

Northwest Arkansas



Little League

BYLAWS

EFFECTIVE FOR THE 2026 SEASON

The following rules do not replace or supersede any rules in the Little League Baseball/Softball Regulation and Rulebook as published by Little League Baseball, Inc., and are not considered part of the NWA Little League Constitution.

This document expires annually at the end of the fiscal year (September 30.) and must be renewed annually.

BYLAWS FOR NWA LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL, INC.

Hereinafter referred to as “NWA Little League” or “NWARLL” or “the League”.

Article I: OVERVIEW

A. OBJECTIVE:

The Board of Directors has the authority to change the bylaws without general membership approval. No part of the bylaws, local rules, or ground rules can conflict with or supersede any Little League rules, regulations, or policy. The bylaws, local rules, or ground rules are to be distinguished from the League’s Constitution. The Constitution spells out the duties and responsibilities of the officers of the board, definition of memberships, election procedures, meeting requirements such as quorum, etc. The Board of Directors must make a copy of the bylaws, local rules, or ground rules available to any member of the League for review and inspection if requested. The most up to date bylaws will be available on NWARLL’s website.

B. PURPOSE:

Little League Baseball, Inc., is a non-profit organization whose mission is “to promote, develop, supervise, and voluntarily assist in all lawful ways, the interest of those who will participate in Little League Baseball.” Through proper guidance and exemplary leadership, the Little League program assists youth in developing the qualities of citizenship, discipline, teamwork, and physical well-being. By espousing the virtues of character, courage, and loyalty, the Little League Baseball program is designed to develop superior citizens rather than superior athletes. In accordance with Section 501(C)-(3) of the Federal Internal Revenue Code, the League shall operate exclusively as a non-profit educational organization providing a supervised program of competitive baseball and softball programs. No part of net earnings shall ensure the benefit of any private shareholder or individual: the League will take no part in the activities such as carrying propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and will not participate in or interview in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

As a chartered member of the Little League Baseball Inc., NWARLL is in full agreement with the above mission statement. Furthermore, NWARLL endeavors to provide a safe, affordable, and well-organized program through which boys and girls can learn and enjoy the game of baseball/softball. In addition, we aspire towards an environment of community in which players, parents, and volunteers can participate freely and work towards our common goal of becoming responsible citizens of the community.

C. PRINCIPAL OFFICE & RESIDENT AGENT:

The post office address of the Corporation's registered office is P.O. Box 166, Centerton, AR, 72719. The registered agent in charge of the registered office will be in the current President's name, unless otherwise decided by the board.

The Corporation's president shall serve as the registered agent unless by majority vote the Corporation's Board of Directors authorizes another individual to serve as registered agent.

Article II: LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP

A. MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY:

1. To become and maintain a Regular Membership in good standing a person must:
 - i. Pay annual membership fee of \$5 (for 2026 Spring and Fall Seasons).
 - ii. Complete at least 15 hours of volunteer service to the League each season (coaching fulfills this duty).
 - iii. Be formally recognized by the Board of Directors upon completing their volunteer service at least 2 weeks prior to the election of the Board of Directors.
 - iv. Applicants must register with the President or Secretary of the current Board of Directors.
 - v. Volunteer service time must be certified by another regular member in good standing or Member of the Board.

B. SUSPENSION OR TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP:

1. Officers of the league shall discuss and bring forth to the Board of Directors violations of any rule, regulation, policy, procedure, or Code of Conduct that may result in termination of membership. The Board of Directors, by a two-thirds majority vote of those present at any constitutional meeting, shall have the authority to discipline, suspend or terminate the membership of any Member when the conduct of such person is considered detrimental to the best interests of the NWARLL or Little League baseball. The Member involved shall be notified of such meeting, informed of the general nature of the charges, and given an opportunity to appear at the meeting to answer such charges.
2. Officers of the League shall discuss and bring forth to the Board of Directors violations of the board member Code of Conduct that may result in the removal from the board. The Board of Directors by a two-thirds majority vote of those present at any meeting constituted, shall have the authority to remove the offender from the Board of Directors.
3. In the event of such charges being made against a Manager, Coach, Umpire, or Player Member, the league President or Vice President shall

4. convene a Disciplinary Committee. The Disciplinary Committee shall consist of the local League President, Vice President (as the committee chairperson), Player Agent, Safety Officer, and Coaching Coordinator. It should be noted that if one of the members of the Disciplinary Committee is the subject of the charge, they shall forfeit their place on the committee and be replaced by another Regular Member.
5. The Disciplinary Committee shall meet before the Manager's, Coach's, Umpire's, or Player's next scheduled game or within 72 hours of the incident.
6. All complaints and pertinent information must be submitted in writing by the person making the complaint. Person(s) making the complaint may not be a member of the Disciplinary Committee.
7. After hearing the complaint, the subject of the complaint shall have the opportunity to address the Disciplinary Committee.
8. The Disciplinary Committee, by a majority two-thirds vote, shall have full power to suspend or revoke the subject's rights to future membership or participation.

Article III: BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND BOARD MEETINGS

A. BOARD NUMBERS DETAILS:

1. The number of Directors shall not be less than seven.
2. Open seats and/or vacancies on the Board of Directors shall be filled by applicants submitting a dated letter to the President, or Secretary, of the Board expressing their interest in becoming a Board member and being deemed by a majority vote of the Board to be suitable Board membership. The date of an application itself does not qualify one applicant over another.
3. Board of Director seats are not transferable by individual Board members or by majority vote of the Board at any duly constituted board meeting except in emergency situations.
4. NWARLL does allow multiple Board members from a single household. Each acting member in good standing is afforded one (1) vote regardless of a familial connection.
5. **Per Little League rules:** the board shall include a minimum of one (1) manager/head coach and one (1) umpire. The number of managers/coaches (including Minor League representation) elected to the board shall not exceed 75% of the total board members.

B. BOARD MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Members of the Board of Directors must recognize that they hold a position of trust and responsibility in a program that deals with a sensitive and formative period of a child's development. It is required that board members have understanding, patience, and capacity to work with children. They should be able to inspire respect, and above all else, they must realize that they are helping to shape the physical, mental, and emotional development of young people. This also includes upholding all rules and regulations mentioned in the constitution and bylaws including the following when acting in the capacity of a Board Member.
2. All Board Members must sign a Code of Conduct at the start of their term each year.
3. Attend at least one BMOD shift per week during season, unless written notice and approval has been given.

4. Every season each board member must participate in a majority of events (outside of required board meetings), fundraising or administrative activities associated with the Little League. These include but are not limited to opening/closing ceremonies, end of regular season tournaments, All-Star events, team draft, evaluations, end-of-season tournaments, and any special or fundraising events.
5. Board members must attend each monthly meeting. A board member who misses 2 out of the last 3 monthly meetings scheduled will have their membership under review. If a board member misses three (3) consecutive meetings, their membership may be terminated board vote.

6. BOARD MEMBER ON DUTY (BMOD) S.O.P.:

- i. A Board Member must be present for any activity affiliated with NWARLL.
- ii. It is important that the BMOD wears their NWARLL issued name badge.
- iii. Show up 30 minutes prior to starting times.
- iv. Ensure all people on field wear their NWARLL issued badge.
- v. Ensure if any injury occurs an incident report is filled out and turned into Safety.

7. BMOD GAME TIME S.O.P.:

- i. There must be two BMODs present if 3+ games are occurring at same time if at all possible.
- ii. Ensure scoreboards are operational for game play.
- iii. Be available and seen in the complex for any needs.
- iv. Check on game progression.
- v. Return all scoreboard and score books to the concession stand once games conclude.
- vi. Verify that managers/head coaches have removed all equipment and trash from dugouts.
- vii. Lock concession stand.
- viii. Text NWA Parks point of contact to request the field lights be turned off as patrons leave the complex.

C. REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS:

1. The regular monthly board meeting of the League will be monthly with 2-week notice.
2. Changing of board meeting time or day must be done 48 hours in advance.
3. A notice of the meeting will be emailed and posted on the NWARLL website and Facebook page at least 2 weeks in advance. Other methods to communicate the meeting may be utilized as well.
4. The public is invited to attend regularly held meetings.

Article IV: FINANCIALS

- A.** All league funds will be held in accounts approved by the Board of Directors, and a disbursement shall be made by check or League debit cards.
- B.** The League debit cards will be issued to:
 1. President
 2. Vice President
 3. Concessions Manager
- C.** The valid check signers for the 2026 season are:

1. President
 2. Vice President
- D.** The treasurer will receive emailed account statements from the bank. Two board members will receive and review the account statements independent of the Treasurer to ensure accuracy in reporting excluding those who have access to the bank account.
- E.** All expenditures must have the President or Boards approval.
1. The President may authorize expenditures of up to \$500.00.
 2. All purchases, projects, and expenditures greater than \$500.00 must have prior board approval.
 3. A new approval is required for any expenditure that exceeds 10% of the original estimated.
- F.** Itemized receipts shall be submitted to the treasurer within seven (7) days.
1. Those receipts must show the purpose, store, date, items purchased, and price paid.
 2. Receipts can be submitted via email or text if needed within the timeframe as needed.
- G.** Any board member who places an order or purchase in violation of this system shall be personally responsible for returning or paying for the purchase if not approved by the Board.
- H.** Funds collected for registration, concessions, donations, etc. should always be counted and verified in the presence of at least two (2) people; one always being a board member.
- I.** No personal P2P (Person to person) payment apps will be allowed for payment to NWARLL. NWARLL has business apps set up to receive payments (Venmo and Square).

Article V: LEAGUE COACHES & MANAGERS

A. RESPONSIBILITIES & RULES

1. The manager/head coach will be held accountable for their actions as well as the actions of their coaches and the parents/fans of their team, both on and off the field. Failure to follow Little League rules and/or NWARLL Bylaws and/or failure to manage/coach in the spirit of the League may result in reprimand, suspension, or dismissal by the NWARLL board of directors.
 - i. In the case of misconduct by spectator(s), the manager/head coach is responsible for correcting the situation. If an umpire notifies the manager/head coach of any situation regarding spectator(s), the game shall be suspended until such time as the manager corrects the situation.
 - ii. If the manager fails to correct the situation, the manager/head coach will be ejected along with the spectator(s) and an assistant coach will take over as head coach for the remainder of the game.
 - iii. In extreme circumstances, Managers/Head Coaches that cannot control their team, coaches, or spectators may be dismissed from NWARLL at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
 - iv. If a manager/head coach has a problem with an umpire's call or a rule interpretation, only the manager/head coach may request time, calmly discuss the matter with the umpire. Any angry outbursts, foul language, confrontational behavior, or other inappropriate conduct from parents, coaches, or players will not be tolerated and may lead to ejection from the game and/or disciplinary action.
 - v. Any badgering of umpires is not permitted; however, badgering of youth umpires is considered particularly offensive and will result in immediate ejection and subject the offending individual(s) to disciplinary action.

- vi. Any manager/ head coach ejected from a game will be required to report the incident to the Disciplinary Committee to explain the situation. The manager/head coach of the opposing team should also advise the board of what happened.
2. It is the responsibility of the manager/head coach to be sure they have read and understand the official regulations and playing rules for their respective league, and comply with all rules concerning minimum playing time, pitch counts, etc.
3. League issued equipment will be provided to the manager/head coach during the coaches meeting.
 - i. It is the responsibility of the manager/head coach to maintain the equipment. Failure to do so will be noted for future consideration of eligibility for future coaching positions in the League.
 - ii. The manager/head coach will also be expected to return all the issued equipment to a member of the board at the conclusion of their last game of the season.
 - iii. If anything should happen to the equipment, please notify the Equipment Manager for a replacement immediately.
4. All divisions must have a background checked volunteer, 14 or older, always present in the dugout.
5. Coaches must sign a Code of Conduct before being allowed on the fields.
6. No more than two (2) board members' families may be represented by a team's coaching staff (amended 1/25/25).
7. The manager/head coach is responsible for relaying practice and game schedules to the players/parents via GameChanger app.
8. The manager/head coach must keep all players inside the dugout, except for emergency restroom trips, unless they are bat, a runner, or a defensive player.
9. Minor divisions and above protests regarding proper interpretation of rules shall follow the procedures outlined in the Official Little League Rule Book:
10. Manager/head coach responsibilities beyond game play at game time:
 - i. Away team – Responsible for maintaining the scoreboard. (Scorebook is now a paid position and no longer the home team's responsibility).
 - ii. Clean out the dugout of all trash and equipment after the game has ended. Game play will not begin until these conditions have been met; however, the game clock will result in a loss of game play time if the above conditions are not met.
 - iii. Lineup cards are to be filled out completely. This includes the players' name, number, and position in the starting lineup. One copy should be given to the opposing team, one to the official scorekeeper, one to the umpire, and one will remain for the team.
 - iv. Manager/head coach is responsible for ensuring all coaches have badges before entering the field.
 - v. Infractions include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Foul language.
 - b. Yelling at or intimidating a player, umpire, or another coach.
 - c. Failure to control misconduct by team parents or fans.
 - d. Use of tobacco products, including vaping, on complex grounds at practices and/or games.

- e. The consumption and/or possession of alcohol and/or suspected intoxication, including having the odor of alcohol on the complex grounds at practices and/or games.

Article VI: General League Information

A. Uniforms

1. Uniform shirts, belts, socks, and hats will be issued by NWARLL.
2. Pants and cleats are to be furnished by the parents.
3. No NWARLL uniform may be altered in any capacity, this includes additions of names on any uniform.

B. LEAGUE AND COMPLEX RULES

1. No pets of any type are allowed inside the ball fields or dugouts. Service and Assistance animals are permitted.
2. No smoking, vaping, or tobacco use of any kind is allowed.
3. No foul language or excessive yelling allowed.
4. Respect the players, coaches, and umpires. Excessive criticism is prohibited.
5. Any infraction may result in removal from the complex and may include additional actions taken by the Board for future games or events.

C. FIELD OF PLAY

1. Only the team manager, coaches, dugout manager, players, and league officials are permitted inside the dugout during the game (not to exceed the max amount allowed).
All umpires must be a minimum of 14 years old and approved by the Umpire Coordinator and/or Board.
2. There must be two (2) umpires present at Minor League Player Pitch and above divisions during games.
3. There must be a minimum of one (1) umpire present at Minor League Coach Pitch.
4. No umpires will be present for T-Ball or Rookie games.

D. REGISTRATION

1. Initial registration will take place on the Little League website with final registration completed on the league website <https://www.NWARLL.org>.
2. Medical release and league code of conduct must be completed and on file with NWARLL prior to the first practice for every coach and player. Failure to do so will restrict the player or coach from practice or game play until completed.
3. All volunteers and contracted personnel (Umpires/scorekeepers) are required to register through the NWARLL website as a volunteer, complete a medical release form, and pass a background check prior to being able to volunteer or work around any of the players.
 - i. All new volunteers and contracted personnel are required to complete Abuse Awareness and Concussion trainings. Returning coaches and volunteers will provide updated copies of training upon expiration of their last one.

- ii. All contracted personnel are required to provide a W9 and signed contract.
- iii. Abuse training must be completed annually while concussion training expires every three years.
- iv. All volunteer training will be located on the NWARLL shared drive and updated by the Safety Officer.
4. Payment in full or payment plan must be set up at time of registration. NWARLL will not deny any player due to an inability to pay the registration fees. Scholarships are approved on a case-by-case basis. There will be a max of two (2) scholarships per family without board approval.
5. Players wishing to play that missed the sign-up cut off dates will be accepted if there is availability, and the league can balance a team in the division. All reasonable accommodations will be made; however, applicants that sign up after the cut off are not guaranteed placement on a team.
6. A late fee of \$25 will be assessed after deadline.

E. REFUNDS

1. Full refunds will be granted until teams are drafted.
2. After teams are formed, \$30 will be withheld from each refund to cover administrative fees that are charged to the league.
3. NO REFUNDS will be granted after uniforms have been ordered.

Article VII: TEAM SELECTION

A. NON-DRAFTED DIVISIONS:

1. TEE BALL & ROOKIE:

- i. Tee Ball & Rookie divisional teams are established by the League or Player Agent based on a few factors including:
 - a) Equal distribution of age
 - b) Neighborhood school of residence
 - c) Family connection

B. DRAFTED DIVISIONS:

1. Minor (Coach Pitch, Player Pitch) divisions

- i. Straight Draft Method will be utilized.
 - a) Head and assistant coaches may attend the draft. If no coaches can attend, the board will make the picks.
 - b) The draft will begin with the coach that drew number 1 then follow in sequence.
 - c) Each coach for that division will draw a number 1 through xx depending on how many teams are in the division.
 - d) Coach's kids are subjected to the draft.
 - e) Coach's kids will count as the first x number of picks.
 - f) Email players@NWAlittleleague.org a minimum of 48 hours before the draft of all coaches' kids.
 - g) If a player is picked and has siblings in the same division, they are automatically assigned to the team and count as the next pick.

2. Majors, Intermediate, Juniors and Seniors Division

- i. Restricted Players (previously Legacy) (aka Duration of Title) will have the option of staying with their team regardless of coaching changes.
- ii. Players acquired during the fall season must enter the player pool for upcoming Spring season draft.
- iii. Teams will be allowed to retain one player from the Fall season. Notice must be sent to players@NWARLL.org 48 hours prior to the draft.
- iv. Straight Draft Method will be utilized:
 - a) Draft order will be in reverse order of final standings from the previous spring season.
 - b) In the event a new team is formed, the new team will automatically obtain the first pick.
 - c) Each coach for that division will draw a number 1 through xx depending on how many teams are in the division.
- v. Head and assistant coaches may attend the draft. If no coaches can attend, the board will make the picks.
- vi. The draft will begin with the coach that drew number 1 then follow in sequence.
- vii. Coach's kids are subjected to the draft.
 - a. Player agent must be notified a minimum of 48 hours in advance of the draft if the head coach or assistant coaches' kids are to be picked.
 - b. Notifications must be in writing and from the head coach only. Email players@NWARLL.org.
 - c. Players ages 9-10 must be picked in or before round 5.
 - d. Players ages 11 must be picked in or before round 4.
 - e. Players ages 12 must be picked in or before round 3.
 - f. If a player is picked and has siblings, they will automatically be placed on the same team if within the same division.
 - g. Once the draft is complete, the board will compile the rosters and email them along with contact information for the players/parents within 5 business days.
 - h. Late sign-ups will be assigned to next team in the draft order or to balance the number of players on a team if a team has less players than other in their division.

Article VIII: NWARLL GAME RULES (Including Local League Options)

A. TEE BALL & ROOKIE DIVISION

1. GAME DURATION

- i. A regular game consists of one (1) hour.
- ii. Every player on the roster shall bat each inning.
- iii. No player may bat twice in one inning.
- iv. No scores will be recorded.
- v. The manager or coach who is stationed at home plate for setting the ball on the tee is considered the "umpire" and is responsible for calling foul balls, dead balls, timeouts, etc.
- vi. All other playing rules will follow the Little League rule book for Tee Ball Division.

2. COACHING STAFF:

- a) There is no limit to the number of coaches for this division.

B. MINOR LEAGUE DIVISIONS (COACH PITCH, PLAYER PITCH):

i. GAME DURATION

- a) A regular game consists of one (1) hour and thirty (30) minutes (Coach Pitch) OR one (1) hour and forty-five (45) minutes for Player Pitch or six (6) innings, whichever comes first (unless otherwise specified by the NWARLL board).
- b) All players will be in the batting order for the duration of the game. Players must still comply with the minimum playing time as outlined in the Little League rule book.

ii. COACHING STAFF:

- a. There is a limit of one head coach/team manager and three assistant coaches for these two divisions.
- b. There may only be 4 coaches and/or team managers in the dugout during the game.

iii. PLAYER PITCH RULES:

- a. Teams may only play 9 defensive players.
- b. Continuous batting order is used.
- c. Home plate is live and can be taken by a runner, at the risk of the runner, once the ball passes the batter.
- d. No coaches are allowed on the field while on defense.

iv. COACH PITCH SPECIFIC RULES:

- a. Teams may play up to 10 defensive players.
- b. Each team shall have a pitcher, catcher, and four infielders. The remaining four players shall play in the outfield.
- c. Each batter will get five pitches.
- d. If the fifth pitch and latter pitches are fouled off, the batter will continue at bat until the pitch is hit fair or swung at and missed.
- e. Coach Pitcher must throw overhand and must have foot behind the pitcher line.
- f. Pitching machines to be removed during games; however, they will be available during practices on the fields or in cages.
- g. The ball becomes dead, when in the umpire's judgment, the progress of the lead runner has stopped (no longer advancing) or, in the umpire's judgment, no other play is being made. The umpire will call time out and the ball is dead.
- h. A maximum of 3 coaches are allowed on the playing field during games on offense.
- i. A maximum of 2 coaches are allowed on the playing field during games on defense.
- j. Coaches must stay in the outfield and no coaches will be allowed at the backstop.

2. MAJORS DIVISION:

i. GAME DURATION

- a) A Majors regular game consists of one (1) hour and forty-five (45) minutes OR six (6) innings whichever comes first.
- b) Any inning starting prior to the expiration of time will be permitted to continue.
- c) An inning is concluded when the defense secures three legal outs against the offense, or the offense scores 6 uncontested runs, whichever occurs first.

- d) The batter runner is not allowed to slide into first base when advancing from home to first. The batter runner must run through and opt to stay or advance to second base.
- e) All players will be in the batting order for the duration of the game. Players must still comply with the minimum playing time as outlined in the Little League rule book.

ii. DEFENSE

- a) Every inning, players shall be rotated so that the same player does not play the same position two consecutive innings during a game. Infielders and outfielders must rotate every new inning.

iii. COACHING STAFF:

- a) There is a limit of one head coach/team manager and two assistant coaches for this division.

3. INTERMEDIATE, JUNIORS, AND SENIOR LEAGUE DIVISIONS

i. GAME DURATION

- a) Intermediate, Juniors, and Senior divisions will play seven (7) full innings or a time limit of two (2) hours (Intermediates) or two (2) hours and thirty (30) minutes (Juniors and Seniors).
- b) An inning is concluded when the defense secures three legal outs against the offense, or the offense scores ten (10) uncontested runs, whichever occurs first.

ii. DEFENSE

iii. COACHING STAFF:

- a) There is a limit of one head coach/team manager and two assistant coaches allowed in the dugout for this division.
- b) Only these designated managers and coaches are allowed on the playing field during games.

Article VIII: DIVISION STRUCTURE

A player's League Age determines their division eligibility as set forth in the Little League Baseball Rule Book.

A. TEE BALL COED DIVISION

- 1. 4-6-year-olds
- 2. Objective: To instruct players in the fundamentals of the game in a fun, low-key atmosphere. At no time should winning or losing take priority in this program!

B. ROOKIE COED DIVISION

- 1. 5-7-year-olds
- 2. Objective: To instruct players in the fundamentals of the game in a fun, low-key atmosphere. At no time should winning or losing take priority in this program!

C. MINOR COED COACH PITCH

- 1. 6-8-year-olds
- 2. Objective: To further instruct the player coming out of Tee-Ball, the fundamentals of the game in a fun, low-key atmosphere. Emphasis in this program should be on the proper technique of throwing, catching, running, hitting and field positions.

D. MINOR COED PLAYER PITCH

- 1. 8-11-year-olds
- 2. Objective: To instruct players in the fundamentals of the game in a fun, low-key atmosphere. Provide an outlet of healthful activity and training under good leadership. Establish the values and concepts of

teamwork, sportsmanship, and fair play. To further develop the techniques of throwing, catching, running, hitting, and pitching.

E. MAJORS COED (LITTLE LEAGUE) DIVISION

1. 10-12-year-olds
2. Objective: To establish the values and concepts of teamwork, sportsmanship, and fair play. To challenge the players towards the perfection of physical skills and bring into play the excitement of tactics and strategy. Players should be refining all the skills they have been building up in the Minor divisions in this next stage of competitive baseball. As a Competitive Division, the primary goals of Majors Baseball are to create a fair and balanced competition throughout the division, provide a suitable vehicle for team and individual skills development and stage the players for much higher levels of play.

F. INTERMEDIATE (50/70) COED DIVISION

1. 11-13-year-olds
2. Objective: Players will transition from 60-foot fields 70-foot fields. This allows players preparing for higher divisions of baseball to incrementally transition by providing the opportunity to develop on a larger field. As a Competitive Division, the primary goals of Intermediate (50/70) Baseball are to provide the players a suitable vehicle to transition from traditional sized Little League Baseball fields to fields that will prepare players for most competitive arenas of Youth Baseball such as High School, Junior & Senior Little League.

G. JUNIORS COED DIVISION

1. 12-14-year-olds
2. Objective: The first part of the Juniors season is played on 70-foot baseball field and the rest of the season is played using a conventional 90-foot diamond with a pitching distance of 60 feet, 6 inches. As a Competitive Division, the primary goals of Juniors Baseball are to provide the players a suitable vehicle to take their game to the next level in preparation for most competitive arenas of Youth Baseball such as High School and Senior Little League.

H. SENIORS COED DIVISION

1. 13-16-year-olds
2. Objective: Senior baseball is played using a conventional 90-foot diamond with a pitching distance of 60 feet, 6 inches. As a Competitive Division, the primary goals of Senior League Baseball are to provide the players a suitable vehicle to take their game to the next level in preparation for High School.

Article V: ALL STARS

The Little League International Tournament is the most widely known youth sports tournament in the world. There are six levels of tournament play in Little League Baseball, with opportunities for players league ages 8 to 16. The tournaments start at the district level (our District tournament is also State qualifications based on the number of Little Leagues in the state). Teams must win their way to advance through the International Tournament. The 6-8-Year-Old Tournaments and 9- to 11-Year-Old Tournaments culminate at the State Level, while the Little League (12-Year-Old), Little League Intermediate (50/70) Baseball, Junior League, and Senior League divisions all conclude at a World Series Tournament. Dates and locations to be determined.

A. ALL-STAR SELECTION PROCESS

Unlike the regular season, the All-Star teams are chosen with the intent of competing at the highest level. Every All-Star candidate must meet the following criteria: eligibility, availability, ability and attitude/effort.

1. Details:

- i. The player must be a Benton Co resident or have a Benton Co. school enrollment form.
- ii. The player must be able to commit to attending 100% of all games & the majority of all scheduled All-Star practices (exceptions: sick, illness, family emergency, preapproved vacations) all approved absences will be reviewed by the teams All-Star coaching staff and the NWARLL Board).
- iii. All-Star tryouts and practices may not start prior to May 15, 2025.
- iv. All players selected will be charged \$150 to participate on the All-Star team. Limited scholarships are available as needed to cover registration fees.
- v. Players will receive a complete custom uniform (jersey top, bottoms, hat, socks and belt) with name and number.
- vi. Tournament dates will be announced by Little League and communicated by NWARLL as soon as available.

2. Player Selection & Try-outs:

- i. Tryouts will be held for all eligible players interested in participating.
- ii. Players must play in 8 games to be considered eligible or 60% of scheduled games if weather conditions do not permit some games to be played.
- iii. Exceptions may be made for injured players
- iv. The release of names of players selected for the All-Star team(s) will be released around May 15th.

3. Selection of Coaches

- i. There may only be one head coach and two assistant coaches per All-Star team.
- ii. All coaches must have coached during the regular (Spring) season that year to be eligible.
- iii. All team managers/head coaches must be able to be present throughout all levels of the Little League tournament season.
- iv. The Board of Directors will select and vote on the team managers/head coaches for All-Star teams prior to May 15.

4. Minors Coach Pitch All-Stars

- i. Coach Pitch division has the option of doing a special tournament at the district level. There is no further advancement at this level.
- ii. Team and Coach selection will follow the same process as above.

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