addressed by the Board and may result in suspension of the manager for the remainder of the season.

Note: Players of league age 12 cannot pitch in the Minor Leagues per Little League Baseball.

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ARTICLE IV - COACH PITCH LEAGUE

Section 1 - COACH PITCH LEAGUE TRYOUTS

All candidates League aged 7 and 8 years old, are eligible for placement on a Coach Pitch Division Team. Those candidates who are 6 years old and wanting to play in the Coach Pitch league should attend tryouts to be considered. These players must be evaluated at tryouts by the Player Agent.

Section 2 – COACH PITCH LEAGUE ASSIGNMENT

Teams will be chosen using a drafting system approved by the Board of Directors. The manager's child(ren) and one (1) coach's child(ren) are the only automatic placement on the team. Team Mom volunteers are not eligible for automatic placement of their child(ren). One trade per team is allowed at the time of the draft if both managers are agreeable. If a team loses a player on the roster during the season for any justifiable reason, another player may be transferred within the League Division through the Player Agent. Division League players may be reassigned at the discretion of the Board of Directors and the Player Agent. Reassignment must be made randomly from the team with the most players and must be done with the approval of the Board of Directors. **(Little League Rules and Regulations III The Teams Part C) There will be no minimum number of players on a Coach Pitch Division Roster. Coach Pitch Division teams may have less than 9 players on the roster.**

Registration applications for Coach Pitch Division candidates received after the team selections must receive Board approval. Late registrants will be placed in a pool until enough additional players have registered to enable each team to select an additional player as determined by the Player Agent. At this point, the Coach Pitch Division Manager will continue the selection process in accordance with the approved system. If the number of additional players is too small to meet this requirement after the season has been underway 2 weeks, the Player Agent will determine team placement of those players and no further applications will be accepted.

Section 3 - COACH PITCH LEAGUE STANDINGS

Standings will be kept in Coach Pitch Division. Each home team must have a scorekeeper and will keep the official League scorebook. The official scorebook or Game Changer MUST have the final score and pitch counts annotated in it. The official scorebook will be provided by the League and SHALL stay at Little League Fields at all times. If a team wants a copy for themselves, they can either fill out 2 books or make a copy by taking a picture of the official book. The visiting team shall operate the scoreboard. At the end of each game, the official scorebook shall be signed by the umpire, scorekeeper, and both managers or coaches. If Game Changer is being used, the umpire shall review the input data in the presence of both managers or coaches. The home team manager will convey the game score to the League Information Officer. The Information Officer will post the scores and standings, weekly or as soon as practical. Standings will be determined by the order of 1) most overall wins, 2) head-to-head competition, 3) overall runs against, 4) overall runs for, 5) head-to-head runs against, and 6) head-to-head runs for. Forfeited games count as a 6 – 0 score.

All ties will be played out in accordance with Little League rules if appropriate (**Little League Rules and Regulations 4.10a, 4.10b, and 4.11e**). If a team does not show up for a continuation of a tie game, it will be counted as a loss subject to Board approval. Refer to [**ARTICLE VI - RESCHEDULED GAMES**](#) for determining the day the tie game will be continued.

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Section 4 - COACH PITCH LEAGUE PRACTICE

- a. No team shall have more than 3 practices per week. No practice shall last more than 1 hour and 30 minutes.
- b. There shall be no more than 3 activities per week.
- c. A player must attend fifty percent of all practices and games on a weekly basis to be eligible to play. A player is required to adhere to reasonable team rules to remain eligible. Illness and excused absences will not affect eligibility. Approval of the Coach Pitch League Division Manager is required before a player can be declared ineligible for disciplinary reasons.

Section 5 - COACH PITCH LEAGUE UMPIRES

The league attempts to supply umpires for each game. Under certain circumstances umpires may not be available. In these cases, each team shall attempt to supply an umpire familiar with the rules and regulations of Little League Baseball who will act as a field umpire if none is available. Home team is responsible for the third base umpire and the visiting team is responsible for the first base umpire if required. All team managers must attend umpire training when offered.

Section 6 - COACH PITCH LEAGUE TIME LIMIT

No inning shall start after 1 hour and 30 minutes from the scheduled time or six innings have been completed. Started innings shall be completed. Game Time shall be the scheduled game time no matter if play has started or not. Teams must be ready for play at the scheduled time. (**Little League Rules and Regulations VII Schedules Part H**) If two games are scheduled on a weekday night, the first game shall stop immediately at 2 hours so the second game may start.

Section 7 - COACH PITCH LEAGUE SCHEDULE

The schedule of games for the regular season shall be prepared and/or approved by the Board of Directors. The schedule will allow for a minimum of 12 games per team. Games may not be rescheduled without Board approval. The Board will determine annually if there will be a championship game. (**Little League Rules and Regulations VII Schedules Part a.**)

Section 8 - COACH PITCH LEAGUE GENERAL RULES

Playing rules for the Minor League apply to the Coach Pitch League with the additions or exceptions as listed below:

- a. Protests must be resolved prior to the next pitch or play. (**Little League Rules and Regulations 4.19 Protesting Game Part g.**)
- b. Offensive teams can score no more than seven (7) runs per inning. **The ten (10)-run rule is in effect** after 4 innings (3 ½ if the home team is ahead.) A fifteen (15) run rule is in effect after 3 innings (2 ½ if the home team is ahead. (**Little League Rules and Regulations 4.10c**) The side is retired once 7 runs score or 3 outs are reached.
- c. The only way more than 7 runs can be scored is on a home run (over the fence) in which case all runs scored count. The game is over when the opposing team is mathematically eliminated from scoring enough runs to win or tie the game, run rules still apply.
- d. Offensive players (batters and runners) **must wear batting helmets**.
- e. Coaches may be on the field for instructional purposes. **Coaches may not take a position in the field of play. (Little League Rules and Regulations XIV Field Decorum Part d.)**
- f. All male catchers must wear the plastic, metal or fiber protective cup and must wear full catcher's gear.
- g. Infield defensive positions shall not be occupied by more than one player. It is permissible to place additional players in the outfield grass to alleviate players on the bench.
- h. Position players cannot block the bag without the ball (including home plate.) This is a judgment call by the umpire and his decision is final.
- i. As there is no minimum roster size in Minor League, and some teams may have less than 9 players on a roster, the game may be played with less than 9 players (**Little League Rules and Regulations III The Teams Part a.**) To prevent a travesty of the game, the home plate umpire will determine whether the game should continue if less than 8 players are present.

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- j. Players arriving after the game has begun may be placed in the lineup at the bottom of the batting order. Their placement in the lineup must be communicated to the home plate umpire, the official scorekeeper, and the opposing team scorekeeper. Failure to do so may result in grounds for protesting batting out of order or for maintaining minimum playing time.
- k. All non-wood bats must be recognized by the current Little League bat standards. Also, no stickers or painting of helmets or other protective equipment shall be permitted without written approval from the manufacturer.

Section 9 - COACH PITCH LEAGUE PITCHING RULES AND PUTTING THE BALL INTO PLAY

A violation of the pitching rules will result in a forfeit.

- a. The Coach pitching must release the ball no closer than 35' from the tip of home plate.
- b. The pitching coach must deliver the pitch by throwing the ball over-handed.
- c. The pitching coach that starts the inning must pitch the complete half of the inning.
- d. A coach pitcher is prohibited from coaching while in the pitching position either physically or verbally. (One warning will be allowed. Two violations will result in immediate removal from the mound)
- e. If the ball is hit, the pitching coach must position him/herself in foul territory.
- f. If the ball is hit, play will continue until all action is stopped. Action is stopped when the lead runner stops attempting to advance, no put outs are possible, and the pitcher has control of the ball in the mound area and is not attempting to make a play on a base runner.
- g. A fair batted ball hitting the coach pitching is declared a foul ball if the umpire rules the coach pitcher's contact with the ball was unintentional. If, in the umpire's judgment, a coach pitcher intentionally makes contact with a batted ball, the batter is out, and no runner can advance.
- h. Pitchers must be positioned behind the coach pitcher on either side of them and must have at least one foot inside the dirt area. If a pitcher charges in front of the coach before the ball reaches the plate, the umpire shall rule a dead ball and direct base runners to advance one base.

Section 10 - COACH PITCH LEAGUE BATTING AND BASE RUNNING RULES

- a. Each player will receive a maximum of six (6) pitches or three (3) swinging strikes, whichever comes first, unless the 6th pitch or 3rd swing is fouled off. If the batter fouls off the 6th pitch or 3rd swing, the batter will continue to bat until a ball is hit fair, a pitch is taken or not swung at, or the batter swings and misses.
- b. If a batter hits a foul ball on the sixth pitch, he or she is allowed to continue batting until he or she either does not make contact with the ball or puts the ball in play.
- c. Everything else will be called a ball regardless of location.
- d. There will be no walks and there will be no free base if a pitch hits the batter.
- e. Bunting is not allowed.
- f. Stealing is not permitted in Coach Pitch.
- g. Runners cannot advance beyond the base they are approaching when play is stopped by the pitcher, and the runner must have run more than half the distance between bases or otherwise must return to the previous base.
- h. The manager shall bat all players on the roster; the batting order must stay the same through the game.
- i. Runner will be called out if the runner does not attempt to avoid contact. This is an umpire judgment call.

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ARTICLE V - TEE BALL LEAGUE

Section 1 - TEE BALL LEAGUE TRYOUTS

Tryouts are not held for the Tee Ball League.

Section 2 - TEE BALL LEAGUE ASSIGNMENT

All candidates League age 4, 5 and 6 will be placed on a Tee Ball team using a system approved by the Board of Directors. Potential methods include random drawing or allowing managers to select a pre-determined number of players from the player pool followed by random drawing of remaining players. The manager's child is the only automatic placement on the team. **Player trades are permissible with Board approval provided both managers agree. THERE WILL BE NO MINIMUM NUMBER OF PLAYERS ON A TEE BALL LEAGUE ROSTER.** Tee Ball League teams **may have less than 9 players on the roster.** Four-year-old players must have a parent as a team manager, assistant coach, or Team Mom. Board approval is required for those who are League aged four and cannot serve in one of these positions on the team.

Section 3 - TEE BALL LEAGUE STANDINGS

Score shall not be kept and no league standings shall be kept in the Tee Ball League.

Section 4 - TEE BALL LEAGUE PRACTICE

- a. No team shall have more than 3 practices per week. No practice shall last more than 1 hour and 15 minutes.
- b. There shall be no more than 3 activities per week.

Section 5 - TEE BALL LEAGUE UMPIRES

Although outs are not kept, managers and coaches on the field will be responsible for umpiring duties in order to teach the players the rules of the game. Managers and coaches shall read all Little League Rules and Regulations pertaining to Minor League and the local rule for Tee Ball. All team managers must attend umpire training when offered.

Section 6 - TEE BALL LEAGUE TIME LIMIT

All Tee Ball League games will be limited to 1 hour and 15 minutes. Games should be limited to a maximum of 3 innings unless team roster sizes allow for further play. No games shall extend beyond 4 innings. Teams must be ready for play at the scheduled time. Started innings shall be completed but should not extend beyond the time limit. **(Little League Rules and Regulations section 4.10.f)**

Section 7 TEE BALL LEAGUE SCHEDULE

The schedule of games for the regular season shall be prepared and/or approved by the Board of Directors. Games may not be rescheduled without Board approval.

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Section 8 - TEE BALL LEAGUE GENERAL RULES

Playing rules for Minor League apply to Tee Ball with the following additions or exceptions.

- a. The ball shall be hit from a batting tee placed on home plate.
- b. Every player shall bat in every offensive inning. The batting order shall remain the same throughout the game.
- c. Infield defensive positions shall not be occupied by more than one player. It is permissible to place additional players in the outfield grass to alleviate players on the bench. Games may be played with less than 9 players. **d.** There are no protests in Tee Ball.
- d. Offensive players (batters and runners) and defensive pitchers must wear batting helmets.
- e. Coaches may be on the field for instructional purposes. Coaches may take a position in the field of play. (**Little League Rules and Regulations XIV Field Decorum Part d.**)
- f. All male catchers must wear the plastic, metal or fiber protective cup and must wear full catcher's gear.
- g. No stickers or painting of helmets or other protective equipment shall be permitted without written approval from the manufacturer.

Section 9 - TEE BALL LEAGUE PUTTING THE BALL INTO PLAY

The pitcher throws the ball to the catcher. The catcher hands the ball to the coach who places the ball on the tee.

Section 10 - TEE BALL LEAGUE PITCHING RULES

The pitcher must remain completely in the pitcher's circle until the ball is batted.

Section 11 - TEE BALL LEAGUE BATTING AND RUNNING RULES

- a. The ball must be hit 12 feet beyond home plate, otherwise it is ruled a foul ball.
- b. Bunting is not allowed. The batter must take a full swing.
- c. Stealing is not allowed.
- d. Runners cannot advance beyond the base they are approaching when play is stopped by the pitcher and the runner must have run more than half the distance between the bases or otherwise return to the previous base.
- e. Base runners may be allowed to continue running the bases after being put out provided coaches agree.

Section 12 - TEE BALL LEAGUE FIELDING

- a. No fielder may be placed further infield than the back of the pitcher's circle. Any infraction of this rule can result in the batter being awarded first base, and any runner on base awarded an additional base, if required.
- b. A batted ground ball to the pitcher in the pitcher's circle must be thrown for an out.
- c. After a fair ball has been hit, the defensive team can stop the play by returning the ball to the pitcher, who must step within the pitcher's area, making no further play on any base runner. After the pitcher stops in the pitcher's circle with the ball, he may not cause outs by further relay of the ball. At this point, the pitcher returns the ball to the catcher. The base runners may not advance while the pitcher returns the ball to the catcher and must stay on base until a fair ball is hit. Play is also stopped when the defense causes the lead runner to stay on base for 5 seconds or more.

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ARTICLE VI - TOURNAMENT TEAMS

NOTE: The goals of tournament teams include providing player development and improvement while teaching good sportsmanship and life lessons about winning and losing, teamwork, discipline, respect and goal-setting. The tournament teams are representatives of Bay City Little League and of Bay City. As the post-season tournaments are quite competitive, the Board of Directors, by a majority vote of all Board members, may alter the team selection process if needed to ensure that competitive teams are fielded.

Section 1 - MANAGERS

The Board of Directors will determine the tournament team managers. The Board will use several factors in making their decision, including team record, instructional capabilities, and familiarity with tournament rules. The only stipulation is that the Tournament team manager must have been either a manager or coach for that age group during the current season. The manager for the nine-year-old team should be determined around the first of May as the nine-year-old team begins tournament play around June 1. The Board of directors will have the final approval of the manager. A manager may not manage more than one tournament team.

- Tournament team managers for the Senior Division – twelve, thirteen, fourteen, fifteen, and sixteen-year-olds will be selected from the pool of interested Junior and Senior League managers and coaches.
- Tournament team managers for the Junior Division – twelve, thirteen, and fourteen-year-olds will be selected from the pool of interested Junior and Senior League managers and coaches.
- Tournament team managers for the eleven and twelve-year-old teams will be selected from the pool of interested Major League managers and coaches.
- Tournament team managers for the nine and ten-year-old tournament teams will be selected from the pool of interested Minor League managers and coaches.
- Tournament team managers for the seven and eight-year-old tournament teams will be selected from the pool of interested Coach Pitch League managers and coaches.

Section 2 - JUNIOR TOURNAMENT PLAYERS

All eligible Junior and Senior League twelve, thirteen, and fourteen-year-olds who so choose will have their name placed on the Junior ballot. One Manager, and two Coaches from each team will vote for a maximum of 14 players of league ages 12 – 14. The top three players receiving votes from the coaches and managers will be placed on the team. Additional players will be selected by the tournament team manager and approved by the Board of Directors to complete the Tournament Team. The Board shall approve the team selection. All names shall be announced publicly at the sametime.

Section 3 - SENIOR TOURNAMENT PLAYERS

All eligible Junior and Senior League twelve, thirteen, fourteen, fifteen, and sixteen-year-olds who so choose will have their name placed on the Senior ballot. One Manager, and two Coaches from each team will vote for a maximum of 14 players of league ages 12 – 16. The top three players receiving votes from the coaches and managers will be placed on the team. Additional players will be selected by the tournament team manager and approved by the Board of Directors to complete the Tournament Team. The Board shall approve the team selection. All names shall be announced publicly at the sametime.

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Section 4 - TWELVE YEAR OLDS

All eligible Major League twelve-year-olds who so choose will have their name placed on the twelve-year-old ballot. One Manager, and two Coaches from each team will vote for a maximum of 14 players of league age 12. The top three players receiving votes from the coaches and managers will be placed on the team. Additional players will be selected by the tournament team manager and approved by the Board of Directors to complete the Tournament Team. The Board shall approve the team selection. All names shall be announced publicly at the same time.

Section 5 - ELEVEN YEAR OLDS

All eligible eleven-year-olds who so choose will have their name placed on the eleven-year-old ballot. One Manager, and two Coaches from each team will vote for a maximum of 14 players of league age 11. The top three players receiving votes from the coaches and managers will be placed on the team. Additional players will be selected by the tournament team manager and approved by the Board of Directors to complete the Tournament Team. The Board shall approve the team selection. All names shall be announced publicly at the same time.

Section 6 - TEN YEAR OLDS

All eligible ten-year-olds who so choose will have their name placed on the ten-year-old ballot. One Manager, and two Coaches from each team will vote for a maximum of 14 players of league age 10. The top three players receiving votes from the coaches and managers will be placed on the team. Additional players will be selected by the tournament team manager and approved by the Board of Directors to complete the Tournament Team. The Board shall approve the team selection. All names shall be announced publicly at the same time.

Section 7 - NINE YEAR OLDS

All eligible nine-year-olds who so choose will have their name placed on the nine-year-old ballot. One Manager, and two Coaches from each team will vote for a maximum of 14 players of league age 9. The top three players receiving votes from the coaches and managers will be placed on the team. Additional players will be selected by the tournament team manager and approved by the Board of Directors to complete the Tournament Team. The Board shall approve the team selection. All names shall be announced publicly at the same time.

Section 8 - SEVEN AND EIGHT YEAR OLDS

All eligible seven and eight-year-olds who so choose will have their name placed on the nine-year-old ballot. One Manager, and two Coaches from each team will vote for a maximum of 14 players of league age 7 and 8. The top three players receiving votes from the coaches and managers will be placed on the team. Additional players will be selected by the tournament team manager and approved by the Board of Directors to complete the Tournament Team. The Board shall approve the team selection. All names shall be announced publicly at the same time.

Section 9 - COUNTING OF VOTES

The league will follow the recommended method of vote counting found in the Official Regulations and Playing Rules. The votes will be read and counted during a meeting of the Board of Directors of the league.

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Section 10 - PLAYER REQUESTING TO PLAY AT HIGHER LEVEL

- Players of league age 9, 10, and 11 may request the opportunity to play on the next higher level tournament team where appropriate with Little League tournament teams. For example, a player of league age 10 could request to play on the 11-year-old tournament team. The player must notify the league prior to voting to have their name placed on the next higher ballot. In this example, the player of league age 10 would be placed on the ballot with the 11-year-old players in order to be voted on the 11-year-old tournament team. If not selected on the higher level team by vote (in this case the 11-year-old team), they would be candidates to fill out the team by the older level team manager. If not selected to the older team, these players would be then eligible to be selected by the manager of their regular age team as a manager selection to fill out that team. **Players may place their name on one ballot only.**
- All players regardless of age are limited to participating on one tournament team per season unless approved by the Board of Directors. This only applies to 9-year-olds whom would be candidates for the 9-year-old and 10-year-old teams. The 10, 11, and 12-year-old teams play at the same time and a player may be named to only one of those teams.

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LOCAL LEAGUE POLICIES

ARTICLE I – LEAGUE UNIFORMS

Section 1 – PROVIDED UNIFORM

The Local League shall provide shirts and hats. Parents must supply any color of Little League approved belts, pants and leggings. Minor, Coach Pitch and T-Ball may wear elastic belted pants, but all players should wear the same style and color of clothing. No player shall be allowed to play in a game unless he/she is wearing a numbered uniform shirt. This does not apply if the uniform has failed to arrive from the vendor. Steel cleats may not be worn, except for Junior and Senior League. (**Little League Rules and Regulations 1.11 section h.**)

Section 2 - HEADGEAR

Proper headgear must be worn by all players when batting and running bases. Failure to meet this requirement shall result in an automatic out. Under no circumstance shall a player intentionally throw a bat, helmet, or glove on the ground or in the dugout. This may result in ejection and/or suspension.

Section 3 – CATCHING EQUIPMENT

Proper catching equipment shall consist of a catcher's helmet, facemask, chest protector, shin guards, and throat protector. Proper equipment must be worn during games, practice, and when warming up the pitcher.

Section 4 – TEAM APPAREL

Any and all requested team apparel shall be coordinated through Team Manager.

ARTICLE II - FINANCIAL AND ACCOUNTING

The Board of Directors shall administer the treasury of the Little League as follows:

Section 1 – EXPENDITURES

Any expenditure which is less than \$500.00 must be approved by the president and/or the treasurer.

Any expenditure which exceeds the amount of \$500.00 must have approval of the majority of the Board of Directors.

Section 3 - BIDS

Any expenditure for equipment, supplies, repairs, and or services that exceed \$5000.00 shall require a minimum of 2 competitive bids and shall be approved by the Board of Directors. (Emergency expenditures that are necessary to continue operation of the Local League are exempt from the bid process.)

Section 4 - DEPOSITS

At the end of the playing season, which shall include all-star competition, the president and the treasurer shall deposit all funds with the exception of funds required by the banking institution as a minimum balance for the maintenance of accounts and for required off-season expenses in an interest-bearing account or certificate of deposit, whichever is most advantageous to the Little League.

Section 5 – CONCESSION STAND ACCOUNT

The Board of Directors shall institute and maintain a concession stand checking account, solely for the purpose of operation of the concession stand and for no other purpose. Deposits into this checking account may include seed money, which is transferred from the general fund and shall be determined by the Board of Directors, and all proceeds from the operation of the concession stand. All expenditures shall be accompanied by receipts. At no time after Opening Day shall there be allowed a balance in excess of \$2000.00 unless deemed fit by the Board. All moneys over and above the maximum balance of \$2000.00 shall be transferred into the general fund, on a weekly basis or more frequently as needed.

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ARTICLE III - TEAM DUTIES

All managers are responsible for ensuring proper player participation. Even in shortened games, minimum player participation time still applies. Failure to meet minimum participation requirements constitutes an infraction against the manager. Disciplinary steps will be followed in accordance with the official Little League rulebook, which consists of a warning for the 1st infraction, a 1 game suspension for the 2nd, and suspension for the remainder of the season for the 3rd.

Section 1 – SPONSORSHIP & FUNDRAISING

Each team will need a team sponsor. The sponsor can be any business or person interested in sponsoring a team. The league does not allow the sponsor to pick their team name and colors as long as they are not already assigned to another team. The team sponsor's name will also be printed on the back of the player's jerseys.

The league also has billboard sponsors. The sponsor's name or business name and logo will be printed on a large mesh signs and hung on the outfield fence(s) during the season. They are removed in August and stored in doors to prevent damage.

A sponsorship form is available with more details describing each type of sponsorship available. To obtain a copy, please email baycitylittleleague.tx@gmail.com.

The league will have two fundraising events per season. One being the golf ball drop. This is a huge fundraising event for the league. Each player is encouraged to sell their tickets for this event. The tickets will be given to each player by their team manager.

****All unsold tickets are required to be turned in, or they will be considered lost and the parent is responsible to pay for them. If not turned in nor paid for, the player will not be eligible for all stars.**

Section 2 - SCOREKEEPING

Home team is responsible for keeping the official League scorebook (Excluding Tee Ball), preparing fields, and supplying balls prior to the game. The Home team will set the bases and provide water coolers and cups for both teams. The field must be marked 10 minutes prior to game time. Games will not start until the umpire signals for play to begin. Teams should turn in a starting lineup to the umpire with substitutes listed at least 10 minutes prior to game time. Copies shall be given to the official scorekeeper, if applicable, and the opposing team manager. The official game time is the published game time. Teams must be present at game time to play. Team managers are responsible for the team conduct on the field and in the dugout. The Home Team manager will convey the game score, the names of the pitchers, and the number of pitches thrown by each pitcher to the League Information Officer. The home plate umpire and official scorekeeper, and, if appropriate, to the opposing team scorekeeper, must be notified of players arriving to the game late. If batting in continuous order, they will be placed at the bottom of the lineup. Failure to properly announce the player is subject to illegal participation, batting out of order, and protest of the game.

Section 3 – VISITING TEAM

For internal league games, visiting team is responsible for running the scoreboard during play and for hand raking and preparing the field for play once the game is complete. The visiting team must return water coolers to the concession stand. Upon leaving the field, the visiting team must turn the field lights off. Team managers are responsible for the team conduct on the field and in the dugout.

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Section 4 - DUGOUTS

After completing the game, teams must leave the dugout area as soon as possible, making sure to clean up any trash left behind. When 2 or more games are scheduled, teams arriving for subsequent games shall not enter the dugout area until the previous team has vacated the dugout, removed equipment, and cleaned up the area.

Section 5 – FIELD MAINTENANCE

All teams are responsible for participating in scheduled field maintenance time, fulfilling concession stand duties, supplying an umpire if needed, and picking up trash after each game. Team managers have the ultimate responsibility to ensure the fields, dugouts, and stands are clean after their games. Managers should lead by example and encourage parents and fans to assist in the cleanup. Managers failing to fulfill these duties will be subject to the disciplinary procedures outlined in [Article VIII](#) below.

Section 6 - WORKDAYS

All team managers or their representatives should attend all field workdays before equipment is issued.

Section 7 – TRASH PICKUP

Following each game, practice, or field activity, teams will remove trash from the dugout areas and the bleachers. ALL equipment, including Coach Pitch, rakes, water coolers, and bases, will be returned to its proper storage location. All lights will be turned off and the gates locked. Failure to abide by these directives shall constitute an infraction against the team manager.

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ARTICLE IV- FIELD RULES

Section 1 – REGULAR SEASON

- I.** Any unattended child not acting responsibly may be asked to leave.
- II.** All alcoholic beverages are prohibited on Little League grounds.
- III.** All tobacco products are prohibited on Little League grounds.
- IV.** No pets will be allowed inside the fences of the complex.
- V.** Service vehicles only are allowed inside the fences of the complex to help ensure safety.
- VI.** Batting cages and mounds are available for use according to the following guidelines.
 - i. For days when no practices or games are scheduled in either the Major or Minor Leagues, the cages and mounds are available on a first come, first served basis.
 - ii. For days when practices are scheduled on the Major League and/or Minor League fields, the cages and mounds are reserved for those teams during the entire scheduled practice time. The cage and mound closest to the Major League field is reserved for the team scheduled to practice on the Major League field, and the ones closest to the Minor League field are reserved for the team practicing on that field. If only one of the fields is being used for practice, the batting cage and mound associated with the vacant field is available for use on a first come, first served basis.
 - iii. For days when games are scheduled on either field, the cages and mounds are reserved for those teams scheduled to play for an hour prior to game time, with the Visiting team having the first 30 minutes and the home team the second 30 minutes. The cage and mound closest to the Major League field are reserved for the Major League teams and those closest to the Minor League field are reserved for the Minor League teams. If only one game is scheduled, both cages and mounds are reserved for the teams playing in that game for an hour prior to game time.
 - iv. For other times, the use of the batting cages will be approved and scheduled by the Board of Directors.
 - v. All minors in the batting cages, whether pitching or hitting, shall wear protective headgear at all times. It is recommended that adults wear protective headgear also.
 - vi. When Coach Pitch is using, only adult coaches are allowed to feed the machine.
 - vii. Only one batter is permitted inside the cage at a time.
 - viii. Balls should be inspected for damage prior to use.
 - ix. When finished using the cages, the batting cage area shall be cleaned up and all equipment and trash removed.
 - x. Failure to comply with these guidelines may result in the loss of batting cage privileges.
- VII.** The Board member on duty, if applicable, will be responsible for closing the entire facility.
- VIII.** The Field Maintenance Manager and/or Assistant Manager shall supervise and direct all maintenance activities on the fields and shall recruit and schedule individuals to participate in the field operation. **FIELD MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES TAKE PRECEDENT OVER FIELD USE**
- IX.** During the regular season, no one will be allowed to practice on any of the fields unless one or more of the team coaches are present for the entire practice. Persons providing a service which requires field access, such as pitching or hitting clinics, may be given such access by the Board of Directors. No one will be allowed on the fields during the season except for BCLL team members, Board members, and approved managers and coaches. The Field Maintenance Manager will authorize use of BCLL equipment. During the off-season, interested parties shall meet with the Field Maintenance Manager to schedule field use, especially for recurring events.

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Section 2 – FIELD USAGE AGREEMENT

All field usage outside of regular or post-season games shall require the approval of the Board of Directors. This includes but is not limited to: individual practice, parties, meetings, team practices, and tournaments. The Board of Directors shall propose a fee on consideration of the cost of field maintenance, utilities, and permits.

Section 3 – NON-LITTLE LEAGUE USAGE

Teams wishing to utilize the fields of the Bay City Little League must submit in writing the request including dates, times, and description of usage. Each organization or individual must gain Board approval prior to any usage.

Competitive Team requirements for field usage agreement set by the Board include, but are not limited to:

1. 75% of players must be registered with the Bay City Little League.
2. Must conduct field maintenance as defined in Article IV, Section 1.
3. Pay fees set and imposed by the Bay City Little League Board.
4. Must provide proof of insurance.
5. Must abide by all rules and requirements for field including those listed within the Bay City Facility Use Agreement.

The Board may revoke the agreement of any team or individuals in the instance of non-compliancy.

ARTICLE V - CONCESSION

Concession shifts will be filled by parents or volunteers and the concession fee paid at the time of registration will be reimbursed to them.

There will be no free food or drinks given to anyone at any time. Volunteer workers must pay for everything which they consume in the concession stand.

Official league umpires may receive free water during the time they are umpiring a game only. They must pay for their food, drinks and snacks at all other times.

If the concession stand does not operate on a given evening due to inclement weather and games are rescheduled, the concession stand should operate on the same evening that the rescheduled games occur.

The concession stand shall close no later than 9:00 pm on Sunday – Thursday and 10:00 pm on Friday - Saturday. The grill shall be turned off 30 minutes prior to close.

During Regular and Tournament play, the concession stand shall remain cashless. Each electronic payment processing account or application shall be deposited on a weekly basis, or sooner if necessary, by the Board president or treasurer. The president or treasurer will ensure it is deposited in the bank.

ARTICLE VI - RESCHEDULED GAME

Games being rescheduled due to inclement weather, tie games, or unforeseen circumstances shall be rescheduled by the Board of Directors as follows:

- a. Wednesday and Saturday are designated makeup game days. A game needing to be rescheduled or continued on a later date should be played on the next available makeup game day which does not create a doubleheader or as otherwise determined by the Board of Directors.
- b. Games will not be rescheduled to play on a holiday weekend. In this case, the rescheduled game should be played on the following Wednesday. Should these present conflicts, particularly with church or school events, the League Coach Manager or the BCLL President shall determine the date and time of the makeup game.
- c. Dates and start times for rescheduled games will be set by the League Coach Manager or the BCLL President. These should be set as soon as possible after the original game was interrupted or cancelled.
- d. Any team with 3 or more players affected by an unforeseen school function may have their game rescheduled per board approval. Notice must be given to the League Coach Manager or the BCLL President 72 hours in advance. This rule does not apply to Opening Day games.

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ARTICLE VII - PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Parents are important to the Little League Program. The program depends on the parents support and encouragement of the children as well as the officers and other volunteers involved. The duties of the parents are:

- a. Become aware of the rules, regulation and philosophy of Little League Baseball.
- b. Present opinions and criticisms to officers of the league in a positive, constructive manner.
- c. Transport players to and from practices and games promptly and dependably.
- d. Participate in volunteer activities.
- e. Encourage child to participate in fund raisers and turn in money or tickets promptly.
- f. Perform concession duties at least once per season per child playing Little League unless prior arrangements have been made, such as exercising a buyout option if such option exists.
- g. Read and sign a code of conduct.
- h. Disorderly conduct by manager, coach, parents, or fan:
 - Managers and Coaches should control their fans. If a parent is disorderly, an umpire may warn the manager and coach of that team. A manager or coach may ask the fan to leave or be quiet. If the umpire has to reprimand the same fan in the same game more than once, then manager gets written up by the umpire.
 - First write up, the League/Division Manager shall give a verbal and written warning to coach.
 - Second write up, the manager will receive one game suspension and no opportunity to coach all-stars team.
 - Third write up in same season, the manager will receive one-year suspension from coaching.
- i. Any player, manager, coach, or fan may be ejected from the field or park by the umpire. If a call is being challenged, only one coach OR manager from each team is allowed to approach the umpire. All incidents where players, managers, coaches, or fans are ejected by the umpire will be referred to the Board of Directors (BOD) for possible action under the direction of the Player Agent. In addition, the BOD will consider other serious incidents that are brought to its attention.

****Please remember that one of the purposes of Little League is to promote good examples of sportsmanship and fair play for our children. Our league will not tolerate any joking about a pitcher deliberately throwing at a batter. We take this very seriously and if we hear of this in any context your player will be expelled from our league.**

****The board president can dismiss anyone at any time.**

ARTICLE VIII - MANAGER RESPONSIBILITIES

All managers will comply with the following requirements, which are to be bound together and are to apply to all teams. All efforts should be made to alert the proper contacts if a manager cannot meet any of his obligations.

- a. Submit and pass a background check.
- b. Complete Abuse Awareness Training provided by USA Baseball or a comparable training.
- c. Complete Child Protection Program Training provided by USA Baseball or comparable training.
- d. Complete Little League Diamond Leader Training.
- e. Schedule and conduct team practices.
- f. Attend all meetings of the managers and coaches.
- g. Read and be familiar with the rules and of the Local League and Little League Inc. and be able to teach them to the players and apply them in a game.
- h. Appoint a team mom, volunteer umpires, and an official scorekeeper (Major/Minor League).
- i. Appoint a team mom (Coach Pitch and T Ball Leagues).
- j. Motivate parents and players to clean up trash and debris in stands, dugout and playing area after each game.
- k. Be responsible for having the field ready to play at game time.
- l. Attend a Little League Umpires certification training course if possible.
- m. Assist in field maintenance and be present on all work days.
- n. Notify the Player Agent and League Vice President within 24 hours of determining the loss of a player.
- o. Read and sign a code of conduct and submit a Volunteer Application.
- p. Ensure that all players use equipment approved by Little League International. All non-wood bats must be recognized by the current Little League bat standards. Also, no stickers or painting of helmets and other protective equipment shall be permitted without written approval from the manufacturer.

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ARTICLE IX – PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

The following items should be discussed with each player before the first practice either personally or as part of the team practice or orientation:

- I will not lie, cheat, steal or engage in any other unsportsmanlike conduct on or off the field.
- I will be on time to all practices and games.
- I will practice good sportsmanship.
- I will be courteous in victory and defeat.
- I will congratulate and be respectful of others.
- I will not be disrespectful to my teammates, my coaches, the officials, or my parents by using profanity, obscene gestures, offensive remarks or engaging in boastful talk or behavior.
- I will strive to do my best in school.
- I will not fight or exhibit extreme displays of anger on or off the field.
- I will not be disruptive in the dugout during any game or practice session.
- I will not engage in any behavior that may be hurtful to me or others.
- I will play by the rules of the game and abide by the rules of the league.

ARTICLE X - INTERLEAGUE ARRANGEMENTS

The Board of Directors may approve interleague arrangements with neighboring leagues. The approval process should follow the process outlined below.

- a. Interleague Determination – First and foremost, once the BCLL Board has received a request for interleague play, the Board must decide whether or not to accept the interleague proposal.
- b. Locations – If the proposal is accepted, the Board then will decide game locations. If possible, the games should be played at all available fields, not only those operated by BCLL. Field preparations and supplies along with concessions will be the responsibility of the league operating the field. Team managers, coaches, and fans must treat all fields in accordance with the duties outlined previously.
- c. Umpires – The Board should then determine the process for scheduling umpires. BCLL may decide to schedule umpires for all games and handle any costs associated with the umpires. Interleague fees would then be set by the cost of the umpires, with the amount set at one half of the total amount of umpire fees for games scheduled. As an example, if umpire fees and associated costs amount to \$60/game, each team would be responsible for the equivalent of \$30/game. For a 15-game schedule, the interleague fee would then be set per team.
- d. League Championship – The BCLL Board will decide whether or not teams from the neighboring league will be eligible for league championship considerations. Leagues desiring to interleague must adhere to the Little League International requirements for roster sizes and participation to be included in the championship. **ALL LEAGUE GAMES WILL BE INCLUDED IN DETERMINING LEAGUE STANDINGS.**
- e. Once both leagues approve the arrangement, an Interleague Request Form will be submitted to the District Administrator for approval.
- f. Field maintenance and preparation will be the responsibility of the league hosting the game. As an example, for games played in Bay City, Bay City LL would be responsible for field preparation before and after the game. For games played outside of Bay City, the home league would be responsible.

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ARTICLE XI - CONCERNS PROCEDURE

The Board of Directors may release a manager at any time following the procedure below if the board deems the managers' actions extremely detrimental to a player, umpire, coach, spectator or Article VII violations.

- a. All complaints, charges, accusations, and or wrongdoings will be submitted to the Board of Directors using the Concerns Form (see **Attachment A**). The board member signing the Concerns Form will notify the accused person and give them the managers/coaches Concerns Reply Form (see **Attachment B**). For any Concerns Form brought up against someone, he or she or someone on their behalf will fill out and sign the managers/coaches Concerns Reply Form (see **Attachment B**). Anyone refusing to sign the Concerns Reply Form will be acted upon if deemed necessary by the Board of Directors.
- b. Once this has been done, the Board may decide to call a "Special meeting" per League Constitution within 48 hours to address the Concerns Form and the Concerns Reply Form filed.
- c. The person involved shall be notified of the meeting, informed of the nature of the Concerns Form and given the opportunity to appear at the meeting and to answer the Concerns Form brought against them. During the Concerns meeting, Concerns Documentation Form (see **Attachment C**) will be filled out.
- d. No action shall be taken against the manager/coach by any board member until all of the above procedures have been carried out.
- e. The decision of the board on these issues will be binding. Once a decision is reached all parties will be notified.

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ATTACHMENT A – CONCERNS FORM

Date of Event: _____

Approx. Time: _____ **Place:** _____

Observed Actions:

Witnesses Observation:

Concern Lodged by:

Printed Name _____ **Signature** _____ **Date** _____

Received by:

Printed Name _____ **Signature** _____ **Date** _____

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ATTACHMENT A – CONCERNS FORM

Date of Event: _____

Approx. Time: _____ Place: _____

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2. **What are the key variables being studied, and how are they measured?** (10 points)

3. **What statistical methods are used to analyze the data, and what are the results?** (10 points)

4. **What are the implications of the findings for the field of study?** (10 points)

5. **What are the strengths and limitations of the study?** (10 points)

Concern Reply by:

Printed Name

Signature

Date

Received by:

Printed Name

Signature

Date

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ATTACHMENT C – MEETING DOCUMENTATION FORM

Date of Event: _____

Approx. Time: _____ Place: _____

Complaint form reviewed and attempts to contact witnesses made
Complaint reply form reviewed and Manager/Coach contacted

Yes No
Yes No

Items of Discussion:

Agreed upon Actions:

Name	Signature	Date
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