

Steel Lake Little League Local Rules

Steel Lake Little League Baseball (SLLL) is governed by regulations listed by priority as follows:

- 2018 Little League Baseball Official Regulations, Playing Rules, & Policies
- 2018 Little League Softball Official Regulations, Playing Rules, & Policies
- 2018 Steel Lake Little League Constitution
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1. THE LEAGUE

It is the goal of SLLL to ensure that every player is given the opportunity to participate in a league division consistent with his or her age and abilities. While all SLLL divisions are for the purpose of instruction and player development, some divisions are inherently competitive and some are not. The intent of the goals and level of play for each division are described below. Managers and coaches are responsible for understanding the fundamental intent within their division and maintaining appropriate balance in their decision making to ensure intent is satisfied.

A. SLLL shall consist of teams divided into the following divisions:

- T-Ball (Baseball)
 - Consists of players 4, 5, 6, & 7 years old
 - The intent of T-Ball is to provide players with a positive introduction to the game. This is a non-competitive division. All players at this level must be given the chance to try all positions, learn basic language of the game and to be exposed to the basic rules in a fun and encouraging environment.
- 1A Baseball
 - Consists of players 6, 7, & 8 years old
 - Pitching is by coaches only.
 - The intent of the 1A division is to continue to provide players with a positive introduction to the game with additional emphasis on instruction. It is non-competitive. All players at this level should be given the chance to try all positions, learn basic language of the game and be exposed to the basic rules. Instruction in the basics of throwing, base running, batting and fielding should be provided.
- Minor B Softball (Machine Pitch)
 - Consists of girls 6, 7, 8, & 9 years old
 - The intent of the Minor B division is to place a priority on fundamentals and to continue to provide players with a positive introduction to the game with additional emphasis on instruction. It is non-competitive. All players at this level should be given the chance to try all positions, learn basic language of the game and be exposed to the basic rules. Instruction in the basics of throwing, base running, batting, and fielding should be provided.
 - Players in this division hit a low impact ball from a pitching machine. This ensures that all hitters are successful, and defensive players get plenty of chances. Teams play against teams from Steel Lake and other local Little Leagues.
- 2A Baseball
 - Consists of players 7, 8, 9, & 10 years old (older players may be given consideration if warranted based on safety/skillset)
 - Pitching is by coaches & players
 - The intent of the AA division is to provide additional instruction of fundamental skills, and introduce aspects of game strategy and/or tactics. There is some level of competition introduced. Players at this level should be given the opportunity to learn as many positions as possible. Instruction in the fundamental skills of throwing, base running, pitching, batting and defensive

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fielding should be emphasized. Game rules, work ethic and sportsmanship should also be taught and emphasized.

- **3A Baseball**

- Consists of drafted players 9, 10, 11 & 12* years old (players at this age group may be recommended for 2A, if necessary, due to safety/skillset)
- Pitching is by players only
- The intent of the 3A division is to provide continued instruction of fundamental skills, and introduce aspects of game strategy and/or tactics. There is some level of competition introduced. Players at this level should be given the chance to try all positions. Moderate instruction in the fundamental skills of throwing, base running, pitching batting and fielding should be emphasized. Game rules, work ethic and sportsmanship must be taught and emphasized.
- 3A teams are selected based on player assessments.
- Teams play against teams from Steel Lake and other local Little Leagues.

* Players that are league age 12 must sign a waiver to play at the 3A division and may not pitch at any point during the season.

- **Minors A Softball (Player Pitch)**

- Consists of girls 9, 10, 11, & 12 years old
- Pitching is by coaches & players
- The intent of the Minors A Division is to provide additional instruction of fundamental skills, and introduce aspects of game strategy and/or tactics. There is some level of competition introduced. Players at this level should be given the opportunity to learn as many positions as possible. Instruction in the fundamental skills of throwing, base running, pitching, batting, and defensive fielding should be emphasized.
- This is the first chance the girls will get to pitch to hitters. Minors A is intended as an instructional league with focus on fun and basic fundamentals.
- Teams play against teams from Steel Lake and other local Little Leagues.

- **Majors Baseball**

- Consists of drafted players 9, 10, 11 & 12 years old
- Pitching is by players only
- The intent of the Majors division is to provide expanded instruction of fundamental skills and game strategy/tactics while engaging in competitive play. Players at this level must demonstrate proficiency in a minimum standard set of skills to be successfully drafted, however, they should still be given the chance to develop skills in as many positions as practical. Thorough instruction in the mechanics of throwing, base running, batting and fielding should be emphasized with additional focus given to defensive positioning and technique. Game rules, teamwork, discipline, leadership and sportsmanship must be taught and emphasized. In addition, considerations for appropriate safeguarding against injury should be taught (emphasis on pitchers and catchers)
- Majors teams are selected based on player assessments.
- Teams play against teams from Steel Lake and other local Little Leagues.

- **Majors Softball**

- Consists of drafted girls 9, 10, 11, & 12 years old
- Pitching is by player only
- The intent of the Majors division is to provide expanded instruction of fundamental skills and game strategy/tactics while engaging in competitive play. Players at this level must demonstrate proficiency in a minimum standard set of skills to be successfully drafted, however, they should still be given the chance to develop skills in as many positions as practical. Thorough instruction in the mechanics of throwing, base running, batting, and fielding should be emphasized with additional focus given to defensive positioning and technique. Game rules, teamwork, discipline,

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leadership, and sportsmanship must be taught and emphasized. In addition, considerations for appropriate safeguarding against injury should be taught (emphasis on pitcher and catchers).

- Majors teams are selected based on player assessments.
- Teams play against teams from Steel Lake and other local Little Leagues.
- **Intermediate (50/70) Baseball**
 - Consists of drafted players 11, 12, & 13 years old
 - All rules for this division will be governed by the LL Ops Manual and Official Playing Rules
 - The intent of the intermediate division is similar to the Majors Division with additional instruction allowing the players to adapt to a slightly larger field (70' base paths). Coaches should continue to build on the foundation of skills developed in previous divisions, placing additional emphasis on game strategy/tactics and the mental aspects of the game. Players may still be given the chance to develop skills in several positions; however, considerable latitude is left with the coaches regarding the opportunities. Game rules, teamwork, discipline, and sportsmanship must continue to be taught and emphasized.
 - All 11 & 12 year old players, for the Intermediate Division, must attend tryouts
 - Teams play against teams from Steel Lake and other local Little Leagues.
- **Juniors Baseball**
 - Consists of drafted players 13 & 14 years old
 - The intent of the Juniors division is similar to the Intermediate Division with additional instruction allowing the players to adjust to a regulation size field (i.e. 90' base paths). Coaches should continue to build on the foundations of skills development in previous divisions, placing additional emphasis on game strategy/tactics and the mental aspects of the game. Players may still be given the chance to develop skills in several positions; however, considerable latitude is left with the coaches regarding these opportunities. Game rules, teamwork, discipline and sportsmanship must continue to be taught and emphasized.
 - Teams play against teams from Steel Lake and other local Little Leagues.
- **Juniors Softball**
 - Consists of drafted players 13 & 14 years old
 - The intent of the Juniors division is similar to the Majors Division. Coaches should continue to build on the foundations of skills development in previous divisions, placing additional emphasis on game strategy/tactics and the mental aspects of the game. Players may still be given the chance to develop skills in multiple positions; however, considerable latitude is left with the coaches regarding these opportunities. Game rules, teamwork, discipline and sportsmanship must continue to be taught and emphasized.
 - Teams play against teams from Steel Lake and other local Little Leagues.
- **Seniors Baseball**
 - Consists of drafted players 13, 14, 15, & 16 years old
 - The intent of the Seniors division is similar to the Juniors Division with additional instruction allowing the players to adjust to a regulation size field (i.e. 90' base paths). Coaches should continue to build on the foundations of skills development in previous divisions, placing additional emphasis on game strategy/tactics and the mental aspects of the game. Players may still be given the chance to develop skills in multiple positions; however, considerable latitude is left with the coaches regarding these opportunities. Game rules, teamwork, discipline and sportsmanship must continue to be taught and emphasized.
 - Teams play against teams from Steel Lake and other local Little Leagues.
- **Seniors Softball**
 - Consists of drafted players 13, 14, 15, & 16 years old
 - The intent of the Seniors division is similar to the Juniors Division. Coaches should continue to build on the foundations of skills development in previous divisions, placing additional emphasis on game strategy/tactics and the mental aspects of the game. Players may still be given the

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chance to develop skills in multiple positions; however, considerable latitude is left with the coaches regarding these opportunities. Game rules, teamwork, discipline and sportsmanship must continue to be taught and emphasized.

- Teams play against teams from Steel Lake and other local Little Leagues.

- **3A/Majors Baseball and Minors A/Majors Softball Player Evaluations**

- Age exceptions will be made regarding safety of players as deemed by the Player Agents, Executive Board & the Division Director.
- All players 9, 10, 11 and 12 years old will be required to attend a player evaluation to be eligible for a draft. Any player registered for a drafted division that does not attend a player evaluation will be randomly placed on a 3A baseball, or Minors A softball team, by the Player Agents & will not be available for a Majors Division Team. Player will be evaluated by the team's manager at the player's first practice. If the manager deems that the player should be placed at a lower division for the safety of the player, a re-evaluation of the player will be done in the presence of a committee consisting of the league President, Player Agent, and Division Director. After the re-evaluation, a recommendation will be made by the committee to keep the player on the assigned team or to reassign to a lower division.

- **Intermediate Baseball, Juniors Baseball/Softball, Seniors Baseball/Softball Tryouts**

- All players 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, & 16 years old will be required to attend tryouts to be eligible for a draft.
- Any player failing to attend 50 percent of the spring tryout sessions shall forfeit league eligibility unless an excuse is presented which is acceptable by a majority of the Board of Directors.
- A tryout may be deemed unnecessary if the number of players that sign up does not exceed the maximum roster size to create one (1) team at each division.

B. Drafted Division Policies

- **Majors, Intermediate Baseball, Juniors Baseball/Softball, Seniors Baseball/Softball:**

- All players drafted to a Majors, Intermediate, Juniors or Seniors baseball/softball team shall remain on that team throughout the remainder of their duration in that division of play unless traded or released.
- After a thorough player evaluation has been conducted, the last place team of the preceding season will have the first choice in every round of the draft. The next to last place team will have the second selection in every round and the remaining teams shall select in the reverse order of standings. Draft will continue until all rosters are full. Any team requiring eight or more players shall receive a bonus pick at the conclusion of the 4th round. The bonus round pick will not be used to calculate remaining 12 year olds eligible to be drafted.
- All discussions at Steel Lake LL drafts are confidential, and no players shall ever be told the position in which they were drafted.

- **Trades:**

- All trades will be completed before the Managers leave the room the night of the draft. All trades will be for player for player only. Managers may not trade players for draft picks or trade more than 1 player for another.

- **Release:**

- While discouraged, if a player wishes to re-enter the draft, a written request must be made to the Player Agent 7 calendar days prior to tryouts. Any requests received after this date will not be accepted under any circumstances. The Player Agent will present the information to the Steel Lake LL Board of Directors and the Board will vote on release of the player from their current team. The vote of the Board will be **FINAL**, and there will be no appeals or re-votes. All situations will be determined on a case by case scenario. Players will be notified of the Boards decision prior to tryouts.

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- **Sons and/or Daughters of Managers:**
 - As per the Operating Policy section of the Little League Rule Book.
- **Sons and/or Daughters of Coaches:**
 - Coaches are not to be named until the completion of the draft for all divisions. No sons and/or daughters of coaches may be waived to a team in any division of play.
- **Brother/Sister Option:**
 - As per the Operating Policy section of the Little League Rule Book.
- **Roster Maintenance:**
 - As per the Operating Policy section of the Little League Rule Book.
- **Moving Players:**
 - As per the Operating Policy section of the Little League Rule Book.
- **Player:**
 - Any player/parent has the right to refuse being pulled up to the next division.
- **3A:**
 - The 3A division will select their draft position by a lottery draw. The Manager drawing #1 will have the first pick in round 1. Manager drawing #2 will have the 2nd pick. The last team will have the first pick in round 2. The draft will continue in a serpentine process until the team rosters are full.
 - 3A teams are not allowed to have any assistant's present during the player assessment or draft.

C. Disciplinary Action Procedures & Policy for SLLL

- **Disciplinary Action**
 - Disciplinary Action may be commenced against any person involved in the SLLL program, including, but not limited to SLLL officers, directors, umpires, managers, coaches, parents, players, and those desiring to attend games and/or functions. Activities that may be subject to disciplinary action shall include any violation of the guidelines contained in the Official Regulations and Playing rules, Steel Lake Little League By-laws, or SLLL Local Rules. Any activity or conduct, which is determined detrimental to the best interest of SLLL and/or Little League Baseball by any individual, who is in any way involved in SLLL may also be subject to disciplinary action.
- **No Tolerance Policy**
 - Any manager, coach, parent or player who is ejected from a game is immediately suspended from their teams following scheduled game. This suspension is automatic and may not be appealed.
 - The Steel Lake LL Board of Directors will review ALL ejections and suspensions, and will determine if further disciplinary action is warranted. Any additional disciplinary action shall be applied as outlined within these rules.
- **Filing of Charges**
 - To initiate consideration by the Board of Directors for disciplinary action, a written complaint shall be filed with the SLLL Board setting forth the ground upon which the complaint for disciplinary action is based. The complaint shall contain necessary information so that a proper investigation of the charges can be made. It shall be signed by the complainant and shall be delivered to a member of the Board of Directors or mailed to the league within 30 calendar days following the occurrence of the alleged violation.
- **Determination by the Executive Committee to Institute Disciplinary Action**
 - Normally within three (3) calendar days of receipt of a complaint alleging the need for disciplinary action, the Executive Committee and where appropriate, the Division Director and the Umpire-in-Chief shall discuss the complaint and determine whether disciplinary action should be initiated. In the event that the complainant is one of the aforementioned individuals, he/she shall not be involved in this initial determination phase. With the above exceptions, this preliminary committee shall review the complaint, discuss the same, and make a determination by majority

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vote on whether there exists reasonable cause to believe that the conduct has in fact been engaged in, is in fact a rule or policy violation that merits disciplinary action, and if so, the committee shall recommend that the full Board of Directors consider the matter. If a majority of the committee decides that disciplinary action is not merited at this time, then it shall advise the complainant of the committee's reasons for its decision. All actions and decisions by the Executive Board will be compiled and submitted to the Steel Lake LL Board of Directors for review.

- **Composition of the Hearing Committee**
 - Following a determination that a complaint should proceed to a hearing, the league President or a designee shall notify the Board of Directors of the impending hearing. In the event that the complaint is brought by or brought against the President, then the Vice-president shall conduct the hearing. In no event shall any hearing member have any direct involvement with the alleged violation.
- **Hearing Procedure**
 - Whenever a majority of the preliminary committee of the SLLL Board determines that a complaint alleging the need for disciplinary action is merited, the Board of Directors shall give written notice to the alleged violator stating the substance of the charge in concise terms and requesting that the alleged violator appear at a hearing before the Board of Directors to be held no sooner than three days or later than 30 days from the date of the notice. The notice shall contain a statement that failure to appear at the hearing shall constitute default and an admission of the conduct alleged in the complaint. The notice shall also state that such default shall allow the SLLL Board of Directors to discipline the alleged violator as it sees fit including suspension or removal from the SLLL program.
 - The hearing shall, under normal circumstances, be open to the public just as any regular board meeting.
 - To initiate the hearing the presiding officer shall introduce the Board and read the complaint. The accused shall have the right to appear personally and to have counsel. The presiding officer shall afford all parties the opportunity to make opening statements, present evidence and argument, and to conduct cross-examination. The hearing need not be conducted with legal rules of evidence. Each party to the hearing shall be given an opportunity to participate effectively in the hearing, and to see the entire proceeding while it is taking place.
- **Decision of Hearing Committee**
 - At the conclusion of the fact-finding hearing, the Hearing Committee shall adjourn for deliberation. The Hearing Committee must be represented by a valid quorum as stated in SLLL by-laws. Unless a 2/3 majority of the Hearing Committee finds that adequate grounds exist for disciplinary action, the complaint shall be dismissed. If a 2/3 majority finds that adequate grounds exist for disciplinary action, then the committee shall issue a written decision setting forth the rule, regulation, or policy violated, and the sanction ordered as a result of the violation. Sanctions may include, but are not limited to, reprimand or censure, dismissal or suspension from any further SLLL activities, and may contain steps to be completed to remedy the problem-giving rise to the violation. The decision shall be final and shall not be subject to appeal.
- **Request for Reinstatement**
 - A disciplined individual may submit, in writing, a request for early termination of disciplinary sanction, including a request for reinstatement in SLLL related activities. Any such request shall be directed to the SLLL Board of Directors and shall set forth reasons why the requested relief should be granted. Following the written request, the Board may consider appropriate action at its next regularly scheduled meeting. If a majority of the Board votes to terminate or modify the sanctions, this decision shall be set forth in a written statement to the violator. Such written decision may contain conditions to the violator for further involvement in SLLL activities.
- **Emergency Disciplinary Action**

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- Under emergency circumstances, when immediate action must be taken to protect the welfare of any individual involved in any way in SLLL programs, including spectators, the President, VP or SLLL Board members, may summarily suspend an individual from further participation in SLLL activities. Following emergency suspension, a complaint shall be made as set forth in Section 2 above and a hearing shall take place as set forth in Section 3.

D. Ground Rules for Fields

- The home team is responsible for the following:
 - Official Score Book
 - Preparing the field for play
 - Dragging, lining and installing bases
 - Surveying the playing field for safety items such as holes, sprinklers or other potential safety issues
 - Clearing field after the game and ensuring all league equipment is removed and stored properly
- Each team is responsible for cleaning their dugouts, and removing litter and debris from the surrounding area and bleachers.
- No intentional batting or throwing baseballs into fences is allowed.
- Any scoreboard is considered a convenience for the spectators and shall not be considered official in any circumstance.
- Home team will occupy the 3rd base dugout and Visitors will occupy the 1st base dugout.

E. Suspended/Cancelled Games

- All suspended/cancelled regular season games will be made up on the next available date & time, which may require back-to-back games (max 1/wk) and three game weeks.
- No team shall be required to play a four game week, unless the Managers volunteer to do so.
- The absence of specific players and/or the Manager shall not be an excuse for failing to make up a game if the team can field nine players and two assistant coaches are available.
- If managers cannot agree upon a date provided by the Scheduler, the Division Director and Umpire-in-Chief will decide upon the reschedule date and time.
- Where a conflict of interest exists, the Scheduler shall refer the matter to the Division Director for a reschedule date and time. Note: A conflict of interest is in effect if the rescheduled game involves a team and Scheduler manages or coaches.

F. Uniforms

- Uniforms are provided by SLLL. Uniforms will consist of hats and jerseys for all divisions. Players will be responsible for all items not supplied by SLLL. No sponsor, coach or individual may provide a specific team with any uniforms or partial uniforms. All teams must wear the uniforms provided by SLLL.

G. Supplemental Training/Supplies/Uniforms

- A maximum of \$125 per individual may be spent on supplemental items such as jackets, equipment bags, facility rental fees and training. "It is the policy of Little League Baseball that at no time should the payment of any fee be a prerequisite for participation in the Little League program" (Official Regulations and Playing Rules). Care should be taken that these extra costs will not be an undue burden on any individual or family.

H. Selling Merchandise at SLLL Functions

- Selling merchandise including food or other products, without the express written permission of the Board of Directors, is not permitted.

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2. MANAGERS & COACHES

“The heart of Little League Baseball is what happens between managers and players. [The manager] controls the situation in which players may be benefited or harmed. It is [the] manager more than any single individual who makes [the] program a success or failure.” (Official Regulations and Playing Rules).

A. Manager Interviews:

- All managers for the 3A baseball, Majors baseball/softball, Intermediate Baseball, Juniors Baseball/Softball & Seniors Baseball/Softball divisions will be interviewed yearly by the current board of directors.
- All managers will be allowed to introduce themselves and then will be asked a set of pre-determined questions from the Board of Directors.
- The Board of Directors will then have an additional 5 minutes to ask any additional questions.
- Interview Time Limit = 15 Minutes
- The Board of Directors will vote for managers based on the number of current team openings in each division.
- Managers receiving enough votes will be named as a manager to that division.
- Returning Majors baseball/softball, Intermediate baseball, Juniors baseball/softball & Senior baseball/softball managers will be named to their previous teams.
- New manager team assignments will then be determined by the board.

B. Manager Expectations & Standards

- Managers/Coaches will not leave players alone after practices or games.
- The coaching staff needs to be willing to attend league meetings when requested, including the following:
 - **Training Seminars**
 - **Work Days**
 - **General League Meetings**
 - **Manager/Coaches Meeting**
 - **Jamboree**
 - **Staff Concessions Truck 2-3 times per season**
- The staff should be willing to spend the necessary time at practice and games. Each team will play an average of 2 games, and should practice 1-2 times, per week.
- Be willing to learn more about baseball/Softball and about how to teach young people the game and its basic skills.
- Demonstrate and teach players and parents fair play, sportsmanship, team play, and respect for all involved.
- Contact players within 3 days of receiving team roster, with the exception of drafted players, which shall be notified within 24hrs.
- Hold a parent meeting as soon as possible after receiving roster and prior to the first game, away from the practice field if possible. Schedules, expectations, philosophy, rules and parental responsibilities should be covered at the meeting. Experience has shown that informed parents are more supportive and willing to help.
- Once the manager has selected the manager, coaches, the staff will fill out an adult volunteer application form and submit to a background check. Only when appointed by the President and approved by the Board of Directors shall they be considered official coaches.
- Each manager and coach will sign Managers and Coaches contract.
- The coaching staff will familiarize themselves thoroughly with the Official Regulations and Playing Rules and local rules.
- The manager shall be responsible for ensuring that all league hard and soft equipment is cleaned and

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returned on the designated date agreed upon by equipment directors or may be held financially responsible.

- Report managers, coaches, players, and fans ejections to the division director or subject to disciplinary action.

C. Game Reports

- Each team manager shall file a game report to the division director within 24 hours. The final score, total innings played, playing time violations, pitching records and any other info required will be reported.
- AA managers submit a pitching report at game completion for pitching eligibility & record purposes.
- T-Ball & A managers only need to report game completion.
- Softball results and reports will be submitted directly to the District 10 per the District 10 Softball Policy

3. THE SEASON

A. Team Size:

- Per Regulation III of the Little League Rule Book.

B. Division Standings:

- In divisions where standings are kept, the final regular season standings shall be based on win/loss records in descending order.
- If there are any games missing from any teams schedule, the standings shall be determined by winning percentage in descending order. Every attempt shall be made to play a complete schedule.

C. Tie Breaker Rules

- If there are two or more teams tied at the conclusion of regular season play, this shall be resolved in the following manner.
 - Tie Breaker 1
 - Win/Loss record in head to head games
 - Tie Breaker 2
 - Fewest runs allowed in head to head games
 - Tie Breaker 3
 - Most runs scored in head to head games
 - Tie Breaker 4
 - Coin Flip

D. Umpires

- Umpires will be provided by SLLL based on need by division. No umpires will be provided at any time for T-Ball and A games.
- If no umpire is available or is absent the home team shall provide a home plate umpire, and the visiting team shall provide a field umpire.
- The umpire shall be on the field during games to settle any disputes by making an immediate ruling. The umpire may delay the game for rules clarification as they deem necessary.
- Protests will not be allowed in ANY minors division or T-Ball. The ruling of the umpire on the field will be final. Teams may report any violations in rules or ethics via the SLLL disciplinary process for review.

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- Protests in the Majors division and above will be handled per rules provided by Little League Baseball rule book.

E. Field Assignments

- All teams will utilize fields that are suitable for the specific level of play. Every attempt will be made to schedule field assignments with equity in mind. For a given field, an even distribution of dates on that field will be attempted. Due to the number of teams, this will not always be possible.

F. Safety

- No use of baseballs during pre-game batting practice. Any baseballs hit must be hit into a net away from the field of play. Use of plastic wiffle balls is acceptable for batting practice.
- All players must wear a batting helmet during pre-game warmups.
- When a player misses more than seven continuous days of participation for an illness or injury, a written medical release is required for return to baseball activity.
- BBQ's are only allowed in designated picnic areas.
- No portable propane heaters are allowed in any dugout at any time.
- During the game players in the dugouts may not hold bats in their hands. All bats must be put away or on a designated bat rack.

G. League Property

- League property shall not be removed from any SLLL storage site unless the removal is recorded and approved. Borrowed items must be accounted for and returned to SLLL.

H. Special Ground Rules for Fields

- South King County Fields
 - If fields are closed, as determined by the King County Parks Dept. rainout line, 1 hour prior to game/practice, no entry is allowed.
 - Fields will be updated via the rainout line and/or the Steel Lake LL website as necessary.
 - No field prep work of any type is allowed without prior written authorization of the fields director.
- Celebration Park
 - If the fields are closed as determined by the Federal Way Parks Dept. rainout line, no entry is allowed.
 - No field prep work of any type is allowed.
- Steel Lake Park
 - If the fields are closed as determined by the Federal Way Parks Dept. rainout line, no entry is allowed.
 - Limited field prep work is allowed. Raking and chalking is authorized. No digging/trenching is allowed.

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4. SPECIAL GAMES

A. All Stars (10, 11, & 12 year olds – Majors Baseball/Softball All Stars):

- **Manager Selection:**
 - All managers and coaches will need the approval of the board before assuming their duties as All-Star manager or coach. All managers & coaches from the Majors division may apply to become the manager of the 10/11/12 year old All Stars. Applications of intent are due to the SLLL President by the Monday following the Memorial Day holiday. The Board of Directors shall review all applicants and will make the final selections. The final vote/decision of the Board of Directors will be final and cannot be appealed. Managers shall choose their own coaches from any eligible and Board approved manager or coach from the league.
- **Player Selection:**
 - All 10, 11, & 12 year olds in the Majors are eligible candidates for the All-Star team if they respond to the player agent's call for eligibility. If a player cannot commit to the entire schedule the Board of Directors shall determine whether the player in question shall be included on the list of eligible players.
 - The current Majors managers shall meet prior to voting for the All-Star team to discuss the players on their teams. This meeting shall be conducted under the direction of the Player Agent and its sole purpose shall be to inform the other managers of the qualifications of the players on his/her team. A ballot shall then be distributed to the managers. Each manager shall vote for up to 10 players that are not on their team.
 - All players from the majors division are eligible to vote to elect players from the majors division to the Majors All Star Team. Prior to the start of the regular season the SLLL Board of Directors will determine the total number of player elected All-Stars, from each team, based on total number of Majors teams. Player Agents will compile a list of all eligible players for the Majors All Star Team. All players in the Majors Division will vote for 2 players that are on their own team. The players with the top number of votes, from each team, will be named to the All Star Team. The Votes will be counted and tabulated based upon the official release date for all-star teams as listed by LL Baseball for the current season.
 - The All-Star team shall consist of the 10 players receiving the most votes when combining the votes of the managers, and the players voted in by the players of the Majors division. The final two to four All-Star team members will be selected by the All-Star Manager from the list of eligible players. Further discussion with the other managers is confidential in order to protect the integrity of the selection process. Results shall remain confidential and the All-Star team shall be announced on the day authorized by Little League Baseball. A breach by a manager of the confidentiality process/discussions may lead to disciplinary action against the manager.
 - All participants of the Steel Lake LL All-Star program are expected to uphold the values of Steel Lake LL at all times. Any participant within the program that does not support these values may be removed from eligibility as determined by the Steel Lake LL Board of Directors. Procedures will be followed based upon disciplinary action guidelines set forth in these local rules.
 - The 10/11/12 year old All-Star team must have a minimum of 12 players.

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B. 9/9/10 and 9/10/11 Year Old All Stars Teams

- **Manager Selection:**

- All managers and coaches will need the approval of the board before assuming their duties as All-Star manager or coach. All managers & coaches from the Majors/3A baseball, and Majors/Minors A softball, divisions may apply to become the manager of the 8/9/10 and 9/10/11 year old All Stars. Applications of intent are due to the SLLL President by the Monday following the Memorial Day holiday. The Board of Directors shall review all applicants and will make the final selections. The final vote/decision of the Board of Directors will be final and cannot be appealed. Managers shall choose their own coaches from any eligible and Board approved manager or coach from the league.

- **Player Selection:**

- All 8, 9, 10, & 11 year olds within the Majors/3A baseball, and Majors/Minors A softball, divisions are candidates for the All Star team if they respond to the player agent's call for eligibility. If a player cannot commit to the entire schedule the Board of Directors shall determine whether the player in question shall be included on the list of eligible players.
- The current 3A/Majors Baseball and Minors A/Majors Softball managers shall meet prior to voting for the All-Star team to discuss the players on their teams. This meeting shall be conducted under the direction of the Player Agent and its sole purpose shall be to inform the other managers of the qualifications of the players on his/her team. A ballot shall then be distributed to the managers. Each manager shall vote for up to 10 players that are not on their team.
- All players from 3A/Majors Baseball and Minors A/Majors Softball are eligible to vote to elect players from the majors division to the Majors All Star Team. Prior to the start of the regular season the SLLL Board of Directors will determine the total number of player elected All-Stars, from each team, based on total number of 3A/Majors Baseball and Minors A/Majors Softball teams. Player Agents will compile a list of all eligible players for the 8/9/10 and 9/10/11 All Star Teams. All players in the 3A/Majors Baseball and Minors A/Majors Softball will vote for 2 players that are on their own team. The players with the top number of votes, from each team, will be named to the All Star Team. The Votes will be counted and tabulated based upon the official release date for all-star teams as listed by LL Baseball for the current season.
- Each All-Star team shall consist of the 10 players receiving the most votes when combining the votes of the managers. The final two to four All Star team members will be selected by each All Star Manager and coach from the list of eligible players. Further discussion with the other managers is confidential in order to protect the integrity of the selection process.
- All participants of the Steel Lake LL All-Star program are expected to uphold the values of Steel Lake LL at all times. Any participant within the program that does not support these values may be removed from eligibility as determined by the Steel Lake LL Board of Directors. Procedures will be followed based upon disciplinary action guidelines set forth in these local rules.
- The 8/9/10 and 9/10/11 year old All-Star team must have a minimum of 12 players.

C. Intermediate Baseball, Juniors Baseball/Softball & Seniors Baseball/Softball All Stars

- **Manager Selection**

- All managers and coaches will need the approval of the board before assuming their duties as All-Star manager or coach. All managers & coaches from the Intermediate, Juniors Baseball/Softball, Seniors Baseball/Softball divisions may apply to become the

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manager of their respective All Star teams. Applications of intent are due to the SLLL President by May 1st. The Board of Directors shall review all applicants and will make the final selections. The manager selection meeting for all SLLL All Star teams will be held on the 2nd Monday in May. The final vote/decision of the Board of Directors will be final and cannot be appealed. Managers shall choose their own coaches from any eligible and Board approved manager or coach from the league.

- Manager selection for combined All-Star teams (multiple league combination teams) shall follow Washington District 10 Upper Division All-Star selection process.
- **Player Selection**
 - All 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 year olds are eligible candidates for the All Star team if they respond to the player agent's call for eligibility. If a player cannot commit to the entire schedule the Board of Directors shall determine whether the player in question shall be included on the list of eligible players.
 - The current division managers shall meet prior to voting for the All-Star team to discuss the players on their teams. This meeting shall be conducted under the direction of the Player Agent and its sole purpose shall be to inform the other managers of the qualifications of the players on his/her team. A ballot shall then be distributed to the managers. Each manager shall vote for 8 players that are not on their team.
 - All players are eligible to vote to elect 2 players, from their respective divisions, to the All Star Team. Player Agents will compile a list of all eligible players for the All Star teams. All players will vote for 2 players that are not on their own team. The 2 players receiving the top number of votes will be named to the All Star Team. Votes will be counted and tabulated based upon the official release date for all-star teams as listed by LL Baseball for the current season.
 - The All-Star team shall consist of the 8 players receiving the most votes when combining the votes of the managers, and the 2 players voted in by the players of the Majors division. The final two to four (6 for the Seniors Division) All Star team members will be selected by the All Star Manager from the list of eligible players. Further discussion with the other managers is confidential in order to protect the integrity of the selection process. Results shall remain confidential and the All-Star team shall be announced on the day authorized by Little League Baseball. A breach by a manager of the confidentiality process/discussions may lead to disciplinary action against the manager.
 - If there is only one team, in any division, that team may elect to represent Steel Lake LL in their respective All-Star tournament or they may combine with another local Little League(s) to form one All-Star team. Combined All-Star teams (multiple league combination teams) shall follow Washington District 10 Upper Division All-Star selection process.
 - All participants of the Steel Lake LL All Star program are expected to uphold the values of Steel Lake LL at all times. Any participant within the program that does not support these values may be removed from eligibility as determined by the Steel Lake LL Board of Directors. Procedures will be followed based upon disciplinary action guidelines set forth in these local rules.

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5. DIVISION SPECIFIC RULES

A. T-Ball:

1. All players will play in the field.
2. Offensive side will be retired when all players on the roster have batted one time.
3. There will be a 75 minute time limit on all games.
4. The play is dead when the ball is within 10 feet of the pitching rubber.
5. Teams will field (10) players, (4) outfielders.
6. Two coaches and or one player are required to coach the bases providing one adult is available to remain in the dugout. If not enough coaches are available to coach the bases, then only one coach and one player on the bases.
7. Because there are no umpires, the coach of the team up to bat has the choice of removing his runners who are put out during a play or allowing them to stay on base.
8. Teams may start and end games with less than 9 players.

B. 1A Baseball Division (Coach Pitch)

1. All players will play on defense. Standard infield positions, with the balance of players filling out the outfield. (No standing an extra infielder on 2nd base)
2. Coaches will bat the entire roster each inning.
3. If the defense records 3 outs during the inning, the bases will be cleared and the inning will continue until all the players have had an at bat.
4. A batter will get 6 pitches; he/she cannot walk or strike out. If he/she fouls off the 6th pitch an additional pitch will be thrown. If the ball is not hit fair, the Batting Tee will be used for the batter to hit the ball.
5. Runners may not leave the base on a pitch until the ball is hit.
6. If a batter hits a ball to the outfield, they are encouraged to run for a double. Once the ball is in the infield, the runner must stop advancing bases. There is no advancing of bases on overthrows. (Ex. Ball is hit to 2nd base and the second baseman overthrows 1st, the runner must stay at 1st base. All other runners on base may not advance on overthrow as well)
7. The coach pitching is considered part of the field.
8. While a coach is pitching they may assist only the batter, no other players.
9. The player in the pitchers position must remain within 5 feet of the pitcher's mound (40 feet), regardless of where the coach pitching is located.
10. The coach can pitch from the range of 25 feet to 40 feet from home plate.
11. No standings shall be kept and no post season playoff games will be played
12. Teams may start and end games with less than 9 players
13. No new inning will start after 90 minutes from game start time.

C. Minors B Softball (Machine Pitch)

1. All Rules will follow the 2017 District 10 Interlock Playing Rules.
2. Rules will be distributed, and posted, prior to the first games being played.

D. 2A Baseball Division (Player Pitch)

1. All player pitchers will pitch from the 40' flat pitcher's plate.
2. No walks will be allowed.
3. If a player pitcher records four balls the coach will be allowed to deliver up to four (4) pitches to the hitter who assumes the count. If after the 4th coach pitch, and the batter has not put the ball in play, the batter will be called out.
4. A managers submit a pitching report w/ game completion for pitching eligibility & record purposes.
5. Any pitcher that throws more than 41 pitches is not eligible to play catcher for the remainder of that day.

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6. Players may steal 2nd & 3rd base only, and may only steal 1 base. Players may not advance to additional bases until after the next pitch is delivered. Players on 3rd base may only advance upon the ball being put into play by the batter or on a passed ball by the catcher. A walk by the batter does not put the ball into play.
7. No stealing after a team has a 5 run lead.
8. Each player shall play 9 defensive outs, and shall not sit more than 2 consecutive innings.
9. Teams may field (10) players, (4) outfielders.
10. Teams may start and end games with less than 9 players.
11. There shall be an umpire assigned to each game to settle any disputes by making an immediate ruling. If no umpires are available or are absent, the home team shall provide a plate umpire and the visiting teams shall provide a field umpire.
12. Five –run limit in all innings during the regular season.
13. No new inning will start 2 hours after game start time. Game start time will be recorded by the home scorekeeper. Games tied at the end of the time limit, or at the end of 6 innings will be considered a tie game.
14. Coaches will bat their entire roster. Exceptions will be made for discipline or injuries.
15. Injured or sick players will be removed from the lineup with no penalty to the team, but once removed the player cannot be re-added to the lineup.
16. The 10-run rule will not be effect during the regular season.
17. Standings will not be kept during the regular season. The season will end in a post season playoff. All teams will be randomly seeded for post season play.
18. Medals will be awarded to the 1st & 2nd place teams at the conclusion of playoffs.
19. AA division playoffs will be double elimination, and all teams are eligible to participate.
20. Home team for playoff games will be determined by a coin flip prior to the game.
21. All regular season rules will apply for playoffs except for the following:
 - There will be no time limit for playoff games.
 - No playoff game may end in a tie. If tied after the completion of the 6th inning, additional innings will be played.
 - Unlimited runs will be allowed in the 6th inning and beyond in all playoff games.
 - The 10-run rule will be in effect for playoff games.
 - Playoffs are player pitch only.

E. 3A Baseball Division

1. 12 year olds cannot pitch in this division.
2. 12 year olds may play in this division if they desire. A waiver must be completed and submitted to Washington District 10 Little league.
3. Interlock rules will be established prior to the first interlock game being played. If no specific interlock rule has been defined, playing rules will be governed by the HOME teams local playing rules.
4. The umpire shall be on the field during games to settle any disputes by making an immediate ruling. If no umpires are available or are absent, the home team will provide a plate umpire and the visiting team will provide a field umpire.
5. Five run limit in all innings, except the 6th inning and beyond which allows unlimited runs.
6. No new inning will start 2 hours after game start time, unless the game is tied. Game start time must be recorded by the umpire and official scorekeeper prior to the 1st pitch. Time recorded will be considered official.
7. If a game is tied at the end of the 2 hour time limit, 1 additional inning will be allowed with unlimited runs. Any game tied after this final inning will be recorded as a tie.
8. Coaches will bat their entire roster. Exceptions will be made for discipline or injuries.
9. The 10-run rule will NOT be in effect during the regular season.
10. The 10-run rule WILL be in effect during playoff games.

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11. Standings shall be kept to determine seeding of post season-playoff games. Medals will be awarded to the 1st & 2nd place teams at the conclusion of the playoffs.
12. AAA Division Playoffs shall be double elimination. All teams are eligible to play in the playoff games.
13. The higher seeded team from the regular season will get the choice to be home or away for all playoff games. Teams in playoff games with no losses will receive the option when playing teams with 1 loss. If both teams have 1 loss the choice will go to the team with the highest winning percentage from the regular season.
14. There will be no time limit during the playoff games.
15. Regular season rules will be in effect for post-season playoff games.
16. League playoffs are a continuation of the regular season, and pitching rules carry over from the regular season. Regular season pitching rules apply. For example, if pitcher X throws 80 pitches in the final regular season game, he would not be eligible for the first playoff game if the proper regular season time and game rest has not met.
17. Coaches will keep an official pitching log that will be exchanged with the with the other teams score keeper before the start of the game (at the same time as the line-ups). This pitching log will show a summary of all pitchers used for all games. Discrepancies between the pitching log and the game summary may result in a game forfeiture (determine by the board).

F. Minors A Softball (Player Pitch)

1. All Rules will follow the 2017 District 10 Interlock Playing Rules.
2. Rules will be distributed, and posted, prior to the first games being played.

G. Majors Baseball Division

1. The 10 run rule will be in effect during the regular season and playoffs.
2. Playoffs to determine Majors champion.
3. Standings shall be kept to determine seeding of post season-playoff games.
4. Medals will be awarded to the 1st and 2nd place teams at the conclusion of the playoffs.
5. Playoffs shall be conducted using regular season rules established in the Little League rulebook.
6. The higher seeded team from the regular season will get the choice to be home or away for all playoff games. Teams in playoff games with no losses will receive the option when playing teams with 1 loss. If both teams have 1 loss the choice will go to the team with the highest winning & from the regular season.
7. Playoffs shall be double elimination and all teams are eligible to participate.
8. League playoffs are a continuation of the regular season, and pitching rules carry over from the regular season. Regular season pitching rules apply. For example, if pitcher X throws 80 pitches in the final regular season game, he would not be eligible for the first playoff game if the proper regular season time and game rest has not met.
9. Coaches will keep an official pitching log that will be exchanged with the with the other teams score keeper before the start of the game (at the same time as the line-ups). This pitching log will show a summary of all pitchers used for all games. Discrepancies between the pitching log and the game summary may result in a game forfeiture (determine by the board).

H. Majors Softball Division

1. All Rules will follow the 2017 District 10 Interlock Playing Rules.
2. Rules will be distributed, and posted, prior to the first games being played.

I. Intermediate (50/70) Baseball Division

1. All Rules will follow the 2017 Official Little League Baseball Regulation & Playing Rules.

J. Juniors Baseball Division

1. All Rules will follow the 2017 Official Little League Baseball Regulation & Playing Rules.

K. Juniors Softball Division

1. All Rules will follow the 2017 District 10 Interlock Playing Rules.
2. Rules will be distributed, and posted, prior to the first games being played.

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L. Seniors Baseball Division

1. All Rules will follow the 2017 Official Little League Baseball Regulation & Playing Rules.

M. Seniors Softball Division

1. All Rules will follow the 2017 District 10 Interlock Playing Rules.
2. Rules will be distributed, and posted, prior to the first games being played.

Steel Lake LL Local Rules have been reviewed and approved by the Steel Lake Little League Board of Directors on 3/13/2018.

Effective for the 2018 Little League Season.