



Taylor County Little League Bylaws 2024

Article I. Name, Location and Meetings

The name of the organization Taylor County Little League, a West Virginia organization, not for profit, hereinafter referred to as the "TCLL". TCLL primary field location is at Anna Jarvis Elementary School. Meetings of members and directors may be held at such places in Taylor County, WV designated by the Board of Directors.

Article II. Administrative Rules and Regulations

SECTION 1 – Fiscal Calendar and Bylaws

TCLL operates on a fiscal calendar from October 1 to September 30. Approved Constitution and Bylaws shall be effective for the fiscal calendar year and shall remain in effect until the incoming Board of Directors approves Bylaws for the new fiscal calendar or amendments are made per the guidelines set by the constitution or bylaws.

SECTION 2 - Amendments to the Bylaws

These bylaws may be amended, repealed, or altered in whole or in part by a majority vote at any duly organized meeting of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 3 - Player Registration, Fees and Scholarship

Families may register players online or in person on days and locations designated by the TCLL. Registration fees for the spring and fall season shall be set annually by the Board of Directors.

Registration for A, B and C Ball is \$65 for first player from family and \$45 for each additional player.

Registration for T-Ball is \$45 per player and \$25 for each additional player.

SECTION 4 – Refund Policy

Families shall be granted a refund of their registration fee upon request prior to the first practice. No refunds will be granted after that time.

SECTION 5 – Code of Conduct

No board member, manager, coach, player or spectator shall, at any time:

1. Lay a hand upon, push, shove, strike, or threaten any player, coach, league official, umpire, or spectator.
2. Criticize any team, its players, umpires, coaches, or fans by word of mouth or gesture.
3. Demonstrate or incite others to demonstrate unsportsmanlike conduct.
4. Use obscene or offensive language.
5. Appear at an TCLL event while in an intoxicated state due to illegal drug or alcohol abuse.

An infraction of the above rules can result in the immediate ejection from the boundaries of any TCLL event. Any infraction reported to the Board of Directors may require the offender to appear before the Board of Directors to explain his/her conduct. Depending on the seriousness or frequency, the board may assess additional disciplinary action including, but not limited to:

1. A warning or suspension from the next succeeding game.
2. A suspension and written warning that a second infraction may result in the suspension of League privileges.
3. Immediate expulsion from the League.

SECTION 6 – Rule Book

All procedures will follow the 2024 Little League International Rulebook.

SECTION 7 – General Membership

The fee for the 2024 general membership is \$20. The fee is waived for coaches, umpires and board members.

Article III. Finances

The President and Treasurer shall have access to the common league treasury.

If any other members of the Board of Directors are required to be on the account, a majority vote of the Board is required.

The treasurer and president or vice president can authorize up to \$500 between meetings without a board vote.

Article IV. League Structure

SECTION 1 – Division Structure

A player's League Age determines their division eligibility as set forth in the Little League Baseball Rule Book.

- Tee Ball League age 4-5-6 yrs old
- Minors League Machine Pitch – C Ball age 6-7-8 yrs old
- Minors League – B Ball age 9-10-11-12 yrs old
- Majors League age 11-12 yrs old
- Junior League age 13-14-15 yrs old
- Senior League age 13-14-15-16 yrs old

SECTION 2 – Playing Down Policy

Parents may request to have their child or the board may elect to have a player play down one division below their age group based on their ability level, special circumstances and/or safety risk. Requests must be approved by the Player Agent, Safety Officer and League President. Twelve year-olds in minor league kid pitch cannot pitch.

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SECTION 3 – Playing Up Policy

The board may elect to have a player play up one division above their age group based on their ability level, special circumstances and/or safety risk. Requests must be approved by the Player Agent, Safety Officer and League President and voted on by the board.

Article V. Facility Management and Concessions

SECTION 1 – Field Preparations

The home team prepares the field to play. This includes lining the field and batter's boxes.

SECTION 2 – Post Game Field Maintenance

The visiting team drags, rakes and covers (if needed) the field after the game.

SECTION 3 – Post Game Facility Responsibilities

With support from members of the board, both team managers and coaches, the team assigned concession must remove all trash from dugouts, bathrooms, bleachers and concession stand. Trash must be removed daily. Place trash in the dumpsters behind the school. The team assigned concession must restock the concession stand, stock and clean the restrooms and complete other concession duties as itemized in the concession stand.

Article VI. Coaches – Selection and Training

SECTION 1 – Selection of Managers

The board of directors will recommend team managers to the president. All managers must be approved by the president.

SECTION 2 – Selection of Coaches

Managers may select up to three assistants after team rosters are complete. The Board of Directors reserves the right to deny an assistant coach.

SECTION 3 – Mandatory Trainings

Coaches and umpire clinics will be determined by the board and monitored by the Coach's' Coordinator. Clinics are mandatory to for all managers and assistant coaches. Failure to attend will result in removal form coaching staff.

Article VII. Player Evaluation and Player Selection

SECTION 1 – Rosters

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The Board of Directors will determine the number of teams in each division and the number of players per team based on the number of players registered.

SECTION 2 – The Draft

TCLL will use a draft method approved by Little League International.

All registered players must try out.

Teams in all divisions will be redrafted.

All players who played in A Ball last year must be drafted to A Ball. All players who played in B Ball last year must be drafted to B Ball.

The managers child will be rated and placed in a round accordingly. If more than one child, each will be placed using the same method.

Article VIII. Game Operation

SECTION 1- Pool Play or Playing with Eight

All players are eligible for pool play within his/her division. A substitute player cannot pitch and must play in the outfield.

A team may be fielded with 1 player missing if both managers agree. If a player shows up late, it is the discretion of the manger if he/she plays.

SECTION 2 -Time Limits and T-Ball Rules

T-Ball

- All players play the field
- 60 minutes per game and “keep games moving swiftly”
- Continuous batting order
- Player hits off tee or three pitchers per batter at coach’s discretion
- One manager and two assistants per team and can have extra help per approval by T-Ball Coordinator

Little League cannot start a new inning after 105 minutes on school nights. On non-school nights, a new inning cannot be started after 120 minutes.

SECTION 3- Safety Equipment

All pitchers must wear a chest protector. Any player warming up a pitcher must wear a catcher’s chest guard, cup, and catcher’s helmet.

SECTION 4 – Restricted Areas and Warming Up

Dugout, Backstop and Press Box Areas - During games, only current teams' players, coaches and managers; board members and umpires are permitted behind the backstop or dugout area. Only the official scorekeeper, pitch count and scoreboard operator are allowed in the press box.

No one is allowed in the batting cage during a game without approval from a board member.

Warming Up for the Next Game- If you play the next game, only the pitcher and catcher are allowed in the warm-up area. The remainder of the team should remain behind the fence until the current game ends.

Batting Cage- The visiting team has the batting cage first. When the home team is in the batting cage, the visiting team takes the field. Once the home team warms up, the game will begin.

Adults in Dugout – Only 4 coaches from each team are allowed in the dugout. The bookkeeper is a coach.

SECTION 5 – Minor League Machine Pitch Rules

On offense - Only the coach operating the pitching machine and 2 base coaches will be on the field.

On defense – Two coaches may be in the field

Each team will reach 3 outs or bat through the entire lineup in each inning. Batting order must stay the same throughout the entire game except for a late player who will be added to the end of the roster.

Players may only advance one base on an overthrow.

No stealing bases.

Article IX. Final Team Standings and Awards

SECTION 1 – Final Team Standings

Final standings will be determined by the overall record of each team in each division. If a tie occurs the first tie breaker criteria is head to head win/lose results. The next criteria is head to head point differential.

SECTION 2 – President's Sportsmanship Award

The president will select a player from each team to receive the President's Sportsmanship Award. This will be awarded the day of the championship games.

SECTION 3 – Home Run Derby

Any player in A Ball or B Ball the hits an out of the park home run or is nominated by a coach qualifies to participate in the home run derby.

Article X. All Stars

SECTION 1 – Teams and Roster Size

The Board of Directors will determine for what divisions TCLL fields teams.

Roster size will be determined by a vote of the Board of Directors with input from the manager to field the most competitive team.

Three or more board members must be present at the selection of the All-Star Teams. If the all-star manager is a board member, they do not count in the three required board members.

Each manager of the regular season teams will nominate players from his/her team to be selected for the all-star team. Any manager can also nominate player(s) from another team if the player's manager did not do so. A vote will occur by the regular season managers of that division. The players (up to 15 and set by the board) with the most votes will be selected for the all-star team. In case of a tie, a vote will occur on the players involved.

SECTION 2 – Manager and Coaches

With approval of the board, 1st place team manager in each division of regular season will get 1st choice of an all-star team in the division for which they managed. If more than one team is fielded within a division, each manager following in order from 2nd to last place will have his/her choice of managing an all star team with the division they managed.

Managers may select up to 2 assistant coaches. Assistant coaches must be board approved.