



**2024 BY-LAWS
MOUNTAINS LITTLE LEAGUE OF S.B. CO
CALIFORNIA DISTRICT 43
LEAGUE ID # 04054323**

ARTICLE I: NAME AND LOCATION

The name of the corporation is Mountains Little League of SB Co., a not for profit organization, hereinafter referred to as the "Local League". The principal mailing address shall be PO Box 3854 Lake Arrowhead, CA 92352.

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1- Eligibility.

Any person sincerely interested in active participation may become a member.

SECTION 2- Levels of Membership.

There shall be the following levels of Membership:

(a) Player Members- Any player candidate meeting the requirements of *Little League Regulation IV* and who reside or attend an accredited school within the authorized boundaries of the Local League shall be eligible to compete for participation but shall have no rights, duties, or obligations in the management or in the property of the local league.

(b) Regular Members- Any adult actively interested in furthering the goals of the Local League may become a Board Member upon election as hereafter provided. All Officers, Board Members, Committee Members, Managers, Coaches and other elected or appointed officials must be in good standing.

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(c) Honorary Members- Any person may be elected as Honorary Member by the unanimous vote of all Directors present at any duly held meeting of the Board of Directors but shall have no rights, duties, or obligations in the management or the property of the Local League.

SECTION 3- Rights of Membership

Members shall have the following rights pursuant to their good standing status:

- (a) Eligibility to serve on the Board
- (b) Eligibility to serve as a Manager, Coach, or Team Parent in the Local League
- (c) Eligibility to vote in general meeting elections

SECTION 4- Complaints and Disciplinary Action.

All complaints against a Board Member, Regular Member, Manager, Coach, Umpire, other Volunteer or Player **shall be submitted in writing and addressed to the President.** The President will present the complaint to the Board for discussion and resolution.

- o The Board, by a two-thirds vote, shall have the authority to suspend or remove any Board Member, Regular Member, Manager, Coach, Umpire, other Volunteer, Parent, or Player from participation in League activities consistent with Little League International Due Process Guidelines.
- o The President shall have the authority to immediately suspend any member of the League until the next regularly scheduled Board meeting for the Board to decide on the members' status.

SECTION 5 – Code of Conduct

All volunteers of the Local League shall model the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage, and respect for authority always.

- o All volunteers shall be required to sign the Volunteer Code of Conduct; to which they are expected to always adhere.
- o **Refusal to sign the Volunteer Code of Conduct is sufficient grounds for removal, as is non-compliance.**

SECTION 6 - Board Member Voting Procedures

Voting will be conducted as set forth in *Robert's Rules of Order* and the local league Constitution.

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 online at the pre-determined registration time. If a Player wishes to register beyond the registration deadline set by the Local League, then the Player may petition to do so by contacting the Player Agent. The Local League shall determine the specific dates and times for registration, tryouts, and player drafts.

SECTION 3 – Tryout Attendance

Each player must attend at least one of the scheduled tryouts to be eligible to be drafted onto a team. (Unless otherwise directed.)

- o Players who fail to attend at least one of the tryouts, who are not declared by the Board to be eligible for the draft shall be placed after the completion of the draft by the Player Agent.

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SECTION 4 – Participation Fees

The League Officers shall review the financial status of the league for the previous session and provide suggestion to the Board on the amount of the participation fee. The Board will vote on the suggestion or make change to the amount of the participation fee. The vote should be by two-thirds majority of those present at any constituted meeting. Refunds will be considered and provided pursuant to the Local League’s Refund policy.

ARTICLE III - FACILITY RULES AND USAGE

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

SECTION 1 - Game Rules and Schedules

Cancellation of games due to weather, or other natural causes, will be determined by the President in consultation with the field coordinator and safety coordinator.

ARTICLE IV - LOCAL LEAGUE STRUCTURE

SECTION 1 - Division Structure

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

A. TEE BALL DIVISION - League age 4-5-6 Years Old.

- To be eligible to participate in the T-Ball division, players must be league age four (4), five (5) or six (6) per the Little League age chart, with an option for seven (7) year old players, to be evaluated by the local league player agent to play up or down.
- Team selection will be done by the Player Agent. The location of players’ home address will be taken into consideration for placement onto a team that is closest to their region.
- T-Ball teams shall carry no more than twelve (12) players

B. FARM DIVISION (COACH PITCH) - League Age 7-8 Years Old.

- To be eligible to participate in the Farm division, players must be league seven (7) or eight (8), reside or attend school within the established boundaries of the local league. Players not eligible for this division by age can be considered for the Farm division with a written or verbal request from the parent for an evaluation to be completed by the Local League Player Agent, who will determine if the suitability of the player to be placed in the requested division
- Farm teams shall not carry more than twelve (12) players.
 - Due to tendencies for late registrations, it is strongly recommended that Farm team rosters have no more than ten (10) players at the conclusion of the draft, leaving room for growth.

C. MINOR LEAGUE DIVISION BASEBALL (PLAYER PITCH) - League Age 8-9-10 Years Old.

- To be eligible to participate in the Minor division, players must be league age Nine (9) or Ten (10), reside or

attend school within the established boundaries of the local league.

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- Eight (8) year old players can be considered for the Minor Division with a written or verbal request for the evaluation to be done by the Local League Player Agent, who will determine if the player can play in the requested division.
- Due to tendencies for late registrations, it is strongly recommended that Minor team rosters have no more than eleven (11) players at the conclusion of the draft, leaving room for growth.

D. MINOR LEAGUE DIVISION SOFTBALL (PLAYER PITCH) – League Age 7-8-9-10 Years Old

- In order to be eligible to participate in the Minor division, players must be league age Seven (7) to ten (10), reside or attend school within the established boundaries of the local league. Six (6) and eleven (11) year old players can be considered for the Minor Division with a written or verbal request for evaluation to be done by the local league Player Agent, who will determine if the player can play in the requested division.
- Due to tendencies for late registrations, it is strongly recommended that Minor team rosters have no more than eleven (11) players at the conclusion of the draft, leaving room for growth.

E. MAJOR (LITTLE LEAGUE) BASEBALL & SOFTBALL DIVISION – League age 10, 11, and 12 Years Old. ○ To be eligible to participate in the Major division, players must be league age eleven (11) or twelve (12), reside or attend school within the established boundaries of the local league.

- Ten (10) year old players can be considered for the Major Division with a written or verbal request for evaluation to be done by the local league Player Agent, who will determine if the player can play in the requested division.
- Major teams shall carry a roster of at least Twelve (12) players but no more than fifteen (15).

F. INTERMEDIATE (50/70) BASEBALL DIVISION – League age 11, 12 and 13 Years Old.

- To be eligible to participate in the Intermediate division, players must be league age eleven (11), twelve (12), or thirteen (13) reside or attend school within the established boundaries of the local league. ○ Intermediate teams shall carry a roster of at least Twelve (12) players but no more than fifteen (15).

F. JUNIOR DIVISION BASEBALL & SOFTBALL – League Age 12-14 Years Old.

- To be eligible to participate in the Junior division, players must be league age thirteen (13) or fourteen (14), reside or attend school within the established boundaries of the local league.
- Twelve (12) year old players can be considered for the Intermediate Division with a written or verbal request for evaluation to be done by the local league Player Agent, who will determine if the player can play in the requested division.
- Junior teams shall carry a roster of not more than 15 players.

G. SENIOR DIVISION BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL – League Age 13-14-15-16 Years Old.

- To be eligible to participate in the Senior division, players must be league age thirteen (13), fourteen (14), fifteen (15) or sixteen (16), reside or attend school within the established boundaries of the local league. Senior teams shall carry a roster of not more than 15 players.
- Twelve (12) year old players can be considered for the Senior Division with a written or verbal request for evaluation to be done by the local league Player Agent, who will determine if the player can play in the requested division.

SECTION 2 – Draft, Selection, and Player Eligibility

A. SENIOR, JUNIOR, INTERMEDIATE (50/70), MAJOR, MINOR, and FARM DIVISIONS

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PLAYER DRAFT:

- To normalize the talent on each team, a draft procedure will be chosen by the board from the little league rule book. The player agent will conduct the draft unless he/she is a coach in one of the respective leagues. In those cases, the league President or another board member will oversee the draft. The draft procedures will be approved ahead of time.
- The draft shall be completed according to Draft Plan B as described in the Little League Rule Book.

MANAGER'S AND COACH'S OPTIONS

- Managers in all divisions shall have a manager's option on their own sons, daughters, and siblings of players they have drafted to their team and shall draft them accordingly per the little league rule book.
- Pursuant to Draft Plan B, coaches are not selected until after the Draft, so therefore there are no Coaches' Options.

B. T-BALL DIVISION

- In lieu of implementing a draft, the Local League Player Agent will divide the players into a specified number of teams based on the number of registered players, organized by location of residence within league boundaries.

ARTICLE V - ALL-STAR SELECTION PROCESS AND TOC

SECTION 1 - Selection of Managers & Coaches

The Local League will select managers who are in good standing, and have demonstrated Little League values of development, good sportsmanship, and player success. The manager, with the approval of the Local League President will select two coaches for each All-Star team.

SECTION 2 - Selection of Players:

Players will be selected by a process approved by the Local League. The manner of selection will be communicated to Members prior to selection.

Players are selected as follows: The first 6 players on the roster will be selected by a numeric vote of the players/peers in the respective divisions. The balance of the roster is to be selected by the Named All Star Manager.

All rosters are subject to approval by the Local League's Player Agent and President.

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

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 OR BY THE GOVERNING LOCAL DISTRICT

SECTION 3 – TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS

The Local League has the option to participate in the Tournament of Champions as organized by District 43. First place teams from Senior/Juniors, Majors and Minors are eligible to participate and will wear their regular season uniforms for the Tournament.

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District 43 leadership shall determine the dates, times, and locations of the Tournament.

ARTICLE VI: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1- Authority

The management of the property and affairs of the Local League shall be vested in the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2- Elections

The Board of Directors will be elected in October at the Annual Membership Meeting. The Board's term of Office shall continue until its successors are elected and qualified under this section.

SECTION 3- Eligibility

To campaign for a position on the Board of Directors, the candidate must be a Regular Member in good standing.

SECTION 4- Board Meetings, Notice and Quorum

Regular meetings for the Board of Directors shall be held immediately following the annual election and, on such days, thereafter, as shall be determined by the Board. The President or the Secretary may, whenever they deem it advisable, call for a Special Meeting of the Board, providing notice as defined in the Local League's Constitution. Notice of each meeting shall be given by the secretary to each Director pursuant to the Local League's Constitution.

SECTION 5- Duties and Powers of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall have power to appoint such standing committees as it shall determine appropriate and to delegate such powers to them as the Board shall deem advisable and which it may properly delegate.

ARTICLE VII - DEFINITIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

SECTION 1- Officers

The Officers of the Local League, also known as the Executive Board, shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary/Information Officer, Treasurer, Player Agent, Coaching Coordinator, and Safety Officer. All Officers shall hold office for the ensuing year or until their successor is duly elected. The Board of directors may appoint such other officers or agents as it may deem necessary or desirable and may prescribe the powers and duties of each and may fill any vacancy which may occur in any office.

- The duties and responsibilities of the Officers shall be as designated in the Local League's Constitution.

SECTION 2 – Umpires

- The Umpire-In-Chief shall be directly responsible to the President

- The Umpire-In-Chief's duties are as indicated in the Local League's Constitution.
- Umpires shall complete a Volunteer Application and submit to the background check process of the Local League as a condition for appointment.
- Umpires shall sign the Volunteer Code of Conduct; to which they are expected to always adhere. o The Umpires' Role in on-field interaction is defined in the Little League Rule Book.

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SECTION 3 – Managers

- Managers are required to complete a volunteer application and submit to a background check each season. o Managers shall sign and adhere to the League's Volunteer Code of Conduct.
- Managers are required to attend all managers' meetings held by the league.
- Managers shall attend fundamentals training at least every two years.
- Managers shall attend First Aid training every year.
- Managers shall attend Child Protection training every year.
- Managers shall attend the Rules Clinic every year.
- Managers will meet all paperwork submission deadlines.
- Managers are responsible to insure the adherence to all of the relevant components of the League's Safety Plan.
- The Home team is responsible for scorekeeping and setting up the field (drag, chalk, bases) and tearing down of fields. If the home team does not provide an official scorekeeper, the game is forfeited.
- Visiting team is responsible for providing snack bar coverage.

ARTICLE VIII – EQUIPMENT

All playing equipment issued to Managers/Coaches by the Equipment Manager is the sole property of Mountains Little League.

- o Equipment shall be issued to Managers prior to the start of practices. A receipt detailing all equipment that was issued will be filled out and signed by the Equipment Manager and the team Manager/Coach. o All team managers shall instruct players on proper use and care of all league equipment. o All league-owned equipment shall be returned to the Equipment Manager on scheduled returned dates.

ARTICLE IIX – TIME LIMITS AND CURFEWS

T-Ball

- All T-Ball games shall have a forty-five (45) minute time limit. A minimum of two at bats per team.
- T-ball games will not start later than 7PM, so no curfew is necessary.

Farm

- All Farm games shall have a ~~ninety (90) minute time limit~~ **one hour (60) minute time limit and the half inning shall be completed. OR 3 innings to be completed. Whichever comes first.(Amendment for 2024)**
- Farm games will not start later than 7PM, so no curfew is necessary.

Minor Baseball and Softball

- All Minor games shall have a (1) one-hour, (45) forty-five-minute time limit, meaning **that no new inning shall start after (1) one hour and (30) thirty minutes and game ends at time limit. (Amended for 2024)** Innings in progress shall be completed.
 - Except in the event of a tie.

- Curfew is 10:00 P.M.; If a game is **called** due to curfew or any other reason it is a regulation game if the following has been met: SEE RULE 4.10 (a) through (f) in the Little League Rule Book. If the game has NOT been deemed regulated it will be resumed another day at the point in which the game was called.
- Any game that ends in a tie, and can't be continued because of curfew, shall be suspended and completed on a later date if it has a bearing on first place or All-Star qualification in the Minor division.

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Major Baseball and Softball

- All Major games shall have a (2) two-hour time limit, meaning that no new inning shall start after (1) hours and (45) minutes then the game ends at the time limit. (amended for 2024) Innings in progress shall be completed.
 - ❖ Except in the event of a tie.
- Curfew is 10:30 P.M.; If a game is **called** due to curfew or any other reason it is a regulation game if the following has been met: SEE RULE 4.10 (a) through (f) in the Little League Rule Book. If the game has **NOT** been deemed regulated it will be resumed another day at the point in which the game was called
- Any game that ends in a tie, and can't be continued because of curfew, shall be suspended and completed on a later date if it has a bearing on first place or All-Star qualification in the Major division.

Junior Baseball and Softball, and Senior Baseball and Softball

- Time limits shall be dictated by the District 43 Upper Division Interleague rules and Interleague Softball By-Laws.
- Curfew is 11:00 P.M.

ARTICLE IX – TEAM PRACTICES

SECTION 1 - Time and Place

- All Practice schedules must be approved by the Coaching Coordinator or Board before practices begin.
- Locations must be covered by Little League Insurance.
- Due to the lack of fields available please be courteous in sharing the space and times with other teams.

SECTION 2 - Unsanctioned Practices

- No Team may practice without the knowledge of the Local League.

SECTION 3 - Practices and Practice Games

- Please refer to the Little League Rule Book for Practice requirements and rules.
- Any team who does not follow the guidelines provided will be subject to suspension of activities.

ARTICLE X – GAME SCHEDULES AND POSTPONED GAMES

SECTION 1 – Schedule Availability and Changes

Game Schedules will be distributed as soon as possible following the draft of teams. Game Schedules are subject to change, and every effort will be made to provide adequate notice of the change.

SECTION 2 - Postponed or Rained-Out Games

- Postponed or rained-out games shall be made up as quickly as possible and subject to field availability.

- T-Ball and Farm games will be made up as time and field availability permit.

ARTICLE XI – LOCAL RULES BY DIVISION

T-Ball

- Teams are permitted to have one manager and 3 coaches during the game.
- There shall be free defensive substitution.
- All players on the roster can be on the field during defensive play.

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Farm

- Teams are permitted to have one manager and two coaches in the dugout during the game.
- There shall be free defensive substitution.
- Players may not sit defensively in consecutive innings.
- Farm will be all Coach pitch for the season.
- After a team has scored 5 runs the inning is automatically over.

Minor Baseball and Softball

- There shall be free defensive substitution.
- All players will bat in the lineup continuously for the entire game (interleague bylaws may differ).
- Players may not sit defensively in consecutive innings.
- 5 run rule shall be in effect until the season is halfway complete, at which time it will be removed.
- When the 5 run rule is implemented, the last inning of play shall be an “open” inning, wherein no 5 run rule applies.

Major Baseball and Softball

- The Local League will adopt Rule 4.10(e) regarding the stoppage of play, or the “run rule”.
- 5 run rule shall be in effect until the season is halfway complete, at which time it will be removed. o When the 5 run rule is implemented, the last inning of play shall be an “open” inning, wherein no 5 run rule applies.

Junior and Senior Baseball and Junior and Senior Softball

- All Playing Rules will default to the Little League Rule Book or that of District 43 Interleague Rules.

ARTICLE XII – MISCELLANEOUS

The Board of Directors has the authority to rule on any matter not specifically covered by the Constitution and By-Laws.

These Bylaws have been approved by the Local League Board of Directors.

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