

# MOUNTAINS LITTLE LEAGUE PO BOX 3854 LAKE ARROWHEAD, CA 92352

## Key Updates to the 2026 Mountains Little League Bylaws

The following section outlines the principal changes made to the Mountains Little League Constitution for the 2026 season, compared to the previous 2025 version. All updates reflect administrative clarifications, amendments to rules and regulations, division-specific adjustments, and formatting refinements.

## Administrative & Structural Updates

### Article II – Administrative Rules & Regulations

Participation Fees (Section 4): The language regarding voting thresholds has been clarified. Previously, the constitution referenced a “two-thirds majority”; in 2026, this was updated to “two-thirds of the majority” to provide clearer guidance on voting requirements for fee-related decisions.

### Article IX – Time Limits & Curfews

Minor Baseball and Softball: The drop-dead game time has been reduced. In 2025, the time limit was set at 2 hours. For 2026, this limit has been amended to 1 hour and 45 minutes, effective as of 10/19/2025.

## Division-Specific Rule Changes (Article XI)

### T-Ball Division

A new rule has been introduced for mid-season play. Coaches may now, at their discretion, pitch up to four pitches to players before requiring the use of the tee.

### Minor Softball Division

The pitching rule has been expanded. In 2025, pitchers were limited to one inning per game. The 2026 constitution adds an exception: pitchers may exceed this one-inning limit in cases of player absences or limited availability, provided the situation is communicated to both the umpire and the opposing coach during the manager’s meeting. This amendment was made on 10/19/2025.

### Major Division

A new clause has been added to clarify interleague play. Major teams may now participate in interleague play with other leagues, subject to approval from the Board.

## Manager & Dugout Rules (Article VII)

The wording regarding the number of adults permitted in the dugout has been clarified. While the 2025 constitution stated “Manager and 2 coaches or team mom,” the 2026 version now reads “Manager and two (2) coaches or team mom,” reflecting a minor formatting change for consistency and clarity.

## Officers & Board Updates (Articles VI & VII)

While no structural changes were made to the organization of officers and the Board, the names have been updated to reflect new appointments. For 2025, Allen Debellis served as President and Samantha Meadows as Secretary. In 2026, Amber Buckhalter assumes the role of President and Rosalie Robinson as Secretary.

## Minor Formatting & Language Adjustments

- Numbers are now consistently formatted using both numerals and written form (e.g., “five (5)” instead of “5”).
- Phrasing has been clarified in several sections to improve understanding (for example, “cannot be continued” replaces “can’t be continued”).
- Minor grammatical corrections and punctuation adjustments have been made throughout the document for greater precision and readability.

