

CHULA VISTA AMERICAN LITTLE LEAGUE BY LAWS

ARTICLE I

SECTION 1

RECORDS:

- A. All records pertaining to the operation of all teams, player records, draft or auction data, insurance policies, claims waivers, releases and all other league records shall be kept in duplicate; one copy in the principal place of business of this organization and the other copy in the care of the appropriate officer or director.

SECTION 2

EXECUTING CONTRACTS:

- A. Any and all contracts, which may be executed in the name of the organizations, shall be in such form to be consistent with the law or with these By-Laws and shall be approved by the Board of Directors.
- B. All contracts, authorized by the Board of Directors or its representatives, shall be signed by the President, or in his/her absence, by the Vice-President of Operations.
- C. The President and Treasurer are authorized to contract businesses or expenses not to exceed \$500.00 during any calendar month unless approved by the Vice President and Treasurer.

SECTION 3

GENERAL RULES:

- A. No booing or ridiculing by any person will be allowed. Any member of this league will take steps necessary to stop it.
- B. No liquor, tobacco or pets will be allowed on the Little League grounds at any time.
- C. Use of the ball park will be allowed by special permission of the Board of Directors only.
- D. No ball playing will be allowed outside the ball park area.
- E. Only persons with specific jobs, with an approved volunteer application on file with the League Safety Officer, will be permitted on the playing field, in dugouts while a game is in progress.

ARTICLE II - LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL

SECTION I

MANAGERS:

- A. The selection of all team managers will be made by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors.

B. Each team shall be allowed three (3) adult persons on the playing field, with the exception of Tee Ball and Caps-they will be allowed (4), one of whom shall be designated as the Manager and the other two shall be designated coaches.

C. Managers shall serve for a period of one (1) year and must renew their application of manager each year, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.

D. Each Manager may select coaches of his/her own choosing after teams are determined, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.

RULES TO BE EXPLAINED TO PLAYERS and PARENTS BY THE MANAGER:

A No hitting or pushing.

B No cursing or temperamental outbursts.

C No player will contest or argue a decision made by any umpire. If a rule is broken, consult your Manager.

D Show good sportsmanship on and off the field at all times.

E No player will leave the dugout for any reason without the permission of the Manager or coach.

F No equipment, bats, helmets or gloves will be thrown on the ground as a result of temper. The penalty for this shall be a warning from the umpire and if repeated, the player will be removed from the game.

G No razzing or bullying of any player or players by other players or spectators. The umpire shall take appropriate action when this occurs.

H Approved Little League shoes or tennis shoes shall be worn by the players.

I All players are required to attend greater than 50% of games and practices each week. After continued, unexcused absences, the manager shall:

1. Contact the child and the parents to find out reasons for habitual absences and ask the child not miss any more games or practices. This would conclude First Warning.
2. If absences are still unexcused and habitual, the Manager would have the authority to sit a child out for a game in helping to prevent the child from further absences.
3. The Manager shall contact the Players Agent and President at least 24 hours prior to taking this action.
4. This notification of the Player Agent and the President must be both verbal and in writing.
5. The child and parents shall also be informed 24 hours prior to the game. The child must be at the game, in uniform, and sit in the dugout.

RULES FOR THE MANAGERS:

A. Enforce the rules set up by the Little League International and the Local Board of Directors.

- B. A Manager will be responsible for the conduct of spectators as specified in the Little League Rule Book. Managers are responsible for the conduct of spectators on their side. No conduct detrimental to players or the Little League will be allowed.
- C. Treat each player as an individual.
- D. Show good sportsmanship at all times.
- E. Teams shall keep their own scorebook, preferably kept by the Manager or coach.
- F. Managers shall notify the Official Scorekeeper and the opposing team manager of all changes in their lineup during the game.
- G. An umpire's judgment decision cannot be protested.
- H. Playing time is as dictated in the Little League International Rules and Regulations.
 - 1. An exception is taken in the event of a game shortened because of darkness, rain, time limitations or other unforeseen events. The last inning will be considered a full inning when the last half inning is not played due to the home team having the winning score.
 - 2. Managers will be allowed to remove players for disciplinary reasons. Players in a disciplinary status shall be reported to the Official Scorekeeper prior to the commencement of the game or at the time of the incident, if it occurs during the game. A reported player will not be allowed to play in that game from that point.
 - 3. Managers will turn in a list of absentees to the Official Scorekeeper prior to the game.
 - 4. Any Manager who violates the above will be penalized by having to play the offended team an aggregate total of the first four (4) consecutive innings the very next game. Players will not be benched for disciplinary reasons in this instance.
- I. No Manager will display temperamental outbursts toward the umpire or any player. A normal tone of voice will be used at all times.
- J. It shall be the responsibility of the manager to insure that equipment is properly stored in the dugout.
- K. The use of tobacco in any form will not be allowed on school grounds. This rule applies to the parking lot, playing fields, and dugouts. This also applies to managers, coaches, players, parents and umpires.
- L. Ball playing on the ball field must be under the supervision of the manager or coach.
- M. In the Majors division, if during the season the manager permanently loses a player due to illness, moving from the area, etc., such player will be replaced by a draft from a Minor team or from a standby list of players available, within fourteen (14) days of the loss.
- N. In the Majors division, any player picked up in the last two weeks shall not be an option player without parental consent. No player shall be picked up in the last two weeks unless two players have been lost. One player for every two lost, if a team loses two players of age 12; the replacement has to be a twelve year old.

- O. A manager will be subject to being relieved of his duties with the Little League if rules are flagrantly violated. Managers may be reprimanded by the members of the Board of Directors at the next meeting of the Board. The Safety Officer may reprimand managers for Safety violations only.
- P. Prior to the start of each game, the home team is responsible for set up of the fields. Set up includes dragging the fields, chalking, and putting waste receptacles out at both home and visitor bleachers.
- Q. After the completion of each game, the visiting team shall be responsible for the condition and the cleanliness of the field and the adjoining grounds. This includes putting away bases, helmets, and waste receptacles. Spectators are urged to use the waste receptacles provided. No player will be served at the concession stand until the Manager of his team verifies that the fields and stands have been policed. Majors and Minor A rake clay back to the mound, add ice, and mound cover.
- R. In the Minor A and Majors divisions, the home team shall be responsible for the official scorebook and the visiting team shall be responsible for the pitch count of both teams.
- S. No parent, unless designated as a coach or Manager with an approved and current Little League Volunteer Application Form on file, is allowed in the dugout or on the playing field during practices and games.
- T. Managers will not hold a team practice except on the fields approved by the Board of Directors.
- U. Managers shall hold no more than four (4) team practices or two (2) practices and two (2) games per calendar week and practices shall continue no later than dusk or sundown.

SECTION 2

PLAYER SELECTION SYSTEM:

The player selection system is adopted nationally by Little League Baseball. All effective amendments hereby is adopted, made a part of, and incorporated herein as though the same were set forth herein in full.

A. REGISTRATION PROCEDURES:

1. Registration will be held on dates and times as set forth by the Board of Directors.
2. Original birth certificates brought by applicants must be read and recorded by the registering officer.
3. Each applicant's name, address, telephone number and birth date must be entered on the registration form.
4. Each applicant shall be given a league code of conduct to be completed by parents or guardians.

B. LEAGUE TRY-OUTS AND DRAFT PROCEDURES:

1. Try-out practice sessions for applicants will be held on the two consecutive Saturdays following the last regular registration date. The only exception for postponement will be for inclement weather, in which case the try-out date(s) can be moved by one week.

2. The Major League players' draft will be conducted on a date to be set by the Board of Directors and shall be held in accordance with the Little League Baseball Handbook and Manual. Players must attend a minimum of 50% of the tryouts in order to be eligible for the draft to the Major League. The 50% rule can be waived if excused by the Players Agent and Executive Board due to illness or injury at the time of the tryouts or if there is evidence to suggest that a player, player or manager is trying to manipulate the placement of one or more players into a division or team.
3. Players of league age 9 are typically exempted from the Major League at Chula Vista American. However, parents may elect to have their 9 year old child tryout for the Majors division with the players ages 10-12 if they feel his/her skills may be worthy of that division. Placement in the Major Division, however, can only happen if the managers of the Majors division choose to draft that player. It is recommended that no player, league age 9, should be drafted to Majors if it is the intent of the manager to play that player minimum playing time as approved by Little League rule.
4. Major League teams will consist of eleven (11) players; a list of which must be submitted to the Players Agent within one week following the players' draft or auction, along with shirt number assignment, team manager's name, the coach's names, and phone numbers.
5. The Minor A and Minor B draft will be an open draft in which all managers, after having graded all players eligible at the tryouts, will create even teams together. Each manager will have input on each player chosen to each team. Players will be selected for each team based on a majority vote by managers that that player belongs to a certain team based on the talents he potentially brings to that team. Managers' sons/daughters are to be included in this process and put into the team draft based on their ability. It is suggested that each manager's child be originally placed on a different team to ensure that the team selection work more easily. After all players have been selected and specifically placed on each team with the intent to create equal and balanced teams, the managers will conduct a blind draw to be awarded a random team. When a manager is awarded a team, his/her son/daughter, if not already on the team he/she has been awarded, shall trade for a player of equal value as determined by the rest of the managers and approved by the Player Agent in order to acquire that manager's own child. The purpose of this draft is to create a balanced and even division of teams/players.
6. A 7 year old players should not be drafted into Minor A unless they are deemed a safety issue for Minor B. All players must attend 50% of the tryouts in order to be eligible for the Minor Draft. Any 10 or 11 year old player who does not attend the required amount of tryouts shall be drafted by a blind draw. The 50% rule can be waived if excused by the Players Agent and Executive Board due to illness or injury at the time of the try-outs or if there is evidence to suggest that a player or manager is trying to manipulate the placement of one or more players into a division or team.
7. After the selection of all eligible 10, 11, and 12-year-old players who attended a try-out, the remaining 10, 11, and 12-year-old player names will be placed into a container. Managers will select the players by blind draw in the order of the draft until all players are assigned to teams.
8. The Player Agent, President and at least one board member (or representative) if requested by the Player Agent will sort T-ball teams. Representatives may be recommended by the president and approved by the board.
9. Any child that develops into a safety problem within their assigned division can be moved down to a lower division, or up to a higher division at the discretion of the Player Agent and Division Coordinator.

C. PROCEDURES FOR REPLACEMENT OF VACANCIES:

1. All replacements will be brought up from the Minor League system by draft through the Players Agent. Managers shall make no commitments to any player or team manager.
2. Major League Managers must notify the Players Agent immediately when a vacancy actually exists. The Players Agent shall determine if there is actually a vacancy.
3. The Major Manager shall submit the name of the desired draftee to the Players Agent only after a vacancy actually exists. If in case the Players Agent has notice of more than one manager desiring to draft the same player, the manager first submitting the name of the desired draftee shall have priority on that particular player.
4. Minor team managers will notify the Players Agent of any existing vacancies and shall submit the name of the proposed replacement to the Players Agent for certification of eligibility.
5. The Players Agent will, in the following order:
 - A. Reaffirm eligibility and age.
 - B. Contact the desired draftee's parents.
 - C. Contact the Minor team manager.
 - D. Make final disposition of the draft.

D. MIDSEASON DRAFTS

1. Midseason drafting as a replacement player to the Major Division except those 9 year-old-players with valid waivers. A player who is selected to move from the ALL players in the Minor "A" Division, league age 9 or above, is eligible for Minor "A" Division to the Major Division has three (3) options:
 - A. Move to the Major team.
 - B. If said player declines placement to the Major team, the penalties placed upon said player are as follows (except the child of the Manager or Coaches see "**" below.)
 - I. The player will be required to move to the team of the player who is moving to the Majors in his/her place.
 - II. The player will not be eligible for any future drafts during the season.
 - III. The player will not be eligible for any All-star team or Tournament of Champions (TOC) play.
 - C. Elect to leave the league (No reimbursement will be made).

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2. The parents or guardian of the child that has been selected to move to the Majors Division must understand this ruling and indicate their decision on a form (enclosure 7), provided by the Player Agent. If the parent (s)/ guardian (s) have any questions, contact the Player Agent or an Executive board member. They should not discuss this with their present manager or coach. Manager and coaches have nothing to do with this process.
3. Managers and Coaches must not interfere with the parent/guardian's decision.
4. The Executive Board will discipline any manager or Coach found interfering with this process.

E. MINOR "B" / T-BALL PLAYER MOVES

1. All older (7, 8, or 9 year old) children in Minor "B" and T-Ball divisions that have completed the minimum requirements of Little League are eligible to be moved up one level throughout the season as the child's talents improve. This will be left up to the approval of the Player Agent with the agreement of the parent (s) or guardian (s).
2. There will be no penalties placed on any child that develops into a safety problem within their assigned division and can be moved down or up to another division at the discretion of the Player Agent and the Division Coordinator.

SECTION 3

A. TOURNAMENT PLAY:

1. Tournament play shall be in accordance with the Little League Tournament regulations and all amendments thereto as issued at regular intervals by Little League Baseball, Inc., of Williamsport, Pennsylvania, and such regulations and amendments are hereby adopted, made a part of and incorporated herein as though the same were set forth in full.
2. The tournament team, its manager and coach, to participate in authorized Little League tournament play, shall be selected in the manner prescribed by the Board of Directors.

B. MAJOR TOURNAMENT PLAY – MAJOR LEAGUE ALL STAR TEAM

1. Before the last game of the regular scheduled Major League season all Major League players will vote to select six (6) player members to represent Chula Vista American Little League in regular tournament play.

2. The Major League Managers will then meet to select the remaining 5 players. The last player will be selected by the Manager. The Manager of the team will be chosen by a vote of the President and the Executive Board.
3. The elected Manager will then select his coach from the remaining group of Major League Managers or Coaches.
4. The Manager of the tournament team will select three alternates. Alternates may only attend practice. Alternates may not wear uniforms or participate in the team photo.
5. All player members must have played at least one half of the season to be qualified to participate.
6. The Monitor of the Tournament Team Committee, the Players Agent, shall be responsible for ensuring that the Major player members fully understand the ballot and how it is to be marked.
7. The President of the league will specify the time and place of the balloting with the approval of the Board of Directors.
8. The names of all eleven (11) and twelve (12) year old Major Player members who meet the requirements for tournament play, shall be placed on the Tournament Selection Ballot.
9. A Committee appointed by the President shall meet at least two (2) weeks prior to the end of the scheduled Major League season to tabulate and compile the list that will comprise the Players of the Tournament Team.
10. All duly elected Major Players shall be notified as soon as National Rules allow.

C. 10 AND 11 YEAR OLD ALL STAR TEAM

1. The 10/11 All-Star team shall be comprised of any league age 10 or 11-year-old player.
2. Players of the major divisions are eligible.
3. Major managers may nominate any 10/11 year old player to attend a workout. This workout should be scheduled at least one week prior to the end of the season. The intent of the workout is to allow managers to view players together in order to facilitate the selection of the 9/10 All Star team.
4. The President shall select a manager and present the manager to the board for approval.
5. The president and the 10/11 All-Star manager shall each recommend one coach for the All-Star team.
6. The manager shall chair a meeting of Major and Minor A managers, the Players Agent, and one additional board member to select the team.
7. The team selected may be increased up to the Little League maximum by vote of the managers. The managers shall select the first 10 Players.
8. The 10/11 All Star manager shall have the option of selecting the last two picks and be responsible for any tie-breakers.

D. 9 AND 10 YEAR OLD ALL STAR TEAM

1. The 9/10 All-Star team shall be comprised of any league age 9 or 10-year-old player.
2. Players of the Major or Minor A divisions are eligible. Major and Minor A managers may nominate any 9/10 year old player to attend a workout. This workout should be scheduled at least one week prior to the end of the season. The intent of the workout is to allow managers to view players together in order to facilitate the selection of the 9/10 All Star team.
3. The President shall select a manager and present the manager to the board for approval. The president and the 9/10 All-Star manager shall each recommend one coach for the All-Star team.
4. The manager shall chair a meeting of Major and Minor A managers, the Players Agent, and one additional board member to select the team.
5. The team selected may be increased up to the Little League maximum by vote of the managers. The managers shall select the first 10 Players.
6. The 9/10 All Star manager shall have the option of selecting the last two picks and be responsible for any tie-breakers.

E. TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS – MAJOR & MINOR DIVISIONS

1. Tournament of Champions (T.O.C.) play shall be in accordance with Little League T.O.C. regulations and all amendments thereto as issued at regular intervals by Little League Baseball, Inc., of Williamsport, Pennsylvania, and San Diego Little League District 42 and such regulations and amendments are hereby adopted, made a part of and incorporated herein as though the same were set forth in full.
2. The Managers with approval of the President shall select the T.O.C team, its manager and coaches, to participate in authorized Little League T.O.C. play.
3. In the event that a T.O.C. team manager is unable to manage his/her team due to other Little League commitments, the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors will appoint an interim manager for the T.O.C.
4. The major league managers immediately following selection of the Major league All-Star team shall select players for the Major League T.O.C. team. A minimum of twelve players shall be selected.
5. Manager shall have the option of selecting the last two picks. The first five selections to the Majors TOC team shall be alternates to the Major All-Star team. An attempt will be made to give preference to 12-year-old players and to select a minimum of one player from every team.
6. Players for the Minor TOC team shall be selected by the Minor A managers immediately following the selection of the 9/10 year old All-Star team. A minimum of twelve players shall be selected.
7. The TOC manager shall have the option of selecting the last two picks. An attempt will be made to select one player from each Minor A team.
8. Any player, regardless of age, is eligible to participate in the TOC tournament, however players league age 12 are not eligible to pitch.

9. Players for the 7/8 TOC team shall be selected by the Minor A managers immediately following the selection of the Minor TOC team.
10. A minimum of 12 players will be selected from a pool of players that have tried out for the team.

PRESIDENT'S NAME: Martin Gutierrez

PRESIDENT'S SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

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