

# **WINDSOR LITTLE LEAGUE**

**Bylaws/Local Rules/Ground Rules  
Baseball Program**

**2019**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

This document expires annually at the end of the year (12/31) and must be renewed annually. It includes the local board's procedures for selection of Tournament Teams (All Stars) and specific ground rules for various divisions.

Because each local Little League Board of Directors has authority to change local procedures, this document requires only Board of Directors consent, without general membership approval. No part of this document can conflict with or supersede any Little League rule, regulation, or policy.

The by-laws, local rules or ground rules are to be distinguished from the Little League Constitution. The Constitution spells out the duties and responsibilities of the officers of the board, definition of membership, election procedures, meeting requirements such as quorum, etc.

The various items in this document contain information that is pertinent to the Managers, Coaches, Players, and Parents. It is the Manager's responsibility that his/her Players and Coaches are aware of them. The Vice President and the Directors of each Division will oversee their program.

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## 1. SPORTSMANSHIP

- A. Players should be taught to maintain the will to win; however, they must be taught to accept losses graciously.
- B. It is the expectation that all Players and Coaches conduct themselves in a mature and respectful manner throughout the course of each game.
- C. Win or lose, the Players will congratulate their opponents at home plate for a good effort following each game.
- D. The Manager, Coaches and Players shall make an extra effort to thank the umpires at the end of each game.

## 2. RULES OF PLAY

The **Official Regulations and Playing Rules for Little League Baseball** (A.K.A. Little League Rulebook), as established by Little League Inc. of Williamsport, PA, will be followed by each League except as modified, where permitted, in this document. (NOTE: The Little League Rulebook pertains to the Major League program unless specifically noting the Minor League program, etc.)

- A. W.L.L. exercises the option of not utilizing rule 4.10 (e) of the *201 Official Regulations and Playing Rules*, commonly known as the *Mercy Rule*. *The league reserves the right to review the election not to use rule 4.10(e) for the AAA level.*

## 3. REGISTRATION & RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS

In order to be registered, Players must meet Residence Eligibility Requirements as set forth in the Little League Official Regulations and Playing Rules for Little League. (NOTE: The geographic boundaries of Windsor Little League are specifically described in the League Charter.):

- A. No child will be allowed, under any condition, to participate within the League's program until registered by a parent or legal guardian. Approval of registration will be by the President and/or Registrar (or assigned delegate). Signature other than the above is not acceptable.
- B. Registration is considered closed upon the commencement of the draft at each Baseball Division. Late registrations may be accepted into the League and is dependent on available space. Every effort will be made to accommodate all late Tee Ball registrations. (NOTE: a Late Registration Fee may be applicable.)
- C. Former Major League Players who register after the Major League draft has been completed will be assigned to a team by the Player Agent.

## 4. MANAGERS, COACHES AND UMPIRES

- A. **Appointment of Managers:** the Vice President (with input from Directors of each division) shall appoint the Managers of regular season teams. The President shall confirm all appointments.

Major League Managers must be Local League members at the time of their appointment. In order to receive or keep an appointment, every Major League Manager must satisfy the requirements established by the Board of Directors.

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If a manager or a coach is managing or coaching at the AAU level it is up to the President and Vice President to determine if they are eligible to manage or coach in Windsor Little League and able to meet the expectations of the position. All appointments shall expire at the end of the team's playing season, unless terminated earlier at the discretion of the President or the Vice President. Managers are responsible for the selection, as outlined in Sections 5 and 6 of this document, and training of their teams.

They are also responsible for the actions of their Playing Members and Coaches during all practices and games.

No person may manage more than one team within Windsor Little League Baseball or Softball. A Manager may be a Coach on another team, but that team must be at a different division level. A member, who holds a Manager and Coach position simultaneously, must fulfill Managerial responsibilities first.

- B. **Appointment of Coaches:** Coaches will be selected by Managers following the completion of the Draft process for that division, thus avoiding the pre-selection of Players through selective coaching appointments. All appointments shall expire at the end of the team's playing season, unless terminated earlier at the discretion of the President or the Vice President. Coaches shall assist their Managers in team training, conduct and games.

The Manager of each team shall appoint Coaches subject to the review of Division Directors and the Vice President. Parents of players on that team are preferred over extended family members and non-relatives.

- C. **Limitations on Managers and Coaches:** While holding such office, the President shall neither manage nor coach a special, post season team, such as a tournament team or All-Star team (inter-league and intra-league).

However, the President may coach, but not manage, a regular season team.

- D. **Protests – Managers, Coaches, & Umpires:** Each Manager and Coach has a Moral Obligation to help prevent protests, and work together for the success of the League. It is the responsibility of all adults coaching during a game to eliminate a possible protest. Remember that the Umpires may make many honest judgment errors during the season. Managers and Coaches should accept them as honest judgment errors and will not intimidate the Umpire about them.

- E. **Appointment, Training and Scheduling of Umpires (Baseball):** Before and during the playing season, the Director of each Division, in conjunction with the Director of Umpire Training shall train, schedule, observe, and evaluate all volunteer Umpires for their respective Leagues.

It may become necessary for AAA Managers and Coaches to umpire other AAA games on days their team does not play. In such an instance best efforts will be made to assign an equal number of games to umpire.

The appointment of any Umpire may be revoked at any time by the President or Vice President or his delegate with the approval of the Board of Directors.

League age 12 Player members are authorized to umpire in AAA division or lower as field Umpires only.

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### 5. EVALUATIONS

- A. The Player Agent is primarily responsible for the overall management, confidentiality, and fairness of the Evaluations.
- B. **Confidentiality** - The Player Agent will maintain all documents pertaining to the scores of the Evaluations in strict confidence. Under no condition are Players (or parents) to be told any score results and whether or not they or other Players made the Majors, AAA, or AA.
- C. The Player Agent and the Vice President shall determine the persons that may participate in the Evaluation rating process.
- D. The Rating System for evaluations will be determined by the Player Agent. A Player will receive a rating for the following categories: Fielding, Throwing, Catching, and Hitting. Running skills may also be measured, but will not impact a players overall rating.
- E. Players league age 7 or younger will not participate in Evaluations. The A Division Director will assign league age 7 Players and Eligible Players whom are league age 6 (see Section 6-Q) to A League teams. Players league age 7 may be assigned, by the AA Director, to a AA team if they show they have maturity and skills required for AA players. A level coaches from the previous season may be consulted.
- F. All Players league age 8 and 9 must be evaluated prior to the AAA and AA team selection. These candidates will play in AAA or AA if selected. Any player league age 8 or 9 who does not attend an Evaluation will be assigned to a team at the discretion of the Player Agent.
- G. All Player members, not previously selected to a Major League division team must be evaluated to be eligible for the Major League draft.

#### **Exception:**

- 1. Submission of acceptable written or confirmed verbal excuse to the Player Agent prior to the scheduled Evaluation dates.
- H. Excused candidates cannot be drafted until they have been assigned an Evaluation rating by the Player Agent. The Player Agent coordinates the process of assigning an Evaluation rating for excused Players (Note: This Evaluation rating is based on the knowledge of the Team Managers/Coaches attending the draft).
- I. Evaluations will be held over a two day period to enable maximum participation.
- J. Evaluations will not be held during Easter weekend.

### 6. DRAFTS

- A. Should the amount of teams increase from the prior year, the League will have a redraft of all teams.
- B. The Player Agent is responsible for the overall management and fairness of the draft. Under no condition may the Majors, AAA or AA drafts commence unless the Player Agent and Vice President (or an approved replacement) is in attendance to oversee the draft. Should the draft proceed without the Player Agent, the draft shall be deemed as invalid.

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- C. The following people are allowed at the draft and will constitute the Draft Committee:
- League President
  - Vice President
  - Player Agent
  - Director of Division
  - Managers in said division
- D. For the Major League, returning Major league players will stay on the same team they played on the previous year. The balance of the teams will be filled via a snake draft format. For AAA, each team will be redrafted in full via a snake draft format.
- E. The Player Agent will determine the total number of eligible league age 12 players who must be selected in the Major League draft. Please note that LL rules state that no more than eight 12 year olds may be on any team. League age 9 players will not be eligible to play in the Major Leagues. League age 9 players will not be eligible to be placed on the Major League "Call Up" list. Also, all players who played at the Majors level last season must be placed on a Majors team during this draft process.
- F. Requests for siblings.
- For the purposes of the draft, unless otherwise requested by Parents/Guardians, siblings playing at the same level will play on the same team.
  - Parents/Guardians may request siblings to play on different teams within the same level. This request must be in writing to the President and/or Player Agent and must be received no later than 48 hours prior to the Major League Draft.
  - Notify Player Agent if child should not be drafted on Managers team.
- G. The draft order will be chosen out of numbers drawn from a hat. The snake order method will be used:
- Team #1 selects  
Team #2 selects  
Team #3 selects  
Team #3 selects  
Team #2 selects  
Team #1 selects
- H. **Draft Round Assignment:** For the purpose of determining a fair and equitable draft round to an optioned sibling or son/daughter of a Manager. The following ranking system will be used for determining an appropriate round an optioned Player must be selected:

<u>Player Ranking</u>	<u>Selection Rnd.</u>
Ranking placing the Player among the top 3 eligible Players =	1 <sup>st</sup> round
Ranking placing the Player among slots 4-6 = round	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Ranking placing the Player among slots 7-9 =	3 <sup>rd</sup> round
Ranking placing the Player among slots 10-12 =	4 <sup>th</sup> round
Ranking placing the Player among slots 13-15 =	5 <sup>th</sup> round

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- I. Each manager will have the option to trade up to 3 player(s) from their team for a player(s) from another team. This will allow a manager to address any deficits or special needs their team may have (e.g., adequate supporting coaching staff needs, perceived weakness at a skill needed for the team).

### J. Things to Note

- a. **Major League:** Every attempt will be made to hold the draft as soon as possible.
- b. **AAA:** The AAA draft will follow the Major League draft; every attempt will be made to hold this draft the day after the Major League draft.
- c. A Manager may choose to waive the option on a son or daughter.
- d. Parents of Major League Players who become Managers or Coaches after their children have been selected to a Major team may not automatically claim their sons or daughters.
- e. **Notifications/Assignment:** It is critically important that all players are notified of their assignment at essentially the same time. The Player Agent will advise the proper procedure for player notification. All Managers are expected to adhere to this rule. (Note: Any Manager that is found to be in violation of this rule is subject disciplinary action, up to and/or including removal as Manager.) See league calendar for team assignment dates.
- f. Prior Major League Players who have not completed a registration form by draft day will lose their rights to remain at the Major League level. Managers/Coaches should contact these Players prior to the draft to clarify the status. The Player Agent will be primarily responsible for resolving the situation prior to the draft. Player Agent should check Major League rosters against registration, and contact anyone that was previously on a Major League team who has not yet registered to clarify status and inform family of the player's options should they not be registered by draft day.
- g. "A" and "AA" League Players will be assigned by the "A" and "AA" Directors. Team balance, including balance of age groups, should be maintained.
- h. **Eligible Players** The following outlines the eligible age groups at each baseball level:

• <b>Major Leagues</b>	10, 11, 12
• <b>AAA</b>	8, 9, 10, 11, 12
• <b>AA</b>	7**, 8, 9, 10, 11
• <b>A</b>	6***, 7, 8, 9
• <b>Tee Ball</b>	4*, 5, 6, 7

\*4 year olds may be eligible for Tee Ball if the parent is present at all practices and games.

\*\*7 year olds are eligible for AA to fill out rosters after the 8 year olds are exhausted and must be evaluated by AA Director.

\*\*Little League rules allow for league age 6 year olds to play at the Minor League



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Coach-pitch level provided they have participated in Tee Ball for one year.

### 7. ROSTERS

- A. See L.L. Rulebook
- B. The Player Agent, Vice President and Director of the applicable League shall maintain equal Rosters.
- C. AAA Player Call-up to Majors: Call-up of AAA Players by Major League teams may be considered in order to maintain a full roster for the season. Major League managers will call up AAA players in accordance with Little League Rules, Section III – The Teams part (d). In conjunction with this rule the manager has five (5) days to make his selection. The Player Agent will consult with the AAA managers and obtain a list of players from those managers they feel are prepared to play in the Majors Division. The Majors manager in need of a player may use this list as a guide during the decision making process. The Player Agent will contact the AAA managers of the player selected and will advise the player's parents of her promotion to the Major League. The player need not accept the promotion. Call-ups during the final two weeks of the regular season are optional.
- D. AA Player Call-up to AAA: Call-up of AA Players by AAA teams may be considered in order to maintain a full roster for the season. AAA managers will call up AA players in accordance with Little League Rules, Section III – The Teams part (d). In conjunction with this rule the manager has five (5) days to make his selection. The Player Agent will consult with the AA managers and obtain a list of players from those managers they feel are prepared to play in the AAA Division. The AAA manager in need of a player may use this list as a guide during the decision making process. The Player Agent will contact the AA managers of the player selected and will advise the player's parents of her promotion to the AAA Division. The player need not accept the promotion. Call-ups during the final two weeks of the regular season are optional.
- E.
- F. **Any dismissal or termination of any Player from the League must be in writing.** The memorandum should be provided to the Player Agent, Vice President, applicable League Director, and the President. It should include the team name, Player, and reason for termination/dismissal. Any termination/dismissal that is disciplinary in nature requires the approval of the Board of Directors/Disciplinary Committee.
- G. **Injuries: P l a y e r s** unavailable due to an injury must be cleared by a physician before being reinstated.

### 8. DISCIPLINE OF TEAM PERSONNEL

*(Note: All disciplinary action requires the approval of the Board of Directors)*

- A. If a Manager, Coach or Player is removed from the game for disciplinary action by the Umpire, he must leave the field. The Manager or adult Coach must not sit on the bench or in the stands and may not re-called. If a Player is removed from the game, the Team Manager is responsible for ensuring that the matter is handled appropriately. See L.L. Rule 9.05.
- B. The following is taken from Article III, Section 4, paragraph two of the Windsor Little League Constitution.

*“The Board of Directors shall, in case of a Player Member, give notice to the manager of the team for which the player is a Player Member. Said manager/ Player Agent shall appear, in the*

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*capacity of an adviser, with the player before the Board of Directors or a duly appointed committee of the Board of Directors. The player's parent(s) or legal guardian(s) must also be present. The Board of Directors shall have full power to suspend or revoke such player's right to future participation by two thirds vote of those present at any duly constituted meeting (quorum is required)."*

The following are reasons for discipline:

- Fighting
  - Insubordination
  - Cursing
  - Stealing articles in the park.
  - Abuse towards Coaches/Umpire/fellow Players
  - Improper dress.
  - Unsportsmanlike conduct
  - Destruction of League Equipment
- C. Parents of Players are held to a similar standard as the Managers, Coaches and Players and will be asked to leave the field if a Coach or Umpire deems their behavior as disrespectful or disruptive to any other attendees.

## 9. SCHEDULED GAMES/PRACTICES

- A. All teams should practice a minimum of one time per week during the regular season, weather permitting.
- B. Once the season's schedule is issued, no games may be rescheduled without the approval of the League Director and Director of Scheduling.**
- C. Games may be scheduled and played on Mother's Day and Father's Day.
- D. No games will be scheduled on Shad Derby Day. The third Saturday in May.
- E. Managers/Coaches are responsible for turning on/off lights and locking the bathrooms as well as any sheds that may be open. W.L.L.'s facilities are located in public parks; W.L.L. is responsible to secure/police-up after all practices/games or other functions. The facility should be policed-up/secured following the last game/practice of the day.

## 10. RAINOUTS

- A. The Manager and Director of Scheduling will be responsible for re-scheduling make-up games. All rained- out games will be played on the next available open date. Directors will make every effort to ensure that re-scheduled games are made-up within one week.

Note: An open date is not considered open if it forces one of the teams to:

- Play four consecutive games in a calendar week.

Note: This rule can be amended in cases where the end of the regular season limits open date availability and jeopardizes Playoff scheduling. This would be at the discretion of the Division Director in conjunction with the Vice President and the President

- B. In the case of multiple re-scheduled games, the first canceled will have first priority and be played

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per Section 10-A.

- C. On game day, prior to the first pitch being thrown, The Directors of Buildings and Grounds, with input from Managers of each team will evaluate and determine playing conditions of the field. In the event the Directors of Buildings and Grounds are unavailable, the League Director, in conjunction with the team Managers will determine playability. Once the first pitch is thrown, field conditions fall under the jurisdiction of the umpire.
- D. Teams that fail to play a scheduled game shall be subject to receiving a forfeit.

### 11. EQUIPMENT/UNIFORMS

- A. Care must be taken to prevent misuse of equipment by Players.
- B. Any throwing of helmets or intentional flinging of bats, under any condition, will be cause for disciplinary action listed below:
  - First Offense = Warning.
  - Second Offense = One Game Suspension
  - Third Offense = TBD by Disciplinary Committee
- C. Upon the conclusion of each Player's last game of the season or playoffs, Managers, in conjunction with the Director of Equipment are responsible for the collection of their team's uniforms and equipment that is League property. This includes "All Star" uniforms. Managers are responsible for returning uniforms/equipment to the Equipment Manager or League Director within two weeks of the last game unless otherwise directed.
- D. Baseball uniforms will only be worn for the following occasions: opening day, participation in parades, collection day, scheduled games (not practice) or at other times that are approved by W.L.L
- E. All (All-Stars) baseball uniforms are the sole property of Windsor Little League. Uniform t-shirts shall be the property of the player.
- F. Facemasks for batters and infielders are not required but recommended at all levels of baseball.
- G. Home Team Manager has the responsibility of securing all umpire equipment at the end of each game.
- H. Keys to the sheds will be under the control of the Director of Buildings & Grounds.

The following volunteers will have access to keys:

- Board members
- Directors
- Major league managers
- AAA managers
- AA managers
- A managers

All volunteers are required to sign for their serialized key and return it at the end of regular season. Any manager of a tournament team will return their key at the end of the tournament.

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### 12. SAFETY DURING GAME

- A. See Safety Code in Little League Rulebook and W.L.L Safety Manual.
- B. If the alarm indicating lighting sounds, or if lightning or thunder is observed by the umpire, all players shall wait in cars for a minimum of 20 minutes after the last lightning/thunder indication. The game will be ended/suspended if the wait time exceeds 45 minutes, or if the umpire calls the game at an earlier time.
- C. Food **nor gum** is not allowed in the dugouts or on the field of play. **There are no exceptions.** This will be enforced by the Umpires and Managers.
- D. Jewelry may not be worn by any Player.
- E. For AA level players and above, a protective cup shall be worn.

### 13. SCOREKEEPERS

- A. Major, AAA and AA teams must keep a scorebook during the game. The home team maintains the official scorebook in any case of discrepancy.
- B. Pitch Counts:
  - 1. Both teams (Majors/AAA/AA) have the responsibility of maintaining pitch counts for their own pitcher and the opposing team's pitcher.
  - 2. At the end of each half inning the pitch count of each team will be compared. Any discrepancies will be resolved with the Managers/Coaches of each team with the Home Team having the final say in resolving disputes.
- C. Pitch Count Tracking:
  - 1. Managers (Majors/AAA/AA) have the responsibility of recording pitchers and pitch counts at the end of each game in a Pitch Count Log. Each League Director has the responsibility of reviewing these procedures with the Managers/Coaches of their level/division. An appointed coach will e-mail the pitch counts of the game to all the other Managers within 24 hours.

### 14. GAME PREPARATIONS, GAME COMPLETION, SECURING AND POLICING OF ALL FIELDS

- A. Home team responsibilities:
  - Make sure that the assigned parent is in concession stand. (**Note: If this rule is not complied with, the game may not begin.**)
  - Check that bases are properly installed (safety concern)
- B. Home and visiting team joint responsibilities: **Excluding out of town teams**
  - Check the entire field from a safety perspective
  - Rake dirt section of infield, if necessary.
  - Mark baselines; foul line in outfield, and batters' box.
  - Get two (2) batting helmets for each team. (Each field will have a location for storage of helmets).

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- Return of all helmets and umpire equipment to its proper place after the game.
- Managers/Coaches are responsible for turning on/off lights and locking the bathrooms, Major League shed, Minor League shed, batting cage and Bradley shed.
- W.L.L.'s facility is located in a public park; W.L.L. is responsible to secure/police-up after all practices/games or other functions. The facility should be policed-up/secured following the last game/practice of the day. This includes the total area internally and around the bleachers
  - bike racks – concession stand – dugouts – benches and both equipment sheds, bathrooms locked and lights turned out.

### **15. GAME TIME/FINISH TIMES**

- A. For consecutive games, the next game will start no later than fifteen (15) minutes after the previous game, unless that time is earlier than the next scheduled game time.
- B. On Sundays, there is a two-hour limit on games at field # 3, 4, & 5 (provided there is a subsequent game scheduled). This applies to the scheduled start of the game, not the actual start time.
- C. On School night games an inning will not start after 8:00. School nights are Sundays through Thursdays.

### **16. INNING START UP**

- A. Managers/Coaches and Umpires should have all Players hustle on and off the field to keep the game moving along. The umpire has the primary responsibility to keep games moving along.
- B. Excessive stepping out of the batter's box must be discouraged and may be subject to penalty at the discretion of the Umpire.
- C. For regular season games, no inning shall start more than two (2) hours after the first pitch, except for the Majors.

### **17. GROUND RULES AND PRE-GAME DISCUSSION**

- A. Prior to each game both Managers and the Umpires will meet at home plate to discuss ground rules.
- B. At the same time the Managers will discuss and agree to Pitcher eligibility for that game. Scorebooks should be kept up-to-date in case a question arises either during or after the game.  
  
Player's shirt numbers must be noted in all score books for all games.
- C. It is the Managers responsibility to ensure that their team is properly equipped.
- D. Excessive stepping out of the batters box shall result in a warning from the umpire. This applies only to Majors.

### **18. PITCHING**

- A. Please see L.L. Rulebook

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- B. Players refusing promotion to either the Majors or AAA level may not be allowed to pitch at the lower level, AAA or AA respectively, if doing so is deemed unsafe by the Player Agent and/or Safety Officer.
- C. “A” League will utilize “Minor League Coach Pitch” i.e., a Manager/Coach pitches to their own team.

### 19. INDIVIDUAL PLAYING TIME – W.L.L. RULE

- A. To ensure a reasonable amount of playing time for each Player, the following rules will be in effect:

#### 1. Major League – L.L. Rulebook

- All players will get at least the minimum playing time in the field as outlined in the L.L. rule book.
- The batting order will be a continuous rotation that is made-up of every player on the team (that attends the game). If a player arrives late to the game they will be added to the end of the batting order.
- Special pinch runners are allowed twice per game and it may be the same player who pinch runs twice. [The intent of this rule is to allow players, who might otherwise get less playing time, to enjoy more playing time.]

#### 2. AAA, AA, & A –

It is the Manager’s responsibility to maintain equitable playing time for all players, weather permitting. As much as possible every player should play at least half of the game in the field. For a six-inning game this would mean each player plays at least three innings in the field.

- WLL opts for the five run rule to be suspended in the last half inning for either team. Item ‘C’ in the bottom half of the last inning.
  - The batting order will be a continuous rotation that is made-up of every player on the team (that attends the game). If a player arrives late to the game they will be added to the end of the batting order.
  - Special pinch runners are allowed twice per game and it may be the same player who pinch runs twice. [The intent of this rule is to allow players, who might otherwise get less playing time, to enjoy more playing time.]
3. **AA and A Leagues – Rotation of defensive positions:** All Players are to be afforded the opportunity to play in each infield and outfield position at least once during the year (Note: This excludes catching, pitching, and safety concerns). No more than nine defensive Players on the field at a time.

### 20. PLAYOFF GAMES

- A. All playoff games, for either positioning or the championship, will be played at the end of the season after all the regular season games have been completed.

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- B. The playoffs should be scheduled to commence on the Sunday immediately following the regular season. The regular season pitching rules shall apply.
- C. **Playoff Format Majors and AAA** - The Playoff format shall be determined prior to the start of the Official Season, with input and agreement from the Majors Director, the AAA Director and the NCCBL (North Central Connecticut Baseball League).
- D. **Tie Breaker Rules** – In the case of two teams having identical records the tie will be broken using the following:
  - 1. the teams head-to-head record then, if needed,
  - 2. A coin flip.

In the case of more than two teams having identical records the tie will be broken using the following:

- 1. the overall best head-to-head record against other Windsor teams with the same record then, if needed,
- 2. Matching the records against the team with the best won-lost record against the other Windsor Teams (Note: This approach will continue until only two teams are left with the same record, then the above tie breaker will be used.).

### 21. AWARDS (TROPHIES )

Majors and AAA – Trophies will be awarded to each Player on the:

- A. Regular Season Championship Team
- B. Play-off Championship Team

### 22. TOURNAMENT AND ALL STAR TEAM SELECTION

**Mission Statement:** *It is WLL's intent to field the best possible Tournament Teams with the most skilled ,eligible players. Eligibility is determined by completion of the Tournament Eligibility Form.*

Tournament teams permitted by the Board of Directors shall be selected using one of the two authorized methods detailed below, as determined annually by the Vice President in consultation with the Directors of Major Leagues, AAA and AA. WLL intends to field the following Tournament Teams for the 2019 season by using **Method 1** as the selection process.

- 12 Year Old Tournament Team (or 11/12)
- 11 Year Old Tournament Team (or 10/11)
- 9-10 Year Old Tournament Team

Teams can be filled in with younger players only if there are no other eligible players in that age group.

There will only be a tournament team if there are enough players at the age level for the team.

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The Player Agent (or designated representative) must be in attendance at all selection meetings and/or tryouts conducted.

- A. **Method 1-** On or before the next to last week of the regular season (on a date established not less than seven (7) days in advance by the Vice President), the Vice President, the Player Agent, the Major League Director and the regular season Managers of each Major League team shall meet for the purpose of selecting the Williamsport Tournament team (also known as the 11-12 year old All-Star team). The Vice President, each Manager and the Director shall have one vote\* in the selection of the Player Members for that team. Player Members shall be selected for the All Star tournament team by majority vote\*\*. In the event any Manager cannot attend said selection meeting, said Manager shall so notify the Vice President and shall designate in writing a Coach from his/her team to attend said meeting in his/her behalf. Any Coach so designated shall enjoy all of the rights and privileges of the team's Manager, as if said Manager was in attendance.

At the conclusion of the selection of the 11-12 year old Tournament team, the Vice President, the Majors Managers, the Majors Director and the Player Agent shall vote to populate the 9-10 year old tournament team from among the remaining Player Members in the Major, and Minor divisions, employing the same procedure for voting as described above.

W.L.L. will post more specific information on the selection process which will be used each year. This process will be determined by the Vice President, League Director, Player Agent and League Managers, subject to the approval of the President. This information will be posted on the website (WindsorLL.com) no later than two weeks prior to the announcement of the 11-12 and 9-10 year old tournament teams.

\* If the Vice President and/or Director are/is also a Manager, then that individual shall have only one vote.

\*\* The number of Players that can be voted on the team by a majority vote is no less than 11 and no more than 13. This number will be part of the selection process as outlined in the previous paragraph.

### 23. ALL STAR MANAGER AND COACHES SELECTION

- A. Any regular season Manager or Coach at the Major League or Minor Division (AAA, AA, A Divisions) are eligible to Manage or Coach the 9-10 All Star Tournament Team. Major League Managers and Coaches are the **only eligible candidates** to Manage or Coach the 11-12 All Star Tournament Team. Any eligible Manager or Coach who desires to Manage/Coach the 11-12, or 9-10 All Star Tournament team will self-nominate to the Vice President no later than the date set forth by the Vice President each year.
- B. The Vice President shall coordinate/facilitate a meeting between Major League Managers, Major League Director, AAA Director and AA Director to discuss the selection of the 12, 11 and 9-10 All Star Managers and Coaches. Based on a discussion or a vote, the Vice President shall appoint the Managers/Coaches of the 11-12, and 9-10 All-Star teams, subject to the approval of the League President. The Directors of Majors and AAA must notify all Managers and Coaches of the All-Start process, they (the Managers and Coaches) must self-notify the Vice President that they are eligible to be selected as an All-Start manager or Coach. The All-Star Managers and Coaches will be selected after the player selection process.