

**BRAZOSWOOD LITTLE LEAGUE
LOCAL LEAGUE RULES**

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The following are Brazoswood Little League local rules, promulgated in accordance with Article IX, Section 3 of the Brazoswood Little League Constitution. Any changes made to the original document after adoption, must be approved by the Brazoswood Little League Board of Directors.

ARTICLE I - DEFINITIONS:

- 1.01 **“BWLL”** shall mean and refer to the Brazoswood Little League.
- 1.02 **“Board of Directors”** shall mean and refer to the Board of Directors of the Brazoswood Little League.
- 1.03 **“Tee Ball”** shall mean and refer to an acknowledged division of Little League for players, age 4 to 5 years of age, and may include 6-year-olds.
- 1.04 **“Minor(s)”** shall mean and refer to an acknowledged division of Little League for players, age 6 to 12 years of age. Divisions may be established in this league as; AAA (Minors), AA (Farm Minors), A (Machine Pitch), Rookie Ball (Coach Pitch).
- 1.05 **“Major(s)”** shall mean and refer to an acknowledged division of Little League for players, age 9 to 12 years of age.

ARTICLE II – ELIGIBILITY

- 2.01 The Board of Directors will determine when registration will close and is responsible for communicating these dates prior to, and during the registration period. The BWLL President shall manage any applicants who wish to register after the registration period ends, on a case-by-case basis.
- 2.02 The following process will be used to handle any candidates that are accepted into the league after registration closes. The names of those candidates who do not tryout before the draft shall be placed into a hat to be taken by blind draft, during the draft, the Player Agent shall place any candidate who registers into a pool of players for each age level. After the pool reaches three or more players in an age level, the Player Agent shall assign the players by a draw of names from a hat in a manner that will balance the rosters of the teams. The BWLL President or a Vice President(s) must be present for the draw. There is no requirement for the presence of any manager. The BWLL may deviate from this process if a player is in the pool for more than two weeks. In either event, the player will be assigned by a random draw in a manner that will balance the rosters of the teams. For example, if four teams have eleven players and six teams have twelve players, the player will be assigned by a random draw of the teams having eleven players.
- 2.03 All candidates who will attain the age of eight (8) years on or before August 31st and who will not attain the age of thirteen (13) years on or before August 31st shall be eligible for selection by draft on any Major or Minor league team of the BWLL, provided that the player has tried out (See rule 1-A for exception). Tryouts will be set up based on their respective division and will be designated as Major or Minor in their respective division. When a Major League team is faced with adding an additional nine-year-old player to their roster, the manager of the team must confer with the Player Agent and the BWLL President or Vice President to obtain approval.
- 2.04 If any player is not selected during the Majors division draft, for any reason, the player shall be referred down to the AAA (Minors) division for team assignment and/or draft.

Note: At registration, the BWLL President or his/her designee shall confirm whether or not each 9 to 12-year-old player's parents desire their child to be eligible for the initial draft to a Major League team by checking off a box for Minor or Major League and will verify this on their registration form. Parents should be aware that the Minor League is an integral part of the Little League program, and from time-to-time Minor League players may be subject to call-ups by a Major League team. Any 9-12 year old child in the Minor League would be eligible to be called up to a Major League team provided that he/she did participate in tryouts. Parents should also be aware that selecting the Major League does not automatically guarantee that the child will be drafted to a Major League team. See the Little League Official Regulations and Playing Rules, Regulations section, part VIII.

ARTICLE III - NUMBER OF TEAMS – MAJORS

- 3.01 If team reductions must occur from the previous year, the BWLL President will reduce the numbers appropriately.

The team to be reduced will be a team without the same manager assigned as the previous year and with the fewest number of returning players. If there is more than one team meeting these criteria, then the BWLL President will determine which team will be dissolved. If all teams have their previous manager returning, the criteria will go strictly by the team with the fewest number of returning players. This process will be completed by the start of player tryouts. After determining which team will be dissolved, those affected players will be notified that they need to attend the player try out.

Note: If, at the completion of try outs, it is determined that additional eleven (11) or twelve (12) year old players have registered and tried out so that there are enough players to not have to eliminate teams, then the team reduction process held prior will be nullified and the teams that were dissolved will be reinstated.

- 3.02 Expansion: If team additions must occur from the previous year, we will follow the procedures as defined in the Little League Green Book.

ARTICLE IV – DRAFT

For purposes of the Draft, BWLL will utilize the Conventional Draft Plan, as defined in the Little League Green Book.

- 4.01 During the draft, only managers will be allowed to attend. No outside communication during the draft will be allowed. This includes cell phones, email, or any other communication with anyone outside of the room where the draft is being held. A manager may send a substitute in his/her place if he/she cannot attend, but he/she must get approval from the BWLL President or Vice President(s) before the start of the draft. The BWLL President and/or Vice President(s), and/or Player Agent will normally conduct the draft, but they may invite any other Board of Directors members to the draft in order to ensure the draft is conducted in an orderly fashion.
- 4.02 Only players selected in the current draft may be traded. Trades shall be completed by the end of the draft session, which includes time allotted for trades after the last player is picked. All trades shall be approved by the BWLL President and/or Vice President(s), Player Agent, and any managers involved in the trade.
- 4.03 This section intentionally left blank.
- 4.04 The draft for teams in the Majors shall be conducted as follows:

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- 4.04.01 The draft order will be in reverse order of finish from the previous season in every round. Team win/loss records in games counting towards final league standings will determine the order of finish. Any teams with identical records will resolve the tie:
- 1) head-to-head results
 - 2) common record against other teams
 - 3) total runs for and against in head-to-head games, and then
 - 4) coin toss

Note: At the end of each season, the scorekeeper will determine and communicate to the Board of Directors the official final division standings that will determine the subsequent Major League draft order.

- 4.04.02 If it was determined that team reduction must occur, the affected players from the dissolved team(s) will be redistributed to the remaining teams in the following manner:

A preliminary draft will be held, prior to the regular draft, for those affected players on the team or teams that have been dissolved. The last place team from the previous year will have first choice in this draft. That team will have the option to either select one of the players or they may pass. If they choose a player, then they will add his/her name to their team roster. The second to the last team will choose next, and may either select a player or pass. This will continue until all of the affected players have been selected or all teams have had an opportunity to choose or pass. If any affected players were not selected after giving all the teams a chance to choose, the names of any teams that passed will each be written on a slip of paper and put into a “hat”. The names of the remaining players will then be read alphabetically and a team name drawn from the “hat”. The team drawn for each player remaining will then add that player to their roster. Teams remaining in the “hat”, after all affected player names have been read, will not make any changes to their team roster.

- 4.04.03 Any Major League team requiring eight or more players to complete its roster shall so state prior to the draft, and they will be allowed one bonus selection at the completion of round four of the draft. If more than one team is eligible for a bonus pick under this selection, the order of selection shall be the same as that being followed in the regular portion of the draft.
- 4.04.04 The player agent is responsible for monitoring the number of twelve-year old(s) to assure that they will be drafted.
- 4.04.05 Any 12-year-old who does not wish to play on a Major League team must have a waiver signed by the District 18 President on file with the league.
- 4.04.06 Any team that has a manager who has a son or daughter, who is eligible, must so state this fact to the player agent prior to the draft. The player agent will announce this to all the managers involved in the draft prior to the beginning of the draft. The father/mother manager shall exercise his/her option prior to the close of the specific rounds, as follows:

Son/Daughter Age	Draft Round
9/10	5
11	4
12	3

- 4.04.07 A team may submit an option on a youth if the youth has a brother or sister presently on the team. If such an option is submitted, the manager MUST draft the sibling within the first three draft rounds.
- 4.04.08 When there are two or more siblings in the draft, once one sibling is drafted, the manager drafting the first sibling MUST take the other sibling(s) in the next round(s), unless the parent(s) have specified otherwise. The only exception to this rule is if the next round is the manager’s

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son. For example if the managers son is the fifth round then the selection would be the 4th and 6th rounds with the managers son in the 5th round. This includes siblings of different ages, 9 to 12 years of age.

- 4.04.09 This section intentionally left blank.
- 4.04.10 With the exception of league expansion (Article III, Section 3.02), if a Major League manager releases a player for any other reason, the player must try out and enter the draft as an option. Any players released shall be taken prior to the regular draft session in a supplemental draft that will be conducted as follows:
- 4.04.10.01 The number of rounds in the supplemental draft will be determined by the team with the most open positions for the draft. By way of example, if any team is returning with no more than four players and can place up to 8 on their roster, the supplemental draft will go 8 rounds, if necessary.
 - 4.04.10.02 The supplemental draft order will be in reverse order of finish from the previous season, just as the regular draft will be conducted. At the end of the first round, the order will continue in the same order as the first round (not serpentine).
 - 4.04.10.03 Only those teams with positions available for players of the same age group as the released player(s) will participate.
 - 4.04.10.04 The draft will start with the first team eligible to draft a released player either taking or passing on any of the available players. It will then proceed to the next team eligible until all teams have had the opportunity to either draft or pass on the players. The draft will then proceed through each successive round as necessary to draft each eligible player.
 - 4.04.10.05 Any team that selects a player in the supplemental draft for released players will lose their corresponding draft pick in the regular draft. For instance, if team “A” selects a released player in the first round of the supplemental draft, that player will be recorded in the draft records as their first-round pick in the regular draft. If team “B” selects a released player in the 3rd round of the supplemental draft, that player will be recorded in the draft records as their third-round pick of the regular draft. And so on. Stated differently, if a team selects a released player in the 1st, 2nd, 3rd round, etc., that player becomes the selecting team’s draft choice for the corresponding regular draft selection round.
 - 4.04.10.06 If, at the end of the supplemental draft there are released players who have not been taken, they will be arranged in alphabetical order. The names of the eligible teams who have not taken a released player will then be put in a hat and have the remaining players assigned by blind draw to be conducted by the League President and Player Agent. If the team drawn for any certain released player was the team that released the player, another team will be drawn for that player and the releasing team will be placed back into the hat for any other released players.
 - 4.04.10.07 If, after the first round of the blind draw there are still released players who have not been drafted, all names of all teams that were eligible to draft two players in the supplemental draft, and who have not done so, will be placed in the hat for blind drawn. The supplemental draft will continue in this fashion until all released players have been placed on eligible teams.

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- 4.04.11 Should any released players be placed on teams by the blind draw, they shall be inserted into the last eligible regular draft slot for that team.
- 4.04.12 It is recommended that a Major league team not have more than 8 players of the same age.
- 4.05 The draft for teams in the Minors will be conducted using the Serpentine Draft Plan as defined in the Little League Green Book. Minors is referred to as; AAA (Minors), AA (Farm Minors), divisions, shall be conducted as follows:
- 4.05.01 When there are two or more siblings in the draft, once one sibling is drafted, the manager drafting the first sibling **MUST** take the other sibling(s) in the next available round(s), unless the parent(s) have specified otherwise. The only exception to this rule is if the next round is the manager's son. For example, if the managers son is the fifth round then the selection would be the 4th and 6th rounds with the managers son in the 5th round. This includes siblings of different ages, 8 to 9 years of age.
- 4.05.02 Any team that has a manager who has a son or daughter, who is eligible, must so state this fact to the player agent prior to the draft. The player agent will announce this to all the managers involved in the draft prior to the beginning of the draft. The father/mother manager shall exercise his/her option prior to the close of the specific rounds, as follows:

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ARTICLE V – MANAGER SELECTION

- 5.01 The following process will be used for approving managers:
- 5.01.01 A call for applications will be put out at least 1 week prior to the final manager approval meeting.
- 5.01.02 Persons desiring to manage a team will apply to the BWLL President or Vice President(s).
- 5.01.03 The Local League President will propose a list of managers to the BWLL Board of Directors for approval. Discussion and a majority vote by the Board of Directors will authorize the proposed list of managers. If it does not carry, further discussion will occur and the BWLL President will propose an alternate of candidates for voting. This process will continue until a proposed list of candidates are approved. The BWLL President has the final approval and/or denial of all managers.
- 5.02 The following process will be used for assigning managers to teams:
- 5.02.01 Approved managers with children already on a team will be assigned that team if possible. If that is not possible (i.e., two managers with children on the same Major League team from the previous year), then the BWLL President will gain approval from the Board of Directors to move one of the new manager's children off that team. The child must also be released by the assigned manager for the coming year. The new team that he/she will be assigned will be determined at random, prior to the assignment of other managers new to the Major League as described in part (2)

Note: In this case, the player will not automatically be moved onto the team his parent will manage. He will have to be re-drafted to his parent's new team.

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- 5.02.02 New managers whose children are not already on existing teams will be assigned a team to manage at random, without regard to the quality of returning players on a particular team, the draft order of a particular team, or any other motive aside from the desire to do his/her best at leading a group of children and helping them achieve their highest potential. The random draw for teams will be conducted by the BWLL President or Vice President(s), prior to the draft.
- 5.02.03 For managers that have been selected to manage a subsequent year and do not have a child returning to the team, the approved manager may be assigned to the same team. However, if another manager is selected that has a child on that team, the new manager has the right to the team. Therefore, the previous manager will be assigned a team by random draw prior to the assignment of other managers new to the league as described above, (Section 5.02.02).

ARTICLE VI – MANAGER REQUIREMENTS

- 6.01 All managers and coaches will comply with the following requirements prior to the start of the season:
- 6.01.01 The Board of Directors will approve all managers/coaches. Only those approved will be allowed in the dugout (1 manager and 2 coaches max). The home plate umpire will approve any other coach at game time.
- 6.01.02 Either the manager or one of the approved coaches must have a current first aid and CPR certification.
- 6.01.03 Any Manager, Coach, Team Mom, and any Volunteer that is on the field at any time, must have a completed, and approved Background check completed prior to interacting with the player on the field or in the dugout.
- 6.02 Managers must ensure all field clean-up requirements are met. This includes all assigned Saturday and/or Sunday clean-up duties. This also includes pre-season field days.
- Note: The manager must ensure a representative from his team is present.**
- 6.03 Managers must adhere to the mandatory play rule, and all appropriate pitching rules (i.e., pitch count compliance, etc.). These will be checked by the scorekeeper each week.
- 6.04 If any of the above-mentioned requirements are not met, the following disciplinary action will be taken.
- 6.04.01 After the first infraction, a letter will be written to that manager.
- 6.04.02 After the second infraction, a letter will be written to that manager along with a one game suspension.
- 6.04.03 After the third infraction, the manager will be released/ banned from his Little League duties for the remainder of the season.

All exceptions to (a), (b), or (c) above shall be brought before the Board of Directors for review, with input by the manager involved.

ARTICLE VII – GAME SCHEDULES

- 7.01 The BWLL Vice President(s) and/or the League Scheduler will make the schedule of games, including inter-league contests. The number of games will be approximately 15 to 20 games and will be determined based on such things as season start and stop dates, holidays, field availability, and school functions. Time will be allotted for makeup games, league championship game, mid-season tournament, or end of season tournament.

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End of season standings will determine placement in championship games and tournaments. All teams will participate equally as home/visitor on all fields.

- 7.02 Little League rule 3.10 states that the managers of both teams will determine the fitness of the playing field, including wet fields, before the start of a game. If field fitness cannot be agreed on by both managers, then the BWLL President, or Vice President(s), or Player Agent, or Field Manager present will determine whether a game should be played. In the absence of these personnel, then the plate umpire for that game will decide whether the game should be played.
- 7.03 Rainouts will be scheduled by the Vice President(s) or League Scheduler and will normally be scheduled in the first available time slot. Managers are ultimately responsible for confirming dates and times for rescheduled games for their team. The Umpire-in-Chief will be kept informed of any rescheduled games.
- 7.04 The Major League will attempt to play a maximum number of regular season games and a single-elimination Championship Tournament by the end of the school year [for international tournament eligibility, there must be at least twelve (12) regular season games played]. The tournament will be seeded based on team overall standing at the end of the regular season. Little League Tournament pitching rules will be followed. The format will be approved by the Committee prior to the season. Changes in this format due to excessive rain, etc. will be reviewed, approved, and communicated by the Committee. Home/Visitor designation in tournament games will be determined by team seed (Home-higher seed/Visitor-lower seed). Little League tournament rules for pitching will be in use. The BWLL President will assemble a protest committee for each game to resolve any conflicts at the time of the game.
- 7.05 The following procedure will be applied when a team cannot field nine (9) players for a regular season game for Majors and AAA (Minors). A maximum of two (2) pool players may be requested to bring a team's total to 9 players. If more than two (2) pool players are needed for one team, then an automatic forfeit will be applied:

A pool of players from existing regular season teams can be created with players that are willing to participate in extra games during the regular season when teams face a shortage of rostered players for a regular season game.

Note: Players cannot be “borrowed” from an opponent. They must be assigned by the Player Agent.

- 7.05.01 The league's Player Agent will create and run the pool. The league's Player Agent will use the pool to assign players to teams that are short on players on a rotating basis.
- 7.05.02 Managers and/or coaches will not have the right to randomly pick and choose players from the pool.
- 7.05.03 Under this option, when a player participates in a game on a team other than his/her own team, such player will not be permitted to pitch or catch in that game.
- 7.05.04 Pool players that are called and show up at the game site must play at least nine consecutive outs and bat once.
- 7.05.05 Pool players must not wear the same uniform of the team for which they are supporting. Instead, it is preferred that the pool player wears his/her own team's uniform to signify he/she is a pool player and will ascertain that he/she cannot be used to pitch or catch.

ARTICLE VIII – PLAYING RULES

8.01 For playing rules, reference the BWLL Local Playing Rules.

ARTICLE IX - REPLACEMENT OF PLAYERS (MAJORS)

9.01 Section VIII of the Little League Official Regulations and Playing Rules states, the Minor League program “is an integral part of the chartered Little League program” and its players are subject to selection by draft by any Major League team of the Local League. Refusal of a player to comply shall result in forfeiture of further eligibility in the Major League for the current season.

9.02 Replacement of players may be obtained when a player is lost to a team during the playing season for any of the following reasons:

9.02.01 He/she moves.

9.02.02 He/she is injured and will not be able to return within a reasonable amount of time to play this season (Board of Directors decision).

9.02.03 He/she decides for personal reasons to terminate.

9.02.04 Any other justifiable reason. (Board of Directors decision, and vacation is not justifiable.)

9.03 “Call-ups” will not be allowed during the last 2 weeks of regular season play. Post season tournament games (Championship) are not considered regular season play. This means the call-up process must be completed by this date. Any players in the process of being called-up who have not agreed by this deadline will be left in the AAA (Minors).

9.03.01 If necessary to accommodate play during the final two weeks, a pool of players will be established to allow a team (or teams) to complete play as clarified in Article VII, Section 7.05. A manager must have less than 9 players from their original team to be eligible to draw from the pool.

9.04 The following procedure will be followed to replace a Major League player:

9.04.01 The manager of the team needing a player will notify the Player Agent or Agents within 24 hours after he knows that the player will be lost for the rest of the season. The official league scorekeeper or any manager should notify the BWLL President or Vice President(s) if he/she notices that a major league team is playing with less than a 12-man roster for 2 consecutive games. The intention of this rule is that the same player is absent from 2 consecutive games.

9.04.02 The Player Agent or Agents will provide the manager with a list of eligible players from the minor League. All players who indicated a desire to play in the Major League on their registration form and tried out for the Major program must all be offered a position on a Major team before any player who did not try out for the Major League may be selected.

9.04.03 The manager has one week from the time that it is established that he has lost a player to select a player for call-ups from the minor League from the list of eligible players. If the manager cannot find a player within one week, the Local League Board of Directors shall appoint an eligible and willing player. Players who turn down any offer to be moved to a major league team will not be eligible to move to the majors for the remainder of the season.

9.04.04 The manager will approach the player agent when he/she selects a player. If the manager approaches a player or parent directly, the manager will forfeit the right to select that player. The player agent or president in the absence of the player agent will have all contact with the player and his/her parents. The player agent will get the player and parents’ agreement. The

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player and parents will be made aware that once on a Major League team then the player is bound to that team for his career in the Major League. A player becomes a member of a Major League team when they are listed on a roster/line-up card for a major league game (and the game was played). Clarification: If a player is called up to a team, their pitching records follow that player.

- 9.05 If the player does not want to move up—he/she will be removed from the available player list and will be ineligible for Major League play for the rest of the year.
- 9.06 Any manager violating the above procedure will receive disciplinary action from the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE X – TOBACCO, ALCOHOL, AND ILLEGAL DRUGS

- 10.01 There will be no tobacco products, alcohol, or illegal drugs in use during a Little League game, practice, or workday by any managers, coaches, umpires, players, league officials, or spectators. Managers, coaches or umpires may not leave between innings to smoke, chew or dip. If you leave the playing field to do so, you will not be allowed to return. The use of tobacco is prohibited on school grounds by state ordinance.
- 10.02 Even the presence of alcohol or illegal drugs at any Little League game, practice, or workday by any manager, coach, umpire, player, league official, or spectator is strictly prohibited and is subject to discipline at the Board of Directors discretion.

ARTICLE XI - CLEAN-UP SCHEDULE, FIELD USE, BATTING CAGE USE

- 11.01 Each team is scheduled to work on clean-up duty on Saturday or Sundays. Duties include picking up trash, mowing/trimming the outside of the main fields, etc. This includes the bullpens and the batting cage. Managers will ensure that their team shows up to do the work, not just the manager. The Field Manager, BWLL President, or Vice President(s) will supply detailed instructions and information as to the items needed to be done. If rainouts have been scheduled on Sunday, try to complete work duties by 1:00 p.m. This is the time when the first make-up games can begin. Consult with the Field Manager if alternate arrangements need to be made.
- 11.02 Scheduled practice on the main fields is allowed until the Little League season officially begins. The two teams with clean up duties each weekend may hold a practice on the field provided that it does not interfere with any scheduled or make-up games. In case of inclement weather, managers should still ensure that as many clean-up duties as possible are met. The batting cage and bullpens may only be used if not interfering with the cleanup work to be done.
- 11.03 Batting cages may be used at any time by teams within Brazoswood Little League, within the following guidelines:
 - 11.03.01 Priority will be given to teams prior to their scheduled ball games. A sign-up schedule for other times, along with rules for use, will be maintained by the Field Manager or Vice President(s), and posted in the maintenance building.
 - 11.03.02 Pitching machines, balls, etc. must be stored properly, the gates locked up, and the lights turned off after each use.
 - 11.03.03 Each team will be given preference in the batting cages as follows:

Each team will be given 30 minutes for batting practice		
Cage	Home Team	Visitors

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AA – Farm Minors	AA (East) Field 1hr 30 minutes prior to scheduled game start time	AA (East) Field 1 hour prior to scheduled game start time
AAA - Minors	AAA (South) Field 1hr 30 minutes prior to scheduled game start time	AAA (South) Field 1 hour prior to scheduled game start time
Majors	Majors (North) Field 1hr 30 minutes prior to scheduled game start time	Majors (North) Field 1 hour prior to scheduled game start time

ARTICLE XII – POST SEASON TEAMS

A. Player Nomination

Upon request, each Manager of a Major, AAA, AA, and A team shall submit in writing to the President or Vice President, names of those players who are league age 7 or older that the manager desires to nominate for post season play.

There is no limit on the number of nominations a Manager may make from his or her own team. If a Manager desires to nominate a player from another team they may make a written appeal to the President or Vice President who may make the nomination at their discretion. Nominee names shall be provided to the Player Agent and all Managers who are eligible to vote for post season team selection.

B. Player Advisory Vote

During the week prior to the player selection vote referenced in Article XII Section F at the end of a game a list of all nominated players shall be provided to each player in the division the nominated players play in. Each player in the division shall have a single vote which they may give to any nominated player. When they have made their vote they shall turn their ballot immediately in to their manager, who shall in turn provide it to the President or designated board member. The player advisory vote shall be utilized as a portion of the Player discussion in item F.2.

C. Eligibility

All players league age 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 who played in the Spring Season Majors, AAA, AA, and A division and received a nomination from their Manager shall be eligible for post season team selection.

D. Player/Parent Contract

The President/Player Agent shall collect written release/contract from the parent/guardian of each nominee. Failure of a parent or guardian to return an executed release/contract will result in removal of the player from the list of eligible nominees. The contract shall specify the anticipated commitment required of each player and shall address the financial burdens involved in post-season play. The contract shall also address the reality of post- season minimum play. If the League is hosting one (1) or more post season tournaments, the League may require a specific number of volunteer hours be performed by the family of each player (regardless of whether the tournament being hosted is the one in which the player is selected for play). For example, if the League is hosting the Blue Grey Tournament, the League may require parents of children on the All-star teams to volunteer at the Blue Grey Tournament as a contingency to All-star play.

E. Selection of Managers and Coaches

Any current season manager wishing to participate in post season must submit a request to the President or Vice President in writing. The President or Vice President shall nominate their selections to

the Board for confirmation by simple majority. All regular season Majors, AAA, AA, and A Managers are eligible to participate in this vote. It is in the purview of the President or Vice President to schedule this confirmation vote.

F. Player Selection

The President or Vice President shall set the date, time, and place for the post season team selection. If the President or Vice President is not a Manager in the upper division they shall serve as chair of the selection process, otherwise the Player Agent shall serve as chair. The selection shall proceed as follows:

1. Number of players per team

At the start of the selection meeting the Managers selected for each post season team must announce the number of players that he or she has determined will be on each team, with a minimum of 12 and a maximum of 15. Blue Grey may be determined by the amount allowed per the tournament rules.

2. Player discussion

The chair shall permit each manager to introduce and briefly discuss the players he or she has nominated. The manager should be prepared to discuss the playing skill, season stats, and pros or cons of any player candidate. In addition, the President or Vice President shall represent the interests of the League and may participate in the discussion of players.

3. Voting

The President or Vice President shall tally all votes during the selection process. At the completion of the discussion, the Managers shall vote as follows:

a. Round One

Each Manager shall vote for the number of players determined by the President or Vice President (i.e., 6 players). Those voting must vote for the specific number required and may not vote for more or less in each round. However, the nominating Manager may not vote for any player he or she nominated. Any player receiving a unanimous vote (excepting the player's manager who must abstain) shall be placed on the team. The votes from round one will carry over then be added to the votes of round two.

b. Round Two & Thereafter

Those voting will be given a second opportunity to discuss the players remaining and the needs of the team in light of the players who have been selected. The President or Vice President will determine the number of positions remaining for vote in round two. For example, the President or Vice President may declare that each Manager is to vote for 4 players in the second round. Thereafter, the voters will vote in accordance with the above system for those remaining players for the number of players determined by the President or Vice President. The votes from round one will carry over (up to 50%) then be added to the votes of round 2. For example, if a player received 2 votes in round one, that player would be credited with 1 carry over vote into round 2 to be added to any additional votes obtained in round 2. Any Player that receives a total combined vote of 10 or more votes at the end of round 2 shall automatically be placed on the team until the team is filled (except Manager selections). If more players than needed receive 10 or more votes, the players with the most votes shall be selected in that order. Additional rounds shall continue if necessary, until the team is filled. Between each round, further discussion may occur. In case of a tie for last position, there will be a tiebreaker vote by the voters. If there is a second tie, the manager shall make a necessary tiebreaker pick.

c. Manager's Selection

The Manager shall be permitted to select the last one (1) player onto the team. Should the Little League Division (12's) manager decide to select twelve (12) players onto the team (pursuant to the above stipulations) he will have the two (2) last picks. These options are designed to provide the Manager the opportunity to select his/her own child if not otherwise selected to

the team through the above system; and to select players based on specific needs of the Manager (i.e., additional catchers, pitchers etc.). The Manager need not select the players with the next highest number of votes. However, if the Manager decides to select a player that does not have the next highest number of votes, the Manager must be prepared to justify that decision on review. If the Manager desires to waive his selections, the next highest vote getters will be selected to the two positions. The Manager's selections shall be subject to review, by the President or Vice President. The President or Vice President shall lead such review discussion which shall consist of the following: (1) requirement for Manager to justify reason for the decision; (2) review of the player's performance and in comparison, to that of the remaining players unselected; and (3) review of the impact of such selection on other post season teams within the League. After review, the President or Vice President will call for a vote of those present to either confirm the selection or deny the selection. Denial of a selection shall require a super majority vote of seventy percent (70%) of the group consisting of the applicable managers, the President or Vice President. (i.e., for the 12yr old team, assuming 9 major teams, this would require 8 of the 11 voters to disagree with the Manager's selection in order to overturn the same).

d. Replacing Players

In case of a lost player, a replacement player will be selected from the next highest vote getter that was not initially voted or selected to the team. If no such players are available, the Manager shall confer with the President or Vice President to select a player from the league roster.

e. Order of Team Placements

The teams will be filled in the following order: 12 All Stars, 11 All Stars, 10 All Stars, 9 Blue Grey, 8 Blue Grey, and 7 Blue Grey. No player shall be given the choice to select which All Star Team on which to play. However, players may withdraw their name for consideration from a team. For example, a player may indicate that they desire to be considered for Blue Grey, but are not available for All-Stars.

G. 9/10 Year Old's Playing Majors

1. Major Managers shall discuss all nominating 9/10- year-old players that played in the Major Division and that were not elected to the 11 All Star Team. At the completion of the discussion, the President or Vice President and Major Managers shall vote to determine which, if any such eligible 10-year old's should be placed on the 10 All Star Team, or if such players should be added to the list of eligible AAA players for further consideration pursuant to the AAA vote set forth in paragraph F.2. below. In order to receive an automatic placement to a post-season team, the 9 or 10-year-old player must receive a unanimous vote of the Major Managers. If the player does not receive enough votes for placement on a post-season team, that player shall be added to the list of eligible AAA players for further consideration pursuant to F.2. However, any votes given to such players pursuant to the foregoing shall be added to the votes received by such player pursuant to F.2. For example, if a player receives 4 out of the 10 possible votes pursuant to the above, the player will not be automatically placed on the post-season team at issue. The player will be added to the list of eligible players from AAA and may be voted on in round one of the AAA vote. However, the 4 votes received shall be added to the votes given to the player in round one of the remaining AAA player vote. If that player receives 5 votes in round one, the player's combined total would be 9 votes which would be enough to place the player being on the team at issue.

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2. Remaining Positions on 10 All-star Team & 9 Blue Grey Team

The balance of players for the 10 All Star Team and the Blue Grey Team shall be selected from the remaining eligible 9 and 10 year old nominees from AAA in the same voting manner as set forth under paragraph D, except that the AAA Managers shall replace the Major Managers in the voting process.

3. 7/8 Blue Grey Teams

The 7/8 Blue Grey Teams will follow the same selection process as stated above.

H. Practice Requirements

1. In the spirit of creating a cohesive team for post season play, players, managers, and coaches selected to post season teams shall not be permitted to wear clothing from other leagues or non-professional athletic organizations outside of Brazoswood Little League (specifically including travel ball clothing) during any practices, meetings, or team events for the post season League team.

I. Financial Obligations of League to Post Season Teams

1. The financial obligation of the players to a post-season team shall be borne by the individual players and their families, and not by the league. The post-season teams may engage in fund raising. A direct donation to the League for a specific purpose of providing team gear for the benefit of a team shall be used to benefit that team (i.e., if a donor offers to donate funds to buy uniforms for a specific team), such donation may benefit that team. However, the Board must control any other monies raised by the team or donated for a team, and the Board must approve expenditures of such funds. The Board, in considering such expenditures, should take into consideration the overall purpose for the expenditure, the need for the expenditure, and the other obligations and needs of the League. Fund raising monies may not, under any circumstances, be used to pay any expenses for persons other than the Manager, Coach(es), Business Manager, Players or League President (or other authorized League official).

J. League Official

1. The President shall attend and represent the League at post- season tournaments. In the event the President will not be able to attend, the President shall appoint another league official to attend in his/her place. If out of town travel is required, and the league official does not have a player on one of the teams who is receiving a league stipend, the league shall cover such reasonable league official's travel expenses including airfare or fuel, lodging, and reasonable meals. The President and/or any other league official covered by this provision shall take action to minimize expenses to the league for such travel.

ARTICLE XIII – GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

- 13.01 The Board of Directors may release a manager/coach at any time following the procedure below if the Board of Directors deems the manager's actions detrimental to the players, umpires, coaches, or spectators, or for Article VI violations.
- 13.02 All complaints, charges, accusations, and or wrong doings will be submitted to the Board of Directors using the Complaint Form (see Attachment A). The Board of Directors member signing the complaint form will notify the accused person and give them the managers or coaches grievance Reply Form (see Attachment B). For any complaint form brought up against someone, they or someone on their behalf will fill out and sign the managers/coaches complaint Reply Form. Anyone refusing to sign the Complaint Reply Form will still be acted upon if deemed necessary by the Board of Directors.
- 13.03 Once this has been completed, the Board of Directors may decide to call a Special Meeting, per BWLL Constitution, within seven (7) calendar days to address the Complaint Form and the complaint Reply Form filed.

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- 13.04 The person involved shall be notified of the meeting, informed of the nature of the charges and given the opportunity to appear at the meeting and to answer any charges brought against them. During the grievance meeting, the Documentation Form (see Attachment C) will be filled out.
- 13.05 No action shall be taken against the manager/coach by any Board of Directors member until all the above procedures have been carried out.
- 13.06 The decision of the Board of Directors on these issues will be binding.

ARTICLE XIV – TEAM STANDINGS

- 14.01 Final league standings for each division shall be determined by the following rules for first place and will be determined by the League Scorekeeper:
- 14.01.01.1 Overall win/loss record for all regular season games.
 - 14.01.01.2 Head to head games between the teams involved. For instance, if two teams have the same overall season record, comparison of their records against each other will determine the winner. If three teams have the same overall record, comparison of their records against each other between those teams will determine those three teams' final standings.
 - 14.01.01.3 If neither team has an advantage in head to head competition, then a one game playoff will decide the champion. A coin toss will decide which team is Home and which is Visitor.
 - 14.01.01.4 In the event there are more than two teams involved in the tie, the following will be applied in head to head games as determined by the league scorekeeper, first look at runs against, than look at run differential, and last look at runs scored.
- 14.02 Final league standings for each Division shall be determined by the following rules for second and third places:
- 14.02.01 Overall win/loss record for all regular season games.
 - 14.02.02 Head to head games between the teams involved.
- 14.03 At the discretion of the Board of Directors, a one game playoff may be held to determine an overall division champion for any division in Majors or AAA (Minors).

ARTICLE XV – UMPIRES

- 15.01 Umpire schedules will be completed prior to the start of the season by a designed Board of Director Member. The Umpire in Chief will help find substitutes if notified in advance.
- 15.02 For makeup games, it is the responsibility of the Vice President(s) to coordinate the makeup schedule with the designated Board of Director Member that oversees scheduling.
- 15.03 The Majors and AAA (Minors) division will have two umpires, one behind the plate and one in the field. AA (Farm Minors) will have one umpire that will be in the field.

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ATTACHMENT A

**COMPLAINT FORM
BRAZOSWOOD LITTLE LEAGUE**

DATE OF EVENT: _____

APPROXIMATE TIME: _____

PLACE: _____

OBSERVED
ACTIONS: _____

WITNESSES TO ACTION (SIGNATURES IF
POSSIBLE): _____

COMPLAINT LODGED BY
(NAME AND
SIGNATURE): _____

LOCAL LEAGUE MEMBER RECEIVED BY
(NAME AND
SIGNATURE): _____

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ATTACHMENT B

**MANAGERS/COACHES COMPLAINT REPLY FORM
BRAZOSWOOD LITTLE LEAGUE**

DATE OF EVENT: _____

APPROXIMATE TIME: _____

PLACE: _____

WHAT HAPPENED FROM YOUR
PERSPECTIVE: _____

WITNESSES TO YOUR ACCOUNT (SIGNATURES IF
POSSIBLE): _____

MANAGER/COACH COMPLAINT LODGED AGAINST
(NAME AND
SIGNATURE): _____

LOCAL LEAGUE MEMBER RECEIVED BY
(NAME AND
SIGNATURE): _____

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DOCUMENT HISTORY

Date	Document	Revision	Approved
Feb 26, 2007		Updated to reflect 2007 changes approved by the Board of Directors	
Feb 27, 2007		Modified 11-G, and 11-I-d to reflect two players selected by players	
Dec 12, 2007		Modified document to reflect 13 player per All Star team, All Star team composition 11/12 year olds, 10/11 year olds, 9/10 year olds, 9 year olds, managers choice of one player, and coach required to umpire 3 games.	
Jan 5, 2009		Changes as reflected by revisions. Modified All Star selection process, established batting cage schedule, etc.	
Jan 7, 2010		Changed wording to allow 9 year olds to be eligible to play Major Leagues. Removed Option 1 from pitching rest schedule. LL requires you follow option 2.	
Jan 23, 2011		Changed wording to not allow 9 year olds to be eligible to play Major Leagues and to allow no more than two nine year olds per Minor League team. Changed wording to allow 11 year olds to be drafted to a Major League team prior to all of the 12 year olds being drafted. Changed wording regarding teams pre and post game maintenance along with official score keeper and announcer during interleague play. Changed wording setting the half inning run rule at 5 in the minor leagues. Changed wording not allowing a game to begin nor continue with less than 9 players regardless of cause. Changed wording to refer to the current Little League Pitching rules to be noted in Amendment I. Changed wording from 48 hours to 7 days for the Board of Directors to conduct a Special Meeting to resolve a grievance.	
March 2, 2012		Removed any mention of league having separate charters. Clarified description of Texas League, as it is an extension of the Minor League, to include players of league age ten (10) and eleven (11) and modified any subsequent rules to include this allowance. Clarified Rule 1-D.a to only refer, rather than return eight-years olds to the Pee Wee League, as Little League is not affiliated with the Pee Wee League. Modified Rule 3-D.e to remove constraint from major league managers from drafting 9/10-year olds before all	Approved by Eric Atkins, Mark Parsons, Theresa Simmons, Jody Martin, Steve McKay, Stephen Buchanan, Scott Merritt, Donald Payne, Jr., Danny Massey, Jenny Harpham, Julie Edwards, Ron Siler, Brent Jaco, Wendy Soliz, Robert Brem, and Paul Hillier.

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		<p>12-year olds are drafted, which is allowed per Little League Operating Manual. Added Rule 4-B.3 to allow managers that were approved by the local Board of Directors to retain the team in which he/she had managed the prior year if he/she does not have a child returning to the team, unless another manager is approved having a child already on the team; to clarify difference with Rule 4-B.2 where managers are brand new, not having managed the previous year. Rule 7-B was modified to removed Major League from 1 hour 45 minute time restriction for game not to start a new inning. Rule 7-D modified responsibilities for home and visiting teams where visitors announce and home is official scorekeeper. Removed infield fly rule being in effect since this is already a Little League rule. Removed rule stating Local Rules overrule Little League International rules. Modified Rule 7-L to remove requirement of the score having to be tied after the 5th inning to removed the run limit restriction to be aligned with Little League International Rules. Removed duplicate language to Little League International for Rule 7-M regarding rules for playing with less than 9 players. Amended Rule 7-O to follow pitcher rest schedule using 2012 Little League International rulebook. Adopted Rule 7-P to include the dropped third strike rule from the Little League International rule book Rule 6.05(b) for the majors division.</p>	
<p>January 23, 2012</p>		<p>Edited Rules 1-A and 1-B to establish an end to the registration process. Amended Rule 1-D.a to allow 8-yr olds to play Minor League. Adjusted manager requirements to make managers responsible for fulfilling/coordinating team umpiring duties, removing the coach requirement but recommending it. Removed statement that exempts manager and one coach from auxiliary duty. Added pool player process under Rule 6-E that will help prevent the need for rescheduling games when a team has insufficient players to field a complete team. Clarified process used in Rule 8-C by referencing Rule 6-E. Revised entire All-Star Selection process as captured in</p>	

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		<p>Rule 11 to prevent intentional sabotage of the system by manipulating player positioning on ballots. Revised All-Star Manager Selection process as captured in Rules 11 and 12, and eliminated the previous Rule 13 that entailed a separate process for selecting Minor League All-Star managers; all All-Star managers will be selected in the same process identified in Rule 12. Revised Rule 14 (previous Rule 15) to apply determination method of final team standings across all divisions, and not just the Minor League.</p>	
Feb 21, 2016		<p>Updated 7-N The Lake Jackson Little League will follow Little League’s most current pitching rules to include 1) announcing pitch count prior to next batter before pitching change</p> <p>Rule 10 Changed Sunday cleanup to weekend clean up</p>	
July 17, 2018		<p>Updated Rule 1 To reflect the new Little League age chart</p> <p>Rule 2 Teams can have only 11 players</p>	
Feb. 19, 2019		<p>Changed all the Lake Jackson Little League wording to reflect the merger and inserted Brazoswood Little League.</p> <p>Updated the age to reflect new age standards from 9 years old to 8 years old in 1-C and 1-D.</p> <p>Removed section 2-A - The number of registered 12-year-old players at the end of tryouts will determine the number of teams in the Major League. The number of Major League teams will be based on Eleven players per team.</p> <p>Removed bullet 6 in section 6-E - Sufficient time shall be given to ensure the Player Agent can arrange for pool player availability. The manager must notify the Player Agent 24 hrs in advance, or his/her team will be forced to take a forfeit.</p>	

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		<p>Changed wording in section 10-A from Sunday and added Saturday and Sunday.</p> <p>Changed the run rule in section 7-I to 15 runs after three and one-half innings, instead of 10 runs.</p> <p>Changed multiple grammatical error and removed redundant wording in several sections.</p> <p>Added definitions to define terms within the document.</p>	
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