

# Yucaipa National Little League

## By-Laws & Local Rules 2020 Season

The Board of Directors (hereinafter referred to as the BOD) of the Yucaipa Valley National Little League, (hereinafter known as YVNLL), hereby approves and adopts the following local rules and by-laws for the 2019 Little League season.

### RECRUITMENT

- a) Beginning the first week of December or earlier, the Player Agent(s), with assistance of the BOD, shall commence recruitment for the upcoming spring season by giving notice to all eligible boys and girls within the league boundaries. Such notice may be given via mail, electronic delivery, schools, religious organizations, newspapers, radio, televisions or other public agencies. Any combination of the above notices may be used to notify eligible players with the dates, times and locations of open registration. Every attempt will be made to notify all returning players of registration and tryout dates, and due diligence will be made by the Player Agent(s) to ensure that every attempt will be made to notify all returning major players of registration and tryout dates.
- b) Registration dates shall be determined by recommendation of the Player Agent(s) and a majority vote of the BOD, and shall be conducted two (2) consecutive weekends in January before the upcoming spring season. Late registration shall be administered by the Player Agent(s) and accepted until the Player Agent(s) close registration for each division based on capacity to accommodate additional players. Player Agent(s) may create a waiting list in each division to fill vacancies when and if they arise.
- c) Eligibility of players shall be determined by Little League Baseball Official Rules and Regulations and shall be overseen jointly by the League President and Player Agent(s).

### TRYOUTS

- a) Tryouts shall be held for all eligible players above league age 7. Players league age 6 may try out for the Farm Division with parent request, Player Agent(s) approval prior to try-outs, and at least one year of T-Ball experience. The player will become eligible for the Farm draft if they achieve an overall score of 15 out of 25 or above during their try-out and if there are spots available in that division. Player's league age 8 may try-out for placement on a Minor Division team with Player Agent(s) approval. The player will become eligible for the Minor draft if they achieve an overall score of 15 out of 25 or above during their try-out and if there are spots available in that division. Players league age 10 may try-out for placement on a Major Division team with Player Agent(s) approval. The player will become eligible for the Major draft if they achieve an overall score of 15 out of 25 or above during their try-out and if there are spots available in that division. No tryouts will be conducted for the T-Ball Division. Notice of tryouts shall be

given during the registration period. Late registrations shall receive notice of tryouts up and until the last tryout date. Tryouts shall be conducted prior to the spring season with the dates, times and locations to be brought to the BOD by the Player Agent(s) for approval.

- b) The Player Agent(s) shall provide a list of each eligible player for each competitive division showing the players names and league age. This list shall be maintained throughout the registration period and be solidified prior to the player draft. This list shall be maintained throughout the season and shall be the basis for future player replacement.
- c) During the tryouts each candidate shall be given the opportunity to (1) bat (2) field fly balls, (3) field ground balls, (4) throw and (5) run in competition with players having the same league age and/or competing for positions in the same division. Each of these skills will be graded on a 1 to 5 point scale with a total of 25 points being the highest rating. Candidates ages 10-11 scoring 15 through 25 points will be considered for the Major Division draft. League age 12 year olds will automatically be considered for the Major Division draft, unless deemed a safety issue. Candidates ages 13-16 will be placed in the Junior/Senior Division draft. If candidates age 13 want to be eligible for the 50/70 Division, they need to request placement in this division at registration. The 50/70 Division will be created if there is enough interest and eligible players. If there are not enough eligible players to create a 50/70 Division, these players will have the option to be placed in the Junior/Senior draft. These tryout periods will be conducted in the presence of all division managers who shall observe and rate the ability of each candidate and keep a record for their own reference and use during the draft.
- d) The Player Agent(s), with input from the BOD, shall select a minimum of 3 persons (not managers of the respective division(s) being rated) to rate each candidate according to the above criteria. These ratings shall be the official rating sheets for ranking the candidates and shall be provided to the managers at the draft.
- e) All scores and league ratings are considered confidential and MUST NOT be shared with parents or players. Any violation of this rule will be considered immediate grounds for disciplinary action by the BOD.
- f) All player candidates, ages 7-16 must try out. The exclusion to this rule is the players registered in the Challenger Division. Candidates who are unable to attend a tryout will participate in the draft process by being assigned a score at the pre-draft meeting.
- g) Players unable to attend a tryout will not be eligible for All Star Tournaments. To avoid this penalty a player or their parent/guardian must check in at tryouts stating the reason (ex. Injured, wearing a cast, illness) they cannot tryout, or email the league prior to the last tryout day.

## PLAYER TEAM ASSIGNMENTS AND DRAFT PROCESS

### Team Assignments:

- a) **T-Ball Division:** Player Agent(s) shall assign players ages 4-6 to teams equalizing the distribution of players so that each team has an equal amount of players in each age group as compared to the other teams in this division. T-Ball teams shall have a minimum of 9 players and a maximum of 11 players assigned to each team. Once teams have been assigned, managers may make straight across trades with other managers, but must do so within 48 hours of receiving his/her team, with the Player Agent(s) approval.
- b) **Farm Division:** All player candidates league ages 7 and 8 shall be eligible for the Farm draft. 6 year olds may be considered for placement on a Farm Division team if they meet the following criteria: one year of T-Ball experience, a minimum tryout score of 15 points, approval of the Player Agent(s), and if there are available spots. Farm teams shall have a minimum of 10 players and a maximum of 12 players assigned to each team. The number of teams shall be determined by the Player Agent(s) based on registration numbers. Once teams have been drafted, managers may make straight across trades with other managers, but must do so before leaving the draft room, with the Player Agent(s) approval.
- c) **Minor Division:** All player candidates, league ages 9 and 10 shall be eligible for the Minor draft. 8 year olds may be considered for placement on a Minor Division team if they have a minimum try-out score of 15 points, approval of the Player Agent(s), and if there are available spots. The Minor teams shall have a minimum of 10 players and a maximum of 12 players assigned to each team. Once teams have been drafted, managers may make straight across trades with other managers, but must do so before leaving the draft room, with Player Agent(s) approval.
- d) **50/70 Division:** All player candidates, league ages 11 through 13, may be eligible to play in the 50/70 Division. Player candidates league age 13 who are not drafted to the Junior/Senior Division, must be placed on a 50/70 team.
- e) **Junior/Senior Division:** All player candidates, ages 13-16 shall be eligible to play in the Junior/Senior Division. The Junior/Senior Division shall be required to carry a roster of 12 to 15 players. This Division shall be allowed to form their own core teams by selecting seven eligible players who have registered with YVNLL during open registration. The players may elect to come as a group with no manager, or may recommend a manager for BOD approval to oversee their team. These seven players shall be placed on the same team, while the remaining players shall be drafted from those eligible players not on a core team. The Player Agent(s) shall determine the best placement of the remaining players through a modified draft in order to insure a balance of player ability through the division.
- f) **Challenger Division:** There is no draft for the challenger division. Players will be assigned to a team of no more than 15 player candidates.

### Draft Process:

- b)a) \_\_\_\_\_ The Player Agent(s) shall increase the number of teams in all divisions to accommodate all eligible registered players. There shall be no more than 10 teams in each division.

- e)b) \_\_\_\_\_ The number of teams in the major division shall be determined by the number of League Age 12 year olds registered for play. To calculate the number of teams, the Player Agent(s) will take the number of 12 year olds and divide that by 8, the maximum number of 12 years allowed on each team.
- d)c) \_\_\_\_\_ After tryouts, the Player Agent(s) will average each players' tryout scores. The Player Agent(s) will host a 'pre-draft' meeting for managers and the BOD to sit down and discuss players and their final score. Based on this discussion, the Player Agent(s) will be allowed to 'adjust' any score they need to. All registered players will be assigned to a round. There will be no 'hat picks'.
- e)d) \_\_\_\_\_ A final list of all eligible players will be created, by division, that will include the player's tryout number, final score, and the 'round' they have been placed into. Players will be placed in these rounds and drafted in the appropriate round in an effort to best distribute talent, making teams equally competitive.
- f)e) Managers must select their own teams. If a Manager cannot arrange his/her schedule so as to draft his/her team, the League President may appoint a person to draft in their place. The Manager may recommend a person to replace them, but the appointee must be approved by the League President
- g)f) Managers shall have the option to retain his/her son or daughter by notifying the Player Agent, in writing on or before the pre-draft meeting. They will be drafted in the round they were assigned to.
- h)g) \_\_\_\_\_ Coach Pick and their Sons/Daughters: A manager may exercise his option to choose his/her coach *only* when meeting ALL of the following criteria. The potential coach must have at least 2 years coaching experience (non-consecutive-acceptable) *and* must have been the coach for the requesting manager the prior season. In order to exercise this option, the manager must submit a letter stating who he/she wants to appoint as his/her coach. Both the manager and coach must sign this letter. The manager needs to present the signed letter to the Player Agent(s) on or before the pre-draft meeting. No letters will be accepted without both signatures, or after the pre-draft meeting. If a manager exercises a coach's option during the draft, that drafted player may not be traded to any other team. If the Manager's player and Coach's Pick player are assigned to the same draft round, the Manager's player will be selected in the assigned round. The Coach's Pick player must be selected in the following round. The Manager will not get a pick in the round that follows. (Ex. If both players are round 1 players, the Manager's player is selected in round 1, the Coach's player in round 2, no pick round 3, pick up again in round four). If the Manager and Coach's players are assigned to different rounds, they are simply selected during their assigned round.
- i)h) YVNLL recognizes sibling options, therefore, if a player has a brother or sister playing in the same division, the Manager who drafts either sibling shall be required to take the brother/sister as their next draft pick. As noted above, if the siblings are assigned the same draft round, one will get picked, the other the following round, then no pick the next round. This is in an effort to keep teams equally balanced.
- j)i) To commence the draft process, the Player Agent(s) shall present the final list of eligible players to the drafting Managers. The Player Agent(s) shall then direct the Managers to draw numbers to determine who gets 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> pick until the draft

order is complete. The draft will use a standard ‘windshield wiper’ picking order, uninterrupted, until every player has been selected and the draft for that *division* is completely over.

k) Before leaving the draft room, Managers may, with approval of the Player Agent(s), trade player for player as long as the players being traded are ranked within the same round.

l) Managers, or their representative, shall notify their players and/or parents **within 24 hours** of the draft that the player has been drafted to their team.

#### **Draft order:**

- a) **Junior/Senior Division:** The Junior/Senior Division shall be the first division to draft players.
- b) **50/70 Division:** The 50/70 division shall draft after the Junior/Senior Division.
- c) **Major Division:** The Major Division shall draft after the Junior/Senior and 50/70 Divisions. The Major draft will be conducted by league age, starting with league age 12. All 12 year olds will be drafted in the first portion of the draft. After all 12 year olds are drafted, the first half of the Major draft will conclude. Picking up exactly where it left off; continuing to use the ‘windshield wiper’ picking order, all 11 year olds will then be drafted onto a Major Division team. Any eligible 10 year old players can then be drafted until teams are complete.
- d) **Minor Division:** The Minor Division shall draft after the Major Division. The Minor draft will be conducted by league age, starting with league age 10. All 10 year olds will be drafted in the first portion of the draft. After all 10 year olds are drafted, the first half of the Minor draft will conclude. Picking up exactly where it left off; continuing to use the ‘windshield wiper’ picking order, all 9 year olds will then be drafted onto a Minor Division team. Any eligible 8 year old players can then be drafted until teams are complete.
- e) **Farm Division:** The Farm division shall draft after the Minor division. The Farm draft will be conducted by league age, starting with league age 8. All 8 year olds will be drafted in the first portion of the draft. After all 8 year olds are drafted, the first half of the Farm draft will conclude. Picking up exactly where it left off; continuing to use the ‘windshield wiper’ picking order, all 7 year olds will then be drafted onto a Farm Division team. Any eligible 6 year old players can then be drafted until teams are complete.

## **MANAGERS, COACHES AND UMPIRES**

- a) Team Managers shall be appointed annually by the President with approval of the BOD, and shall be responsible for the selection of their teams, if applicable, and for their actions on the field [Little League Regulation 1(b)]. Coaches shall be selected by the team Manager pending BOD approval (see ‘Draft Process, g’). Should there be more manager applicants than teams available, an interview committee of at least two board members may be created. The committee will conduct interviews of all applicants. Managers may have multiple BOD approved volunteers to help them manage the daily operation of a practice or other team affair, however, only the manager and (2) approved coaches may be allowed on

- the field during any game. All managers, coaches and volunteers must have a Live Scan background check and wear a BOD issued badge. **All volunteers must be board approved by the first board meeting held after opening day. Any manager or coach on the field not wearing a BOD issued badge will be asked to leave the field and the manager will be subject to disciplinary action.**
- b) Umpires shall be appointed annually by the President, with the approval of the BOD. The president will be responsible for the umpires' assignments, and their actions on the field [Little League Regulation 1(b)].
  - c) The President or the Umpire in Chief should not be scheduled to umpire regular season games, but may umpire if no other umpires are readily available.

## **DIVISIONS AND RULES**

- a) The YVNLL shall include T-Ball, Farm, Minor, Major, 50/70, Junior/Senior and Challengers divisions for the 2017 season. Players interested in competing in the Challenger division will be directed to the President, Player Agent(s) or Challenger Representative on the BOD.
- b) Attached to these By-Laws as addendums A, B, C, D and E, are the respective local rules for the T-Ball, Farm, Minor, Major Divisions and Tie-Breaker Rules. These local rules shall be in addition to Little League Baseballs Official Regulations and Playing Rules 2017.
- c) The Junior/Senior, Major, and Intermediate Division shall be played using LLB rules and regulations.
- d) All competitive divisions shall operate using the 10 run mercy rule as described in LLB section 4.10(e) unless altered by an inter-league play agreement.
- e) ALL Divisions may seek inter-league agreements to play all, or a portion of, the spring season with other Chartered Little Leagues (subject to approval of the District Administrator). These divisions shall create and enter into an inter-league play agreement acceptable to all leagues and districts. This agreement shall be signed by the League Presidents and subsequently signed and approved by the District Administrators from each District. In addition to the inter-league agreement, a set of local ground rules shall be established which shall be used in conjunction with the LLB rules.
- f) Divisional standings will be kept for the Farm through Junior/Senior divisions. Standings will be determined by a wins vs. games played percentage. In the event that a percentage tie arises, the team with the least amount of runs scored against them will get the higher standing. Tie games will equal a ½ point if not made up.
- g) Make up games: All games in the Minor through Junior/Senior divisions will be made up if possible. Priority of make-up games will be as follows:
  - a. Junior/Senior games will be made up on the Junior/Senior field when it is available.
  - b. All other games will be made up if a field is available.

## **REGULAR SEASON TOURNAMENT**

- a) Junior and 50/70 may play in an interleague tournament. The tournament will be double elimination.

- b) Majors, Minors and Farm will play a league only tournament.
- c) Tournament rules for Major and Minor divisions will be regular season rules.
- d) Tournament rules for Farm will be played by regular season rules with the following exceptions:
  - 1) The line-up order for each game can be reset.
- e) Tournament structure will be as follows:
- f) Seeding will be determined as stated in divisions and rules, item f.
- g) The highest seed will play the lowest seed, and team placement and 2<sup>nd</sup> plays next lowest and will continue until all teams are seeded.

## **TOURNAMENT TEAMS (ALL-STARS)**

- a) The president, in conjunction with the Player Agent(s)(s,) will make a recommendation to the BOD on the following:
  - a. The number of teams participating in all-stars during the year.
  - b. The number of players carried on each roster, subject to tournament team's manager selection.
  - c. Other relevant factors (not already approved herein by the BOD) surrounding YVNLL's participation in the current year's All Star Tournament.
- b) The Vice President will present to the BOD the all star uniform bids for approval.

### **Managers Selection:**

- a) Persons eligible to manage an All Star Team must be in good standing as determined by the BOD, and have a desire to manage the team. Managers shall sign a letter of intent to manage the All Star Team and submit it to the League President by May 10th of the current season. Example: A coach who wants to be considered for multiple All Star Teams must submit a letter of intent for each divisional team.
- b) Little League (12 year old team): The manager and coaches shall be regular season team managers and/or coaches from the Little League Baseball Majors Division.
- c) The 9-10 division and 10-11 divisions shall be regular season team managers and/or coaches from the Little League Baseball Majors division or Minor League division.
- d) Junior and Senior League division managers and/or coaches shall be from the regular season team managers and/or coaches from the Junior/Senior division.
- e) In the event that no manager or coach is able to manage the All-Star team then the League President shall choose from any division within the league to manage the All-Star Tournament Team.
- f) All-Star Managers will be determined as follows:
  - a. The board will review all manager's/coaches letters of intents and elected by the board of directors with president approval.
  - b. If a manager selects his own child for an All-Star Team, that manager may only manage an All-Star Team that represents his child's league age.
  - c. Once approved, managers shall select one or two coaches to assist them during the all-star tournaments.

- d. In the event that a manager must resign his/her position, or the situation arises whereby no eligible manager or coach in a particular division requests to be considered for the All-Star Manager, the League President shall appoint a manager from an alternate division to serve in that position as long as he/she is a member in good standing, has a desire to serve in such capacity, and is a BOD approved volunteer.

**Player Selection:**

- a) Each player, through their manager and or team parent shall be provided a Letter of Intent to Participate in All-Stars (Addendum G). This letter must be signed by both the player and the parent, and be submitted to the League President no later than May 17<sup>th</sup>, of the regular season. Any player that signs the intent letter and is chosen for an All-Star team will be responsible for the All Star team cost of approximately \$85-100. Any player that agrees to participate on the team and then does not fulfill all obligations of all-stars shall be responsible for reimbursing any and all costs incurred by YVNLL.
- b) All regular season managers will attend a mandatory all-star managers meeting TBD for their respective division. The managers will then receive a list of eligible players that will be compiled by the Player Agent(s). The managers will then select and rank the top 20 players from the list and come to consensus on the top 9 players. The all-star manager will then choose an additional 3-5 player to complete the team. The managers present can choose to either rank the top nine first, or ask the manager who his 3-5 additional players will be.
- c) Players will be selected to the following teams in the following order:
  - a. Senior Team – players league age 15-16.
  - b. Junior Team – players league age 13-14 who played in the Junior/Senior division during regular season play.
  - c. 50/70 Team – players league age 11- 13 who played in the 50/70 division during regular season play.
  - d. Little League Baseball Tournament Team – This team will consist of the top 9 ranked 12 year olds, with the manager having the option to select the remainder of the team. These players may be either league age 11 or 12 with a maximum of 3 eleven year olds. :
  - e. 11 year old team – players league age 11.
  - f. 10 year old team – players league age 10.
  - g. 9 year old team – players league age 9.
  - h. All subsequent shall then be selected.
- d) No player will know whether he or she was selected in the top 9 or by the manager. All decision made at the meeting are confidential. **Any violation of confidentiality will be addressed and disciplined by the BOD.**
- e) Replacement players for all teams in all divisions shall be selected from the original managers list of 20. If the team can not be formed from the original list, the managers will reconvene to make additional recommendations.

## **WINTERBALL PROGRAM**

YVNLL shall offer a winter ball program that is meant to be an instructional program with emphasis on graduating players from one division to the next. Recruitment shall



begin immediately at the close of the regular season with a reminder at closing ceremonies that our program will be offered for 10 weeks in the fall. Flyers may be placed in the schools and/or mailings to the previous year's players can be done as well as posting information on our website. Any of the above may be used as determined by the BOD. Each board member will assist in the process of administering the program and each shall serve at least 2 days as the board member on duty during the program. Team assignments shall be done by the Player Agent(s) and the League President and his/her appointees. The games shall be scheduled on Sunday afternoons, and the Managers and Coaches are encouraged to keep the program very instructional with practices being optional. Umpiring is not mandatory for the games though the BOD can use these games to develop and train new umpires as needed. The program may be played inter-league with the YVALL or other leagues if deemed appropriate by the BOD.

These Rules and By-Laws have been approved by the 2018-2019 YVNLL Board of Directors, by majority vote, on this \_\_\_\_, day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robby Evans, YVNLL President

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Allison Snellings, YVNLL Secretary