

PLAINVILLE LITTLE LEAGUE LOCAL RULES

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The following rules are not meant to replace any rules in the Little League Baseball Regulation and Rulebook as published by Little League Baseball, Inc. These rules shall be considered the policy of this League, per Article XII, Section 2 of the Constitution, and all policy shall be voted upon per Article XIII, Section 2 of the Constitution.

ARTICLE I - GENERAL LEAGUE POLICY

Section 1. The League Season shall begin January 1st and terminate no later than October 31st which includes the Fall Ball Season.

Section 2. : The season will consist of two "mini seasons". Each season will consist of an equal number of games. (Ideally 10 each for a total of 20) The winner of "season 1" will play the winner of "season 2" in a best 2 out of 3 series at the end of the season. That winner will be declared Town of Plainville Little League Champion. If the season 1 and 2 winner is the same, that team will be declared the champion.

Section 3. Plainville Little League will require a Registration Fee for each child participating in a Little League program. This fee will be collected annually during the registration period. The fee amount will be set at the time of the annual budget by the Budget Committee and approved by the Board of Directors. These fees are required, regardless of the program levels. The League President must allow for individual hardship cases, where it can be clearly established that a family cannot afford to pay the registration fee. Under no circumstances will a child be denied the opportunity to participate in Little League.

Section 4. Team Sponsor Fees to be determined by the Signs/Sponsors Committee and approved by the Board of Directors. The fee amount to be set at the time of the annual budget by the Budget Committee.

Section 5. Treasurer is appointed to present sponsors and advertising sign contract holder with an annual billing statement by March 1 with collection by May 1st.

Section 6. Rosters for Plainville Little League Baseball and Softball shall be established in accordance with regulation III (a) of the Official Regulation and Playing Rules of Little League Baseball.

Section 7. Managers and (3) Coaches of all Baseball and Softball teams shall be appointed by the President, with approval of the Board of Directors annually. Managers and Coaches must receive a majority vote from the remaining Board of Directors per Article V, Section 2 of the Constitution. Annual re-appointment of Managers and Coaches shall occur. The appointments shall be based on an evaluation by the Managers/Coaches Selection

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Committee and President with the following as guidelines:

- a. Demonstrated commitment to Little League Baseball, Inc. and Plainville Little League.
- b. Attendance at regular and special Board of Directors meetings.
- c. Support of and participation in League activities, including but not limited to:
 1. Conduct with their team both on and off the field.
 2. Cooperation with the Major League Director, Player Agent and President.
 3. Fund raising.
 4. Maintenance of facilities.
 5. Active participation on League committees.
 6. Cooperation with the Little League Auxiliary and team mothers.
 7. Cooperation with the Umpire in Chief and umpire staff.
 8. Home and visitor team Manager duties as specified in the local rules.
 9. Manage and coach with the guidelines the Goals and Expectations Committee in mind
 10. Adhere to Three Strikes Policy

Three Strike Policy is as follows:

1. If a manager or coach is ejected: Automatic 1-2 game suspension based on severity to be determined by a review by the managers and coaches selection committee. Individual will be brought in front of managers and coaches selection committee. Incident will be on the individuals' record.
2. 2nd offense: Automatic 1-2 game suspension based on severity to be determined by a review by the managers and coaches selection committee and/or possible suspension for remainder of season including All Stars and Fall Ball. Individual must submit letter of apology and appear before board of directors for reinstatement.
3. 3rd offense: Lifelong ban in Plainville Little League. District 5 will be notified.

Note: If a coach gets ejected, acting manager WILL ALSO be suspended.
Suspensions will be determined by the managers and coaches selection committee but will not be for the same game(s)

- d. Managers or Coaches not re-appointed shall have the opportunity to appeal the decision to the Board of Directors.

Section 8. Minor Baseball, Junior/Senior/Big League Softball Divisions

- a. Each division shall have a Director who will be a member of the Board of Directors.
- b. The Directors of each division shall operate in accordance with National Rules and such other Local Rules, as necessary, and approved by the Board of Directors.
- c. The Directors of each division shall provide copies of their approved rules to the Board of Directors.

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Section 9. Little League Supplies/Equipment/Property

The League will not lend or rent any equipment for use other than Little League functions.

Section 10. Equipment

- a. All Major League team Managers, AAA, AA, T-Ball, Softball and Junior Baseball Directors shall provide the equipment manager with an actual inventory by September 30th of each year.
- b. The equipment manager shall submit an annual inventory report at the first meeting of the fiscal year (October).
- c. Emergency equipment purchases must be pre-approved by the Equipment Manager and notify the Treasurer after purchase.
- d. All Major Division Baseball players shall return their uniforms, excluding hats and socks, at the end of the last scheduled game including All-Star games.

Section 11. Uniforms. All divisions will have their team equipment inventoried after the end of the season and before the Annual meeting of the Board of Directors on a date determined by the Equipment Manager. Uniforms to consist of and conform to the following:

a. Major League Baseball Teams:

9. Hat with team letter

10. Jersey with number on front and back, team name on front and sponsors name on back

11. Pants

12. Socks

13. Team name and colors as follows:

Bears - Green

Bees - Red

Cubs - Royal Blue

Hawks - Black

Jays - Gold/Purple

Owls - Maroon

Rams - Yellow Gold

Robins - Light Blue/Black

Seals - Navy Blue

Tigers - Orange

b. AAA Teams:

1. Hat with LETTERING

2. T-shirt with number on the back, Team name on the front and Sponsor's name on the back.

c. AA Teams:

3. Hat with LETTERING

4. T-shirt with number on back, Little League Insignia on the shoulder, team name on the front and sponsor, if applicable.

d. T-Ball Teams:

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5. Hat with Plainville P LETTERING
 6. T-shirt with number on back, Little League Insignia on the shoulder, no team name, and sponsor name, if applicable.
- e. Major League Softball Teams:
7. Visor with team letter
 8. Jersey with number on front and back, team name on front and sponsors name on back
 9. Pants
 10. Socks
 11. Team name and colors as follows:
 - Plainville - Royal Blue with White lettering
 - Plainville/Farmington -
- f. Minor Softball Teams:
12. Visor with team letter or Plainville P.
 13. T-shirt with number on the back, Team name on the front and Sponsor's name on the back.

Section 12. All-Star Uniforms:

Uniforms to consist of and conform to the following:

- a. 11-12 year old All-Star Team:
 1. Hat with letter P
 2. Tee shirt with players name and number (1-15) on back, Little League patch on the appropriate sleeve, "Plainville" and number on the front of the uniform.
 3. Gray pants
 4. Socks
 5. Vests with number on back (returnable)
 6. Team Sponsors Name and or Logo (should a sponsor be necessary) will be on the back of the Team tee shirt.
 7. All-Star players to keep both hat and tee shirt at the conclusion of all Tournament play.
 8. Team colors shall consist of Royal Blue, Red and Gray
- b. 10-11 year old Tournament Team:
 9. Hat with letter P
 10. Tee shirt with players name and number (1-15) on back, Little League patch on the appropriate sleeve and "Plainville" and number on the front of the uniform.

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11. Gray pants
 12. Socks
 13. Team colors shall consist of Royal Blue, Red and Gray
 14. Team Sponsors Name and/or Logo (should a sponsor be necessary) will be on the back of the Team tee shirt.
 15. All-Star players to keep both hat and tee shirt at the conclusion of all Tournament play.
- c. 9-10 year old All-Star Team:
16. Hat with letter P
 17. Tee shirt with players name and number (1-15) on back, Little League patch on the appropriate sleeve, "Plainville" and number on the front of the uniform.
 18. Gray pants
 19. Socks
 20. Team colors shall consist of Royal Blue, Red and Gray
 21. Team Sponsors Name and or Logo (should a sponsor be necessary) will be on the back of the Team tee shirt.
 22. All-Star players to keep both hat and tee shirt at the conclusion of all Tournament play.
- d. Any other tournament teams uniforms will be determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 13. Any person, not a member of Plainville Little League, who volunteers for active participation in any Plainville Little League function, may do so only with prior permission from a current member of the Board of Directors.

Section 14. Park and School Field Permits.

Park and school field permits and permission are intended to provide the League with priority to use the facilities over other groups which do not have a permit for Little League sanctioned activities, within the prescribed dates and times on the permits. Little League sanctioned activities generally include the following:

- a. Regular & pre-season games (scheduled, makeup, practice, scrimmage).
- b. Team practice scheduled by a Team Manager or Coach during the pre-season, regular season and Training and Development season.
- c. Clinics scheduled by the League or one of its Directors.
- d. All-Star and Tournament Team clinics, practices and games.
- e. Tournament practices and games.
- f. Any other activity approved in advance by the League Board of Directors, Officers or Division Directors.

Section 15. Team Pictures.

Team pictures shall consist of all players, Manager, Coaches and the team sponsor.

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Section 16. Background Checks.

Managers, Coaches, Umpires, and Any Volunteers, who have repetitive contact with Players are required to complete a Little League volunteer form which grants permission for a criminal background check.

ARTICLE II. – PLAYERS

Section 1. Major League Baseball Player Selection Process:

- a. Players selected to play in the Major League Division shall be determined using Draft System Plan A of Little League Baseball, Inc. Operating Handbook.
- b. Definitions:
 - ‘PLACEMENT’ - a player that meets the age requirements set forth by Little League Baseball, Inc. and has been registered by the Player Agent.
 - ‘NO-SHOW’ - a player who does not participate in the placement process. A no-show player cannot be brought up by a Major League Team during the regularly scheduled playing season, including any playoff games.
- c. The Player Agent shall establish Major League Baseball Placement Clinic dates and a Draft date.
 1. A Chairman shall be appointed to work with Player Agent to organize the Clinic, recruit volunteers and run the Clinic.
 2. Members of the Board who are not active Managers or Coaches of Major Baseball Teams and Managers/Coaches of AA, AAA Minor Divisions shall participate in running the Clinic.
 3. There will be a minimum of two (2) Placement Clinics.
 4. Players must attend at least 50% of the Placement Clinics to be eligible to be drafted by a Major League Baseball Team.
 5. Players selected for a Major League team who then refuse to play on that team are not eligible to play for another Major League team during that season and shall be reassigned to the Minor League System 2.
 6. All AAA All Stars from previous year **MUST** attend a major league clinic. They **DO NOT** need to make themselves eligible for the major league draft. However, if they make themselves ineligible for the major league draft, they **WILL NOT** be permitted to play on the AAA All Star team that year.
- d. Draft System Plan A

After Placement Clinics have been completed all eligible Players, as determined above, shall be eligible for a Major League Division draft at a time and date set by the Player Agent. The Draft process shall be as follows:

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1. All mandatory 12 year olds will be drafted first in the order of last place team 1st and continue in order to the first place team picking 6th. This order will continue until all mandatory 12 year olds have been drafted. Once that is completed, all other eligible players will start being drafted in the same order starting with the last place team picking 1st and continuing until the first place team picks 6th and continuing until all spots have been filled. (EX. If there are 8 mandatory 12's, The last place team will pick 1st, continue through the 1st place team. The last and second to last place team will each pick the remaining two mandatory 12's. Then all other eligible players will be drafted beginning with the last place team, assuming they still have picks.) Any player who does not meet the eligibility requirements for the Draft will automatically be assigned to the Minor League System and is not eligible for a Major League team during that season.
2. Managers must not select more than eight (8) players in any given age group. The team roster may be comprised of players of league age 9, 10, 11 and 12 unless modified by the local league according to options established by Little League Baseball, Inc. All returning 12 year old players must remain in the Major Division.
3. Secrecy: Players, parents or any volunteer shall never be told the position in which they were drafted.
4. Bonus Picks: Each Manager requiring eight or more players prior to the draft to complete the team roster will be allowed one bonus pick at the completion of round four. If more than one Manager is allowed bonus picks under this section, the order of rotation will be identical to that being followed in the draft.
5. Options on Sons, Daughters and Siblings:
 - An option is an agreement between a Manager and the Player Agent covering a special condition.
 - All options must be in writing and submitted to the Player Agent 48 hours prior to the draft.
 - The waiver options are as follows:
 1. **Brothers/Sisters in the Draft**

When there are two or more siblings in the draft, and the first brother or sister is drafted by a Manager, that Manager automatically has an option to draft the other brother or sister by the next round. If this option is not exercised, the second sibling is available to be drafted by any team. **NOTE:** This provision also applies for Managers having eligible brothers or sisters in the draft.
 2. **Brothers/Sisters of Players currently on a team** – If desired, a Manager shall submit an option in writing on a draftee if the player candidate's brother or sister is a member of that Manager's team. If such an option is submitted, the manager **MUST** draft the sibling within the first three draft selections. If the second sibling is not drafted in the first three selections then they are available to be drafted by any team.

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3. Sons/Daughters of Managers

If a Manager has sons/daughters eligible under Regulation II for the draft, and wishes to draft them, the Manager automatically has an option to draft the other brother or sister - that Manager shall submit the option in writing.

4. Sons/Daughters of Coaches

New Coach: a new Coach shall not be appointed nor approved until after the draft to avoid red shirting of players through selective Coaching appointments. The Manager must then obtain the son or daughter through a trade for another player following the Trading Players Rules, below.

Returning Coach: through the Manager, may exercise an option in writing to the Player Agent provided the Coach has

- served as a Manager or Coach at any level of the league for the past 2 years.
- The coach is returning to the same Major league team as last year.

Important: In order for the Manager to exercise this option, the Coach must qualify under BOTH conditions above

5. Draft Rounds:

If the options for sons/daughters of managers or coaches are exercised, the candidates must be drafted in or before the following rounds:

Round	Age
5	9-10
4	11
3	12

7. Parent/Manager option takes priority over any other option.

7. Trading Players.

- 1 Following the Draft, Managers may trade players up until the Final Rosters are due to the Player Agent.
- 2 All Trades must be player for player.
- 3 All Trades must be made through the Player Agent and with the approval of the Player Agent.
- 4 All Trades must be for justifiable reasons and be approved by the Board of Directors.
- 5 In the event any team loses a Roster player after the Draft, they will draft another draft eligible player.
- 6 A returning Manager and or Coach (s) have first choice in selecting his or her child for his own team at the League Draft with waiver provision under option rule. Once he bypasses this option and his child is selected by another team, he loses all rights to this privilege.

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- 7 Parents of Major League players who become Managers or Coaches after their children have been selected to a Major League team may not automatically claim their sons or daughters, but must trade for them at the proper time. All trades must be player for player only, by mutual agreement of the Managers, through the Player Agent, and approved by the Board of Directors.
8. Final Rosters will be submitted to the Player Agent seven (7) days prior to opening day.

Section 2. Mandatory Playing Rule / Substitutions:

Substitutions shall be implemented by each team's offensive half of the fourth inning, penalty shall be the same as outlined by National Rules.

Section 3. In order to verify adherence to the Little League mandatory playing and pitching rules (National Rules IV and VI) opposing team Managers shall review and sign opposing team scorebook.

The teams scorebook shall indicate the names of all pitchers and innings pitched, and any players who did not play six (6) defensive outs and get one (1) at bat (National Rule 4I.)

Violations or discrepancies must be reported to the Major League Director or President within twenty- four (24) hours.

Section 4. No team in Plainville Little League shall be allowed to have more than seven (7) players of any one age.

Section 5. A Manager can in no way be forced to relinquish a player in this manner.

Section 6. Any player released from a Major League team by the Board of Directors must be replaced by the manager of that team within fourteen (14) calendar days, with Board of Directors approval. If not abided by, the Player Agent and Minor League Director will assign the oldest eligible 11 year old player in the Minor League System in that same age group. Should this occur during the last fourteen (14) calendar days of the regularly scheduled season, the Manager of a Major League team may not bring up any Minor League player as a replacement for a released player.

Section 7. All Players shall come from the Player Agent.

Section 8. Every player shall present Proof of Age and the parents shall present proof of residency when he/she originally registers for Little League and again the first year on a Major League team. Ages shall be verified by the President.

Section 9. Medical Release Forms must be obtained from all players in all divisions of the league prior to participation in clinics, practices or games.