

WYOMA LITTLE LEAGUE BY-LAWS
(Revised and Approved 1/20/11)

I. Rules and Responsibilities for Managers and Coaches.

- (1) Managers for boys and girls major teams are to have their names placed in nomination and subsequently voted on for approval by the Board of Directors at a meeting prior to player sign-ups for the upcoming season.
- (2) All managers, coaches and members of the Board of Directors shall comply with Little League International rules and sign a permission slip to allow the league under the CORI law to do a personal background check. The CORI law allows for the background check of people who have been involved in the abuse or molestation of children. Failure to sign the permission slip will automatically deny an applicant any position for which they have applied. Wyoma Little League will submit all names for this background check to Little League International and the information will be held in the highest confidence. Any applicant's background that is found to have a past violation will be asked by the President to remove their application. Failure to do so, the applicant will be asked to come before the Executive Board for a disciplinary hearing.
- (3) Code of Conduct:
 - (a) Managers, coaches and adults should behave in a way that will pass on to the children the values of Wyoma Little League and Little League International.
 - (b) Managers' and coaches' hats are to match those hats of the team players.
 - (c) Collared shirts are preferred but in no case will tank tops be worn or t-shirts that do not meet proper decorum for youth sports.
 - (d) Shorts are allowed during the regular season. No cut off jeans, bathing suits or gym shorts.
- (4) Only managers and coaches approved by the Board of Directors will be permitted to assist the team during practice sessions. It is the responsibility of the managers to keep unauthorized persons off the field and away from the players.
- (5) No more than three adults shall be permitted to represent any team on the field or in the dugout during games. These adults shall be approved managers and coaches. Four adults are permitted on the field at the minor and clinic levels.

- (6) All managers of league teams must make sure their team is represented at all work parties. In the event that a team is not represented, the team will lose the right to pick a practice field for the coming week. Only those managers and or coaches who give prior notice of their inability to attend will be excused from the work party.
- (7) Each manager will be responsible for his or her team's participation in fund raising activities, work parties, umpiring and meeting attendance and will follow guidelines set by the Board of Directors. This rule applies for any post-season activity.
- (8) Managers or their teams shall not be permitted to conduct fundraisers unless authorized by the Board of Directors.
- (9) Managers of all teams shall take up a game collection at each of their home games, except City Series and all-star games.
- (10) Unless a player is involved in tournament play, the manager is responsible for having all equipment and Uniforms returned to the equipment director on or before the first weekly meeting following the team's last game. Tournament team uniforms and equipment will not be issued unless regular season equipment has been returned.
- (11) Managers of City Series and all tournament teams are responsible for assigning and providing a written list to the parent's Club Director of volunteers to man the concession stand during all games played at the Wyoma Major League field and Lynn Woods Softball Field. Failure to do so will/can result in forfeiture of any or all awards.
- (12) There will be no tobacco or alcohol products on the field or in the clubhouse during games or practices.
- (13) Approved managers, coaches, umpires, team parents, and league officers only shall be allowed in major league booth. No other person shall be allowed in any part of the clubhouse at any time. During scheduled practices, games, tryouts, and other events authorized by the board of directors, and for a period of thirty minutes prior to scheduled games, no personnel other than approved managers, coaches, team parent, league officers, players, reporters, invited guests, photographers, district officials, and any other person authorized by the board of directors shall be allowed on any part of the playing field or in the dugouts.
- (14) Managers must make sure that only "Little League Approved" and "American Softball Association Approved" helmets and/or equipment is used during practices and games.
- (15) Accept for the specific rules set out for each division in these by-laws, managers must read and follow all rules and regulations contained in the Little League Baseball/Softball Rulebook during the season that book was issued.

II. Draft and Player Placement Rules.

- (1) Only ten, eleven and twelve year old players are allowed to participate in tryouts and be drafted by major league teams.
- (2) All ten, eleven and twelve year old players not drafted into the majors shall be drafted into the minors. Any parent wishing a player to remain in a lower division must submit in writing their wishes to the player agent. These parental requests are subject to Board approval.
- (3) Teams with the least number of returning 12 year-olds must draft available 12 year-olds to make the number of 12 year-olds on each team as equal as possible
- (4) All major and softball league managers must select their sons or daughters as follows or they will not be allowed to play that year: Ten year old - first round Eleven year old - second round Twelve year old - third round
- (5) No more than one manager option per team at any one time unless approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.
- (6) Draft Options:
 - (a) Managers must declare options prior to the draft beginning.
 - (b) Brother/Sister Option
A manager must submit an option to the player agent when neither is on a major league team. This option must be exercised at the team's next selection.
 - (c) Younger Brother/Sister
A manager may submit, prior to the start of the draft, an option on a new player, who has a brother or a sister already on his team. This option must be exercised within the first three draft selections.
 - (d) Sons/Daughters of Manager
A manager, who has a son or daughter with an older sibling still playing on the team, must take the younger sibling in the fourth round if they elect to exercise the option.
- (7) For purposes of draft position, ties will be broken by means outlined in Rule VII (1).
- (8) Players will not be permitted to move from one team to another at either the major baseball or major softball levels.
- (9) No player shall move from one division to another without Board of Directors approval. •
- (10) If a major league team loses a player after the spring draft, but before the final six games of the season, the manager of the team will choose a replacement player of the same league age, or if they prefer, a twelve year old player. The player must have tried out. If this is not done within five days of the loss, the player agent will assign a player.

- (11) The Player Agent shall keep all documents from the major league draft, all-star selections, and any votes on all-star managers. The Player Agent shall hold all documents until the new board is elected.

III. Selection Process for All Baseball and Softball All-Star Teams.

- (1) At a time mutually acceptable to all major league managers and subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, the managers and approved coaches, shall meet and present to each other the nominations, in order of preference of the players on their team deserving All Star consideration. The president must be present at this time. The managers, coaches and any board member in attendance shall hold these nominations in confidence.
- (2) At a date, time and place determined by the player agent and approved by the Board of Directors, the major managers with the participation of their two coaches, will submit a list of 15 players, which will not include any member of their regular season team, listing the players in order of preference from their best number one pick through their number 15th best. Ballots must be submitted in a sealed envelope, to be identified by the team's name on the outside.
- (3) Ballots will be opened and recorded by the player agent in the presence of the entire E board as well as managers and coaches of that entire division. Players listed as #1 on the ballots will receive 15 points, #2 will receive 14 points, etc. once all names have been recorded and prior to final placement being made, the Board will accept or reject the roster in its entirety. If rejected, the Board will advise the managers to conduct a new vote. The process will be repeated until a roster is accepted by the Board. Any Board member who also holds a managers position in the division under consideration, will be recused from the Board approval process.
- (4) Once the Board of Directors approves this list, the top eleven players plus any ties will make the team. The remaining players will be chosen by the All Star manager from the remaining four eligible players. The Board of Directors must also approve these picks.
- (5) If it is voted by the Board of Directors to have an eleven-year-old all-star team, the team will be comprised of ten and eleven year old players and the exact procedure and criteria used for the selection of the major all-star team listed above will be used for the eleven-year-old all-star team.

IV. Selection Process for all Managers and Coaches of All-Star Teams

- (1) The manager of the team having the highest winning percentage as of the last day of the regular season shall be the All Star Manager, providing that all requirements stated under Rule I (7) are met. Winning percentage shall be based on regular season games only. If there is a tie for first place on that date, the tie shall be broken by Rule VII (1). In the event the manager, who qualified according to the standings, does not wish to manage the All Star team, the board of directors will elect the manager from among the remaining managers and coaches at the appropriate level. After selection, managers may not call an all star practice prior to completion of any and all playoff games without prior E board approval.
- (2) If it is voted by the Board of Directors to have a ten and/or an eleven-year-old all-star team, the Board will accept nominations and vote on the selection of the manager for each respective team.

V. Regular Season Rules: T-Ball, Clinic and AAA

(A) When drafting, rules for the various Baseball and Softball Minor League and T-Ball Programs, Directors shall refer to the Wyoma Little League Best Practices/Rules, and modify these recommendations as necessary, to meet current needs. Directors shall confer with the Director of Player Development, their managers, and seek approval from the Board of Directors, prior to the implementation of any rules. In the event, that it becomes necessary to modify a rule during the season, Directors shall confer with the Director of Player Development, their managers, and seek authorization from the Board of Directors regarding same. THIS BY-LAW SHALL ALSO APPLY TO THE SOFTBALL MINOR DIVISION

(B) T Ball Division (5 & 6 year old players)

(1) The T Ball Division will consist of 5 & 6 year old players, separated by age. The 5 year-old players will be hitting primarily off of a tee. The six year old players will be hitting primarily coach pitched, with support from a tee, when needed.

(C). Clinic Division (7 & 8 year-old players)

- (1) Clinic Division will consist of 7 & 8 year old players.
- (2) Although there is no official draft, the Clinic Director shall oversee an unofficial draft, which will attempt to create parity. The Clinic Director may accept requests from parents or guardians for specific managers and teams, if parity is not disrupted.

(D) 'AAA' Division (9, 10 11 year-old players, and 12 year-old players who are waived down by a guardian)

(1) All rules shall be the same as **Major Baseball**, subject to the AAA Director's discretion, with recommendations made by the Director of Player Development..

(2) Players will be drafted consistent with Major League rules. All 9, 10 & 11 year old players must be drafted.

(3) 'AAA' teams will consist of 12 players each. Enough teams will be created to accommodate all **9, 10, 11 year-old players & 12 year-old players, who are waived down by a guardian.**

AAA' will consist of a minimum of 4 teams.

(4) The EBOARD may authorize league sanctioned umpires to officiate AAA games, for any reasonable number of games during the season.

(5) When AAA games are played at the Major Baseball Field, the AAA Director, or his designee, shall ensure that there is concession stand coverage during games, and that the clubhouse, bathrooms, and field are properly secured after all AAA games. Failure to do so could result in AAA Games, not being played at Reinfuss Field. Any such decision would be that of the EBOARD.

(E) Discretion to Modify

If because of player registration numbers, or other circumstances beyond the Eboard's control, the Eboard shall have the authority to modify sections: V (B), V (C), & V (D) to suit the needs of Wyoma Little League.

VI. Softball (Minor and Majors)

A. Minors (7 through 11 years old)

Minor softball shall consist of players age 7 through 11 years old.

B. Major Softball (10, 11, 12 year olds)

Major softball shall consist of players 10, 11 and 12 year olds

VII. Rules on Post-Season and Tournament Play

- (1) At the conclusion of the regular season, ties in the standings will be broken in the following manner:
 - (a) The teams tied will compare their head to head record.
 - (b) If the tie remains, the teams will then compare their own record against the highest team in the standings. As soon as the tie is broken, comparison of records ends.
 - (c) If after comparing records against all other teams, the tie still exists, a flip of a coin will break the tie.

Example: Two teams tie for 3rd place. After comparing their record vs. each other, the tie remains. Now compare how each team did vs. the 1st place team. If tie remains, compare vs. 2ⁿ place team. Continue comparison vs. remaining teams if necessary until tie is broken.

- (2) For each first round playoff game, the higher seed (determined by the final regular season standings) will be assigned home team status for that game. For each subsequent round, the better record in the tournament will determine home team status. Conflict of records reverts back to the regular season standings.
- (3) The winner of the league playoffs will represent Wyoma L.L. in the City Series. In the event that two or more teams are tied for first place at the end of the regular season, final standings shall be determined by Rule VII (I).
- (4) Mandatory three innings per child in tournament play, excluding all-stars.
- (5) The term “All-Star(s)” shall refer to teams sanctioned as All-Stars by Little League International and shall not be considered by the term (all-star) as it may from time to time be placed on any local tournament or event.
- (6) DURING POST SEASON, THE EBOARD SHALL DESIGNATE A BOARD MEMBER TO MONITOR ALL FIELD REQUESTS FOR PRACTICES. WHEN A CONFLICT ARISES, MANAGERS ARE ADVISED TO COMMUNICATE WITH EACH OTHER, AND RESOLVE ANY ISSUES. OTHERWISE THE FIELD SCHEDULER WILL REFER TO THE FOLLOWING, “PECKING ORDER” WHEN ARRIVING AT A DECISION.
12 Year-Old All Star Baseball and Softball Teams shall have first priority.
11 Year-Old All Star Baseball and Softball Teams.

10 Year-Old All Star Baseball and Softball Teams.

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10-Year Old Jimmy Fund Teams. If two teams, it is recommended that they practice together.

9-Year Old Tournament Teams. If two teams, it is recommended that they practice together.

8-Year Old Tournament Teams. If two teams, it is recommended that they practice together.

All games scheduled for the Wyoma Little League Sawyer-Walsh 9 Year-Old Tournament at Gowdy Park, during the month of July, shall not be bumped for any other practices or games. It is recommended that this tournament be completed by August 1st. A regular season game will not be bumped for a practice. It is recommended that all regular season games end before post season.

VIII. Rules on Awards and Trophies

- (1) Only the Equipment Director shall obtain trophies, plaques and any other awards for the entire league, subject to Board approval.
- (2) The Equipment Director shall obtain all-star jackets. The Board must approve the color and style with consideration given to the all-star manager's recommendation.
- (3) The first place team in major baseball and softball divisions shall receive trophies.
- (4) The major baseball and softball team with the best record at the conclusion of the regular season shall receive trophies as league champion. The playoff winner shall also receive trophies.
- (5) All T-Ball teams shall receive trophies.
- (6) Major baseball and softball all-stars may conduct a fund-raiser to help pay for their jackets. With the exception of either team winning the District 16 Title, then the league will buy jackets.
- (7) One manager and up to three coaches of each baseball and softball all-star team may receive the same awards as the members of that team.
- (8) Baseball and softball City Series and/or District 16 Champions will receive jackets paid for by the league. Jackets to be determined by the Board.

- (9) Any other member, subject to Board approval, who wishes to obtain a jacket, must pay for it in advance. The president will be provided a jacket paid for by the league.
- (10) All nominations for league and city wide awards will be open until the all-star selection meeting.

X. Rules Pertaining to League Business

- (1) General membership meetings will be held on all Mondays. In lieu of this, notice of meetings may be given in such form as may be authorized by the members, from time to time, at a regularly convened membership meeting. If necessary, the executive board will meet immediately following the general meeting. A quorum of 14 members must be present at a general membership meeting in order to conduct business.
- (2) A Wyoma Board member may miss no more than three (3) consecutive meetings. Absence from three consecutive meetings will be considered a resignation, subject to Board acceptance.
- (3) All purchases of equipment and uniforms shall be approved by the Board of Directors and shall be executed by no one other than the Equipment Director. The Board of Directors must approve player's uniforms. The Equipment Director shall also be authorized to spend \$500.00 per calendar month in the event of an emergency.
- (4) All prospective vendors are to be approved by the Board of Directors prior to the Equipment Director purchasing from a particular vendor
- (5) All purchases of field equipment and supplies shall be approved by the Board of Directors and shall be executed by no one other than the Field Director. The Field Director shall be authorized to spend \$500.00 per calendar month in the event of an emergency.
- (6) The Board shall at its discretion vote to authorize money to specific directors and to all-star managers to cover approved expenses, provided receipts are presented to the Board for approval. The maximum amount per game shall not exceed \$70.00.
- (7) Donations to organizations outside Wyoma Little League are subject to Executive Board Approval.
- (8) Payment of travel expenses for any team is subject to Executive Board approval.
- (9) The league shall annually revise and approve a league wide code of conduct. All parents, managers, coaches and adult volunteers must agree to the terms and sign the code of conduct in order to participate in any and all league related events. The most recent approved code is attached to these by-laws as Appendix A.

- (10) The softball field located on Great Woods shall remain unlocked and available for use by the public, when not in use for a game or practice. The softball field, club house and bathrooms shall be made available through Wyoma Little League, the Parks and Recreation Department and the Lynn Woods Park Ranger for rental use (with arrangements made for cleaning) for non-league activities by other Lynn groups.

X. Rules Regarding Amendments and Changes to The By-Laws

- (1) Amendments to the by-laws shall be voted on annually at a special meeting to be scheduled after October 1st but before November 30th. Any amendment to the by-laws must be approved by a two-thirds vote of the active membership present and voting after due notification
- (2) Any proposed amendments to these by-laws must be submitted in writing to the secretary prior to the process of due notification.
- (3) Due notification shall be defined as posting of proposed change(s) on the league's website and the reading of said proposed change(s) at two successive meetings prior to voting. The date, time and place for these two successive meetings must be published in the newspaper and on the league's web site (if active); five days prior to the first meeting taking place.
- (4) For the sole purpose of meeting on voting to validate any change(s) in the by-laws, a quorum of twenty-one "active members" (see League Constitution for definition) must be present

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