

**SEAVIEW LITTLE LEAGUE
A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION
LOCAL RULES
Spring 2015**

SECTION I – PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- A. Each player must provide proof that his/her parent or legal guardian resides within Seaview Little League boundaries or that the physical location of the school where they attended classes at the start of the school year is within the boundaries.
- B. Documents used as Valid Proofs of Residency must be originals (no photo copies or online printed forms) and must be verified in one of the walk up document checks during the open registration period.
- C. ***Refunds will be processed in full (except for a transaction fee) within 30 days, if requested on or before January 9, 2015. There will be no refund requests processed after January 9, 2015.***
- D. ***Any player found to be registered in two Little Leagues for the same season will not be granted a refund if requested.***

SECTION II – PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN REQUESTS

- A. All player requests must be submitted in writing to the respective division player agent (Upper Division Player Agent-Majors, Minor A, Minor B and Minor C or the Lower Division Player Agent-Coach Pitch and T-Ball), one week before tryouts begin. It is at the sole discretion of the President and/or Player Agent to honor the parent/legal guardian requests.
- B. The following are the only requests that will be considered by the President and/or Player Agent. ***Please note that there are no guarantees that the request can or will be accommodated.***
 - 1. Lower division player placement (T-ball/Coach Pitch) with a specific manager, coach or player (carpool, classmate, neighbor, etc.).
 - 2. Sibling Separation
 - i. Unless specifically requested by the parent/legal guardian, all siblings of the same league age will be placed (TB/CP divisions) or drafted (M/MA/MB/MC divisions) onto the same team in consecutive rounds if the draft applies.
 - ii. Unless specifically requested by the parent/legal guardian, any younger sibling “drafted up” into a division of an older sibling will have both siblings drafted on the same team in consecutive rounds. (Example-A league age 9 year old player is drafted onto a Minor A team and he/she has a brother that is league age 10. The league age 10 year old sibling would have to be selected to the same team as the 9 year old player in the next round.) The only exception to this rule is if the parent/legal guardian request for the players to not be drafted to the same team.
 - iii. Unless specifically requested by the parent/legal guardian for siblings not to be required to play on the same team, any siblings of the same league age or eligible to play in the same division must be drafted in consecutive rounds. (Example-A set of twins is league age 10 years old. One twin is drafted in round 6 of the Minor A draft, the second twin must be drafted to the same team in round 7).
 - iv. Minor C, Minor B, Minor A and Majors Divisions Only-A parent/legal guardians request to not require siblings to be drafted together does not guarantee that the siblings won’t be drafted onto the same team. It will be at the manager’s discretion if he/she wants to draft a sibling of a player that has already been drafted.
 - 3. No Draft Request. A parent/legal guardian may request that their son/daughter not be drafted by a particular manager under the following conditions.
 - i. The parent/legal guardian must provide a valid reason for this request.
 - ii. A maximum of one no draft request per season will be allowed.
 - iii. The player will not be eligible for All-Star play in the event that the same manager is selected as the All-Star manager of the same league age team.

SECTION III - DRAFTS

- A. Yearly drafts shall be conducted under the rules of play as set forth in the Little League Operating Manual, under “The Draft System”. An alternate method will be utilized for the Minor, Major and Senior Divisions with no reverse order

pick. The returning Major Division players will not return to a particular team, and will be placed in a draft pool with all eligible players. All returning Major Division players must be drafted in to the Majors Division. All Little League Minor and Junior Division players will be returned to the player pool at the end of each season.

- B. The President, with approval of the Board of Directors, shall establish the number of players on each team at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled drafts.
- C. Registration shall be suspended for the duration of the draft, once the draft has begun.
- D. Sons and/or Daughters of Managers in the draft must be selected in the following rounds:

Draft Round	Minors	Majors	50-70 If Offered	Juniors	Seniors
6	7 - 8				
5	9 - 10	10			
4	11	11		13	15
3	12	12	13	14	16

- E. When there are two or more siblings in the draft are eligible for the same division and deemed qualified to play in that division and a manager selects one sibling than the following conditions shall apply.
 - i. If a parent has requested that the siblings are drafted to the same team, once the manager selects the first sibling he/she must select the other sibling(s) in any round prior to the conclusion of the draft.
 - ii. If a parent has requested that the siblings not be required to be drafted to the same team, it is at the manager's discretion whether he/she wants to select an additional sibling(s) once the initial sibling has been selected. The only exception to this rule is if a younger sibling is "drafted up" into a division, than the older sibling will be required to be drafted into the same division and onto that same team. (Example-A league age 9 year old player is drafted onto a Minor A team and he/she has a brother that is league age 10. The league age 10 year old sibling would have to be selected to the same team as the 9 year old player that was drafted up.)
- F. All trades ,if deemed necessary by the Player Agent due to safety or legal issues, etc. must be made by the within forty eight (48) hours after the draft. Trading of players by managers must be completed by the end of the draft.
- G. Players shall be notified of their selection by the team Manager or Coach within 24 hours of the conclusion of the final player draft for that division via phone calls (no emails).

PENALTY: Failure to make such notification without just cause may result in disciplinary action if deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors.

- H. Attendance at the draft shall be restricted to:
 - 1. The Team Manager or ONE League Approved representative from each team.
 - 2. The President of Seaview Little League.
 - 3. The respective Vice President of that League.
 - 4. The Player Agents.
 - 5. Clerical help as designated by the President.
- I. Should a roster vacancy occur during the course of the current season, prior to the date of the final three weeks of the regular season for the involved team:
 - 1. The Manager shall notify the Player Agent as soon as he/she is aware that a vacancy, for any reason MAY occur.
 - 2. The Manager shall notify the Player Agent within 24 hours of the time that the Manager becomes aware that there is a vacancy.
 - 3. In the event of an injury, the vacancy shall occur when the player's doctor confirms the player will not return to play for more than 10 games (or over half the season). Doctor's reports MUST be submitted to the Player Agent within 14 days confirming an intent and date to return or a vacancy will be declared.
 - 4. The Manager must select a replacement player within seven (7) days of the confirmed vacancy. All replacement players shall be selected as follows:
 - a. MINOR division vacancies shall be filled from the player waiting list, if there is one.
 - (1) Replacements will be assigned by the Player Agent in order of sign-up and first available age for that division to be played in.
 - (2) If there are no eligible players on the waiting list, the Manager will select a player from the next lower division rosters, following b. 1-5 below.
 - b. MAJOR division vacancies will be filled with a 12 year old on the waiting list. If there are no 12 year olds on the waiting list an 11 year old replacement player from the Minor A division rosters will be

selected. A 10 year old replacement player may be selected only if that player requested and completed a majors tryout during the preseason.

- (1) The Manager shall notify ONLY the Player Agent of his/her replacement selection.
- (2) Under NO circumstances shall a Manager contact any player(s) under consideration or selected player in any way.
- (3) Under NO circumstances shall a Manager contact a parent, manager or coach of any player(s) under consideration or selected player in any way. **Violation will result in one game suspension of the Manager and/or Coach at the discretion of the Board of Directors.**
- (4) ONLY the PLAYER AGENT or his/her designated representative is to make notification of the selection.
- (5) Said notification shall be given to:
 - A. The selected player and parents of such.
 - B. The selected player's current Manager, ONCE THE SELECTION HAS BEEN CONFIRMED, so that he/she can begin to select a replacement player.
 - c. All replacement players must be either on a team's roster or on the Player Agent's waiting list.
 - d. Note: A league age 10 year old player cannot be moved to the Majors division to fill a vacancy if they did not try out for Majors prior to the draft.
5. All teams shall carry a full roster of players into the double elimination tournament. Any absences must be reported to the player agent immediately AND prior to the start of the next tournament game. Managers are responsible to inform parents of this ruling. Absences will be verified and deliberate attempts to tamper with playoff rosters are subject to disciplinary action by the board disciplinary committee.

PENALTY- Violations of this section will result in one games suspension of the Manager and/or Coach at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

- J. All players are to play in the division to which they are assigned.
 1. If a player refuses to be "drafted up" or transferred to a higher division due to injury:
 - a. Said player shall be transferred to that team which loses a player due to said player's refusal to be drafted up or transferred.
 - b. A player who refuses to be drafted up or transferred will not be eligible to be transferred the remainder of the season.

NOTE: A Manager's son/daughter who refuses to be drafted up or transferred may remain on his parent's team.

2. All players who are eligible to be drafted into Minors through *lower* divisions must tryout with the other players. If a player cannot be present at any of the scheduled times, the Player Agent may schedule a special tryout prior to the Draft.

NOTE: There are NO tryouts for Tee Ball or Coach Pitch. Seven (8) year olds may request and tryout for placement into Minor C, but are not eligible to be drafted into Minor B. A tryout does not guarantee placement up.

3. Any player age 8 through 12, who does not attend tryouts shall be placed on a waiting list. The Player Agent will assign players in accordance with Section III, subsection I, 4 and Section III subsection J, 1 and 2.

NOTE JUNIOR- SENIOR DIVISION: Any player, who is eligible by age for the junior or senior divisions and is participating in a high school program during tryouts, shall be eligible to be drafted to the junior or senior divisions, even though player is forbidden from participating in tryouts by the high school or high school athletic association.

- 4., A player on the waiting list who was on a Seaview roster the previous Spring season, and is still eligible for that division, will be assigned to a team in that division, if possible. If a player is new to the League, he/she shall be assigned to team using as guidelines, at the Board's discretion, the following League Ages:

4-6	Tee Ball
6-8	Coach Pitch
8-9	Minor C
9-10	Minor B
10-11	Minor A
12	Majors

SECTION IV - FIELD DECORUM - MANAGERS AND COACHES

- A. **Good sportsmanship**, safety and leadership must be reflected at all times.
- B. No Manager can call a game off due to field conditions, only a Board Member can. If no word from a Board Member, the Manager must have his team report to the field for further instructions.

- C. The lack of an umpire shall not be cause to call a game. If an umpire cannot be moved from another field, the Managers must try to solicit the help of parents. If no parent will assist, the Managers must agree on coaches doing the umpiring, rotating every other inning bases and calling balls and strikes.
- D. Managers are responsible for instructing their team in Field Decorum in accordance with Section V stated below.
- E. The use of profanity is strictly forbidden, **and may be cause for immediate ejection.**
- F. No disciplinary action is permitted for a player's committal of a playing error.
- G. Negative, non-constructive reprimanding of players is prohibited.
- H. Player disciplinary action in the form of benching is permitted for behavioral disobedience, in line with the Manager's instructions as to how a player is to conduct him/herself.
 - 1. During a game: notification of benching must be submitted to the Umpire-in-Chief, Official Scorekeeper and Opposing Manager. Player may not re-enter the game. **Player Agent must be notified of benching within 24 hours.**
 - 2. Prior to a game: If a manager benches a player on game day, but prior to line-up cards being exchanged, an attempt shall be made to notify the parents and Player Agent. The line-up card shall indicate the player has been benched and will not be allowed to enter the game. **Player Agent must be notified of benching within 24 hours.**
 - 3. Prior to game day: **Players parents and Player Agent must be notified of Managers intent as soon as possible.**
- I. Team Manager and Coaches are responsible for the conduct of the players on the bench and on the field.
- J. Team Manager is responsible for the conduct of the assistant coaches and his or her team parents.
- K. Any Manager or Coach ejected from a game by an Umpire or League Official:
 - 1. Shall be suspended from the team's next game.
 - 2. Shall not participate in that team's games until having met with the Disciplinary Committee.
 - 3. Shall leave the playing field immediately and take no further part in that game. They may not sit in the stands and may not be recalled. A manager or coach ejected from a game must not be present at the game site and/or Seaview property for the remainder of that game and the subsequent game.
 - 4. Shall not participate in any coaching strategies for the remainder of the game he/she has been ejected from **and the subsequent game suspension.**

Note: Team practices are not affected by suspension, unless the Board deems necessary.
- L. Eating in the dugout area or on the playing field during the course of the game is prohibited.
This includes, but is not limited to: Sunflower Seeds, Candy & Gum

PENALTY- Violations of this section will result in penalties as deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors, including suspension and loss of managing/coaching status for future seasons.

SECTION V - FIELD DECORUM - PLAYERS

- A. Good sportsmanship must be displayed at all times.
- B. All players must remain within the confines of the dugout area or field unless otherwise instructed by the Team Manager or Coach.
- C. Horseplay or scuffling of any kind is strictly prohibited.
- D. Climbing fences is strictly prohibited.
- E. Eating in the dugout area or on the playing field during the course of the game is prohibited.
This includes, but is not limited to: Sunflower Seeds, Candy & Gum
- F. Verbal abuse of any kind such as choral chanting, continuous razzing, and the use of given names against opposing team members is prohibited.
Note: Positive chanting is encouraged as long as it is not disruptive to the game.
- G. Display of temper such as, but not limited to, the following, is strictly prohibited:
Bat throwing

Helmet throwing
Use of Profanity
Use of any obscene gesture

- H. Any player ejected from a game by an umpire must meet with the Disciplinary Committee before participating in another game, for any possible further action.
- I. **Violation of any of the above rules may result in benching, removal from the game, or further action if deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors.**

SECTION VI - ALL STAR TOURNAMENT TEAM AND MANAGER SELECTION

- A. Unless otherwise approved by the Board of Directors, the All Star teams shall consist of a minimum of twelve (12) and maximum of fourteen (14) eligible players.
- B. Each All Star Team Manager shall be selected by the League President and approved by the board.
 - 1. The Majors and 9-10 Year old All Star Team Manager selection may be the division champion for Majors and Minor A and will manage the All Star Teams for their respective age group.
 - 2. If the division champion team's Manager is not approved or does not accept, a Manager or Coach from one of the other teams in that division will be selected by the League President and approved by the board to manage the All Star team.
 - 3. The 11 and 8-9 Year Old All Star Managers shall be selected by the League President and approved by the board.
- C. The annual Senior, Junior and Major All Star team members shall be selected as follows:
 - 1. All rostered players in the division shall cast (10) votes.
 - 2. The top six (6) players receiving the most votes shall be All Star members. (In the case of ties, the Player Agent in a meeting with the Managers of that division will make the selections.)
 - 3. In the Majors division only: The top six (6) players receiving the most votes may include both 12 and 11 year old players.
 - 4. In a meeting of all the Managers of that division the remaining All Star members shall be selected by a majority vote of the Managers. The President and Player Agent must be present at this meeting.
 - 5. If vacancies occur after the selection of the team, the All Star Manager shall select the replacements from the list of alternates determined at the All-Star meeting.
- D. The 11 Year Old All Star Team members shall be selected as follows:
 - 1. The votes that had been cast for the "Major" All Star team shall be used for purposes of selecting the 11 Year Old team.
 - 2. The top six (6) 11 year old players (that have not already been selected for the 11/12 year old team and have a minimum of 8 votes) shall be All Star members. (In the case of ties for the 6th position, all tied players shall be selected in the all-star selection meeting described in E, 3 below.
 - 3. In a meeting of all the Managers of the Majors division, the remaining All Star members shall be selected by a majority vote of the Managers. The President and Player Agent must be present at this meeting.
 - 4. If vacancies occur after the selection of the team, the All Star Manager shall select the replacements from the list of alternates determined at the All-Star meeting.. Note: Players already selected onto the 11 year old team can be moved up to the 11/12 year old team.
- E. The 9 & 10 Year Old All Star Team will be selected by a vote of all the Managers of the Minor A division with some exceptions outlined below in points E.5 and E.6 below.
 - 1. The Managers **must** cast twelve (12) votes on All-Star Election Day one hour prior to game time. (If a manager is not present, his representative's vote will stand. If no rep is available the absent managers vote will be forfeited.)
 - 2. The top eight (8) players receiving the most votes shall be All Star members. (In the case of ties for the 8th position, all tied players shall be All-Star members.)
 - 3. In a meeting of all the Managers of that division the remaining All Star members shall be selected by a majority vote of the Managers. The President and Player Agent must be present at this meeting.
 - 4. If vacancies occur after the selection of the team, the All Star Manager shall select the replacements from the list of alternates determined at the All- Star Meeting.
 - 5. Any 10 year old playing in the Majors division will be placed on the 9-10 year old All Star team by a super majority vote of the Majors and Minor A managers. A Super Majority vote shall be considered a 2/3 majority. This vote will take place prior to the 9-10 year player voting from the Minor A division. All remaining openings for the 9-10 All Star team that have not been filled by 10 year olds from the Majors division will be selected from the Minor A division by a simple majority vote of the Minor A managers.

6. In the event there are 12 or more 10 year olds playing in the Majors division, a simple majority vote of the Majors managers will be conducted for the 9-10 year old All Star team selection. In the event that all player spots on the 9-10 year old All Start team are not filled by this vote, a simple majority vote by the Minor A managers, of the Minor A players, will be conducted to fill the remaining spots.
- F. The 8 & 9 Year Old All Star Team will be selected as outlined below.
1. Any 9 year old playing in the Minor A division will be placed on the 8-9 year old All Star team by a super majority vote of the Minor A and Minor B managers. A Super Majority vote shall be considered a 2/3 majority. This vote will take place prior to the 8-9 year player voting from the Minor B division. All remaining openings for the 8-9 All Star team that have not been filled by 9 year olds from the Minor A division will be selected from the Minor B division by a simple majority vote of the Minor B managers.
 2. In the event there are 12 or more 9 year olds playing in the Minor A division, a simple majority vote of the Minor A managers will be conducted for the 8-9 year old All Star team selection. In the event that all player spots on the 8-9 year old All Start team are not filled by this vote, a simple majority vote by the Minor B managers, of the Minor B players, will be conducted to fill the remaining spots.
 3. The remaining spots of the 8 & 9 Year Old All Star Team that have not been filled by 9 year olds selected from the Minor A Division, will be selected by a vote of all the Managers of the Minor B division.
 - i. The Managers **must** cast twelve (12) votes on All-Star Election Day one hour prior to game time. (If a manager is not present, his representative's vote will stand. If no rep is available the absent managers vote will be forfeited.)
 - ii. The top players receiving the most votes shall be All Star members.
 - iii. In a meeting of all the Managers of that division the remaining All Star members shall be selected by a majority vote of the Managers. The President and Player Agent must be present at this meeting.
 - iv. If vacancies occur after the selection of the team, the All Star Manager shall select the replacements from the list of alternates determined at the All- Star Meeting.
- G. All players participating in T-Ball, Coach Pitch or Minor C for the current season are ineligible for All Star selection.

SECTION VII - GENERAL PLAYING RULES - LITTLE LEAGUE

- A. There is no time limit on Major division games.
- B. In Minor A and Minor B: No new inning is to start after two (2) hours of playing time UNLESS it is the last game of the day on that field AND the score is tied after four (4) or more completed innings.
- C. No new inning shall start with less than 15 minutes prior to official sunset time.
- D. The time between the completion of the previous game and the scheduled starting time for the next game will be split evenly between each team for infield practice. **NOTE 1: If the managers can agree to safely share the infield and outfield, they may do so. If they cannot, each team will have access to the entire infield and outfield for their share of the warm up period.** NOTE 2: The game shall not be delayed due to lack of time for infield practice.
- E. Playing and Practice Guidelines
1. Sunday practices are limited to the MB, MA, Majors and Juniors Division only. Sunday practice may be held after 12pm at Batting Cages or the Sports Complex only. All school sites including Lebard are closed on Sunday. **Failure to comply with this may result in disciplinary action including suspension or loss of practice time at Lebard or Edison.**
 2. Makeup games can be scheduled on Sunday with SVLL President or VP approval. However, games scheduled on Sundays may not begin prior to noon.
 3. All teams shall participate in practices and/or games a minimum and maximum number of times each week.
 - a. Major teams shall participate a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of four (4) times per week.
 - b. Minor A, Minor B, Minor C and Coach Pitch and Rookie Ball shall participate a minimum of two (2) and a maximum of four (4) times each week.
 - c. Tee Ball shall participate in a minimum of two (2) and a maximum of three (3) times each week.
 4. The batting line-up and defensive positions shall be turned in to the Official Scorekeeper no later than ten (10) minutes prior to the scheduled start of the game. The Umpire-in-Chief shall confirm this. Any player arriving after this time will be considered late. A late Major player may be considered a substitute. Any late Minor division player shall be added to the end of the batting roster.
 5. In the case of a suspended game in Majors, Minor A or Minor B, the game will be completed prior to the next game scheduled between the two teams, provided they are scheduled to meet again in the same half of league play. If they are not scheduled in that half of play, the game will be completed on the date scheduled by the President with seventy-two hours' notice. Pitching eligibility shall not be considered with regard to scheduling.

- a. It is the responsibility of both Managers of the suspended game to notify the Player Agent immediately anytime there is a need for the game to be scheduled for completion.
6. Managers shall submit lineups in triplicate prior to the start of each game. One copy each shall be furnished to:
 - The Official scorekeeper
 - The Home Plate Umpire
 - The Opposing Manager
7. Lineup changes shall be given to the official scorekeeper and umpire immediately.
8. If a regularly scheduled game cannot be played because of the inability of either team to place nine players on the field before the game begins, the outcome of the game shall be forwarded to the Board of Directors. The Board shall evaluate the reason the team was unable to field nine players.
 - a. If the Board determines that there was not good cause, the Board shall declare the game forfeited by the team unable to field nine players.
 - b. If the Board determines cause was just, the Player Agent will reschedule the game, on the next available date, without regard to pitching eligibility.
 - c. If both teams were unable to field nine players, the Board shall evaluate both teams' reasons. If the Board determines that one team had just cause and the other did not, the Board shall declare the team with just cause the winner by forfeit. If it is determined that neither team had just cause, both teams shall be declared to have suffered a loss by forfeit. If it is determined that both teams had just cause, the Player Agent, will reschedule the game, on the next available date as determined by player agent., (the next date excludes Sundays & Holidays unless agreed to by both managers) without regard to pitching eligibility.
 - d. The Board shall take into consideration injuries, illnesses, and whether team members are participating in other activities or programs that disrupt the Little League Team in violation of Little League Official Regulations and Playing Rules IV (a), and any other circumstance the Board deems relevant.
 - e. The decision of the Board shall be final.
 - f. A team will not be awarded the win unless they field a full uniformed team by game time.
 - g. Suspended or rained out games during the Regular Non seeding season may or may not be rescheduled, at the discretion of the player agent.
9. The mercy rule shall only be enforced in the Majors Division.
10. The official pitch count recorder should inform the umpire-in-chief when a pitcher has delivered his/her maximum limit of pitches for the game, as noted in Regulation VI (c). The umpire-in-chief will inform the pitcher's manager that the pitcher must be removed in accordance with Regulation VI (c). However, the failure by the pitch count recorder to notify the umpire-in-chief, and/or the failure of the umpire-in-chief to notify the manager, **does not relieve the manager of his/her responsibility** to remove a pitcher when that pitcher is no longer eligible.
11. Violation of any section of this regulation can result in protest of the game in which it occurs. Protest shall be made in accordance with Playing Rule 4.19.
 - a. Violations of the pitch count rules are subject to disciplinary action, including suspension, by the board of directors even in the event the game was not protested.

SECTION VIII - MAJORS

- A. Each player on the team, provided the player is present and is not being kept from playing because of disciplinary reasons, must play at least nine (9) defensive outs and bat through the order. ***No player shall sit out consecutive defensive innings.***
- B. ***Free Substitution shall be allowed to the extent that no limit is placed upon the number of times any player can re-enter the game at the start of any half-inning. A player cannot be substituted with a player from the bench once an inning has started unless due to an injury. In the event of an injury, the manager must abide by item A in this section.***
 1. A game ended due to the mercy rule is not considered a valid reason to not meet the minimum play requirements.
 2. The Board of Directors will review violations of this rule and disciplinary action will be taken if deemed by the Board.
- C. Ten (10) year olds may try out and be considered for the Major Division. A 10 year old will only be considered at the parents' request and after signing a Request Form. This Request Form must be submitted to the Player Agent prior to tryouts. **A ten (10) year old that requests and attends the majors try out does not guarantee that player will be drafted to a majors team.**

D. Scorekeepers:

1. The home team shall supply the official scorekeeper/pitch counter for each game.
2. The visiting team shall be allowed to have an additional scorekeeper located in the score booth during the game.
3. One announcer shall be allowed in the score booth during the game. All announcing must be limited to announcing the players name and number only and shall not contain any additional "commentary" on the play in the field. The announcer may be removed at the discretion of the home plate umpire.
4. Scorekeepers, pitch counters and announcers shall not cheer, coach or speak with any manager, player, coach or spectator during the official game time. A manager may request time out during an inning or between innings to retrieve the official pitch count, however the scorekeeper or official pitch counter may not leave the score booth to deliver this information to the manager or coaches.
5. Spectators may not enter the score booth once the game has officially been started by the home plate umpire until the game has been officially concluded by the home plate umpire.
6. A scorekeeper, pitch counter or announcer shall not comment to the umpire on the outcome of any play or call in the field.

SECTION IX - MINOR A

- A. No player shall sit out defensively for a second inning until all players have sat out one inning. No player shall sit out a third inning until all players have sat out a second inning. No player shall sit out consecutive innings. *Managers shall notify the scorekeeper of the players sitting out for each inning* **Violations of this rule will result in penalties as deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors, including suspension and loss of managing/coaching status for future seasons.**
- B. The team batting order shall consist of all eligible players present. Players shall bat through the entire roster, regardless of which players constitute the defensive team at that time. The side is retired when three offensive players have been put out, 5 runs have scored or when all the players on the batting roster have batted one time in the half-inning. Exception-last declared inning.
- C. ***Free substitution shall be allowed to the extent that no limit is placed upon the number of times any player can re-enter the game at the start of any half-inning. A player cannot be substituted with a player from the bench once an inning has started unless due to an injury. In the event of an injury, the manager must abide by item A in this section..***
- D. There shall be no league age eight (8) year olds allowed to play in Minor A.
- E. No new inning shall start after two (2) hours or if considered unsafe by the umpire.
- F. All participating eleven (11) year olds, unless agreed upon by the Player Agent and parent, must play in the Minor A Division, unless drafted to Majors.
- G. The "last declared" inning is any inning starting after one (1) hour and forty (40) minutes and before two (2) hours, shall have the offense retired when; 1) there are three (3) outs; b) or they have batted through the order once. If time is available due to a fast inning, additional innings will be 5 run innings. The umpire shall notify both managers at the start of the next inning after 1 hour and 40 minutes and before 2 hours that it is the "last declared inning. In this inning there is no run limit but each team can only bat through the order once or 3 outs have been reached.
- H. Scorekeepers:
 1. The home team shall supply the official scorekeeper/pitch counter for each game.
 2. The visiting team shall be allowed to have an additional scorekeeper located in the score booth during the game.
 3. One announcer shall be allowed in the score booth during the game. All announcing must be limited to announcing the players name and number only and shall not contain any additional "commentary" on the play in the field. The announcer may be removed at the discretion of the home plate umpire.
 4. Scorekeepers, pitch counters and announcers shall not cheer, coach or speak with any manager, player, coach or spectator during the official game time. A manager may request time out during an inning or between innings to retrieve the official pitch count, however the scorekeeper or official pitch counter may not leave the score booth to deliver this information to the manager or coaches.
 5. Spectators may not enter the score booth once the game has officially been started by the home plate umpire until the game has been officially concluded by the home plate umpire.
 6. A scorekeeper, pitch counter or announcer shall not comment to the umpire on the outcome of any play or call in the field.

SECTION X - MINOR B

- A. No player shall sit out defensively for a second inning until all players have sat out one inning. No player shall sit out a third inning until all players have sat out a second inning. No player shall sit out consecutive innings. *Managers shall notify the scorekeeper of the players sitting out for each inning* **Violations of this rule will result in penalties as deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors, including suspension and loss of managing/coaching status for future seasons.**
- B. The team batting order shall consist of all eligible players present. Players shall bat through the entire roster, regardless of which players constitute the defensive team at that time.
- C. ***Free substitution shall be allowed to the extent that no limit is placed upon the number of times any player can re-enter the game at the start of any half-inning. A player cannot be substituted with a player from the bench once an inning has started unless due to an injury. In the event of an injury, the manager must abide by item A in this section.***
- D. All participating ten (10) year old players that have not been drafted into Minor A or Majors, must play in the Minor B division.
- E. There shall be no league age seven (7) year olds allowed to play in the Minor B division.
- F. The offense will be retired when; a) there are three (3) outs; or b) they score five (5) runs; or c) they bat through the order.
- G. The "last declared" inning is any inning starting after one (1) hour and forty (40) minutes and before two (2) hours, shall have the offense retired when; 1) there are three (3) outs; b) or they have batted through the order once. If time is available due to a fast inning, additional innings will be 5 run innings. The umpire shall notify both managers at the start of the next inning after 1 hour and 40 minutes and before 2 hours that it is the "last declared inning. In this inning there is no run limit but each team can only bat through the order once or 3 outs have been reached.
- H. There will be NO Stealing Home on a wild pitch or pass ball during the exhibition season.
- I. Scorekeepers:
 - 1. The home team shall supply the official scorekeeper/pitch counter for each game.
 - 2. The visiting team shall be allowed to have an additional scorekeeper located in the score booth during the game.
 - 3. One announcer shall be allowed in the score booth during the game. All announcing must be limited to announcing the players name and number only and shall not contain any additional "commentary" on the play in the field. The announcer may be removed at the discretion of the home plate umpire.
 - 4. Scorekeepers, pitch counters and announcers shall not cheer, coach or speak with any manager, player, coach or spectator during the official game time. A manager may request time out during an inning or between innings to retrieve the official pitch count, however the scorekeeper or official pitch counter may not leave the score booth to deliver this information to the manager or coaches.
 - 5. Spectators may not enter the score booth once the game has officially been started by the home plate umpire until the game has been officially concluded by the home plate umpire.
 - 6. A scorekeeper, pitch counter or announcer shall not comment to the umpire on the outcome of any play or call in the field.

SECTION XI – MINOR C

General Playing Rules

- A. No league age seven (7) year olds shall be eligible to play in Minor C.
- B. Every player must play two (2) innings in the infield per game.
NOTE: Catcher position is considered an infield position for the purposes of this rule.
 - i. No player shall sit out two (2) innings before all players have sat at least one inning. No player shall sit a third inning until all players have sat out a second inning.

- ii. No player shall sit out consecutive innings.
- C. The team batting order shall consist of all players present.
- D. Five (5) runs or three (3) outs or batting through the order, whichever comes first, shall retire the offensive side in all innings.
- E. The game will terminate at the completion of 6 innings, or at the two (2) hour mark, (regardless if the inning is completed or not), whichever comes first.
- F. Free substitution shall be allowed to the extent that no limit is placed upon the number of times any player can re-enter the game at the start of any half-inning. A player cannot be substituted with a player from the bench once an inning has started unless due to an injury. In the event of an injury, the manager must abide by item A in this section.
- G. Only Level 5 safety ball are to be used for **practice** and for games.
- H. Each team shall play (10) ten defensive players, using (4) four outfielders.
 - 1. When play is finished, the umpire shall call time out.
 - 2. The play is finished when the ball is in control of an infielder with the intent to throw to the pitcher.
 - 3. All base runners must go to the nearest base, i.e. back if less than half way, ahead if more than half way-this is at the discretion of the umpire as to the position of the base runner.
 - 4. The ball shall be thrown to the team pitcher.
 - 5. The umpire's judgment is final.
- I. There is no infield fly rule in Minor C.
- J. Minor C shall have two (2) adult base coaches on the field on offense.
- K. A batter runner or base runner may continue to run on an overthrow until the umpire has indicated the play is dead. The umpire shall declare the play dead after the 2nd overthrow. The base runners shall be awarded the base to which they were running to.
- L. The home team shall provide a plate umpire and the away team shall provide a base umpire. At no time will it be allowed to umpire from behind the mound.

Preseason Game Rules (8 Games):

- A. **Batting.**
 - i. The Batter will receive up to six (6) pitches from the pitcher. If one of the six pitches from the pitcher hits the batter, the batter is awarded first base. If the batter hits the ball into fair territory, then play is in progress. If the batter receives three strikes, the batter is out. If the batter receives four balls or has received six pitches from the pitcher without receiving three strikes, the batter shall receive a minimum of one pitch and a maximum of three pitches from the Manager or a Coach. The batter shall carry all strikes credited to the kid pitcher while receiving pitches from the manager/coach. If the batter hits one of these pitched balls into fair territory, then play is in progress. If the batter obtains a third strike from the Manager or Coach, the batter is out. Should the batter foul the third strike from the Manager or Coach, they shall continue to receive pitches until the ball is put in play or they are put out on strikes. The Manager or Coach shall deliver the pitched balls to the batter from the pitching rubber of the pitcher's mound from a standing position only.
- B. The Minor C runner may not advance on a wild pitch, a passed ball or steal during the preseason.
- C. The Coach Pitcher MUST pitch from the rubber in a standing position.
- D. No player may play the same position more than two innings in one game.
- E. No player may pitch more than one (1) inning in one game.
- F. Little League pitch count and mandatory rest rules as listed in the Green Book shall apply for all games.
- G. No managers or coaches shall be allowed on the field except the base coaches while the ball is in play.

Regular Season Games:

- A. Standard batting rules for strikes, walks and outs shall apply.
- B. Coach pitching is not allowed.
- C. Game scores and standings will be recorded.
- D. No pitcher may pitch more than two (2) innings or maximum pitch count per Little League rules.
- E. Little League pitch count and mandatory rest rules as listed in the Green Book shall apply for all games.
- F. Stealing of second and third base only will be allowed.
- G. A runner may steal only one base per pitch.
- H. No player may play the same position more than two innings in one game.
- I. At the end of the regular season a single elimination tournament will be held.

SECTION XII – COACH PITCH

- A. No league age nine (9) year olds shall play in coach pitch.
- B. No player shall sit out 2 innings before all players have sat at least one inning. No player shall sit out a third inning until all players have sat out a second inning.
- C. No player shall sit out 2 consecutive innings.
The Board of Directors will review violations of this rule and disciplinary action will be taken if deemed by the Board.
- D. The team batting order shall consist of all eligible players present. All players shall bat through the entire roster.
- E. Free substitution shall be allowed to the extent that no limit is placed upon the number of times any player can re-enter the game at the start of any half-inning.
- F. Four (4) runs or three (3) outs, whichever comes first, shall retire the offensive side in all innings.
The game will terminate at the completion of six (6) innings, or at the 1.5-hour mark, (regardless if the inning is completed or not), whichever comes first.
- G. Wins and losses are not recorded for standing purposes, therefore, there shall be no championship declared for this division.
- H. Under no circumstances will an “All-Star” team or any other form of post-season play be permitted.

General Coach Pitch Rules:

- A. Each team shall play ten (10) defensive players, using four (4) outfielders.
- B. Every player must play two (2) innings in the infield per game.
- C. No player shall play a second inning of infield until all players have played one. No player shall play a third inning of infield until all players have played two.
NOTE: Catcher position is not considered an infield position for the purposes of this rule
- D. While the ball is in play, the batter/runner and other base runners may advance as far as they are able without being out, although continuous, uncontrolled running of the bases is not allowed. It should be understood by Managers and Coaches that difficulty in making defensive plays is not reason to allow base runners to run “unrestricted”.

When the play is finished, the umpire shall call time out.

- a. The play is finished when the ball is in the control of an infielder with the intent to throw to the pitcher.
- b. All base runners must go to the nearest base, i.e. back if less than half way, ahead if more than half way.
- c. The ball shall be thrown to the team pitcher.
- d. The umpire’s judgment is final.

- E. There is no infield fly rule, base on balls or hit by pitch in Coach Pitch
- F. There will be no batting Tees used in Coach Pitch.
- G. The Coach Pitch Batter:
 - a. Shall be allowed seven (7) pitches to hit a playable ball.
 - b. Shall be out when:
 - 1) He/she misses the ball on the seventh pitch. A foul ball will give the batter an additional pitch.
 - 2) He/she hits a foul ball above the helmet that is caught by a defensive player.
 - 3) He/she intentionally bunts the ball, as adjudged by the umpire.
- H. The Coach Pitch Runner may not advance on a wild pitch or passed ball.
- I. The Coach Pitch Team pitcher:
 - a. May be any adult who will pitch to his/her own team.
 - b. Shall pitch standing up and from the rubber.
 - c. Any batted ball that is interfered with by the "coach pitcher" will be declared a dead ball and the batter and runners may advance one base.
 - d. If hit by a thrown ball, the ball becomes dead, and the runners will be awarded bases according to their position at the time the ball struck the Team pitcher.
 - e. If the adult Team Pitcher interferes with a defensive play, the umpire shall determine if the interference was intentional. If so, the umpire shall rule the ball dead and the play will stop from the time of interference.
- J. The Coach Pitch Defensive Pitcher:
 - a. Must have one foot inside the pitching mound area standing parallel to or behind the extension of the pitching rubber at the time of the pitch, but not in a position that could interfere with the Team Pitcher, as adjudged by the umpire.
- K. Only Level 5 safety balls are to be used for **practice** and for games
- L. Time limit of one (1) hour and forty five (45) minutes, or six (6) innings.
- M. All four (4) outfielders must be positioned on the Outfield grass.
- N. All Batted balls in fair territory are live balls. There is no minimum distance that live ball must travel.

SECTION XIII - TEE BALL

- A. There shall be no tryout or draft. Players will be assigned to teams by draw or by specific requests of a Manager. Every effort will be made to honor parental requests for players to be on the same team.
- B. Returning Tee Ball players shall be distributed as evenly as possible within the teams.
- C. **All participating four (4) and five (5) year olds will be assigned to this division.**
- D. Each game will consist of three (3) innings or 1 hour max. The lineup shall consist of all players present for the game. Each player shall bat in each inning. No record will be made of hits, runs, outs, etc. No record shall be kept of the winning or losing teams.
 - 1. The offensive lineup shall consist of all the players present.
 - 2. The defensive lineup shall consist of all the players present. The first ten (10) players shall be positioned as follows:
 - a. Pitcher
 - b. Catcher, with equipment
 - c. Four (4) infielders
 - d. Four (4) outfielders
 - e. Any additional players on the team must be positioned in the outfield.
- E. Batting
 - 1. The batting tee shall be used at all times throughout the season.
 - a. **ABSOLUTELY NO PITCHING TO PLAYERS BY ADULTS OR OTHER PLAYERS IS ALLOWED.**
 - 2. The batter should be given a reasonable attempt to put the ball in play before being put out by strikeout. Normally, seven (7) swings will be considered reasonable. The game umpire and offensive Manager shall agree to additional swings if necessary.
 - 3. Bunting is not allowed.

- F. Base Running
 1. Only one base, advancement to second base, shall be allowed for an overthrow at first base.
 2. Continuous, uncontrolled running of the bases shall not be allowed. It should be understood by Managers and Coaches that difficulty in making defensive plays is not reason to allow base runners to run "unrestricted".
- G. Coach Participation
 1. Every effort shall be made by Managers and Coaches of both teams to maintain control of the game. Each play and situation for offensive and defensive play must be treated as a learning experience for the players.
 2. Offensive team- The batting team will provide the coaches for the coaches' boxes at first and third base. Players will not occupy these positions at any time. The Manager, coach or umpire will assist the batter on positioning the ball on the tee. They should agree on who will do this before the game starts.
 3. Defensive team- Only two (2) members of the defensive team coaching staff will be positioned at defense to assist the fielders. One between first and second base and the other at shortstop, both in the outfield side of the baselines. They shall help in guiding the defensive play, but may not interfere with the play. At no time, unless the umpire has called time out, may either coach touch the ball.
- H. Field size

The playing field shall have bases 40 feet apart.
- I. **Only level 1 safety balls may be used for practice and for games**

SECTION XIV - SENIOR LEAGUE

- A. The playing and substitution of all players in the Senior League (and 50-70) shall be in accordance with the Senior League Official Regulations and Playing Rules, except that each player on the roster, provided player is present and not kept from playing for disciplinary reasons, must play at least nine (9) defensive outs and one at bat. Inter league play district rules shall supersede these local rules regarding minimum play if in conflict, however, the League desires that managers make every effort to play every player at least nine (9) defensive outs.
- B. The team batting order shall consist of all eligible players present. Inter league play district rules shall supersede these local rules regarding batting order if in conflict. Players shall bat in order through their entire roster, regardless of which players constitute the defensive team at the time."

SECTION XV - JUNIOR LEAGUE *(and 50-70 if offered)*

- A. The playing and substitution of all players in the Junior League (and 50-70) shall be in accordance with the Junior League Official Regulations and Playing Rules, except that each player on the roster, provided player is present and not kept from playing for disciplinary reasons, must play at least nine (9) defensive outs and one at bat. Inter league play district rules shall supersede these local rules regarding minimum play if in conflict, however, the League desires that managers make every effort to play every player at least nine (9) defensive outs.
- B. The team batting order shall consist of all eligible players present. Inter league play district rules shall supersede these local rules regarding batting order if in conflict. Players shall bat in order through their entire roster, regardless of which players constitute the defensive team at the time."

SECTION XVI - SCOREKEEPING

- A. For Majors, Minor A, Minor B and Minor C: Each Manager is to supply the opposing Manager, the Home Plate Umpire and the Official Scorekeeper with:
 1. The team lineup, including the uniform number, full names and starting positions.
 2. Including a list of absentees and/or players who are being disciplined.
 3. Report all substitutions when they are made to the Official Scorekeeper and Home Plate Umpire.
 4. Pitching eligibility must be declared prior to the start of the game.
 5. ***Each Manager and the Home Plate Umpire shall sign the Official Scorebook at the end of each game.***
- B. Official scorekeeper will be the official pitch count recorder – Refer to Section V, E10.
- C. Scorekeepers:
 1. The home team shall supply the official scorekeeper/pitch counter for each game.

2. The visiting team shall be allowed to have an additional scorekeeper located in the score booth during the game.
3. One announcer shall be allowed in the score booth during the game. All announcing must be limited to announcing the players name and number only and shall not contain any additional "commentary" on the play in the field. The announcer may be removed at the discretion of the home plate umpire.
4. Scorekeepers, pitch counters and announcers shall not cheer, coach or speak with any manager, player, coach or spectator during the official game time. A manager may request time out during an inning or between innings to retrieve the official pitch count, however the scorekeeper or official pitch counter may not leave the score booth to deliver this information to the manager or coaches.
5. Spectators may not enter the score booth once the game has officially been started by the home plate umpire until the game has been officially concluded by the home plate umpire.
6. A scorekeeper, pitch counter or announcer shall not comment to the umpire on the outcome of any play or call in the field.

SECTION XVII - DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIPS

- A. There will be neither won/lost record kept nor a Division Champion declared for Coach Pitch or Tee Ball.
- B. All other divisions:
 1. The season will consist of three parts. The first part will be the exhibition season; the second will be a regular season. This will determine seeding for a double elimination tournament (the third part)-except for Minor C which will have a single elimination tournament. All teams will participate in the double elimination tournament which will decide a division champion and runner-up. Higher seed will be home team throughout tournament until if necessary game, then home team will be decided by a coin toss The first and second place teams from the double elimination tournament will move on to the district Tournament of Champions.
 2. The President will determine the number of exhibition and regular games played based on the number of teams per division and season length.
 3. The President will schedule games.
 - a) A written scenario will be distributed to all managers 72 hours prior to the start double elimination tournament.
 - b) No regard will be given to pitching eligibility in tournament scheduling.
 4. Any changes/amendments to the regular season rules for the double elimination tournament will be distributed at least one week prior to the tournament.
 4. All teams shall carry a full roster of players into the double elimination tournament. Any absences must be reported to the player agent immediately AND prior to the start of the next tournament game. Managers are responsible to inform parents of this ruling. Absences will be verified and deliberate attempts to tamper with playoff rosters are subject to disciplinary action by the board disciplinary committee.

SECTION XVIII - SAFETY (GENERAL)

- A. It shall be the responsibility of all members of Seaview Little League to insure that no player is subjected to any hazardous conditions or situations.
 - 1- SVLL, in conjunction with HBCSD Board, does not permit Alcohol, Drugs, or Tobacco use on its premises including practice facilities. Any use may result in an ejection and possible suspension; this includes managers, coaches, parents, and fans.
- B. The Manager, Coach, or an adult who accepts responsibility for the safety of the players must supervise all scheduled practices.
- C. Parent release forms (Medical info Cards, aka Green Cards) shall be in possession of the responsible person conducting the practice and/or game.
- D. All injuries must be reported to the League Safety Officer as soon as possible. It shall be the sole responsibility of the Manager to ensure the Safety Officer is informed of ANY injury, however slight.
- E. If there are any blood/body fluids on uniform of player or others, field or dugout, the situation must be handled immediately. A player cannot return to play until the situation is cleaned appropriately according to Official Little League guidelines. Provisions must be made to handle such situations.
- F. Proper instruction should be given to all players to avoid the possibility of serious injury. In particular:
 1. Proper bunting techniques, so to avoid being hit by a pitched ball.
 2. Proper sliding (hook) technique, to prevent base impacting.

3. Instruct all catchers as to proper technique to ensure he/she does not endanger himself by lurching forward when reaching for balls or turning body and/or head sideways when attempting to catch a ball.
4. Instruct all catchers to properly wear and use the protective equipment they have.

SECTION XIX - SAFETY RULES

- A. Please refer to Seaview Little League Safety Manual for further description and information not provided in these Local Rules.
- B. Only players in team uniforms are allowed in dugouts and on the playing field.
- C. There will be no On Deck Circle or On Deck Batter. NO PLAYER IS TO HAVE A BAT IN THEIR HANDS UNTIL IT IS THEIR TURN TO BAT.
- D. All offensive team members on the field must wear protective helmets.
 1. Batter
 2. Base runners
 3. Base coaches
- E. Any player warming up a pitcher must wear a facemask with a throat guard and protective cup. This includes:
 1. Pre-game, even on sidelines
 2. In the bull pen
 3. Behind the plate between innings
- F. Per Little League Rule 3.09, Managers, Coaches or any other non-team players shall not warm-up a pitcher at home plate, in the bullpen, or anywhere else at any time (except at practices on non-game days). However, Managers and Coaches may standby to observe a pitcher during warm-up in the bullpen.
- G. Baseball shoes with metal cleats are not allowed except in the Junior and Senior League.
- H. Players are not to wear any jewelry (watches, rings, bracelets, earrings, necklaces, non-prescription eyewear, etc.) while participating in Little League Baseball to preclude the possibility of injury.
- I. Players may not practice in short pants.
- J. Make sure that all bases (including home plate) are flush to the ground.
- K. Bats and balls are to be used only under strict organized adult supervision.
- L. No ball throwing or swinging of bats near spectator areas.
- M. There shall be no climbing of backstops and fences nor standing on benches.
- N. Watch for and remove children's fingers sticking through fences around the playing areas.
- O. All directives issued by the Safety Officer must be adhered to.
- P. Level 5 safety balls shall be used for Minor C and Coach Pitch. Level 1-safety balls shall be used for Tee ball.
- Q. Violations of any Safety rule, i.e. Pitching Counts, Throat guard usage, Pitcher to Catcher for same player in same game, may result in a minimum one game suspension pending Disciplinary Committee review.

SECTION XX- FIRST AID

- A. All players requiring hospital or emergency treatment shall be taken to Hoag or contracted hospital.
- B. Managers must have Medical release cards at all practices and games.
- C. Check the player immediately after an incident to determine extent of injury.
- D. Each team shall have in their equipment bag a First Aid kit, which must be brought to all practices and games. The Manager/Coaches shall familiarize themselves with the contents.

- E. In the event of serious injury, do not hesitate to dial 9-1-1. The adult in charge should have easy access to phone at all times.
- F. If an injury is deemed serious, ensure proper transportation is provided to the hospital Emergency Room for treatment by parent, coach, manager, or ambulance.
- G. The Manager should instruct parents of team members that Little League insurance is a supplemental insurance to any primary insurance that they may have.
- H. REPORT ALL INJURIES TO THE SAFETY OFFICER. If the Safety Officer cannot be reached, the President of the League shall be notified.
- I. Please refer to Seaview Little League Safety Manual for basic First Aid techniques.

SECTION XXI – MEETINGS AND OTHER FUNCTIONS

- A. At no time shall Seaview Little League supply or pay for any alcoholic beverages. This includes all business meetings and social functions.

This is to certify that I am the duly elected, qualified and acting officer of the Seaview Little League and that the above and foregoing By Laws were adopted as the By Laws of this Corporation.

In witness where of I have hereunto set my hand this

1st Day of JAN 2015

Scott Dater

President, Seaview Little League