



Ponderosa Little League Local Rules 2019



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ARTICLE I. LEAGUE MISSION

SECTION I. Objective

The objective of the Ponderosa Little League shall be to implant firmly in the children of the community the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage and respect for authority, so that they may be well adjusted, stronger and happier children and will grow to be good, decent, healthy and trustworthy citizens.

To achieve this objective, the Ponderosa Little League will provide a supervised program under the Rules and Regulations of Little League Baseball, Incorporated. All volunteer members of the Ponderosa Little League shall bear in mind that the attainment of exceptional athletic skill or the winning of games is secondary, and the molding of future citizens is of prime importance.

Ponderosa PLL Board of Directors, Members, Player's guardians and All Volunteers recognize that it is in the best interests of all parties and the public that all dealings between them continue to be characterized by mutual responsibility and respect. To ensure that this relationship continues and improves, the Board of Directors and the Players collectively and their respective representatives at all levels will apply the terms of these By-Laws fairly in accord with its intent and meaning and consistent with Ponderosa PLL representatives of all persons covered by these By-Laws. It is understood by each party collectively or otherwise represented in these By-Laws their purpose to conduct themselves in a spirit of responsibility and respect and of the measures they have agreed upon to insure adherence to this purpose. Any challenge of the interpretation of this document and the rules herein shall be ultimately resolved by a three Board Member committee selected by the President

SECTION II. League Decorum

The actions of Players, Managers, Coaches, Umpires and League Officials must be above reproach at all times. Any actions that are not conducive to good moral conduct, sportsmanship or that discredit the League may be grounds for Disciplinary Action as defined by Article IV.

ARTICLE II. LEAGUE BOUNDARIES

The Little League International Charter Committee has approved the following Ponderosa Little League boundary map. All players who reside within the boundary must play in the Ponderosa Little League. If a family has a question regarding what league it should register with they should contact the Ponderosa Little League Registrar who will direct them to the appropriate League for registration. The Ponderosa Little League does not have the authority to allow any player to play outside his or her legal boundary. Only the Little League International Charter Committee has the authority to allow a player to play outside their resident boundaries. A more detailed Inter-Active Boundary Map and the League Registrar contact information can be found at www.PondoLittleLeague.com.

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ARTICLE III. LEAGUE MEMBERS

SECTION I. Regular Members.

Any person actively interested in furthering the objectives of Ponderosa Little League may become a Regular Member by volunteering their services to Ponderosa Little League. Anyone interested in becoming a Regular Member shall contact the League President to apply for membership. Types of Regular Members include, but are not limited to:

- Board Members*
- Managers / Coaches
- Umpires
- Team Mom / Dad
- Scorekeepers
- Groundskeepers

Only Regular Members in good standing are eligible to vote at the annual meeting. In order to be in good standing a Regular Member must have completed their volunteer work and been signed off by a Ponderosa Little League Board member. The following activities shall constitute “volunteer service” for the purposes of determining good standing:

- (1) Service as a Ponderosa Little League Officer, Board Member, Committee Member, Manager, 1 of the 2 assistant coaches designated by manager, team parent, and scorekeeper (Scorekeeper for Minors, Majors, Juniors, and Seniors only).
- (2) Participation in any activity designated as a “Volunteer Activity” by the Ponderosa Little League Board of Directors which could include volunteering for special events, opening ceremonies, Field Work Days and Snack Bar Support.

** Ponderosa Little League Board Members shall not be actively engaged as Officers in the promotion and/or operation of any other youth baseball programs.*

SECTION II. Player Members

Any player who age is 5 years old and not older than 18 years old and has legal residence within the boundaries of the Ponderosa Little League as defined by **Article II – League Boundaries** is eligible for player membership. Player Members shall have no rights , duties or obligations in the management or in the property of Ponderosa Little League.

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1. **Proof of Age**

Proof of age is required per the Little League Operations Manual. The Original Legal Birth Certificate is required at the time of player registration as proof of age. Original copy must have embossed seal of the State or county to be considered as Original Legal Birth Certificate. The following documents *are not* considered legal proof of age:

- Photocopies of Original Legal Birth Certificate
- Baptismal certificate (including certificates of blessing, dedication, circumcision)
- Hospital Certificates of Live Birth
- Abstract of Birth from the state of California or Texas

2. **Proof of Residence**

Proof of residence within the League Boundaries defined in **Article II – League Boundaries** is required per the Little League Operations Manual. A copy of recent utility bill is required at the time of player registration as proof of residence.

3. **Duration of title**

The Board of Directors shall reserve the right to continue as a player any youngster whose residence changes after becoming a member of the Ponderosa Little League. This will be done by following current Little League and District policies. The best interest of the child will be taken into consideration by the board of Directors in exercising this right.

SECTION III. General Membership.

Parents of players who choose not to volunteer or participate in conducting League business are considered General Members of the Ponderosa Little League. General Members may attend the Annual Meeting and all open meetings of the Board of Directors but they shall not have the right to vote on any Ponderosa Little League matters or issues presented at the Annual Meeting.

SECTION IV. Honorary Members (Optional).

Any person may be elected as Honorary Member by the unanimous vote of all Officers of the Board of Directors at any duly held meeting of the Board of Directors, but shall have no rights, duties or obligations in the management or in the property of Ponderosa Little League. Such members may be dignitaries, special guests, or significant financial contributors to Ponderosa Little League. As used hereinafter, the word "Member" shall mean a Regular Member unless otherwise stated.

SECTION V. Other Affiliations.

Members shall not be required to be affiliated with another organization or group to qualify as Members of Ponderosa Little League.

ARTICLE IV. DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

SECTION I. Code of Conduct

The actions of Players, Managers, Coaches, Umpires and League Officials must be above reproach at all times. Any actions that are not conducive to good moral conduct, sportsmanship or that discredit the League may be grounds for game suspensions, season suspensions, or dismissal from Ponderosa Little League. If deemed necessary by the President or the Board of Directors, a dispute and or disciplinary action committee may be formed to review the case or matter in point. A

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decision will be rendered by this committee and reviewed by the Board of Directors for full approval by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote.

SECTION II. Suspensions

Violations of Code of Conduct or the Rules of Little League Baseball will not be tolerated. Ponderosa Little League has a standing policy of zero tolerance for arguing with officials, foul language and unsportsmanlike-like conduct. All umpire ejections of a manager, player or coach will result in an immediate one game suspension from the next scheduled game for the ejected individual. Reinstatement is automatic after the suspension is served. Ejections due to violence or gross misconduct to an opposing player, parent or official, will be cause for immediate indefinite suspension. Reinstatement will be based on the ejected individual(s) appearance at the next available Board Meeting, where review of the circumstances, and approval by the Board for reinstatement must occur. The Board reserves the right to impose additional sanctions based on the severity of the offense. Second ejection within the same season for any reason results in an immediate indefinite suspension, with mandatory appearance and approval for reinstatement by the Board. Suspension for the "remainder" of the season includes all games, practices, tournaments and post-season play. Suspension means that the Manager/Coach cannot be at the field, or in direct communication with anyone at the field, involving any team in which he/she coaches. The field is defined as the playing field, dugouts, bleacher/seating areas, adjacent walkways, and parking areas ...simply stated STAY HOME! If a situation arises where a manager is possibly going to be disciplined (outside of the already automatic suspensions) the Board will call an emergency meeting within 48 hours of the incident. The only people in attendance at this meeting will be Board members, the Manager or Coach in question and the person bringing the action. At this time the person asking for disciplinary action must present their case. The Manager or Coach in question will then be allowed to present their case. After all sides have been heard the Board will go into a closed session and make a final decision.

SECTION III. Manager, Coach, or Spectator Ejection

Within a reasonable amount of time after the end of the game, any game umpire who ejects a Manager, Coach, or spectator will, either verbally or in writing, report the incident to the Umpire-in-Chief and/or the League President, identifying the ejected individual and the team with which the individual is associated. Within 48 hours after being notified by the game umpire, the Umpire-in-Chief and/or the League President will, either verbally or in writing, report the incident to the President, at which time the President will notify the ejected Manager, Coach, or spectator of the term and conditions of his/her suspension.

SECTION IV. Manager / Coach Conduct

Managers and Coaches have a great affect on players and parents. No foul language, violent actions, or abuse will be tolerated. The League President will handle all complaints. The President will present to the Board all cases requiring further disciplinary action, which may include game suspensions, season suspensions, or dismissal from Ponderosa Little League. Managers and Coaches are responsible for understanding and enforcing the Little League Rules and the Ponderosa Little League By-Laws. For rule infractions, the Board of Directors will discipline the manager and coach as deemed necessary based on the offense, which may include game suspensions, season suspensions, or dismissal from Ponderosa Little League.

Managers are responsible for their parents and teams leaving the field clean and ready for the next game. Field grooming is

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the responsibility of the Manager (pre-game Home, Visitor post-game), including the locking of the storage shed and Snack boxes, and the storage and securing of drags, rakes, and chalkers. Cleanliness of dugouts and bleacher seating areas is every Manager's responsibility. Continued violations will be considered misconduct and may be subject to further disciplinary actions including loss of practice field time, assignment of field maintenance tasks, or suspensions.

Managers shall also be responsible for returning all equipment by the end of the season, a date to be determined by the Equipment Manager. If equipment is not returned to the league by the end of each season, the board shall determine a process for recovery of equipment not returned.

SECTION V. Parent Conduct

The manager/coach is responsible for having each parent sign a Parent Code of Conduct form prior to the start of the season. It shall be their responsibility to see that any issues or concerns be brought to the attention of the league Board of Directors.

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ARTICLE V. REGISTRATION AND SPONSOR DONATIONS

SECTION I. Determination of Donation Levels

The Board of Directors in a meeting before each season's sign ups will determine registration and sponsor fees. The fees shall be initiated to defray the operating expenses of the League.

SECTION II. Financial Aid

Ponderosa Little League does not wish to turn away any player from our League. To optimize payments, Ponderosa Little League offers scholarships, angels, and scheduled payment opportunities to assist families who cannot pay in advance. Such options are the responsibility of the parents to request. All scholarships, angels and scheduled payment opportunities must be approved by the President and/or the Board of Directors.

SECTION III. Late Player Registration Donations

Registrations not receiving full/optioned payments by one-week in advance of Opening Day will be dropped from the draft pool and placed on the division's waiting list. The first paid player available on the waiting list will then take the roster spot that has been released.

SECTION IV. Player Registration Refunds

No refunds will be provided after the first division game played. An administration fee of \$30 will be deducted from all registration refunds made prior to the first game.

SECTION V. Sponsor Donations

Sponsor donations will be collected for each team to help cover the cost of supplies, uniforms, field repairs and maintenance. The sponsor's name will be included. Sponsor's promotional material will be established each year by the Board of Directors to best showcase local businesses and attract funding accordingly. Each sponsor will be given a sponsor's plaque with the team picture.

SECTION VI. Financial Aid (Scholarships)

Relief from registration fees can be requested via a written request presented to the President and/or the Board for review. Scholarships shall be reviewed and approved or not approved by the Board of Director's.

ARTICLE VI. PLAYING RULES

SECTION I. Adoption of Little League Rules and Regulations.

The Official Playing Rules and Regulations as published by Little League Baseball, Incorporated, Williamsport, Pennsylvania, shall be binding on Ponderosa Little League.

SECTION II. Adoption of Local League Rules.

The rules of Ponderosa Little League shall be adopted by the Board of Directors at a meeting to be held not less than one month prior to the first scheduled game of the spring season, but shall in no way conflict with the Rules and Regulations of Little League Baseball, Incorporated. Ponderosa Little League's Local League Rules are summarized in the Manager/Coach Affidavit form, which is proved to all the Managers and Coaches at the mandatory Manager/Coaches meeting. The Manager/Coach Affidavit must be signed by all Managers and Coaches and approved by the Division Coordinator prior to

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start of play.

SECTION III. General Rules

1. No food or beverages will be allowed in the dugouts. Only water or sports drinks are allowed.
2. Absolutely no sunflower seeds will be allowed in the dugout.
3. No persons, except managers, coaches, players, and board members shall stand immediately behind the backstop while a game is in progress.
4. No parents or siblings allowed in the dugout. Any infringement on this rule is subject to disciplinary action including managers/coaches and parents.
5. Any injury to any person must be reported to the Safety Officer by phone, and then in writing within 24 hours (with all names and witnesses) to the League Safety Officer.
6. Managers or coaches shall have medical forms on each of their players in their immediate possession at any time the team has games or practices.
7. Managers and coaches will help to maintain all fields, including preparing them for League play. Any manager or coach who does not help will be subject to disciplinary action by the Board of Directors and could be replaced on the team roster.
8. Managers shall make a genuine effort to procure their own team sponsors. NO team will be without a paid sponsor.
9. All teams will be represented during Opening Day Ceremonies, whether or not they are scheduled to play that day.
10. Visiting team will take the field for practice 20 minutes before game starting time. Home team will take the field for practice 10 minutes before game starting time. If Visiting Team fails to take the field for practice, they will forfeit their infield practice time.
11. Game will be deferred to the Board of Directors for disposition if a team is unable to field 9 defensive players within 10 minutes after the scheduled starting time.
12. Any member of the Board of Directors, Managers, Coaches, or umpires shall have the power to act upon any inappropriate behavior by any persons.
13. Batting helmets MUST be worn when a player is batting, base running, base coaching or when said player has a bat in his hands per Little League rules. (as outlined in the Little League Official Regulations and Rule Book, Official Playing Rules) They must not be removed until the player is back inside the dugout. Failure to comply will result in the removal of the player. If it continues to happen, the manager will be removed.
14. If a player is catching balls for a manager/coach during infield or outfield practice, that player must be wearing a batting helmet.
15. The Catcher must wear all protective gear while catching.
16. When warming up a Pitcher, either on the mound before the inning starts or in the bullpen, the catcher must be wearing protective gear. This rule applies to adults warming up pitchers also.
17. All Pitchers will adhere to Little League International Rules and Regulations as it pertains to pitch count.
18. No new inning shall start 10 minutes prior to the assigned time limit.
19. There must be at least one Adult Base Coach for all Divisions

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20. Minor League managers will be supportive of the upper league managers on drafting during the season.
21. Only Coaches and Managers are allowed in dugouts and on the field. In the event a coach or manager is not present, a league approved volunteer may be used as a replacement for that single event. If both manager and coach are present, no volunteers shall be on the field or in dugouts.

SECTION IV. Uniforms and Equipment

1. All uniforms (if applicable) and equipment will be turned in to the league Equipment Manager at the end of regular season play. Managers and coaches will be held financially responsible for any missing equipment at replacement cost.
2. All Players will be provided with a Cap and T-Shirt prior to the first game of the League.
3. First aid kits must be available in the team’s equipment bag, and in the league equipment shed.

ARTICLE VII. LEAGUE DIVISION RULES

SECTION I. Player Age Requirements

Player age for the current season will be determined by the Player’s age as of April 30th of the current season.

SECTION II. League Division General Rules Matrix.

The following is a General Rules Matrix for each division of Ponderosa Little League.

Characteristics	T-Ball	Minor “A”	Minor “AA”	Minor “AAA”	Major	Junior	Senior	Big League
Recommended Age Limit ¹	5-6 ²	7-8	8-10	9-11	11-12	13-14	15-16	16-18
Game Time Limit ¹⁰	60 min.	90 min.	120 min.	120 min. ¹¹				
Game Score Kept ³	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
5-Run Rule ⁴	n/a	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No
Player mandatory game participation	n/a	n/a	6 Def Outs, & 1 AB	6 Def Outs, & 1 AB	6 Def Outs, & 1 AB	6 Def Outs, & 1 AB	6 Def Outs, & 1 AB	n/a
Pitch by own coach	T/Yes ⁵	Yes/T ⁶	No/Yes ⁷	No	No	No	No	No
Coaches allowed on field during game	Yes	Yes	Yes ¹²	No	No	No	No	No
Bunting allowed	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Stealing allowed	No	No	No ⁸	Yes ⁹	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sliding allowed	Yes	Yes	Yes ¹³	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Full team in batting order	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No
Infield fly Rule	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Max. age of pitcher	N/A	N/A	11	11	12	14	16	18
# of players on the field	All	10	9	9	9	9	9	9

¹ The Board reserves the right to allow players to move up and down divisions based on talent, experience and safety considerations.

² 6 year olds must play one year of T-Ball prior to moving to Minor “A”

³ Minor “A” will not keep game score but offense will not exceed 5 runs per inning

⁴ 5 Run Rule: The inning is over when the 5th run is scored. For purposes of scoring or giving batters credit for extra base hits when 5 runs have already scored, play will continue until the batter has scored, been tagged out, or cannot advance any further. There is no “catch up” rule in the last inning.

⁵ Half-way thru the Season the coach may elect to soft toss a limit of 5 pitches to the hitter. If the hitter fails to hit the ball fair after 5 pitches then the hitter will hit off the “T”.

⁶ Coach Pitch or pitching Machine is used. If ball is not put into play after the 8th pitch that batter is called out. The batter is allowed one foul ball on the 8th pitch. If 9th pitch is not put into play the batter is out.

⁷ No walks. If a pitcher throws 4 balls or hits the batter, the ball count is reset to 0. The strike count remains where it was left at the time of walk or hit batter. An offensive coach comes in and pitches to the batter from just in front of the mound (no Lobs). To ensure both coaches are pitching from the same spot, the Home Team doing field prep will chalk a line at 42 feet and all coaches pitching must be from that line or behind. Coaches can pitch either standing, kneeling, or sitting on a bucket. After that batter hits or is put out, the

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defensive pitcher resumes pitching to the next batter. A batter is not out on a foul ball. There will be no new batter after 35 pitches. If the pitcher is at 34 pitches, he can finish that batter even if he goes over 40. But if he is at 35 or more and a new batter comes up, a new pitcher needs to come in. No player may pitch more than 2 innings per game. All Little League pitching rules regarding days rest must also be observed.

⁸There are max of 2 steals per inning. No extra bases on a catcher over-throw. No stealing home

⁹ Stealing home is defined as advancing home on a passed ball to the catcher or an overthrow back to the pitcher. If the catcher throws to a base instead of back to the pitcher, then the base runner may advance home.

¹⁰ No Inning shall start within 10 minutes of the time limit.

¹¹ No Time Limit on games played on weekdays or last scheduled game on weekends, but games may be called by the umpire in the event of darkness.

¹²One defensive coach is allowed in the outfield 10' off the dirt..

¹³If there's a play at a base other than 1st, the runner must slide or else they are out.

SECTION III. Tee Ball Division Rules

1. INSTRUCTION LEAGUE, not scored and no league standings.
2. No Outs will be recorded
3. No strike-outs. The batter will bat until he/she hits fairly. The ball is foul if it travels less than six feet from home plate or if the rubber hose is detached from the "tee".
4. Base runners may not leave a base until a ball has been hit.
5. Base runners shall take only one base on any hit ball.
6. All players on the roster may be given a defensive position.
7. The offensive side is retired when all players on the roster have batted one time.
8. Base Runners are only allowed to advance one base at a time except when the last batter hits at which time all base runners will "score".
9. Players will be rotated from the infield to the outfield during the game.
10. Second year players may hit coach pitched balls. All 5 year olds and first year players must hit only from the tee per Little League International rules.

SECTION IV. Minor "A" Division Rules

1. INSTRUCTION LEAGUE, not scored and no league standings.
2. Coach pitch or pitching Machine is used. If Batter does not put the ball in play after the 8th pitch the batter is out. Batter is allowed one foul ball on the 8th pitch. If 9th pitch is not put in play the Batter is out.
3. No walks are allowed.
4. Base runners must not leave the base until a ball has been hit.
5. Outfielders must play at least 10 feet behind edge of infield.
6. No more than 12 defensive players are placed in the field at a time.
7. Fairness:
 - a. Players should get the opportunity to play infield positions at least once during a game.
 - b. Line-ups should be juggled so all players get roughly the same number of at bats during the year.
 - c. Avoid having the same players continually placed last in the line-up. One approach is to start your first game with the line-up based on jersey number. If player number 6 makes the last out of the game, player number 7 will bat first the next game. All players bat in the lineup.
 - d. Make sure that you rotate which players will sit out.

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- e. No player should have to sit twice before every other player has sat at least once.
- f. Extra bases shall be taken only on reasonable “extra base” hits.

SECTION V. Minor “AA” Division Rules

1. INSTRUCTIONAL LEAGUE, standings posted. Scores will be posted as 1 – 0 on the website
2. Strike Outs are allowed (including during coach pitch.)
3. Walks are Not allowed. If a pitcher throws 4 balls or hits the batter, the ball/strike count is reset to 0-0 and an offensive coach comes in and pitches to the batter. After that batter hits or is put out, the defensive pitcher resumes pitching to the next batter. A batter is not out on a foul ball.
4. No player may start pitching to a new batter after 35 pitches. If the pitcher is at 34 pitches, he can finish that batter even if he goes over 40. But if he is at 35 or more and a new batter comes up, a new pitcher needs to come in No player may pitch more 2 innings per game. All Little League rules regarding days rest must also be observed.
5. When offensive coach is pitching, they must stand at or behind the chalked line (40 feet). Coaches can pitch either standing, kneeling, or sitting on a bucket. They must throw the ball (not lob it)
6. If there's a play at a base other than 1st, the runner must slide or else they are out.
7. Base runners must not leave the base until the ball crosses home plate.
8. Base Runners can advance only one base on an overthrow. There is no continuation of the play if there is a subsequent overthrow to the next base. In other words, there is only one overthrow per batted ball.
9. Outfielders must play at least 10 feet behind edge of infield.
10. No more than 9 defensive players are placed in the field at a time.
11. There are max of 2 steals per inning. No extra bases on a catcher over-throw. No stealing home.
12. Pool Players may not play catcher. (LL rules already prohibit them from pitching)
13. Managers and Coaches will be required to umpire one game during the season.
14. Fairness:
 - a. Players shall play at least two defensive positions during the game.
 - b. Players should get the opportunity at Pitching and Catching at least once during a season.
 - c. Line-ups should be juggled so all players get roughly the same number of at bats during the year.
 - d. Avoid having the same players continually placed last in the line-up – all players bat in the lineup.
 - e. Make sure that you rotate which players will sit out.
 - f. No player shall have to sit twice before every other player has sat at least once.
15. If player is pitching, and batter hits one past the outfielders, the batter can go for as many bases the player can. If a coach is pitching, the batter can only advance (2) bases even if the ball is over thrown coming back to the infield. If there was a runner on first, player may score.

SECTION VI. Minor “AAA” Division Rules

1. COMPETITIVE LEAGUE, scores and standings posted.
2. Stealing home is defined as advancing home on a passed ball to the catcher or an overthrow back to the pitcher. If the catcher throws to a base instead of back to the pitcher, then the base runner may advance home.

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3. All players bat in the lineup.
4. Outfielders must play at least 15 feet behind edge of infield.
5. Pool Players may not play catcher. (LL rules already prohibit them from pitching)Pitch count
 - a. 11-12 years 65 pitches per day
 - b. 9-10 years 55 pitches per day

SECTION VII. Major Division Rules

1. COMPETITIVE LEAGUE, scores and standings posted
2. As outlined in Little League Official Regulations and Rule Book
3. Pool Players may not play catcher. (LL rules already prohibit them from pitching)
4. There will be a limit of 8- 12 year olds per team in accordance to Little League Regulations.
5. Pitch count
 - a. 11-12 years 65 pitches per day
 - b. 9-10 years 55 pitches per day

SECTION VIII. Junior Division Rules

1. COMPETITIVE LEAGUE, scores and standings posted
2. Maximum number of players per team shall be limited to 14; all others shall be placed on a waiting list or referred to another league.
3. Pool Players may not play catcher. (LL rules already prohibit them from pitching)

SECTION IX. Senior Division Rules

1. COMPETITIVE LEAGUE, scores and standings posted
2. As outlined in Little League Official Regulations and Rule Book.

SECTION X. Big League Division Rules

1. COMPETITIVE LEAGUE, scores and standings posted
2. As outlined in Little League Official Regulations and Rule Book.

SECTION XI. 50/70

1. COMPETITIVE LEAGUE, scores and standings posted
2. As outlined in Little League Official Regulations and Rule Book

ARTICLE VIII. MANAGER SELECTION PROCESS

SECTION I. Nomination

The President, in nominating managers, shall not limit themselves to the individual's previous experience in the game, but shall select managers who possess leadership ability, knowledge of working with children, and who can demonstrate and teach the principles of teamwork, good sportsmanship, and discipline. Preference will be given to individuals who provide evidence of recent first aid and CPR training.

SECTION II. Interview Process

Those interested in managing or coaching in the league that have not done so in the past, will be subject to an interview process as directed by the league President and Division Coordinator. In the event that an individual claims previous

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coaching and/or managing experience that the President is not directly familiar with, written evidence and references will be required to support the experience claimed. In the event the qualifications of two candidates are considered identical by the President, the ages of the sons or daughters of the candidates may be considered by the President.

SECTION III. Manager / Coaches Clinic

Managers and coaches coaching for the first time **must** attend a manager/coach clinic provided by District 54. District 54 will provide training on the Little League Rules and Regulations for first time coaches. The Ponderosa Little League will conduct a separate Clinic that will address specific education on the Local Rules and Regulations and the Overall Mission of the League. This session will include a Safety Clinic that is required by Little League International. This annual session is mandatory for all Managers and Coaches. The Board of Directors has the right to disapprove of any candidate without cause (Manager or Coach) so long as the decision is not based on Race, Religion, Sex, Disability or National Origin. The League President may use this training session as the interview process defined in **Section II**.

SECTION IV. Manager / Coach Code of Conduct.

To ensure that all new Managers and Coaches understand the Ponderosa Local Rules and the role and responsibilities associated with Managing and Coaching, all Managers and Coaches **MUST** sign the League Manager / Coach Code of Conduct Form prior to Managing or Coaching his/her first game. Adults who violate the League code of conduct will not be allowed to manage or coach.

ARTICLE IX. PLAYER SELECTION PROCESS

General: Players will be placed in divisions that best suit their abilities, age and playing experience by the league and Division Coordinators. Determination is by skills evaluation, prior coach assessment, registration data, and tryouts.

SECTION I. T-Ball Division

The applicable Player Agent along with the League President or Designee will create the Team Rosters following completion of the registration process and using the Age Limit Requirements found the League Division General Rules Matrix found in **Article VII. Section II**. Consideration will be given to parents requests for kids playing with friends or neighbors whenever possible. Consideration will also be given to players requesting specific Managers or Coaches whenever possible.

SECTION II. Minors “A” and Minors “AA”

The applicable Player Agent along with the League President or Designee will create the Team Rosters following completion of the registration process and using the Age Limit Requirements found the League Division General Rules Matrix found in **Article VII. Section II**. Consideration will be given to parents requests for kids playing with friends or neighbors whenever possible. Consideration will also be given to players requesting specific Managers or Coaches whenever possible. Parity of teams should be considered in the selection process.

It is the goal of the Board that players in Division Minor AA to be reviewed through an assessment process. The assessment will be conducted and overseen by the League President or Designee and associated Player Agents. There will be one assessment opportunity, Assessments will be typically conducted in a “clinic” style fashion. Managers will assess the player’s skill level and rank the player in a variety of skills. Within one week of the Division Coordinator will present balanced teams to the President for final approval. Consideration will be given to parents request for kids playing with friends or neighbors whenever possible. Consideration will also be given to players requesting specific Manager or Coaches

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whenever possible. Parity of teams should be considered in the selection process by only allowing 5 requests per team to maintain parity. The rank of players will be used to fill out the remaining spots on the team. Players not attending the assessment will be placed on teams at the Player Agents discretion.

Should the assessment not occur due to any reason, the applicable Player Agent along with the League President or Designee will create the Team Rosters following completion of the registration process and using the Age Limit Requirements found in the League Division General Rules Matrix found in Article VIII, Section II. Consideration will be given to parents request for kids playing with friends or neighbors whenever possible. Consideration will also be given to players requesting specific Managers or Coaches whenever possible. Parity of teams should be considered in the selection process.

SECTION III. Minors “AAA” thru Big League Divisions

Players in this Division will be reviewed thru a try-out process. The try-outs will be conducted and overseen by the League President or Designee and associated Player Agents. There will be at least two (2) try-outs of which the player must attend at least one of the try-outs. Try-outs will be typically conducted in a “clinic” style fashion. Managers will assess the player’s skill level for determining the potential Draft order of the player. Within one week of the last Try-Out, a formal Draft will be conducted by the Managers in these Divisions.

SECTION IV. Drafting Process

The Ponderosa Little League shall henceforth adopt the draft selection system (as outlined by Little League Guidelines) for selection of player members of Minors “AAA” thru the Junior Divisions. The draft selections system shall operate as follows:

1. Frequency

A Player Draft will occur each year (re-Draft) in accordance with Little League Guidelines. The Draft will be conducted after the completion of a tryout program that will be attended by each eligible player.

2. Order of selection

- a. The order of selection will be determined by a random drawing of numbers determined by the number of teams within that Division.
- b. The Upper Divisions will start the Draft process first.
- c. Once the Upper Division teams have completed the formation of their teams then the next lower Division will begin the process again. The process will continue until the Minors “AAA” is completed.
- d. Draft Order will be conducted using the “snake” option. i.e. Draft order for the Majors Division with 7 Teams will be conducted in this fashion:
 - i. Team 1 drafts first followed by teams 2 – 7. This will complete the first round.
 - ii. The Second Round will be in the reverse order of the First Round. Thus Team 7 picks first, followed by teams 6 – 1. This will complete the Second Round.
 - iii. The odd rounds (3, 5,7,9,and 11) from this point forward will follow Section i while even rounds (4,6,8,10, and 12) will follow Section ii.

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3. Manager's Sons and/or Daughters
 - a. A manager who has sons and/or daughters eligible for the draft will be assumed to wish to manage their son and/or daughter unless they state differently in writing to the player agent prior to the draft.
 - b. The Manager's son and/or daughter will be protected in the draft until the round listed in the draft round matrix in Appendix B.
 - c. The Manager must select their son and / or daughter in above round or the player will lose his/her protection status. If the Manager elects not to select the player in "assigned" round then the player can be selected by any other Manager in the Draft.
 - d. If the manager so chooses, the option on a son or daughter may be waived which allow the other managers to select the player at any time during the draft process.
4. Coach's Sons and/or Daughters
 - a. The Manager of a team may select one Coach to work with during the season prior to the Draft and must notify the Player Agent in writing prior to the Draft. It is optional for a manager to select a coach. Managers are limited to selecting active coaches in the past 2 years in youth baseball for protecting players. A Coach may not be selected solely to circumvent the draft process and obtain a higher draft choice. If the Manager selects this option and if the Coach is approved and has a player in the Draft, then the player(s) are protected to the round indicated in the draft round matrix in appendix B.
 - b. If the Manager so chooses, the option on a son or daughter may be waived which allow the other managers to select the player at any time during the draft process.
5. Brother/Sister option
 - a. If the Manager or Coach has multiple players (Brother/Sister) eligible for the Draft then each Player will be assigned to a specific round as indicated in the draft round matrix in Appendix B and then shall be protected until the end of that round in the Draft.
 - b. If the Manager so chooses, the option on a son or daughter may be waived which allow the other managers to select the player at any time during the draft process.
6. Trading

Following the draft, Managers may, if they desire, trade players. There will be a one-hour session following the draft for those Managers who may desire to participate in player trades. All trades shall be made with the approval of the Player Agent. All trades must be player for player only. Minor League players may not be traded for a Major League team player. Trades involving a player for draft choices are not permitted.
7. Over-drafting

No over-drafting the selection of additional players after all teams have reached their quotas will be permitted.
8. Player eligibility
 - a. Missing Try-Outs
 - i. Any Player that misses more than 50% of the Try-Outs will not be eligible for the Draft and will automatically be placed on a waiting list. Players who are on the waiting list will be assigned to teams by

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the League President or Designee and the Division Coordinator.

b. Parent Requests

- i. A parent may elect for a player to be restricted from moving to the upper Minors Divisions. All requests must be documented during the Registration process. All Little League Regulations will be maintained regardless of parent's wishes. For example 12 Year Olds must play in the Majors Division unless the player is granted a special waiver from the District.
- ii. The League President has final approval to limitation requests by ensuring that there is no safety risks associated with the limitations to the other players in the league.
- iii. A Parent may request that a player be moved up from the T-Ball Division to Minor "A". The parent must submit in writing the request to the Player Agent or Designee. The Player Agent along with the Division Coordinator or League President will review each case individually and will final approval authority of these moves.

c. Injured Players

- i. Any player becoming injured or if illness inhibits that player from playing for 15 days or four consecutive games during the regular season, will be brought before the Board by the Player Agent. The Board of Directors shall be the only ones who can determine that player's eligibility for the remainder of the season. That player shall be allowed to return if given medical clearance. A team with a player deemed ineligible by the board for play for a portion or if removed from playing the remainder of the season, shall have a replacement player added to the team. A returning player will be in addition to the roster with the replacement player.

d. 12 Year Olds

- i. All 12 year olds will automatically be assigned to the Major Division unless the parent of the player formally requests a waiver to play in the "AAA" Division due to safety concerns. All Safety Waivers must be approved by District 54.

e. 11 Year Olds

- i. All 11 year olds will be required to play no lower than the "AAA" Division unless the parent of the player formally requests a waiver to play in the "AA" Division to due to safety concerns or the "AAA" Division Coordinator deems the player to be an extreme safety risk. All Safety Waivers must be approved by the "AAA" Division Coordinator.

f. Returning Major Players

- i. Any Player that played in the Major Division that is under 12 in current season will automatically be assigned to the Majors Division

g. Transfers

- i. Any child transferring into any division from outside the Ponderosa Little League, will need a letter of eligibility from the former League Board of Directors.

9. Secrecy

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Players shall never be told the position in which they were drafted.

10. Replacements

When a player is lost to a team during the regular season due to illness, injury, suspension, or other reasons, replacements will be selected from the Player Agent's list (see subsection 11). The player selected as a replacement becomes a permanent member of the team roster.

11. Player Agent List

Prior to the draft, the Player Agent shall make a list showing the names and League ages of each candidate, and after requirements have been taken into consideration, a final Player Agent list of all players who have qualified as eligible candidates will be prepared before the Draft selections take place. This list must be maintained and is the basis for future player replacements, and it will consist of those candidates who have completed the tryout requirements prior to the Major League draft. Once a player has denied a draft request, that player will remain in his/her division for the remainder of the year. In the event a replacement player is needed, the team involved must choose from the list with preference for players of the oldest age available on the list. Selection of the player shall be by the team manager requiring a replacement player. Prior to joining the team the potential replacement player, replacement players parents, and team manager should meet and discuss the expectations. Lower leagues are expected to support the upper divisions.

SECTION V. Junior Division Drafting Exception

No player shall be drafted into the Senior division from the Junior division within the regular Little League season.

ARTICLE X. General Provisions

SECTION I. Schedule Approval

All schedules will be approved by the Board of Directors. The schedule once adopted and approved by the Board of Directors will not be changed, unless that change is approved by the Board of Directors.

SECTION II. Schedule Structure

The T-Ball and Minor Divisions league schedules will be structured to have two games per week maximum.

The Major and Junior league schedules will be structured such as to have at least an average of 2 games per week.

The Senior League and Big League schedules will be developed by District 54.

SECTION III. Participation Trophies and Pictures

1. Financial Obligations

- a. Participation trophies will be determined on an annual basis by the board as to whether the league will purchase trophies as a whole, or have each individual team procure their own.
- b. Pictures will be determined on an annual basis by the board as to whether the league will purchase pictures for each player.

SECTION IV. League Champions

1. Major/Junior/Senior* Division Champions

- a. Each year Major/Junior league champions will be determined by the league.

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- b. The winner of the division will be determined by the best overall record in intra-league play.
- c. In the event of a tie, head to head records will be considered.
- d. In the event there is still a tie, Little League tournament tie breaker rules will apply (ie: Runs Allowed Ratio)
- e. If there is still a tie, a coin toss will decide.

SECTION V. District Tournament of Champions (T.O.C.) Selection

1. Ponderosa Little League will provide as many teams as District 54 will allow to play in the T.O.C. tournament in the event there is a tournament.
2. All selection and player criteria will be in accordance with the District requirements and confirmed prior to team selection.
3. ALL DIVISIONS: The Regular Season League champion will be determined to be the first seed from Ponderosa Little League.
4. MAJORS DIVISION ONLY: The Regular Season League runner-up will be the second seed from Ponderosa Little League, UNLESS the League conducts an end of Season Tournament that includes all teams from the Major Division. If the League conducts this Tournament then, the Ponderosa LL Major Division Tournament Champion will receive the second seed to the Tournament of Champions. If the Ponderosa LL Major Division Tournament Champion and the League Champion are the same team then, the second place finisher in the Tournament will receive the second seed in the Tournament of Champions.

SECTION VI. All-Stars

General Rules

An All Star team of players shall be selected at the end of the season to represent each division that has post-season play.

The procedure for selection shall be in accordance with all Little League rules, "Tournament Play". These rules include:

- a. Only 11 & 12 year olds are eligible for Major All Stars; 11 year olds for 11 All Stars and 9 & 10 year olds for 9-10 All Stars;
- b. Junior and Senior All Stars eligibility as outlined in the Little League Official Regulations and Rule Book.
- c. The team shall not be announced prior to the date given to the League by the District.

Manager Selection Process

- a. Any manager/coach interested in managing or coaching an All Star team must submit a letter to the Board of Directors through the Division Coordinator or Manager Coordinator expressing their interest in the position.
- b. Managers and coaches will be nominated by the President of the League and presented to the Board for final selection. Preference shall be given to the manager and coach of the League champions provided they have an excellent record of sportsmanship and conduct.
- c. Minor division: The manager will be either a major manager or coach or a minor manager. Each division will have at least one representative as either a manager or a coach. This ratio will probably be reflective of the make up of the team.

Player Selection Process

- a. Players will be selected based on their ability. There is no obligation to have a balanced number of players from

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- each team.
- b. The Division Coordinator and or the Player Agent shall conduct all player selections. The selections shall be confidential.
 - c. Each team member will nominate up to three (3) representatives from their team per all star team. The 3 players that receive the most nominations will be available for All Star selections. The manager of each team will be allowed to select up to two (2) additional players to the all star nominations from their team per all star team.
 - d. Parents of nominated players must understand and agree to the required commitment of player's time prior to being considered for the All-Star team. A Player will not be nominated for the All-Star Team without this commitment.
 - e. The Division Coordinator or Designee will schedule a meeting with the managers, coaches, and League President and Vice President to select the All Star team. The manager for each player will provide an opinion of ability for each of the players submitted for consideration.
 - f. Major Managers only will select the major all star team and 11 year old all star team. AAA managers will select the 9-10 team, Preference will be given to major players.
 - g. Each team (ie: Manager) will submit an All Star ballot that will contain their selection of players for the All Star team. The ballot will contain 10 players only. The Division Coordinator or Designee shall collect all the ballots from each of the teams. The Division Coordinator or Designee will tally the votes from each of the teams. All Players that received unanimous votes will be automatically selected to the All Star Team. If there are any open spots left on the team after all unanimous selections have been placed on the team, new ballots will be distributed and then votes collected for the remaining roster spots and tallied. Players with next highest number of votes will be selected to the team. This process will continue until the team is filled. In the event of a tie for the last positions, then the Division Coordinator or Designee shall conduct a special vote for the players that are tied. The Division Coordinator or Designee will tally the votes for the remaining spots and the player(s) with the most will be selected to the team. In the event after this process there is still a tie than the Division Coordinator or Designee shall select the remaining players to the team.
 - h. Once the 10 roster spots are filled, the All Star manager must select the remaining 2 or 3 players from the All Star ballot to fill the team roster. Managers are not allowed to select players that are not on the original all-star ballot.
 - i. Two additional players shall be selected as alternates in the same manner by all the managers after the first 12 or 13 players have been selected and approved. Their names WILL NOT be released unless one of the alternates is asked to be part of the team by the manager of the all star team.

All Star Uniforms

The League will supply baseball cap and shirt for the All Star uniforms for all the All Star teams:

- a. All-Star uniforms will be approved by the Board of Directors.
- a.

SECTION VII. Use of Fields

Each year the Board of Directors will determine the best utilization of the fields available. Currently the utilization is planned as follows:

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- **T-Ball Division** - Green Valley Elementary School – Lower Field or Rasmussen T-ball
- **Minor “A”** – Camerado Middle School
- **Minor “AA”** - Rescue Elementary School or Camerado Middle School
- **Minor “AAA”** - Rasmussen Field – East Field
- **Majors Division** - David West
- **Junior Division** – Rasmussen Field – West Field
- **Senior Division** – Rasmussen Field – West Field
- **Big League Division** – Rasmussen Field – West Field