

**NORTH SYRACUSE LITTLE LEAGUE
CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
(As amended 12/10/2010)**

Article I – Name

This organization shall be known as the North Syracuse Little League, hereinafter known as “The League”.

Article II – Objective

Section 1: The objective of the League shall be to implant firmly in the children of the community the ideas 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.

Section 2: To achieve this objective, the League will provide a supervised program under the rules and regulations of Little League, Inc. All Officers, Directors and Members shall recognize that the attainment of exceptional athletic skill or the winning of games is secondary, and that the molding of future citizens is of prime importance. In accordance with Section 501(c) (3) of the Federal Internal Revenue Service Code, the League will operate as a non-profit baseball and softball program. No part of the earnings shall inure to the benefit of any private share holder or individual; no substantial part of the activities of which is carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and which does not participate in or intervene in any political campaigning on behalf candidate for public office.

Article III – Membership

Section 1: Regular Members (hereinafter referred to as “the Members.” The Members of the League shall consist of the Officers, Directors, Committee Persons of the League, all managers, coaches, and all parents or guardians of Player Members as described in Section 2.

Section 2: (a) A Player Candidate is a boy or girl meeting the requirements of Little League Regulation IV and who resides within the authorized boundaries of the League (or has an authorized District 8 Waiver), shall be eligible to compete but shall have no rights, duties, or obligation in the management or in the property of the League. (b) A Player Member is any boy or girl who is registered to participate in the current Little League season. (c) In order for an individual to be recognized as a member they MUST be considered a “Member in Good Standing”. Any Member exhibiting conduct deemed to be detrimental to the best interest of NSLL and/or Little League, Inc. shall be considered a Member NOT IN GOOD STANDING and as a result they will lose their status as a member.

Section 3: Other Affiliations: Members, whether regular or player, shall not be required to be affiliated with another organization or group to qualify as Members of the League.

Section 4: Suspension or Termination: Membership may be terminated by action of the Board of Directors or by resignation.

(a) The Board of Directors, by a majority vote of those present at any duly constituted meeting, shall have the authority to discipline, suspend or terminate the membership of any Member of either class when the conduct of such person is considered detrimental to the best interests of the League and/or Little League, Inc. The Member involved shall be notified of such meeting by Certified Mail, informed of the general nature of the charges, and given an opportunity to appear at the meeting to answer such charges.

- (b) The Board of Directors shall, in the case of a Player Member, give notice to the manager of the team of which the player is a Member. Said manager shall appear, in the capacity of an advisor, with the player before a duly constituted committee of the Board of Directors, which shall have full power to suspend or evoke such player's right to future participation. When circumstances dictate that holding a duly constituted meeting would delay possible discussion, the President shall meet with the appropriate Vice President and initiate any disciplinary action.

ARTICLE IV – DUES

Section 1: Dues for regular Members may be fixed at such amounts, as the Board of Directors shall determine prior to the beginning of any fiscal year.

Section 2: Members who fail to pay their fixed dues within thirty (30) days from the time the same became due may, by vote of the Board of Directors, be dropped from the rolls and shall forfeit all rights and privileges of membership.

Section 3: A reasonable Little League registration fee may be assessed as a parent's obligation to assure the operational continuity of the League. **AT NO TIME WILL PAYMENT OF ANY FEE BE A PREREQUISITE FOR PLAYER PARTICIPATION IN THE LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL OR SOFTBALL PROGRAM.** (Little League Regulation XIII (c)).

ARTICLE V - MEETINGS

Section 1: Annual Meeting: The annual meeting of the Members of the League shall be held no later than September 30th in each year, for the purpose of electing Officers, Directors and Members, and for receiving reports, and for the transaction of business as may properly come before the meeting.

Section 2: Notice of Annual Meeting: Notice of the annual meeting of the members shall be mailed to each member at the last recorded address or published in a local newspaper at least ten (10) days in advance thereof, setting forth the place, time, and purpose of the meeting; or in lieu thereof, notice may be given in such form as may be authorized by the Members, from time to time, at a regularly convened meeting.

Section 3: Special Meetings: The Board of Directors, or the Secretary, at their discretion may call special meetings of the Members. Upon the written request of ten (10) Members, the President shall call a special meeting to consider a specific subject. No business other than that specified in the notice of meeting may be transacted at any special meeting of the Members.

Section 4: Voting: Only regular Members shall be entitled to vote at any meeting of the League. Proxy voting shall NOT be allowed.

Section 5: Rules of Order: Roberts Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings of all meetings, except where same conflicts with the Constitution and Bylaws of the League.

ARTICLE VI – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1: Board and Number: The management of the property and the affairs of the League shall be vested in the Board of Directors (hereinafter referred to as "the Board"). The Board shall be comprised of a President, Vice-President of Hardball, Vice-President of Softball, Vice-President of Operations, Secretary, and Treasurer (hereinafter referred to as "the Officers"), one representative of each division of the League (hereinafter referred to as "the Coordinators"), a Player Agent, a Safety Officer, an Information Officer and the Purchasing Agent.

The Board shall, upon election, immediately enter into the performance of its duties and shall continue in office until the successive Board has been duly elected at the next subsequent annual meeting, as described in Article V, Section 1.

- (a) In the Presidents absence, the succession of power will be VP of Hardball, VP of Softball, VP of Operations, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 2: Vacancy: If any vacancy occurs in the Board, by death, resignation or otherwise, it may be filled by a majority vote of the remaining Directors at any regular or special meeting called for that purpose, provided a minimum of two-thirds (2/3) of the remaining Board is in attendance at such a meeting. Such meeting is to be held within thirty (30) days of such vacancy.

Section 3: Meetings, Notices and Quorum: Regular meetings of the Board will be held fourteen (14) days after the annual meeting and on such days shall thereafter be determined by the Board, the President or Secretary may, whenever they deem advisable, at the request in writing of five (5) Directors shall issue as call for a special meeting of the Board. Notice of each meeting shall be given by the Secretary to each Director, either by mail or email at least three (3) days before the time appointed for the meeting to the last recorded address of each Director, or by telephone, telegraph or personal notice at least twenty-four (24) hours preceding the meeting. A majority of elected Directors shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of business.

Section 4: Duties and Powers: The board shall have the power to appoint such standing or special committees it shall determine and to delegate such powers to them as the Board shall deem advisable and which it may properly delegate. The Board may adopt such rules and regulations for the conduct of its meetings and management of the League as it may deem proper. Unless otherwise indicated, a simple majority at any duly constituted Board meeting shall decide the outcome of any business transacted. The President shall vote ONLY in the event of a tie and reserves the right to attend any meeting of a standing or special committee.

Section 5: Annual Election and Term of Office: At least thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting, the Board shall appoint a Nominating Committee. This committee shall investigate and consider eligible candidates, and shall submit a slate of candidates for the Officers, and the other Board Members. Nominations may also be made from the floor.

- (a) At each annual meeting, the Members shall elect the Officers and Directors for a term of twelve (12) months, to coincide with the fiscal year, by virtue of a majority of the Members present at such duly constituted Annual Meeting.
- (b) Officers, as defined in Section 1, except the Treasurer, are limited to three (3) consecutive terms, the treasurer shall be limited to two (2) consecutive terms, unless said Officer is run unopposed and a majority of the Board approves additional terms.

ARTICLE VII – OFFICERS: DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Section 1: The President: The President shall:

- (a) Conduct the affairs of the League and execute the policies of the Board.
- (b) Present a report of the conditions of the League at the Annual Meeting.
- (c) Communicate to the Board such matters as deemed appropriate, and make suggestions as may tend to promote the welfare of the League.
- (d) Be responsible for the conduct of the League in strict accordance with the policies, principles, Rules and Regulations of Little League, Inc., as agreed to under the conditions of charter issues to the League by that Organization.

- (e) Designate other Officers, if necessary, to have power and make and execute for and in the name of the League such contracts and leases as may have received prior approval from the Board.
- (f) Investigate complaints, irregularities and conditions detrimental to the League and report thereon to the Board as circumstances warrant.
- (g) Prepare, and submit, with the assistance of the Treasurer, and annual budget to the Board and be responsible for the execution thereof.
- (h) With the assistance of the Vice President's of Baseball and Softball, examine the application and support of proof of age documents of every player candidate and certify residency and age eligibility before the player may be accepted for tryouts and selection.
- (i) Preside over meetings of the Board and/or its Members.
- (j) Preside over all player drafts and insure compliance with the Rules and Regulations of Little League, Inc. with regards to such drafts.
- (k) Initiate discussion with any Member(s) of the disciplinary committee pending a duly constituted meeting.

Section 2: Vice Presidents:

- (a) The Vice President of Hardball shall: Assist the President and discharge the duties of the office in the absence of the President and shall have such other duties as from time to time may be assigned by the Board or by the President. The Vice President of Baseball shall be an ex-official Member of all committees, relating to hardball except such committees as he/she may be ineligible for appointment to as described herein.
- (b) The Vice President of Softball Shall: Assist the President and discharge the duties of the office in the absence of the President and shall have such other duties as from time to time may be assigned by the Board or by the President. The Vice President of Softball shall be an ex-official Member of all committees, relating to softball except such committees as he/she may be ineligible for appointment to as described herein.
- (c) The Vice President of Operations Shall: Assist the President and discharge the duties of the office in the absence of the President, VP Baseball and the VP Softball and shall have such other duties as from time to time may be assigned by the Board or by the President. The VP of Operations shall be responsible for the Concession Stand(s) in all matters relating to food and drink. The VP of Operations will also be responsible for all monies that are generated from the concession stand(s) and will be responsible to deliver the said monies to the Treasurer in a timely fashion as approved by the Board.

Section 3: Secretary: The Secretary Shall:

- (a) Be responsible for recording the activities of the League and maintain appropriate files and records, as well as necessary mailing lists.
- (b) Perform such duties as are herein set forth, in addition to such other duties as are customarily incident to the Office of Secretary or as may be assigned by the Board.
- (c) Maintain a list of all Regular Members, Directors and Committee Members, and give notice of all meetings of the League and Board.
- (d) Keep minutes of the League and Board, and cause them to be recorded in a book for that purpose.
- (e) Conduct all correspondence not otherwise specifically delegated in connection with said meetings and shall be responsible for carrying out all orders, votes, and resolutions not otherwise committed.
- (f) Notify Members, Directors and Officers, as well as Committee Members of their election or appointment.

Section 4: Treasurer: The Treasurer Shall:

- (a) Perform such duties as are herein specifically set forth and other such duties as are customarily incident to the office of Treasurer or may be assigned to the Board.
- (b) Receive all monies or securities, including concession stand monies, and deposit same in a depository which has been approved by the Board in accordance with Article X, Section 1.
- (c) Keep records for the receipt or disbursement of all moneys and securities of the League, approve, with the President, all payments from allotted funds and keep records thereof.
- (d) Prepare and annual audit of League owned property.
- (e) Prepare an annual budget, under the direction of the President, for submission to the Members within sixty (60) days after the annual meeting.

Section 5: Player Agent: The Player Agent Shall:

- (a) Perform such duties as are herein specifically set forth and other such duties as are customarily incident to the office of Treasurer or may be assigned to the Board.
- (b) Conduct annual tryouts.
- (c) Assist the President in checking birth records and eligibility of players.
- (d) Generally supervise and coordinate the transfer of players to or form the Minor Leagues according to provisions of the regulations of Little League Baseball.
- (e) The Player Agent must not manage, coach, or umpire in the division of which he/she has authority, unless the local league has received explicit written permission to allow this from Little League Baseball International Headquarters.

ARTICLE VIII – MANAGERS AND COACHES

Section 1: Team managers and coaches shall be appointed annually by the President, with the approval of the Board and shall be responsible for the selection of their teams and for their actions on the field (Little League Regulation 1(b)). Only members in “good standing” will be considered eligible for an available Manager or Coaching position.

Section 2: Umpires shall be appointed by the President, with the approval of the Board, who shall be responsible for their assignments and for their actions on the field (Little Regulation 1(b)).

Section 3: While holding such office, the President shall be allowed to manage or coach in any non “All-Star” venue (Little League Regulation 1(b)).

Section 4: The Code of Conduct, as prescribed by the Board of Directors, shall govern all Coaches, Managers, Players, and League Members.

Section 5: All prospective Managers and Coaches must annually complete the Little League Volunteer Application form.

ARTICLE IX – AFFILIATION

Section 1: Charter: The League shall annually apply for a charter from Little League Incorporated and shall do all things necessary to obtain such charter. The League shall devote its entire energies to the activities authorized by such charter and not be affiliated with any other organization to operate any other program.

Section 2: Rules and Regulations: The Official Playing Rules and Regulations as published by Little League, Incorporated, Williamsport, Pennsylvania, shall be binding on the League.

Section 3: Local League Playing Rules: The local playing rules of the League shall be adopted by the Board at a meeting to be held no less than one (1) month previous to the first scheduled game of the season, but in no way conflict with the Rules and Regulations of Little League, Incorporated.

ARTICLE X – FINANCIAL AND ACCOUNTING

Section 1: The Board shall decide upon all matters pertaining to the finances of the League and shall place all funds, including Operating funds, in a common depository which shall be federally insured against the insolvency of such depository. The Board shall direct the expenditure of said funds in such a manner as will give no individual or team an advantage over those in competition with such individual or team. No Member shall authorize any payment of League funds without the written approval of the President and/or Treasurer.

Section 2: The Board shall not permit the contribution of funds or property to individual teams but shall solicit same for the common Treasurer of the League, thereby to discourage favoritism among teams and to endeavor to equalize the benefits of the League.

Section 3: The Board shall not permit the solicitation of funds in the name of Little League, Incorporated unless the funds so raised be placed in the League Treasury.

Section 4: The League shall not permit the disbursement of League funds for other than the conduct of Little League activities in accordance with the rules and regulations of Little League, Incorporated.

Section 5: No Officer, Director or Member shall receive, directly or indirectly, any salary, compensation, or emolument from the League for services rendered as Officer, Director or Member except for field marking and umpiring.

Section 6: All disbursement of League funds shall be made by check. The Treasurer AND President shall sign all checks.

Section 7: The fiscal year shall begin the first day of October and end on the last day of September.

Section 8: Upon dissolution of the League and after all outstanding debts and claims have been satisfied, the Members shall distribute the property of the League to other such organizations maintaining an objective similar to that set forth herein, which are or may be entitled to exemption under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or any future corresponding provision.

ARTICLE XI – AMENDMENTS

The Constitution and Bylaws may be amended, repealed, or altered in whole or in part by a majority vote of any duly organized meeting of the Members, provided notice of the proposed change is included in the notice of such meeting. Draft of all proposed amendments shall be submitted to Little League, Incorporated for approval.

**NORTH SYRACUSE LITTLE LEAGUE
BYLAWS
(as amended 12/04/2010)**

The bylaws stated herein are an enhancement to Little League Rules and Regulations as per division rulebooks and are to be adhered to. Unless otherwise stated, all bylaws apply to both hardball and softball.

COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors is comprised of 17 voting Board Members. The following are voting Members: Secretary, Player Agent, VP Finance (Treasurer), VP Hardball, Major Coordinator, AAA Coordinator, AA Coordinator, A Coordinator, T-Ball Coordinator, VP Softball, Major/Minor Softball Coordinator, Junior/Senior Softball Coordinator, Purchasing Agent, VP Operations, Information Officer, Safety Officer and Fall Ball Coordinator.

The Board shall appoint committee Members as it sees fit throughout the course of its operations. These committee positions may be filled by the Board Members themselves or other Members in “good standing” with the League. At no time shall a committee Member have a voting right.

Note: The President votes only in the case of a tie.

ATTENDANCE AT BOARD MEETINGS

If a voting Board Member misses three (3) meetings year, without prior notice, he/she should be replaced at the next regularly scheduled meeting. If a Member is unable to attend a meeting, he/she should contact the President or the Secretary prior to the meeting. The Board will review an excessive number of missed meetings and proper action will be taken.

The Secretary will send a meeting reminder to all Members of the Board of Directors (including any committee positions) at least seven (7) days prior to the scheduled meeting date. This notification will include a tentative agenda detailing items to be discussed.

REGULAR SEASON PLAYING RULES

At the Hardball Majors level of play the team with the best record will be the regular season champion. Should there be a tie, the tiebreaker will be determined by (1) Head to Head record, (2) a one game playoff (if head to head record is even).

TEAM ROSTER – HARDBALL ONLY

There will be **NO**:

- 6 year olds in the A Division (unless they played a year of T-Ball)
- 7 year olds in the AA Division (unless they competed in “A” as a 6 year old)
- 8 year olds in the AAA Division (unless they competed in “AA” as a 7 year old)
- 9 year olds in the Majors Division
- 11 or 12 year olds playing below the AAA Division (unless a safety risk)

All League Age 9 and League Age 10 year olds are required to attend the evaluation day, as determined yearly by the Board. This will help the respective coaching staffs and the Board in placing the player on a team.

All 10 year olds must be considered eligible and drafted into the AAA Division unless the child is athletically incapable of competing in the AAA Division (as determined by the Player Agent). If a 10 year old is deemed incapable of competing in the AAA Division, they will be placed on a team, by the discretion of the Player Agent and VP of Baseball Operations on a AA Division team. Any 10 year old playing in the AA Division will not be allowed to pitch.

All 11 and 12 year olds must be considered eligible for the Major Division and all 12 year olds must be drafted into the Major Division unless the child is incapable of competing in the Major Division (as determined by the Player Agent). If a 12 year old, that is deemed incapable of competing in the Major Division, plays in the AAA Division, they will be ineligible to pitch.

13 and 14 year olds are eligible to play in the Juniors Baseball program. Where it is deemed by the Board that there will be 2 or more Juniors teams, a tryout and draft must take place. All eligible 13 and 14 year olds candidates must be drafted.

GAME PLAYING TIME

Hardball

All players must play 9 defensive outs and bat at least one time in each game, unless the game is suspended prior to a completed game (6 innings).

Softball

Follow District 8 Softball Inter League rules.

Team Formation

For all drafted teams: The cut off date for additions to the teams shall be at the conclusion of team formation (which has been determined to be at the time of the draft). The maximum number of players for these teams will be 12. Only those Members named as a Manager or a Coach will be allowed to participate in the tryouts and the subsequent draft. There will be no more than 3 coaches allowed, per team, for the AAA and Majors level of play. There will be one coach allowed, per team, for the Juniors level of play

For the Baseball Juniors level of play, the number of players per team may be more than 12 players per team. However, the number of players per team will be determined annually by the VP of Baseball Operations.

For all non-drafted teams: The cut-off date for additions to the teams shall be the night immediately preceding the first game of the Official Season. There will be a 12 player/team limit for all non-drafted teams. Any player registering after the 12 player/team limit is reached shall be placed on a waiting list. This list will be used only in the event that a player (or players) leaves a non-drafted team (the total thus falling below 12 players) or enough players are on the list to facilitate the formation of another team in the appropriate division.

CONFLICTS WITH PLAYERS

A three (3) step progressive disciplinary program will be in effect. If there is a problem with any child in the League the following steps will be followed:

- 1) The Manager or Coach will give a verbal warning to the parent or child. The Manager or Coach shall also notify the Player Agent of such warning.
- 2) The Board will send a registered letter with a two (2) game suspension.
- 3) Dismissal from the League.

The latter two (2) steps shall be brought on by the Board Members in connection with the Player Agent and Manager or Coach involved.

GAME CANCELLATIONS/POSTPONED GAMES – HARDBALL ONLY

It is the position of the North Syracuse Little League to maintain a safe environment for all Little League participants. Therefore, authority has been given to the **Safety Officer**, to cancel ALL league games prior to the start of the games, due to poor weather conditions or inclement weather. Once a game is in progress, the plate umpire then has the authority to cancel the game. If there is no plate umpire available, the President, Safety Officer, Vice President or Playing Manager or Coaches (in that order of authority) have the authority to stop and cancel games.

It is the responsibility of whoever cancels the games to contact all the teams and divisions involved.

GAME TIMES

Hardball fields without lights: No inning shall begin after 8 pm until the 1st Monday in June. After the 1st Monday in June, no inning shall begin after 8:15pm.

Softball fields without lights: These fields shall follow District 8 guidelines.

Hardball/Softball with lights: The lighted field game times will adhere to Little League Rules and Regulations Manual.

THE ROBERT KREITZER AWARD

This award is given to one (1) individual from the Hardball Division (a 12 year old non All Star player) and one (1) individual from the Softball Division (a 12 year old non All Star player). The following criteria will be considered:

- (a) Sportsmanship
- (b) Attitude
- (c) Attendance

Each major hardball team selects one player from their team they feel worthy of consideration. Each major softball team selects one player from their team they feel worthy of consideration. The Managers, in conjunction with the President, Vice President(s) and Player Agent select one player from each division to receive the award. The selection process should occur at the same time as All Star voting.

ALL STAR MANAGER SELECTION – HARDBALL/SOFTBALL

Because the All Stars are a higher level of play we expect a higher level of commitment from all players **AND** managers/coaches participating in the All Star events. That is, it is expected that all managers, coaches and players will be present for all practices and games. We reserve the right to ask a manager or player to not participate in the All Star events due to a lack of interest, attendance (vacations or otherwise), or effort. These teams are a representation of the NSLL, and as such, we require a maximum effort until the **END** of All Star play.

ALL STAR MANAGER SELECTION - HARDBALL

The Manager for the 9/10 Hardball, 10/11 Hardball, and the 11/12 Hardball All Star teams will be determined by the following process:

- 1.) A Manager or Coach, on the official Williamsport roster, in the NSLL that is interested in managing an All Star team shall submit their name to the President or Player Agent for consideration.

- 2.) The All Star Selection Committee, which will include the President, VP of Hardball and Player Agent will present to the Board, in its entirety, the qualifications of each candidate on the ballot.
- 3.) The Manager will be chosen by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. This voting process will be via anonymous vote.
- 4.) The All Star team manager, when selected, will then choose one (1) or two (2) assistant coaches depending on the number of players chosen for the team.

ALL STAR MANAGER SELECTION - SOFTBALL

The Manager for the 9/10 Softball, 10/11 Softball, and the 11/12 Softball All Star teams will be determined by the following process:

- 1.) A Manager or Coach, on the official Williamsport roster, in the NSLL that is interested in managing an All Star team shall submit their name to the President or Player Agent for consideration.
- 2.) The All Star Selection Committee, which will include the President, VP of Softball and Player Agent will present to the Board, in its entirety, the qualifications of each candidate on the ballot.
- 3.) The Manager will be chosen by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. This voting process will be via anonymous vote.
- 4.) The All Star team manager, when selected, will the choose one (1) or two (2) assistant coaches depending on the number of players chosen for the team.

ALL STAR PLAYER SELECTIONS - HARDBALL

There will be a 12 player roster for the Hardball Division and Little League, Inc. book rule for the Softball Division. The selection process detailed below will be used to identify the first 10 players on each of the respective All Star teams (Hardball and Softball). The All Star manager will then select the 11th and 12th player from any of the remaining players submitted for consideration and listed on the consolidated player selection list. Note: If 12 players receive votes from all team managers (unanimous selection), all 12 will be placed on the All Star team and there will be no manager selection. Note: An All Star Manager may reserve the right to choose a 13th player for All Stars and thus select 2 assistant coaches.

11/12 year old Selection Process:

Step 1) Each major team manager shall meet with their team coaches, discuss all of the 11 and 12 year old players in their division and assemble a list of 12 players that they feel deserve to be considered for the 11/12 All Star team. The list is then submitted to the Player Agent.

Step 2) The Player Agent will review all of the votes submitted and combine them into a single, consolidated list, ranking the players by the number of votes received.

Step 3) All of the players that received a vote from ALL of the managers (unanimous selection) will automatically be placed on the All Star team.

Step 4) The remaining players for the All Star roster (up to a total of 10) will be selected, in sequence (starting with the players that received the most votes and proceeding in a descending order), from the consolidated list. If a tie should occur for the last position, the managers must then vote on the players involved in the tie.

Step 5) The All Star team manager then selects the last two (2) **or more** players for the All Star roster from the remaining players on the consolidated list.

Note: At no time will anyone other than the Player Agent, President, and the VP's of Hardball and Softball see the number of votes each player received.

10/11 Year Old Selection Process:

Step 1) An All Star tryout date will be set by the All Star Selection Committee.

Step 2) All 10 and 11 year olds at the Majors level will be invited, via postcard/flier/**email/phone** call to attend the tryout.

Step 3) The 10/11 All Star Manager, along with the All Star Selection Committee will evaluate each player at the tryout and select the 12/13 player roster.

Note: At no time will anyone other than the Player Agent, President, and the VP's of Hardball and Softball, and the 10/11 All Star Manager see the number of votes each player received.

9/10 Year Old Selection Process:

Step 1) Each AAA Division Manager shall meet with their team coaches, discuss all of the 9 and 10 year old players in their division and assemble a list of 15 players they feel deserve to be considered for the 9/10 All Star team. The list is then submitted to the Player Agent.

Step 2) The Player Agent will review all of the votes submitted and combine them into a single, consolidated list, ranking the players by the number of votes received. Any players receiving the same number of votes as the 15th player on the list will be included on the list.

Step 3) The Player Agent will formally invite the top 15 players (as determined by the consolidated list). All of these players will be encouraged to attend the tryout.

Step 4) At the completion of the tryouts, the All Star Selection Committee and the All Star team Manager will meet and vote for their 10 player selections for the 9/10 All Star Team. All of the players that receive a vote from ALL of the Selection Committee Members and the Manager (unanimous selection) will automatically be placed on the All Star roster. The remaining players for the All Star Team roster (up to a total of 10) will be selected, in sequence starting with the players that received the most votes from the Selection Committee and preceding in a descending vote order. If a tie should occur for the last position, the Selection Committee Members must then vote on the players involved in the tie.

Step 7) The All Star team manager then selects the final two(2) **or more** players for the All Star roster from the remaining players on the consolidated list.

ALL STAR PLAYER SELECTIONS - SOFTBALL

Tryouts will be held for each level of All Star play. The All Star Selection Committee (President, VP of Softball and the Player Agent) will select the top 10 players from their evaluations at the All Star Tryout. The All Star Manager will have the option to round out their roster. They may choose an additional number of players from the remaining list of players that attended the All Star tryout.

Note: At no time will anyone other than the Player Agent, President, and the VP's of Hardball and Softball, and the All Star Manager see the number of votes each player received.

REGISTRATION FEES:

Registration fees will be assessed as follows:

T-Ball	Boys/Girls 5-6 years old:	\$50.00 + 1 box of candy (\$52) or \$50.00 + \$25.00 fundraising fee
Minor/Major – Hardball & Softball	Boys/Girls 6-12 years old:	\$75.00 + 1 box of candy (\$52) or \$75.00 + \$25.00 fundraising fee
Junior/Senior Softball	Girls 12-16 years old	\$105.00 + 1 box of candy (\$52) or \$105.00 + \$25.00 fundraising fee

Each player will be given a number of raffle tickets equal to the amount of the registration fee **ONLY**. Parents can choose to pay an additional \$25.00/player in lieu of the candy sale requirement. This is a fundraising fee, not a registration fee, therefore no additional raffle tickets will be provided.

Family options are available. See the Treasurer.

Note: All registration fees and candy must be paid in full at the time of registration. Players will receive one (\$1.00) raffle ticket for each dollar spent in registration fees, thus offsetting the registration cost. If all 42 candy bars in the box are sold (at \$1.00 each), there would be no cost to the player for participation in the North Syracuse Little League.

***There will be an additional \$25.00 fee assessed for all registrations, except T-Ball, for all registrations received after the registration deadline, which will be the last date of registration.**

EXPENDING LEAGUE FUNDS:

All payments for goods and services received by the League will be made using a check drawn from the North Syracuse Little League checking account. All such checks must be signed by the President and the Treasurer.

ELECTION PROCEDURE:

The Board of Directors will create an Election Committee and appoint a minimum of three (3) current Board Members to the Committee. The Election Committee will oversee the entire election process.

Nominations for election to the Board of Directors will be handled by the Election Committee. Anyone interested in running for a position on the Board, must notify the Election Committee no later than ten (10) days prior to the date set for the general election. Immediately after this date, the Election Committee shall finalize the list of nominations and prepare an official election ballot to be used on Election Day and for absentee ballots. If an eligible voter is unable to attend the general elections, they may request an absentee ballot in accordance with the procedures outlined below.

Elections for all positions on the Board of Directors will be held each year on the second Sunday of September. Sitting Board Members, parents and legal guardians of current year participants are eligible to vote. Notifications of the elections will be mailed to the address of record for all current year league participants at least 10 days prior to the elections.

On the date set for the general elections, the Election Committee will verify all eligible voters as they enter the premises (using the same current year player registration log used for issuing the absentee ballots) and issue each an official election ballot. The election process will officially begin on election night at 6:30pm.

Ballots will be issued to eligible voters between 6:30pm and 7pm. No ballots will be issued after 7pm unless the voter was already waiting in line at the time.

The general elections will be called to order by the Chairman of the Election Committee. If there are nominations for more than one candidate for any one position on the Board, all eligible voters in attendance will then be asked to make their selection and submit their ballots to the Election Committee. The Election Committee will then count all of the ballots submitted (including any and all absentee ballots received in accordance with the procedure set forth below) and announce all the winners.

ABSENTEE BALLOT PROCEDURE:

A parent or legal guardian of a player registered for the current season may request an absentee ballot from a member of the Election Committee (to be appointed by the Board). Arrangements must be made to pick up the ballot (in person) or meet one of the Committee Members at Lonergan Park, Skyway Park or a mutually agreeable location.

No blank ballots will be issued. The parent or legal guardians name will be recorded on the ballot along with a tracking number. A log will kept of the ballots issued. To place a vote on the absentee ballot, the voter must circle (using a pen) only one candidate for each position. That person must cast a vote for each position. Multiple entries for one position will not be counted. Absentees will not be allowed to amend their ballots.

Write in candidates will not be accepted. As prescribed earlier, candidates must notify the Election Committee no later than ten (10) days prior to the date set for the general election.

Positions marked on the ballot with an ** are non-voting, committee positions. All absentee ballots must be submitted, in a sealed envelope, with your name written across the seal. The ballots must then be hand delivered to an Election Committee Member or mailed to the NSLL post office box:

North Syracuse Little League
PO Box 2304
Syracuse, New York 13220

All ballots must be **received** by 6:30pm on the date set for the general election. Those ballots not received by this time will not be counted. Absentee ballots received on time will be opened at the general election.

ADDRESSING THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

The meetings of the Board of Directors of the North Syracuse Little League are open to the public and all are welcome to attend and listen to the proceedings. If an individual or a group of individuals wishes to address the Board (present an issue, a group of issues, proposal, complaint, etc.) they must notify the Secretary of the Board no later than ten (10) days prior to the date set for the meeting in which the individual wishes to address the Board. They must also indicate the amount of time requested on the meeting agenda (maximum ten (10) minutes). The ten (10) days are necessary to allow time for the Secretary to place the individual (or group of individuals) on the agenda and allow sufficient time for discussion of the topic at hand, while also accommodating the regularly scheduled agenda topics.