

Tilton Northfield Little

League Bylaws

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I - AUTHORITY

The Tilton Northfield Little League (TNLL) Baseball Program is conducted by the authority of the Board of Directors of the TNLL. The TNLL Constitution authorizes these Bylaws.

II - PURPOSE

The purpose of these bylaws is to supplement the TNLL Constitution, and the Official Little League Baseball rules and to define procedural elements to operate TNLL.

III - ADMINISTRATION

The administration of these bylaws shall be done in accordance with TNLL's Constitution. For the purposes of these bylaws The TNLL Board of Directors shall be known as "the Board" hereafter.

All Little League rules shall be considered minimum requirement for TNLL. These bylaws shall be considered "in addition to" Little League rules.

IV - ELIGIBILITY

Players - All persons are eligible to be players in the TNLL Baseball Program as defined in Article III, section 2 and Article X of the TNLL Constitution.

Manager, Coach and/or Team Parent - All adults are eligible as Manager, Coach and or Team Parent in the TNLL Baseball Program as defined in Article III and Article IX of the TNLL Constitution and who:

Have attained the age of 18 years.

Satisfactorily completed a background check in accordance with Little League Rules.

Have not had their Managing assignments for the previous year(s) revoked.

May manage only one (1) team within the TNLL Baseball Program, but may be an assistant coach on a second (2nd) team.

Completed Little League Volunteer Application that **must** be completed and returned to the respective Board member.

Players, Manager/Coach and coaches shall remain in the dugouts, on the benches or in the prescribed areas throughout the game.

Any manager, Coach or Team Parent with two (2) or more complaints in writing will appear before the Board for a hearing and possible disciplinary action.

Adult Volunteers - All adults are eligible to volunteer for any job or task in the TNLL Baseball Program as defined in various TNLL documents and who:

1. Have attained the age of 18 years.
2. Satisfactorily completed a background check for a sex crime conviction in accordance with Little League Rules. When their task or job will be in direct contact with children.
3. Have not had their volunteer status for the previous year(s) revoked.
4. Have received Board approval to volunteer.
5. Will be furnished a Little League Volunteer Application that **must** be completed and returned to the respective Board member

Any Adult Volunteer with two (2) or more complaints in writing will appear before the Board for a hearing and possible disciplinary action.

Minor Volunteers - All minors are eligible to volunteer for any job or task in the TNLL Baseball Program as defined in various TNLL documents and who:

Have their parent or guardian's permission. Have attained the age of 13 years to be involved with umpiring, snack shack or other activities. A volunteer must have attained the age of 18 to be involved with cooking in the snack shack.

Will be directly supervised by an Adult Volunteer, Manager, Coach, etc volunteering for TNLL as described above.

Any Minor Volunteer with two (2) or more complaints in writing will appear before the Board for a hearing and possible disciplinary action.

V - LEAGUES

Leagues shall be created as detailed in TNLL Constitution, Article X.

VI - ROSTERS

Rosters will be created in accordance with TNLL Constitution, Article X.

The Player Agent and President shall at all times maintain a roster for each team, naming players.

The manager/coach of each team shall, prior to the start of each game, provide a lineup to the official scorekeeper, the manager/coach of the opposing team. The lineup will include starting players and substitutes by name and uniform number and the status of any and all absent players.

The manager/coach will notify the Player Agent of any player who is injured or quits the team.

Obvious attempts to violate required playing time or safety may result in suspension of the manager/coach.

The Player Agent will check on the status of any player absent for more than three (3) games.

Players that arrive late to the game will be inserted at the bottom of the lineup or used as substitutes. The manager/coach will need to inform the official scorekeeper, the manager/coach of the opposing team, and the head umpire of the late arrival.

VII - TEAM MEETINGS

No Manager, Coach or Team Parent may participate in any team meetings, workouts, or games until he/she has completed his/her background registration form. The form is in the possession of the board and has passed an approved background.

In addition to the above, additional guidelines are provided in TNLL's Manager Handbook and Little League Rule book.

Number of Meetings

A team meeting is defined as being any "mandatory" meeting, practice, workout or game.

The number of team meetings prior to the start of the regular season is unlimited.

Special League events shall not count as team meetings.

Parents Meeting

Each manager/coach ***will*** contact each player within one week of the draft to inform that player and his/her parents of his selection on to that team.

Each manager/coach ***will*** conduct a team/parent meeting, prior to the start of the season, for the purpose of the following as detailed in TNLL Manager's Handbook.

VIII - PRACTICES

Each team will be assigned one practice per week, on a baseball diamond by the Board. The schedule will be communicated to the team Manager. A Manager may choose to have additional practices. Additional practices must be communicated and scheduled with the Board to ensure field availability. Additional practices will be on a first come first serve basis for baseball diamond. When diamonds are not available, additional practices may be held on open field spaces where available.

IX - GAMES

TNLL game rules are for regular season and TNLL sponsored playoff games. For away games the host's teams rules will prevail. For tournament play, tournament rules will prevail. All Little League rules shall prevail.

Schedule: At the beginning of the season the Board will determine the number of games each league will play. The goal is for each team to play a twelve (12) to eighteen (18) game schedule depending on number of teams. The schedule will be communicated to the Managers and posted for public view.

Game Time: Game time will commence immediately after the home plate conference with the Head Umpire. The exact start time is to be indicated on the schedule.

The Board has the authority to schedule additional games during the week to make up rainouts, postponed games, or suspended games. When possible this will not exceed four (4) games per week. Both teams manager/coach will receive a minimum of thirty-six (36) hours notice prior to any makeup game, unless both agree to less.

Length Of Games

Regulation games shall be:

T-BALL – Two (2) innings with no new inning starting after 45 minutes. There is a one hour time limit. No game shall begin after 6:30pm on any night.

ROOKIE LEAGUE COACH PITCH – Maximum of four (4) innings with no new inning starting after 1hour 30 minutes. There is a two (2) hour time limit. No game shall begin after 6:30pm on any night.

MINOR - Minimum of four (4) innings with no new inning starting after 2 hour 30 minutes. No game shall begin after 6:30pm on a weeknight other than Friday, prior to the last day of the school year and no inning shall begin after 8pm weeknights or weekends during the summer months.

MAJOR LEAGUE – Minimum of four (4) with no new inning starting after 2 hour 30 minutes. No game shall begin after 6:30pm on a weeknight other than Friday, prior to the last day of the school year and no inning shall begin after 8pm weeknights or weekends during the summer months.

No Game shall play past 30 minutes after sunset, or during dark as determined by home plate umpire.

Should the game be called for any reason, and four (4) innings of play have been completed, the game is considered complete. If the home team has scored more runs after completing 3 ½ innings, the game shall be considered complete.

Postponed Games

The Scheduler under these guidelines will reschedule postponed games:

Doubleheaders may be utilized for make-up games in Major leagues where allowed by Official Little League rules and regulations.

All other make up games will be in accordance with Little League rules and regulations.

Rain Delays

If, in the opinion of the Game Umpires, it may be possible to resume play after a rain delay or other such delay, the teams may be required to wait up to thirty minutes to see if conditions improve. The Umpire will always delay or suspend the game in the event of a lightening storm. DON'T WAIT TOO LONG. SAFETY OF PLAYERS IS FIRST!!

Suspended Games

If a game is called for any reason prior to it being considered a complete game, then may or may not be resumed in accordance with Little League rules.

Tie Games – Interleague Playoffs

Games will end in a tie if regulation time has expired and the game is considered complete.

If a game is tied at the end of regulation play and there is still time remaining (as specified in the designated time rule for each league), the game will continue one (1) inning at a time as needed until a winner is determined or the time rule takes effect.

Tie games will count in the standing as ½ game won and ½ game lost.

Tie game rules apply to coach pitch, but no league standings are tracked.

Tie Games – Tournament (playoffs) play

If a game is tied at the end of regulation play and there is still time remaining (as specified in the designated time rule for each league), the game will continue one (1) inning at a time as needed until a winner is determined or the time rule takes effect.

If there is no time remaining, the umpire in chief will call the game and the game will resume on the next available day. The game will resume from the exact point that play halted and continue play one inning at a time until winner is determined.

X - TEAM REQUIREMENTS

One (1) baseball uniform (a cap, socks and shirt) for each player that is drafted onto the team. The uniform color and logo will be chosen by the Board of Directors. A number will be affixed

to the front or back of the jersey. A sponsor's name or logo may be affixed to the front or back of the jersey if the team has a sponsor and that sponsor has paid a fee to the TNLL prior to the ordering of the uniforms. All sponsors are coordinated through the TNLL Board.

An official Little League emblem will be affixed to the uniform in accordance with Little League requirements.

The player's name ***shall not*** be placed on the uniform only on regular season uniforms.

TNLL will be responsible for providing batting helmets, baseball bats, and catcher's gear. All equipment must conform to Little League guidelines. The Team Manager is responsible for maintaining equipment.

Each player will be responsible to provide their own cletes, gray baseball pants, (*White for Major Division*) belt, baseball glove and other optional equipment to play the game. Metal cleats are strictly prohibited during TNLL play/practice.

All male minor and majors (*also suggested for all rookie*) players **shall** wear a protective cup while playing. This includes practices, games, and warm-ups. Female players are required to wear a pelvic protector in Minor or Majors when playing the Catcher's position only. At all levels catchers shall be required to wear cups or pelvic protectors.

Players are prohibited from wearing jewelry (watches, rings, bracelets and earrings, etc) while playing. This is to include practices, games, and warm-ups. If medical bracelets or necklaces are worn, they must be taped to the body so as to remain visible.

Softball bats, wood bats or any other bat not approved by Little League baseball will not be allowed.

XI – VIDEOTAPING AND PHOTOGRAPHY

Videotaping and Photography will be allowed at all functions and games sponsored by TNLL. The cameras are not to be on the field of play or otherwise interfere with the game in progress, unless otherwise approved by the TNLL Board. Tape review will not be used in protest action but may be used in the Board's review of player suspensions, coach's suspensions, and/or at the discretion of the President. If there is questionable conduct or any action that is considered a violation of Little League rules, with any videotaping or photography, TNLL reserves the right to request actions to stop immediately.

XII - OFFICIALS

There will be at least one Umpires scheduled for regular season Minor and Majors games.

There will be at least two (2) Umpires scheduled for Minor and Majors' playoff games. One plate umpire and one base umpire.

The OFFICIAL SCOREKEEPER as well as the home team will provide and keep the official scorebook.

XIII – GENERAL PLAYING RULES

The Official Little League rules and regulations will be used, except as noted within these By-Laws.

Conduct

All rules set forth in TNLL's manager handbook, parent code of conduct and ASAP plan shall be followed.

Ejected Manager or Coach

Any manager or coach ejected from the game will have to vacate the dugout and remove herself/himself to the parking lot/car if there is a player in the game. Otherwise the ejected persons shall leave the grounds altogether. The game time will not stop. In the event the individual does not comply with the ejection, the game is forfeited. The individual may not stay and continue the argument once the Umpire has ejected him/her.

Disciplinary actions and appeals will be conducted in accordance with TNLL Constitution and Little League Rules

Ejected Players

All players ejected from the game will be required to leave the baseball complex area if accompanied by a parent or, in the absence of a parent, stay in the dugout (not permitted to sit in the stands). Any additional problem from the player will result in a warning to the coach. The second incident will result in the coach's ejection. The coach and the player will be required to vacate the dugout and move to the parking lot if the player is accompanied by a parent. If there is no parent present then the player will remain in the dugout. The player will also serve a one (1) game suspension to be served the next scheduled game. He/she does have the right of appeal. Same procedure will be followed as with the manager/coach.

NOTE: Umpires will call the Umpire in Chief and he in turn will notify the President and Player Agent of any and all ejected player(s) and/or manager/coaches. **Ejected Parents**

Any parent ejected has three (3) minutes to leave the playing field area and remove herself/himself to the parking lot/car. The umpire may suspend play and have the game rescheduled by the scheduler.

Minimum Playing Time

All players MUST play in each game. Only the following EXCEPTIONS apply:

If a player misses a scheduled game due to a disciplinary action as approved by the League Board Member on duty.

Other situations as approved by the League Board Member on duty.

Except for the exceptions above, all Players must play the minimum required outs and at bats as detailed in current Little League Rule Book.

Upon approval of the Board and Manager/Coach may evoke disciplinary action if a player consistently misses games or practices, and then those absences will not count against the minimum playing time.

Standard / Continuous Batting Orders

Standard Batting Order - The standard batting order is a normal nine (9) man line-up in which normal Little League baseball substitution rules applies.

Continuous Batting - A continuous batting order utilizes all available players no matter what the number in a set lineup that cannot be changed once the game has begun. Note: Late arriving players must be added to the bottom of the roster as detailed VI above.

Each League Level will specify what batting orders they are using.

Number of Players in a Game

T-Ball and Rookie leagues, all players present can play in a game defensively. Players will play in the standard seven infield positions, additional children, will be placed in the outfield.

Minors and Majors shall only field nine (9) Players in accordance with Little League rules.

XIV – SPECIFIC LEAGUE RULES Majors

All Little League rules shall be followed unless otherwise noted below.

Scorebooks are to be kept.

These must be up to date at all times.

Scorebooks are to be turned in at the end of the season Inter-league games shall count towards the final win/loss record of a team.

All pitching regulations (Regulation VI-Pitchers) apply to inter-league games.

Each manager is required to carry at all times their eligibility tracking/pitching log located in scorebook.

These must be up to date at all times.

These will also be turned in at the end of the year.

Minor

All Little League rules shall be followed unless otherwise noted below.

Each manager is required to carry at all times their eligibility tracking/pitching log located in scorebook.

These must be up to date at all times.

These will also be turned in at the end of the year.

Inter-league games shall count towards the final win/loss record of a team.

All pitching regulations (Regulation VI-Pitchers) apply to inter-league games.

Players will bat in a continuous batting order throughout the game.

The batting order will contain the entire team roster.

No substitutions or changes in the batting order are permitted once the game starts.

Players arriving late to the game will be placed at the bottom of the order.

There will be a maximum of five (5) runs allowed by any team in one inning.

Whenever this occurs the inning will be over, regardless of the number of outs that have been made.

Inning ends after three outs, 5 runs or team batted through entire order.

The five (5) run rule is not in effect for the last inning of the game.

Each manager is required to carry at all times their eligibility tracking form and pitching log.

These must be signed and up to date at all times.

These will also be turned in at the end of the year.

For games played against other leagues, the Home Team's rules supersede.

Rookie

Coach pitch, coach does not field the ball.

Pitcher shall play along side coach and field ball.

Infield hit is a 2 base advancement (maximum).

Outfield hit is unlimited bases.

One base allowed on error.

Inning ends after three outs, 5 runs or team batted through entire order.

Teams bat in continuous order.

Players that are late are added to bottom of order.

No stealing.

Player needs to get a hit or swing and miss three times and out recorded.

Score will be recorded .

Two Coaches, in addition to Coach pitching, are allowed in the field to assist players defensively.

Base Coaches are allowed to assist player offensively.

Last inning of game players will pitch, to improve them for minors.

Same rules of play apply.

Coaches will walk players after 4 pitches that aren't strikes.

Coaches shall pitch from a knee or a bucket.

Players shall sit after 7 pitches that do not result in a swinging strikeout or a ball put into play.

T-Ball

All players must bat off tee, no pitching

All runners advance one base at a time (no passed balls or advancement on errors), last batter hits and runs all the way home

All runners must wear a helmet with a face mask.

Coaches may assist batter at home plate

Base coaches are allowed at all bases

Batters bat in continuous order

Innings are over when order is completed

No more than three (3) Coaches are allowed to assist in the field for defense

No outs are recorded

No score is recorded

No strikes recorded

XV POST SEASON PLAY

No TNLL team may participate in post-season play without the express approval of the TNLL Board. Players in all leagues may participate in the post season play in accordance with the TNLL constitution Little League Rules or respective tournament rules.

Post Season Rosters ~ Shall be selected in accordance to the TNLL Constitution.

Post Season Managers and Coaches ~ Shall be selected in accordance to the TNLL

Constitution **Tournament Fees** ~ Tournament fees will be approved by the board and paid by TNLL.

Respectfully Submitted, The 2016 Tilton Northfield Little League

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