



East Greenwich Little League *Bylaws*

Article 1 -Criminal Background Investigation

All members of the Board of Directors, candidates for manager, coach and volunteers shall submit to nationwide criminal and sex offender registry background investigation each year that they wish to volunteer. This investigation shall be conducted by TBD, the recommended vendor of Little League International. The President of the league will be notified by TBD if information is uncovered which may prohibit an individual from participating as a member of the Board of Directors, manager, coach or other adult volunteer. In such instances, the President will notify the individual in question and remove the individual's name from consideration for a volunteer position.

The individual will be provided with the results of the background check conducted by TBD. The individual may then request a meeting with the President, Vice President and Secretary for the league to explain or discuss the results of the background check. As a committee, the President, Vice President and Secretary will determine if further consideration is warranted. This committee will make a final determination regarding the individual's suitability for a volunteer position. Final determination will be based on Little League International rules as stated in the Operating Manual.

Article II-Manager and Coach Approval

- a) All individuals who wish to be considered for a manager or coach in any division of play for the upcoming season should inform the President or Board Member in person or indicate their preference when registering their Child online.
- b) Voting on Managers
 - An individual expressing interest will be assigned by the League Directors for tball, A, AA and by majority vote for AAA and Majors by Board Members at a designated Board meeting.
 - The League Vice President and Secretary will count and record all votes (inclusive of their own votes). Board Members not able to attend the meeting live may submit their vote via email, text or by calling in.
 - Any majority vote winners will be approved. Should there be a tie, those candidates (only) will be re-voted on (exclusive of the initial winners). This will continue until all slots are taken.
 - Elected Managers will pick their Coaches after the AAA and Majors Draft has been completed.
- c) For the Major-League Baseball Division, the criteria for consideration for Managers, by Board members, should be as follows:

- Child must be in Majors program
 - Child aging out of Majors program
 - Prior coaching and managing experience
 - Returning Manager is a consideration but no guarantee to return as manager
 - Tournament manager / coaching experience
 - Overall contribution to the league
- d) For the Major-League Baseball Division, all Manager candidates will be offered the opportunity for a live presentation of their candidacy. This presentation will be done in front of voting Board Members only, all other candidates and associate board members will not be present.
- e) Junior, Senior and 50/70 Managers will be assigned by the Division Director. If there is more than one candidate, any candidate can ask for a vote. The voting procedure will follow the Majors Division described above.

Article III - Safety and Coaches Clinics

- a) All Managers approved by the Board of Directors and Coaches assigned to a team will participate in a first aid safety program or clinic approved by the Director of Safety. At a minimum, one manger or coach from each team in all divisions must participate in a first aid and safety program or clinic once every two years.
- b) All Managers and coaches will participate in a coaches training program or clinic approved by the League Directors. The frequency and nature of the programs or clinics will be determined by the League Directors or Player/Coach Development Director.

Article IV -Registration

Registration for all divisions of play in the East Greenwich Little League will be conducted as follows:

- a) The primary registration will be held on-line beginning in January and continuing through March. Registration may be extended at the discretion of the board. This registration will be for play beginning the in the spring. Notice of registration will also be placed in the local school communication (if permitted), on the local list serve, and other outlets. All registrants will be required to fill out a registration form on-line. There will be a fee for registration which is determined by the Board of Directors prior to registration. Only those children who reside within the league boundaries as determined by the official league boundary map or attend a school within the district boundary will be eligible to register for play. Exceptions are made when EPLL teams combine with other Leagues in order to field an appropriate size team for interleague play.
- b) In special situations, the President of the league may request a waiver from the District 3 Administrator to permit a child who lives outside league boundaries to register for play. The President may approve a tball, A, AA player without a waiver.
- c) All registrants will provide a valid record of birth date at registration (or appropriate

alternative). This record will be kept on file with the league for the duration of the child's affiliation with the league.

Article V - Divisions of Play

The East Greenwich Little League will consist of the following Divisions of Play. The nature and age requirements of these divisions are as specified and will be reviewed periodically by the Board of Directors. With the approval of the Board of Directors, divisions may be eliminated or added and age requirements may be changed depending on the makeup of the population of registered players.

- a) TBall League: Instructional league for baseball-made up of boys and girls, ages 4-6. Registrants will be assigned to a team by the Director of TBall.
- b) A & AA Minors League Baseball: Instructional league for baseball made up of boys and/or girls, ages 6 - 8. Boys or girls, age 6, having played a minimum of 1 year of Tball in the league are eligible to play. Registrants will be assigned to a team by the Director of A Minors League Baseball.*
- c) Dedford League Softball: Instructional league for softball is made up of girls and/or boys, ages 6 - 8. A six-year-old is only eligible for this division if they have one (1) year experience in Tee ball within the league. Registrants will be assigned to a team by the Director of Dedford League Softball.*

* If possible, League Directors will accommodate parental requests for siblings and/or friends to play on the same team. This accommodation is not guaranteed.

- d) Minor League AA and AAA Baseball: Instructional / competitive league for baseball made up of boys and girls ages 8- 11. This division is separated into two separate divisions. AA – boys and girls, ages 8-10 and AAA – boys and girls ages 9- 11. Players will be selected into either division as based on an evaluation/tryout (see Article V for definitions of evaluations and tryout). With parental request for safety consideration, twelve-year-old's may be allowed to play in the AAA division (similar situation applies to eleven year olds playing AA). This decision will be made by the League President and the Directors of AAA and AA Baseball and will depend on the skill level and size of the player in question. Final approval for any twelve-year-old will be determined by the District 3 Administration. Teams will be assigned in AA by the Director of AA and will be assembled with the intent of balance based on the tryout evaluations. AAA teams will be chosen through draft by the AAA team managers after the Majors division draft.
- e) Minor League Softball: Instructional/competitive league for softball made up of girls and/or boys, ages 8 to 11. An eight-year-old is only eligible for this division if they have two (2) years' experience in Dedford Softball. With parental request for safety consideration, twelve year olds may be allowed to play in Minor League Softball. This decision will be made by the League President and the Director of Minor League Softball and will depend on the skill level and size of the player in question; Final approval will be determined by the District 3 Administration.

- f) Major League Baseball: Competitive league for baseball made up of boys and girls, ages 10-12. Players will be selected to play in the league via draft based on the results of an evaluation/tryout. See articles VI & VII for definitions of draft and tryouts.
- i) All twelve-year-old will be drafted for play in this division regardless of tryout performance.
 - ii) A ten-year-old is only eligible for this division if they have one (1) year experience in Minor League Baseball (AAA or AA) within the league. A new member to the league will be evaluated and placed accordingly.
 - iii) A nine-year-old is not eligible for the Majors division, unless there is a determination through the evaluation process and a recommendation from the Parent, that the player should be considered. If so a vote will be performed by the Executive Board with the President (majority vote rules).
 - iv) A twelve-year-old may be allowed to play in Minor League AAA Division Baseball upon parental request for safety consideration. This decision will be made by the League President and the Director of AAA Baseball and will depend on the skill level and size of the player in question. Final approval will be determined by the District 3 Administration and the filing of a Little League waiver form.
 - v) Finally, a AAA player may be called up to play in a Major's division game *only* if a major's team *cannot* field nine (9) players. This is to be determined in advance of the game and approved by the Major Director or President before game time.
- g) Major League Softball: Competitive league for softball made up of girls and/or boys, ages 9 -12. Players will be selected to play in the league via draft based on the results of an evaluation/tryout. See article V for definitions of draft and tryout. All twelve year olds will be drafted for play in this division regardless of tryout performance.
- A nine-year-old is only eligible for this division if they have one (1) year experience in Minor League Softball within the league. A twelve-year-old may be allowed to play in Minor League Softball upon parental request for safety consideration. This decision will be made by the League President and the Director of Minor League Softball and will depend on the skill level and size of the player in question. Final approval will be determined by the District 3 Administration.
- h) 50/70 League Baseball: Competitive interleague baseball for boys ages 11-13. Will include interleague play with other district teams in the state. 11 and twelve-year-old players can participate in both Majors division and 50/70 division. 13-year-olds can play in both the 50/70 division and Junior division. All registered players will be assigned to a 50/70 team. Depending on the number of participants, the league will determine how many teams will play in this division. If there is more than one team, a draft will determine the team assignment. A 50/70 team may also be combined with another district team if there is interest but not enough players from either league and both agree to combine.
- i) Junior League Baseball: Competitive league for baseball for boys and girls, age 13 and 14. Junior League Baseball may include interleague play with other District 3 Leagues. All registrants 13 – 14 years old according to Little League definition will be permitted to play Junior League Baseball. Players will be assigned to a team based on their ability as determined by a previous season manager evaluation draft, or mutual agreement of the managers and the league director. See article VII for

definitions of draft. It should be noted, that EGLL in the past has combined our Junior and Senior programs into one division of play (ages 13-16) based on player participation.

- j) Senior League Baseball: Competitive league for baseball for boys and girls, age 14-16. Senior League Baseball may include interleague play with other District 3 Leagues. All registrants 14-16 years old according to Little League definition who are not playing in Junior League Baseball will be permitted to play Senior League Baseball. Players will be assigned to a team based on their ability as determined by a previous season manager evaluation, draft, or mutual agreement of the managers and the league director. See article VII for definition of draft. It should be noted, that EGLL in the past has combined our Junior and Senior programs into one division of play (ages 13-16) as based on player participation.
- k) Junior League Softball: Competitive league for softball for girls and/or boys, age 13-15. Junior League Softball includes interleague play with other District 3 Leagues. All registrants 13-15 years old according to Little League definition will be permitted to play Junior League Softball. Players will be assigned to a team based on their ability as determine by a previous season manager evaluation or by tryout. See article VI and VII for definitions evaluation/tryout and draft.

Article VI -Tryouts and Evaluations

- a) Tryouts and evaluations will be held no later than 3 weeks prior to the opening day. A draft will follow within one week after the evaluations. The Director of Player Coach Development and Division Directors will attempt to schedule tryouts and evaluations on two (2) different days, one being on a weekend, so that registrants unable to attend on one day will have the opportunity to be evaluated on a second day.
- b) Tryouts and/or evaluations will be held for registrants age 8-12 for both baseball and softball including those registrants who played in the major division of softball the previous season and who will remain age-eligible to play in this major division in the upcoming season. These registrants will be subject to a re-draft for the upcoming season. Those registrants who played in the major division of baseball the previous season and who remain age-eligible to play in the major division in the upcoming season, are encouraged to participate in a single day evaluation. These evaluations will be used for the pending redraft, refer to Article VII -Draft. All returning registrants in the major division, will remain in the major division.
- c) For minor divisions, tryouts and evaluations are for evaluating the ability of registrants and their safe participation in the game, relative to other registrants of the same age. Through this process Coaches and Managers will be able to assign players to divisions and teams in a manner which will result in evenly matched teams. AAA division will conduct a draft after the Majors division draft.
- d) Those registrants who are age eligible for play in the major divisions of baseball and softball, who did not play in those divisions during the previous season and who desire to be drafted in those divisions must attend the evaluations / tryouts. Registrants who do

not attend evaluations / tryouts risk being “assigned” to the minor divisions. Twelve-year-old participants automatically are eligible for the Majors Division by Little League International Rule.

- e) All board members and managers if elected are asked to attend and be part of the evaluation process.

Article VII Draft

Drafts will be held no later than 2 weeks prior to the opening day schedule.

Managers for divisions having a draft must attend the draft. Coaches may not attend as they will be chosen after the draft.

In the minor, junior and senior divisions of baseball and softball, the draft will be held for assigning registrants to teams based on their performance in tryouts in a manner that will result in the equitable distribution of talent across all teams in the division. Consideration will also be given to siblings whose parents wish to have them play for the same team. Pairing siblings is not guaranteed and will be done only if the manager chooses the siblings. Every effort will be made by the manager to choose and will use remaining picks to take the sibling(s).

a) In the Majors division of **baseball or softball**, the draft will be conducted as follows:

1. Any special requests from parents will be discussed prior to the draft. Registrants may use the comment section of the online sign up system, notify the League Director or contact the President to request special arrangement. Special requests are not guaranteed.
2. A child of a Manager will be automatically placed on the team in the draft position designated by the Manager, in the given draft bracket (see 3a&b below).
3. The draft is conducted in two separate phases. The first part includes those players who:
 - (a) are returning from a Major team in the same division and all eligible 12-year-olds,
 - (b) are registered and eligible participants for the current season.
4. This first phase of drafting returning players and eligible 12 year old must be completed before the second phase of the draft, and all players who qualify under both conditions above must be drafted.
5. The second phase of the draft includes all players who are eligible for selection.
6. Managers are not permitted to waive a draft choice.
7. Draft order shall be determined the day of the draft just prior to, and shall be based on a draw of a number from a hat.
8. The draft rotation follows a "snake" type order. For instance, in a four-team league the manager who draws the first draft choice makes the following player selections: 1st choice, 8th, 9th, 16th, 17th, 24th, 25th, etc; The manager of the

team that draws the second draft choice makes the 2nd choice, 7th, 10th, 18th, 23rd, etc; The manager of the team that draws the third draft choice makes the 3rd choice, 6th, 11th, 14th, 19th, 22nd; The manager of the team that received the last draft choice, gets 4th choice, 5th, 12th, 13th, 20th, 21st, etc., until selections are completed.

NOTE 1: Sons, Daughter and Siblings. A Manager selecting a Sibling with another eligible Sibling available, are not required to select the second (or any other number of Siblings) in the draft. However, consideration for "trading players" after the draft, to swap like for like talent to accommodate Sibling team requests should be discussed. The League Director and President will approve all trades with the Vice President first or Secretary second (if VP and Secretary are not Managers) breaking any tie vote (if required).

NOTE 2: When the second phase of this draft method begins, the draft order starts, where the first draft ended and continues in a "Snake" type order.

Article VIII - Replacement of Players During Season

- a) If a player in the major division of baseball or softball is injured or unable to play for the remainder of the season, that player will be replaced by a draftable minor league player. To be draftable, the minor league player must have attended tryouts/evaluations and declared eligible prior to the start of the season. The replacement player will be chosen by the Director of the Major League (after consulting with the affected team manager) from the pool of draftable minor league players after obtaining parental consent. The manager of the drafting team will have no contact with the replacement player until the draft process is completed. A team should have a minimum of 12 active roster players throughout the season.
- b) The player who has been replaced will remain on the team's roster for the remainder of the season.
- c) The replacement player will remain on the roster for the remainder of the season.

Article IX -Tournament Team Selection Process

Prior the final game of the regular season or after a team has played at least nine (9) games, the Major's director should send out a "commitment form" to league players who wish to be considered for Little League sponsored, tournament teams. The list shall be on a form provided by division directors (majors & minors baseball and softball and minors baseball & softball) and shall be completed no later than the final regular season game. The list will then be compiled by the directors with any additional comments and presented to the tournament director and the President. The final list shall include the names and ages of the players and any comments the manager feels are appropriate regarding the player's positions, strengths, weaknesses, attitude, and commitment. The director of major baseball may edit the comments as he sees fit.

Note 1: Player Consideration Letter: The director of major baseball shall draft a letter for players and parents describing the nature of tournament team practice and play, including the commitment expected and the possibility of limited playing time. The letter shall request identification of potential and known scheduling conflicts. Conflicts will be shared with voters during this process.

The letter shall then be distributed by hard copy to all eligible players on player voting day, returnable no later than the next scheduled game to the player's manager or the director of major baseball. The director of major baseball shall provide coaches and managers with a list of conflicts no later than manager and coach election day. The director of major baseball may also electronically send the letter at an earlier time as he sees fit.

Note 2: For the Junior and Senior divisions, the Junior/Senior Director will work with the tournament director to handle the appropriate duties for the Tournament Team Selection Process.

The Majors Baseball Tournament Team

The team shall consist of eleven (11) to fourteen (14) players. Ten (10) players shall be elected and one (1), two (2), three (3) or four (4) players shall be selected by the tournament team manager after consultation with the selection subcommittee, consisting of the major league managers, the director of major baseball, the director of tournament teams, and the league president. In the event that the tournament team manager requests and receives approval for less than fourteen (14) players overall by the selection subcommittee, the request shall be reviewed and if deemed acceptable, ratified by the Executive Board of Directors prior to the player notifications.

Players shall be elected by three (3) groups of voters:

- Players,
- Coaches
- Managers

Each group's ballots shall be separately counted and the ten (10) players with the most votes in each group shall receive one (1) group vote. If there is a tie for the final spot(s) in the group election, then those players who are tied shall not receive a group vote (Ex: 8 players receive 50 or more votes and 4 players receive 49 votes, the 4 players would not receive group votes and only 8 group votes are awarded). Any player who receives 3

group votes (i.e.: a player's group vote, a coach's group vote, and a manager's group vote) shall be on the team. Any player who receives 1 or 2 group votes and those players who tied, but did not receive a group vote, shall be finalists for selection on the team.

- **Player's Voting**

Each league-age 11 and 12 year-old player may vote for up to ten (10) players from regular season teams other than their own. Each team's manager will be provided with the proper number of ballots for his team, listing all league-age 11 and 12 year-old players in the league that expressed interest in being considered for tournament selection by team (via the Player Consideration Letter provided by the Tournament Director). Each team's ballots will be personalized so as not to include its own players. Voting will take place by the final regular season games at the field where the team plays that day. For teams not playing that day, voting will take place at the team's game prior to. Each team's manager (or coach) shall distribute and collect the ballots from their players and place them in a sealed envelope. If any player does not vote, that ballot(s) will be returned in the sealed envelope with the name of the player written on the ballot. The sealed envelopes will be collected by the director of major baseball or the director of tournament teams immediately after the team votes. A player who is absent during voting may make arrangements to vote at another time by contacting the director of tournament teams or director of major baseball, but all player voting must be completed within two (2) days unless otherwise extended by the director of major baseball. Any voting that is postponed due to weather will be completed as soon as possible, but no later than the team's next scheduled game.

Player ballots will be counted by the director of major baseball, the director of tournament teams, and the league president. The ten (10) players with highest number of votes will each receive one (1) player group vote. If there is a tie for the final spot(s) in the player's voting, then those players who are tied shall not receive a players' group vote, but may be considered finalists for selection on the team.

- **Coach's Voting**

Each eligible major league coach may vote for up to ten (10) players. Although a team may have more than 2 coaches or volunteers assisting a team, only the two "recognized coaches" as listed on the roster may vote. An eligible coach is a coach who has attended at least 50% of his team's games and listed as the primary assistant coaches. The majors director will be final judge on this decision. Each team's manager will be provided with the two (2) coach's ballots, listing all league-age 11 and 12 year-old players in the league that expressed interest in being considered for tournament selection by team. Each ballot will be accompanied by list of player's known schedule conflicts as compiled by the director of major baseball. Voting will take place on the last game of the regular season at the field where the team plays that day. For teams not playing that day, voting will take place at the team's game prior to. Each team's manager shall distribute and collect the ballots from the coaches and place them in a sealed envelope. If any coach does not vote, that ballot(s) will be returned in the sealed envelope with the name of the coach written on the ballot. The sealed envelopes will be collected by the director of major baseball or the director of tournament teams immediately after the coaches' vote. A coach who is absent during voting may make arrangements to vote at another time by contacting the director of tournament teams or director

of major baseball, but all coach voting must be completed within four (2) days unless otherwise extended by the director of major baseball.

Coach's ballots will be counted by the director of major baseball, the director of tournament teams, and the league president. The ten (10) players with highest number of votes will each receive one (1) coaches' group vote. If there is a tie for the final spot(s) in the coach's voting, then those players who are tied shall not receive a coaches' group vote, but may be considered finalists for selection on the team.

- **Manager's Voting**

Each major league manager may vote for up to ten (10) players. Each team's manager will be provided with the one (1) manager's ballot, listing all league-age 11 and 12 year-old players in the league that expressed interest in being considered for tournament selection by team. Voting will take place on the final regular season game at the field where the team plays that day. For teams not playing that day, voting will take place at the team's game prior to. Each manager shall place his ballot in a sealed envelope. The sealed envelope will be collected by the director of major baseball or the director of tournament teams immediately after the manager votes. A manager who is unable to vote on the scheduled day may make arrangements to vote at another time by contacting the director of tournament teams or director of major baseball, but all manager voting must be completed within four (2) days unless otherwise extended by the director of major baseball.

Manager's ballots will be counted by the director of major baseball, the director of tournament teams, and the league president. The ten (10) players with highest number of votes will each receive one (1) managers' group vote. If there is a tie for the final spot(s) in the manager's voting, then those players who are tied shall not receive a managers' group vote, but may be considered finalists for selection on the team.

Tournament Team Manager and Player Selection Meeting

1. Tournament Team Manager

The Director of Major Baseball, after consultation with the Director of Tournament Teams and the League President, shall schedule the Tournament Team Manager/Player Selection Meeting (scheduled no later than the end of the first week of June). Only major league managers, the director of tournament teams, the league president, and the director of major baseball may attend. A coach may not attend in lieu of a manager.

Prior to the meeting the director of major leagues shall seek volunteers and/or nominations for tournament team manager. Any major league manager or coach listed on a major league roster is eligible to manage a tournament team. If there is more than one candidate, each candidate will have the option to speak in behalf of their candidacy. Then the managers and the director of major baseball shall vote, by ballot, their choice. Any ties will result in just those tied candidates being reselected until there is a clear winner. The team manager shall then participate in the selection of their respective teams.

2. Player Selection Meeting

The director of major league baseball shall indicate those players who have been elected

to the team by virtue of having received a players' group vote, a coaches' group vote, and a managers' group vote.

- a) A player who is voted onto the team (being among the top ten vote getters) by the other players, coaches and managers (unanimous) is automatically on the team,
- b) A player who is voted onto the team by two out of the three groups will automatically be on the team, so long as this does not result in more than ten (10) players on a team. If selecting all players who receive votes from two out of the three groups would result in a team being larger than ten players, those players that received the requisite votes from two out of the three groups would then be discussed by the selection subcommittee,
- c) Players receiving the requisite votes from one out of three aforementioned groups would be subject to discussion and selection by the subcommittee.

If for any reason there are less than ten (10) players eligible for selection as a result of the group votes, the director of major baseball, after consultation with the director of tournament teams and the league president, and elected manager shall expand the pool of potential candidates as he sees fit, taking into account the results of the three group elections.

After ten (10) players have been selected, the tournament team manager, after consultation with the major division managers, the director of tournament teams, the league president, and the director of major baseball, shall select the final one (1) to four (4) players. The manager may select any 11 or 12 year-old players (that meet the eligibility requirements set forth by Little League International) to the team, regardless of election voting.

The Tournament Team Manager shall select the tournament team coaches.

After the team is selected, the selection results are to remain confidential. No discussion should indicate how a player was selected for the team. The manager may discuss his final one to four player selections with the players and the player's parents to confirm the expected role and commitment for that player.

Baseball 9-10 (yr old) Little League and 11 (yr old) State Tournament Teams

Manager Selection: The 9-10 and 11 year old team Teams will be selected by the elected Manager of the respective team. The Director of Major and AAA divisions, Director of Tournament Teams and the League President will vote to elect these two Managers. Majority voting wins. Any ties will result in just those tied candidates being reselected until there is a clear winner.

Player Selection:

For the 9/10 team all AAA managers will be invited to a draft for this team. The elected Manager will determine whether to carry a minimum of 11 players and up to 14 players. Any AAA managers in attendance will vote and determine the top 9 players. The elected Manager can vote in this process as well (whether he is a AAA manager or not). Any players who receive unanimous votes up to 9, will automatically be on the team. Unanimous votes above 9 will be selected by the Manager. The Manager will then announce his selection of the remaining players (up to his selected team size previously determined).

For the 11 year, old team will be selected by the majors managers, majors director, president and tournament director. The elected Manager will determine whether to carry a minimum of 11 players and up to 14 players. The elected Manager can vote in this process as well (whether he is a AAA manager or not). Any players who receive unanimous votes up to 9, will automatically be on the team. Unanimous votes above 9 will be selected by the Manager. The Manager will then announce his selection of the remaining players (up to his selected team size previously determined).

Article XI - Amendment

These Bylaws may be amended, repealed or altered in whole or in part by a majority vote at any organized meeting of the Board of Directors provided notice of the proposed change is included in the notice of such meeting. Draft of all proposed amendments shall be submitted to Little league Baseball, Incorporated for approval before implementation.

These Bylaws were approved by the East Greenwich Little League Board of Directors on _____ (Date)

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