

PORT SAINT LUCIE NATIONAL LITTLE LEAGUE
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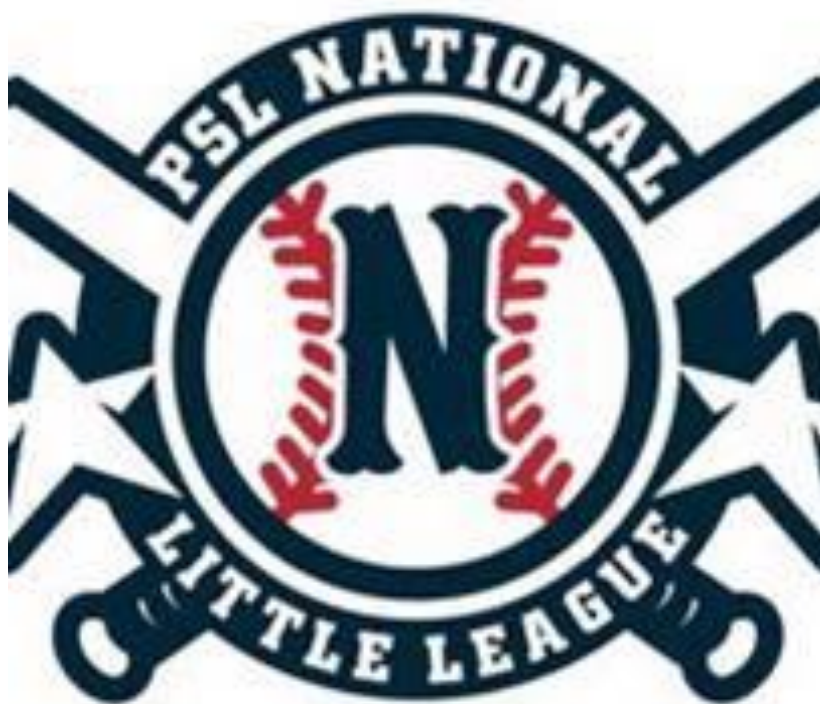


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PORT SAINT LUCIE NATIONAL LITTLE LEAGUE CODE OF CONDUCT

Our Code of Conduct holds an important message about the proper role of parents, managers, and players in our league, so the goal of the Port Saint Lucie National Little League ("PSLNLL") is to make the game of baseball fun for players of all ages. Through baseball, PSLNLL seeks to enhance the physical, mental, and emotional well-being of every child that takes part. It is the league's express goal that every player will be a better citizen and have a greater chance for success in future endeavors, because of their Little League experiences. As such, PSL National Little League expects the highest degree of sportsmanship from its members. In keeping with this philosophy, the following Code of Conduct has been adopted to better promote fairness, teamwork, good citizenship, sportsmanship, responsibility, and respect among the members of PSL National Little League. Therefore, it is imperative that players, coaches, parents, families, spectators, and umpires conduct themselves with the highest degree of sportsmanship, because players will learn these values by the examples, they see from those around them. To facilitate this objective, PSLNLL has implemented a Code of Conduct for all groups. Specifically, everyone associated with our Little League program will be expected to promote a constructive and positive atmosphere both on and off the field. While it is understandable that competition can and will breed excitement and high emotion, the PSLNLL board believes that spirited competition can be experienced without a "win at all costs" mentality. Nevertheless, for those who cannot play, coach, or observe within the spirit of our rules, the Board of Directors will enforce the following Code of Conduct. The PSLNLL Code of Conduct will only apply to PSLNLL facilities and programs or sites in which PSLNLL Little League teams are participating. The Code of Conduct below sets forth the minimum standards of discipline for the operation of the league. PSLNLL retains the right, through its Board of Directors, to determine if additional penalties are warranted. In addition, if a code violation occurs during a game played without umpires, PSLNLL will investigate and determine the appropriate discipline.

NO BOARD MEMBER, MANAGER, COACH, PARENT/GUARDIAN, SPECTATOR, PLAYER, OR UMPIRE SHALL:

1. At any time, lay a hand upon, push, shove, strike, and feint to throw or threaten any individual.
2. At any time, use violence, unfriendly language, racial slurs, or insults towards any individual.
3. Be guilty of using unnecessarily rough tactics in the play of a game and/or against the body of an opposing player.
4. Be guilty of the use of profane, obscene, or vulgar language in any manner at any time.
5. Alcoholic beverages and the use of illicit drugs are prohibited at all PSLNLL activities.
6. Appear on the field of play, stands, or anywhere in the Sportsman's Park complex while in an intoxicated state at any time. "Intoxicated" will be defined as an odor of alcohol on one's breath or clothing, or a behavior issue.
7. Be guilty of discussing publicly with spectators in a derogatory or abusive manner any play, decision, or an opinion on any players during the game.
8. Be guilty of tampering or manipulation of any league rosters, schedules, draft positions or selections, official score books, rankings, financial records, or procedures.
9. Be guilty of challenging any umpire's authority. The umpires shall have the authority and discretion during a game to penalize the offender according to the infraction up to and including the removal from the game and/or park.
10. Verbal abuse of an official, coach, player, league representative or spectator, including obscene gestures, will not be tolerated. The offender may be removed from the PSNLLL fields at the discretion of an umpire or PSNLLL board member.
11. All discussions will be held in conversational tones. Under no circumstances will a coach, fan, or player yell at an umpire, coach, fan, or player. The lone exception to this rule is when a coach or player shouts to another coach or teammate during a play as part of that play.
12. Baseball is a game of interpretation, and as a result, disputes will occur from time to time. However, it is important that players learn respect. All disputes that are taken up with the umpire will be handled in a civil manner. Only managers may initiate such discussions with an umpire. The manager will conduct themselves with decorum and once the umpire has made his/her final ruling, the manager will make no further field protest. Off-field protests may be lodged with the Board of Directors per little league rules (see Rule 4.19 – Protesting a game).
13. Managers and coaches will refrain from complaining about perceived bad calls to players and fans.
14. The use of tobacco products on the PSLNLL fields and in the dugouts is prohibited.
15. Anyone removed from the PSLNLL fields must leave all fields and spectator areas at the fields. Such person(s) may remain in the PSLNLL parking lot.

Any infraction of the above rules will result in a report being delivered to the PSL National Little League Board for consideration of further action, as appropriate. With that in mind, PSL National Little League has zero tolerance for poor or negative game attitudes. We expect all fans, parents, managers, and coaches to set a good example for the team/players. This will be enforced in two ways:

- Our umpires have the final call on the field, and no one is allowed to argue a call by the umpire. The umpire will deal with the actions/attitudes of anyone within the fences. If there are issues outside the fence, the umpires will ask the Team Manager to deal with the issue.

- A Board Member will be on duty. This person has final say on all actions/attitudes of anyone outside of the fences. One warning may be given depending on the severity of the action/attitude. If after a warning, the actions/attitudes continue, the offender will be removed/ejected from the game and/or park.

First Offense: Upon the reporting of a first offense by an individual, the Board of Directors, at a minimum, will provide a written warning to the offender, detailing the consequences of future infractions. Depending upon the severity of the infraction, nothing precludes the Board of Directors from suspending and/or banning an offender from all PSL National Little League activities, including, but not limited to, practices and games, for a period deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors.

Second Offense: The Board of Directors may institute a wide range of penalties for repeat offenders, beginning with the second offense, as deemed appropriate by the Board. Such penalties include, but are not limited to:

- (a) Suspension from all coaching activities for a prescribed period.
- (b) A ban from participating in all PSLNLL activities for a set period or number of games.
- (c) Severe violations can result in suspension from all PSLNLL activities for the remainder of the current season or tournament.

Third Offense: The Board of Directors may choose to apply any of the penalties prescribed for a second offense. In the most extreme of circumstances, the PSLNLL Board of Directors may hold a meeting to determine whether the individual should be permanently banned from all future PSLNLL activities. The individual in question must be notified of such a hearing prior to the meeting and must be given the opportunity to speak at the meeting.

Physical Abuse - Physical abuse of an official, coach, player, or spectator will result in immediate removal from the PSLNLL fields at the direction of an umpire or a PSLNLL board member. Anyone removed for this reason may not return to the PSLNLL fields or participate in any PSLNLL activity until the PSLNLL Board of Directors approves. Any parent, coach, fan, player, or umpire who has been suspended or banned from league activities may petition, in writing, to the Board of Directors for a review of the penalty. The petition should be delivered to the league president, and the Board of Directors will meet as soon as reasonably possible to consider the petition. The aggrieved parties will have the opportunity at the meeting to present their appeal.

PLAYER GUIDELINES

<u>INFRACTION</u>	<u>DISCIPLINE</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>
Foul or Abusive Language	Ejection from game plus 1 game minimum suspension	Game Umpire and PSLNLL Board
Serious Foul Play	Ejection from game plus 2 game minimum suspension	Game Umpire and PSLNLL Board
Threatening Gesture, Language, Bullying	Ejection from game plus 2 game minimum suspension	Game Umpire and PSLNLL Board
Kicking, striking or Bodily Assault	Ejection from game plus 4 game minimum suspension	Game Umpire and PSLNLL Board
Any additional offense	PSLNLL Board Discretion	PSLNLL Board
Ejection from game by Umpire	1 game suspension	Little League Rulebook
Possession or use of alcohol or tobacco products	Season suspension (mandatory meeting with disciplinary committee prior to reinstatement)	PSLNLL Board
Possession or use of illegal or non-prescribed drug	Season suspension (mandatory meeting with disciplinary committee prior to reinstatement)	PSLNLL Board
Possession or use of weapon	Season suspension (mandatory meeting with disciplinary committee prior to reinstatement)	PSLNLL Board

VOLUNTEER GUIDELINES (Anyone with a PSLNLL Approved Badge)

<u>INFRACTION</u>	<u>DISCIPLINE</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>
Foul or Abusive Language	Ejection from game plus 1 game minimum suspension	Game Umpire and PSLNLL Board
Threatening gesture or Language	Ejection from game plus 2 game minimum suspension	Game Umpire and PSLNLL Board
Striking or Bodily Assault ----- --2 nd Offense	Ejection from game plus 1 year suspension (anger management training required for reinstatement) ----- Lifetime suspension from PSLNLL	Game Umpire and PSLNLL Board
Knowingly and intentionally violate a game rule or league policy ----- --2 nd Offense same season	3 game suspension and team forfeit game where violation occurred ----- Season suspension and team forfeits game where cheating occurred; 2-year ban from coaching or managing	PSLNLL Board
Possession or use of alcohol	Season suspension (mandatory meeting Board of Directors prior to reinstatement)	PSLNLL Board
Ejection from game by Umpire	Minimum 1 game suspension	Little League Rulebook
Possession or use of illegal or non-prescribed drug	Season suspension (mandatory meeting with Board of Directors to reinstatement)	PSLNLL Board
Use of tobacco products	1-week suspension	PSLNLL Board
Possession or use of weapon	Season suspension (mandatory meeting with disciplinary Board of Directors prior to reinstatement)	PSLNLL Board
Criminal Charges (Misdemeanor & Felony)	Immediate suspension; Reinstatement contingent upon final adjudication by legal authorities	PSLNLL Board

SPECTATOR GUIDELINES

<u>INFRACTION</u>	<u>DISCIPLINE</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>
Conduct that is detrimental to a game or practice, includes negative sportsmanship towards, players, umpires, coaches, and spectators ----- --2 nd offense	Immediate Ejection from field/park ----- 1-week suspension from PSLNLL activities	PSLNLL Board
Foul or Abusive Language	Ejection from field/park and 1 game suspension from PSLNLL activities	PSLNLL Board
Threatening gesture or language	Ejection from field area and 1-week suspension from attendance or participation	PSLNLL Board
Striking or Bodily Assault	Ejection from field/park and 1 year suspension, possible removal of child from PSLNLL	PSLNLL Board
Knowingly and intentionally violate a league policy	One week suspension	PSLNLL Board
Possession or use of alcohol	Season suspension	PSLNLL Board
Possession or use of illegal or non-prescribed drug	Season suspension	PSLNLL Board
Use of tobacco products	Warning/Ejection	PSLNLL Board
Possession or use of weapon	Season suspension (mandatory meeting with disciplinary committee prior to reinstatement)	PSLNLL Board

LOCAL LEAGUE CHILD PROTECTION REQUIREMENTS

All chartered Little League programs must adhere to the following requirements to remain affiliated with Little League Baseball:

Complete Background Checks: Utilize the Little League volunteer application form to conduct annual background checks on volunteers and prohibit anyone with any offenses that would disqualify them as a participant in any Little League activity.

Mandatory Training & Continuing Education: Annually require all volunteers to complete an Abuse Awareness Training provided by USA Baseball or comparable training.

Mandatory Reporting Requirements: Report Child Abuse, including sexual abuse involving a minor, to the proper authorities within 24 hours.

Non-Retaliation for Reporting: Adopt a policy that prohibits retaliation against "good faith" reports of child abuse.

Prohibit One-On-One Interactions: Adopt a policy that limits one-on-one contact with minors without being in an observable and interruptible distance from another adult.

PSL NATIONAL LITTLE LEAGUE SUPPLEMENTAL RULES

Rules Applicable to All Divisions

The following local rules are applicable to all PSLNLL Divisions:

SCOPE: The supplementary rules are a Division specific companion to the Official Regulations and Playing Rules of Little League and shall apply to all teams for The PSLNLL season.

PLAYING RULES: The official regulations and playing rules of Little League shall govern all games played at Sportsman's Park under PSLNLL unless otherwise enhanced by these supplemental rules.

VIOLATIONS: Any violation of these supplementary rules and or the official regulations of playing rules of Little League shall be brought in writing, before the PSLNLL Board of Directors, for disciplinary action. Disciplinary action may include no action taken, and/or verbal warning, and/or a written warning, and/or suspension, and/or removal as a volunteer from the PSLNLL, by a majority vote by the PSLNLL Board of Directors in attendance at the PSLNLL Board of Directors meeting to hear such violation(s).

BATTING CAGE: No Cleats in batting cages. Helmets must be worn while occupying the batting cages.

PRACTICE: Managers should have a minimum of one practice a week once the regular season begins.

PRE-GAME PRACTICE (excluding t-ball):

1. Shall not interfere with a game in progress.
2. Shall be limited to 30 minutes before game time if no game prior.
3. The visiting team has the field 20 to 10 minutes prior to the game.
4. The home team has the field from 10 minutes prior to the game.
5. In the event of multiple games on the same field, both teams shall equally divide any remaining time before game time for practice.
6. Unscheduled practice at Sportsman's Park is prohibited except in compliance with the City of Port St. Lucie Parks Department approval after opening day.
7. The president or his/her designee will schedule practice at Sportsman's Park from player selection to opening day.

REFUSAL TO PLAY: Any manager or coach that refuses to play and exits the playing field, except for safety reasons, before the official end of the game, will be subject to disciplinary action by the board.

PARTICIPATION: Managers and assistant coaches shall be committed to the entire PSL National Little League season, including the end of season Tournament of Champions. Any manager or assistant coach who participates in another baseball program that repeatedly disrupts his teams' practice, games and/or season is subject to disciplinary action by the board and possible removal.

OTHER:

1. Volunteers will be required to pass a background check, attend a coaching clinic, and complete Diamond Leader course or a Little League board approved course. This includes all managers, coaches, assistant coaches, and team parents (who will be in the dugout). The badge shows that they have a current background check on file.
2. Report any player who continues to miss practices and/or games to the Player Agent immediately. This includes players who quit, move, or suffer season-ending injuries. For the Major Division and above: the manager must report to the division director and to the player agent any player who misses 2 or more consecutive practices and/or games. A determination will be made by the league if a replacement player is required. (See page 14 for specific Major Division Policy)
3. No players may be added to your roster or participate in any team activity without prior approval of the Player Agent.
4. All games at the Minor Machine Pitch level and higher will utilize the scoreboard when operable.
5. Managers will report all injuries to the Safety Officer within 24 hours via the League Injury Report

T-BALL SUPPLEMENTAL RULES

The T-Ball Baseball Division is an **instructional league** by design. Our primary goal is to instruct and create a fun, positive learning experience for our children so they may advance in their baseball career. The instruction shall include the promotion of sportsmanship and teamwork as well as baseball skills. Good team organization and **POSITIVE** actions promote good behavior within the team. Errors by the children on the playing field of any type shall not be cause for punitive actions.

DRAFT: Players that are of league age 4-6 years old will be placed on a team according to their ability to function safely as a T-Ball division player by the PSLNLL player agent.

DUG-OUT RESPONSIBILITY: Each team shall ensure the dug-out and playing field is free of trash and debris prior to exiting the playing field. Repeated violation of this will be reported to PSLNLL Board of Directors for disciplinary action. A maximum of (4) four approved volunteers, (manager, coach, or team mom) are allowed in the dug-out. During games, team moms are only permitted in the team's dugout. Team moms are not permitted on the field, or in any position normally occupied by a manager/coach. Per Little League rules, all PLAYERS, MANAGERS, AND COACHES MUST stay in the dugout (concreted areas and players must remain under the roof of the dugout) throughout the entire game unless excused for appropriate reasons by a manager, coach, or umpire. Players may not leave the dugout to sit in the stands, visit the concession stand or simply abandon their team. Legitimate reasons include restroom breaks, first-aid attention, etc. Tobacco products are prohibited on the playing fields, in the bleachers, in and behind dug outs.

INCOMPLETE GAMES: All ties, rainouts or other incomplete games SHALL NOT be rescheduled.

OFFENSE: The inning ends after the entire lineup bats.

MERCY RULE: There is NO mercy rule in the T-Ball division.

TIME LIMIT: There is a 1 hour drop dead time limit.

DEFENSE: All players are to be on the field while the team is on defense. It is highly recommended that all players are taught and play every defensive position. It is unacceptable for the same player to play the same position every game. Make it fun and move the players around to different positions.

COACHES: 4 coaches are allowed on the field for the T-Ball Division

Defense: 3 in the outfield and 1 in the dug-out (team mom is acceptable)

Offense: 1 at the Tee, 1 first base, 1 third base and 1 in the dug-out (team mom is acceptable)

UMPIRES: League umpires will not be provided for the T-Ball division.

SAFETY: One of the goals of PSLNLL is to ensure our children play in a safe environment. The managers and coaches are a direct link to the children in promoting safety at sportsman's park. For this reason, certain safety precautions must be addressed.

1. The batter, base runners and player base coaches shall wear a helmet.
2. On deck batters are not allowed
3. Headfirst sliding, except when returning to a base, is prohibited and will result in the base runner being called out.
4. Male players shall wear athletic supporters with cups.
5. Catchers must wear full protective gear when behind the plate in the catcher's box including mandatory athletic supporters and throat guards.
6. Bat throwing is prohibited.
7. Baseball bats are not allowed in the dug-out.
8. Managers and coaches are allowed to warm up pitchers on the field or in the bullpens.
9. Swinging of the bats in the dug-out player equipment area is prohibited.

BAT RULE: USA T-Ball Bat only.

ROOKIE MACHINE PITCH SUPPLEMENTAL RULES

Rookie Machine Pitch is an **instructional league** by design. The instruction shall include the promotion of sportsmanship and teamwork as well as developing fundamental baseball skills to prepare for more advanced minor divisions. The primary goal is to instruct and create a fun, positive learning experience for our children so they may advance in their baseball career. Good team organization and POSITIVE actions promote good behavior within the team. Errors by the children on the playing field of any type shall not be cause for punitive actions.

DRAFT: Players that are of league age 6-8 years old will be placed on a team according to their ability to function safely as a machine pitch division player by the PSLNLL player agent.

DUG-OUT RESPONSIBILITY: Each team shall ensure the dug-out and playing field is free of trash and debris prior to exiting the playing field. Repeated violation of this will be reported to PSLNLL Board of Directors for disciplinary action. A maximum of (4) four approved volunteers, (manager, coach, or team mom) are allowed in the dug-out. During games, team moms are only permitted in the team's dugout. Team moms are not permitted on the field, or in any position normally occupied by a manager/coach. Per Little League rules, all PLAYERS, MANAGERS, AND COACHES MUST stay in the dugout (concreted areas and players must remain under the roof of the dugout) throughout the entire game unless excused for appropriate reasons by a manager, coach, or umpire. Players may not leave the dugout to sit in the stands, visit the concession stand or simply abandon their team. Legitimate reasons include restroom breaks, first-aid attention, etc. Tobacco products are prohibited on the playing fields, in the bleachers, in and behind dug outs.

Division Specific Rules: Any ball hit clearly to the outfield or field foul lines may advance to second base at their own risk. Otherwise batters and runners go base to base

Advancement on overthrows is not permitted.

Scoreboard will be reset to zero after each inning.

No stealing or leading off is permitted. All players must stay on base until the ball is put in play.

PITCHING MACHINE SETTING: Set to a speed of 4 at all times from the first pitching plate in front of the standard Little League pitching plate. Max of 7 pitches (5 off machine, 2 soft tosses, at discretion of the coach). All 7 may be off of the machine. Foul balls on the 7th pitch is an automatic out.

INCOMPLETE GAMES: All ties, rainouts or other incomplete games SHALL NOT be rescheduled.

5 RUN RULE: An inning will be declared finished if the offensive team scores 5 runs or if the defensive team records 3 outs.

MERCY RULE: There is NO 10-run mercy rule after 4 innings in the Coach Pitch division.

TIME LIMIT: No new inning shall start after 1 hour and 15 minutes from start time, if new inning is started it must be finished.

OFFENSE: There shall be a continuous batting order.

DEFENSE: No more than 10 defensives players, minimum of 8, on the field at a time. Up to 4 outfielders, 4 in fielders, 1 pitcher & 1 catcher. Outfielders must be on the outfield grass. It is highly recommended that all players are taught and play every defensive position. It is unacceptable for the same player to play the same position every game. In cooperation with the continuous batting order, it shall be mandated that no player, except for injury or illness, shall sit out on defense for more than 3 consecutive outs. Violation of mandatory play by the manager is written warning for first offense, (1) game suspension for second offense, and third offense is referred to the disciplinary committee for long term suspension

COACHES: 4 coaches are allowed on the field for the Coach Pitch Division.

- Defense: 2 in the outfield, 1 behind catcher and 1 in the dug-out (team mom is acceptable)
- Offense: 1 pitching, 1 first base, 1 third base and 1 in the dug-out (team mom is acceptable)

UMPIRES: Each team will provide a coach to umpire each game. Home team umpire will handle bases. The Visting team umpire will stand behind the batter at home plate and call fair, foul and no pitch if the machine malfunctions. Also, this umpire will call Safe/Out at home plate.

SAFETY: One of the goals of PSLNLL is to ensure our children play in a safe environment. The managers and coaches are a direct link to the children in promoting safety at sportsman's park. For this reason, certain safety precautions must be addressed.

1. The batter, base runners and player base coaches shall wear a helmet.
2. On deck batters are not allowed
3. Headfirst sliding, except when returning to a base, is prohibited and will result in the base runner being called out.
4. Male players shall wear athletic supporters with cups.
5. Catchers must wear full protective gear when behind the plate in the catcher's box including mandatory athletic supporters and throat guards.

6. Bat throwing is prohibited.
7. Baseball bats are not allowed in the dug-out.
8. Managers and coaches are allowed to warm up pitchers on the field or in the bullpens.
9. Swinging of the bats in the dug-out player equipment area is prohibited., No Metal Cleats

BAT RULE: USA Bat Standard (**NO T-BALL BATS**)

MINOR MACHINE PITCH SUPPLEMENTAL RULES

This division is a bridge program to transition from rookie machine to kid pitch. The instruction shall include the promotion of sportsmanship and teamwork as well as fundamental baseball skills including defensive awareness. Our primary goal is to instruct and create a fun, positive learning experience for our children so they may advance in their baseball career. Good team organization and POSITIVE actions promote good behavior within the team. Errors by the children on the playing field of any type shall not be cause for punitive actions.

DRAFT: Managers of the Minor division may draft eligible candidates that are league age 6 (minimum of one year of rookies prior) --10 years old according to their ability to function safely as a Minor division player by the PSLNLL player agent. Other ages may be approved on a case-by-case basis.

DUG-OUT RESPONSIBILITY: Each team shall ensure the dug-out and playing field is free of trash and debris prior to exiting the playing field. Repeated violation of this will be reported to PSLNLL Board of Directors for disciplinary action. A maximum of (4) four approved volunteers, (manager, coach, or team mom) are allowed in the dug-out. During games, team moms are only permitted in the team's dugout. Team moms are not permitted on the field, or in any position normally occupied by a manager/coach. Per Little League rules, all PLAYERS, MANAGERS, AND COACHES MUST stay in the dugout (concreted areas and players must remain under the roof of the dugout) throughout the entire game unless excused for appropriate reasons by a manager, coach, or umpire. Players may not leave the dugout to sit in the stands, visit the concession stand or simply abandon their team. Legitimate reasons include restroom breaks, first-aid attention, etc. Tobacco products are prohibited on the playing fields, in the bleachers, in and behind dug outs.

OFFICIAL SCOREKEEPER: No official scorebook is required in this division. Home team is responsible for the scoreboard

TEAM ROSTERS: All players on a team's roster shall be recorded on each game's line-up card.

1. Line-up cards shall be submitted 10 minutes prior to game time.
2. Line-up card shall include:
 - a. First name and Last Name
 - b. Uniform number
 - c. Starting position
 - d. Disposition: extra batter, , injured, absent, disciplined
3. It is the manager's responsibility to report to the player agent any injury or illness which will result in prolonged absence of participation. When a player misses more than 7 consecutive days or participation due to illness or injury, an accredited medical provider must give written permission for a return to baseball activity.
4. It is the manager's responsibility to report to the player agent any continued absence by a player. The manager's inability to maintain a full roster results in disciplinary action from the board.
5. A team may begin the game with 8 players.

PITCHING MACHINE SETTING: Set on speed of 7 at a distance of 42 feet from the point of the plate.

INCOMPLETE GAMES: All ties, rainouts or other incomplete games SHALL NOT be rescheduled.

5 RUN RULE: An inning will be declared finished if the offensive team scores 5 runs or if the defensive team records 3 outs.

MERCY RULE: The 8 run mercy after 5 innings, 10 run after 4 complete innings, or 15 after 3inning in effect per the Official Playing rules of Little League.

TIME LIMIT: 6 inning game or no new inning shall start after 1 hour and 30 minutes from start time, if new inning is started it must be finished.

OFFENSE: There shall be a continuous batting order. Play continues until the advancement of the runner is stopped or umpire grants time.

DEFENSE: No more than 10 defensives players, minimum of 8, on the field at a time. Up to 4 outfielders, 4 in fielders, 1 pitcher & 1 catcher. Outfielders must be on the outfield grass. It is highly recommended that all players are taught and play every defensive position. It is unacceptable

for the same player to play the same position every game. In cooperation with the continuous batting order, it shall be mandated that no player, except for injury or illness, shall sit out on defense for more than 3 consecutive outs. . Violation of mandatory play by the manager is written warning for first offense, (1) game suspension for second offense, and third offense is referred to the disciplinary committee for long term suspension

COACHES: 4 coaches are allowed in this division

- Defense: No coaches are allowed on the field of play, they are to remain at the dugout area
- Offense: 1 pitching machine, 1 first base, 1 third base and 1 in the dug-out (team mom is acceptable)

UMPIRES: Each team will provide a coach to umpire each game. Home team umpire will handle bases. The Visting team umpire will stand behind the batter at home plate and call fair, foul and no pitch if the machine malfunctions. Also, this umpire will call Safe/Out at home plate

Division Specific Rules:

- 1) A player will receive 5 pitches per at bat. No walks allowed. Player can strike out 3 swinging strikes. If the player does not swing on the 5th pitch, the batter is out. If the batter fouls off the 5th pitch, the batter receives another pitch until the ball is put in play, swings and misses or takes a pitch (after the 5th pitch)
- 2) A batted ball that hits the machine or a coach, the ball is dead. The batter is awarded 1st base. All other runners return to the base they occupied at the time of the pitch unless forced.
- 3) No bunting, stealing bases or advancement on passed balls. Runners will stay on the base until the ball is hit into play by the batter.
- 4) Runners advance on other thrown balls at their own risk.
- 5) Defense must stop the advancement of the runner for play to stop

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2. On deck batters are not allowed
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4. Male players shall wear athletic supporters with cups.
5. Catchers must wear full protective gear when behind the plate in the catcher's box including mandatory athletic supporters and throat guards.
6. Bat throwing is prohibited.
7. Baseball bats are not allowed in the dug-out.
8. Managers and coaches are allowed to warm up pitchers on the field or in the bullpens.
9. Swinging of the bats in the dug-out player equipment area is prohibited.
10. No metal cleats.

BAT RULE: USA Bat Standard (**NO T-BALL BATS**)

MINORS SUPPLEMENTAL RULES

This division is an introduction into player pitch and players are expected to have had previous machine pitch experience. The instruction shall include the promotion of sportsmanship and teamwork as well as advancing fundamental baseball skills to advance to the major's division. Our primary goal is to instruct and create a fun, positive learning experience for our children so they may advance in their baseball career. Good team organization and POSITIVE actions promote good behavior within the team. Errors by the children on the playing field of any type shall not be cause for punitive actions.

DRAFT: Managers of the Minor division may draft eligible candidates that are league age 7-12 years old according to their ability to function safely as a Minor division player by the PSLNLL player agent.

DUG-OUT RESPONSIBILITY: Each team shall ensure the dug-out and playing field is free of trash and debris prior to exiting the playing field. Repeated violation of this will be reported to PSLNLL Board of Directors for disciplinary action. A maximum of (3) three approved volunteers, (manager, coach, or team mom) are allowed in the dug-out. During games, team moms are only permitted in the team's dugout. Team moms are not permitted on the field, or in any position normally occupied by a manager/coach. Per Little League rules, all PLAYERS, MANAGERS, AND COACHES MUST stay in the dugout (concreted areas and players must remain under the roof of the dugout) throughout the entire game unless excused for appropriate reasons by a manager, coach, or umpire. Players may not leave the dugout to sit in the stands, visit the concession stand or simply abandon their team. Legitimate reasons include restroom breaks, first-aid attention, etc. Tobacco products are prohibited on the playing fields, in the bleachers, in and behind dug outs.

OFFICIAL SCOREKEEPER: Both the Home and Visiting team shall be responsible in supplying a volunteer scorekeeper/announcer to keep track of the outs and runs per at bat. The Home Team will be responsible for Score Keeping and the Visiting Team will keep the score board.

1. All scorekeepers are encouraged to take a scorekeepers clinic offered by PSLNLL.
2. The official scorekeeper shall be responsible for:
 - a. Occupying the scorekeeper's booth 15 minutes before game time
 - b. Completing the summary score sheet
 - c. Ensure the scorekeeper's booth is clean before exiting.
 - d. Keeping track of the outs and runs scored per inning. After 3 outs are recorded, the side is retired.
3. Unauthorized personnel are not permitted in the scorekeeper's booth.
4. Games will not start without an official scorekeeper/announcer present in the scorekeeper's booth.
5. The team manager or coach shall assume the official scorekeeper duties if no volunteers from his team are available, or the game will be a forfeit.

TEAM ROSTERS: All players on a team's roster shall be recorded on each game's line-up card.

6. Line-up cards shall be submitted 10 minutes prior to game time.
7. Line-up card shall include:
 - a. First name and Last Name
 - b. Uniform number
 - c. Starting position
 - d. Disposition: extra batter, , injured, absent, disciplined
8. It is the manager's responsibility to report to the player agent any injury or illness which will result in prolonged absence of participation. When a player misses more than 7 consecutive days or participation due to illness or injury, an accredited medical provider must give written permission for a return to baseball activity.
9. It is the manager's responsibility to report to the player agent any continued absence by a player. The manager's inability to maintain a full roster results in disciplinary action from the board.
10. A team may begin the game with 8 players.

5 RUN RULE: An inning will be declared finished if the offensive team scores 5 runs or if the defensive team records 3 outs.

MERCY RULE: The 8 run mercy after 5 innings, 10 run after 4 complete innings, or 15 after 3inning in effect per the Official Playing rules of Little League.

TIME LIMIT: 6 inning game or no new inning shall start after 1 hour and 45 minutes from start time, if new inning is started it must be finished.

HOME RUN: A home run is declared when a batted ball in flight goes over or into the outfield net in fair territory.

MANDATORY PLAY: All players must not sit more than 1 defensive inning in a row. . Violation of mandatory play by the manager is written warning for first offense, (1) game suspension for second offense, and third offense is referred to the disciplinary committee for long term suspension

OFFENSE: There shall be a continuous batting order.

DEFENSE: Batter is unable to advance in Minors Program on an uncaught 3rd strike.

COURTESY RUNNER: with 2 outs, a courtesy runner is allowed for the pitcher and catch, the runner is the last batted out

PITCH COUNT: The Pitch count regulation as found in the Official Regulations and Playing Rules of Little League shall be followed without exception: League age

7-8	50 pitches per day
9-10	75 pitches per day
11	85 pitches per day

At the end of each inning, both teams shall approach the official scorekeeper and confirm the pitch count. It is the manager responsibility

Violation of any section of the pitch count regulation can result in protest of the game in which it occurs and subject to disciplinary actions. Protests shall be made in accordance with Playing Rule 4.19.

A violation of the pitch count by 10 or more pitches shall result in the following disciplinary action:

- 1st violation: 1 game suspension
- 2nd violation: 3 game suspension
- 3rd violation: removal of the manager from the team

PITCHER REMOVAL: A player who has been removed as a pitcher in a game shall be prohibited from playing the catchers' position for the remainder of that day if 41 or more pitches were delivered.

UMPIRES: A minimum of 1 league umpire will be provided for the Minors division games.

SAFETY: One of the goals of PSLNLL is to ensure our children play in a safe environment. The managers and coaches are a direct link to the children in promoting safety at sportsman's park. For this reason, certain safety precautions must be addressed.

1. The batter, base runners and player base coaches shall wear a helmet.
2. On deck batters are not allowed
3. Headfirst sliding, except when returning to a base, is prohibited and will result in the base runner being called out.
4. Male players shall wear athletic supporters with cups.
5. Catchers must wear full protective gear when behind the plate in the catcher's box including mandatory athletic supporters and throat guards.
6. Bat throwing is prohibited.
7. Baseball bats are not allowed in the dug-out.
8. Managers and coaches are allowed to warm up pitchers on the field or in the bullpens.
9. Swinging of the bats in the dug-out player equipment area is prohibited.
10. No metal cleats.

BAT RULE: USA Bat Standard effective January 1, 2018.

Consistent with Little League rules 12 year old cant pitch in Minors. Regulation VI(i) Little League Rule

MAJORS SUPPLEMENTAL RULES

This division is an advanced division of player pitch. The instruction shall include the promotion of sportsmanship and teamwork as well as instruction in advanced baseball skills. Our primary goal is to instruct and create a fun, positive learning experience for our children so they may advance in their baseball career. Good team organization and POSITIVE actions promote good behavior within the team. Errors by the children on the playing field of any type shall not be cause for punitive actions.

DRAFT: Managers of the Major Division may draft eligible candidates that are league age 9, 10, 11 and 12 years old according to their ability to function safely as a Major Division player by the PSLNLL player agent. Other ages may be approved on a case-by-case basis.

DUG-OUT RESPONSIBILITY: Each team shall ensure the dug-out and playing field is free of trash and debris prior to exiting the playing field. Repeated violation of this will be reported to PSLNLL Board of Directors for disciplinary action. A maximum of (3) three approved volunteers, (manager, coach, or team mom) are allowed in the dug-out. During games, team moms are only permitted in the team's dugout. Team moms are not permitted on the field, or in any position normally occupied by a manager/coach. Per Little League rules, all PLAYERS, MANAGERS, AND COACHES MUST stay in the dugout (concreted areas and players must remain under the roof of the dugout) throughout the entire game unless excused for appropriate reasons by a manager, coach, or umpire. Players may not leave the dugout to sit in the stands, visit the concession stand or simply abandon their team. Legitimate reasons include restroom breaks, first-aid attention, etc. Tobacco products are prohibited on the playing fields, in the bleachers, in and behind dug outs.

OFFICIAL SCOREKEEPER: Both the Home and Visiting team shall be responsible in supplying a volunteer scorekeeper/announcer to keep track of the outs and runs per at bat. The Home Team will be responsible for Score Keeping and the Visiting Team will keep the score board.

1. All scorekeepers are encouraged to take a scorekeepers clinic offered by PSLNLL.
2. The official scorekeeper shall be responsible for:
 - a. Occupying the scorekeeper's booth 15 minutes before game time
 - b. Completing the summary score sheet
 - c. Ensure the scorekeeper's booth is clean before exiting.
 - d. Keeping track of the outs and runs scored per inning. After 3 outs are recorded, the side is retired.
3. Unauthorized personnel are not permitted in the scorekeeper's booth.
4. Games will not start without an official scorekeeper/announcer present in the scorekeeper's booth.
5. The team manager or coach shall assume the official scorekeeper duties if no volunteers from his team are available, or the game will be a forfeit.

TEAM ROSTERS: All players on a team's roster shall be recorded on each game's line-up card.

1. Line-up cards shall be submitted 10 minutes prior to game time.
2. Line-up card shall include:
 - a. First name and Last Name
 - b. Uniform number
 - c. Starting position
 - d. Disposition: extra batter, injured, absent, disciplined
3. It is the manager's responsibility to report to the player agent any injury or illness which will result in prolonged absence of participation. When a player misses more than 7 consecutive days or participation due to illness or injury, an accredited medical provider must give written permission for a return to baseball activity.
4. It is the manager's responsibility to report to the player agent any continued absence by a player. The manager's inability to maintain a full roster results in disciplinary action from the board.
5. A team may begin the game with 8 players.

TIME RULE: 6 inning game or no new inning after 2 hours if inning is started it must be finished. New inning will begin immediately after the 3rd out is made.

MERCY RULE: The 8 run mercy after 5 innings, 10 run after 4 complete innings, or 15 after 3inning in effect per the Official Playing rules of Little League.

HOME RUN: A home run is declared when a batted ball in flight goes over or into the outfield net in fair territory.

MANDATORY PLAY: All players must not sit more than 1 defensive inning in a row. Violation of mandatory play by the manager is written warning for first offense, (1) game suspension for second offense, and third offense is referred to the disciplinary committee for long term suspension

OFFENSE: There shall be a continuous batting order.

DEFENSE: A runner can advance on dropped 3rd strike. There will be no 5-run rule.

COURTESY RUNNER: with 2 outs, a courtesy runner is allowed for the pitcher and catcher, the runner is the last batted out.

PITCH COUNT: The Pitch count regulation as found in the Official Regulations and Playing Rules of Little League shall be followed without exception:

League age	9-10	75 pitches per day
	11-12	85 pitches per day

At the end of each inning, both teams shall approach the official scorekeeper and confirm the pitch count. It is the manager's responsibility that the official pitch eligibility

Violation of any section of the pitch count regulation can result in protest of the game in which it occurs and subject to disciplinary actions. Protests shall be made in accordance with Playing Rule 4.19.

A violation of the pitch count by 10 or more pitches shall result in the following disciplinary action:

- 1st violation: 1 game suspension
- 2nd violation: 3 game suspension
- 3rd violation: removal of the manager from the team

PITCHER REMOVAL: A player who has been removed as a pitcher in a game shall be prohibited from playing the catchers' position for the remainder of that day if 41 or more pitches were delivered.

UMPIRES: A minimum of 1 league umpire will be provided for the Majors division games.

SAFETY: One of the goals of PSLNLL is to ensure our children play in a safe environment. The managers and coaches are a direct link to the children in promoting safety at sportsman's park. For this reason, certain safety precautions must be addressed.

1. The batter, base runners and player base coaches shall wear a helmet.
2. On deck batters are not allowed
3. Headfirst sliding, except when returning to a base, is prohibited and will result in the base runner being called out.
4. Male players shall wear athletic supporters with cups.
5. Catchers must wear full protective gear when behind the plate in the catcher's box including mandatory athletic supporters and throat guards.
6. Bat throwing is prohibited.
7. Baseball bats are not allowed in the dug-out.
8. Managers and coaches are allowed to warm up pitchers on the field or in the bullpens.
9. Swinging of the bats in the dug-out player equipment area is prohibited.
10. No metal cleats

BAT RULE: USA Baseball Bat Standard, effective 1/1/2018.

Intermediate (50/70) Supplemental Rules

This division is a transition from small field (46/60) to big field (60/90). The instruction shall include the promotion of sportsmanship and teamwork as well as instruction in advanced baseball skills to advance players baseball career towards Senior Division. Our primary goal is to instruct and create a fun, positive learning experience for our children so they may advance in their baseball career. Good team organization and POSITIVE actions promote good behavior within the team. Errors by the children on the playing field of any type shall not be cause for punitive actions

DRAFT: Managers of the Intermediate Division may draft eligible candidates that are league ages 11-13 years old according to their ability to function safely as a Intermediate Division player by the PSLNLL player agent. Dual rostered players in two divisions may occur but is on a case-by-case basis.

DUG-OUT RESPONSIBILITY: Each team shall ensure the dug-out and playing field is free of trash and debris prior to exiting the playing field. Repeated violation of this will be reported to PSLNLL Board of Directors for disciplinary action. A maximum of (3) three approved volunteers, (manager, coach, or team mom) are allowed in the dug-out. During games, team moms are only permitted in the team's dugout. Team moms are not permitted on the field, or in any position normally occupied by a manager/coach. Per Little League rules, all PLAYERS, MANAGERS, AND COACHES MUST stay in the dugout (concreted areas and players must remain under the roof of the dugout) throughout the entire game unless excused for appropriate reasons by a manager, coach, or umpire. Players may not leave the dugout to sit in the stands, visit the concession stand or simply abandon their team. Legitimate reasons include restroom breaks, first-aid attention, etc. Tobacco products are prohibited on the playing fields, in the bleachers, in and behind dug outs.

OFFICIAL SCOREKEEPER: Both the Home and Visiting team shall be responsible in supplying a volunteer scorekeeper/announcer to keep track of the outs and runs per at bat. The Home Team will be responsible for Score Keeping and the Visiting Team will keep the score board.

6. All scorekeepers are encouraged to take a scorekeepers clinic offered by PSLNLL.
7. The official scorekeeper shall be responsible for:
 - a. Occupying the scorekeeper's booth 15 minutes before game time
 - b. Recording the official score, statistics, and pitch count of the game-on-Game Changer
 - c. Completing the summary score sheet
 - d. Ensure the scorekeeper's booth is clean before exiting.
 - e. Keeping track of the outs and runs scored per inning. After 3 outs are recorded, the side is retired.
 - f.
8. Unauthorized personnel are not permitted in the scorekeeper's booth.
9. Games will not start without an official scorekeeper/announcer present in the scorekeeper's booth.
10. The team manager or coach shall assume the official scorekeeper duties if no volunteers from his team are available, or the game will be a forfeit.

TEAM ROSTERS: All players on a team's roster shall be recorded on each game's line-up card.

6. Line-up cards shall be submitted 10 minutes prior to game time.
7. Line-up card shall include:
 - a. First name and Last Name
 - b. Uniform number
 - c. Starting position
 - d. Disposition: extra batter, injured, absent, disciplined
8. It is the manager's responsibility to report to the player agent any injury or illness which will result in prolonged absence of participation. When a player misses more than 7 consecutive days or participation due to illness or injury, an accredited medical provider must give written permission for a return to baseball activity.
9. It is the manager's responsibility to report to the player agent any continued absence by a player. The manager's inability to maintain a full roster results in disciplinary action from the board.
10. A team may begin the game with 8 players.

TIME RULE: 7 inning game or no new inning after 2 hours if inning is started it must be finished.

MERCY RULE: The 8 run mercy after 5 innings, 10 run after 4 complete innings, or 15 after 3inning in effect per the Official Playing rules of Little League.

HOME RUN: A home run is declared when a batted ball in flight goes over or into the outfield net in fair territory.

MANDATORY PLAY: All players must not sit more than 1 defensive inning in a row. . Violation of mandatory play by the manager is written warning for first offense, (1) game suspension for second offense, and third offense is referred to the disciplinary committee for long term suspension

OFFENSE: There shall be a continuous batting order.

DEFENSE: A runner can advance on dropped 3rd strike. There will be no 5-run rule.

COURTESY RUNNER: with 2 outs, a courtesy runner is allowed for the pitcher and catch, the runner is the last batted out

PITCH COUNT: The Pitch count regulation as found in the Official Regulations and Playing Rules of Little League shall be followed without exception:

League age	11-12	85 pitches per day
	13	95 pitches per day

At the end of each inning, both teams shall approach the official scorekeeper and confirm the pitch count. It is the manager's responsibility

Violation of any section of the pitch count regulation can result in protest of the game in which it occurs and subject to disciplinary actions. Protests shall be made in accordance with Playing Rule 4.19.

A violation of the pitch count by 10 or more pitches shall result in the following disciplinary action:

- 1st violation: 1 game suspension
- 2nd violation: 3 game suspension
- 3rd violation: removal of the manager from the team

PITCHER REMOVAL: A player who has been removed as a pitcher in a game shall be prohibited from playing the catchers' position for the remainder of that day if 41 or more pitches were delivered.

UMPIRES: A minimum of 1 league umpire will be provided for the Intermediate division games.

SAFETY: One of the goals of PSLNLL is to ensure our children play in a safe environment. The managers and coaches are a direct link to the children in promoting safety at sportsman's park. For this reason, certain safety precautions must be addressed.

1. The batter, base runners and player base coaches shall wear a helmet.
2. On deck batters are not allowed
3. Headfirst sliding, except when returning to a base, is prohibited and will result in the base runner being called out.
4. Male players shall wear athletic supporters with cups.
5. Catchers must wear full protective gear when behind the plate in the catcher's box including mandatory athletic supporters and throat guards.
6. Bat throwing is prohibited.
7. Baseball bats are not allowed in the dug-out.
8. Managers and coaches are allowed to warm up pitchers on the field or in the bullpens.
9. Swinging of the bats in the dug-out player equipment area is prohibited.
10. Metal Cleats are allowed, but not recommended if pitching to use molded or turf shoes as most fields will utilize a portable mound.

BAT RULE: USA Baseball Bat Standard or BBCOR (drop -3)

SENIORS SUPPLEMENTAL RULES

DRAFT: Managers of the Seniors division may draft eligible candidates that are league age 12-16 years old according to their ability to function safely as a JR SR division player by the PSLNLL player agent.

DUG-OUT RESPONSIBILITY: Each team shall ensure the dug-out and playing field is free of trash and debris prior to exiting the playing field. Repeated violation of this will be reported to PSLNLL Board of Directors for disciplinary action. A maximum of (3) three approved volunteers, (manager, coach, or team mom) are allowed in the dug-out. During games, team moms are only permitted in the team's dugout. Team moms are not permitted on the field, or in any position normally occupied by a manager/coach. Per Little League rules, all PLAYERS, MANAGERS, AND COACHES MUST stay in the dugout (concreted areas and players must remain under the roof of the dugout) throughout the entire game unless excused for appropriate reasons by a manager, coach, or umpire. Players may not leave the dugout to sit in the stands, visit the concession stand or simply abandon their team. Legitimate reasons include restroom breaks, first-aid attention, etc. Tobacco products are prohibited on the playing fields, in the bleachers, in and behind dug outs.

OFFICIAL SCOREKEEPER: Both the Home and Visiting team shall be responsible in supplying a volunteer scorekeeper/announcer to keep track of the outs and runs per at bat. The Home Team will be responsible for Score Keeping and the Visiting Team will keep the score board.

1. All scorekeepers are encouraged to take a scorekeepers clinic offered by PSLNLL.
2. The official scorekeeper shall be responsible for:
 - a. Occupying the scorekeeper's booth 15 minutes before game time
 - b. Recording the official score, statistics, and pitch count of the game-on-Game Changer
 - c. Completing the summary score sheet
 - d. Ensure the scorekeeper's booth is clean before exiting.
 - e. Keeping track of the outs and runs scored per inning. After 3 outs are recorded, the side is retired.
3. Unauthorized personnel are not permitted in the scorekeeper's booth.
4. Games will not start without an official scorekeeper/announcer present in the scorekeeper's booth.
5. The team manager or coach shall assume the official scorekeeper duties if no volunteers from his team are available, or the game will be a forfeit.

TEAM ROSTERS: All players on a team's roster shall be recorded on each game's line-up card.

1. Line-up cards shall be submitted 10 minutes prior to game time.
2. Line-up card shall include:
 - a. First name and Last Name
 - b. Uniform number
 - c. Starting position
 - d. Disposition: extra batter, injured, absent, disciplined
3. It is the manager's responsibility to report to the player agent any injury or illness which will result in prolonged absence of participation. When a player misses more than 7 consecutive days or participation due to illness or injury, an accredited medical provider must give written permission for a return to baseball activity.
4. It is the manager's responsibility to report to the player agent any continued absence by a player. The manager's inability to maintain a full roster results in disciplinary action from the board.
5. A team may begin the game with 8 players.

TIME RULE: 7 inning game or no new inning after 2 hours and 15 minutes, if inning is started it must be finished.

MERCY RULE: The 8 run mercy after 6 innings, 10 run after 5 innings, or 15 after 4 innings in effect per the Official Playing rules of Little League.

HOME RUN: A home run is declared when a pitched batted ball in flight goes over the outfield fence in fair territory.

MANDATORY PLAY: All players must not sit more than 1 defensive inning in a row. . Violation of mandatory play by the manager is written warning for first offense, (1) game suspension for second offense, and third offense is referred to the disciplinary committee for long term suspension

OFFENSE: There shall be a continuous batting order in league play. District play: lineup of 9 players/DH with no mandatory play

DEFENSE: A runner can advance on dropped 3rd strike. There will be no 5-run rule.

COURTESY RUNNER: with 2 outs, a courtesy runner is allowed for the pitcher and catch, the runner is the last batted out.

PITCHING: The Pitch count regulation as found in the Official Regulations and Playing Rules of Little League shall be followed without exception:

Pitch Count: League age: 13-16 95 pitches per day. 15-16 (rest days change thresholds increased by 10 pitches)

At the end of each inning, both teams shall approach the official scorekeeper and confirm the pitch count. It is the manager's responsibility that the official pitch eligibility tracking form is signed by the official pitch counter at the end of the game.

Violation of any section of the pitch count regulation can result in protest of the game in which it occurs and subject to disciplinary actions. Protests shall be made in accordance with Playing Rule 4.19.

A violation of the pitch count by 10 or more pitches shall result in the following disciplinary action:

- 1st violation: 1 game suspension
- 2nd violation: 3 game suspension
- 3rd violation: removal of the manager from the team

Pitcher Removal: A player who has been removed as a pitcher in a game shall be prohibited from playing the catchers' position for the remainder of that day if 41 or more pitches were delivered.

Balks: All balks will be enforced at the umpires discretion

UMPIRES: A minimum of 2 league umpire will be provided for the Seniors division games.

SAFETY: One of the goals of PSLNLL is to ensure our children play in a safe environment. The managers and coaches are a direct link to the children in promoting safety at sportsman's park. For this reason, certain safety precautions must be addressed.

1. The batter, base runners and player base coaches shall wear a helmet.
2. Male players shall wear athletic supporters with cups.
3. Catchers must wear full protective gear when behind the plate in the catcher's box including mandatory athletic supporters and throat guards.
4. Bat throwing is prohibited.
5. Managers and coaches are allowed to warm up pitchers on the field or in the bullpens.
6. Swinging of the bats in the dug-out player equipment area is prohibited.

CLEATS: Metal cleats are allowed

BAT RULE: All players must use BBCOR standard -3 bat.

MAJOR LEAGUE REPLACEMENT PLAYER REQUIREMENTS

Little League rules mandate that each major league team has the same number of players during the entire season. Compliance with this rule is assured at the draft when each manager selects players. At any time after the draft and before a champion is determined, a team loses one or more players, the following procedure shall be followed:

The major league manager must notify the Player Agent when any player on the team roster misses two consecutive games or, during the preseason, two consecutive practices. [The manager's failure to act shall subject the manager to discipline pursuant to the PSLNLL Code of Conduct.] The League Director will contact the player's family or guardian to determine the player's status and his future with the team. If the Player Agent determines that the player will not return to the team within one week, the Director shall immediately inform the Player Agent. The Player Agent, in consultation with the shall determine if the missing player shall be dropped from the major league roster. If the player is dropped, he may not return to the team and a replacement player will be selected to take his place. The Player Agent, along with the manager, shall identify candidates to replace the dropped player. Those candidates may be any player in the minor league or on the "waiting list" who is 10, 11 or 12 years old. Once a replacement candidate is identified, the player and his family or guardian shall be informed of the opportunity by the Player Agent and be given the option to accept or decline the invitation to "move up" to the major league. If the player declines, that player shall not be eligible for subsequent consideration as a replacement player.

MANAGER'S UMPIRING GUIDELINES

Due to the small number of volunteer umpires, it is necessary to continue the practice of requiring managers and coaches to umpire games. Meeting these requirements is just as important as attending your own games and practices.

1. All teams shall be required to fulfill umpire assignments. Assignments shall be made by team, and it shall be the manager's obligation to ensure that two (2) adults, at least one of whom has received training, are present to umpire each assigned game, unless the umpire schedule or the Umpire-in-Chief ("UIC") indicates otherwise. Swapping assignments is permissible, however, the initially assigned team retains responsibility for insuring umpires are in attendance.
2. Any team unable to fulfill its umpire assignment for a particular game shall be required to find a replacement from another team in its or any other division, and only refer the situation to the UIC if no replacement can be found.
3. Each manager shall be provided with an umpire schedule, together with a master list of manager and volunteer umpire phone numbers. It shall be the responsibility of the home team manager for each game to confirm, at least 24 hours in advance of their game, that the team or volunteers assigned to umpire will be in attendance. If umpire attendance cannot be confirmed, report this immediately to the UIC.
4. Each team is responsible for providing umpires either through volunteers or a buyout program established by the league. Games assigned may be in any division other than your own.
5. All managers and coaches shall attend either the umpire clinic sponsored by District 17, or a PSLNLL sponsored umpire clinic.
6. Junior umpires must be of an age that would place them in a division higher than that of the game they are umpiring. See UIC for league exceptions.
7. Umpires should arrive at the game site at least thirty (30) minutes prior to the start time. Umpire equipment shall be available at each game site, and uniforms (hat and shirt) shall be provided to teams required to umpire. Standard uniform is hat, shirt, gray pants, and black shoes. Please wear gray pants if you have them. Equipment should be returned to umpire room after the game.
8. The home team scorekeeper for each game shall record the names of the umpires appearing for each game in the scorebook.
9. Failure to fulfill umpire assignments may result in disciplinary action by PSLNLL, including suspension. Forgetting, claiming lack of time or ability to umpire are not legitimate excuses.

PSLNLL PLAYER DRAFT

The purpose of the player draft is to assure that all teams in a division are made up of players with equal talent and skills. The league and its players will benefit most from a balanced division where all teams are equally competitive. This balance of competition allows children to develop skills and confidence in the game and have fun.

An effective player draft begins with player evaluation. Here, each manager in the division will evaluate each player's throwing, fielding, hitting, and running skills as demonstrated in a brief evaluation conducted soon after registration. These evaluation results are tabulated and referred to by all managers during the draft to select teams of an equal level of competitiveness. Major division selects first, followed by minor player pitch and finally minor machine pitch regardless of where the player initially signed up at registration. Players can be held down a division at request but will not be "moved up" if their evaluation doesn't show they can safely operate at that division. The draft functions to place players in the appropriate division based on skill level to be successful and continue to develop.

Protecting Players: The League recognizes that often managers and coaches have children who they wish to have play on their team. While the league supports this, it also wants to protect its philosophy that promotes equal competition. Therefore, a manager may designate one

coach prior to the draft and both the manager's child and the coach's child will be placed on the manager's roster. However, the following rules will apply to this selection:

- Children of managers and coaches must participate in the pre-season evaluations so that their skill level can be objectively measured.
- Before the draft begins, the players who are assigned to the team because they are children of the manager or coach must be identified and "slotted" into a draft round based on their evaluation scores as determined by the Player Agent and the Executive Committee.
- The Player Agent will make every attempt to accommodate a manager/coach selection. However, in those instances where a manager's child and a coach's child are both rated among the top players (first round caliber) in the League prior to the draft, the Player Agent and Executive Committee may prohibit such designation as not in the best interest of the League's competitive balance.

CANCELLATION OF GAMES POLICY

The cancellation of a game is a forfeit (subject to Board of Directors decision). The following are NOT allowable reasons to cancel a game:

- Manager is not in town (all teams have coaches to manage the team in the manager's absence)
- Only 8 players are available to play. It is managers responsibility to contact player agent to get pool players.
- A team is without its "best" player(s). The primary objective of the game is for players to learn, develop their skills and have fun, not necessarily win. In the event a manager has an allowable, legitimate reason to reschedule a game, they must give adequate notice. Four days is considered appropriate notice to the Player Agent and the other team's manager. Calling the Friday before a game scheduled the next day (on Saturday) is not appropriate unless there is no other alternative.

INCLEMENT WEATHER/RAIN OUTS

Sportsman's Park is equipped with Thor Guard lightening detection system. Once the alarm has sounded the game will be delayed. It is recommended that the players come off the field and seek shelter, not in the metal dugouts. Also, if the umpire deems the field unsafe due to rain, the game will also be in delay. As a rule of thumb, a decision on whether the game will resume will be made in conjunction with the umpire, City of PSL Parks and Regulations and the BOD. This goes for possible cancellation of games prior to start time, again this decision is made in conjunction with the City of PSL Parks and Recreation and the BOD on whether the field will be able to made ready in a reasonable time and the conditions are safe

PSL NATIONAL LITTLE LEAGUE TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS **(SENIORS, MAJORS, MINORS, & MACHINE PITCH)**

At the conclusion of the scheduled seniors, majors, minors, and machine pitch league spring season, a tournament at each level will be held to determine a league champion. These tournaments are to be held at Sportsman's Park and will begin the week following the last regularly scheduled league game. Seeding will be determined league standings for MPP to Seniors and by a hat pick for select divisions. The home or away team will be determined by a coin flip.