



# Gloucester Little League

## 2018 Local Regulations

**I – THE LEAGUE:** Gloucester Little League (GLL) shall consist of a:

- A. Junior League Division consisting of 13, 14 and 15 year olds.
- B. Little League Majors A Division consisting of 11-12 year olds
- C. Little League Majors B Division consisting of 8-10 year olds
- D. Minor League consisting of 8-9 year olds
  - (1) Coach Pitch Division consisting of 7-8 year olds.
  - (2) T-Ball Division consisting of 5-6 year olds.

**II- LEAGUE BOUNDARIES:** The Boundaries of GLL are as follows:

The land within the boundary lines of Gloucester, Massachusetts is also the boundary of the GLL.

### **III – TEAMS**

- A. All teams within GLL will have the listed number of players unless approved by the GLL Board of Directors:
- B. No less than 10 or more than 15 players for the Jr. League Divisions
- C. No less than 10 or more than 13 players for the Little League Majors A and Majors B Divisions
- D. No less than 9 or more than 13 players for the Coach Pitch / T-Ball Divisions

E. The team Manager must notify the Player Agent of losing a roster player within 2 hours of the known, or suspected, loss of that player for any reason. Unexcused absence of more than a week must be reported and discussed with the Player Agent. Dropping a player from the roster of any team requires approval of the Player Agent. Any team Manager that does not notify the Player Agent and League President shall be subject to disciplinary action by the Board of Directors, including but not limited to suspension.

(1) When a player is dropped or lost from a Junior League team roster, at any time, the Player Agent will fill the vacancy with the next eligible player from the waiting list, if one is available. The President and Player Agent will be notified.

(2) When a player is dropped or lost from a Majors A or Majors B team during the playing season, that player must be replaced within 5 calendar days following the vacancy by the Player Agent. Player replacement to a Majors A or Majors B team will be from the waiting list maintained by the Player Agent. The waiting list is defined as “the list of Players that have tried out and/or are currently playing in the division immediately below its division.” Any player not part of this player pool must be approved by the President and the Player Agent.

(3) A replacement during the last two weeks of the regular playing season also requires the approval of the President and the Player Agent.

(4) If a player declines to move up when selected to Majors A or Majors B team, that player may not go to any other Majors A or Majors B team for the remainder of that season and the next available player on the list will be notified.

#### **IV – PLAYERS**

A. Notice of registration shall be made available to all eligible players within the league boundaries.

B. Each player desiring to participate in GLL baseball program must be registered at the time and place designated. A birth certificate or other acceptable proof of birth date per Little League Regulations must be furnished.

C. All player candidates of age 8-12 who do not attend at least one of the designated evaluation sessions shall forfeit Little League Majors A and Majors B Division eligibility unless an excuse is presented which is acceptable by the President and Player Agent.

D. All player candidates of age 13-15 who do not attend at least one of the designated evaluation sessions shall forfeit Junior Division eligibility unless an excuse is presented which is acceptable by the President and Player Agent.

E. Registration will be closed immediately after the evaluations or such later date as determined by the President. All players attempting to register after this point will be

placed on the Player Agent's waiting list for the division(s) in which they are eligible. This list will be established and maintained by the President and/or Player Agent.

## **V – EVALUATIONS**

### **Coach Pitch and T-Ball**

Coach Pitch and T-Ball players will not be subject to an evaluation or draft. These players will be assigned to teams geographically when possible.

### **Majors A and Majors B**

A. Every applicant, who has attained the league age of 11 (Majors A) or 8 (Majors B) or older, who wishes to play in their highest age eligible must attend at least one of the evaluations.

B. The league will hold at least two sets of evaluations for each age group listing the name and address of each candidate. One or more additional supplemental evaluations may be held provided that the Board of Directors determines it is necessary to fill out any remaining rosters spots.

C. The Player Agent or President will determine whether the attendance requirement has been met. Special consideration may be considered for those who move into the league after evaluations.

D. Prior to evaluations, the Player Agent or President will provide each team Manager with a copy of the player list showing the name, league age, and other pertinent information for each candidate. Brothers/sisters will be identified on the player listing.

E. During evaluations, each candidate should be given the opportunity to bat, field fly balls, field ground balls and throw or other skill drills as the evaluators may determine.

F. After the evaluations, at a time and place determined by the President or the Player Agent, players will be selected by the Managers sufficient to fill out their team rosters. The Player Agent or a Board appointed director will conduct a player selection (draft) system for the Majors A Division first, followed by a draft for the Majors B teams, at which the President, Player Agent or Board appointed director will preside. Players not selected by a Majors A team may join the draft pool of the Majors B teams provided that there are sufficient number of players in the draft to complete the rosters. Every registrant will be placed on a team provided they meet and comply with the evaluation rules, however not every player is guaranteed to make a Majors A or Majors B team. If necessary, a supplemental draft will be conducted in order to fill out any remaining roster spots at a time and date to be determined by the President or Player Agent.

## Junior League

- A. Each Player 13-15, shall be evaluated with players of the same league age. Players returning to teams will not need to be evaluated.
- B. Prior to evaluations, the Player Agent will provide each team Manager with two copies of the player list showing the name, league age, and other pertinent information for each candidate. Brothers/sisters will be identified on the player listing.
- C. During evaluations, each candidate should be given the opportunity to bat, field fly balls, field ground balls, throw and run or other skill drills as the evaluators may determine.

## **VI – SELECTION OF PLAYERS**

- A. The draft in Junior Divisions shall be conducted as follows:
  - (1) Returning players will be placed on draft sheets from top to bottom (round 1, 2, 3, etc....). Players returning, as Manager freezes from previous years will remain in round specified as a Manager freeze.
  - (2) All players eligible for selection may be drafted.
  - (3) Draft rotation will follow the reverse order of finish from the previous regular season, with the last place team's Manager receiving the first pick, then the second-to-last place team, and so on. The draft will continue in a straight fashion, e.g. in a Division of 8 teams, last place team makes the following player selections: 1,9,17,25,33, etc. Any disciplinary action placed against the team Manager by the Board of Directors may effect the draft rotation.
  - (4) Junior League Division; All new Managers or existing Managers have the option of choosing their son/daughter in the agreed upon round by League President and fellow Managers. Coaches are selected by the Manager and must be approved by the President prior to the draft. All Managers and Coaches must fill out the little league volunteer application form and submit it to the President prior to the draft.
  - (5) Junior League Division; Brother/sister options must be exercised in the round designated as appropriate by the League President and fellow Managers.

- (6) If a Manager or Coach has son/daughters eligible under the draft and wishes to draft them, the Manager must announce the options at the start of the draft.
- (7) For Junior League only, 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.

Guidelines:

1. The Player Agent will create and run the pool. The Player Agent will use the pool to assign players to teams that are short of players on a rotating basis.
  2. Managers and/or Coaches will not have the right to randomly pick and choose players from the pool.
  3. Players used from the pool will not be allowed to pitch, except during the player's own regular season scheduled game.
  4. Pool players that are called and show up at the game site must play at least nine consecutive outs and bat once.
- B. The draft for the Majors A and Majors B Division shall be conducted as follows:
- (1) Majors A and Majors B Divisions will use the draft system, Plan A, as recommended in the Official Little League Regulations, with the following exceptions:
    - a). Draft order will be chosen by a representative of each team at a random drawing at a time and place to be determined by the President.
    - b). Only a combination of two (2) representatives from a team, which includes a Manager, and/or approved Coaches, may attend the player draft.
    - c). Each roster must consist of 12 players unless otherwise approved by the Board of Directors.
    - d). Protected pick option(s) must be submitted to the Player Agent or President not less than 48 hours prior to the draft and distributed to all team Managers.
  - (2) Sibling & Protected Picks

- a). When two or more brothers/sisters become eligible for the Major League draft, they must be drafted in consecutive rounds unless otherwise indicated by the Player Agent or President based upon available evaluation results. This draft rule can be done on any available rounds.
- b). A protected pick is a son/daughter of a Major League Manager as described in the Little League Baseball Operating Rules. The Player Agent and/or President will slot all protected picks in the appropriate round as determined. At the discretion of the Player Agent and/or President, protected picks may be slotted in the appropriate round. No protected picks for Coaches will be allowed.
- c). Little League Majors A Division; 12 year old players registered must be selected to a Majors A team, unless a waiver to play in a lower division is submitted by the League President.
- d). Little League Majors B Division; 10-year-old players registered must be selected to a Majors B team, unless a waiver to play in a lower division is submitted by the League President.

## **VII – CONDUCT**

Unruly conduct will not be tolerated on the part of any player, Manager, Coach, or spectator. Actions such as throwing helmets, bats, or gloves, foul language, obscene gestures, etc., will result in removal from the game and field area. The Manager and Umpire shall report any removals to the President within 24 hours. Any Manager, Coach, player or spectator who has been ejected will be suspended for a minimum one game (the following game where his or her team is playing) or longer as determined by the President and the Board of Directors. The suspended game or games must be a played game or games, forfeits, rainouts; suspended games do not count as games played. In addition, any Manager who is ejected from a game will be ineligible to manage a tournament team for that season. The said offender has 24 hours to appeal, in writing, to the President. If the President finds cause, the President may temporarily reinstate the “offender” pending resolution of the full appeal process. The President and a committee appointed by him shall handle such appeal.

## **VIII – COMPLAINT/FEEDBACK PROCESS**

- A. Objective. The objective of the complaint/feedback process is to provide an organizational structure and procedures that can handle complaints from League Members.
- B. Procedures. The following procedures are designated to aid League Members in having their complaint(s) heard and answered in a timely manner.

(1) Step 1: The League Member should present the complaint/feedback to the Manager for resolution. If the complaint cannot be resolved in a timely fashion, then the League Member contacts the Player Agent.

(2) Step 2: The League Member should present the complaint/feedback to the Player Agent in writing for resolution. If the complaint cannot be resolved in a timely fashion, the League Member contacts the President.

## **IX – LEAGUE PLAYOFF FORMAT**

A. The following Standing Point System shall be used for Junior League to determine final standings for the regular season.

### Standings Point system

Final standings will be determined using a point system at the end date of the regular season.

Win - 3 points

Loss - 0 points

Tie - 1 point

Forfeit - (-) 2 points (2 points to be deducted from final total of any team that forfeits a game)

The tie-breaker rules will be used as necessary to break any ties in the standings.

### Standings – Tie-Breaker Rules

This Tie breaking format will be used to determine final standings and playoff seeds, as needed.

1- Head to Head results (between the two tied teams)

2 -(\* see below) Plus/Minus (T)/(-)(between the two tied teams)

3- Runs scored against (between the two tied teams)

\* The plus minus system is a calculation of the run differential between two teams in a game. This calculation is cumulative over the entire season.

The maximum run differential per game can be no more than a +4/-4.

EX: game ends in a 6-0 score. The winning team receives a +4, the loser a -4.

A game ends in a 5-2 score. The winning team receives a +3, the loser a -3.

A game ends in a 18-16 score. The winning team receives a +2, the loser receives a -2.  
A game ends in 2-2 score. Both teams receive a 0 in their +/- calculations.

B. The following Standing Point System shall be used for Majors A and Majors B Division to determine final standings for the regular season.

#### Standings Point system

Final standings will be determined using a point system at the end date of the regular season.

Win - 2 points

Loss - 0 points

Tie - 1 point (Majors B only)

1/2 point to be deducted from final total of any team that fails to have 10 players (unless waived due to reasonable cause as determined by the Player Agent)

The tie-breaker rules will be used as necessary to break any ties in the standings.

#### Standings – Tie-Breaker Rules

This tie-breaking format will be used to determine final standings and playoff seeds, as needed.

1. Head to Head results (between the two tied teams)
2. Divisional Record
3. Team with the least runs against (provided each team has played the same amount of games. If the teams have not played the same amounts of games then the least runs against in head to head play.
4. Coin flip (between the two tied teams)

All teams qualify for the playoffs.

The Majors A and Majors B Divisional playoffs will be in a Double Elimination Format. The placement/seeding of the teams shall be based on the final regular season standings. Once a team loses two times it will be eliminated from the playoffs.

This playoff format will be in effect for the 2015 season.

C Winners of the Major through Junior League championships shall be rewarded with a \$150.00 prize. The prize shall be issued by the League Treasurer to the championship team Managers. The prize shall be used by the team Managers to reward all players on their teams with an appropriate prize.



## **X – TOURNAMENT TEAM MANAGERS AND COACHES**

A. Current Managers shall inform the President if they are interested in managing a Major League Tournament Team. The Board of Directors shall select the Managers for the tournament teams. If more than one Manager is interested in managing a tournament team, preference will be given to the Manager with the longest tenure at their respective level.

B. For the Junior League tournament team, the Manager shall be selected by the managerial group involved in Junior League.

C. The Board of Directors will consider Managers for managing tournament teams out of all Managers/Coaches of record at the applicable level of play who have Managed/Coached for at least one half of the regular season. Interested Managers for tournament teams should express their interest to the President or Board of Directors.

D. Interest from Managers for all-star tournament Managers must be directed to the President or Board of Directors no later than May 15, 2018. A tournament committee appointed by the Board of Directors will make their recommendations for Managers for each level of play not later than June 1, 2015.

E. Tournament Team Managers shall select his/her Coach from all Managers/Coaches of record within their division allowed by little league regulations. The President and/or tournament committee must approve any selection of Coaches.

## **XI – TOURNAMENT TEAM SELECTION – ALL STAR JUNIORS, WILLIAMSPORT, 12-9 YEAR OLD**

### JUNIORS

A. Selection of the Tournament Teams shall occur during the week preceding the authorized date of announcement of the Tournament Team as stipulated in the Tournament Regulations.

B. Unless otherwise directed by Regulations of Little League Baseball, Inc., the selection of the Junior League Tournament Teams shall be conducted in the following manner:

(1) The Player Agent shall conduct an election to determine the All-Star team players.

(2) The Player Agent shall provide election ballots to all Managers, Coaches and players in the division. All Star ballots are due by June 1, 2015. The ballot shall serve as a source of potential players to be selected; however, the Manager shall have discretion (upon approval of the President) to select or not select

players regardless of where they ended up in the voting totals. The Player Agent and/or President shall also conduct a meeting or seek out the recommendation of the division's Managers (or team representative - one per team) to determine the selection of the final players to complete the rosters. The Manager will also consider the list of available players received from the Manager's recommendations to fill out the remaining roster.

#### WILLIAMSPORT, 12 YEAR OLD; 11, 10 and 9 YEAR OLD JIMMY FUND ALL STARS

A. Selection of the Tournament Teams shall occur during the week preceding the authorized date of announcement of the Tournament Team as stipulated in the Tournament Regulations.

B. Unless otherwise directed by Regulations of Little League Baseball, Inc., the selection of the Williamsport and Jimmy Fund Tournament Teams (12-9 year old) shall be conducted in the following manner:

(1) The Player Agent shall conduct an election to determine the All Star team players.

(2) The Player Agent shall provide election ballots to all Managers, Coaches and players in the division. All Star ballots are due by June 1, 2018. The ballot shall serve as a source of potential players to be selected; however, the Manager shall have discretion (upon approval of the President) to select or not select players regardless of where they ended up in the voting totals. The Player Agent and/or President shall also conduct a meeting or seek out the recommendation of the division's Managers (or team representative - one per team) to determine the selection of the final players to complete the rosters. The Manager will also consider the list of available players received from the Manager's recommendations to fill out the remaining roster.

(3) Additional players can be selected at the discretion of the team Manager to comply with tournament rules.

(4) The league will attempt to field as many Jimmy Fund or other District tournament teams at every age level as available numbers may dictate.

The GLL Board of Directors reserves the right to modify, add or delete these local regulations at any time by a majority vote. Rules not addressed in this document shall be as indicated in the most recent edition of the Little League official regulations and playing rulebook.

The GLL Board of Directors has approved these regulations on November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

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