



## BY-LAWS 2019

### Section 1.

The Jefferson County Little League Board shall organize try-outs for all players. All players being considered for an increase in level of play will need the approval of the Player Agent before team placement occurs.

### Section 2.

Teams shall be drafted within Little League. Regulations and as specified:

- (a) All drafts and try-outs shall be conducted by the Player Agents(s) or his/her designated board member.
- (b) Minor division selections shall be made after the Major division draft.
- (c) Managers/coaches wishing to select their own child shall notify the Player Agent prior to the selections. The player must be selected according to the following:
- (d) Each team shall consist of no more than ONE manager and TWO coaches on the roster.
  - i. NOTE - SONS\DAUGHTERS OF MANAGERS and COACHES
    - 1. No other relation to a player can affect the draft without the prior approval of the Board. A manager or coach who has sons/daughters eligible for the draft who wishes to draft them must state so to the Player Agent prior to the draft. If so stated, the parent-manager is required to exercise this option on the third draft round. Parent-manager option takes priority over any other option. This option must be exercised on the third round also, fourth round if the manager is also exercising this option.
- (e) Teams need to be evenly distributed by age per JCLL By-Law age chart.
- (f) Teams will be filled from the following pools;
  - a. T-Ball from the pool of four (4), five (5), six (6), and seven (7) year olds.
  - b. Rookies (girls and boys) from the pool of six (6) to eight (8) year olds.
    - i. Must have played one year of T-ball for consideration.
  - c. Minors from the pool of seven (7) to eleven (11) year olds.
  - d. Majors from the pool of nine (9) to twelve (12) year olds.
  - e. 50/70, if available, from the pool of eleven (11) to thirteen (13) year olds.
  - f. Juniors from the pool of twelve (12) to fourteen (14) year olds.

- (g) Age level is determined by birthday according to Little League International guidelines, not age at time of play.
- (h) Accommodations must be made for siblings playing in the same division.
- (i) Number of players for T-ball and Rookies can be a minimum of 9 and a maximum of 15. Minors, Majors and Juniors is 12-15 players.
- (j) Player agent must approve all player placement.

### Section 3.

- (a) All players' participating in Jefferson County Little League shall play a minimum of two (2) consecutive innings of defense. If this does not happen (because of a shortened game), the player must complete the next game's minimum plus whatever required play they missed in the shortened game.
- (b) All managers, in all divisions, are to bat the roster in all games.
- (c) Managers may implement All-Star team management roster rules the last two weeks of the regular season against interleague teams.

### Section 4.

(a) Each manager shall present to the opposing manager a complete roster/line-up of his/her entire team prior to the start of each game. Additions to the roster/line-up after the game has begun will be given to the plate umpire who will then inform the opposing manager of the additions. Additions after the start of the game will be added to the end of the roster.

(b) Scorebooks must be kept for rookies and above. Scorebooks must reflect first and last names and player number.

### Section 5.

A manager may bench a player for illness, injury, or disciplinary reason. He is not subject to penalty if, prior to the start of the game, he advises the plate umpire, the opposing scorekeeper and the opposing manager of absent, excused or benched players. They will not be considered part of the roster. Sick or otherwise benched players may not be added to the roster once a game begins.

- a) If a player is unable to play due to an injury or disciplinary reason the manager must notify the JCLL president and safety officer within 24 hours.

### Section 6.

Scorekeepers will inform the plate umpire of managers not complying with Section 3, 4 and 5. Only the manager of the contested team shall have the right to protest based on violation of Section 3, 4 and 5. Violation of Section 3, 4 or 5 shall result in forfeiture of the game by the violating team. If the other team wins, the game will count. The violating manager shall be given a letter of reprimand by the Board for the first infraction. A further infraction may result in suspension of the manager and/or coaches.

## Section 7.

Minor division softball pitchers may move to a distance of 36 feet from home plate to commence delivery of a pitch.

## Section 8.

All minor, major, junior and senior league baseball pitching rules must be followed consistently and correctly. This includes the pitch count, rest periods and other limitations placed on the pitchers. These rules can be found in the Little League Rule book. Any managers/coaches found to be violating these rules will be given a letter of reprimand by the Board for the first infraction. A further infraction may result in suspension of the manager and/or coaches.

## Section 9

In Rookie divisions, the following rules shall apply for each regular season game.

1. The pitching machine will be used exclusively for rookies until May 1st.
2. After three missed pitches off the pitching machine (or kid pitch after May 1st) the tee will be brought out. The player gets three opportunities off the tee. The player is out if they can't hit off the tee after three attempts.
3. The player taking the position of "pitcher" during the machine pitch phase of the game shall not be considered as having pitched an inning until he/she actually throws a pitch.
4. The coach operating the pitching machine will make every attempt to not interfere in the play of the game. If interference occurs it shall be considered accidental unless otherwise determined by the plate umpire. If interference purposely occurs, another coach shall replace the coach operating the pitching machine. Coaches operating the pitching machine shall not coach players while operating the machine unless an assistant coach is not present.
5. Rookie Division baseball players may move to a distance of 36 feet from home plate to commence delivery of a pitch.
6. The JCLL Board reserves the right to amend the rookie division rules at any time during the season to accommodate the needs of the league.

## Section 10.

No sharing helmets between opposing teams will occur in any division at home or away games.

## Section 11.

All league games shall not begin later than 6:00 p.m., if both teams can legally field a team. If by 6:15 p.m., one or both teams cannot legally field a team, the umpire shall declare the game a forfeit. With the exception of T-ball and Rookies can legally field a game with less than 9 players. The umpire's watch shall be used to determine the time. Two adult base coaches may be used at any level of play as deemed by the team manager, as long as there is a remaining adult in the dugout. Forfeits do not count for either team as a played game when calculating All Stars eligibility.

#### Section 12.

Umpires must be able to pass a background check. All volunteers must submit and provide a volunteer form online if volunteering for more than one game.

#### Section 13.

During the school year:

- (a) All T-ball weekday games shall not start a new inning after 7:30 p.m...
- (b) If a game is called, it is a regulation game: if four innings (Junior/Senior/Big League: 5 innings)
- (c) Minors, Majors, 50/70 and Juniors Division games shall not have a time limit.
- (d) An inning is deemed to start as soon as the home team makes the third out. The plate umpire shall determine when the game ends based upon safety concerns.

#### Section 14.

Selection of Tournament All-Star Teams:

- (a) All eligible players will submit their interest in playing for the JCLL All-Star Teams. Only these players who submit their interest by June 1st will be eligible.
  - a. All parents will be notified of the deadline and application process.
- (b) JCLL board will select All Star Managers from applicants who express interest by June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- (c) All Managers will be invited to the All-Star Manager Selection meeting, and have the option to vote in their division if present.
  - I. If manger is also a member of the board, they do not get more than one vote.
- (d) The board of directors will meet with the managers and coaches of each division and come up with the All Star teams. The Managers and Coaches of the regular season will select nine players for the All Star team. The Manager of the All Star team will get to select the remainder of the roster.
- (e) The lists will be given to the President. The President, with the help of the Player Agent, will approve the lists from each section and from this approved list the All Star Teams for each division are created. If any dispute occurs, the President will make the final determination.

- (f) Only one team from each division will be selected for All Stars, in addition a time and date will be selected for an all-star try out as needed.
- (g) All of the above with the Board approval.

#### Section 15.

##### All-star rules:

- (a) The tournament schedules shall be made available at the start of the regular season by the league, President if available.
- (b) The All Star manager shall be at least 21 years old and the All Star coaches at least 18 years old. Any regular season manager or coach is eligible for selection as the manager of an All-star team providing he/she has attended a majority of his/her team's regular season games. The Board may make an exception to this rule only if a suitable All-star manager or coach cannot be found in the division.
- (c) Uniforms need to be color coordinated, approved, and ordered by the Jefferson County Little League Board.

#### Section 16.

##### Advancement of All-Star team past state:

- (a) If a JCLL All-star team advances to the regional division play offs the league shall provide \$40 (forty) dollars per day per player while the team is still in tournament play. If any exceptions occur the JCLL Board shall make a determination for any additional expenses.

#### Section 17.

- (a) All Board members need to be present at 70% of board meetings or can be voted off the board after attendance drops below 70%.

#### Section 18.

In accordance with Little League Rule 9.00 the umpire shall have the authority to deal with spectators as he or she sees fit to insure a positive and safe environment for all in attendance, including suspension of the game. If umpire is forced to take action beyond verbal warning the umpire to notify JCLL board, in writing, with the details of the event including names of offending persons. JCLL board to determine if further action is or is not required.

#### Section 19.

All board members and managers must uphold the conduct guidelines outlined by Little League International for interaction in emails, texting, and social media.

**ARTICLE XII AMENDMENTS**

This Constitution and By-laws may be amended, repealed or altered in whole or in part by a majority vote at any duly organized meeting of the Board of Directors. Draft of all proposed amendments shall be submitted to Little League Baseball, Incorporated, for approval.

Date Ratified: November 26, 2018

<u>/s/ Stacy Lacey</u>	<u>11-26-18</u>	<u>/s/Rhian Silbernagel</u>	<u>11-26-18</u>
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<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Date</b>

<u>/s/ Rodney Lacey</u>	<u>11-26-18</u>
<b>Safety Officer</b>	<b>Date</b>

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