

West Boynton Competitive (“C”) Division

Operating Plan 2013-2014

The following rules shall be followed by the West Boynton Competitive (“C”) Division teams. Failure to operate in a manner which circumvents the rules listed below may result in the team(s) losing their ability to participate in the C Division.

Mission Statement

The West Boynton C Division looks to provide an opportunity for players and volunteers of the West Boynton Little League (WBLL) community to participate in a competitive baseball environment that will enhance, not conflict, with the Mission Statement of WBLL.

1. The C-Division shall be managed by a Division Vice President who shall be a voting member of the WBLL Board of Directors. The Division Vice President of the WBLL C Division shall be nominated and elected as other voting board members on the WBLL Board of Directors (WBLL BOD).
2. Teams. The number of teams shall be determined by the C Division Committee prior to the start of each season cycle.
3. All managers of C Division Teams shall be approved by the WBLL BOD.
4. All players of C Division Teams shall be approved by the WBLL BOD.
5. Team Cycles
 - a. Each C Division team will be started (beginning with selection managers) no earlier than the end of all Little League tournaments in each age group.
 - b. Each C Division team will conduct Team Activities up and until December 31st.
 - i. Additional Playing time, up to one week prior to the date of the first Spring Player evaluations, may be allowed, if approved by the C Division DVP, and the WBLL BOD.
 - c. Once a C Division team has completed its annual cycle, the process starts over the following spring.
6. All C-Division teams shall conduct their business in accordance with all WBLL By Laws. This division shall not be participating in Little League games or tournaments and therefore will not use the term ‘little league’ to represent or identify itself.
7. The teams in the C Division shall be known as the West Boynton Barracudas with age references (8U, 9U, etc.) to identify specific teams.
8. The C-Division shall have a Treasurer (separate and apart from the WBLL BOD Treasurer) appointed by the WBLL BOD who shall be responsible for managing, along with and under the direction of the WBLL BOD Treasurer, the finances of the C-Division teams.

9. Each C-Division team and/or the division itself shall acquire and hold in good standing liability insurance prior to forming a team and team tryouts and practices and keep the insurance in place during the entire season.
10. Player Membership
 - a. Players interested in playing on a C-Division team must have participated in the WBLL Spring season immediately preceding the start of the Fall C-Division play.
 - b. Membership on a C-Division is limited to one year meaning no grandfathering into of future participation.
 - c. All teams must hold open tryouts prior to the formation of a team and the creation of its roster prior to each fall season.
 - d. A team's roster must be approved by the WBLL BOD before it is deemed final after the open tryouts.
 - e. Any player added to a C Division team after the open tryouts must be approved by the WBLL BOD.
 - f. No player member of the C-Division shall participate in any other baseball organization other than WBLL or a local middle or high school baseball program.
11. Volunteer Membership
 - a. All volunteers (manager, coaches, and team parents) must be approved by the WBLL BOD.
 - b. All volunteers (managers, coaches, team parents) must pass background checks and be approved by WBLL BOD.
 - c. Volunteering (manager, coach or team parent) on a C-Division is limited to one year meaning no grandfathering into of future participation.
 - d. Managers must be approved prior to the start of each team's annual formation prior to the fall season.
12. C-Division player and volunteer requirements:
 - a. Each C-Division player and volunteer must have participated in the Spring season at WBLL preceding any C-Division play. Failure to play Spring Ball at WBLL shall be grounds for immediate removal of a player or volunteer from a current C-Division team and will make the player or volunteer ineligible for C-Division play until a full season of WBLL Spring ball has been completed.
 - b. C-Division players and volunteers are not required to participate in the fall baseball seasons at WBLL.
13. Selection of C Division Manager
 - a. The C Division Committee shall recommend to the WBLL Board managers for teams.
 - b. All teams must be announced in order to allow prospective manager candidates to indicate their desire to become a manager candidate.
 - c. In order to be considered a Manager Candidate, one must submit a letter including, but not limited to, the following:
 - i. indicate which team they would like to manage (no more than one
 - ii. the candidate's volunteer history at WBLL
 - iii. anything else the candidate would like add in consideration of their desire to manage
 - d. Candidates shall be afforded the opportunity to appear before the C Division Committee prior to any vote on a manager position

- e. C Division Committee Members shall elect a manager which the Committee shall recommend to the WBLL Board
 - i. One vote per Committee Member
 - ii. Majority Wins
 - iii. In the event of a tie the candidates remaining resulting in the tie will be brought to the full WBLL board for a vote and approval.
- f. To avoid any conflicts of interest, no C Division Manager, manager candidate, or board member with a child on a C Division team shall be permitted to vote on any C Division matters. This shall fall to the members of the WBLL Board, who have no conflict or perceived conflicts for business related to the C Division.

14. Selection of C Division Players

- a. Each team manager shall be required to hold no less than two open tryout sessions. Each session shall be announced prior to each tryout session.
- b. Each team manager will submit their selected players to C division DVP, who will in turn submit to the WBLL board for approval.
- c. The number of players on a roster shall not exceed 13 players. No Alternate Players shall be selected.
- d. In the event additional players are needed, players must have participated in at least one try out session for the C Division team during that team's player selection process.
- e. All players added to the roster after teams have been selected must be approved by the C Division DVP.

15. Selection of C Division Coaches and Volunteers

- a. Coaches and other team Volunteers cannot be initiated until the manager and players have been selected.
- b. No more than three adult volunteers, including the manager, are permitted on rosters.
- c. No more than three adult volunteers, including the manager, are permitted on fields during games.
- d. Each C Division team may have up to three additional practice coaches.
- e. A C Division manager may swap a practice coach for a Roster Coach only after approval from the C Division DVP.
- f. Each manager and coach will be required to sign a Code of Conduct document where they acknowledge they will adhere to certain principles and that failure to adhere to these principles could result in disciplinary actions ranging from warnings to remove of manager, coach or even suspension of team activities. Specifically to include but not limited to the following:
 - i. All C Division Managers are fully expected to follow all rules and guidelines set forth regarding the C Division program. The main purpose of the program is to enhance the skill level of the league's players through a competitive baseball environment experience. Actions deemed detrimental to the program will be strongly taken into account and may have a serious negative effect on any future managing or coaching positions with West Boynton Little League.
 - ii. If there is use of any team funds by the coach for purposes other than intended by the nature of the disbursement by the manager/coach, the

manager/coach will be immediately removed from the team and will lose their privilege to act in any capacity in the WBLL in perpetuity. The league will also reserve the right to take any legal action as it deems appropriate.

- iii. Managers/Coaches on field conduct that is deemed in appropriate in accordance with the guidelines as set forth by WBLL may result in suspension or expulsion from the team and or league activities.

16. All financial disbursements relating to C-Division teams will be completed by the WBLL BOD Treasurer. All funds relating to the C-Division teams shall be held in an account managed by WBLL and the WBLL BOD Treasurer. The C-Division Treasurer shall be responsible for reporting the financial situation of each C-Division team to the WBLL BOD as well as the participants of the C-Division teams.

17. C-Division Team Funding.

- a. The C-Division teams shall be self-funded and will not be financially supported by WBLL.
- b. Each C-Division team shall have its own ledger to be kept, in accordance with Number 16 above, where the funds contributed by each participant shall be recorded.
- c. The C Division DVP in conjunction with each manager shall be responsible for creating a budget for each season. The budget will have to be shared with the WBLL BOD as well as the players, volunteers and families associated with each C Division team.
- d. Funds for C-Division teams shall come from:
 - i. Player/Family contributions – account 100% to player account
 - ii. Players must pay the League Fall registration fee set by the league BOD
 - iii. Teams may acquire sponsors for their teams on a limited basis. Sponsorship is limited to a reference on the team's banner, as well as a limited reference supporting the sponsor on the team's portion of the league website. Sponsors that provide a very significant level of financial support may be eligible to have a patch referencing their company on the sleeve of the players' jerseys. All sponsorship is coordinated through the team manager, and approved by the Division DVP, who also must receive BOD final approval. The funds provided by the sponsor can provide up to 50% of a specific player's fees, based on team manager and Division DVP approval.
- e. The cost of participating shall be equally divided by all players on a team's roster.
 - i. The payment of C Division fees may be refundable at the C division DVP's discretion.
 - ii. In the event a player is added to a roster after the initial payment of C Division fees, the added player will pay a pro-rata share of fees based upon what relative costs remain. The added player will pay a full share for non-relative costs associated with uniforms.

- f. Funds deducted from a C-Division's ledger shall be permitted for operating each C-Division team. Funds can only be removed from the C-Division account after a request by a C-Division Manager which is approved by the C-Division Treasurer and submitted to the WBLB BOD Treasurer. WBLB BOD Treasurer will need approval from the WBLB BOD prior to any disbursements of C-Division funds.
 - g. No C-Division player may participate while they have a negative balance relating to their pro-rata contribution to the C-Division team.
 - h. C Division funding and the fee charged by the C Division and the C Division team shall be inclusive only of the following:
 - i. Costs associated with the bank accounts for the C division divided equally to each team.
 - ii. USSSA Registration Fee, if needed
 - iii. Acceptable Liability Insurance.
 - iv. Player uniform to consist of:
 - 1. Hat
 - 2. Jersey
 - 3. Practice Shirt
 - v. Additional Fees
 - 1. Fees related to no more than one baseball organization that provides structured baseball during the Fall Season, including umpire fees
 - vi. Pants, Stickers, banners, bags, helmets, bats etc. will not be provided for in the budget. If a team choice is made for these items, they may do so only with 100% consensus of the parents, and will do so at their own risk and effort. **Per the WBLB by laws any use of any West Boynton Little League logos is prohibited without prior approval of the WBLB BOD**
 - vii. All teams are known as the "Barracudas." Every team must use the logo that the league has provided, which is a cartoon type fish logo. Teams can deviate from the required logo, but must submit their logo to the C Division DVP to get BOD approval before proceeding. Teams must also present their uniform styles to the C Division DVP to seek BOD approval as well.
 - viii. At the end of a C-Division's annual team cycle all funds remaining in a player's account shall be returned to the player in a timely fashion. In turn, any shortfall within the team budget due to estimates on the cost of umpire fees or tournament costs must be recouped from the team families no later than December 10th.
18. At each monthly WBLB Board of Director's meeting, the C-Division DVP shall submit a report on each C-Division team showing current player and team balances. This report should match the accounting report that the WBLB BOD has on the overall C-Division account.
19. Prior to the start of each C-Division season in the fall, mandatory open tryouts must be held and are open to all current players of WBLB who participated in the most recent Spring baseball season at WBLB. Eligible WBLB players may attend tryouts for teams in their respective age division. Team players shall be selected by the manager and approved by the WBLB BOD. Any player wishing to play for a C Division team that is above that player's League Age must be approved by the WBLB BOD.

20. All schedules, games and tournaments must be approved in advance by the C-Division DVP who shall also seek approval from the WBLB BOD. Each C Division manager shall be able to arrange a C Division team's schedule.. The manager must submit their tournament selections to the DVP no later than August 31. In the event of any conflicts between C Division scheduled activities and WBLB activities, WBLB activities shall take precedence. Failure of any team to adhere shall be grounds for removal of the manager, player or volunteer from the C Division.
21. Players must pay the league Fall Registration fee as set by the BOD and must also sign up and pay for the registration fee for the following Spring season. 50% of the Spring fee is due prior to the first team practice, the additional 50% is due in full no later than November 1st. Failure to pay the additional 50% by the deadline will result in suspension of playing privileges until the payment is made in full.