

2024 RLL Policy and Procedures Manual

**Rosemont Little League, Inc.**

# **2024 Bylaws**

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## **1. Mission Statement**

It is the goal of Rosemont Little League (RLL) to implant firmly in the children of our community the ideals of good sportsmanship, and integrity so that they may be well adjusted, confident and happier children. This will help them grow to be productive members of society.

## **2. Local By-Laws**

As per Little League Baseball®, the local little league must produce a manual containing the local playing rules, All-Star selection process, code of conduct, fees, team selection criteria, drafts, operating procedures, various policies, etc. These documents expire and must be renewed annually at the end of the fiscal year (October 1 through September 30). Collectively, these documents are known as the

Rosemont Little League local Bylaws. Bylaws are a set of written rules and guidelines adopted by an organization for governing its own affairs. The newly elected Board of Directors (BOD) has the authority to make changes to these documents and procedures. These documents require only BOD consent without the general membership approval. These documents are required to be in effect no later than 30 days prior to opening day. This Policy and Procedure Manual encompasses the Local Bylaws as required by our Rosemont Little League Constitution.

## **3. League Code**

It is a Little League violation to engage in any activity which gives rise to, or could give rise to, an appearance or claim of self-dealing, divided loyalty, or conflict of interest by reason of such person's positions within RLL. Therefore, there shall be no unauthorized use of fields, equipment, utilities, or any other league property without prior approval from the President or other authorized member of the BOD.

## **4. Board Member Eligibility**

Based on the Little League Principles of Conduct Code, no member of the BOD shall at the same time hold office or be a member of the board of any other youth baseball/softball league or function as an official or representative of such programs. This includes Little League District staff and board positions. To avoid any such conflicts, persons in these positions are not allowed to manage a team within RLL without prior BOD vote. They may then hold a position as a coach or manager if approved by the BOD.

## **5. Volunteer Eligibility**

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As a condition of service to RLL, all BOD members, managers, coaches, volunteers and any other person who has repetitive access to, or contact with players or teams, must annually complete and submit an official "Little League Volunteer Application" to the League President. All volunteers

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will be subjected to annual background screenings pursuant to Megan's Law and criminal history checks through a Little League mandated vendor which provides information on any criminal activity from a nationwide database check. These screenings must be completed prior to the applicant assuming his/her duties for the current season. Refusal to annually submit a fully completed "Little League Volunteer Application" will result in the immediate dismissal of the individual from all activities associated with the Little League, Little League Official Regulations and Playing Rules 1(b) and 1(c) 8 and 9. The BOD reserves the right to require volunteer(s) to submit to further investigations as they see fit by majority BOD vote.

## **6. Volunteer Umpire Responsibilities**

As a condition of service to RLL, all umpires are considered to have repetitive access to, or contact with players. Therefore, they must annually complete and submit an official "Little League Volunteer Application" to the League Safety Officer.

Each year the BOD will assign an Umpire in Chief (UIC). The UIC is responsible for recruiting, training, and scheduling volunteer umpires, communicating rule changes, and evaluating and accepting evaluations of umpires by managers, coaches or players.

To reduce the costs associated with umpiring, it is the goal of RLL to recruit and train as many parents and community members as possible to fulfill the duties of volunteer umpires.

If Rosemont Little League is unable to fill the position with adult volunteers, it is up to the UIC to utilize Junior Umpires. Junior Umpires are required to attend one of three training sessions provided by District 5 Little League. All Rosemont Little League umpires, Junior or Adults, will need to pass a quiz prior to being allowed to umpire in a game.

The UIC is responsible for providing additional training hosted by RLL or D5.

## **7. Registration Fees**

Registration fees are based on the costs of operations of RLL and are determined by the BOD. RLL shall request annual registration fees and shall publish the fees prior to the date on which player registration begins.

Registration fees must be paid in full by April 1, 2024. If not paid in full by the specified date, players may not participate in the following year. There are many different opportunities for assistance with registration fees. See section 8, Fee Waiver.

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## **8. Fee Waiver**

It is the policy of RLL and Little League Baseball®, that the inability to pay registration fees should not prevent a player from participating in the Little League Program. However, insufficient public donations and fundraising revenues require most leagues to set a reasonable fee to offset operating expenses for the season. The Board of Directors shall implement procedures and guidelines establishing eligibility for fee reduction.

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Members who cannot afford to pay full registration fees must fill out the RLL scholarship request form. At the BOD discretion, scholarships, partial scholarships, payment arrangements, or other options may be granted. The form should be submitted to the President/Vice President. Once a need is determined, all applications will be brought to a vote by the BOD. A scholarship may consist of reduced fees and increased volunteer hours, preferably nearing 15 hours during the season including a minimum of 4 snack bar shifts. Nevertheless, a minimum registration fee of \$50 must be paid for each player. However, applicants whose fees are reduced are still required to participate in fundraiser activities and volunteer hours, as those responsibilities are not waived.

## **9. Volunteer Fund - Fee and Refunds**

RLL requests an annual volunteer fund fee (\$100) as determined by the BOD. These funds are used to maintain RLL facilities and/or activities. The volunteer fund is per family and will be refunded upon the completion of a minimum of eight (8) hours of qualified volunteer work on behalf of the player's family prior to June 1 of the current season.

To receive your refund, families must return their completed volunteer cards to the league appointed Team Parent Coordinator, Player Agent, Vice President or President.

## **10. Registration Fee Refund Policy**

Registration fees are used for the operation of RLL. In order to receive a refund of the registration fee, the parent/guardian of a player must submit their request for refund in writing to the BOD. No refunds will be processed without a written request.

The amount of refund will be based on the following criteria:

- If a player resigns, quits, or is injured prior to the beginning of the regular playing season but before a uniform is issued, a \$50 administrative fee will be charged and the remaining balance will be refunded.
- After teams are selected, no amount of the registration fee will be refunded unless a good cause exists as established by the BOD. Pro-rations may be considered.

## **11. Code of Conduct**

The goal of the BOD is to provide the most positive experience for our players. The actions of managers, coaches, players, volunteers, parents and spectators have the strongest impact and effect on the growth of our children. Our membership and visitors must exhibit courteous, civil

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behavior and sportsmanship whether on the field or in the stands.

Good Conduct is composed of three related concepts: fair play, character and sportsmanship.

- Fair play refers to all participants having an equitable opportunity to pursue victory and acting toward others in an honest, straightforward, and dignified manner even when others do not play fairly. It includes respect for others including team members, opponents, and officials (Umpire, UIC, Umpire Consultant(s)).

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- Character is typically seen in polite behaviors toward others such as helping an opponent up or shaking hands after a match.
- Sportsmanship expresses an aspiration that the game will be enjoyed for its own sake, with proper consideration for fairness, ethics, respect, and a sense of fellowship with one's competitors. Being a "good sport" involves being a "good winner" as well as being a "good loser."

Most importantly, remember that Little League baseball is a game. Parents set the tone. Don't ruin your child's baseball/softball experience. Be positive and supportive.

To reduce any problems at RLL activities, the BOD requires you to adhere to the following guidelines:

- Access to the fields is allowed for only Little League games and Little League sponsored activities. No unauthorized use of the fields is allowed.
- Smoking, smokeless tobacco, alcoholic beverages, e-cigs, and illegal drugs are prohibited by Little League Rules & Regulations where the Little League is functioning.
- Dogs are not allowed around spectator areas at any time.
- Parents, managers, and coaches are expected to set an example of good sportsmanship at all times by positively encouraging players and not vocally questioning or criticizing umpire calls or manager decisions.
- Attempt to be informed of and understand the rules of the game.
- Appreciate and applaud a good play whether it's made by my child's team or the opposing team.
- Show compassion for any injured player.

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- Show respect for the opposing team, without whom there would be no game.
- Avoid heckling, jeering or distracting players.
- Refrain from using profane or obnoxious language or behavior.
- Respect the judgment and strategy of the manager/coach.
- Avoid criticizing players, managers or coaches for the loss of a game.
- Respect the property of others and the authority of those who administer the competition.
- Encourage your child to play by the rules at all times.

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- Refrain from publicly questioning any official's decision or doubting his or her honesty.
- Recognize the value and importance of umpires, manager and coaches, who expend significant time and effort for the benefit of the players.
- Emphasize enjoyment and fun.
- Praise effort as well as improvement.
- Relax and enjoy the game whether your team is winning or not.
- Umpires, UIC, Umpire Supervisors have the authority to halt play and, if necessary, eject from the playing field players, managers, or coaches who are disrespectful, distracting, use derogatory language or engage in other unsportsmanlike conduct.
- Pick up all of your trash and your children's trash after each game or practice. Our playing and practice fields are to be kept clean. Please be responsible and help any time that you can.
- Poor sportsmanship by managers, coaches, players or spectators can result in ejection

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from the game and removal from RLL Fields. Therefore, the BOD has adopted the following disciplinary actions regarding misconduct at RLL Fields:

## **General Membership and Visitors:**

Any individual found in direct violation of the code of conduct will be asked to stop such violation by the Board Member on Duty, the Manager on Duty or any member of the BOD.

If the behavior persists or worsens either during that identified incident/day or is identified at another time/day, that person will be subject to the following:

- Asked to vacate the premises
- If warranted, escorted off the premises by BOD, MOD or a police officer.
- Be subject to disciplinary actions as deemed appropriate by the BOD, including a ban from all RLL and District 5 activities and/or events.

If any person initiates any physical confrontation, altercation or assault, the local law enforcement authority shall be notified as soon as possible by dialing 9-1-1.

Any persons involved in a physical confrontation will be required to appear before the BOD to explain their actions. Disciplinary action by the BOD may result in a ban or suspension from the RLL and its activities. Any persons involved in verbal confrontations may be required to appear before the BOD to explain their actions. Refer to Section 4 of the RLL Constitution for suspensions and/or termination procedures.

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## **Managers, Coaches and Players :**

As per The Little League Official Regulations and Playing Rules sections regarding ejections and poor sportsmanship, if a manager, coach, or player is ejected from a game, a one game suspension is imposed. The situation will then be addressed by the BOD for possible additional suspension or removal. If removed by the Umpire, UIC or Umpire Supervisor a second time, a two game suspension will result for the second offense. A third offense will not be tolerated and will result in dismissal from duties as manager or coach. Please note that the above are minimum consequences. Any ejection of a manager, coach, or player will result in a BOD investigation. BOD approval will be necessary for the party to continue coaching/managing/playing.

All ejections MUST be reported on the Game's Summary Form and shall specify the events resulting in the removal from the field of the manager, coach or player in question. Both team's managers and coaches shall fill out and sign the Game Summary Form and provide written description to the event.

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Unsportsmanlike behavior will not be tolerated. Managers, coaches or players exhibiting negative behavior may be required to appear before the BOD to explain their actions. Disciplinary action by the BOD may result in a written warning or game(s) suspension depending upon severity or repeated actions by the managers, coaches or players in question.

## **12. Manager and Coach Appointments**

The President, with approval of the BOD, shall appoint all managers and coaches as per the Little League Official Regulations and Playing Rules. The power to nominate managers and coaches has been granted solely to the local League President from the inception of the program. The BOD has the right to approve or disapprove any appointment made by the President. This responsibility cannot be delegated. The procedures for appointing managers and coaches must be understood and accepted by all concerned.

- There is no seniority or tenure in serving as manager or coach.
- All appointments expire annually.
- All managers and coaches are directly responsible to the BOD.
- There is no appeal process for reconsideration.

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## **13. Manager and Coach Guidelines**

RLL appreciates, admires and respects all those willing to manage and/or coach. It has been stated many times that any Little League is only as good as the quality of leadership in the management team. As managers and coaches, you make the program work for RLL.

Therefore, in order for RLL to consider someone for the position of a manager or coach, that individual must recognize they hold a position of trust and responsibility in a program that deals with a sensitive and formative period of a young child's development.

Knowledge of the game is essential, but is not the only requirement of a manager or coach. The manager or coach must be a leader. They require understanding, patience and the capacity to work with young children. They must be sensitive to the mental and physical limitations of these young children and recognize the game is a vehicle of training and enjoyment. Children are

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strongly influenced by adults whose ideals and aspirations are similar to their own. The manager, coach and player share a common interest in the game and desire to excel. Young children often idolize their manager or coach—not for their success, but as a source of inspiration.

People holding these positions should be able to inspire confidence and earn respect. Above all, they must realize they are helping to shape the physical, mental and emotional development of these children. Therefore, all managers and coaches must abide and adhere to the following Coaching Principles and Objectives:

### COACHING PRINCIPLES:

- 1) Reflect an understanding of the age group you supervise.
- 2) Be aware that you are an example to those you coach.
- 3) Demonstrate you have an appreciation of the philosophy of Little League.
- 4) Demonstrate you will cooperate with others in making the program beneficial to all players.
- 5) Show by example that you respect the judgment and authority of the Umpire, UIC, Umpire Supervisor.
- 6) Exercise the leadership role effectively by leaving the game in the hands of the players.
- 7) Provide each player an opportunity to participate in every game.
- 8) Encourage the players at every opportunity.
- 9) Instill a desire to compete and to improve, striving to impart as much baseball/softball knowledge as possible to each player.
- 10) Encourage good health habits and care for the team equipment and uniforms.
- 11) Be instrumental in shaping acceptable behavior patterns, whether the team wins or loses.
- 12) Know the rules and regulations of Little League Baseball® and Little League Softball®, and play by them.
- 13) Become well acquainted with the player selection system.
- 14) Select players for the team according to their abilities.
- 15) Be cautious and use sound judgment in any situation that could be protested.
- 16) Have knowledge of First Aid and Safety.
- 17) Willing to follow RLL coaching practices.

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### COACHING OBJECTIVE:

- 1) Practice sessions are efficient, fun and ensure no one stands around.
- 2) Players are properly taught fundamental skills and game strategy through various drills.
- 3) Instruction is given at the player's level of understanding.
- 4) Players are taught the rules and the rules are followed.
- 5) Adequate precautions are taken to avoid injuries.
- 6) Develop desirable and positive habits in players.
- 7) Encourage good health and safety habits.
- 8) Encourage good sportsmanship and fair play at all times.
- 9) Encourage responsibility, promptness and leadership.
- 10) Practice exemplary game decorum.

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- 11) Always be prompt to games.
- 12) Plan ahead to speed the game along.
- 13) Protective gear is used at all times.
- 14) Set a good example for your players, and expect other adults to do so.
- 15) Keep players separated from spectators and ready to play.
- 16) Do not embarrass or reprimand players in front of others.
- 17) Players are continually encouraged.
- 18) Assist players in developing individual goals and reviewing his/her progress.
- 19) Attend mandatory Coached meetings and trainings
- 20) Ensure that there is an adult in the dugout at all times when players are present.

Managers and/or coaches will be required to attend a hearing in front of the BOD should a manager, coach or player violate RLL Manager and Coach Guidelines, Local Rules, current Little League's Official Regulations and Playing Rules or Little League Operating Manual. Failure to honor your duties may be cause for suspension or dismissal as deemed appropriate by the BOD.

## **14. Manager Responsibilities:**

The BOD wants to sincerely thank all managers for their time and dedication to the children of our league. Managers are responsible for the "management" of the team, including but not limited to the following:

**General Membership Meetings:** General membership meetings are held at a designated location. It is encouraged that managers attend meetings. If a manager is unable to attend a meeting, a representative from his/her team may attend and the Division Representative must be contacted. The General Membership meetings are open to everyone associated with Rosemont Little League, and all are welcome.

**Assessments:** Each manager is needed to help run the assessments and evaluate each player's skill level. All managers may be required to attend assessments even if they are in lower divisions.

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**Team selection:** A draft process is used to select each team, except for the Tball/farm divisions. This event is scheduled after the assessments by the Player Agent. The BOD determines selection methods.

**Team roster:** The Player Agent will issue each manager a team roster for his/her respective team.

**Medical release:** A completed Medical Release Form is required for each player to participate in team practices or games. These forms must be in the possession of the manager or coach at all games and practices. No team shall practice nor participate in games without them. Managers or coaches who are involved in activities without these forms put themselves and the RLL in a possible legal bind and will be subject to disciplinary actions by the BOD.

**Field permits:** Teams will receive assigned practice fields. These fields are permitted and proof

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of that permit should accompany the manager to each practice to avoid any conflict if offsite.

**Scorekeeper (for those divisions that keep score):** The home team is the official scorekeeper of the game. An individual other than the manager or coach should be recruited. The person should be an individual familiar with the game. It is highly recommended that the visitors also provide a scorekeeper.

**Pitch counter (for those divisions that pitch):** The home team is the official pitch counter of the game. An individual other than the manager or coach should be recruited. The person should be an individual familiar with the game. It is highly recommended that the visitors also provide a pitch counter.

**Field preparation:** The home team is responsible for field preparation. To show league spirit, please consider working together, home and visitors, to prepare the field.

It is recommended that the managers and coaches arrive sixty (60) minutes prior to the scheduled start of the game to ensure these duties can and will be completed before warm ups start.

It is the home team manager's responsibility to ensure all equipment (rakes, chalk, bases, etc.) gets returned to the equipment shed. If you use the last of the chalk, be kind and refill.

**Field Clean-up:** After the game the visitor team is responsible for the clean-up of the field. The field must be raked, bases removed and the chalk secured.

**First Aid:** It is helpful if you have a basic understanding of first aid. A first aid kit will be issued to each manager to have in their possession at all practices and games. A first aid kit shall be on hand in the concession stand.

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**Team parent:** It is advisable that the manager recruit a team parent to help with administrative duties. If the manager does not designate a representative, he/she is required to fulfill the duties (see team parent section for more information).

**Fundraising:** Each manager and coach is expected to support the league's fundraising activities. Fundraising is not taken lightly, and is essential to the wellbeing of the league. Each manager and coach must convey to the team and parents that participation is important.

**Practice Schedules:** Each manager/coach is expected to provide players with practice schedules. Availability of practice fields will be provided to each manager by the Coaches Coordinator.

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The team parent is designed to assist the manager of a team with administrative duties such as team snacks, fundraisers, pictures, telephone trees, concession stand staffing and various other duties. Note: If a manager does not select a team parent, then it is the manager's responsibility. The team parent is required to attend a meeting prior to the beginning of the season.

The meeting will go over the upcoming year's fundraisers, snack shack rules and responsibilities, and other important information.

Each team is assigned to work the concession stand during the season. The shift requires a minimum of two (2) volunteers (over the age of 13). A schedule of concession stand duties will be distributed. It is the responsibility of the manager/team parent to have adequate staffing of the concession stand during their team's scheduled assignment. No one under the age of 13 can work a shift in order to satisfy a team/parent obligation, unless approved by the BOD. Failure of a team to provide sufficient staffing for their concession stand shift will result in one or more of the following: Rescheduling the team's concession stand day and/or the suspension of the team manager for one (1) game per offense. Multiple offenses will be addressed by the BOD.

## **16. Concession Stand Volunteer Guidelines**

Each team is required to work in the concession stand at least 4 times during the season. Shifts are generally 2-3 hours each, but may be extended. Generally, if you divide your team in half, you'll have enough coverage, and parents will have to work only one shift per child per team. The goal is to have at least two (2) people available at all times. At least one adult volunteer should cook hot dogs and operate other kitchen equipment to prepare food (i.e. microwave, nacho cheese machine, etc.). Remaining volunteers will serve drinks, snacks and treats. Volunteers will also restock items and clean up at the end of the shift. Volunteers will find signs throughout the concession stand providing instructions regarding their job responsibilities. The concession stand closes at the earliest of sunset or ten (10) minutes after all games have been completed.

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Please arrive on time for your shift. On weeknights, volunteers should arrive thirty (30) minutes before the first scheduled game. On Saturdays, the first shift must arrive thirty (30) minutes before the first scheduled game. Upon approval by the concession stand coordinator or BOD member on duty, a minor of at least 13 years of age may work a shift in the concession stand, but may not operate cooking equipment. They can satisfy their community service or just work for pure enjoyment. However, they cannot satisfy a team/parent obligation, unless approved by the BOD. To satisfy a team/parent obligation, a person or his/her substitute must be at least 15 years of age. A minimum of two (2) adults must be present at any one time, not including Concession Stand Coordinator or BOD Member on Duty. A signature sheet will be posted where volunteers are required to sign in and note their time of arrival and departure and must have their volunteer card signed by a BOD to be credited towards their volunteer hours for the season. Failure to sign in properly may result in hours being improperly credited. It is the volunteer's responsibility to attend to signing in and out of their shift and completing their volunteer card.

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- More details on operating the equipment, proper food handling procedures and duties are posted in the concession stand.
- Do not leave until you have checked out with the BOD Member on Duty and/or Director on Duty.

## 17. Baseball League Age:

### 2024 Little League® Age Chart



Match month (top line) and box with year of birth. League age indicated at right.

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AGE
2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	2019	2019	2019	2019	4
2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2018	2018	2018	2018	5
2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2017	2017	2017	2017	6
2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2016	2016	2016	2016	7
2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2015	2015	2015	2015	8
2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2014	2014	2014	2014	9
2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2013	2013	2013	2013	10
2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2012	2012	2012	2012	11
2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2011	2011	2011	2011	12
2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2010	2010	2010	2010	13
2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2009	2009	2009	2009	14
2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2008	2008	2008	2008	15
2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2007	2007	2007	2007	16

NOTE: This age chart is for BASEBALL DIVISIONS ONLY, and only for 2024.

## 18. Player Assessments, Team Selection and Player Placement (GENERAL GUIDELINES)

### Player Assessments

The purpose of Player Assessments is to permit all BOD approved managers, coaches and BOD members the opportunity to assess each player’s skills, such as catching fly balls, fielding grounders, hitting, running, and throwing. All players eight (8) years and above must attend at least one (1) of the scheduled Assessments to be eligible for the draft. Failure to attend one (1) of the Assessments will result in the player being ineligible to draft, however, as long as all teams are not completely full that player will be placed on team by league player agent. If teams in the divisions the player is playing are all full the local league will refer to the Little League Official Regulations and Playing Rules, IV (f)-The Players: “Failure to attend the required assessments may result in the player being ineligible for draft and resulting in a player being placed in a player

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pool.”

Any player(s) who wish to “play up” in any division must attend at least one (1) of assessments in order to be eligible to “play up” in that division. Failure to attend at least one (1) of assessments will result in that player being placed in the division reflecting their league age.

In addition, all managers’, coaches’ and assistant coaches’ child(ren) must attend at least one (1) day of Assessments. All children, including managers’, coaches’ and assistant coaches’ child(ren) will be evaluated by the other coaches in that division. In addition, a non-biased committee comprised of three (3) board members and/or independent coaches from an unrelated division will also evaluate all children, including managers’, coaches’ and assistant coaches’ child(ren). After all assessment days have been completed, all scores for all children, including the managers’, coaches’ and assistant coaches’ child(ren), will need to be submitted to the Player Agent prior to the draft. All scores will be tallied by the Player Agent and another board member who does not have a child in that division. Once the scores are tallied and averaged, each managers’, coaches’ and assistant coaches’ child(ren) will be assigned a draft position. The managers’, coaches’ and/or assistant coaches’ child(ren) will become the de facto pick for that round of the draft. If a managers’, coaches’ and/or assistant coaches’ child(ren) does not attend the draft, that child will automatically be assigned a first-round pick. If more than one managers’, coaches’ and/or assistant coaches’ child(ren) do not attend assessments, then they will automatically be assigned in succession following the assigned first round pick.

Assessments will be conducted by Division.

### **The Draft**

The drafts for the Minors and Majors Divisions shall be held after Player Assessments. If there is a sufficient number of Players registered in the Senior and/or Junior Divisions to field more than one team in any/all of these Divisions, teams shall be selected by a draft to be held after Player Assessments.

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All Local League Division drafts shall be conducted by utilizing one of the draft options described in the Little League Operating Manual and in a manner consistent with the requirements of the Official Regulations and Playing Rules of Little League International. The Board shall annually establish the method under which the draft is to be conducted.

For all drafts, only League President, Vice President, Player Agent, and Managers from each team is allowed in the draft room. Nobody else is allowed in the draft room unless specifically invited by the League President.

### **Majors/Minors Division Draft Guidelines:**

- Major Division managers shall fill their rosters through the draft by choosing players in rotation.

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- Following assessments and prior to the draft, all scores for all children, including the managers', coaches' and assistant coaches' child(ren), will need to be submitted to the Player Agent. (see Assessments guidelines)
- Prior to the start of the draft, the League President and Player Agent will determine the number of players that will be drafted per team based on the available pool of eligible players in the Majors Division.
- The order of selection will be determined by a random drawing of numbers, determined by the number of teams to be formed.
  
- The draft will be conducted using a serpentine order, with the first round being completed in the order and the next round in the reverse order of the first round. Order in subsequent rounds will alternate accordingly. Assigned round picks determined for all managers', coaches' and/or assistant coaches' child(ren) will be announced prior to the start of the serpentine order, at which time all Managers must be in agreement to assigned round picks. If a managers', coaches' and/or assistant coaches' child(ren) does not attend the draft, that child will automatically be assigned a first-round pick. If more than one managers', coaches' and/or assistant coaches' child(ren) do not attend assessments, then they will automatically be assigned in succession following the assigned first round pick.
- Late Registrants: Major Division eligible players who register after the draft is complete will be placed on the team(s) having the lowest number of players on their roster who would have been the next in the draft selection process and will continue until all teams have an equal number of players on their roster. Once all teams have an equal number of players on their roster, then for any subsequent late registrants, any team that receives a player through this process will be removed from consideration until all teams receive one new player each and then this process will be repeated until all late registrants are placed on teams. If the League President or Player Agent believes an attempt is being made to manipulate the draft through late registration, the League President or Player Agent has sole discretion to place the player on the team of their choosing to ensure team formation is fair and without manipulation

- At the conclusion of the draft, Managers will have 24 hours to propose and make an unlimited amount of trades. All trades that are proposed after leaving the draft room must be made via email and include all managers in the division, as well as the President and Player Agent. Each trade must involve the transfer of the same number of players between

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teams. Example: Team #1 could trade two players to Team #5, with Team #5 sending two players back to Team #1. However Team #5 could not send just one player to Team #1 (in the previous example).

- The Player Agent shall approve all trades. Any trade not approved by the Player Agent is voided.
- The League President and Player Agent have the duty to ensure the draft is conducted fairly and without manipulation. They have the authority to void part or all of the draft as required ensuring fair play.

## **Protecting Players in Majors/Minors Division(s):**

- Manager may protect his/her child (see Assessments above for additional guidelines).
- Manager has the option of declaring two (2) Assistant Coaches, who can protect his/her child (see Assessments above for additional guidelines).
- Any additional Assistant Coach (after 2 have been added) cannot protect his/her child.

## **T-Ball Division Player Placement:**

T-Ball players are assigned to teams by the league. Teams are generally formed evenly based on players' ages. The league will attempt to honor requests to place certain players together, but due to the complexities of forming teams, we cannot guarantee to satisfy all requests. All requests must be made in writing (electronically acceptable) to the Player Agent.

During the season, if a player is lost due to an illness, injury, change of address, etc., the manager shall strictly adhere to the rules stated in Little League Official Regulations and Playing Rules. If a player is offered placement in a Division and elects not to move up, the player is prohibited from moving up for the rest of that current season.

### Special Requests

Prior to the draft and by contacting the Player Agent in writing (electronically is acceptable); parents may request that a player not be placed above a certain level. The Player Agent and BOD Members must also keep in mind the safety of the player and the other players in each division when deciding whether to grant this request.

Prior to the draft and by contacting the Player Agent in writing (electronically is acceptable), parents of players of similar age may request that siblings be placed on the same team. If the Player Agent, BOD members and respective Divisional Managers agree the request is appropriate, the draft process will be adjusted to keep the siblings together.

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## **19. Rules, Regulations and Policy on Non-Little League Teams or Programs**

The following is a summary of the Official Regulations and Playing Rules of Little League Baseball regarding playing on or coaching non-RLL teams.

### Players

Please be advised that players may play on other teams in other baseball leagues. The regulations permit this activity except during All-Stars. As per the Tournament Rules: A player may participate in other youth baseball programs prior to the first scheduled game of All-Stars involving that player's team. Once play begins for a tournament team, players named on that team's tournament affidavit may not participate in any other youth baseball program until that team is eliminated from tournament play.

### Managers and Coaches

All managers and coaches are approved by and responsible to the BOD. The Little League Official Regulations and Playing Rules, Section 1- The League (b), states that managers and coaches may be involved in another youth baseball program.

The Little League Official Regulations and Playing Rules states the following Note regarding "Tournament Rule variation:

An individual that manages or coaches in another youth baseball program is not eligible to be appointed to manage or coach a tournament team in the Little League program at the same age division as defined in Regulation 1a) unless a waiver is granted by the appropriate Regional Director."

Note: Tournament teams are defined as the All-Star teams only. The District 5 Tournament of Champions (TOC's) is a District-only tournament and does not fall under this rule. All appointments to the All-Star coaching staff are to be approved by the BOD.

## **20. Complaints and Evaluations Regarding Managers, Coaches and Board**

**Members** The complaint protocol is as follows:

- 1) If a parent objects to a team manager's policies or actions (or the actions of anyone else associated with the team or league), that parent should first discuss the matter directly with the person involved. Do not approach anyone during a game or practice with your objection. Call and discuss the matter over the phone, or make an appointment to see him or her in person. Do not attempt to raise your objection when children are present.

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- 2) If you are not satisfied with the response from the manager or coach, you must contact your Division Representative and/or Coaches Coordinator to discuss the problem. The Division Representative and Coaches Coordinator is listed on the league website.
- 3) If you decide to pursue your complaint, you must submit your complaint, in writing, or via league email to the BOD. The BOD will meet to discuss the complaint. You may be invited to this meeting along with interested parties or witnesses regarding the complaint. The meeting will take place as soon as possible as long as there is quorum of the BOD. (Note: If this protocol is not followed, the complaint will not be heard by the BOD.)

In the event that the complaint pertains to the actions of a BOD Member who is managing or coaching, you must contact either a Vice President or the League President.

## **21. Complaints Regarding General Issues from the Membership**

All complaints must be in writing and signed. Initially, the BOD will maintain the anonymity of all involved parties. No verbal complaints will be considered.

- 1) The complaint letter must be brought to a BOD member.
- 2) Each letter will be read aloud in its entirety before the BOD. It will be determined at that time if further investigation, response or action needs to be taken. All BOD members present will have a vote in making this determination.
- 3) If further action is to be taken, the appropriate BOD member will notify the person(s) involved that a letter of complaint has been received. At a pre-determined BOD meeting, where the contents of the complaint will be read, the parties involved will be given the opportunity to present their sides.
  - 4) If the BOD determines that disciplinary action is to be taken, it will be done as quickly as possible.
- 5) The letter will become part of the league's official records and be kept on file for possible future reference.
- 6) The appropriate BOD member with the findings will notify the parties involved.

## **22. Game Rescheduling (GENERAL GUIDELINES)**

The only rescheduling of games will be for rainouts, or if a team is unable to field a team due to a legitimate school function. The Divisional Representative and President must approve such rescheduling. Games will be rescheduled provided the following procedures are followed:

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- Rescheduling due to a school or other function:
  - The manager must notify the Divisional Representative at least two days prior to game day. Any team making false statements regarding ability to field a team will be subject to automatic forfeit.
  
- Rescheduling due to weather:
  - Any games rescheduled due to weather will be rescheduled based on field availability and team schedule.
  - If a game is halted, it will be resumed only if it was not a complete game and the rescheduling policy below is followed. If a game is resumed it will be from the point at which it was stopped and follow Little League Playing Rules.
  
- Both managers MUST notify the Division Representative as soon as possible and provide the following information:
  - Indicate the date the game was to occur
  - The team they were scheduled to play
  - Possible dates for rescheduling (as well as dates they could not play)
  
- For divisions with player pitching:
  - Due to the pitching rules, a make-up game will have to occur when it allows for both teams to have sufficient pitching.
  - The game should be rescheduled within a two-week period.
  - The Division Representative and/or Coaches Coordinator must be notified. For Minors, Majors and Juniors:
    - All make-up games will be rescheduled at the earliest opportunity per the above guidelines with dates offered by the BOD.

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- Games may be rescheduled as long as both managers agree and are approved by the BOD.

If either manager fails to notify the Divisional Representative, OR if a game is offered and there is no legitimate reason for a team not to accept the game time, it may be grounds for forfeit. This will be referred to the BOD for a decision as per the Official Regulations and Playing Rules, 4.16.

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## **23. Rosemont Little League Local Rules (all levels)**

Adhere to the Little League Official Regulations and Playing Rules. In addition, the following shall be in effect:

- The continuous batting order is mandatory for Minors and below, does not apply to Majors and above (unless agreed upon between both managers).
- There is a 10 run mercy rule with a minimum of 4 innings.
- Every player on the team will participate for a minimum of 6 (six) continuous defensive outs, and one full at bat. Players not meeting this minimum must start the next game and fulfill the missing time from the previous game in addition to the current time. This rule does not apply to games called due to poor weather conditions.
- Home team occupies the 3rd base side; visitors occupy the 1<sup>st</sup> base side.
- Home team may take the field one hour before game time.
- Home team is the official scorekeeper and pitch counter for the game.
- Visitors may take the field 15 minutes before game time to 5 minutes before game time.
- To avoid injury to those preparing the field, no warming up on the infield during this time.
- No parents shall be on the field or in the dugout during game time unless they are the manager or an approved coach. Any person who has repetitive access to, or contact with players or teams, must complete and submit an official "Little League Volunteer Application" and be subjected to background screenings pursuant to Megan's Law, and criminal history checks. See Volunteer Eligibility for more information.
- An approved (screened) adult volunteer must be in the dugout at all

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times.

- RLL will provide a new ball at game time.
- The scorebook for all Minors, Majors, 50/70, Juniors, Seniors games must be signed by each team manager/coach and turned in at the end of each game to the concession stand/boardroom.

The President or designated BOD member may call the game due to weather or field conditions prior to games starting. The BOD Member on Duty will determine with input from team managers whether the fields are playable as a result of weather conditions.

Once a game has begun, the umpire makes all judgments regarding halting play due to weather conditions and/or lack of daylight.

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If there is no umpire, then the BOD Member on Duty will make the final decision.

In the event of rule violations during the game, follow the Little League Official Regulations and Playing Rules for the violations in question and consult with the umpire, UIC, or the BOD member on duty. Each team is responsible for cleaning up after the game in and around the dugout area. If you are the last game of the day, ensure all equipment is put away.

Any questions regarding Local Rules or Little League Official Regulations and Playing Rules should be directed to your Division Representative.

## **a) Field Preparation:**

- Home team is responsible for field preparation.
- Managers/coaches shall arrive at least one hour prior to game time to prepare the field.
- Field preparation equipment is located in the shed.
- Outfield foul lines shall be painted if present condition is insufficient.

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- Any pre-game raking of infield shall occur.
- Any pre-game watering of infield dirt shall occur.
- Infield lines and batter's box shall be prepared with chalk.
- Bases shall be put in place.

## **Field Clean-up:**

- Visitor team is responsible for clean-up.
- Pull bases and put them in shed.
- Rake pitcher's mound, batter's box, base lines (rake parallel to baselines) and areas around bases.
- Rake perimeter of infield toward the dirt to get dirt off grass.
- Drag infield (NEVER use draggers on grass).
- Water infield, pitcher's mound, batter's box, base lines.

Replace field equipment and lock shed.

## **Field Etiquette:**

For all players, managers and coaches to have the best experience possible, the following "field etiquette" must be followed:

- No hitting hard balls into the fences.
- No players, spectators or others allowed in the dugouts unless they are specifically involved in the game on the field.

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- No parents are to be allowed on the field, prior to, during or after the games. All meetings should be held outside of the field. Parents can hand drinks to the manager, coaches and players (per manager or coaches approval or specific team rules) prior to the game starting.

A good game tempo must be utilized:

- Minimize having meetings when you are ready to take the field. Save the meetings for when your team exits the field.
- Prepare for when your catcher needs time to get gear on. Have an extra helmet with throat guard available for the back-up. Remember, an adult is NOT ALLOWED to warm up the pitcher.
- Exit the dugouts and the field in an expeditious manner. This is extremely important when another game follows. Be courteous to your fellow managers and allow them to take the field for preparation of their next game, while you meet with your team outside the fence line.
- If a game is scheduled to follow your game, clear out the dugouts quickly and have your team exit so the next team can take the field.

If you're responsible for prepping the field, then do so prior to having your team meeting.

Regulation Game Clarification- The ideal is to have a game consisting of six innings with a definitive winner. However, in some situations a regulation game may not be possible due to weather, daylight or other safety concerns. The LL Rulebook defines a regulation game as 4 or more complete innings. Tie Game clarification: If after six (6) complete innings the score is tied, then one extra inning will be played (no run limit) to see if a winner is declared.

## **24. Baseball Divisions**

The primary responsibility of RLL is to develop players by stages in a safe and age-appropriate manner throughout the program from Tee Ball through Big League. Addition or deletion of a Division or Team (due to lack of players, etc.) must be addressed and voted on by the BOD. Player development must take into consideration the long and short term health, safety and

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mental well being of the child, and not the hopes and aspirations of the coaches and parents. The development stages for each Division are as follows:

Tee Ball - Introduction to hitting, fielding, and the value of teamwork. Rudimentary understanding of the rules of Little League Baseball.

Farm Division - Basic instruction in hitting, fielding, player pitch and teamwork. Basic understanding of the rules of Little League Baseball.

Minor Division – Intermediate level instruction in hitting, fielding and teamwork. Intermediate level understanding of the rules of Little League Baseball.

Major Division - Advanced instruction in hitting, fielding and teamwork. Advanced level understanding of the rules of Little League Baseball.

Intermediate Division (50/70) – Further advanced instruction in hitting, fielding and teamwork. Advanced level understanding of the rules of Little League Baseball.

The following are the baseball levels provided at RLL and the league age of the participants:

- **Juniors** – Players aged 13 and 14. 12-year-old players may be drafted with consent of the player's parent, subject to any required participation in player assessments.
- **Intermediate (50/70)** – Players aged 12-13. 11-year-old players may be drafted with consent of the player's parent, subject to any required participation in player assessments.
- **Majors** – Players aged 11-12. 9-10-year-old players may be drafted with consent of the player's parent, subject to any required participation in player assessments.
- **Minors** – Players aged 9-10. 8-year-old players may be drafted with consent of the player's parent, subject to any required participation in player assessments, provided that, in the opinion of RLL officials, he/she possesses sufficient skills to safely play in the Minor Division.
- **Farm** – Players aged 7-8. A 6-year-old is eligible if he/she has participated in one prior season of Tee Ball in any Little League or other organized recreational program. A 9-year-old may be placed in the Farm Division if, in the opinion of RLL officials, he/she lacks sufficient skills to safely play in the Minor Division.
- **Tee Ball** – Players aged 4-6. A 7-year-old may be placed in the Tee Ball Division if, in the opinion of RLL officials or the player's parent, he/she lacks sufficient skills to safely play in the Farm Division.

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It is recommended that each player play at each division level prior to moving to the next division level. Any deviation must be requested in writing by the parent and approved by the BOD.

## **a) Baseball Playing Rules – Seniors**

Rules are determined based on participation in the inter-district league. RLL local rules do not apply.

## **b) Baseball Playing Rules – Juniors**

Rules are determined based on participation in the inter-district league. RLL local rules do not apply.

## **c) Baseball Playing Rules – Intermediate (50/70)**

Rules are determined based on participation in the inter-district league. RLL local rules do not apply.

## **d) Baseball Playing Rules – Majors**

Adhere to all Little League Regulations with the following additions:

- All games are counted in the standings. Tie-breaker games do not apply to season standings. In the event of a first place tie, there will be a tie-breaker game to determine place in the final standings. If needed, a second tie-breaker will be a one game playoff.
- Regular season standings will determine seeding in the end of season in-house playoff. The results of the playoffs will determine the representation of RLL in District TOCs. If RLL selects 2 teams to represent RLL in TOCs then the final 2 teams in the RLL in-house playoffs will be the selected teams.
- Duration of the game: Complete six innings or games will be stopped at the official sunset which is indicated in the official scorebook.
- If a game is terminated due to sunset or bad weather, and at least four (4) full innings has been completed, the game will be considered complete. The final score will revert back to the last completed inning played. However, if the score of a terminated game is tied, the game shall resume at a later date as scheduled by the BOD.
- If after 4 full complete innings, the game can be called based on the 10 run mercy rule, meaning if one team is ahead by 10 or more runs at the completion of the 4<sup>th</sup> inning.
- Continuous batting order does not apply to the major division

Note: All-Star Tournament players will be selected from this division, subject to current Little League rules.

## **e) Baseball Playing Rules --Minors**

Adhere to Little League Regulations with the following additions:

- Only RLL vs RLL are counted in the standings. Tie-breaker games do not apply to season standings. In the event of a first place tie, there will be a tie-breaker game to determine place in the final standings. If needed, a second tie-breaker will be a one game playoff.
- Regular season standings will determine seeding in the end of season in-house playoff. The results of the playoffs will determine the representation of RLL in District TOCs. If RLL selects 2 teams to represent RLL in TOCs then the final 2 teams in the RLL in-house playoffs will be the selected teams.
- Duration of the game: No new innings are to be started after 1 hours and 45 minutes has elapsed from the game. Games will be stopped at the official sunset which is indicated in the official scorebook.
- Maximum 5 runs per inning or three outs, whichever occurs first, with the exception of the last inning.
- In the 6th or last inning (or extra inning), the 5-run maximum rule is not followed. The umpire must announce the last inning prior to the final out of the prior inning.
- The last inning: will be the sixth inning or the inning that STARTS AFTER one (1) hour and 45 minutes has elapsed from the start of the game. The umpire shall notify both managers that it is the last inning with unlimited runs prior to the start of the inning. However, if there is a tie score after the last inning, play will continue until time expires, sunset, or the tie is broken.
- If a pitcher hits three (3) consecutive batters in one inning, that pitcher will be replaced but may play another position if such placement does not conflict with Little League or local rules.
- A game terminated due to sunset or bad weather, and at least four (4) full innings has been completed, the game will be considered complete. The final score will revert back to the last completed inning played. However, if the score of a terminated game is tied, the game shall resume at a later date as scheduled by the BOD.
- Bunting and sliding are allowed.
- Stealing is allowed, but the runner may not attempt to steal a base until the pitch crosses home plate.

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- If after 4 full complete innings, the game can be called based on the 10 run mercy rule, meaning if one team is ahead by 10 or more runs at the completion of the 4<sup>th</sup> inning.
- The continuous batting order is mandatory for Minors and below.

Note: All-Star Tournament players must have participated in 60% of the regular season games on a RLL team, to be eligible to be selected for the Minors All-Star team.

### **f) Baseball Playing Rules – Farm**

Adhere to Little League Regulations with the following additions:

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- Level 5 safety balls shall be used at all times.
- Tees will not be used for games.
- Score and division standings are kept but only win or loss is posted to website.
- Ten (10) players may be used on the field for defense, including four (4) outfielders.
- Game Duration: 1 hr. 45 min. or six (6) innings.
- Maximum 5 run limit per inning.
- In the 6th or final inning, the 5-run maximum rule is not followed. The umpire must announce the last inning prior to the final out of the prior inning.
- If after 4 full complete innings, the game can be called based on the 10 run mercy rule, meaning if one team is ahead by 10 or more runs at the completion of the 4<sup>th</sup> inning.
- No stealing or advancing on a passed ball or wild pitch is allowed.
- No bunting shall be allowed.
- Sliding is allowed at all bases besides first (1<sup>st</sup>) base. If a runner slides into first base they will

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be called out.

- Runners may not advance more than one base on each overthrow.
- A team must field at least 8 players or be subject to forfeit. In the event of a forfeit, the larger team should loan sufficient players for both teams to be of equal size, and an informal game be played.
- The play is dead upon a genuine attempt to get the ball back to the pitcher or the ball is out of play, called dead by the umpire and the runner is awarded appropriate bases.
- If at the end of the play it is determined by the Umpire that the runner(s) are more than halfway to the next base, the base runner will be awarded that base. Halfway points will be marked in between each base.
- Base coaches: Two adult base coaches will be allowed during the game but not required.
- Minimum playing time – each player on the roster will participate for a minimum of six (6) consecutive outs and at least one (1) at bat. If for some reason of curfew or time limit, a player does not meet these criteria, then that player must start the next game and play nine (9) consecutive outs and at least one (1) at bat. This rule does not apply to games called due to poor weather conditions.
- Must rotate players positions on the field. A player cannot play one position all game.
- Only swinging strikes will be called in both coach pitch and coach/player pitch.

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## • **Pitching Rules Farm Division:**

- Coach pitch will be utilized at the beginning of the season and for the majority of the season. To encourage our kids' development and preparation for the next division of play, kid pitch may be utilized for the final 4-6 weeks of the regular season at the BOD and Division managers discretion. If the BOD and division managers declare that the playing level of the farm division is not suited for kid pitch then coach pitch will be utilized for the remainder of the season. The following rules will be followed for pitching in this division:
- **Coach Pitch:** Each batter will receive 5 pitches only if they have not accrued 3 swinging strikes. If no ball is hit into play after the 5<sup>th</sup> pitch, the batter is out. If the 5<sup>th</sup> pitch is a foul ball, the batter will receive another pitch and continue until the ball is either hit

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into play, a swinging strike or no swing is attempted. Umpires will be calling strikes.

## • **Coach/Player pitch:**

- Only kids league age 7 and 8 can pitch.
- Max pitch count per game = 50 with a 2 day rest.
- First 2 innings will be kid pitch, remainder of the game will be coach pitch.
- The kid Pitcher must pitch from the pitching mound rubber.
- Kids will pitch four (4) pitches to the batter. If the ball is not hit into play, the batter is not hit by pitch, or the batter does not accrue three (3) swinging strikes, the coach will assume the count for the batter. The batter will receive three (3) pitches from the coach unless the batter hits the ball into play or strikes out first.
- If one team doesn't have an eligible coach, both teams will default to coach pitch.

## **g) Baseball Division Tee Ball**

Adhere to Little League Regulations with the following additions:

- No standings; every team wins every game.
- All players shall play in the field and bat each inning.
- Only two coaches on the field at any one time.
- Base paths are 50 feet (10 feet shorter than the posts).
- No stealing is allowed.
- No sliding is allowed at any time.
- Runners may not advance on an overthrow.
- Tee Ball (Level 10) designated safety balls shall be used at all times.
- Once the ball is controlled within the baseline, the play is over. Runners in between bases may advance to the next base.

- Game will be played regardless of the number of players available to a team.
- Each game shall be 3 innings or an hour in length, whichever comes first.

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- All batted balls must travel beyond 15 foot distance from home plate or be ruled a foul ball.
- No Bunting is allowed.
- The COACHES perform the umpiring.
- Prior to the game, coaches will determine if, and to what extent, they will utilize "coach pitch" during the game. The teams playing need not use the same level of "coach pitch" in the game. It is the league's hope that by the half-way point of the season, each team will use primarily "coach pitch."
- When "coach pitch" is used, in a kneeling position an appropriate distance away the coach will give the batter up to three (3) hittable pitches. If the batter does not hit one of these pitches, the tee will then be used. If a final thrown pitch is fouled off, the batter receives an additional pitch. To encourage players' success, in the final inning, if time allows, the batters may receive up to an additional three (3) pitches before the tee is required. Coaches are encouraged to keep in mind a balance between the frustration of missing pitches versus the joy of hitting one (i.e., there is such a thing as too many pitches), as well as the fielders' attention spans.

## **25. All-Star Selection Procedures**

### **All-Star Manager/Coach Selection: 8/9/10 and 10/11/12 Year Old Divisions**

The 8/9/10 (Minors) and 10/11/12 (Majors) All-Star Managers will be determined based on who wins the RLL In House TOC's. The Manager of the team who places first during In House TOC's will be offered the chance to manage the All Stars team. The remaining Managers for each division will be offered to assist on the All Stars team. In order to qualify to coach All Stars, a coach must attend 60-70% of the practices/games and no less. The amount of time spent at regular season practices and games will be determined by the league President, Vice President and Coaches Coordinator. No more than three (3) coaches are allowed in the dugout/on the field during games. Any additional coaches may help at practices. The League President has the final approval decision.

### **All-Star Player Selection: 8/9/10 and 10/11/12 Year Old Divisions**

The selection of the 8/9/10 and 10/11/12 All-Star players will be completed in three parts. First, all eligible players league age 8/9/10 and 10/11/12 respectively, shall be given a ballot and asked to choose up to 4 players in their same age division among players that are not on their same team.

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The players in the 8/9/10 and 10/11/12 year old age groups that receive the top 4 vote counts from their fellow players will be elected to their respective All-Star team. If there are any ties in the player voting process for the 4th player elected position, the All-Star Manager will break that tie. The Managers from each respective division will vote on 6 players. The players in the 8/9/10 and 10/11/12 year old age groups that receive the top 6 vote counts from the Managers will be elected to their respective All-Star team. If there are any ties in the Manager voting process for the player elected position, the All-Star Manager will break that tie. The All-Star Manager will then select all remaining players needed to complete the team roster from the eligible player pool. Each All-Star Manager shall make the decision regarding final All-Star roster size (between 12-14 players). Managers may choose 2 alternates in the event a player becomes unavailable. Assessments may be used to select final roster. For the player voting process, the Player Agent will prepare ballots comprised of all eligible players in the respective age divisions and will provide those to the Major/Minor Division Representatives, who will distribute and collect the completed player ballots. It is intended that the player voting process will be completed immediately after they are initially furnished with the ballot and they are not to consult with their manager, coach, parent and/or other adult as they complete their ballot. Major/Minor Division Representatives will bring the completed ballots to the League President. Votes will be tallied by the League President, Player Agent, and two non-divisional personnel with no eligible players (i.e Farm, T-Ball managers, coaches, team parents, etc.)

Prior to removal and replacement of a player because of missing practices or other commitments, the BOD shall be informed by a manager, of the potential action to replace a player with an alternate. BOD approval is required as per Tournament Rules Player Eligibility, prior to replacing the player.

### **Advisory to Parents and Guardians**

Players league age 8 and above are eligible to make the RLL All-Star teams. In order for your child to be eligible they must have participated in at least 60% of their regular season games as of June 1<sup>st</sup> in the division in which they are eligible for All Stars. In order for your child to be considered, your player's commitment is required during the tournament season. This commitment consists of being available DAILY for practices and games from June 1<sup>st</sup> until at least mid-July and possibly mid-August (depending upon the success of the team).

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## 25. APPLICATION TO BE A BOARD MEMBER OF THE ROSEMONT LITTLE LEAGUE

Please put my name on the ballot for the Rosemont Little League Board of Directors for the position of \_\_\_\_\_.

I understand if I am elected to the Board that I will serve on the Board for a one (1) year term.

I understand that if elected to the Board I will still need to submit my name for each year thereafter that I desire to be elected to the Board.

I understand once the Board has been elected I will be given notice of the date and time of the first newly-elected Board meeting and my responsibilities and other duties as per the RLL Constitution.

### **PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

This completed application must be delivered to the nomination box at the concession stand.

If you intend to coach or manage a team during the upcoming Season, please be advised that as per the Official Regulations and Playing Rules of Little League Baseball, the manager/coach representation on the Board shall not exceed a minority. The President with the approval of Board of Directors shall appoint managers and coaches annually.

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