

**ELLINGTON LITTLE LEAGUE, INC.**  
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**LOCAL RULES**

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## ELLINGTON LITTLE LEAGUE - LOCAL RULES

The conduct and rules of the Ellington Little League, Inc. shall be governed by its Constitution, By Laws, and the Regulations of Little League Baseball Inc. except as provided herein.

The local rules adopted by the Ellington Little League, Inc. shall be in addition to and not a substitute for the Little League Baseball's Official Playing Rules. The local rules herein shall be in force upon approval of a majority of the Ellington Little League Board of Directors ("BOD"), and shall remain in force until one year hence when local rules will be subject to revision on an annual basis and any changes must be approved by the Board of Directors.

**Exception:** Individual rules may be changed or modified by a two-thirds majority vote of the entire BOD. All local rules in effect prior to the approval of this set of rules are no longer valid.

### **I. LEAGUE ADMINISTRATION**

The Ellington Little League, Inc. (League) will generally meet once a month except in July or at the discretion of the League President.

Prior to all Board of Director's meetings, a general meeting will be open to the public for approximately 30 minutes.

If the League must act on a personal matter that portion of the meeting, or a special meeting will be closed to the public.

The Board of Directors will consist of fifteen (15) positions (members) as follows:

President	
Vice President	Concession Stand Director
Secretary	Facilities Director
Treasurer	Equipment Director
Juniors/Senior League Dir./Player Agent	Safety and Security Officer
Major League Dir./Player Agent	Umpire Director
Farm/Minor League Director	Fundraising and Sponsorships Director
Tee Ball/Instructional League Director	Information Officer

The Officers of the Board are as follows

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Major League Player Agent

In addition to the named members of the Board, an Advisory Committee consisting of former Board Members, and potential future Board members will provide assistance and support of the administration of Ellington Little League.

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**II. LEAGUE AND TEAM COMPOSITION**

NOTE: ALL AGES IN THIS SECTION ARE LITTLE LEAGUE AGES AS LISTED IN THE LITTLE LEAGUE OFFICIAL RULE BOOK

A. T-BALL LEAGUE      AGE 6 & 7

Players that are Little League ages six are eligible to participate in the Ellington T-ball Program or Little League age 7 if they are new to baseball. The league age is determined by guidelines established by Little League baseball and published in the official rule book and on their website. Any player(s) who sign up prior to opening day will be placed on a team based on parental request, coach's request or at the discretion of the T-ball League Director. The manager's and coaches' child will be placed on the same team. The number of players that sign up will determine the number of teams. Each team will have seven to twelve players. A manager and one or more coaches, under the direction of the T-ball League Director will coach the teams. The League Director will recommend managers/coaches to the League President. The League President will appoint the managers/coaches and will submit the names to the BOD for approval. Any players signing up on opening day or shortly thereafter will be placed on a team at the discretion of the League Director.

B. INSTRUCTIONAL LEAGUE      AGES 7 - 9

Players between the ages of Little League seven and Little League nine are eligible to participate in the Ellington Instructional Program. Any player(s) who sign up prior to opening day will be placed on a team based on parental request, coach's request or at the discretion of the Instructional League Director. The manager and coaches' child will be placed on the same team. The number of players that sign up will determine the number of teams. Each team will have nine to fourteen players. A manager and one or more coaches, under the direction of the Instructional League Director will coach the teams. The League Director will recommend managers/coaches to the League President.

Any players signing up on opening day or shortly thereafter will be placed on a team at the discretion of the League Director.

The League President will appoint the managers/coaches and will submit the names to the BOD for approval.

C. FARM LEAGUE      AGES 7-10

Little League Age 7, 8, 9, 10 players may have the option to be evaluated to play in the Farm league. Players that are between the ages of 7-9 players not selected to play in the Farm league or choose to not be evaluated for Farm league will play in the Instructional league. See Section XIII for eligibility requirements.

Little League Age 10 players who: (1) choose not to play in the Minor League; or (2) try out for the Minor League and are not drafted onto a Minor League team will play in the Farm league.

The Farm League concept is to provide a transition year(s) for players between the Instructional league and the Minor/Major League Divisions.

The Minor/Farm League Director will conduct a draft to assign these players to teams. The League President will appoint the managers/coaches and will submit the names to the BOD for approval.

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D. MINOR LEAGUE      AGES 8 - 11

Little League Age 8, 9, 10 – Evaluations are required for placement in the Minor league. Players, who do not get selected to play in the Minor league, will be eligible for and will play in the Farm league. See Section XIII for eligibility requirements.

Little League Age 11 players who: (1) choose not to play in the Major League; or (2) try out for the Major League and are not drafted onto a Major League team will play in the Minor league.

The Minor/Farm League Director will conduct a draft to assign these players to teams. Players who tried out and were not drafted by a Major League team will be put on a “player selection list”. In the event there is an opening at the Major League level, only a player on the player selection list can be considered and brought up to the Major League. The parent of a twelve-year-old can elect to have their child play in the minors, see next section below.

The League President will appoint the managers/coaches and will submit the names to the BOD for approval.

E. MAJOR LEAGUE      AGES 10 – 12

Players must be between the ages of ten through twelve years old. Players who were on a Major League team in the prior year will return to an open draft the following year. Players who have not previously participated in the Majors must try out and be drafted (selected) by a Major League manager onto a Major League team. Each team shall have twelve (12) players. The teams shall be sponsored by a local business, approved by the BOD.

Each year the BOD will review the need to adjust the number of teams based on the number of qualified players available.

Per Williamsport rules, twelve-year olds must play in the Major League program unless a parent requests, in writing, that their child remain in the Minor League program. The parent must explain why they are electing to keep their child in the Minors. The BOD’s must approve such election by the parent. The primary concern of the BOD’s is that the player from a skill perspective, doesn’t belong in the Majors and the player will not invoke harm to Minor League players due to their play because of size or strength. See section VIII for more details on the drafting of twelve year olds.

The League President will appoint the managers/coaches and will submit the names to the BOD for approval.

F. JUNIOR LEAGUE      AGES 13 – 14

Players must be between the ages of thirteen (13) and fourteen (14) years of age. Fifteen year olds are allowed to play in Juniors if a Senior League program is not available. Fifteen year olds are not allowed to pitch in the Junior League.

Players will attend an evaluation session and are placed on a team by the Junior League managers.

G. SENIOR LEAGUE      AGES 15 – 16

Players must be between the Little League ages of fifteen (15) and sixteen (16)  
The teams will be comprised of between thirteen (13) and fifteen (15) players each. The number of players that sign up will determine the number of teams. Players who sign up after the draft will be assigned to teams in order of the draft, not to exceed fifteen (15) players per team. Players will be assigned in the order in which they sign up. After teams have reached a full complement of fifteen players each, subsequent signups will go on a list in the order they sign up to fill open roster spots as they occur.

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**III.**

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### **FARM LEAGUE CONDUCT AND OPERATION**

The conduct and operation of the Farm League shall be governed by the current Regulations and Playing Rules of Little League Baseball and, in particular, those section of the regulations pertaining to "Minor League". The local rules herein shall be in force upon approval of a majority of the Ellington Little League Board of Directors ("BOD"), and shall remain in force until one year hence when local rules will be reviewed and approved with changes made accordingly.

The following locally adopted rules shall be the only exceptions to the Little League Rules and Regulations:

1. A manager must expand the nine-person batting order to accommodate his entire roster so that they bat in continuous order. If a player arrives late for the start of the game, they are to be placed last in the batting order.
2. Pitchers shall not be charged with violation of any balk rule.
3. "3 – 6 – 9" Rule
  - No more than nine (9) Offensive players may bat in innings one through five of any given game. In the event there are less than two (2) outs during a ninth batter's appearance in any of innings one through five, play the situation as if there were two outs - the inning ends when either, 1) the 'third' out is called, 2) play comes to a normal completion or 3) the offensive team scores its sixth run of the inning. If the offensive team scores six runs before its third out in innings one through five, regardless of-how many batters have come up to bat, the inning is over. This shall be known as "The 6-Run Rule". In the sixth inning, ONLY the LOSING TEAM is not constrained by "The 6-Run Rule" nor are they limited to nine batters.
  - The reason this applies only to the losing team is to allow them to remain competitive: It is not meant for the winning team to "pad" its lead.

Examples:

- Visiting team is winning by 1 run going into the sixth inning therefore 9 batter rule & 6 run rule applies to visiting team
  - Game is tied going into the sixth inning therefore 9 batter rule & 6 run rule applies to both teams
5. No runner shall be allowed to advance more than one (1) base in the event of an overthrow by a defensive player.
  6. A runner may only steal THIRD (and in accordance with 7.13 of the Little League Regulations, the runner may not leave the base until the pitched ball has "reached the batter.")
    - A runner on first may not advance on this play.
    - A steal can only be attempted when the ball is within the catcher's reach.
  7. Bunting is NOT allowed. See Section XIII, Miscellaneous, Article P, regarding fake bunting.
  8. The determination of the start of an inning shall not be based on time but rather on whether there is enough daylight to complete a full inning in the judgment of the umpire in consultation with both managers. The umpire shall make the final determination.
  9. The Farm League shall be made up of player's age seven, eight, nine, and ten. The Farm League Director will assign and/or there will be an evaluation practice/draft to assign these players to teams.
  10. All Farm League teams should have a minimum of 11 players. If a team goes below 11 players, the League Director will work with the League President, Instructional League Director and

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Instructional League coaches to determine who should be promoted from Instructional to Farm.

11. Immediately upon acceptance by an Instructional League player to move up to the Farm League program, the player will not be allowed to play in any Instructional League games from that moment forward throughout the duration of the season.
12. The visiting team will do its warm-up on the field up to twenty (20) minutes before game time. The home team will have the field from twenty (20) minutes until five (5) minutes before game time.
13. Each team will clean its dug out after the game.
14. During regular season play, the team with the least runs shall have the option of conceding or not conceding the game in the event the losing team is down ten (10) or more runs after 3 1/2 innings. (SEE rule 4.10(E) of the Little League Rulebook).
15. In accordance with the "playing rules", regulation VI-pitchers, as promulgated by Williamsport, the League will adhere to the pitching guidelines cited in regulation VI and in particular to the pitch count and numbers of days rest required for all players who pitch in a game.
16. Managers and coaches will assure that each player will have as close as equal playing time as possible for each game. Please reference chart in Section XIII, Miscellaneous, Article O.
17. Individual trophies will be presented to team members, managers and coaches of the regular season and play-off champions in the Farm league.

### **IV. MINOR LEAGUE CONDUCT AND OPERATION**

The conduct and operation of the Minor League shall be governed by the current Regulations and Playing Rules of Little League Baseball and, in particular, those section of the regulations pertaining to "Minor League". The local rules herein shall be in force upon approval of a majority of the Ellington Little League Board of Directors ("BOD"), and shall remain in force until one year hence when local rules will be reviewed and approved with changes made accordingly.

The following locally adopted rules shall be the only exceptions to the Little League Rules and Regulations:

1. A manager must expand the nine-person batting order to accommodate his entire roster so that they bat in continuous order. If a player arrives late for the start of the game, they are to be placed last in the batting order.
2. Pitchers shall not be charged with violation of any balk rule.
3. "3 – 6 – 9" Rule
  - No more than nine (9) Offensive players may bat in innings one through five of any given game. In the event there are less than two (2) outs during a ninth batter's appearance in any of innings one through five, play the situation as if there were two outs - the inning ends when either, 1) the 'third' out is called, 2) play comes to a normal completion or 3) the offensive team scores its sixth run of the inning. If the offensive team scores six runs before its third out in innings one through five, regardless of-how many batters have come up to bat, the inning is over. This shall be known as "The 6-Run Rule". In the sixth inning, ONLY the LOSING TEAM is not constrained by "The 6-Run Rule" nor are they limited to nine batters. The reason this applies only to the losing team is to allow them to remain competitive: It is not meant for the winning team to "pad" its lead.

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### Examples:

- Visiting team is winning by 1 run going into the sixth inning therefore 9 batter rule & 6 run rule applies to visiting team
  - Game is tied going into the sixth inning therefore 9 batter rule & 6 run rule applies to both teams
4. No runner shall be allowed to advance more than one (1) base in the event of an overthrow by a defensive player.
  5. A runner may steal SECOND (unlimited), THIRD (unlimited) and HOME (twice an inning) (and in accordance with 7.13 of the Little League Regulations, the runner may not leave the base until the pitched ball has "reached the batter.")
    - A runner on first may not advance on this play.
    - A batter can not advance on dropped third strike
  6. Bunting is allowed. See Section XIII, Miscellaneous, Article P, regarding fake bunting.
  7. The determination of the start of an inning shall not be based on time but rather on whether there is enough daylight to complete a full inning in the judgment of the umpire in consultation with both managers. The umpire shall make the final determination.
  8. All Minor League teams should have a minimum of 11 players. If a team goes below 11 players, the League Director will work with the League President and Farm League coaches to determine who should be promoted.
  9. The Minor League shall be made up of players eight through eleven years of age. Those players who do not choose to play in the Major League, do not try out for the Majors, or are not drafted onto a Major League team revert back to the Minor League. The Minor League Director will assign/or there will be a draft to assign these players to teams. Players who tried out and were not drafted by a Major League team will be put on a "player selection list". In the event there is an opening at the Major League level, only a player on the player selection list can be considered and brought up to the Major League.
  10. Immediately upon acceptance by a Minor League player to move up to the Major League program, the player will not be allowed to play in any Minor League games from that moment forward throughout the duration of the season.
  11. The parent of a twelve-year-old can request in writing to have their child play in the minors. The parent must explain why they are electing to keep their child in the Minors. The BOD's must approve such election by the parent. The primary concern of the BOD's is that the player from a skill perspective, doesn't belong in the Majors and the player will not invoke harm to Minor League players due to their play because of size or strength.
  12. The visiting team will do its warm-up on the field up to twenty (20) minutes before game time. The home team will have the field from twenty (20) minutes until five (5) minutes before game time.
  13. Each team will clean its dug out after the game.
  14. During regular season play, the team with the least runs shall have the option of conceding or not conceding the game in the event the losing team is down ten (10) or more runs after 3 ½ innings. (SEE rule 4.10(E) of the Little League Rulebook).
  15. Managers and coaches will assure that each player will have as close as equal playing time as possible for each game. Please reference chart in Section XIII, Miscellaneous, Article O.

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16. In accordance with the "playing rules", regulation VI-pitchers, as promulgated by Williamsport, the League will adhere to the pitching guidelines cited in regulation VI and in particular to the pitch count and numbers of days rest required for all players who pitch in a game.
17. All-stars: 8, 9, 10, and 11-year olds in the Minor league will be considered for the 9-10 all-stars and 10-11 all-stars. Managers from the Minor League will be asked to submit names of players from their program to be considered in the all-star selections for 8-10 and 9-11 year olds. (see Section XI)
18. Individual trophies will be presented to team members, managers and coaches of the regular season and play-off champions in the minor league

### **V. MAJORS EXPANSION / ELIMINATION OF TEAMS**

This paragraph no longer applies given that a redraft of major league teams each year is performed each year and the number of teams in majors can be adjusted up or down based off the number of new and returning players in majors,

### **VI. REGISTRATION**

- A. Registration will be held online in February and March for all divisions of Ellington Little League Baseball. The League President will set the dates of in person registrations for new players in order to verify birth certificates. The League will continue to take registrations up until the majors, minors and farm drafts. Any registrations subsequent to those drafts will be based on needs of each division. To leverage parent traffic, the League President should consider setting registration dates and locations in conjunction with the Ellington Girls Softball league.
- B. To be eligible for the Major League draft, the player(s) must be signed up by their respective tryout date.
- C. At the Senior League level **only**, there will be a cutoff date that perspective participants can sign up for the Senior League program. Participants must sign up fifteen days prior to the tryout date before they will be considered for play. If a player signs up after the cutoff date, their name(s) will be put on a list and may or may not be permitted to play in the Senior League depending on the size of the program. The decision to allow them to play in the program will be made by the Board of Directors.

Junior and senior league players must be signed up by their respective tryout date; however any player participating in the high school baseball program will not be allowed to participate in the tryouts. At the conclusion of the high school season, the high school players will be placed on a team by having the manager of each team reaching an agreement on the placement for each of the players. Note, this may involve a draft based on the records of each team as of that point in the season.

### **VII. TRYOUTS AND PLAYER SELECTION**

- A. All eligible players trying out for the Major League must sign up prior to and attend at least one tryout. If an applicant is unable to attend the tryouts for a legitimate reason, the parent of the player must notify their respective Player Agent or the League President **before** the draft. In the absence of the Player Agent or League President, they should notify a member of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors will need to approve any player that is granted eligibility for the major's draft without being present for any of the tryouts. The attending members of the draft will discuss their playing skills.
- B. All returning majors players must sign up prior to and attend at least one evaluation. In the event the returning player is unable to attend an evaluations for a legitimate reason, the parent of the

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player must notify the respective Player Agent or the League President. In such case, an attempt will be made to draft up an evaluation of the player using the feedback from managers from the previous season which will be shared with all of the prospective Majors managers

- C. In the absence of the Player Agent, the League Director or the League President shall conduct the evaluations, tryouts and draft.
- D. Teams will select players according to Plan B (alternate method) of the draft system in the "Player Selection Systems" section of the Little League Baseball Operating Manual.
- E. It is imperative that the Player Agent and/or Managers ascertain, prior to the draft, the **exact** number of returning players by reviewing the sign up roster or by calling the players..
- F. All twelve year olds must be drafted into the Major League teams unless a waiver is submitted by the parent. The waiver must be approved by the BOD's and District 8 Administrator.
- G. Draft selection will be suspended for any team upon reaching the full complement of (twelve) players. –Over drafting will not be permitted.
- H. There shall be no pre-assigned coaches for each team, only a manager. This is applicable for the Majors, Minors, and Farm Drafts. Should a manager be interested in a specific coach to help out with the team, the manager should draft the child of the coach early on, otherwise, the player is subject to be drafted by another team.
- I. The draft order is selected randomly. The draft is conducted in a "Snake" style meaning whomever picks first in the first round picks last in the second round, first in the third round, last in the fourth round, etc.
- J. If a manager has a child that is eligible for the draft, the manager is required to exercise the option to draft the son or daughter at the specific round based on age using the information below:  
  
 Manager's son or daughter:
 

10 year old	5th round
11 year old	4th round
12 year old	3rd round
- K. When there are two or more siblings in the draft, and the first brother or sister is drafted by a manager, that manager automatically has an option to draft the other brother or sister in the next turn. If the manager does not exercise the option, the second sibling is then available to be drafted by any team.

**VIII. PLAYER SELECTION LIST**

- A. The Player Selection List will be prepared by the Player Agent from:
  - 1. Those players who tried out for the Major League and were not drafted by a Major League team.
  - 2. Those eligible players who requested, before the draft, to the player Agent, Major League Director or President that they would like to be considered for the draft even though they could not attend the tryouts due to some justifiable reason such as an injury, illness, will be away that day, etc.
  - 3. Any eligible player moving into the town after the tryouts may be added to the Player Selection List at the request of the parents.

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This list will be sent to each Major and Minor League Manager and will serve, unchanged except for item number three (3) throughout the season.

- B. Only those players whose names appear on the original or revised list may be selected as replacements for a Major League lost player.
- C. If any player on the Player Selection List is called up to a Major League Team, the Player Agent will call the player's parents to verify that the player has permission to play in the Major League.
- D. Immediately upon acceptance by a Minor League player to move up to the Major League program, the player will not be allowed to play in any Minor League games from that moment forward throughout the duration of the season.

### **IX. OTHER MAJOR LEAGUE DRAFT CONSIDERATIONS**

- A. In accordance with the Little League Operating Manual, no teams can have more than eight of any age group on their roster.
- B. When a twelve year old(s) signs up to play baseball after the major league draft has been held, he will not be drafted on a Major League team. The number of major league players (12) on each team will remain the same for each team. The twelve year old name(s) will be passed onto the Minor League Director who will, if the registrations have not be closed, place the boy(s) on a Minor League team.

### **X. REPLACEMENT OF PLAYERS**

- A. In the Major League, if a Manager loses a player on his roster for the current season because of long term illness, injury, moving out of town quitting or other justifiable reason, the manager must replace the player within ten (10) calendar days from the date of notification of the permanent loss to the Player Agent, Major League Director or President. **EXCEPTION:** See Local rule VII D as noted below. The notification is construed to mean that within twenty-four (24) hours from when the manager learns that the player cannot play for the remainder of the season either from a doctor or the parents, the manager must notify the Player Agent, Major League Director or League President. **THEREFORE THE TEN (10) DAY COUNT BEGINS IMMEDIATELY 24 HOURS AFTER NOTIFICATION TO THE MANAGER OF THE PERMANENT LOSS.**

When a player has not played in two (2) or more consecutive games because they are undecided whether they want to continue playing in the Major League, the player must declare immediately their intentions to play or not. It is the responsibility of the Manager to question the parents and get an answer. No response from the parents means a "no"! A **yes** answer means the player participates in the very next game. An "**I don't know**" will be interpreted the same as a **NO**. The manager must proceed to replace the player in accordance with the Little League Operating Manual and the Local Rules noted above. The intention of this Local Rule is to prevent a Manager from playing under the League's official number of players (12) beyond two (2) or more consecutive games when a player is unsure about playing. The Player Agent, League Director or President must force the issue with the manager when it comes to their attention that a player has not played for an extended time (2 or more consecutive games) because they are unsure they want to play.

- B. Under the draft system, as prescribed by the Little League Manual, the player selected as a replacement player becomes a permanent member of the team.

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- C. To replace a member of the team, the Manger must choose a player from the Player Selection List. The Manager then notifies the Player Agent who will contact the selected player, the player's parents and the Minor League Director.
- D. If any player is selected by a Major League team and refuses to move up, the player will be informed that his refusal will prevent him from playing with any other Major League team that season.

**NOTE:** Replacement from the Minor League Program is prohibited during the last two (2) weeks of the Major League's regular season schedule.

- E. To move to a Major League player down to the Minor League, the parent must make the request in writing to the Board of Directors and explain their reasons for the request. If the BOD determines that it would be in the best interest of the player and the League to honor the request, the player's name will be given to the Minor League Director and placed on a Minor League team for the remainder of the season. The player will be allowed to go into the draft for the purpose of trying out for a major league team the following season. The player cannot return to the Major League program that same year.
- F. In accordance with Section III of the "Regulations of Little League Baseball" in the Operating Manual, "There must be a justifiable reason for releasing a player between the end of the season and the start of another and releases must be in concurrence of the Board of Directors". Any kind of release whether it is via a trade, parental request, Manager Request etc. must be presented to and approved by the Board of Directors.

### **XI. SCHEDULE OF GAMES AND ORDER OF FINISH**

- A. Each team will play a game schedule drawn up by their respective League Directors and approved by the BOD. Teams will play their respective league opponent at least twice during the regular season to determine a "regular season champion". In the event of a tie for first place at the end of the regular season, a tiebreaker game will be played to determine the first place finisher. Ties in second place or lower will be decided by a series of tiebreakers based on season performance in the order outlined below. The tiebreakers are as follows:
  1. Win – Loss record between the tied teams during the season
  2. Win – Loss record against common opponents in the descending order of finish of said opponents at season's end
  3. Total runs scored against each other
  4. Total runs scored during the season
  5. Coin Flip
- B. A post season, single elimination tournament will be held immediately following the regular season. A play-off champion will be determined involving all teams in the league using Little League tournament rules with two rule exceptions. The first is that teams will use the playing time and substitution rules from the regular season. The second is that the better seeded team (team with the better record) will be the home team (not using coin toss to decide). The number of teams in the league will determine the playoff brackets for that year. In a five team league, #4 seed plays #5 seed (#4 seed is home team) and the winner plays the #1 seed (where the #1 seed would be the home team). The # 2 seed plays the # 3 seed where #2 seed would be the home team. The finals would have the better seed as the home team.
- C. In the Junior and Senior Leagues, the top four (4) teams will play a single elimination tournament. The determination of whether or not to have a post-season playoff championship will be up to the discretion of the Junior/Senior league Director and managers.  
1 plays 3 and 2 plays 4

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### **XII: ALL-STAR SELECTION- (Section VII Replaced for 2018 by Appendix 1 below)**

### **XIII. AWARDS**

- A. Individual trophies will be presented to team members, managers and the first coach of the regular season and play-off champions in the Farm, Major and Senior Leagues. The League President and / or Little League Director, upon approval of the Board of Directors will be responsible for the selection of the trophies. In the event, a single team wins the regular season and playoff championship, one trophy will be awarded.
- B. All-Star team members (whether selected by ballot or by coach's selection) who participated in all-star play, will receive a trophy at the conclusion of the all-star season and shall be entitled to expend up to \$160 for a social event to be held contemporaneously with the All-Star tournament. District Champions (defined to be any team member on roster and who attended as a uniformed player at least one (1) district level game, team members who have been replaced due to injury, Manager and First Coach) will additionally receive an Official Little League District pin, a trophy and a district champion windbreaker. The League President and / or the team Manager and / or the Little League Director, upon approval of the Board of Directors, will be responsible for the selection of trophies.
- C. Awards may be limited by the Board of Directors if it is determined that the League is in poor financial condition.

### **XIV. MISCELLANEOUS**

- A. The League's week will begin on Monday and end on Sunday.
- B. On multiple game Saturdays and Sundays, ten (10) minute field warm-ups per team will be permitted between games.
- C. The home team will occupy the first base dugout, supply the game's official scorer, maintain the scoreboard, and ensure that all the equipment is put away and locked up.
- D. The visiting team will occupy the third base dugout, make sure the field and dugouts are clean; and rake the home plate, base areas, and pitchers mounds after each game.
- E. Each team will clean its dug out after the game.
- F. The Manager and two coaches can occupy the dugout during a regular season game.
- G. During regular season play, the team with the least runs shall have the option of conceding or not conceding the game in the event the losing team is down ten (10) or more runs after 3<sup>1/2</sup> innings. (SEE rule 4.10(E) of the Little League Rulebook).
- H. In accordance with the "playing rules", regulation VI-pitchers, as promulgated by Williamsport, the League will adhere to the pitching guidelines cited in regulation VI and in particular to the pitch count and numbers of days rest required for all players who pitch in a game. Should a player play for and pitch on a non-Ellington Little League Team (AAU team, school team or other), the pitch counts of that player in the non-Little League game shall count as if it were a Little League game when determining pitching eligibility from Regulation VI of the Official Regulations of Little League Baseball. This is done for the safety of the player.
- I. **Lightning Policy:**  
When lightning is sighted, the two (2) Managers and the Home Plate Umpire will suspend play for fifteen (15) minutes to assess the situation. The players will be directed to go to the dugouts for that time period. At that point, Rule 3.10 of the Little League Rulebook on waiting period will go

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into effect. If the game cannot be continued, it will be postponed until the next available date with the record remaining intact. Play resumes from the point that play was suspended.

- J. The following positions on the Board of Directors are authorized check signers:
 

Vice President	Treasurer
Secretary	Concession Stand Director
  
- K. League All Star uniforms with the official Little League patch on the shoulder sleeve are only worn during All-Star games. The All-Star uniforms cannot be worn during practices or scrimmage games.
  
- L. During **LOCAL** post season play Ellington Little League will follow all tournament rules as prescribed by Williamsport **except** with regards to substitution. Ellington Little League shall, for purposes of substitutions or ‘play time’, adhere to the **regular season** guidelines for substitutions during local post-season tournament play. In Majors League, as a way to promote player ‘play time’, Managers and Coaches will have no limitations on substitutions after all eligible players have completed at least six (6) consecutive outs and has completed at least one at bat. The board will monitor the use of this rule and have the ability to stop this rule at any point.
  
- M. Managers and coaches ejected from a game will be suspended from that game and the next game if such ejection was their first occurrence during the season. A second occurrence will result in the manager / coach being suspended for the remainder of the season. An ejected manager / coach has the right to appeal their suspension within twenty-four (24) hours to the President of Ellington Little League. In that person’s absence, the appeal may be made to the Director of the respective league. A verbal appeal is acceptable. A committee of the Board of Directors will hear such appeal within 48 hours of league notification. That committee will consist of the Directors of the Farm, Major and Senior Leagues. The President of Ellington Little League can designate a substitute if needed. The Manager or Coach shall be eligible to manage or coach any scheduled game until a decision has been rendered.
  
- N. Before or very early in the season if a team is going to have eight players available for a game, then Player agent/President should be notified and the game re-scheduled. If the team has less than nine players, the game will be re-scheduled by an Ellington little league Board member.
  
- O. Equal Playing Chart for Farm and Minors Leagues

Innings	Positions	Available
6	9	54

  

12 Players		
Players	Innings	Totals
6	5	30
6	4	24
54		

  

11 Players		
Players	Innings	Totals
10	5	50
1	4	4
54		

  

10 Players		
Players	Innings	Totals
4	6	24
6	5	30
54		

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### P. Fake Bunting

Fake bunting is not allowed in Farm, Minors, or Majors. Any hitter that goes into either a sacrifice or drag bunting position shall either make an attempt to bunt the ball or take the pitch. If the hitter fakes the bunt and takes a swing at the ball, the ball is considered dead, the batter will be automatically out, and all runners return to their previous base of occupation at the start of the pitch.

### Q. All Star Nomination Ballot Sample:

Examples of the majors and minors nomination ballots are included.

### R. 2016 Amendment for Little League 6 year old Evaluations

Because of the Little League age change for 2016 that went into effect by Little League, some Little league 6 year olds are repeating 2016 as a 6 year old. For any player affected by this that also meets the criteria of playing Tball in Little league in the spring of 2015 or any live pitching in the summer or fall of 2015 will be allowed to play instructional. This amendment is effective for and only applies to the 2016 season.

### S. 2016 Amendment for Little League 7 year old Evaluations

Because of the Little League age change for 2016 that went into effect by Little League, some Little league 7 year olds are repeating 2016 as a 7 year old. For any player affected by this that also meets the criteria of playing 2 or more seasons of live pitching (including summer and fall leagues) in Little League will be eligible to evaluate for Farm division. This amendment is effective for and only applies to the 2016 season.

### T. 2016 Amendment for Little League 8 year olds Evaluations.

Because of the Little League age change for 2016 that went into effect by Little League, some Little league 8 year olds are repeating 2016 as an 8 year old. For any player affected by this that also meets the criteria of having played 3 seasons of live pitching (including summer and fall leagues) in Little League will be eligible to evaluate for the Minors division. This amendment is effective for, and only applies to the 2016 season.

### U. 2016 Amendment for Little League 9 year old Evaluations

Because of the Little League age change for 2016 that went into effect by Little League, some Little league 9 year olds are repeating 2016 as a 9 year old. For any player affected by this that also meets the criteria of playing in the Farm or Minors division in spring season of 2015 will automatically qualify for minors in the 2016 season. This amendment is effective for and only applies to the 2016 season.

Section XII-R

**All Star Nomination Ballot - Sample for Majors for Each Manager and Coach**

Manager and Coach Instructions:

- 1) Mark check in second column if you believe candidate should be nominated for an all-star team.
- 2) Note any concerns regarding vacations, transportation, playing up or other item that could affect all-star commitment.
- 3) Hand in to player agent or League President one week prior to selection meeting

<b>Player Name</b>	<b>Check if Nominating for All Star Select</b>	<b>Noted issues</b>
<i>12 Year Old Candidates</i>		
Player 1		
Player 2		
Player 3		
Player 4		
Player 5		
<i>11 Year Old Candidates</i>		
Player 1		
Player 2		
Player 3		
<i>10 Year Old Candidates</i>		
Player 1		
Player 2		

Signature:

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Print Name:

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**All Star Nomination Ballot - Sample for Majors for Each Manager and Coach**

Manager and Coach Instructions:

- 1) Each manager or coach lists their top 10 players in the minors program (not just your team). List in order with #1 being the best player and #10 the 10th best player.
- 2) Note Little League Age.
- 3) Note any concerns regarding vacations, transportation, playing up or other item that could affect all-star commitment.
- 4) Hand in to player agent or League President one week prior to selection meeting
- 5) Each manager and coach will be requested to discuss their selection at a selection meeting where minors players are prioritized for selection to an all star team.

<b>Manager or Coach Ranking</b>
Sample: John Smith/LL9/ Vacation scheduled 7-3 to 7-10
1.
2.
3.
4.
5.
6.
7.
8.
9.
10.

Signatures:

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Print Name

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## Appendix 1 – 2018 Procedures

### **XII: ALL-STAR SELECTION**

The league currently selects three all-star teams for play in the District 8 tournament play as follows:

- 10/11/12 year old team
- 9/10/11 year old team
- 8/9/10 year old team

#### *A. Player Selection Process*

1. The Player Agent and/or the League President preside over the all-star selections.
2. The League's goal is to field teams in all three divisions. Depending on the number of eligible/viable players the ELL Board of Directors will determine by mid-season if Ellington Little League will be able to form and submit 3 teams for the Little League All-Star Tournament.
3. Effective for the 2018 ELL season, the ELL Board has voted to modify the team selection priority as outlined below. The teams will be selected in the following order:

- 10/11/12 year old team
- 8/9/10 year old team
- 9/10/11 year old team

4. Major League and Minor League managers provide their team all-star nomination ballots to the Player Agent or League President prior to the selection meeting (Nomination ballot sample in Section XII -R). The nomination ballot is given to the manager and the two coaches of each team and includes:
  - a. The eligible players with a column to be marked for all-star nomination.
  - b. Notes any issues pertaining to the players they are nominating, including but not limited to, vacations or conflicts, and any concerns a player may have in playing up to an age-specific all-star team if the player has potential to play up.
5. The Player Agent will schedule a meeting to include Major League managers, coaches and Minor League managers, as deemed appropriate, to discuss the aggregate rankings of the players. This will be an opportunity for each manager to discuss a player for all-star selection
6. At the all-star selection meeting, the Player Agent and/or League President holds a pre-selection briefing to discuss criteria for player selection:
  - a. Any player selected to play on a team must be safe to play at that age level.
  - b. The 10-12 all-star team shall be the priority of the League and will be the first team voted upon and selected.
  - c. Based on the nomination and results of voting by the Majors division managers a player under the age of 12 may be selected to this team, meaning a 10 or 11-year-old player may be selected to this team. If selected to this team the player will not be considered eligible to play on a younger age division all-star team. This provision also applies to players selected to either of the other age specific all-star teams.
  - d. Upon the completion of the selection of the 10-12 year old all-star team the same process will be executed to nominate, vote, and select the 8-10 year old all-star team.
  - e. Upon the completion of the selection of the 8-10 year old all-star team the same process will be executed to nominate, vote, and select the 9-11 year old all-star team.
  - f. Ellington Little League does not currently allow 8 or 9-year old players to play in the Majors division. Based upon this provision within our local rules 9-year old players will only be



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- b. The Major League Player Agent/Director or President will tabulate the votes and any unanimous selections will be announced and be selected to the team.
- c. If there are additional rosters spot available to reach 12 players, then there will be a discussion on players that did not receive unanimous votes during the first round of voting.
- d. Second round of voting – (confidentially and on paper) the remaining roster spots (up to 14 players) will be awarded based on the players receiving the highest number of second round votes.
- e. Any ties in the second round of voting will require a third round of voting after discussion among the Majors managers and coaches about the merits of the players who were tied in votes.
- f. Third round of voting - (confidentially and on paper) only when there is a tie in from the second round of votes for the remaining spots to reach 14 players.
- g. The reason for voting 14 players onto each team is to allow a clear progression of players to be selected by the manager if he wishes to go with 13 or 14 players or there is an injury and a player needs to be added to the roster. The 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> player do not need to be ranked. The manager should have the option to take either one first if a single player is wanted or needed due to injury.

### *B. Manager Selection Process- Little League*

The All-Star managers shall be selected through the following process:

- 1) Little League Board forms an All-Star Advisory council of three members, none of which have a player within the All-Star age group (9-12)
- 2) Three weeks prior to the end of the regular Majors season, a notification to all Majors managers and coaches shall be sent by the Majors Program Director in regards to applying for the manager position of an all star team. Majors coaches can be considered for All-Star manager positions.
- 3) Majors managers and coaches have 1 week to respond by providing a written response back to the Majors Program Director with the following information: Rationale for wanting to manage, practice plan (how many, focus of practices), team objectives
- 4) Majors Program Director hands over all responses to All-Star Advisory Group
- 5) Advisory Group goes through responses and performs assessment of manager options for the three teams
- 6) Advisory group recommends to League President managers for the three All-Star teams
- 7) Board votes to approve; if approval not granted then go to Advisory Group's backup recommendations. Follow voting process until approved by Board.
- 8) Once All-Star teams are selected, managers are announced. The team selection process will be done without coaches and managers knowing if they have been selected as an All-Star manager.
- 9) All-Star managers will select their two coaches from the list of Major's managers/coaches; if no Majors managers or coaches are interested then Minors managers or coaches can be selected. A coach that was not a Majors or Minors manager/coach can be selected but requires a District 8 waiver process indicating that none of the Majors or Minors managers/coaches wanted the coaching position. The Board must vote to approve the coach selections.
- 10) The All-Star manager, chosen from the Major League ranks, has the prerogative of selecting a thirteenth and / or fourteenth player for the All-Star team. Regardless of whether the All-Star manager decides on twelve or fourteen players, the Major League managers will choose the twelve players.

### *C. Manager Selection Process- Juniors*

The Manager of the team who wins the Junior League regular season championship will be the All-Star manager. The manager of the team that wins the Senior League regular season championship will be the All-Star manager. If either or any of these managers cannot manage the team(s), a manager will be selected from the remaining managers in their respective leagues in the descending order of their finish in the regular season.

### *D. Manager Removal*

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The Major, Junior and Senior League All-Star managers may be removed with a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors. The removal of the manager shall be effective immediately.

### *E. Player Availability*

Managers of the Major League teams must poll their players prior to the selection of all-star players to determine which players will not commit to all-star play. The manager must not put those players up for selection for the all-star teams. Players who acknowledge that they may miss some all-star practices/games (must quantify the #of days) and still wants to be considered for the all-stars, the manager will communicate that info at the all-star selection meeting. Tournament team candidates should be selected based upon their ability and eligibility and not the field position they played.

### *F. Announcement*

The announcement of the all-stars for all three teams will be posted on the Ellington Little League website two weeks prior to the start of the All Star Tournament or in accordance with latest changes in Little League rules.