

2020 Pflugerville Little League

BYLAWS

(IN ADDITION TO LITTLE LEAGUE RULE BOOK)

ARTICLE I – ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AND REGULATIONS

SECTION 1 – Amendments to the Bylaws

These bylaws may be amended, repealed or altered in whole or in part by a majority vote at any duly organized meeting of the Members as defined under Article III, Section 2(f) of the Pflugerville Little League Constitution (PLL Constitution), provided notice of the proposal is included in the notice of such meeting. Amended bylaws shall be submitted to Little League Baseball, Inc., for review and record.¹

SECTION 2 – Player Registration

- a) Players may register online at pflugervillelittleleague.com or in person at the pre-determined registration location and time.
- b) Players returning to the same division as the previous spring season have the option to return to their last spring team. All players must participate in player evaluation to be considered for All-Stars.²
- c) Any players seeking scholarships or payment arrangements will be required to complete the proper request form and submit the form along with all required documentation to the PLL Board of Directors for approval.
 - 1) Submission and approval of scholarships shall be submitted in person at a designated time and place prior to the start of the season.³

¹ Added during the May 14, 2018 Regular Meeting

² Added during the November 27, 2017 Special Meeting

³ Ibid.

- d) All Players must submit a Little League Medical Release form,
http://www.littleleague.org/Assets/forms_pubs/asap/Medical_Release_Form.pdf.⁴
- e) During the Spring Season, Pflugerville ISD Players of school age must submit:
- 1) A Little League School Verification Form,
http://www.littleleague.org/Assets/forms_pubs/school-enrollment-form.pdf.
 - 2) If the Player does not attend Pflugerville ISD, the Player's parents/guardians must provide proof of residence between February 1st of the previous year and February 1st of the current year from one or more documents from EACH of the three groups below:
 - i) Group I:
 - (1) Driver's License (photo ID of parent(s) or guardian(s) with qualifying resident address).
 - (2) School records (home address of the player's parents or guardians).
 - (3) Vehicle records (e.g. registration, lease, etc.).
 - (4) Employment records.
 - (5) Insurance documents (with residence address).
 - ii) Group II:
 - (1) Welfare/child care records.
 - (2) Federal records (e.g. Federal Tax, Social Security, etc.).
 - (3) State records.
 - (4) Local (municipal) records.
 - (5) Support payment records.
 - (6) Homeowner or tenant records.
 - (7) Military records.
 - iii) Group III:
 - (1) Voter's Registration.
 - (2) Utility bills (e.g. gas, electric, water/sewer, phone, mobile phone, heating, waste disposal).
 - (3) Financial records (loan, credit, investments, etc.)
 - (4) Medical records.
 - (5) Internet, cable, or satellite television records.

⁴ *Ibid.*

- iv) Three documents from the same Group (e.g. utility bill, cable bill, and bank statement) constitute only ONE document.⁵
- 3) If the Player does not attend Pflugerville ISD or live within the little league boundary, a waiver must be obtained from District.⁶
- f) During the Spring Season, soon after registration closes, the local league will conduct player evaluations (player tryouts).
 - 1) Prospective Team Managers and Coaches will assess the skill level of players (e.g. hitting, fielding, throwing, and running).
 - 2) Once tryout sessions are complete, team managers of their respective division and league will participate in the league approved Draft, as outlined in [Article III, Section 3](#).
 - 3) Players who do not tryout will be drawn as a hat pick, during the Draft.⁷
- g) A refund will be provided in full, unless:
 - 1) Uniform orders have been submitted.
 - i) If uniforms have been ordered, then the amount of the refund will reflect the cost of the uniform
 - 2) The team's second game has been completed.⁸

Note: Keep in mind, the term "tryout" does not mean that any player is "cut" from a team. All players trying out will be drafted to a team.

SECTION 3 – Season Registration Fees

A reasonable registration fee for each season is assessed as the parent's agreement to assure the operational continuity of the Pflugerville Little League. It is the parent's understanding that the PLL is a 100% volunteer run organization and expects all parents to contribute their time and efforts for the betterment of the league as a whole.

- a) The Board determines the registration fee prior to the start of the fall and spring season.
- b) Registration fees helps pay for the following:
 - 1) Uniforms (e.g. Jersey and cap)

⁵ *ibid.*

⁶ *ibid.*

⁷ *ibid.*

⁸ *ibid.*

- 2) Rewards (as deemed appropriate by the PLL Board, only during the spring season);
- 3) Recurring Expenses (e.g. Lights);
- 4) Park Use and Maintenance (e.g. Chalk and Ant Kill for Practice and Games);
- 5) Equipment (e.g. Coaches and Umpire Equipment);
- 6) Concession/Supplies (e.g. Consumables and Lavatory Supplies); and
- 7) Fundraising (e.g. Printing of Raffle Tickets).⁹

SECTION 4 – Conduct, Complaints and Discipline

Managers and coaches are responsible for the safety and behavior of their players on and around the field.

- a) Prohibited behavior by managers, coaches, parents or spectators on or around practice or games include the use of profanity, foul/abusive language, consumption of alcoholic beverages, or being under the influence of alcohol or any illegal or prescription drugs.
- b) No manager, coach or parent will take a complaint to the Board of Director (or individual Board member) without first consulting the manager, the division's Player Agent, and then the Vice President of the particular division (Softball or Baseball) to resolve the complaint. Complaints can also be submitted to plldisciplinaryboard@yahoo.com.
- c) Violation by a Coach or Manager of any of these rules, or the Official Little League Rules, or the code of conduct distributed by Pflugerville Little League, may result in, ejection from the game, suspension from future games, forfeiture of the game or expulsion from Pflugerville Little League at the discretion of the Board of Directors. Managers are responsible for their coaches and players. If a Manager fails or refuses to take appropriate and sufficient measures to curb violations by their Coaches or players, the Manager may be subjected to discipline due to violations by their Coaches and Players. All discipline issues will be decided upon by the Board of Directors as prescribed under Article III Section 4(a) and (b) of the PLL Constitution.¹⁰
- d) **Zero violence policy.** Exhibiting physical or verbal aggression, or aggressive behavior (causing physical or emotional harm to others) by a player member (as defined under Article

⁹ Amended during the November 27, 2017 Special Meeting.

¹⁰ Ibid.

III, Section (a) of the PLL Constitution) or regular member (as defined under Article III, Section (b) of the PLL Constitution) at any event where Pflugerville Little League is being represented, whether it is sanctioned or non-sanctioned by the Little League, will not be tolerated. As prescribed by Article VII, Section (2)(g) of the PLL Constitution, the President has the power to temporarily suspend a member of any class for a period not to exceed seven days, pending disciplinary review. All discipline issues will be decided upon by the Board of Directors as prescribed under Article III Section 4(a) and/or (b) of the PLL Constitution.¹¹

- e) **Ejection Policy.** If an umpire ejects a team manager, coach, or player, there will be a mandatory one game suspension (the following scheduled game).
- 1) When a team manager, coach, or player is ejected from a game, they shall leave the complex immediately and take no further part in the game. They may not sit in the stands and may not be recalled.
 - 2) Any team manager, coach, or player ejected from a game is suspended for his or her team's next physically played game and may not be in attendance at the game site. This includes pregame and postgame activities.
 - 3) After receiving the umpire's report that a team manager, coach, or player has been disqualified, the league president shall require such team manager, coach, and player to appear before the Board of Directors to explain their conduct. In the case of a player, the manager shall appear with the player in the capacity of an advisor. The members of the Board present at the meeting shall impose such penalty as they feel is justified.¹²

Note: The Board may impose such penalties that it feels are warranted, but may not lessen the requirements of (e) and Little League Rule 4.07.

SECTION 4A – Board Member Code of Conduct

- a) Board Members of the Pflugerville Little League (PLL) are expected to adhere to the following code of conduct:
- 1) I will enforce the rules and bylaws of the PLL.
 - 2) I will put the safety of our players, spectators, coaches and umpires first.

¹¹ Added during the June 24, 2017 Special Called Meeting.

¹² Added during the May 14, 2018 Regular Meeting.

- 3) As a representative of the PLL, my conduct and behavior must remain professional and civil at all times.
 - 4) I understand that like the children on our teams, the Board of Directors must operate as a team to be successful.
 - 5) I will refrain from speaking negatively or using profanity about and/or against a Board member(s), Coach(es), Parent(s), Player(s), Fan(s) or Umpire(s) on the little league premises as well as off the Little League premises.
 - 6) When it comes to social media, I will adhere to this code of conduct and not engage in debates or post comments that does not reflect the league in the positive light.
 - 7) If I am also a coach, I will not attempt to use my Board Member position to improperly influence the drafting process, to improperly influence the All-Star selection process or otherwise use my position to gain an unfair advantage for any child or for my team.
 - 8) It is understood that differences of opinions will always exist. When they occur, I will handle and resolve the differences in a civil manner.
 - 9) As a member of this Board, I understand that I am open to criticism from the public and I will handle in the appropriate and a civil manner that would be expected from an adult.
- b) As expressed in Article VI Section 5(e) in the PLL Constitution, deliberate disregard may result in disciplinary actions.¹³

SECTION 5 – Background Checks

The requirements to implement background checks were implemented by Little League International in 2002 in order to protect our children, individuals, and the league.

- a) As a condition of service to the league, all team managers, coaches, Board of Directors, volunteers, or hired workers must complete a Little League Official Volunteer Application, http://www.littleleague.org/Assets/forms_pubs/volunteer-app.pdf.
- b) An annual background screening must be completed prior to the applicant assuming his/her duties for the current season.
- c) The following procedure shall be followed:
 - 1) The League's President and/or Safety Officer will run a background check using only the Little League's criminal file database. The nationwide background check includes sex

¹³ Added during the May 14, 2018 Regular Meeting.

offender registry data and other criminal records for anyone who has committed any type of offense involving minors.

- 2) All applications and reports are kept confidential. Only the President and/or Safety Officer will have access to the information.
- 3) If there is a question regarding an application or report, the President and/or Safety Officer will interview the applicant and make a final determination.
- 4) After completion of the background check, the social security number will be redacted. Background check information and any other documents obtained shall be filed for at least two (2) years. After two (2) years, all documents will be properly destroyed.
- 5) An applicant who is denied based on a background check, may appeal the decision to the Executive Officers at any schedule special meeting. The Executive Officer's decision by majority vote will be final.¹⁴

Note: Little League International provides local leagues a criminal file database that searches through more than 281 million criminal records. It would be of disservice to the league's integrity if the background check process is compromised due to an individual submitting their own findings. Thus, due to the sensitive nature and need for objectivity, it is advised that the President and Safety Officer not be contacted regarding background checks.

Note: An individual who has been convicted of or plead guilty to charges involving or against a minor must not be permitted to work or volunteer. It is Little League policy that no person who has a history of sexual abuse toward children be given any volunteer responsibilities.

Note. The President and/or Safety Officer should review all applications and reports on a case-by-case basis and take into consideration Texas Penal Code and Criminal Procedure Code at the time of the crime. Even though a conviction or other offense may not be against a minor, the President and/or Safety Officer can deem an individual as inappropriate and/or unfit and may prohibit him/her from volunteering.

SECTION 6 – Umpires

The volunteer umpire is as much a part of Little League as the volunteer manager, coach or concession stand worker. Little League umpires should be unpaid volunteers. Training is available to any person interested in volunteering as an umpire through umpire school, umpire clinics, or Little League University, <http://www.littleleague.org/umpires.htm>.

¹⁴ Added during the November 27, 2017 Special Meeting. Amended during the May 14, 2018 Regular Meeting.

- a) The Board of Directors may decide to hire umpires for Baseball Minor A, Baseball Majors, Baseball 50/70, Baseball Juniors, Softball Minors, Softball Majors, and Softball Juniors.
- b) Paid umpires shall fill out a W2 form and agree to file their earnings to the IRS.
- c) Umpires should only be paid by check.
- d) Umpires shall follow the Little League rule books as well as the local league bylaws as outlined under [Article III](#).¹⁵

SECTION 7 – Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect

- a) Pflugerville Little League prides itself in providing all players, parents, and families with a safe environment to learn and play the sport of baseball and softball.
 - 1) All League personnel, team managers, coaches, umpires, parents, and any other interested parties are encouraged to report any suspicious behavior or any unidentifiable persons or strangers frequenting or loitering around the ball park to the Pflugerville Police Department as well as the league’s president, and District Administrator.
 - 2) If an individual suspects a case of abuse within the league, they should report it to the appropriate child services organization and/or Pflugerville Police Department as well as, their league president and District Administrator.
 - 3) Information regarding reporting child abuse can be found, at: <http://www.littleleague.org/player-safety>.¹⁶

ARTICLE II – FACILITY RULES AND USAGE

All field usage must be approved and scheduled by the league and adhere to the following rules:

SECTION 1 – Property Rules

The following is prohibited on the Pflugerville Little League Property:

- a) No Pets (big or small) are allowed on the PLL property, except for service dogs as prescribed under the American with Disabilities Act;
- b) No Solicitation;

¹⁵ *Ibid.*

¹⁶ *Added during the May 14, 2018 Regular Meeting.*

- c) No Smoking (Including Vapor or E-cigarettes) or tobacco use are allowed on the Pflugerville Little League (PLL) property;
- d) No Alcohol or Drugs;
- e) No Firearms;
- f) No Glass bottles;
- g) No Profanity or Abusive Language;
- h) No Bicycles, Scooters, Roller Skates, Inline Skates or Skateboards;
- i) No Tree Climbing, Fence Climbing, or Rock / Stick throwing;
- j) No Swinging on Chain Gates; and
- k) No Unauthorized Practice on Fields.

SECTION 2 – Game Schedules and Cancellations

The Spring Season will commence on the first Saturday in March and up to the last Saturday in May, not to include makeup games.

The Fall Season will commence on the second Saturday in September and end no later than the first Saturday in November, not to include makeup games.

- a) The spring season will be scheduled over 10 weeks with each team playing approximately twice per week, weather permitting. Every attempt will be made to schedule an equal number of games for each team within its league/division.
- b) The fall season will be scheduled over 8 weeks with each team playing at approximately once per week, weather permitting. Every attempt will be made to schedule an equal number of games for each team within its league/division.
- c) Games shall be scheduled Monday through Saturday during the spring and fall seasons. Games can be played on Sundays. (Exceptions may be made by the Vice President of the respective division)
- d) Games per week are counted Monday through Saturday and include scheduled games and makeup called games, but not makeup of suspended games.
- e) No game will be cancelled earlier than the scheduled start time, except under very unusual circumstances as determined by the PLL President (e.g. weather related events). Reasons for called and suspended games include, but not limited to:

- 1) When a field is too wet to play safely;
 - 2) When there is insufficient light to safely play; and
 - 3) When a team does not have the required number of players;
- f) Makeup games will be scheduled no later than the close of the season, if possible. A schedule with the dates and fields for each league and division will be published as soon as possible on the PLL Facebook page.
- 1) Advance notice of makeup games will be made at a minimum within two (2) days.¹⁷
 - 2) For Minor A and Minor B Divisions, makeup games may be scheduled as follows¹⁸:
 - i) 1 game on Monday
 - ii) Doubleheader on Friday
- g) Any game not played shall be counted as a loss for both teams unless there are no open dates/fields available.
- h) In accordance with Little League Rules Article X regarding night games and in respect of the City of Pflugerville's noise ordinance, Section 94.03, no new inning shall start after 10:00PM.

SECTION 3 - Rental of Fields

PLL League Teams have priority over field use. In the case of rainout/makeup games or other required field use, PLL will have priority over rentals. Credits/refunds will be applied if a rental is cancelled due to PLL Little League requirements.

If a field is available, individuals and/or organizations must adhere to the following before rental and use of field(s):

- a) Proof of insurance
 - 1) A current copy of the teams insurance in electronic PDF or hard copy, must be filed with the PLL Rental Agreement.
- b) Lessee agrees to abide by and uphold the following PLL rules

¹⁷ Added during the March 6, 2017 Regular Meeting.

¹⁸ Ibid.

- 1) No PETS – PLL does not allow pets of any kind on the facility during little league or other rental events.
- 2) No Alcohol- PLL prohibits the use of alcohol during any event on the facility.
- 3) No-Firearms- No firearms of any kind allowed at PLL.
- 4) No- Glass bottles allowed.
- 5) No Charcoal or Propane Grills allowed on the complex or in the parking lots.
- 6) No Bikes or skateboards, and or other riding devices other than electric or non-electric wheelchairs for the handicapped.
- 7) No Unsportsmanlike like behavior by players, coaches, and spectators will be tolerated. Removal from the complex will result in the organization associated with person or persons to be denied future access to PLL facilities.

c) Parking

- 1) Parking is only allowed in the Paved and Gravel Areas of the complex. (Exception is the grass lot behind Field 5)
- 2) No vehicle shall be permitted inside the complex fenced area without prior authorization from PLL. Emergency vehicles excluded.

d) Trash in and around Field

- 1) We at PLL try very hard to offer a clean and safe place for youth to play. It is your responsibility as a renter to dump the dugout trash into larger can outside and pick up around the field you are using. We appreciate this team effort to keep PLL clean and safe.

e) Field Care Guidelines

- 1) PLL will periodically maintain the infield dirt. Due to time constraints it will not be done by PLL on a daily basis. It is requested that individuals using the field make an effort to maintain the infield using the provided rakes and field drags around home plate and base paths.
- 2) Use of fields is limited to the specific field you are renting. Use of other fields for warm up is prohibited. Use of batting cages for batting practice (BP) is welcomed for all renters.

f) Inclement Weather

- 1) PLL reserves the right to close the complex due to rain or other weather event. Please check our Facebook page (@PflugervilleLittleLeague) for field status.
- 2) When the complex is closed all rental events are cancelled. Appropriate reschedule or refund (s) will be made for prepaid events.
- 3) During off season, PLL will make every effort to update the Facebook page (@PflugervilleLittleLeague) with field status but ask coaches to use their best judgement on field conditions.

ARTICLE III – LOCAL LEAGUE STRUCTURE

SECTION 1 – DIVISION STRUCTURE

- a) A player's League Age determines their division eligibility as set forth in the Little League Baseball/Softball Rule Book.
- b) PLL follows all Official Little League Rules for Baseball and Softball with a few exceptions, which are listed under this Article.

SECTION 2 – TEAM MANAGERS AND COACHES

Managers and coaches must possess leadership ability and the know-how to work with young children. Training Little Leaguers in the fundamentals of teamwork, good sportsmanship and discipline are attainable goals, and are readily available through publications, videos, seminars and clinics produced for and by Little League, www.LittleLeagueU.org.

- a) All team managers and coaches must complete the Little League Official Volunteer Application.
- b) The Board shall follow the procedures outlined below when appointing team managers prior to the start of the fall ball and spring season:

- 1) Any person interested in managing a team shall contact the Vice President of the particular league and carbon-copy the President by e-mail. The Vice President(s) and President may also reach out to individuals.
 - 2) Prior to the scheduled regular meeting to discuss appointments, the Vice President of the league (Softball or Baseball) shall present the list of interested individuals for each particular division to the President.
 - 3) From that list, the President shall present his/her choices of team managers for each division to the Board.
 - 4) By record vote, the Board can decide to approve or deny the President's selection.
 - 5) If the choice is not approved, other candidates on the list will be considered by the Board by majority record vote.
 - 6) The selected team manager will serve until the end of the season, and may be considered for tournament team manager/coach.
- c) Team Managers shall follow the procedures outlined below when selecting coaches and assistant coaches:
- 1) Team managers shall select their coaches and assistant coaches.
 - 2) Prior to the next scheduled regular meeting, the team manager shall provide a list of coaches and assistant coaches to the Vice President of the particular league and carbon-copy the President by e-mail.
 - 3) The list of coaches and assistant coaches for each team will be provided to the Board of Directors for final approval by majority record vote.
 - 4) If a list is not approved, the team manager will need to resubmit a new list for Board approval at the subsequent scheduled regular meeting.
 - 5) The selected coaches and assistant coaches will serve until the end of the season, and may be considered as a tournament coach.
- d) A team manager or a coach may appeal the decision to the Board of Directors at any scheduled regular meeting. The Board's decision by majority vote will be final.
- e) Team managers and coaches shall follow the Little League rule books as well as the local league bylaws as outlined under [Article III](#).
- f) Team managers and coaches are responsible for their own conduct on and off the field. All disputes within a team between the team manager and coaches shall be resolved

expeditiously without causing a distraction or becoming detrimental to the team and their league.

- g) Disputes that are not resolved between the team manager and coaches within a team shall be first reported to the Player Agent of the particular division. If not resolved, the Vice President representing the team shall ask the Secretary to add the dispute on the next scheduled regular meeting agenda for discussion and possible action. The President does have the right, as prescribed under Article VII, Section 2(g) of the PLL Constitution to temporarily suspend the team manager and coaches in the dispute.
- h) Only the Little League Board of Directors has the authority to remove or suspend a manager or coach. If a parent or anyone else is dissatisfied with a manager or coach, they can follow the procedure outlined in [Article I, Section 4\(b\)](#).¹⁹

SECTION 3 – DRAFTING PROCEDURE

This section only applies to teams in Minor Coach Pitch Baseball / Softball divisions and above for the Spring Season.

- a) As allowed under [Article I, Section 2\(b\)](#), players returning to the same division as the previous spring season have the option to return to their previous spring team. Players who do not wish to be placed on the previous spring season team will be required to participate in player evaluation and entered in the Draft. Players who do not tryout will be drawn as a hat pick, during the Draft.
- b) Prior to the Draft, the Vice Presidents of Baseball and Softball, respectively, will present the number of teams and number of players for each team.
- c) Team Managers, as prescribed under [Article III, Section 2](#), shall participate in the Draft and select their teams.
 - 1) Team Managers returning to the same division as the previous Spring Season will receive those players that have chosen to return to their teams.
 - 2) Team Managers will receive the following players on their team: the manager's son(s) or daughter(s), and the son(s) or daughter(s) of any approved coach or team parent. There is

¹⁹ Added during the November 27, 2017 Special Meeting.

a maximum of four (4) approved volunteers (including the Team Manager) allowed prior to the Draft. These volunteers should be submitted to the Vice Presidents of the respective league for approval and prior to the Draft. These volunteers are expected to perform their duties for the entire season.

- d) Team Managers shall select their team name (e.g. MLB, MiLB, etc.) and color of uniforms (e.g. White, Blue, Green, Pink, etc.).
- e) The Draft Methodology shall be the following:
 - 1) The team with the most players prior to the first selection will set the baseline number for the draft.
 - i) The baseline number determines how many selections each team receives to have the same amount of players as the team that sets the baseline.
 - (1) For example:

Team Red has 3 players

Team Blue has 3 players

Team Green has 1 player

Team Yellow has 5 players

Team Green will have the first selection in the draft. Team Red and Blue will follow. Team Green will have the 4th selection with Teams Red and Blue to follow. At this point, Teams Red and Blue should have five (5) players, matching the number of players on Team Yellow. Team Green should have three (3) players and will select two (2) more players to match the number of players on Team Yellow. Once all teams have reached the baseline of five (5) players, the draft resumes with Team Yellow getting the next pick.
 - (2) Any players not returning to their team and not attending the player evaluation will be drawn as a hat pick.
 - (3) Once all players have been assigned a team, trades can be negotiated.
- f) A team can remain together if their Team Manager is returning to the same division, or an assistant coach from the previous spring season inherited the team.

- g) If a group of returning players does not have a returning volunteer Team Manager or Coach, then they will be entered in the draft.²⁰

SECTION 4 – PRACTICE AND PLAY TIME

- a) The maximum occurrence frequency (practice(s) and game(s)) for time on any PLL fields is three days from Monday to Sunday. For Major and above divisions, this does not preclude practices from being held outside the fields at the discretion of the team manager for the individual team within the division. If practices are held off-site, please consider player's time and availability.²¹
- b) Player Pool – a pool of players from existing regular season teams can be created with players that are willing to participate in extra games during the regular season when teams face a shortage of rostered players for a regular season game.²²
- 1) A player may play within the division, move up one division, but not move down a division.

SECTION 5 – SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Softball divisions will refer to the Official Little League Softball Rules (Red Book).

- a) IN-HOUSE PLL GAMES. Games played between two PLL teams within a division.
- i) SBCP: No inning after 6 innings or 1 hr 15 minutes (weekdays); 1 hr 30 minutes (weekends)
- ii) SB Minor: No inning after 1 hr 30 minutes
- iii) SB Major: No inning after 9:45 PM
- iv) SB Junior: No inning after 9:45 PM

NOTE: DISTRICT 30 INTERLEAGUE RULE

²⁰ Added during the November 27, 2017 Special Meeting.

²¹ Added during the March 1, 2017 Special Meeting.

²² Added during the December 4, 2017 Regular Meeting.

COACH PITCH: No inning shall start after six innings or 1 hour and 15 minutes, whichever occurs first. The game shall be over after the completion of six innings or the inning being played after the time limit.

MAJOR AND JUNIOR: No inning will start after 9:45 p.m.²³

SECTION 6 – TEE BALL AND PEE WEE DIVISION

Tee Ball and Pee Wee Leagues. It is the intent of the Pflugerville League that in the Pee Wee and Tee Ball Divisions FUN should be emphasized.

The following rules will be adhered to:

a) TEE BALL DIVISION

- 1) There will be no tryouts or drafts. The Player Agent will assign players to a team.
- 2) Batters, base runners and catchers are required to wear protective helmet.
- 3) Any game shall be considered a regulation game upon the completion of two (2) innings. The game shall not exceed one hour (1:00).
- 4) There are no stealing bases.
- 5) No Big Barrel (larger than 2 1/4" in diameter) bats allowed.

b) PEE WEE DIVISION

- 1) Sides change at the completion of 3 outs or 5 runs scored.
- 2) Any game shall be considered a regulation game upon the completion of three (3) innings. The game shall not exceed one hour and fifteen minutes (1:15).
- 3) The team batting order will consist of a complete roster of all players present for each game. All players present will bat in consecutive order. Late Arrivals will bat after the last batter on the roster. In the event of injury, and if the player cannot continue at his/her next bat, he/she will be removed from the roster for the rest of the game. Only rostered players and approved volunteers are allowed in the dugout or on the field of play.
- 4) The batter will receive five (5) pitches delivered by the coach. If the last pitch is fouled off, the batter will receive one (1) more pitch. If the last pitch is not hit or fouled off the

²³ Added during the March 26, 2018 Regular Meeting.

batter will then hit off the tee until the batter hits a fair ball. All players turn at bat must end with a hit fair ball. There are no strikeouts.

- 5) The Offensive team's designated pitching coach will pitch from a minimum of 15 feet from the front of the home plate, and a maximum of 25 feet from the front of the home plate. The pitcher (defensive player) shall stand on either side of the pitcher's plate while the pitch is being delivered.
- 6) The ball is dead when the pitched ball passes the batter, unless hit into fair territory. There are no stealing bases.

c) **TEE BALL and PEE WEE DIVISIONS**

- 1) In both divisions: On offense, two (2) adult coaches and one (1) adult pitcher will be permitted. Tee Ball: On defense, three (3) adult coaches will be permitted on the field to instruct players. Pee Wee: On defense, three (3) adult coaches will be permitted on the field to instruct players. These defensive coaches shall take positions behind the infield and must not physically assist with the play.
- 2) In both divisions: 1 coach or Team Mom must be in the dugout at all times.
- 3) Defensively, a team may have only a pitcher, catcher, first baseman, second baseman, third baseman, and shortstop within the infield. All other players must be positioned as outfielders, at least ten feet from the infield dirt.
- 4) If the runner is on or past the halfway line, marked in the base line, the runner is given the next base. If not halfway the runner goes back to the last legally touched base.
- 5) The offensive pitching coach must immediately, after any hit ball, leave the playing field across either foul line.
- 6) Home teams before the game will prepare the playing field. Visiting teams after the game will rake and drag the field.
- 7) At beginning of each game: Home Team can pick up 2 balls (one for each team) and scorebook. It should be returned at the end of each game.
- 8) The last 2 teams playing on the field that day are responsible for throwing out the trash and cleaning out the stands.

SECTION 7 – MINOR B LEAGUE

All rules and regulations set up by Little League Baseball, Inc. and as published in the Little League Baseball official Regulations and Playing Rules, along with special rules and exceptions herein established for Pflugerville Little League shall be abided by all participants.

- a) Special rules and/or exceptions established and emphasized by Pflugerville Little League are as follows: (also see General Rules)
- 1) The plate umpire keeps the official time. Time limit on all games will be no new inning after 1 hour and 15 minutes or six complete innings. Drop dead at 1 hour and 30 minutes.²⁴
 - 2) One half innings will end after three outs or 5 runs have been scored.
 - 3) No child can sit out more than two innings in a game unless the player is injured or sick.
 - 4) The team batting order will consist of a complete roster of all players present for the game.
 - 5) All players will bat in consecutive order regardless of whether or not they are playing on the field.
 - 6) Four coaches are allowed on offense and on the field or in dugouts during the game.
 - i) 1 pitcher,
 - ii) 2 base coaches, and
 - iii) 1 dugout coach.
 - iv) No one else can enter the field or dugout.
 - 7) Only players on your roster can enter the field or dugout during the game. Players must stay in the dugout during the game. Please keep friends and siblings in the stands.
 - 8) Defensive team will consist of 9 players. 3 outfielders, 4 infielders, 1 pitcher and 1 catcher. Optional helmet and/or facemask for any player.
 - 9) The offensive teams' coach may not coach the batter or runners from the mound once the ball has been hit. You must remain silent.
 - 10) If the batter strikes the ball into fair territory, the offensive pitching coach must duck down on the mound or leave the field. The pitcher (defensive player) shall stand on either side of the pitcher's plate while the pitch is being delivered.

²⁴ Amended as of April 19, 2017 Regular Meeting.

- 11) The batter will receive 5 pitches or three strikes, unless the batter hits a fair ball. If the batter fouls out on the last pitch, the batter is given additional pitches until the batter strikes out or hits a fair ball.
- 12) No bunting or stealing is allowed. Closed Bases.
- 13) No lead offs are allowed.
- 14) The ball is dead when the pitched ball passes the batter and it is not hit by the batter.
- 15) If the ball is accidentally touched by the offensive pitching coach the ball is dead and all runners shall return to their legally occupied base. The batter will return to bat again with the same count as before the interference occurred.
- 16) Time is called when the ball is in control by a defensive player on the infield therefore stopping the advancement of a runner. Runners will be awarded the base they are closest to.
- 17) On an INFIELD overthrow a runner can advance to the base the runner was approaching plus a maximum of one additional base at his own risk. If the ball is thrown from the outfield it is not considered an over throw, it must be an infield throw. It is only considered an overthrow if the defensive player misses the catch and DOES NOT touch the ball.
- 18) All protests will be resolved on the field before the next play.
- 19) Home team is responsible for the official scorebook.
- 20) The playing field will be prepared before the games by both teams and also at the end of the last game by both teams.
- 21) A batted ball that strikes the pitching coach before being touched by a defensive player shall be ruled a dead ball.
- 22) There is no infield fly rule.
- 23) Bat throwing will not be tolerated. A warning will be given to both teams the first time. If the player throws the bat a 2nd time it will be an out and all runners will return to previous base. If the player throws the bat a 3rd time within the game the player will be ejected from the game.
- 24) There is no on-deck circle. On-deck batters must remain in the dugout and all bats must remain on rack until it's time for them to bat.

25) Batting warm-up trainers and doughnuts are not allowed during games, inside or outside of the Field.

SECTION 8 – MINOR A AND MAJORS

All rules and regulations set up by Little League Baseball, Inc. and as published in the Little League Baseball official Regulations and Playing Rules, along with special rules and exceptions herein established for Pflugerville Little League shall be abided by all participants.

- a) The plate umpire keeps the official time.
- b) Time limit on all **Minor A** games will be no new inning after 1 hour and 30 minutes or six complete innings, and you will finish the inning you last started. Drop dead at 1 hour and 45 minutes.²⁵
- c) Time limit on all **Major** games will be no new inning after 1 hour and 45 minutes or six complete innings, and you will finish the inning you last started. Drop dead at 2 hours.²⁶
- d) One half inning will end after three (3) outs or five (5) runs have been scored.²⁷
- e) No child can sit out more than 2 innings in a game unless the player is injured or sick.
- f) **Major** team will bat the line up at home games.²⁸
- g) Under Regulation VI of the Little League Rule Book, pitch and inning counts may not exceed the listed pitches per delegated age, during the Spring Season. For the Fall Season, pitch and inning count may not exceed the listed pitches per delegated age or 2 innings.²⁹ This subsection only applies to Minor A and Major Divisions.³⁰
- h) When interleagueing with teams within the district, follow interleagueing rules.

NOTE: DISTRICT 30 MINOR INTERLEAGUE RULE

No New Inning will start after 1 hour 30 minutes.

NOTE: DISTRICT 30 MAJOR INTERLEAGUE RULE

²⁵ Amended during the April 19, 2017 Regular Meeting.

²⁶ Ibid.

²⁷ Added during the March 6, 2017 Regular Meeting.

²⁸ Added during the September 11, 2017 Regular Meeting.

²⁹ Amended during the March 26, 2018 Regular Meeting.

³⁰ Ibid.

No Inning will state after 9:45 PM.

SECTION 9 – INTERMEDIATE 50/70 AND JUNIORS BASEBALL

All rules and regulations set up by Little League Baseball, Inc. and as published in the Little League Baseball official Regulations and Playing Rules, along with special rules and exceptions herein established for Pflugerville Little League shall be abided by all participants.

- a) The plate umpire keeps the official time. Time limit on all games will be no new inning after 2 hours.
- b) No child can sit out more than 2 innings in a game unless the player is injured or sick.
- c) No one other than the 1st and 3rd base coach are allowed on the field.
- d) Warming up on the opposing team's on deck circle is not allowed. Players will need to wait in the dugout.³¹
- e) When interleaguering with teams within the district, follow interleaguering rules.

ARTICLE IV – TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS AND ALL-STARS³²

SECTION 1 – TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS

- a) District Tournament of Champions (TOC) for Coach Pitch and Tee Ball typically will start the first Saturday in June and ends around mid-June.
 - 1) Soon after the last scheduled game played in May, Team Managers for each team within a Division (Softball and Baseball) will meet to select the TOC Team Manager, coaches, and players, based on performance throughout the spring season.
 - 1) At the next scheduled meeting, the President shall present a list of Team Managers, coaches, and players selected to represent the little league at District TOC. The Board of Directors shall provide final approval by a majority record vote.

³¹ *Added during the November 27, 2017 Special Meeting.*

³² *Ibid.*

- 2) Names of selected TOC players shall not be made public until determined by the President, but no later than two weeks prior to the start of the district tournament.
- 3) The District will provide TOC rules prior to the start of the district tournament.

SECTION 2 – ALL-STARS

- a) All-Stars Tournament typically will start in mid-June. District All-Stars tournaments run from mid-June until the first weekend in July. If a team advances, Sectionals begin around the second weekend in July.
 - 1) The League shall follow the Tournament Rules and Guidelines outlined in the Little League Rule books for Softball and Baseball.
 - 2) The league President or Vice President for each league may be eligible for selection by the Board of Directors to coach or manage with written approval from their respective District Administrator.
 - 3) The Team Manager and coach(es) shall be regular season team managers and/or coaches from their respective division.
 - 4) Players interested in being considered for All-Stars must notify their team manager no later than the last scheduled game of the spring season and shall provide the items listed under [Article I, Section 2\(e\)](#) no later than the first scheduled tournament team practice.
 - 5) Divisions (Softball and Baseball) may hold All-Star player evaluations (tryouts) soon after the last scheduled game in May, but no later than the last Saturday in May.
 - 6) Team Managers for each team within a Division (Softball and Baseball) will meet before June 1, to select the All-Star team manager(s), coaches, and players, based on performance throughout the spring season.
 - 7) At the next scheduled meeting, the President shall present a list of Team Managers, coaches, and players selected to represent the little league at All-Star tournaments. The Board of Directors shall provide final approval by a majority record vote.
 - 8) The release of names of players selected for the tournament teams shall not be made before June 1, and not until the availability and eligibility of all prospective team members have been established. Violation of this rule may be cause for revocation of tournament privilege by the Tournament Committee.
 - 9) All waiver requests (for the league, team, player, manager, and/or coach) of any kind must be submitted to Regional and approved not later than June 1.

10) All combined team and interleague play requests that may involve tournament play must be submitted to Regional and approved not later than June 1.

Note: TOC and All-Star selection is not open to the other league volunteers. The only volunteers who attend the draft meeting are the league's Player Agent, who oversees and manages the draft, and the team managers for each respective division.

Note: Players who established "residence" or "school attendance" for regular season and/or tournament prior to the season's tournament using the Player Verification Form, and can produce the form with proper proofs and signatures, will be grandfathered and will NOT need to complete a new Player Verification form.

Note: Consistent with a manager's ability to conduct the affairs of his or her team, a manager may disqualify a player from the team for the current season, subject to Board of Directors approval, if the player repeatedly misses practice or games.

Note: Any player, manager, or coach listed on the Eligibility Affidavit who is unable to participate because of injury, illness, vacation, or other justifiable reason may be replaced by another eligible person. If a player, manager, or coach is replaced, that person may not be returned to the Tournament Affidavit. Permanent replacements must be from the league's regular season teams and shall be recorded and approved by the District Administrator or Tournament Director in the space provided on the back of the Eligibility Affidavit. If a manager or coach is unable to attend a game for a justifiable reason, a Tournament Director could approve a temporary replacement as outlined in the Little League Tournament Team Eligibility Affidavit. Temporary replacement of a manager or coach must be entered on the Eligibility Affidavit. A manager or coach who is ejected from a game may not be replaced for the team's next physically played game. (See Rule 4.07 of the Little League Rules.)