

**North West Ada Little League
League Bylaws**

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The League Rules and League Structure of North West Ada Little League (NWALL) have been designed and adopted by the Board of Directors (BOD) as a means to provide the player members of NWALL with a positive, constructive experience. The objective of the Local League shall be to implant firmly in the children of the community the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage and respect for authority, so that they may be well adjusted, stronger and happier children and will grow to be good, decent, healthy and trustworthy citizens. These rules and structure will be reviewed annually and may be modified, as necessary, to attain the goals of Little League.

Article I – League Structure

Section 1. General League Structure

The general league structure of NWALL shall be in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of Little League Baseball, Incorporated. NWALL shall offer programs in Baseball and Girls Softball.

Section 2. NWALL Baseball League Structure

The local structure of NWALL for baseball shall be made up of a Tee-ball League, a Rookie League, an 8-12 year old League (Minor AA, Minor AAA), Majors, a Junior League and a Senior League.

- A) The Tee-ball League of NWALL shall consist of player members who are five (5), six (6) or seven (7) years old as of August 31st. The Tee-ball League is primarily designed for players league age 5 and 6; a player member who is 7 years old as of August 31st and has no prior youth baseball experience may wish to enroll at this level of play.
- B) The Rookie League of NWALL shall consist of player members who are six (6), seven (7) or eight (8) years old as of August 31st. The Rookie League is primarily designed for players league age 7 and 8; a player member who is 6 years old as of August 31st and has had one year of Tee-ball experience may wish to enroll at this level of play.
- C) The 8-12 Year Old League of NWALL shall consist of player members who are eight (8) to twelve (12) years old as of per Little League International League Age Tables .
 - (i) The 8-12 Year Old League shall be divided into the following divisions: Minors AA, Minors AAA, and Majors.
 - (ii) **The Little League Major Division** consists of player members who have participated in an assessment and are subsequently selected in the player draft. These players can be league ages 10, 11, or 12. If a player was selected as a Majors player in the previous year that player will remain in the major division through League age 12. This is the most competitive division. Only **one** ten year-old per team will be allowed. All 12 year olds will be selected in the major division as per Regulation V.

- (iii) **The Little League AAA Division** consists of assessed player members who are not selected in the Little League Major Division player draft and are selected in the AAA player draft. These players can be league ages 9, 10, or 11. This is a division which mixes skills development with competition. We recommend 12 players per team. All 11 year olds not selected in the major division must be selected in the AAA division. Only two assessed nine year-olds per team will be allowed.
- (iv) **The Minors AA Division** are players that have not been selected to either the Majors or AAA divisions and are subsequently placed on a Minors team. These players can be league ages 8, 9, or 10. The intent of this division is skills development. Competition is secondary to skills development. Only two assessed eight year-olds, per team, will be permitted to play at the AA level..

- D) The **Junior League of NWALL** shall consist of player members who are league age 13 to 15 years of age per Little League International League Age Tables. Teams shall be organized at the District 2 level.
- E) The **Senior League of NWALL** shall consist of player members who are league age 16 to 17 olds as of per Little League International League Age Tables. Teams shall be organized at the District 2 level.

Section 3. NWALL Girls Softball League Structure

The local structure of NWALL for softball shall be made up of a Rookie League, a 9-12 Year Old League (Little League), a Junior League and a Senior League.

- A) The Softball Rookie League of NWALL shall consist of player members who are six (6), seven (7) or eight (8) years old as of December 31st. The Softball Rookie League is primarily designed for players league age 7 and 8; a player member who is 6 years old as of July 31st and has had one year of Tee-ball experience may wish to enroll at this level of play.
- B) The Softball 9-12 Year Old League of NWALL shall consist of player members who are ages nine (9) through twelve (12) years old as of December 31st.
 - (i) The 9-12 Year Old Softball League shall be divided into the following divisions: Little League Major Division and Little League Minor Division. The Little League Major Division consists of player members who have participated in an assessment and are subsequently selected in the player draft. The Little League Minor Division consists of assessed player members who are not selected in the Little League Major Division player draft.
 - (ii) The number of teams at the Little League Major Division will be determined so as to maximize the number of 12-year-old player members playing Little League Majors.
 - (iii) No player younger than 9 years old as of December 31st shall be allowed to participate in the Little League Major Divisions.
- C) The Softball Junior League of NWALL shall consist of player members who are thirteen (13) and fourteen (14) years old as of December 31st. 12 year old players who have played the Major League for 2 years can assess to play Juniors.

Article II – Manager Selection

The selection of the manager for any team, in baseball or softball, at the 8-12 Little League, Junior League and Senior League levels shall be as follows:

Section 1. Manager Selection Procedure

All interested volunteers must submit a current volunteer form indicating their desire to be a team manager.

- A) The League VP of Baseball Operations, at each level will contact all eligible managers and coaches as to their desire to be selected as team manager.
- B) The VP of Baseball Operations will convey to the NWALL League President the names of all eligible managers and coaches desiring to be considered for Team manager for that level.
- C) Next, the NWALL League President will convey to the VP of Baseball Operations the names of any eligible manager or coach whom he/she will not appoint a Team manager.
- D) On or before February 20th, The NWALL executive committee will interview the potential candidates and determine the Manager by a vote of the executive committee. Composition of the this committee may include: VP of Baseball, VP Baseball Operations, the UIC, VP of Softball, and the Coaching Coordinator.
- E) Selected managers will be nominated by NWALL League President for approval by NWALL Board as Team manager.

Section 2. Manager Responsibilities

Managers are responsible for:

- A) Recruit 2 coaches to assist him/her in the running of the team practices and games
 1. Coaches shall serve with the approval of the V.P. of Baseball or Softball
 2. Coaches and Managers shall attend the District coach's clinics when provided.
 3. Coaches and/or Managers shall attend NWALL clinics as required by the President or Coaching Coordinator.
- B) Recruit 2 umpires
 1. Umpires shall serve with the approval of the League President
 2. Umpires shall attend the required classes and receive certification from the District.
 3. Umpires shall attend NWALL Clinics as required by the President
- C) Attend (manager and assistants) the umpire rules clinics for certification
- D) Recruit a Team Parent, who must attend a Mandatory Team Parent meeting or else a member of the coaching staff.
- E) Recruit a field coordinator responsible for preparing the field before the game and tearing down the field after the game as per field prep guideline. Field Coordinator must also attend a field maintenance clinic conducted by the League Field Director.
- F) Scheduling, overseeing practices and managing the team during games.
- G) For all NWALL equipment and uniforms checked out for the team. Equipment checked out and not returned will be billed to the manager.

- H) Managers shall comply with all the goals and rules as laid out in the Little League rules manual and the Little League operating manual. Failure to do so may result in the Managers removal by the Board of directors.

Article III – Team Formation and Player Selection

Section 1. Player Agent

- A) NWA Little League will annually appoint an individual from the elected board known as the Player Agent (PA).
- B) Specific responsibility includes: Severing as the player’s advocate. Registering players (delegated to Registrar – PA needs to assist, confirm handled), setting up the assessments (delegated to Assessment Coordinator for each program – PA needs to assist, confirm handled), conducting the Player Distribution Plan (draft and assignment) (delegated to Directors – PA needs to supervise), acting as an intermediary when trades are undertaken; observing managers and coaches in their handling of players (PA delegates to Directors and through use of the Manager Evaluation Form) and maintaining a list of players who are eligible to be elevated to the next level throughout the season (PA coordinated with the Registrar).
- C) If the Player Agent position is vacant or in cases where conflict of interest exists, duties will be handled by the League President.

Section 2. Call for Player Candidates

- A) Annually NWALL’s Registrar will announce the dates and place where open registration will be conducted for the coming season. NWALL will offer ample opportunity for parents and children to register.
- B) Every girl and boy who lives within or attends school the league’s registered boundaries has the right to register and assess (if necessary, dependent upon level). These rights will be protected and are a condition of NWALL’s charter.
- C) NWALL will communicate their registration dates via appropriate means of communication as determined by the Board, including banners, public media such as TV, radio or newspaper, email, mailers, and other approved forms of social media, etc.

Section 3. Registration

- A) Authorized NWALL officials must provide registration forms (electronic or paper) for all players and parents to complete. The parent must sign the form provided.
- B) The NWALL President, Player Agent or their designee must determine that an original birth certificate has been presented and reviewed for each player candidate and that the player qualifies based on their Proof of Age document.
- C) The NWALL President, Player Agent or their designee must determine that the player meets Little League’s Residency Eligibility Requirements and provides proper documentation.
- D) NWALL shall have on display at all verifications a large detailed map showing precise boundaries which have been approved by the District Administrator and confirmed by Little League’s Regional Director.

Section 4. Balancing Player Talent

- A) Little League baseball requires that NWALL establishes and maintains an equitable distribution of player talent through an approved Player Selection System at the minor level and above.
- B) The Player Selection System requires careful evaluation of all candidates during assessments at the minor level and above.

Section 5. Notice of Assessments

- A) NWALL is responsible for notifying every eligible child residing within our boundaries of the call for assessments. As NWALL makes their registration available to every eligible child, this suffices. Notification of assessments is communicated at Registration to all players and their families.
- B) All eligible players must attend 50% of the assessments. NWALL will offer baseball assessments on a Saturday in late February and early March and will offer make-up assessments as needed on a date TBD.

Section 6. Player Agent's List (Assessment List)

- A) Prior to assessments, the Player Agent, through the Registrar, must make a list showing the names and League Age of each candidate (player). This is done with the assistance of the Assessment Coordinator.
- B) After assessments and prior to the draft, the Player Agent, through the Registrar, will create a Final Player Agent List of all qualified and eligible candidates. This is done with the assistance of the Assessment Coordinator.

Section 7. Assessment Policy

Players playing in leagues requiring assessment will be assessed following the Rules and Regulations of Little League Baseball, Incorporated for both programs in Baseball and Girls Softball.

- A) No assessment is required for player members to participate in Tee-ball or Rookie Leagues, in either Baseball or Softball.
- B) Assessments are required for player members in the following baseball leagues: AA - Juniors.
- C) Assessments are required for player members in the following softball leagues: 9-12 Year Old Softball and Junior Softball; 8 year old softball players who have played 2 years in the Rookie league can assess to play up to the minor league.

Section 8. Assessment Procedure

Player members will be notified at to their assessments date and time by the league's Player Agent. Reminders of assessment time and date will be sent by mail or other forms of electronic media to the player members by the player agents of the League at least ten (10) days prior to the chosen date. Should a player member fail to attend the assessment on the chosen date, the player agent will contact the player member to inform him (her) of a makeup assessment date and time.

- A) All players in the 8-12 Year Old League in baseball are required to participate in an assessment to be eligible for possible selection; players who have previously played in the majors will be selected. Player members who fail to attend an assessment for which they chose to sign up and also fail to attend the make-up assessment made available by the league are ineligible for draft to the Little League Majors division and will be required to participate in the Little League Minors AA or Minors AAA Division.

- B) All players in the 13-15 year old league are required to participate in an assessment for selection in the Junior League draft. **Exception:** Should an insufficient number of players sign up to play in the Junior League to make up more than one team, no assessment will be conducted and all players signing up will automatically be placed on the one Junior League team.
- C) All players in the Senior League in spring baseball are required to participate in an assessment for selection in the Senior League draft. **Exception:** Should an insufficient number of players sign up to play in the Senior League to make up more than one team, no assessment will be conducted and all players signing up will automatically be placed on the one Senior League team.
- D) All players in the 9-12 Year Old Softball League are required to participate in an assessment to be eligible for possible selection to the Little League Softball Majors division. Player members who fail to attend an assessment for which they chose to sign up and also fail to attend the make-up assessment made available by the league be ineligible for draft to the Little League Softball Majors division and will be required to participate in the Little League Softball Minors Division.
- E) All players in the Softball Junior League are required to participate in an assessment for selection in the Junior League draft. **Exception:** Should an insufficient number of players sign up to play in the Junior League to make up more than one team, no assessment will be conducted and all players signing up will automatically be placed on the one Junior League team. **Note:** Softball has only one (1) assessment time and one make-up time. 12 year old players who have played the Major League for 2 years can assess to play Juniors.

Section 9. Team Formation

Teams at each level will be formed in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of Little League Baseball, Incorporated for both programs in baseball and softball.

- A) Player members in the Tee-ball, Rookie, and Softball Rookie Leagues will be given the opportunity to make requests to be placed on teams with specific other player members.
- B) Teams in the Tee-ball League, the Rookie League and Minors AA Softball will be formed on a geographic basis. The League Director of each League will attempt to fulfill all requests made by player members for placement with other player members.
- C) Teams in the 9-12 Year Old Little League Majors, Minor AA and Minor AAA Division, the Junior League, the Senior League, the 9-12 Year Old Little League Softball Majors Division, the Softball Junior League, will be formed by draft of managers of players who attended assessments for the respective leagues.
- D) The draft method that will be employed by NWALL for the Little League Majors Division of both softball and baseball is that identified as “Method for Existing Leagues-Plan B” but we will have the managers draw numbers to determine who will select the first player as described in the “Method in First Year of Operation - Plan A” in the Little League Operating Manual. (Serpentine Method)
- E) A complete redraft of players occurs in all Leagues (Minors AA, Minors AAA, Majors and Juniors) of NWALL each year.
- F) Player members not selected in the drafts for the 9-12 Year Old Softball Little League Majors Division will be placed on teams in the 9-12 Year Old Softball Minors Division, respectively, that balance considerations of geography, assessment scores, and player requests to be placed on teams with others. The Player Agent with assistance from the league director forms these teams.

- G) All teams in each division will be supplied with numbered uniforms and hats that are from the same manufacturer and of the same style and grade but differ in color. Each division may have a different quality level but the determination will remain with the board. In no case will players' names be printed on regular season uniforms. Team sponsorship will not influence quality of team uniforms. NWALL will provide the required Official Little League patch to each player and the requirement that it be attached to the uniform prior to the first game of the season. All players must wear the official uniform provided by NWALL for each regular season scheduled game.

Article IV – League Rules

Section 1. General League Rules

The general league rules of NWALL shall be in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of Little League Baseball, Incorporated.

Section 2. NWALL League Rules

The local rules of NWALL have been designed and adopted at a meeting of the Board of Directors. These rules in no way supersede or conflict with the Rules and Regulations of Little League Baseball, Incorporated or with District II Inter-League Rules. All regular season games will use the published Idaho District II Interleague rules for that age group.

A) Tee-ball Division

- (i) No scores, nor win – loss records will be kept
- (ii) Balls hit within a ten-foot radius of home plate, even if in fair territory, are considered foul balls.
- (iii) It is recommended that at least three coaches assist fielders in the field of play.
- (iv) Managers are encouraged to place all available players on the field during defensive innings, with additional players playing the outfield.
- (v) Time Limit: Games are complete at the conclusion of any half-inning ending after 45 minutes of play.

B) Rookie Division

- (i) No scores, nor win – loss records will be kept
- (ii) There is no stealing.
- (iii) No inning shall start after 60 minutes from the start time of the game, regardless of innings played.
- (iv) If a batter throws the bat, whether while batting or after making an out, he/ she receives a warning.
- (v) All players are in the batting order, even if they are not in the field every inning. Managers should try and play all players equally.
- (vi) The Rookie League will use coach/manager to pitch to players during the season.
 - 1. During coach pitch each batter will receive 10 pitches and if they have not hit the ball or struck out then they must utilize a tee. Each batter will get 3 strikes either swinging or called, to hit the ball. If the batter fails to do so, the batter is out. If the batter fouls off the last pitch, they get another strike.
 - 2. During the first half of the season each one –half inning will be complete after every batter in the order bats.

3. During the season, a manager and a coach may assist their fielders in the field of play. The coach or manager must be stationed in the outfield (foul territory is permissible).
 4. There are no walks in the Rookie Division.
 5. If a pitch hits a batter the pitch is counted as a ball. No base will be awarded to the batter.
 6. Any batted or thrown ball that inadvertently hits the coach-pitcher shall be considered a live ball and in play.
 7. Once a ball has been hit into play, a base runner may advance until the ball is in the infield. The ball only needs to be in the infield and not in possession of a player. If a runner is already on their way to the next base, they get that base unless they are put out as a result of the play. If no play is being attempted the ball is dead. If in the judgment of the umpire, a base runner has not passed a base before the ball is in the infield, that runner will be sent back, and does not earn another base. The pitcher's rubber shall be 40 feet from home plate. During the coach pitch portion of the game the defensive pitcher shall be toward the 3rd base side of the pitching rubber and must stay there until the ball is hit.
 8. All players must be in uniform to play. (Uniform consists of a hat, shirt, long pants and appropriate shoes or cleats)
- (vii) All other playing rules will be the same as those used in Little League Minors.

C) Minors AA Division

- (i) All pitching regulations of Little League Baseball apply. Option 1 of the pitching rules will be followed.
 - (ii) Pitching affidavits must be kept on all participating pitchers.
 - (iii) Use of a continuous batting order is mandatory.
 - (iv) Free substitutions will not be allowed.
 - (v) Each one-half inning consists of three defensive put outs, or 5 runs, whichever occurs first.
 - (vi) All base running regulations of Little League Baseball apply, with the exception that base runners may only advance to home on a batted ball, when a walk forces the runner home, or an attempt is made by the defensive team to throw out a runner attempting to steal a base. A base runner may advance at his own risk from third base to home plate on an attempt by the catcher to throw out a runner stealing any base.
 - (vii) Time Limit: A two (2) hour limit will be in effect for all games. No new complete inning may be started after two (2) hours of play have been completed from the start of a game. Innings in progress, which start prior to two (2) hours from the start of the game, may be completed but no new inning shall be started following the completion of such inning. The home plate umpire shall be responsible for the official start time and shall notify the Manager of each team of the official start time. No new inning will start after 8 p.m.
 - (viii) A ten (10) run rule will be in effect after the completion of a minimum of 3 ½ innings. Managers whose teams are behind by ten (10) or more runs after 3 ½ innings shall concede the game. The home team will be given an opportunity to bat in the bottom of any inning should the visiting team's advantage become ten (10) or more runs in the top half of the inning.
 - (ix) All other playing rules will be the same as those used in Little League Majors
- All interleague games fall under District 2 interleague rules.

D) Minors AAA Division

- (i) All pitching regulations of Little League Baseball apply.
- (ii) Pitching affidavits must be kept on all participating pitchers.
- (iii) Use of a continuous batting order is mandatory
- (iv) Free substitutions will not be allowed

Each one-half inning consists of three defensive put outs, or 5 runs, whichever occurs first.

- (x) Time Limit: A two (2) hour limit will be in effect for all games. No new complete inning may be started after two (2) hours of play have been completed from the start of a game. Innings in progress that started prior to the two (2) hour time limit may be completed but no new inning shall be started following the completion of such inning. The home plate umpire shall be responsible for the official start time and shall notify the Manager of each team of the official start time. No new inning will start after 8pm.
- (v) A ten (10) run rule will be in effect after the completion of a minimum of 3 ½ innings. Managers whose teams are behind by ten (10) or more runs after 3 ½ innings shall concede the game. The home team will be given an opportunity to bat in the bottom of any inning should the visiting team's advantage become ten (10) or more runs in the top half of the inning.
- (vi) There is not a third dropped strike rule at this level.
- (vii) All other playing rules will be the same as those used in Little League Majors.
- (viii) All interleague games fall under District 2 interleague rules.

E) Majors Division

- (i) All pitching regulations of Little League Baseball apply. Option 1 of the pitching rules will be followed.
- (ii) Pitching affidavits must be kept on all participating pitchers.
- (iii) Use of a continuous batting order is mandatory.
- (iv) Free substitutions will not be allowed.
- (v) Time Limit: In this division we will follow Little League rules.
- (vi) The home plate umpire shall be responsible for the official start time and shall notify the Manager of each team of the official start time.
- (vii) A ten (10) run rule will be in effect after the completion of a minimum of 3 ½ innings. Managers whose teams are behind by ten (10) or more runs after 3 ½ innings shall concede the game. The home team will be given an opportunity to bat in the bottom of any inning should the visiting team's advantage become ten (10) or more runs in the top half of the inning.
- (viii) All other playing rules will be the same as those used in Little League Majors.
- (ix) All interleague games fall under District 2 interleague rules.

F) Juniors Division

- (i) All pitching regulations for Junior's level will apply.
- (ii) Pitching affidavits must be kept on all participating pitchers.
- (iii) Time Limit will be per Little League rules.
- (iv) The home plate umpire will be responsible for the official start time and shall notify each manager of the official start time.
- (v) Use of a continuous batting order is mandatory.
- (vi) Free substitutions will not be allowed.

- (vii) A ten (10) run rule will be in effect after the completion of a minimum of 5 ½ innings. Managers whose teams are behind by ten (10) or more runs after 5 ½ innings shall concede the game. The home team will be given an opportunity to bat in the bottom of any inning should the visiting team's advantage become ten (10) or more runs in the top half of the inning.
- (viii) All other playing rules will be the same as those used in Little League Juniors and Senior divisions.
- (ix) All interleague games will fall under District 2 interleague rules.

Section 3. End of Regular Season Tournament

A) Minors AA Division

- a. Minors AA tournament shall be a double elimination tournament.
- b. Seeding for the tournament is by win-loss record.
- c. Pitching Rules will follow regular season rules
- d. All rules shall be in accordance with Little League regular season rules.
- e. The league tournament championship game will not have a time limit.

B) Minors AAA Division

- a. Minors AAA tournament shall be a double elimination tournament.
- b. Seeding for the tournament is by win-loss record.
- c. Pitching Rules will follow regular season rules.
- d. All rules shall be in accordance with regular season rules.
- e. The league tournament championship game will not have a time limit.

C) Majors Division

- a. Majors tournament shall be a double elimination tournament.
- b. Seeding for the tournament is by win-loss record.
- c. Pitching Rules shall follow regular season rules
- d. All rules shall be in accordance with regular season rules.
- e. The league tournament championship game will not have a time limit.

D) Juniors Division and Seniors Division

- a. Playoffs, for this level of play, are administered by District 2

Article V – Manager and Player Selection for Tournament Teams

Section 1. Tournament Manager Selection

The selection of the manager for any tournament team, in baseball or softball, at the 8-12, Little League, Junior League and Senior League levels shall be as follows:

- A) On or before May 1, the VP of Baseball Operations will contact all eligible managers and coaches as to their desire to be selected as Tournament team manager.
- B) On or before May 5, the VP of Baseball Operations will convey to the NWALL League President the names of all eligible managers and coaches desiring to be considered for Tournament Team manager for that level.
- C) On or before May 10, the NWALL League President will convey to the VP of Baseball Operations the names of any eligible manager or coach whom he/she will not appoint to Tournament Team manager due to failure to carry out the terms of the regular season contract between the manager/coach and the League.
- D) On or before June 1, The NWALL executive committee will interview the potential candidates and determine the Manager by a vote of the executive committee.

- E) Selected managers will be nominated by NWALL League President to NWALL Board for approval as Tournament Team manager. Upon approval of Board, Tournament Team manager may select any two coaches to assist him, provided they have carried out the terms of the regular season contract between the manager/coach and the League. This shall not occur before the All-star team selection has occurred.

Section 2. Tournament Team Selection

In addition to the requirements set forth by Little League Rules and Regulations, the selection of the players for any tournament team, in baseball or softball, at the 9-10, 11 year old, Little League, Junior League and Senior League levels shall be as follows:

- A) On or before May 15, the NWALL League President through the appropriate division managers shall convey to all eligible player members a Tournament Team Commitment Form.
- B) Tournament Team Commitment Forms must be returned to the VP of Baseball Operations by the league appointed date.
- C) The VP of Baseball Operations will prepare a ballot for Tournament Team Selection including the names of all eligible players who have returned a Tournament Team Commitment Form. On or before June 15th the All Star team will be picked by the manager with help from the League Player Agent, the NWALL League President and the League Director. The VP of baseball and the VP of softball may require assessments of potential all-stars. These will be executed under the direction of the All-Star managers.
 - (i) Each manager or team representative present will be allowed to vote for a maximum of 10 player candidates.
 - (ii) Ballots will be collected and counted by the League Player Agent, the NWALL League President and the League Director.
 - (iii) A ballot containing more than 10 votes shall be set aside and not considered in tabulating the vote. A ballot containing less than 10 votes will be considered valid..
- D) The top ten players receiving votes will be automatically selected to the Tournament Team. In case of tie for the eighth position, all players receiving a number of votes equal to the eighth position will be automatically selected to the Tournament Team.
- E) The remaining players selected to the Tournament Team (a maximum of 4) will be selected from player candidates who appear on the ballot by the Tournament Team Manager in consultation with his coaches of record.
- F) No results of the tournament team selection process will be announced by the league until the date set forth in the Tournament Rules of Little League Baseball, Inc. Any party who violates this is subject to discipline by the Board of Directors, including removal from the Board (if a Board member) or loss of managing or coaching privileges.
- G) The NWALL Board of directors, prior to the purchase of uniforms, shall approve the All-Star team uniform budget.

Article VI – Summer Baseball

Summer baseball shall be run by the league. Director of the Summer League will be appointed by the NWALL President. All playing rules will be pursuant to the following:

1. District Rules
2. NWA LL Local League Rules
3. Little League baseball Rules

Article VII – Fall Baseball

Fall baseball shall be run by District 2. All playing rules will be pursuant to the following:

1. District Rules
2. NWA LL Local League Rules
3. Little League baseball Rules

Article VIII – Field Maintenance

A representative from the coaching staff of each Little League team must attend a mandatory field maintenance clinic.

Article IX – Field Ground Rules

As defined by the UIC of each game.

Article X – Safety, Accident and injury Procedures

As specified in the Little League operating manual and NWALL safety manual.

Article XI – Code of Conduct and Disciplinary Process

Section 1 The League Code of Conduct shall be as stated in the Little League Operating Manual.

The essential elements of character building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and good citizenship. The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these “six pillars of character.” I therefore agree:

1. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
2. I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
3. I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league.
4. I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every practice or game.
5. I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting, refusing to shake hands, or using profane language or gestures.
6. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
7. I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.

8. I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.
9. I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time.
10. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.
11. I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning. I will also de-emphasize games and competition in the lower age groups.
12. I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.
13. I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the game field, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
14. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol, and I will refrain from their use at all sports events.
15. I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.

Section 2. Disciplinary Action for Unsportsmanlike Conduct

Rule 9.01 gives league umpires the authority to eject any player, coach, manager, league official or spectator from the field of play for unsportsmanlike conduct. Umpires have absolute authority to do this, in other words, their judgment as to what constitutes unsportsmanlike conduct is beyond question. For unsportsmanlike conduct which occurs off of the playing field, i.e. in the bleachers, common areas or parking lots, any league official, in conjunction with the umpire or on their own, may direct any person to leave the immediate vicinity of a game in progress or the field complex entirely, if, in their judgment, the person is exhibiting unsportsmanlike or threatening behavior towards a player, coach, manager, umpire, league official, or other fan or spectator. Unsportsmanlike like or threatening behavior can be defined as any speech, gesture, or action that causes the person being addressed to feel threatened, causes undue delay in play, or is otherwise unseemly or unsportsmanlike. This could include verbal threats against someone's property or person, epithets, cursing, throwing of objects, spitting at someone, ridicule in such a manner as to lessen the person's authority in front of players, etc. Ultimately, it is up to the league official or umpire's judgment as to the severity of the incident and whether it deserves to be handled by expulsion.

Any manager, coach, player or fan that is ejected from a ballgame or asked to leave a field complex, by the UIC, because of unsportsmanlike conduct or behavior shall be subject to the following, (from the date of the infraction):

- A) 1st infraction: they will miss the remainder of that game and be disqualified from the next.
- B) 2nd infraction: they will be suspended from that game and they may not participate in any subsequent games until after they have appeared before the NWALL Board of Directors for a hearing concerning their behavior.
- C) 3rd infraction: in addition to the 1st infraction penalty, ejection for a 3rd time will result in the offender being restricted from involvement in *any* NWALL functions (including tournaments) for a period of one calendar year. Any individual that receives a one year penalty must request reinstatement and must be approved to resume volunteering by 75%

of the total board members, with a minimum of 16 of BOD members voting. This would be a yearly vote unless a lifetime ban is imposed.

- D) A lifetime ban can only be considered by the BOD and solely based at its discretion. A lifetime ban can only be imposed by a 100% affirmative vote, for the lifetime ban, by the total board members.
- E) The decision of the NWALL Board of Directors is final.

Article XII –By Law Changes

The By Laws of NWALL have been designed and adopted by the BOD as a means to provide the player members of NWALL with a positive, constructive experience. The objective of the local Little League shall be to implant firmly in the children of the community the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage and respect for authority, so that they may be well adjusted, stronger and happier children and will grow to be good, decent, healthy and trustworthy citizens. These rules and structure will be reviewed annually and may be modified, as necessary, to attain the goals of Little League.

- A) The By Laws of the NWALL may be reviewed, updated or modified. Such changes must be presented and discussed with the Board and subsequently ratified by a 75% majority vote of the total board members to be in effect.
- B) Once ratified, the By Laws of the NWALL may be reviewed, updated or modified. Such changes must be presented and discussed with the Board and subsequently ratified by a 75% majority vote of the total board members to be in effect.