

# **WEST VALLEY LITTLE LEAGUE BYLAWS**

## **WVLL: COACH RULES**, to include all divisions of WVLL

“All divisions of West Valley Little League Baseball practice and game play shall be conducted in accordance with the Little League Official Regulations and Playing Rules for Baseball AND all policies set forth by Little League District 12 for Baseball, WITH the application of the following WVLL Local Bylaws.”

MOST RECENT REVISION: March 2014

### SECTION 1: ALLOWED IN DUGOUT

The only people allowed in the dugout during the game are the players, manager and two (2) coaches of record. EXCEPTION: If a team is short on help in the dugout, a parent [who has completed a current Volunteer Application Form/Background Check, that was approved], may assist in the dugout for that game. Volunteer Applications should be submitted prior to the start of the season, before any contact or involvement with WVLL players. At NO time will more than 3 adults be allowed in the dugout.

### SECTION 2: STEPPING DOWN (removed 3/2010)

### SECTION 3: FIELD PREPARATION

Both teams are responsible for getting the field ready. Each team must have a representative present (1) one hour prior to game time for field prep, no exceptions. The “home” team has the 3rd base dugout, and is responsible for getting and returning the bases to the storage area. Both teams are responsible for field clean up after the game as well. Each team is to remove all garbage from the dugouts and the bleacher areas following games. ALL FIELD EQUIPMENT must be returned to the storage sheds at the end of the day [bases, rakes, chalkers, pitching mounds, drag screens - everything]. WVLL encourages both teams to work together in these matters.

### SECTION 4: FIELD WARM UP

Neither team is to use the infield for a formal pre-game infield/outfield warm up. Managers and Coaches may use the outfield and batting cages to warm up their players prior to the game

### SECTION 5: LATE PLAYER

Players coming late to a game can be added to the bottom of the batting order.

### SECTION 6: UMPIRE

The umpire is in control of the game. Managers and coaches can be ejected by the umpire. Ejection means leaving the confines of the park. “Judgement calls” made by the umpire cannot be changed. (Examples: out, safe, ball, strike).

## SECTION 7: BASE COACHING

Managers and coaches are allowed to base coach. It will be the decision of the manager if a player may base coach. If a player does base coach, they must be in full uniform, including a batting helmet. Any two (2) adults are allowed to coach the bases in the minors.

## SECTION 8: EJECTED FROM THE GAME – Manager or Coach [revised Feb. 2013]

The following action[s] will be enforced on a manager or coach who has been ejected from a game[s].

1<sup>st</sup> OFFENSE. Removal from the Park for the remainder of the current game, and SUSPENSION for the next one [1] game.

2<sup>nd</sup> OFFENSE. Automatic SUSPENSION for the remainder of the year, including City Tournament and All-Star managing/coaching opportunities.

FUTURE MANAGING/COACHING possibilities. In order for an individual to participate in managing/coaching duties in WVLL in future seasons, who has been ejected from 2 games, that individual must appeal for reinstatement to the WVLL BOD at a WVLL BOD meeting.

## SECTION 9: WARMING UP PITCHERS

Managers, coaches and coach approved adults will be allowed to warm up the pitchers between innings and in the “warm up” areas down the foul lines.

Umpires must enforce warm up rules between innings and new pitchers (New pitchers throw 8 warm up pitches and returning pitchers throw 5).

## SECTION 10: DURING GAMES

Players, managers and coaches are to stay in the confines of the playing field during their games. Concessions are off limits during your ballgame.

## SECTION 11: DRESS CODE

Managers and coaches must not wear conventional baseball uniforms or shoes with metal spikes but may wear a cap, slacks/shorts and shirt.

## SECTION 12: SUBMITTING GAME RESULTS

The manager of both teams must submit game results immediately following the end of the game. Game results [line-up cards] should be turned over to the umpire with game specifics. Also, game results should be emailed to the appropriate designated person for updating game standings.

## SECTION 13: LINE-UP SHEETS

Managers/coaches are to note on their line-up sheets, their pitchers league age and number of pitches that each player has pitched for that week. At the conclusion of the game, the “head” umpire will verify the number of pitches pitched by all players in the game. The umpire and both managers will “sign off” on the umpire’s line-up sheet prior to turning it in to the league. Pitch counts for each player will also be recorded.

*Added 2018:* Each coach will nominate up to two “all stars” at the completion of the game from the opposing team on their game scorecard. These nominations will be reviewed in accordance with the all-stars selection protocol.

Also, managers need to list the number of batters each pitcher faces per game. This is most important for 11 and 10 yr olds pitching in the major league and 9 and 8 yr olds pitching in the minor league. See WVLL Local rules, Sec. 16 for rule details.

## SECTION 14: SPONSOR FEE

Official team rosters and team sponsor fees must be turned in to league officials by opening day. If this date does not work for a manager/coach, then an alternate date must be set. This is the responsibility of the manager/coach to set with league official. The amount of the sponsor fee for a Major/Minor/Rookie and Juniors team will be determined annually by the WVLL Board of Directors, and will be announced at the coaches meeting prior to the start of the season. Under the discretion of the board, teams that do not pay their sponsor fees WILL NOT participate in the City Tournaments.

## SECTION 15: EQUIPMENT

Managers and coaches are responsible for the safety of their players. They need to make sure all equipment is in proper working order. If any piece of equipment is below standards, make sure players do not continue to use this piece of equipment and league officials should be notified of needed equipment.

## SECTION 16: SELECTION OF MANAGERS/COACHES

Managers and coaches must be approved by the league President and the Executive Board of Directors. WVLL reserves the right to approve and disapprove of team managers and coaches. Managers/coaches that do not secure a sponsor fee for their team or participate in league fundraising activities may not be asked to manage/coach in the future seasons and may not be eligible to coach in post season.

Managers/coaches must attend at least one of the two field maintenance days; the team will forfeit their games until that commitment has been fulfilled.

## SECTION 17: MANAGER/COACHES RESPONSIBILITY FOR PLAYER SAFETY

Managers and coaches will not permit players to climb on fences, dugout walls or stand on benches in dugouts, for obvious safety reasons.

#### SECTION 18: ABUSIVE LANGUAGE ABUSIVE LANGUAGE

ABSOLUTELY NO swearing or abusive language will be used by managers, coaches, umpires, players, spectators. (Managers/coaches are responsible for their spectators).

#### SECTION 19: DRUGS/ALCOHOL

Any manager, coach, umpire, player who reports to a game and is under the influence of drug/alcohol will automatically be suspended for the season.

#### SECTION 20: UNIFORM COLLECTION (deleted 3/2010)

#### SECTION 21: OPENING CEREMONY

The league expects all of the teams to be represented on "Opening Day" ceremony. Managers/coaches please plan accordingly.

#### SECTION 22: FUND-RAISERS

WVLL will conduct one fundraiser per year, utilizing players, as permitted by National Little League. Each player is expected to participate in our fundraiser. Fundraising is our main source of income for the year. Detailed information will be provided to each manager/coach as to what the year's fundraiser will be. WVLL and teams can host other fundraising events throughout the year but cannot use players for any of these events and cannot utilize fundraising dollars to benefit an individual team in the name of WVLL or Little League baseball. All fundraisers must be approved by the President and the WVLL Executive Board prior to the event.

#### SECTION 23: BACKGROUND CHECK

All managers, coaches and parent helpers (anyone coming into contact with children involved in WVLL) will be required to fill out the necessary forms for the league to complete a background check. WVLL reserves the right to not allow someone to manage/coach due to the information obtained through this check.

#### SECTION 24: PLAYER AGENTS

Player agents need to know all issues as they arise between players and coaches.

#### SECTION 25: GRIEVANCE BOARD/COMMITTEE

The Grievance committee needs to be formed to handle any issues regarding players, coaches, managers, rules etc. (Board representation, parent/coaches/player agents/league coordinators).

SECTION 26. CRITERIA USED TO SELECT MANAGER/COACH GROUP. [Feb. 2013]

The following list of criteria will be used to select which manager/coach staff would be given a team for that year, given the unfortunate situation that there are not enough players to fill rosters for all those wanting to manage/coach a team.

1. Establish interest in coaching via a written sign-up, by a given date [ie: Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>].
2. Ask if any manager/coach group would be willing to withdraw from consideration.
3. Manager –or- Coach participation in specific LL division the previous year.
  - a. Priority would be given to a manager *or* coach who actively managed or coached during the previous year of WVLL, who is returning to the same league. Example: a returning MAJOR league manager would be given priority over a MINOR league manager wanting to join the MAJOR league division.
4. Manager + Coaches TOTAL combined years of involvement: all divisions of WVLL.
  - a. Priority would be given to the group with the highest number of combined years coaching or managing in all divisions of WVLL.
5. Overall Support of WVLL.
  - a. This general criteria would include multiple aspects illustrating how a potential manager/coach has represented/supported WVLL in the past. Criteria to be used, but not limited to: ejection(s) from WVLL games, missed concession stand duties, participation in field work days, punctual player team fees, reporting of game scores and player pitch counts, etc.

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