

Ledyard Little League
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ARTICLE I - AFFILIATION

SECTION A: RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Official Regulations, Playing Rules and Operating Policies as published by Little League International, for the current season, shall be binding in Ledyard Little League.

SECTION B: LOCAL LEAGUE BASEBALL/SOFTBALL RULES AND BYLAWS

Ledyard Little League's Baseball/Softball Rules and Bylaws shall be utilized in conjunction with the Official Regulations, Playing Rules and Operating Policies as published by Little League International, for the current season, and shall serve as a supplemental document. This document is subject to annual review, or more frequent review as deemed necessary, and subsequent approval by a majority vote, with or without modification, by Ledyard Little League's Board of Directors.

ARTICLE II - GENERAL ADMINISTRATION OF THE LEAGUE

SECTION A: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- 1) Board member conduct – all Board members will follow the guidelines set forth by Little League International. Any Board member that does not act in an appropriate manner will be subject to immediate review by the Executive Board and possible suspension or expulsion from the League.
- 2) If any Board members do not fulfill their responsibilities, they will either be asked to resign or will be removed from the Board.
- 3) Board members that wish to make purchases for the League over
 - \$1000.00 are required to present three quotes for said items, and must gain approval from the Board. If approval is not granted prior to the purchase, reimbursement may not be available. Purchases totaling
 - \$200.00-\$1,000.00 must first gain approval from the Board. Purchases under \$200.00 can be approved with the consent of the President and Treasurer.
- 4) All requests to the Board for purchases must be submitted by written proposal detailing what the purchase is for and what the cost to the League will be.

- 5) In the event of an issue requiring a Board vote that cannot wait until the next scheduled Board of Directors' meeting, voting via email and/or text message will be accepted when appropriate.

SECTION B: VOLUNTEERS

- 1) Complete background checks for all potential Volunteers,
- 2) Mandatory Training: Abuse Awareness Training to be completed through USA Baseball's BASE program.
- 3) Mandatory reporting requirements: Report Child Abuse, including sexual abuse within 24 hours of notification,
- 4) Non-Retaliation For Reporting, prohibition of retaliation for "good faith" reporting,
- 5) Prohibit one on one interactions: All one on one contact with minors should be in an observable and interruptible distance from another adult.

Ledyard Little League has a zero-tolerance culture that does not allow any type of activity that promotes or allows any form of misconduct or abuse (mental, physical, emotional, or sexual) between players, coaches, parents/guardians/caretakers, spectators, volunteers, and/or any other individual. Ledyard Little League officials will remove any individual that is exhibiting any type of mental, physical, emotional, or sexual misconduct and report the individual to the authorities immediately. Pursuant to Little League International's Child Protection Program, Ledyard Little League adheres to the following Requirements as further numerated and incorporated by reference in the Little League Child Protection Program amended on 11/23.

SECTION C: MANAGERS AND COACHES

- 1) Parties interested in being considered to be a Team Manager must submit their request to the President in writing by the due date(s) given by the Board of Directors,
- 2) The nominees should have a good understanding of the game, be able to work with young children, and be a positive role model for the players.
- 3) It is the decision of the league president to appoint and the board of directors to approve managers and coaches at all levels of play in accordance with Little League operating policies. The President will appoint Managers from the pool of interested parties which must be approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors present at the Board of Directors Meeting following specified due dates for submitting requests to manage a team.
 - . The nominees should be familiar with the purpose of Little

League Baseball & Softball. With positive answer to these questions:

- Is it in the best interest of the children in the community?
 - Will it bring credit to this Little League program and the community as a whole?
- 4) If registration numbers call for an additional team or teams, or there are not enough applicants in relation to the number of teams, a notice will be posted for additional manager(s), and selections will be voted on by the Board of Directors prior to the draft/team assignments.
- 5) Candidates for a team manager and/or assistant coach position must:
- a. Positively pass the Little League required background check.
 - b. Complete Abuse Awareness Training through USA Baseball's BASE program.
 - c. Complete Diamond Leader Training through Little League.
 - d. Attend annual District or League Coaches Meeting.
- 6) Following the draft, each manager will name no more than 2 assistant coaches for his/her team (3 assistant coaches for tee ball and minors divisions), assistant coaches may be recommended by managers after the draft, but must be formally nominated by the league president and approved by the local league's board of directors. Managers may utilize additional individuals for practices and pre-game warm-ups (provided those individuals have positively passed the Little League required background check).

SECTION D: MANAGER AND COACH RESPONSIBILITIES

All Managers and Coaches:

- 1) Will adhere to the guidelines provided in the Manager/Coach Code of Conduct.
- 2) Will attend manager/coach meetings as requested by the President, Directors of Baseball and/or Softball, or Board of Directors.
- 3) Will be familiar with the official playing rules of Little League Baseball/Softball, with particular attention given to the rules and regulations regarding mandatory playing time and specific rules in regards to pitchers/pitch counts for their division.

- 4) Will not, in word or deed, overemphasize the value and importance of winning.
- 5) Those ejected from a game will be immediately removed from their managing/coaching responsibilities for that game and the next, and may be subject to further discipline by the Board of Directors or Disciplinary Committee.

All Managers:

- 1) Are responsible for all equipment assigned to their team.
- 2) Will assist with fundraising activities by participation and/or promotion whenever possible.
- 3) Will ensure fields are properly prepared for game play (raking, lining, etc).
- 4) Will ensure completion of all pre- and post-game responsibilities as outlined in supplemental documents provided at the annual Managers Meeting and/or posted in dugouts.
- 5) Both teams are required to keep score (player-pitch minors divisions and above), as well as keep an official pitch count on each pitcher used (baseball).
- 6) Will notify the League Safety Officer within 24 hours of any accidents and follow through with any further required documentation as directed.
- 7) Will ensure compliance with the League's ASAP plan requirement for CPR/1st Aid Certification (at least one manager and/or coach from EVERY TEAM must be certified in CPR/1st Aid unless one of those individuals is a certified medical professional) either via the League's offered CPR/1st Aid class (at the League's expense) or via another accredited program at the manager's/coach's own expense, prior to beginning practices.

SECTION E: PLAYER, PARENT, MANAGER/COACH CONDUCT

- 1) Parents/Guardians of players are expected to read and abide by the Parent Code of Conduct (provided at annual Parent Meeting and/or via email); Players are expected to read and abide by the Players Code of Conduct (provided to parents at the annual Parent Meeting and/or via email); Managers/Coaches are expected to read and abide by the Coaches Code of Conduct (supplied at pre-season managers/coach meetings). Players, Parents, Board Members, Managers and Coaches are ALL expected to build a positive image of Ledyard Little League at all times. Should an individual be reported to the Board of Directors for slanderous, defamatory, or negative behavior in regards to the League or those acting within the League, whether

verbal, written, or via a public online media, Ledyard Little League's disciplinary actions may be followed.

- 2) Any breach of the Code of Conduct by Players, Parents, Managers or Coaches will be reviewed by the Board of Directors or Disciplinary Committee. If a violation is found, discipline may include any of the following up to and including immediate termination even if first offense:
First Offense: Written warning
Second Offense: Suspension from next game
Third Offense: Suspension for remainder of season (in the case of managers/coaches, may also not be permitted to coach/manage a team for a period of one year)
- 3) The Disciplinary Committee shall be composed of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Director of Baseball or Softball (whichever sport is affected by violation), and Player Agent of Baseball or Softball (whichever sport is affected by violation). The determination of this committee shall be final pending board approval. In the event that the accused person is one of the members of the above-mentioned Committee, the League's Safety Officer will take that individual's place on the Committee.
- 4) Follow-up communications will be provided to involved parties by the President.

ARTICLE III - REGISTRATION

1. Registrations will be conducted via an online service or in person. Dates for registrations for all seasons/clinics offered will be announced via the League's website and/or social media and/or emails to previously registered players' online accounts on file.
2. Prior to player tryout all eligible players must be:
 - a. Registered and qualified by being within the Little League age limits and reside within the league boundaries (with proof of residency) or meet the school enrollment requirement
 - b. Have paid the required league registration fees.
 - c. It is Little League Baseball and this Local League's belief that no child should ever be turned away or limited in participation because of a parent/guardian's inability to pay a fee. Ledyard Little League has established a scholarship program.
3. Age limits as determined by Little League: (See Little League Age Chart)

- a. T-ball – League Age 4-7
 - b. Minors Baseball - League Age 5-11
 - Coach Pitch – League Age 5-8
 - Minors Player Pitch Baseball – League Age 8-11
 - c. Majors Baseball – League Age 12 and under.
 - d. Intermediate Baseball - League age 11-13.
 - e. Senior League Baseball - League age 13-16.
 - f. Softball Minor League - League Age 8-11
 - Softball Coach Pitch – League Age 5-7
 - Softball Minors Player Pitch - League Age 8-11
 - g. Softball Major League - League Age 12 and under.
 - h. Senior League Softball - League age 13-16.
4. Ledyard Little League Divisions will be voted on and decided by the Board of Directors yearly.
 5. Additional documentation may be required for players each year/season. Any required documentation must be provided to the League before a player will be allowed to participate in practices and/or games. The League will make every effort to host multiple opportunities for this documentation to be turned in.
 6. The League will host an annual Parent Meeting prior to the beginning of the Spring Season. Parents/guardians are expected to attend this meeting to ensure they receive the most up-to-date, accurate information and any further necessary paperwork.
 7. Ledyard Little League may offer scholarships for families in need. Families may apply for a scholarship by contacting the President, Vice-President, Secretary or Treasurer. Requests will be kept confidential, however must be voted on by the Board of Directors for approval. Scholarship families will be required to participate in all League fundraising activities and volunteer at least two hours of time to the League.
 8. Registration refunds will be issued on a case by case basis upon receipt of a written request up until the time that uniforms are ordered. Once uniforms have been ordered, no refunds will be issued.

ARTICLE IV - DIVISIONS OF PLAY

SECTION A: TEE BALL BASEBALL/SOFTBALL

Tee Ball Baseball/Softball Division is for League age 4-7 year old participants.

1. Game scores shall not be posted; Division standings shall not be maintained; and Playoff and/or Tournament games shall not be played.

2. Rules for games will follow either approved local rules or approved distinct rules if playing interleague format.
3. District rules for Interleague play see district provided rule sheet.
4. Local Rules are as follows:
 - a. Game length shall not exceed three (3) innings or one (1) hour in duration.
 - b. A continuous batting order (CBO) shall be utilized, which shall include all players on the team roster present for the game, batting in order. The side is out when the offensive team bats through its entire roster in its half-inning.
 - c. Every player on a team roster present shall be given a defensive position on the playing field in its half-inning. Every player on a team roster present shall be given a different defensive position in each of the successive defensive innings.
 - d. Offensive and defensive team managers and coaches are allowed on the field of play. The offensive team manager or coach shall be designated to place a baseball/softball, or as necessary, subsequent baseballs, on the batting tee, until such time the ball is batted into fair play. Walks and strikeouts shall not be permitted.
 - e. A runner, including the batter-runner, may advance no more than one (1) base if a fair ball is hit within the infield; A runner, including the batter- runner, may advance no more than two (2) bases if a fair ball is hit beyond the infield; and a runner, including the batter-runner, shall not be permitted to advance an additional base on an overthrown ball remaining in play.

SECTION B: MINOR LEAGUE (COACH PITCH) BASEBALL/SOFTBALL

Minor League Baseball/Softball Division is for League Age 7-8 year old participants. A player that is league age 6 and has completed one year of Tball may be considered for minor league placement at the discretion of the board.

1. For all Coach-Pitch Divisions: Game scores may be posted; Division standings may be maintained; and Playoff and/or Tournament games may be played.
2. Minor League Baseball/Softball:
 - a. Players League Age 7 and/or 8 year olds may be evaluated for the purpose of balancing teams in the Player-Pitch Division.
3. Rules for games will follow either approved local rules or approved district rules if playing interleague format.
4. District rules for Interleague play see district provided rule sheet.

5. Local Rules are as follows:

- a. Follow Little League Baseball/Softball Rules along with local league rules b-d (detailed below)
- b. A continuous batting order (CBO) shall be utilized, which shall include all players on the team roster present for the game, batting in order.
- c. Every player on the roster, present at the start of a game must meet minimum play requirements of at least six (6) consecutive defensive outs (2 innings) AND one at-bat.
- d. Games shall not exceed 2 hours in length or 6 innings.
- e. In the event of a game reaching the run rule or “mercy rule” (15 run lead after 3 innings, 10 run lead after 4 innings and 8 run lead after 5 innings) the manager of the team with the least runs shall concede the victory to the opponent and the game will end.

SECTION C: MINOR LEAGUE (KID PITCH) BASEBALL/SOFTBALL

Minor League Baseball/Softball Division is for League Age 8-11 year old participants. A player that is league age 7 and has completed one year of Tball may be considered for minor league placement at the discretion of the board.

6. For all Player-Pitch Divisions: Game scores may be posted; Division standings may be maintained; and Playoff and/or Tournament games may be played.

7. Minor League Baseball/Softball

- a. Player-Pitch Baseball/Softball: League Ages 8-10
 - b. Players League Age 9-10 who are not already assigned to a team will be evaluated. League Age 7 and/or 8 year olds may be evaluated for the purpose of balancing teams in the Player-Pitch Division.
8. Rules for games will follow either approved local rules or approved district rules if playing interleague format.
9. District rules for Interleague play see district provided rule sheet.
10. Local Rules are as follows:
- a. Follow Little League Baseball/Softball Rules along with local league rules b-d (detailed below)
 - b. A continuous batting order (CBO) shall be utilized, which shall include all players on the team roster present for the game, batting in order.
 - c. Every player on the roster, present at the start of a game must meet minimum play requirements of at least six (6) consecutive defensive outs (2 innings) AND one at-bat.

- d. Games shall not exceed 2 hours in length or 6 innings.
 - e. In the event of a game reaching the run rule or “mercy rule” (15 run lead after 3 innings, 10 run lead after 4 innings and 8 run lead after 5 innings) the manager of the team with the least runs shall concede the victory to the opponent and the game will end.
11. If a Minor League Division player is selected to move up to a Major League Division team following evaluations and the draft and/or when a vacancy occurs in the Major League Division, but that player declines, then that player shall forfeit eligibility for the Major League Division for the remainder of the current season and may be subject to further restrictions by the LLL Board of Directors.

SECTION D: MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL/SOFTBALL

Player Pitch Division is for League Age 11-12 year old participants

1. Players League Age 11 and 12 who are not already assigned to a team will be evaluated. League Age 10 year olds may be evaluated for the purpose of balancing teams in the Major League Division.
2. Game scores may be posted; Division standings shall be maintained; and Playoff and/or Tournament games may be played.
3. Rules for games will follow either approved local rules or approved distinct rules if playing interleague format.
4. District rules for Interleague play see district provided rule sheet.
5. Local Rules are as follows:
 - a. A continuous batting order (CBO) shall be utilized, which shall include all players on the team roster present for the game, batting in order.
 - b. Every player on the roster, present at the start of a game, must meet minimum play requirements of at least six (6) consecutive defensive outs (2 innings) AND one at-bat.
 - c. Games shall not exceed 2 hours in length or 6 innings.
 - d. In the event of a game reaching the run rule or “mercy rule” (15 run lead after 3 innings, 10 run lead after 4 innings and 8 run lead after 5 innings) the manager of the team with the least runs shall concede the victory to the opponent and the game will end.
 - e. Pursuant to Regulation III, Section (d), and for reason of illness or injury of a player, change of address, and/or other justifiable reasons (subject to Board approval), the manager of such player shall comply with the selection of a replacement player no longer than two (2) weeks after written notification by a physician or other accredited medical provider or the player’s parent/guardian.

- f. Any player not on the roster for more than two (2) consecutive weeks (or four (4) games) shall be subject to removal from their respective team by action of the Board of Directors. However, the Board of Directors reserves the right to allow such players to remain on the roster. Should a player miss more than two (2) consecutive games for any reason, the manager shall notify the Player Agent. Failure to comply shall be cause for corrective action against the manager.

Section E: INTERMEDIATE (50/70) BASEBALL

Intermediate Division Baseball is for League Age 13 participants.

1. Players League Age 13 who are not already assigned to a team will be evaluated.
2. Game scores may be posted; Division standings shall be maintained; Playoff and/or Tournament games may be played.
3. Rules for games will follow either approved local rules or approved distinct rules if playing interleague format.
4. District rules for Interleague play see district provided rule sheet.
5. Local Rules are as follows:
 - . Every player on the roster, present at the start of a game, must meet minimum play requirements of at least six (6) consecutive defensive outs (2 innings) AND one at-bat.
 - a. In the event of a game reaching the run rule or “mercy rule” (15 run lead after 4 innings, 10 run lead after 5 innings and 8 run lead after 6 innings) the manager of the team with the least runs shall concede the victory to the opponent and the game will end.
 - b. Pursuant to Regulation III, Section (d), and for reason of illness or injury of a player, change of address, and/or other justifiable reasons (subject to Board approval), the manager of such player shall comply with the selection of a replacement player no longer than two (2) weeks after written notification by a physician or other accredited medical provider or the player’s parent/guardian.
 - c. Any player not on the roster for more than two (2) consecutive weeks (or four (4) games) shall be subject to removal from their respective team by action of the Board of Directors. However, the Board of Directors reserves the right to allow such players to

remain on the roster. Should a player miss more than two (2) consecutive games for any reason, the manager shall notify the Player Agent. Failure to comply shall be cause for corrective action against the manager.

Section F: JUNIOR/SENIOR BASEBALL/SOFTBALL

Junior/Senior Division Baseball is for League Ages 14-16 participants.

Junior/Senior Division Softball will be for League Ages 13-16 participants.

1. Players who are not already assigned to a team will be evaluated.
2. Game scores may be posted; Division standings shall be maintained; Playoff and/or Tournament games may be played.
3. Rules for games will follow either approved local rules or approved distinct rules if playing interleague format.
4. District rules for Interleague play see district provided rule sheet.
5. Local Rules are as follows:
 - . Every player on the roster, present at the start of a game, must meet minimum play requirements of at least six (6) consecutive defensive outs (2 innings) AND one at-bat.
 - a. In the event of a game reaching the run rule or “mercy rule” (15 run lead after 4 innings, 10 run lead after 5 innings and 8 run lead after 6 innings) the manager of the team with the least runs shall concede the victory to the opponent and the game will end.
 - b. Pursuant to Regulation III, Section (d), and for reason of illness or injury of a player, change of address, and/or other justifiable reasons (subject to Board approval), the manager of such player shall comply with the selection of a replacement player no longer than two (2) weeks after written notification by a physician or other accredited medical provider or the player’s parent/guardian.
 - c. Any player not on the roster for more than two (2) consecutive weeks (or four (4) games) shall be subject to removal from their respective team by action of the Board of Directors. However, the Board of Directors reserves the right to allow such player to

remain on the roster. Should a player miss more than two (2) consecutive games for any reason, the manager shall notify the Player Agent. Failure to comply shall be cause for corrective action against the manager.

ARTICLE V - SCHEDULES

SECTION A: PRACTICE SCHEDULES - ALL DIVISIONS OF PLAY

Practice schedules for all division teams shall be generated, distributed and updated as necessary by the respective Baseball/Softball Director in conjunction with the Player Agent and Division Commissioners if applicable. If necessary, and at the discretion of the respective Baseball/Softball Director, scheduled practices will be superseded by Minor League Baseball/Softball, and/or Major League Baseball/Softball Division games.

SECTION B: GAME SCHEDULES - ALL DIVISIONS OF PLAY

Game schedules for all division teams shall be generated, distributed and updated as necessary by the respective Baseball/Softball Director in conjunction with the Player Agent and Division Commissioners if applicable. Scheduled Minor League Baseball/Softball and/or Major League Baseball/Softball Division "regular" season games shall not be superseded by make-up games or practices, but may be superseded by playoff and/or tournament games if necessary.

SECTION C: MAKE-UP GAMES

- 1) If a game is suspended or postponed for any reason, the game must be rescheduled on the next available field and day. If the game cannot be played within seven days, an explanation to the League President is necessary.
- 2) If a manager knows in advance that they will be unable to field a team for a particular game, they must notify the opposing manager and the League President no less than 24 hours prior to the scheduled start of the game.

This postponement must be played on the next available field on the next available day. If this game cannot be played within seven days, an explanation to the League President is necessary. If 24 hour notice is not provided, they will be subject to a forfeit.

- 3) Make-up games for Tee Ball Division teams shall be played if field time is available as determined collectively by the managers and the Commissioner.

ARTICLE VI - SELECTION OF REGULAR SEASON PLAYERS

SECTION A: EVALUATIONS (Player-Pitch Minor League and Major League Divisions of Baseball & Softball):

Players League Ages 8-16, who are not already assigned to a team, must participate in evaluations for placement on a team in the Minors Player-Pitch or above. Evaluations of new eligible regular season player candidates and returning regular season candidates who are entering a new division from their previous year's play due to their League Age shall be deemed mandatory.

Candidates failing to attend at least one of the evaluation sessions shall lose the status of a candidate, unless such candidate presents an excuse which is accepted by a majority of the Board of Directors of the Local League. Players League Age 10 will only be considered for a Majors Division team if players are needed to balance teams at that level. Players League Age 8 will only be considered for a Minors Player-Pitch team if players are needed to balance teams at that level. Players will be selected to "play up", if needed, based on their total average evaluation score, beginning with the highest scoring players.

SECTION B: DRAFT (Minors Player-Pitch {with waiver yearly from LL, Int.}, Majors, Intermediate, and Junior/Senior Baseball/Softball divisions)

1. After the completion of evaluations, Little League International's Draft Plan A will be utilized. Eligible players will return to their team from the previous year. Teams will then fill the remaining roster spots from new division candidates. Teams will select in reverse order of standings from the previous season. The draft order for each round will remain the same. For instance, the fourth place manager selects the first player in each round and so on. The process will repeat until all players eligible have been selected.
2. The "Brother/Sister Option"
 - a. is available when there are two or more siblings eligible to be drafted.

After the first sibling is drafted, the manager of that team automatically has the option to draft the brother or sister of that player on the team's next turn in the draft. If the manager does not exercise the Brother/Sister Option on the next turn, the sibling becomes available to be drafted by any other team.

3. The Brother/Sister Option of a Player Currently on a team.

- a. When this option comes into play, a manager may submit an option on the brother or sister of the player that is currently on his/her team. If a manager is interested in exercising this option, it must be submitted in writing to the Player Agent at least 48 hours before the draft begins. Once the draft begins, the manager must exercise this option within the first three draft rounds. If the manager does not draft the sibling within the first three rounds, the sibling becomes available to be drafted by any other team.

4. Sons/Daughters of Managers

- a. When the manager of the team has a son or daughter eligible to be drafted, he/she may use the "Sons/Daughters of Managers" option to draft his/her child to the team. This option must be submitted to the Player Agent at least 48 hours before the draft begins. This option always takes priority over the other 3 options. The manager must exercise this option during the first THREE rounds (LL allows for this in the first 3 rounds we shortened) Failure to exercise the option in or before the specified round results in the son/daughter becoming eligible to be drafted by any other team.

5. Sons/Daughters of Returning Coaches

- a. If a league is using Draft Method 'A', it may be possible for a returning coach to exercise an option through the team's manager. Since new coaches to the team cannot be appointed nor approved until after the draft, the option is only available to coaches returning to the team, provided the following two criteria are met by the returning coach:
 - b. The coach has served as a coach or manager at any level for the past TWO years, AND
 - c. The coach is returning to the same major league team as last year
- d. If BOTH of the conditions listed above apply, the manager must submit this option to the Player Agent at least 48 hours before the draft begins. Just like the Sons/Daughters of Managers Option, the Sons/Daughters of Returning Coaches Option must be exercised before the second round. Failure to exercise the option in or before the specified round results in the son/daughter becoming eligible to be drafted by any other team.

6. Any paperwork regarding player evaluations, or the draft selection process, is CONFIDENTIAL. Only the people directly involved in this process will

have access to this material. It is NOT to be shared with anyone. Failure to adhere to such confidentiality will be considered a breach of the LLL Code of Conduct.

7. Draft position trading is not allowed.
8. In the event of expansion, the added team will have the number of picks equal to the number of players on the team with the least number of returning players from the previous season, with a maximum of four. The expansion team will have the first pick(s) when the draft begins, and the last pick each round once they reach the number of players of the lowest returning teams players.
9. In the event more than one new team joins the league in the same year, the added team's managers will draw from a hat to determine which team will choose first, then they shall alternate, one-for-one, in selecting players before the first round.
10. The respective Player Agent shall be the final authority in settling questions concerning the roster of new teams.
11. If one or more teams are dropped, the players for those teams shall become part of the player draft pool to be selected prior to any new incoming players to said division.
12. Parents of players who become managers or coaches after their children have been selected to a "different" team may not automatically claim their sons or daughters, but may trade for them at the proper time.
13. Sons/Daughters of Coaches:
 - a. A NEW coach shall not be appointed nor approved until after the draft to avoid "red-shirting" of players through selective coaching appointments. A returning coach, through the manager, may exercise an option in writing to the respective Player agent, provided:
 - a. The coach has served as a manager or coach in the league (at any level) for the past 2 years
AND
 - b. The coach is returning to the same team as last year. IMPORTANT: In order for a manager to exercise this option, the coach must qualify under BOTH of these conditions.
 - c. Any player currently assigned to a team at the Player-Pitch Minors, Majors, Intermediates or Junior/Senior level that wishes to be removed from their present team must submit their request in writing to the President and respective Player Agent at least one week prior to the draft. The Board of Directors shall have final determination as to whether that player will be allowed to be removed from their

current team and entered into the draft.

14. Player Trades – Following the draft, managers may, if they desire, trade players until up to one week prior to the first scheduled regular season game. If done prior to new players being contacted. New players may be traded with managers and Player Agent approval. All trades must be made through the Player Agent with justifiable youth centered reasons and must be approved by the Player Agent, President, managers from both teams AND the player's parent/guardian (if done after players are contacted). Trades shall all be on a one-for-one player basis.

SECTION C: DRAFT (Tee Ball and Minors Coach Pitch) Baseball Softball Divisions)

The respective player agent (or designee) will assign players for Coach Pitch and Tee Ball for both baseball and softball.

Children of a team manager will be assigned to their respective team.

Siblings shall be assigned to the same team if no draft is in place.

SECTION D: PLAYER NOTIFICATION

Regular season player candidates selected to teams, for the Major League Baseball/Softball and Minor League Baseball/Softball Divisions, shall be notified within twenty-four (24) hours by their team managers.

ARTICLE VII - TOURNAMENT (ALL-STARS) PLAY

SECTION A: TEAMS AND ELIGIBILITY

1. Ledyard Little League's intent is to offer the tournament play experience to as many players as possible. To achieve this, LLL will enter a Little League Tournament (All-Stars) Team at each level of play available based on the regular season teams for that year. If there are not enough eligible and available players to form a team at any given level(s), the League will make every effort to combine with another local town for that division(s) of play. If it is impossible to combine with another local town, then the League reserves the right to not enter a tournament team for that division(s).
2. Ledyard Little League may enter teams in other local Little League tournaments as available. Such teams will be selected under the same conditions outlined in Article VI, Sections B and C. In the event that one of these tournaments follow different age/eligibility guidelines, the tournament team will be selected based on that specific tournament's rules.

3. All tournament teams must be approved by the LLL Board of Directors.
4. Any LLL players placed on a tournament team outside of a LLL team must be solely with the approval of the President and respective Player Agent and Director.
5. Managers, coaches, and players must have been registered for the regular season in order to be eligible. Players must have met all eligibility requirements outlined in the Little League rulebook in order to be considered.
6. Regular season managers will compile a list of players from their regular season team who are eligible AND interested in being considered for tournament play, as well as available for the commitment required in regards to attending majority of practices and all games in the pool play and district tournament. Players and parents must agree to the terms and conditions of the All Star Commitment Form prior to the start of the regular season. LLL Board of Directors will issue a date for this information to be submitted to the baseball/softball player agents.
7. Any paperwork regarding player evaluations by the Team Manager is CONFIDENTIAL. Only the people directly involved in their process should have access to this material. It is NOT to be shared with anyone. Failure to do so will be considered a breach off the LLL Code of Conduct.
8. Players must commit to the Tournament Contract which will be provided by the league prior to being eligible for tournament selection.

SECTION B: TOURNAMENT MANAGER/ASSISTANT COACH SELECTION

1. All regular season baseball and softball managers and/or their two official assistant coaches in good standing are eligible to manage or coach a tournament team in their division or below. They must notify the LLL President in writing of their interest in managing and/or coaching a tournament team by a date determined by the LLL Board of Directors. All interested managers/assistant coaches must coach within their respective age division and sport from that year's regular season unless there are no other available managers/coaches at a division of play they are eligible for under LLI's guidelines. The exception will be for player-pitch minors and majors baseball managers/assistant coaches interested in managing/coaching the 9/10/11YO baseball tournament team. Team managers and assistant coaches from both divisions will be eligible for consideration to that tournament team.
2. As a condition of eligibility for selection as a tournament team

manager/coach, the regular season manager/coach must have also completed the Little League Diamond Leader Training Program (LittleLeague.org/DiamondLeader). This program must be completed prior to the individual being named a tournament team manager/coach and before participating in any practices or games. Tournament Team managers/coaches who have completed the program should be prepared to produce the Little League Diamond Leader completion certificate if requested by the District Administrator/Tournament Director.

3. The President and the Director of Baseball or Softball will recommend Tournament Managers from the pool of interested parties, which must be approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.
4. The approved manager for each tournament team will be provided with the list of interested parties for assistant coaching at their division of play. That manager will select two (2) assistant coaches from that list, at least one of which should be from a different regular season team than the one they served on (provided there was more than one team in that division during regular season). These selections must be approved by a majority of the LLL Board of Directors.

SECTION C: SELECTIONS OF TOURNAMENT TEAMS

1. Each player must commit to the Tournament Contract which will be provided by the league prior to being eligible for tournament selection.
2. Each regular season Manager from baseball and softball divisions where a tournament team will be entered will rank their team members who have signed the Tournament Contract based on their observations throughout the season, as well as the input from their assistant coaches. These rankings should include not only player stats, but their efforts in all areas, as well. Final list rankings will be provided to the respective Player Agent, Director of Baseball/Softball, President and that division's approved tournament team manager by a date announced by the LLL Board of Directors.
3. The approved Tournament Manager, in conjunction with the Director of Baseball/Softball and the respective Player Agent, will select their tournament team by utilizing the regular season team managers' list rankings within their division of play as a tool to help them select a well-rounded team. The President will put forth to a vote the final tournament team rosters to the LLL Board of Directors.
 - a. Teams will be selected/filled beginning at the highest level of play first, and players are eligible for divisions as follows:
 - i. Baseball and Softball Seniors (Baseball league ages 14-16, Softball league ages 13-16)
 - ii. Baseball Intermediates (league age 13)

- iii. Baseball and Softball Majors (any player, league ages 10- 12, who played at the Majors level during regular season)
- iv. Baseball 9-11 Minors (players league ages 10-11 who played at Majors level during the regular season but were NOT selected to the Majors tournament team, AND any players league ages 9-10 who played at the Player-Pitch Minors level during regular season)
- v. Baseball and Softball 8-10 Minors (any player, league ages 8-10, who played at the Player Pitch Minors level during regular season)

ARTICLE VIII- SUMMER/FALL BALL

SECTION A: SUMMER/FALL BALL PLACEMENT

- 1) There will be no evaluations for Summer/Fall Ball.
- 2) There will be no draft for Summer/Fall Ball. The Player Agents shall bear the responsibility of fairly dividing teams if there are more than one team in any division.
- 3) Players will be placed in divisions based on their league age for the following spring.
- 4) If a player played up in division in Ledyard Little League the previous spring of that year, they will remain in that division during the summer/fall season.

SECTION B: LEAGUE AGE 16

Current year league age 16 players may still be permitted to play during the fall season, with District Approval

ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENTS

These LLL Local Rules and Bylaws may be amended, repealed, or altered, in whole or in part, by a majority vote of the Board of Directors at any regular or special meeting of the LLL Board of Directors

These Local League Rules were approved and adopted by the Ledyard Little League Board of Directors on March 11, 2024