



GILROY LITTLE LEAGUE

By-Laws 2023

Little League Baseball Mission Statement:

Little League Baseball, Inc. is a non-profit organization whose mission is “to promote, develop, supervise, and voluntarily assist in all lawful ways, the interest of those who will participate in Little League Baseball.” Through proper guidance and exemplary leadership, the Little League program assists youth in developing the qualities of citizenship, discipline, teamwork and physical well being. By espousing the virtues of character, courage and loyalty, the Little League Baseball program is designed to develop superior citizens rather than superior athletes.

Gilroy Little League Baseball/Softball Mission Statement:

As a charter member of Little League Baseball Inc, Gilroy Little League is in full agreement with the above mission statement.

Established in 1953, Gilroy Little League is a nonprofit recreational baseball & softball league for children in Gilroy and Morgan Hill, from ages 4 to 16 years old. With several age-specific divisions, there are fun, competitive baseball and softball opportunities for both boys and girls who join Gilroy Little League.

Gilroy Little League strives to provide a safe, affordable, well organized program through which boys and girls can learn and enjoy the game of baseball. In addition, we aspire towards an environment of community in which children, parents and volunteers can participate freely and work towards our common goal in creating the best experience for our players, families and the community.



Board of Directors

1. Gilroy Little League By-Laws shall be reviewed, approved, and distributed each season.
2. The Gilroy Little League Board of Directors meeting are held on the 1st Thursday of the month. A notice of the meeting will be posted on the local league's website at least one (1) week in advance. Other methods to communicate the meeting can be utilized as well.
3. Gilroy Little League Board Members are expected to support and attend all meetings and events. If a Board Member misses more than 2 consecutive meetings, they may be removed by a majority vote of the Board.
4. The Executive Board of the Gilroy Little League will consist of the following positions: President, Vice President, VP of softball, Treasurer, Secretary, Girls' Player Agent, Boys' Player Agent, Umpire In Chief (UIC) and Safety Officer.
5. The Board Of Director members shall serve a 1- year term. To be eligible for a position on the Executive Board of Gilroy Little League, candidates should have 2 years prior experience as a Gilroy Little League Director. In instances where the required years of experience are not met, the Executive Board positions may be filled by Board approval.
6. The Executive Board members shall serve a two- year term. To be eligible for a position on the Executive Board of Gilroy Little League, candidates should have 2 years prior experience as a Gilroy Little League Director. In instances where the required years of experience are not met, the Executive Board positions may be filled by Board approval.
7. The Executive Board may appoint committees necessary to promote the objectives of the league.
8. Active Executive Board Members who have children registered in any division shall not pay registration fees.
9. Active Board Members who have children registered in any division shall receive half off registration fees
- 10.) The GLL Board of Directors is held to a high standard to provide a fun and safe environment for all little league players, families, spectators, staff, and all community members.



Player Registration

1.) Spring Registrations - Will open at Discretion of the President and Executive Board; No earlier than October 1st and No later than October 31st of every year.

2.) Registration is available online at gilroylittleleague.org.

2a.) If a family wishes to register in person, they may do so by attending in person walk up registrations during the registration season (Date,Time,Location TBD).

3.) Late Registrations -Surcharge of \$50.00 will go into effect and will be added to every late registration per registered player starting on Jan 15th of the 2023 Little League enrollment year.

4.) For families with 3 or more players registered, the family will receive a discount rate of **\$50.00** rate discount voted and approved by board of directors prior to opening registrations).Players must reside in same household and must provide proof with Residence documentation, (i.e school records, mail with players name and address)

5.) If a family decides to withdraw their player from the league before 12/31, the family will receive a full refund per player.

5a.If a family withdraws their player after 12/31 family will receive 50% refund per player.

5b. If a family withdraws their player after 1/15, the family will not receive a refund.

6.) All registered Gilroy Little League Players SHALL live within the GLL boundaries,and must provide, upon registering, their player(s) proof of residency and or enrollment in a public/private school within the GLL boundaries.



Managers, Coaches and Other Volunteers

Must encourage players at all times and will not damage the self-esteem of any player or parent at any time.

1. All Gilroy Little League Managers, Coaches must be at least 18 years old. Any High School student may volunteer for Community Service hours provided they have permission from their parents. Any minor wishing to participate as an umpire as part of working with the District Staff, may do so provided all assignments/scheduling is done through Gilroy Little League in conjunction with District 59. All Managers, Coaches, and Volunteers shall fill out a Volunteer Application Form and provide a copy of Driver's License for a background check to GLL. DOJ Background checks (Livescan) SHALL be done by the DOJ for all managers, volunteers and team moms at their expense.

A standardized background check by JDP will also be required; however, this is a free service to the applicant. <https://www.jdp.com/littleleague-backgroundcheck/>

All Managers, Coaches, and Volunteers shall read and sign and be held accountable for the "Code and Ethics Responsibilities" and "Sport Parent Code of Conduct". Failure to sign and adhere to the Parent code of conduct will result in an ejection of the game.

<https://www.littleleague.org/downloads/parent-code-conduct/>

Little League parents, Managers/ coaches are held to the highest standard of sportsmanship and respect for the game and help provide a great experience for each player on their respective team, and the opponents team including all little league families and spectators. Managers and coaches must recognize that they are agents of the Board and will follow the Board's direction, philosophy of what's in the best interest of the players and families of The Gilroy Little League and its organization, and advance the agenda for the League as set forth by the Gilroy Little League Board of Directors. Gilroy Board of Directors and its Managers must also have a solid understanding and agree to comply with all Gilroy Little League rules, regulations, and code of conduct policies.



Managers, Coaches and Other Volunteers Cont.)

2. The Board of Directors shall review all volunteer applications and select Managers for the upcoming season. Any vacancies among the Managers shall be filled as soon as possible by the divisional Director. Director's recommendations shall be submitted to the President and approved by the Executive Board.
3. Managers Must attend the GLL managers meeting conducted by Board of Directors and the in-person Gilroy Little League Safety Meeting conducted by the GLL Safety Director prior to receiving equipment bags and conducting season team practices. (Dates, Times, location TBD)
4. Gilroy Little League and Little League International has a Zero Tolerance policy for assault or harassment to another person including League staff and umpires; all Managers, Coaches, Parents, Players and spectators shall, at all times, display the highest sportsmanship and ethical behavior; they must strive to exhibit the highest of standards and shall at no time display unsportsmanlike conduct or behavior. Understand that becoming "physical" (grabbing, pushing, hitting, physical or verbal intimidation, etc) with any player, parent, league official, opposing coaching staff, spectator, or umpire is not acceptable at any time - - such actions are grounds for serious consequences up to immediate removal as a manager or coach.
5. Any communication to league officials shall be done using the following chain of command: 1) Manager, 2) Director, 3) Player Agent, 4) President and Vice President.
6. Any Manager or Coach ejected from any game for their conduct or the conduct of parents, guardians, spectators, must leave the park immediately and will not be able to attend the next scheduled game. The Board of Directors will determine if any further action should be taken if a manager, player or spectator is ejected from the game.
7. Complaints against Parents, Coaches, or Managers must be submitted in writing via email or letter to the Director of the respective Division and followed up by the Executive Board of Directors.



Baseball/Softball Draft

1. Common Play Pool Drafting shall be used for drafting American and National League teams.
- 1b. Split divisions will occur (American/National) with 10 or more teams in a division.
2. A player cannot be drafted without attending one tryout or having received a player agent evaluation. Players who do not attend tryouts or receive a player agent evaluation shall be discussed by division managers and drafted to a team.
3. Players wishing to challenge up, **MUST** attend the try out for the division in which the player is registered for, and the try out for the next division the player wishes to challenge up to. Both tryouts must have been completed by the player to be considered for a challenge up. The GLL Player agent, Director of the two divisions and Executive Board of Directors will make the determination based on the players skill set whether the player can safely play in the division in which they are challenged up to. Failure to attend both tryouts will exclude the player from the challenge up consideration.
4. After completion of the draft, Managers may select their Coaches and submit their name(s) and application(s) for review and approval by the Board of Directors.
5. Minimum playing age for girls and boys in T-Ball will follow Baseball age rules (not Softball age rules).



Opening Day of Regular Season Play/Team Pictures

1. In Conjunction with Picture day, Opening Day Ceremonies (weather permitting) will be held on the 2nd Saturday of March at Christmas Hill Park (In case of Rain out Rainout- Team pictures Location -TBD)

1a.) Pictures and Festivities from 8am-1pm

1b.) Opening Day Team March and Presentations 1:45-4:00pm

Gilroy Little League Fields

Gilroy Little League will secure reservations for the following baseball fields:
Christmas Hill Park- 7050 Miller Ave Gilroy Ca 95020 (Girls Softball program Only)

Las Animas Memorial Park 395 Mantelli Dr Gilroy Ca 95020 (T-ball-Boys A and Boys AA, Intermediate programs)

Gilroy Sports Park 5925 Monterey Frontage Rd Gilroy Ca 95020 (Minors,Majors,Juniors, Seniors and Challenger Programs)



Regular Season Baseball Pitch Rules

The Pitch rules are mandated by Little League International to protect the players from injury, at no time may these guidelines be altered or changed without the express consent of Little league international.

1.) Any player on a regular season team may pitch.

Exception: Any player who has played the position of catcher in four (4) or more innings in a game is not eligible to pitch on that calendar day.

A player who played the position of catcher for three (3) innings or less, moves to the pitcher position, and delivers 21 pitches or more (15- and 16-year-olds: 31 pitches or more) in the same day, may not return to the catcher position on that calendar day. EXCEPTION: If the pitcher reaches the 20-pitch limit (15- and 16-year-olds: 30-pitch limit) while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch, and maintain their eligibility to return to the catcher position, until any one of the following conditions occur: (1) that batter reaches base; (2) that batter is retired; (3) the third out is made to complete the half-inning or the game; or (4) the pitcher is removed from the mound prior to the batter completing his/her at-bat.

(b) A pitcher once removed from the mound cannot return as a pitcher.

Intermediate (50-70) Division, Junior League, and Senior League only: A pitcher remaining on defense in the game, but moving to a different position, can return as a pitcher anytime in the remainder of the game, but only once per game.

(c) The manager must remove the pitcher when said pitcher reaches the limit for his/her age group as noted below, but the pitcher may remain in the game at another position:

Regular Season Baseball Pitch Rules (Cont.)



2.) If a pitcher hits any player(s) 3 times in an inning and/or 4 times in a game, the pitcher must be removed from that position.

3.) Pitchers names, pitch count (boys), and innings pitched (girls) shall be written in the Pitch Count Log Book and checked by each Manager before they sign the Log Book.

4.) The league baseball age pitch counts for Little League Baseball® are as follows:

Ages 13-16 – 95 pitches per day

Ages 11-12 – 85 pitches per day

Ages 9-10 – 75 pitches per day

Ages 7-8 – 50 pitches per day

4b.) Pitchers league age 14 and under must adhere to the following rest requirements:

If a player pitches 66 or more pitches in a day, four (4) calendar days of rest must be observed.

If a player pitches 51-65 pitches in a day, three (3) calendar days of rest must be observed.

If a player pitches 36-50 pitches in a day, two (2) calendar days of rest must be observed.

If a player pitches 21-35 pitches in a day, one (1) calendar day of rest must be observed.

If a player pitches 1-20 pitches in a day, no (0) calendar day of rest is required.

Pitching(Cont.)

4c. Pitchers league age 15-16 must adhere to the following rest requirements:

If a player pitches 76 or more pitches in a day, four (4) calendar days of rest must be observed.

If a player pitches 61-75 pitches in a day, three (3) calendar days of rest must be observed.

If a player pitches 46-60 pitches in a day, two (2) calendar days of rest must be observed.

If a player pitches 31-45 pitches in a day, one (1) calendar day of rest must be observed.

If a player pitches 1-30 pitches in a day, no (0) calendar day of rest is required.

NOTE 1: Under no circumstance shall a player pitch in three (3) consecutive days.

NOTE 2: A pitcher's pitch count for the purposes of day(s) rest threshold is determined by the first pitch thrown to a batter. The pitcher may not start a new batter once the limit of pitches has been met.

For additional information on pitch counts, please visit the little league international rulebook under “ **Regular Season Pitching Rules**”



Softball Pitching

1.) Any player on the team roster may pitch. EXCEPTION: Minor League: A player who has attained a league age of twelve (12) is not eligible to pitch in the Minor League. Junior League: Gilroy Little League may choose to prohibit 15-year-olds from pitching within the Junior Division.

1a. In Girls Minors, any pitcher may re-enter the game, not just the starter. All standard pitching rules and participation limits still apply.

1b. Any player on the team roster may pitch. EXCEPTION: Minor League: A player who has attained a league age of twelve (12) is not eligible to pitch in the Minor League. Junior League: A local league Board may prohibit 15-year-olds from pitching within the Junior Division.

1c. Minors/Little League (Majors): A player may pitch in a maximum of twelve (12) innings in a day. Delivery of a single pitch constitutes having pitched in an inning.

If a player pitched in seven (7) or more innings on (Column A), that player can pitch again on (Column B): The player will need one full day of rest. Example Below;

(Column A)	(Column B)
Sunday ----->	Tuesday
Monday----->	Wednesday
Tuesday ----->	Thursday
Wednesday----->	Friday
Thursday----->	Saturday
Friday----->	Sunday
Saturday----->	Monday



General Provisions

1. Regular season game time limits for each Division shall be:
 - a. T-Ball 3 innings; with no new inning after 1 ¼ hours (1 hour 15 mins)
 - b. A 3 innings; with no new inning after 1 ¼ hours (1 hour 15 mins)
 - c. AA 6 innings; 1 ½ hours time limit, no new inning after 1 ¼ hours
 - d. Minors
 - i. For Boys: - 6 innings; 2 hour drop dead time limit No new inning after 1 ¾ hrs
*Note (after 2 hour drop dead time, score reverts back to previous inning) Pitch count does not revert back.
 - ii. For Girls: 6 innings; 2 hour time limit, no new inning after 1 ¾ hours
 - e. Majors
 - i. For Boys: 6 innings; Time limits will be enforced on all games when there are back to back games on one field. Only then will a 2 hour time limit, no new inning after 1 ¾ hrs will be enforced.
 - ii. For Girls: 6 innings, no time limit
 - f. Juniors/Seniors
 - i. For Boys: 7 innings 3 hour time limit, no new inning after 2 ¾ hours
 - ii. For Girls: 7 innings; no time limit
2. There shall be no game time limits for playoff games except for weeknight games as lights go off at 9:45pm
3. Four outfielders are allowed in Girls Minors, Girls Instructional and Boys AA .
4. All catchers must have a complete catchers gear on for game which included a throat guard attached to the Catchers helmet
5. During warm ups before the game, the catcher with the catcher's helmet and throat guard must catch for the coach.
6. Managers nor coaches can warm up the Pitcher between innings, A bench player with a catcher's helmet and throat guard can catch in a standing and non squat position until in play catcher is ready to start the inning



General Provisions (Cont.)

7. Per Little League international: There shall be NO on deck for any division except for Boys 50/70, Boys/Girls Juniors and Senior division. This is a GLL and International safety protocol

7a. There will be no swinging of the bats in the dugout.

7b. All players must have a helmet on if the bat is in their hand.

7c. Batting cages at the Gilroy Sports Park are NOT to be used by any team when a game is in progress at that respective field (A1,A2,A4)

8. Only three (3) representatives are permitted on the field or in the dugout during scheduled games; one (1) Manager and two (2) Coaches, per team.

8a. No one except the Manager, Coaches, Players and Umpires will be permitted on the playing field during scheduled games. Exception: Girls' Instructional, Boys' A (Coach Pitch), Boys' AA, and T Ball. All volunteers shall have background checks completed before stepping foot on the playing field (JDP and DOJ).

9. Home team is responsible for placement and removal of bases as well as keeping the official scorebook. After each game, the home team is responsible for raking the field and filling in holes around home plate, pitcher's mound, the batter's box, and bases.

9a. Volunteer scorebook and announcer must keep the scorebooth clean, and must refrain from expressing any input or displeasure for any calls on the field. Umpire will confirm score and count with the official scorekeeper in the scorebooth, (Sports Park) or in bleachers at (LAVP and Christmas Hill) regarding the game at play.

10. Instructional, AA, and Minor Divisions' players must play at least 50% of the game on defense. If the player does not play half the game, he/she must start the next game and play half the game plus the innings to be made up from the previous game. If a Manager violates this rule, a written notice and /or suspension will be enforced. Boys' AA will utilize the 3-run rule per inning so that players can obtain 50% defense play.

11. Continuous batting order shall be used for Boys Majors and below Girl's Majors and below, (see defensive rule requirement in Sect. 4.04 of the Little League rule book); Boys Juniors does not use continuous batting order.



12. There will be no forfeit games. Make up games including Rain-outs shall be rescheduled at the Executive Board discretion.

General Provisions (Cont.)

12a..Rain -outs; will be determined by the Executive Board and or the City of Gilroy Parks and Rec department 1 day prior to game day at the earliest and or the morning of gameday.

13. Pitching and Catcher substitutions shall be told to the scorekeeper and the home plate umpire immediately before the player takes the field for Minors, Majors and Juniors Seniors.

14. Girl's Instructional and Boys AA play shall be in accordance with the attached Addendum "Girl's Instructional Rules and Boys AA Rules"

15. After the last game of the season, Managers shall return all equipment in accordance with the schedule established by the Equipment Manager or risk forfeiting their opportunity to manage a team in the next season.

16. If there is an injury on the field, the Umpire will decide when to resume the game after evaluating the injured player.

17. All injuries shall be treated and reported in compliance with the Gilroy Little League First Aid Flow Chart and Safety Plan (see attachment) which is in all Medical Kits provided to each Manager/Team.

18. Parents and/or guardians who submit the wrong uniform size will be responsible to pay for uniform replacement.

19. No Checks Accepted. Cash and Credit Card payments will only be accepted for GLL fees and concessions

18. Any family of a player who owes fees from the previous year must pay current before that child can register for the new season.

20. Gilroy Little League has a financial assistance fund totaling \$2,500 this year. Any player that seeks financial assistance, must complete a Financial Assistance Form, and return it before the deadline. Applications shall be considered on a first come first serve basis. Approval of financial assistance shall be at the sole discretion of the Executive Board.



General Provisions (Cont.)

21. No smoking, tobacco or alcoholic beverages are permitted in the Little League complex, parking lots, and or on the field during practices, season, and post tournaments. Per City of Gilroy municipal code 16.28 and 18.1. If observed, the manager and parent of the team can be placed on a (1) game suspension at the discretion of the GLL Executive board and parent can be ejected from the park or complex, pending further review from the Executive Board of Directors.

22.) If a parent/coach displays displeasement during any Gilroy little league game, and displays a verbal or physical aggression that disrupts the game in play, from the stands or on the field, GLL executive board will review the incident for possible game suspension. If a board member is seen displaying the same behavior, the board member shall be suspended from the GLL Board of Directors pending Executive board review.

22. All Challenges/Protests during any Boys Juniors game, regular season or playoff game will be directed to District 59 staff for conclusion.

All Stars

1. All Star Selection Process: Gilroy Little League tournament teams (All Star Teams) are selected using input from team Managers and the Player Agent, President, and Vice President. Managers will select players via secret ballot. The Player Agent will collect the sealed ballots and they will be opened by the President, Vice President, and Player agent and 1 board of directors member.

The votes will be tabulated and considered when selecting players for the team, but shall not be the sole determining factor when selecting the team. While playing ability is the primary criteria for selecting players, sportsmanship and other factors such as pitching availability can also be considered as a factor for selecting players. Players will not be excluded if they are not available to participate (due to vacation, etc).



Nominated players will be named to the team regardless of their availability, and replacements will be added if a player cannot commit to playing on the team. Managers and Coaches will be selected AFTER the players are selected. In some cases the assigned Team Manager will be consulted to finalize the players on the team, but in other cases the Manager will not have input on team makeup. The teams will not be announced before the Little League-imposed release date, until then, only the President, Vice President, Player Agent, and possibly Team Manager, will know who has been selected to the teams.

All Stars (Cont.)

2. Ten year old girls and boys moved to the Major Division for regular season play by the Player Agent will automatically make All-Stars in their respective age group. If a parent requests that their child be moved up (challenge up) then that child is not automatically placed on the All Star Team, but shall be selected based upon their performance.

3. Effective All-Star season 2023, each player may be charged a cost for all star uniforms fee which will cover the cost of All Star Uniform (Uniform shirt with name screened, All Star Hat, Socks, and Belt) and entry fees assessed by Little League international for tournament play.

4. Managers and Coaches for All-Star Teams shall be selected by the Executive Board.

5. All Star managers and coaches shall follow Little League international Dress code for all district and international tournaments.

6.) Eligibility Documentation:

Each player will need to have the following documents correctly completed and provided to the All-Star Manager when the due date is given. It is the managers responsibility to collect and place into a GLL issued Binder and provide all of the completed documents to The GLL Executive Board of directors for review. The Binder is then provided to the D59 DA and staff for final review and approval prior to the start of the first tournament game. This binder is then given back to the manager as the manager will be in charge of providing it to the tournament director at each game for verification.

-Tournament Verification Form for every player



- Medical Release forms
- Appropriate residency materials or school enrollment documentation
- Approved player waivers (if applicable)
- Approved and current league boundary map that has each player plotted.

7. In order to confirm eligibility for the all-star tournament, it is required by Little League International that GLL obtain an actual Birth Certificate from each player. This will be inspected to confirm true age verification. Birth Certificates will be returned at the end of the tournament season. Please see link below to order your players birth certificate

https://www.vitalchek.com/v/?clicked=1&click_id=815996464290856962&ppc=0

8.) Each year, Little League® provides its constituent leagues with current Little League rules, regulations, and policies that outline and define the operation of the program. It is important for all Little League volunteers and parents to be familiar with the most up-to-date version of Little League's Official Regulations, Playing Rules, and Operating Policies. These rulebooks, published for all divisions of Little League Baseball®, Little League Softball®, and the Little League Challenger Division® provide the structure and support for local leagues and Districts to provide a meaningful Little League experience for all children in their community.

Any Other Rules or regulation questions please refer to the little league international rule book for your respective division.

<https://www.littleleague.org/playing-rules/little-league-rulebook-app/>

Gilroy Little League Receipt of Bylaw Information

I _____, have read and received a copy of the Gilroy Little League Bylaws therein.

I have read any and all sections that pertain to the League and the Division where I manage or coach and understand all of the rules, protocol and disciplinary action that Little league international and Gilroy Little League subscribes to. Failure to follow the GLL BY-law will result in removal from the team manager position, and ineligible to manage for Gilroy Little League at the Discretion of the Gilroy Little League Executive Board..

Signature of Manager/Coach Division Date



Signature of Division Director Date

Signature of GLL VP Date

Signature of GLL President Date