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General Issues

- 1) Only approved Managers and Coaches, umpires, scorers, league officials and players are permitted on the playing field. No siblings or parents, other than above, are permitted on the playing field at any time.
- 2) There will be no disputing or challenging an umpire's call on the field beyond an initial request by the respective Manager to have a call reconsidered or explained based upon a specific written rule.
- 3) Each team will have one Manager and two rostered Coaches. Additional non-rostered Assistant Coaches will be permitted. Only rostered Managers and Coaches may be on the playing field or in the dugout area during any game, except in the event that a rostered Manager or Coach is unavailable then a non-rostered Assistant Coach can fill in for the rostered Manager or Coach. No more than three adults on the playing field for each team during a game. For the Rookie, Minor, Major & Junior levels, the following rules will apply regarding members of the coaching staff on the field:
 - a) While a team is at bat, only the manager and coaches will be allowed on the field and they will be in the designated coach's box. All other members of the coaching staff must be in the dugout area.
 - b) In the Rookie Division, coaches or the manager of a team may be on the field with the defensive players.
- 4) No manager or coach will be allowed on the field or in the dugout without having a current NYSCA membership (contingent upon the Town of Orange conducting the annual certification class) and a signed current Code of Conduct on file with the league. Once warned, if not

corrected, the violating team may be subject to forfeiture of a league game. In addition, all rostered managers and rostered coaches along with non-rostered Assistant coaches must submit to and pass the annual national little league background check prior to volunteering their time.

Uniform

1. All players in *all leagues* must wear the team issued uniform while participating in a game.
2. All catchers must wear (a) a face mask with a hanging throat guard; (b) chest protector; and (c) shin guards that will be provided by the league. In the event that the child purchases his/her own equipment it must meet the Little League standard.
3. All batters must use a safety helmet with face guard before being pitched to. In the event that a child does not have a helmet with face mask of their own then one will be provided by the league.

Manager/Coaches Appointment and Selection

1. All Managers shall be voted in on a yearly basis. The Manager Selection Committee, which will consist of volunteers from the Softball executive board and sub-board, shall interview Manager Candidates for manager positions. The Softball Board shall vote on recommended coaches.
2. Candidates for Manager shall be discussed and voted on by ballot by the Softball Board. The selected candidates shall be presented to the Executive Board by the league Vice President for final approval.
3. Managers shall select their coaches following the selection of their teams. Candidates for Coaches shall be submitted to, discussed and voted on by ballot by the softball board. In the event that the softball board has concerns about a coaching candidate, that candidate shall be invited to appear before the board to answer whatever questions or concerns may exist. Thereafter the selected candidates shall be presented to the Executive Board by the division Vice President for final approval.
4. The Manager Selection Committee will discuss Manager and Coach candidates prior to a vote to determine the regular season Managers and Coaches.
5. The recommendations of the Softball Board are to be kept strictly confidential until final approval by the Executive Board.
6. Managers will be responsible for the actions/conduct of their Coaches and their players on the playing field and at team/Little League functions.

Starting Times of Games

1. The official time for all games will be kept by the game umpire.

2. Pre-game Fielding Practice - The visiting team will take the field 1/2 hour before a scheduled game and be allowed 10 minutes of field practice time. The home team shall then be allowed 10 minutes of field practice time. If the visitors are late they must clear the field 10 minutes before the scheduled game time.
3. In regard to all levels of Softball; No inning of a game will be started after 2 hours of playing time for a weekday (M-F) game and 2 1/2 hours of playing time for a weekend (Sat-Sun)game.
4. Prior to the scheduled start of a game, each manager must submit a line up of players for that game to the Official Scorekeeper. In the event a player arrives late, he may be added to the bottom of the line up. This will become the official line up for that game.
5. At the time a game is scheduled to start, the umpire will immediately advise the Manager of each team. Both teams will then have a final 10 minutes to put nine players in play. If either team is unable to do so, the umpire shall declare the game a forfeit and it will not be played. The resulting forfeit shall be considered tentative until approved by the Board of Directors.

Scheduling of Regular Season Games

The Player Agent or designee will make and distribute a schedule of all games with the home team listed first.

Playing of Postponed or Suspended Games

1. After the commencement of the game, that game's Chief Umpire will make the final decision on calling or playing the game when weather or field conditions are questionable. Prior to the start of the game, the Vice President, Player Agent or his/her designee shall make the decision.
2. In the event that a game is suspended in a tie after it has become official (4 innings), the same official line up must be used in the continuation game. Completion of a suspended game constitutes an official game but does not constitute a double header.
3. Decisions of the Player Agent or his/her designee on rescheduling suspended or postponed games, in accordance with the guidelines below, shall be final.
4. Games will be rescheduled at the discretion of the Player Agent and shall be played on an open date in the schedule. Open dates are defined as any day of the week on which no games are scheduled for both of the involved teams.
5. Changing or shifting of games in the official schedules must be approved by the Player Agent. The Umpire-in-Chief will be notified of any change to the schedule if such a change is made.
6. Sunday may be used as an open date available for makeup games.

7. Every effort shall be made to play all makeup and suspended games before the final date of the season for each League. Exceptions can be made only if approved by the Player Agent.

Regular Season Alternates

9. In order to avoid forfeitures, any Major or Minor League team which may not be able to field nine players for a particular game may select another player from their division as an alternate for that game. The following shall apply concerning alternates:

- a. If the manager of a Major League team believes that it is likely his or her team will have less than nine players at game time, he may, after obtaining consent of the Player Agent, contact an eligible alternate player and request that the player play for his team for that game and that game only.
- b. A Minor League player may be called up to play twice by each Major League team, as an alternate, during the season only after approval of the Player Agent.
- c. A Rookie League player may be called up to play twice by each Minor League team, as an alternate, during the season only after approval of the Player Agent.

Use of the Stankye Field

1. Stankye field will be used for games in the Juniors, Majors and Minor leagues as scheduled by the Player Agent. It may also be used as a practice field with the Older league teams having first priority. The league will schedule practice times to ensure equal practice time amongst all teams. Practice fields will be assigned by the Player Agent.

2. No batting practice before any game on the field.

Age Structure

Unless prohibited by National Little League rules or these local rules, the ages for the various leagues are as follows:

Rookie	7 & 8
Minors	9 & 10
Majors	11 & 12
Juniors	13 & 14

Each year, the Player Agent in his/her discretion, may allow a player(s) to try out for and be selected to “play up” taking into account the player’s ability, the number of registrants and the number of teams in the league. A player’s parent can request their child to play down, with the approval of the Player Agent.

The League Draft

- 1) Manager's daughter(s) will be protected. The protected daughter(s) must be chosen by the designated round in her age group. Designated round is to be based on consensus of the managers. Final resolution will be at the discretion of the Player Agent.
- 2) A manager has no right to protect any child other than his daughter(s), however accommodations can be made by consent of the managers, and the discretion of the Player Agent.
- 3) The Manager will make the selection of all draft choices.
- 4) There shall be a player evaluations to be drafted to Major and Minor League teams.
- 5) Draft order will be determined randomly.
- 6) Discussion can take place at the draft amongst the Managers during the draft.
- 7) After each draft round the teams will rotate their position in the draft. Each team will move up one place, and the team with the first pick will move to the last place.
- 8) Any questions on draft procedures by a Manager will be covered in an open discussion with the Player Agent and all Managers at or before draft night.
- 9) If there are any unusual circumstances not covered in these rules, the Softball Board will have the final decision on the draft and draft procedures.

Rookie League Rosters

Team rosters for Rookie teams will be determined by a selection which will be based on the consensus of league managers along with the Player Agent and League Commissioner. This will be done utilizing a variety of factors including but not limited to knowledge of the player's abilities, past performance and suggestions from prior Managers or Coaches. Any disputes will be settled by the Player Agent. At this age group it is very important that children are playing with people that they are familiar with.

Playing Rules – All Leagues

All Leagues are governed by the Official Softball Little League Rules, except to the extent supplemented, modified, amended or clarified by the Orange Softball Little League Local Rules.

Inter-town League Softball Rules-All Leagues

Each year at the District Level inter-town league softball rules are constructed and agreed upon by all leagues participating in inter-town games. These rules will be distributed yearly once

agreed to by the participating towns. These rules can not supersede the Official Little League rules but can be more restrictive. Each division will follow the inter-town rules.

Major and Minor League All Star Team

- 1) The Player Agent will direct the selection process for all post season tournament teams. Any dispute as to the process will be resolved by the Player Agent (if necessary, after consultation with the League Vice President). Only the Manager of each regular season team and the two rostered Coaches will be allowed to vote, individually, on the tournament team which will be presented to the Softball Board of Directors (the "Board") for approval. The Vice President of Softball, Player Agent and Secretary will be present during the selection process. No others will be present, except with the permission of the League Vice President and Player Agent.
- 2) The Managers of the regular season teams shall have a short period of time (the amount of time to be determined by the Player Agent) to present all players interested from their team in post-season play and field any questions from Vice President, Player Agent and the other Managers and Coaches of the league. Once the presentations have been made by each manager a discussion and vote will take place amongst the Managers and Coaches to determine the makeup of the team. This shall take place at both the Minor and Major League levels.
- 3) Although "objective criteria" may not accurately measure a particular players potential contribution to the team (for instance, as a key position player or base runner or back-up pitcher) and the use of statistics are always subject to interpretation, objective criteria including batting, pitching and other statistics, and the round in which a player was selected at the outset of the season will be presented to the Managers and Coaches for use in making their decision. These objective criteria should not directly dictate the outcome, but should be used to provide appropriate guidance to the decision-makers.
- 4) The Softball Board of Directors shall receive from the Vice President of the league the agreed upon Manager, Coaches and team roster in order to approve them as selected. In the event there are any questions that arise then those questions will be fielded by the Vice President of the league along with the Player Agent. Approval will be on a majority basis.
- 5) Any eleven (11) year old or twelve (12) year old in the Major League is eligible to play on a Major League post season team. Any nine (9) year old or ten (10) year old in the Minor League or any ten (10) year old that has been approved to play "up" during regular season is eligible to play on the Minor League post season team. All National Little League eligibility rules will apply.
- 6) No alternates will be picked at the time the post season team is selected. However alternates will be identified then if, as determined by the League Vice-President, the Player Agent, and All Star Manager, the need for an alternate player is necessary; the alternate player(s) will be selected and activated by the Vice President, the Player Agent and the All Star Manager.
- 7) The Player Agent will have the authority to limit the number of roster openings for all post season teams.

- 8) In the event of a dispute the Player Agent shall have the final decision on all Post season team roster changes.

Rookie post-season Team Selection

The makeup of the Rookie level post season team (If a post-season tournament is available) will be based on nominations by the Managers based on the child's availability to participate. At this age group it can be difficult to find participants. The League Vice President and Player Agent shall approve the nominations and make a roster with final approval by the Little League Executive Board. Any disputes shall be submitted and resolved by the Player Agent and the Softball board.

Manager and Coach Selection for post season Teams

- 1) The Manager of the All Star Teams and all other tournament teams will be selected by a Manager Selection Committee, which will consist of volunteers from the Softball Executive Board and Sub-board and will be chaired by the Player Agent.
 - a) Candidates for these positions, must be a qualified Orange Little League rostered manager or coach, and should apply in writing to the Player Agent
 - b) The Manager Selection Committee will evaluate candidates based on the same criteria defined for regular season manager selection.
 - c) The selection process will occur immediately following the selection of the post season teams.
- 2) Manager Selection Process will allow each of the candidates for the post season manager position to have the opportunity to present their rationale at the meeting and answer any questions from the Manager Selection Committee. The view of each candidate for the position of post-season manager will be considered an important factor in determining the make-up of the coaching staff of team.
- 3) The chosen Manager of each respective team will choose his own coaches from other rostered managers or coaches in the league.
- 4) The Softball Board of Directors must approve all Manager and Coach selections.

Discipline and Rule Enforcement

Violation by a Coach or Manager of any of these rules, or the Official Little League Rules, or the code of conduct distributed by Orange Little League, may result in, ejection from the game, suspension from future games, forfeiture of the game or expulsion from Orange Little League at the discretion of the Board of Directors. Managers are responsible for their coaches and players. If a Manager fails or refuses to take appropriate and sufficient measures to curb violations by their Coaches or players, the Manager may be subjected to discipline due to violations by their Coaches and Players. All discipline issues will be decided upon by the Board of Directors and league Commissioners, all having one vote.