

Elmira Little League By-Laws



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**Elmira Little League
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Board Members 2020 - 2021

President – Terrance Greene

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Player Agent – Greg Strunk

Safety Officer/Concession Manager– Nikki Martin

Coaching Coordinator – Mike Mayhood

Fundraising/Social Media – Jessica Allen

Sponsorship/Signage Manager – Autumn Hill

Chief Umpire Baseball – Elijah Milo

Field Maintenance Manager – Brandon Bliss (Hatch)/Lester Owens (Sutton)

Equipment Manager – Jim Rice

MISSION STATEMENT

Strive to teach each child the positive values of trust, good sportsmanship, good citizenship, responsibility, respect, fair play and teamwork – values they can use throughout their lives. Baseball embody the discipline of teamwork. They challenge players towards perfection of physical skills and bring into play the excitement of tactics and strategy. The very nature of baseball also teach that while every player eventually strikes out or is on a losing team, there is always another chance for success in the next at-bat or game.

ARTICLE I - NAME, LOCATION, AND MEETINGS

The name of the corporation is Elmira Little League, Inc., a New York corporation, not for profit, hereinafter referred to as the "ELL". The principle office of the location shall be located at 840 E. Water St, Elmira, NY 14901. The principal mailing address shall be: P.O. Box 995, Elmira, NY 14902. Meetings of members and directors may be held at such places in the State of New York as may be designated by the Board of Directors from time to time.

SECTION 1 - Absence at Board Meetings

The league Secretary shall maintain a log of all Board Members present for each meeting. Any Board Member who is absent from three (3) regularly scheduled board meetings with unexcused absences (no advanced notice by phone or email), will be subject to removal from the Board of Directors following the rules set forth in the Elmira Little League Constitution.

SECTION 2 - Board Member Voting Procedures

President

- i. Gives description of all board positions
- ii. Asks each existing board member if they are interested in running for member position
- iii. Asks other people attending annual meeting if they have interest in running for a board member position

Annual Nominations

Each person interested in running for a board position is given a nomination ballot

- i. President and Vice President cannot be nominated for position unless served at least 2 years as a current board member
- ii. Each person is allowed to nominate their self for a maximum of 3 positions and complete their nominations for other positions. Only writing down 1 nomination for each position
- iii. President, Secretary and 1 existing board member of the President's choosing tallies completed nomination ballots and returns with list of people nominated for the next years board positions
- iv. President announces nominations and each person accepts or declines their nomination
- v. Nominees can be placed on the official voting ballot for more than one position
- vi. All nominees for positions are official written for all to see the official voting ballot and recorded it is to be officially recorded by the league secretary
- vii. Each nominee is given an official voting ballot for the annual board position voting

Annual Board Membership Voting

President does not vote for any position other than positions he/she is nominated for.

President serves as tie breaking vote for any positions he/she is not on the ballot for

- i. Each candidate can only place one vote per position
- ii. President, Secretary and 1 existing board member of the President's choosing tallies completed voting ballots and returns with list of elected candidates for board positions
- iii. All people voted into a board position must have at least 33% of the votes
- iv. If someone does not have 33% of the votes the position is placed on hold for a revote. Position will go to a revote of the members that are voted into positions once all are completed. The revote must have a majority vote of the newly elected board. If there is not a majority vote the position is left vacant until the existing board seeks and has a majority vote to fill the position
- v. If a nominee wins more than one position he/she must choose which position they would like to hold. The position not chosen goes back for a revote if another candidate was on the ballot, if not the position is left vacant until existing board seeks and has majority vote to fill the position.
- vi. If a board position is left vacant after the election is over a person(s) can ask to fill the position, they must attend 3 consecutive board meetings to be considered. Once 3 meetings are attended the existing board members will vote in a blind election, nominee must have a majority vote of the existing board. In the case of a tie the President will be the deciding vote

ARTICLE II - ADMINISTRATIVE RULES & REGULATIONS

SECTION 1 - Amendments to the Bylaws

These bylaws may be amended, repealed or altered, only for safety concerns or situations that conflict with the Little League rule book(s), or property agreement in whole or in part by a majority vote at any duly organized meeting of the Board of Directors, provided notice of the proposed change is included in the notice of such meeting.

SECTION 2 - Player Registration

Players may register in person at the pre-determined registration location and time, online or by contacting any ELL board member. Any players seeking scholarships or payment arrangements will be required to complete the proper request form and submit the form along with all required documents to the ELL Board of Directors for approval.

SECTION 3 - Disciplinary Action

The Board of Directors (or a disciplinary committee appointed by the Board of Directors) will review all infractions of the Code(s) of Conduct. Depending on the seriousness or the frequency, the board may assess disciplinary action up to and including expulsion from the league. The following shall be considered as grounds for dismissal from the league:

- Lack of attendance at regularly scheduled monthly meetings
- Lack of participation in scheduled events or maintenance days
- Failure to follow the Code(s) of Conduct
- Failure to follow the Elmira Little League Constitution/Bylaws

ARTICLE III - FACILITY RULES AND USAGE

All field usage must be approved and scheduled by the league. Field preparation and usage by ELL will follow and adhere to any contract or agreement with ELL and other property owner(s).

SECTION 1 - Game Rules and Schedules

No games shall be canceled or rescheduled by managers, coaches or parents without notifying the ELL President or board member appointed by league president in their absence and receiving approval for cancellation or reschedule. The ELL President must be notified, in advance, should there be a need to cancel a game for any reason. In the event of field availability issues, the ELL President will make any necessary adjustments to game start times and the length of games.

ARTICLE IV - ELL STRUCTURE

SECTION 1 - Division Structure

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

A. TEE BALL DIVISION - League age four and five year olds

Objective: To instruct players in the fundamentals of the game in a fun, low-key atmosphere. At no time should winning or losing take priority in this program!

B. ROOKIE DIVISION (COACH PITCH) - (6-7 year olds) - League age six and seven year olds.

Objective: To further instruct the player coming out of Tee-Ball, the fundamentals of the game in a fun, low-key atmosphere. Emphasis in this program should be on the proper technique of throwing, catching, running, hitting and field positions.

C. MINOR LEAGUE DIVISION (PLAYER PITCH) - (8-10 year olds) - League age 8 to 10 year olds.

Objective: To instruct players in the fundamentals of the game in a fun, low-key atmosphere. Provide an outlet of healthful activity and training under

good leadership. Establish the values and concepts of teamwork, sportsmanship and fair play. To further develop the techniques of throwing, catching, running, hitting, and pitching.

D. MAJOR (LITTLE LEAGUE) DIVISION - League age ten, eleven and twelve year olds.

Objective: To establish the values and concepts of teamwork, sportsmanship, and fair play. To challenge the players towards the perfection of physical skills and bring into play the excitement of tactics and strategy

E. JUNIOR/SENIOR LEAGUE DIVISION – League age thirteen to sixteen years old.

Objective: To establish the values and concepts of teamwork, sportsmanship, and fair play. To challenge the players towards the perfection of physical skills and bring into play the excitement of tactics and strategy

SECTION 2 - Divisions of Play and Player Pool

A. PLAYER DRAFT:

i. Minor, Major, Junior and Senior Baseball Division

- i. Manager and assistant coach shall be decided and approved by ELL board no later than 1 week prior to the draft, 2nd assistant coach will be determined for team after draft and submitted by team Manager to ELL President and Player Agent for approval.
- ii. Draft is a non keeper league, Manager and assistant coach children/immediate relative (relative decision will be finalized by ELL president and player agent) will be placed on their teams
- iii. Placement of manager/assistant coach's children/relative will be ranked in the draft based on age. Placed as 3, 5, 7 picks on roster. In the instant of more than 3 players ranking will be 3,5,7,9
- iv. Draft picks will be a snake style.
- v. Order of initial start to draft will be as follows:
 1. Coaches will draw slips for the initial start of draft
 - a. Coaches draw of slips as follows
 - i. Returning coaches will draw slips based on their team's final placement in prior year season. 1st place draws first slip for draft position ect. Followed by new coaches drawing slips for draft position
- vi. Unless parents request separate teams for siblings in writing to the ELL board, they will be kept together and drafted to the same team. Players will be placed in roster filling next open round

Example: Coaches player is placed in 5th pick, coach picks 2 siblings in 4th round the second sibling fills the 6th pick

- vii. All 10yr old players will be placed in minor division, if parent wants 10yr old moved to major division it will be decided at assessment. Parents will have to sign a commitment form for major division permission. Once 10 yr old player is committed to major division there will be no moving of player back to minor division.
Only exception for moving player back to minor division is if player is deemed to be unsafe playing in major division by both the ELL president and player agent. Player will be placed on next round pick team if moved back to minor division.
 - viii. If a parent does not want a player placed on a specific coach's team it must be submitted in writing providing reasoning for request to ELL Board prior to draft. (letter or email required, will not accept via text, social media, or verbal communication) Board will review request and parent will be contacted with board decision prior to draft.
 - ix. Once a player draft is completed, the managers will have a maximum of 30 minutes to complete any trades. No trades will take place once the managers leave the draft room
 - x. Any players who register for the season post draft will fall into rosters based on next round pick. Manager/coaches are not permitted to recruit players post draft for their team.
- ii. **Post Draft Player Placement for Minor, Major, Junior and Senior Baseball**
 - i. After initial draft has taken place, all players in each division that register will be held in order of registration payment and form received by ELL Secretary. Players will be given a number based on list placement and division.
 - ii. Each Sunday each player's number will be placed in a hat to be pulled by division coaches for team placement. Draw of numbers will be positioned where draft order left off. Number pulled by coach will determine player placed on team based on order of registration records by ELL Secretary.
 - iii. Siblings or immediate family members who need to be placed on the same team and have been approved by both the ELL Player Agent and ELL President, once one of the designated numbers are pulled both players will be placed on that coach's team.
 - iii. **Rookie Baseball and Tee Ball Division**
 - i. Instead of implementing a draft, the ELL Player Agent will divide the players into a specified number of teams based on the number of registered players.
 - ii. Coaches will attend draft to received selected roster and given maximum of 30 minutes to make trades to roster.
 - iii. Non keeper teams form prior year, manager/coaches players will be placed on same team, and siblings will be placed on the same team.
 - iv. If a parent does not want a player placed on a specific coach's team it must be submitted in writing providing reasoning for request to ELL Board prior to draft. (letter or email required, will not accept via text, social media, or verbal communication) Board will review request and parent will be contacted with board decision prior to draft.

****Any special circumstances or situations not covered by above will be decided and agreed upon for final decision by ELL president and player agent during the draft.***

B. PLAYER POOL

Minor, Major, Junior and Senior Baseball Division

- i. All coaches will submit player pool players to ELL Player Agent no later than May 1st, parents must state that their child is allowed to participate in season player pool. When called to participate, parent must also consent to game participation for the requested day.
- ii. If coaches have not turned in list by May 1st Coaching Coordinator will contact all kids on the team to get player pool list for the team. ELL Secretary will provide Coaching Coordinator with team rosters
- iii. Two player pools will be set by the ELL Player Agent and Vice President
- iv. Selections for borrowed players will alter between pools by team.
 - I.E. majors team #1 will select player from pool A first time player is requested, 2nd time player is requested player will be from pool B.
- v. Coaches must contact player agent at least 1 day prior to needing to borrow a player to guarantee a player will be contacted and available for play. Day of requests are not guaranteed due to limited time to contact players and make arrangements.
- vi. Player Agent will then contact players starting with the player next on the pool list, if a player declines play then the next player will be called. Calls for placement start with the last player that committed to play.
- vii. If Player Agent is unable to contact players to play, Player Agent will contact the Vice President to help. Player Agent must keep Vice President informed on player selection and placement so that both are aware of lists and which players are next for placement.
- viii. Coaches are not allowed to contact players to fill their roster, players are only to be contacted by Player Agent or Vice President. If a coach contacts players they will not be allowed to request players for 1 week for 1st violation after, they will not be allowed to request players for the rest of the season after 2nd violation
- ix. All borrowed players will be placed at the bottom of the game roster, players on the original roster will participate in the game ahead of the borrowed player. Borrowed player must have at least 1 at bat and 2 consecutive innings in the field. After 2nd consecutive inning played in the field original rostered player must return to the game and borrowed player can be substituted for another player or return to the bench.
- x. Borrowed players will only be allowed to be positioned in the outfield. A borrowed player is NOT allowed under any circumstance to be placed in the position of pitcher or catcher.
- xi. Violations of borrowed player regulations in ix and x will follow the same consequence as viii.

****Any special circumstances or situations not covered by above will be decided and agreed upon for final decision by ELL Vice President and Player Agent. President must be informed of any special circumstances or situation.***

ARTICLE V - ALL-STAR SELECTION PROCESS

The ELL President will serve ex-officio as the director of the All-Star season.

SECTION 1 - Selection of Manager and Coaches

The ELL President, Vice President Baseball, and Player Agent will select managers who are in good standing with the ELL. The manager with the approval of the ELL President, Vice President Baseball and Player Agent will select two coaches for each All-Star team.

The Player Agent will be allowed to coach an all-star team if these stipulations apply due to LL regulations. *Note player agents may not manage an all-star team

- i. Not enough coaches in division willing to coach all-stars
- ii. All coaches not willing to coach will need to sign documentation stating so, witnessed and signed by league president
- iii. Documentation will need to be given to district rep for approval prior to appointment of player agent as all-star coach

SECTION 2 - Selection of Players:

If time permits two (2) days after the regular season ends an assessment tryout will be held for all eligible players at all levels of All-Star groups. Players must be present at assessment tryout to be considered for position on All-Star team. ELL President and Player Agent can make an exception to player attendance if a written request is submitted to ELL President prior to assessment tryout day.

If time does not permit after regular season for an assessment tryout, ELL President, Vice President Baseball and Player Agent will schedule a meeting with respective division coaches to select players from each team that should be considered for All Stars based on the coach's knowledge and experience of player's abilities.

Players will be selected by the ELL President, Player Agent, managers, and coaches in the following order (all teams will carry a minimum of 10 players and a maximum of 15 players):

Only the ELL President, Player Agent, current managers and coaches of the respective division are eligible to vote for the players.

Note - All-Star teams will be selected in the following order for both baseball divisions:

1. 12U- consisting of 12, 11 and 10 year olds
2. 11U- consisting of 11, 10, and 9 year olds
3. 10U- consisting of 10, 9 and 8 year olds
4. Additional teams may be selected for the following purposes after the above teams have been selected.

- a. Travel
- b. Tournament

All selected players must meet eligibility requirements as set forth by Little League Baseball All-Star Tournament Rules.

League Responsibilities for All Star Eligibility:

1. League must be chartered in an age appropriate division
2. League must schedule and play for all divisions and teams a minimum of 12 regular season games (Senior division 10 games)
 - a. Forfeited games are not counted as part of the 12 regular season games (Senior division 10 game)
 - b. Junior division tournament eligibility Senior League players league age 13 and 14 must have played in a minimum of 8 regular season games

Player Qualifications for All Stars Eligibility:

1. Player criteria for eligibility:
 - a. 8yr- 10yr division players must participate in a minimum of 60% of regular season games, with the exception of school baseball season games missed for school play will not count against player
 - b. 9yr – 11yr division players must participate in a minimum of 60% of regular season games, with the exception of school baseball season games missed for school play will not count against player
 - c. Little League (Major Division) 10yrs – 12yr players must participate in a minimum of 60% of regular season games, with the exception of school baseball season games missed for school play will not count against player
 - d. Junior League 13yr – 14yr players must participate in a minimum of 60% of regular season games (special games may count toward requirement see regulation IX in LL rulebook), with the exception of school baseball season games missed for school play will not count against player
 - e. Senior League 13yr – 16yr players must participate in a minimum of 60% of regular season games (special games may count toward requirement see regulation IX in LL rulebook), with the exception of school baseball season games missed for school play will not count against player

**Exception to 60% requirement for all divisions ELL board of directors may permit a player to be eligible for all-star play if a player provides a physician's note documenting an illness or injury prohibiting a player's participation prior to or during the season and note releases player to be eligible to play for the remainder of regular season and tournament play*

THE RELEASE OF NAMES OF PLAYERS SELECTED FOR THE ALL-STAR TEAMS SHALL NOT BE MADE BEFORE THE DATE SET FORTH IN THE LITTLE LEAGUE RULE BOOK

All selected players and parents/guardian of players must sign ELL All-Star letter of intent to play for the entire all-star season. Season consist of all-star tournament play and any other tournaments teams shall be placed in as deemed by ELL Board of Directors. Players who commit to the all-star season and do not meet requirements for that season or do not pay all-star fees they will not be considered for all-star selection the following season.