

# **TRI-CITY LITTLE LEAGUE**

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LOCAL RULES & PROCEDURES

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## Overview

The following rules, regulations and local policies and procedures have been discussed and approved by the Tri-City Little League (TCLL) Board of Directors. The local rules of TCLL do not supersede the league constitution or Little League Rules and Regulations.

## Board of Director Responsibilities

The responsibilities of the members of the Board of Directors are outlined in the TCLL Constitution (available for viewing on the TCLL website: [tricitylittleleague.com](http://tricitylittleleague.com) or upon a written request made to the Board of Directors).

The following responsibilities have been assigned to the designated Board of Director's position for the 2016 Little League season:

### President

- Will refrain from voting during Board of Director meetings unless there is a tie. The President's vote shall break the tie.

### Vice President

- Assist the Field Coordinators with the practice schedule for the spring baseball season.
- Assist all Board of Directors in their efforts to execute their duties and provide coordination and guidance as necessary or as requested.
- Prepare game schedules for Spring Season

### Player Agent(s)

- Prepare tournament team (All Star) selection voting ballots and supervise process.
- Tally the All Star votes with the President.
- On a weekly basis, monitor that all players, within his/her division, have participated for the minimum playing time in accordance with the Little League and Local League Rules and report any issues to the Board of Directors. This can be achieved by monitoring scorebooks (if applicable) and speaking to parents, Managers and Coaches.
- Evaluate safety issues.

### Field Coordinator(s)

- Prepare a schedule of practice times and locations for pre-season, during the season and post-season practices for his/her division, with the assistance of the Vice President.
- Re-schedule all games that have been delayed or suspended.

### League Information Officer

- Post & maintain game schedules for all divisions and game scores for the Major, Junior & Senior divisions on the leagues website

## Membership

- Membership eligibility and determination is outlined in the TCLL Constitution
- Membership fees are included with annual spring season registration fees.
- Only regular members in good standing are allowed to vote as defined by the constitution, which includes participation in the annual Board of Director elections.

## **Manager/Coach/Player Misconduct**

It is the responsibility of each Board Member to investigate and report to the Local League President, any incidents of manager, coach, or player misconduct. This information is to be presented to the Board of Directors by the President, to determine the appropriate course of disciplinary action, if deemed necessary. Any manager, coach or player ejected from a game, for any reason, will, without exception, be automatically suspended for the next game (A Little League rule).

An attempt will be made to have a minimum of one Board Member present or on call each day that any regularly scheduled games are being played at TCLL, during the spring season, to handle any situations that arise requiring the intervention of a Board Member.

## **Cell Phone Usage During Games**

If a manager or coach finds it necessary to answer a telephone call during the game, and they are on the field, they should call time and remove/replace themselves. If they are in the dugout, then they should remove themselves from the dugout to take the call. Upon returning, the umpire should be informed prior to entering the dugout. For safety purposes, there is to be no texting while on the field.

If a coaching staff would like to use an electronic device to keep score or track pitching, the umpire is to be informed at the plate meeting.

## **Manager Selection Process**

1. Every Manager must re-apply for a Manager's position for the Spring season.
2. Manager and Coach applications will be completed online through the Tri-City Little League website.
3. Manager Interviews for the AA/AAA/Major/Junior/Senior divisions will be conducted in December 2021. Manager Interviews for the TBall/Farm/A divisions will be conducted in January 2022.
4. All interviews will be conducted by the Manager Selection Committee. Recommendations for managers will be made to the Board of Directors by this committee.
5. All Manager Applicants will be required to go through this interview process. If the Manager Applicant is out of town during these two dates, prior arrangements must be made through the Board President to schedule another interview time.
6. Deadline for Manager Applications: at the conclusion of the Manager Interviews.
7. Managers will be notified of this deadline via the Tri-City Little League website.
8. If there are not enough Managers to fill all of the available positions in a specific division and a Manager applies after the Deadline Date, an interview will be conducted prior to recommending Manager to the Board of Directors for approval.
9. The Board of Directors will have final approval on all Manager Applicants.
10. If there are more Manager Applicants than there are positions for a specific division, the additional Managers will be ranked in an order to be assigned to any additional teams added as final registrations are processed. The Board of Directors must approve these Managers as deserving of a team.
11. Manager Approval will be based on the following:
  - Returning managers are primarily selected on the following criteria:
    - Their interaction with their players and parents during previous season(s) managed
    - The Manager Evaluations received from the previous season(s) managed
    - Whether or not they demonstrate that the players are their main concern, not their own personal agenda
    - Whether or not they consistently abide with Little League Rules, the Local Ground Rules, and the Sportsmanship Code of Conduct.
    - Their Manager Interview
    - Willingness to abide by the Manager and Coach Commitment Statement (part of the Manager or Coach Application Packet)

- New Managers will be based on the following:
  - Their Manager Interview
  - References
  - Knowledge of the game and past experience as a Manager or Coach
  - Willingness to abide by the Manager and Coach Commitment Statement (part of the Manager or Coach Application Packet)
12. The Board of Directors has the right to reject any manager or a position for any reason it deems necessary to protect the integrity of the league and the children playing in the league.
  13. All Coaches must be approved by the Board of Directors
  14. All Managers and Coaches must fulfill the Little League International training requirement to have completed at least one Little League approved clinic within the previous three years (e.g. for 2022 spring season, they must have completed a clinic in 2020, 2021, or 2022, since they are typically in January-March each year. Since COVID, there is flexibility on the completion of Manager and Coaches training). Any Manager or Coach that does not meet this requirement during the season or post-season will not be allowed in the dugout or on the field during games.  
**Exception:** First-year managers and coaches in Minor AA and below are exempt from this requirement although they are strongly encouraged to have completed this training.

## TCLL Divisions & Player Selection Process

The divisions for the 2022 spring season are defined below. The general age requirements, player selection process and other division requirements are defined as follows:

### All Divisions:

- Teams are assigned based on the recommendation of the manager selection committee.
- An attempt will be made to create parity among the teams and all assignments will be presented and approved by the Board of Directors.
- Players age 7 through 12 who have played in the A, AA or AAA divisions are eligible to participate in the annual tryouts for possible selection to an AA, AAA or Major division team. 12 year olds participating in TCLL for the first time must also tryout. Players under the age of 7 who have played in the A Division will require board approval for participation.
- No player shall be allowed to skip a division.
- 12 year olds may request to remain in minors and participate in the AAA division. Parents will be required to fill out a waiver, and the player will be evaluated by the Player Agent and Safety Officer. If the player is deemed a safety issue for the Major Division, the TCLL Board of Directors and District 11 Administrator will need to approve the request prior to it being granted. 12 year olds approved for the AAA division are ineligible to pitch and will not be eligible for the Major division if a replacement player is needed.
- 9 year olds who have played at least one year in Minor AAA may participate in the Major Draft if they are deemed a safety issue for other Minor AAA players. Parents will be required to fill out a waiver, and the player will be evaluated by the Player Agent and Safety Officer. If the player is deemed a safety issue for the Minor AAA Division, the request will also require the TCLL Board of Directors approval.
- For divisions that redraft, draft order is determined by lottery. Draft method will follow a serpentine order (1<sup>st</sup> round 1-8; 2<sup>nd</sup> round 8-1, etc.)

**Tri-City Little League will field teams in the following divisions with their respective age guidelines:**

### Seniors:

- 14-16 year-olds.
- Eligible players will be assigned to teams by the Junior/Senior Player Agent

### Juniors:

- 13-14 year-olds.
- Eligible players will participate in a tryout.
- Returning players are not retained by the team from the prior spring season.
- Draft order is determined by lottery and the draft will follow a serpentine selection process.

#### **Intermediate (50/70):**

- 13 year-olds.
- Eligible players will participate in a tryout.
- Draft order is determined by lottery and the draft will follow a serpentine selection process

#### **Majors:**

- 10-12 year-olds. (9 year olds with an approved waiver and approval from Board and D11)
- Eligible players will participate in a tryout.
- Returning players are not retained by the team from the prior spring season.
- Only players who participate in the annual spring tryout are eligible to be drafted to the major division.
- Draft order is determined by lottery and the draft will follow a serpentine selection process.
- Maximum of two 9/10-year olds per team. Maximum 8 players 11 or 12 years old per team. Maximum of 12 players per team.

#### **Minor AAA:**

- 8-11 year-olds
- Undrafted players from the major division draft are eligible for the AAA draft.
- All 11 year olds not drafted into the major division must be selected in the AAA draft.
- One manager's option to be selected in the 3<sup>rd</sup> round of the draft. The manager's option must be the child of a regular coach on the team.
- One coach's option to be selected in the 4th round of the draft. The coach's option must be the child of a regular coach on the team.
- Maximum of 12 players per team

#### **Minor AA:**

- 7-10 year-olds
- Undrafted players from the AAA division draft are eligible for the AA draft.
- All 10 year olds not drafted into the AAA division must be selected in the AA draft.
- One manager's option to be selected in the 3<sup>rd</sup> round of the draft. The manager's option must be the child of a regular coach on the team.
- One coach's option to be selected in the 4th round of the draft. The coach's option must be the child of a regular coach on the team.

#### **Minor A:**

- 6-9 year-olds
- Undrafted players from the AA division draft will be assigned to teams by the T Ball/Farm/Minor A Player Agent

#### **Farm:**

- 5-6 year olds
- Players will be assigned to teams by the T Ball/Farm/Minor A Player Agent

#### **T-Ball:**

- 4-5 year-olds
- Players will be assigned to teams by the T Ball/Farm/Minor A Player Agent

## Replacement Player Process

Should a player in the Minor AA, AAA, or Major division be removed from a team, either due to season ending injury, voluntary removal, or selected to a higher division team, that player shall be replaced. Exception: No replacement player will be found if there are two weeks or less left in the regular season (Major Division) or the Minor Tournament has begun (Minor Division).

The manager of the team losing a player must notify the respective player agent within 48 hours following notification. Should a manager not contact the player agent for the purposes of keeping their team stronger (less players), the manager will be required to address the Board of Directors and will be suspended for three (3) games.

The player will be replaced by the following procedure:

- An available player list will be provided to the division Player Agent by the division managers within two weeks after the regular draft. The order of this list will be determined by the manager and will be for his/her team only. A minimum of 5 names must be provided.
- This list will be maintained by the player agent and used to replace players.
- Any player requesting to remain in a lower Division during the spring player selection process (e.g. 11-year-old specifying "AAA Only"), will be ineligible to become a replacement player for that Division during the season.
- Per LL rules, a player who did not attend tryouts is ineligible to be called up to the Major division.
- If a replacement player is needed for that division, the player agent will contact the player on the top of the list. If the player accepts, they will be placed on that team. If they refuse they will be removed from the list and not be eligible for selection to that division for the remainder of the year. The next player on the list will then be contacted. The process shall continue until the replacement player is found.
- A team may modify their list at any time during the season by notifying the appropriate Player Agent for the division.
- Should a team need to replace a player, the Player Agent may offer the team a 48 hour period from the time of notification to make modifications to their list. If no contact is made with the Player Agent within the 48 hours the existing list will be used to replace players.

## Rescheduled Games & Forfeits

Team managers must notify their respective Player Agent when they are not able to field a team. After investigating, the player agent will recommend rescheduling or to forfeiting of the game. Games recommended for forfeiture will be forwarded to the Board of Directors for approval.

Games that require rescheduling (as prescribed above or due to weather) will be played at the next open date at the direction of the division Player Agent and under the following conditions:

- Games are rescheduled in the order that they are postponed. For example, if Saturday games are canceled, the first game of the day is rescheduled first as prescribed below.
- Neither team is already scheduled to play on the rescheduled date (no doubleheaders for either team)
- Rescheduling the game will not result in either team scheduled to play games on 3 consecutive days.
- If the next available date includes a game already scheduled, the rescheduled game will be scheduled for a 5:00pm start, unless scheduled at a different time by the Board. The time limit for the first game is 2 hours, 30 minutes from the official start time. The originally scheduled game will be moved to a 7:30pm start or immediately following the rescheduled game.

- Exceptions to the above may be considered if all of the following conditions exist: 1) Only 2 or fewer games are requiring to be rescheduled, 2) Rescheduling would require 4 or more games be played in a week for either team, and 3) there is no rain forecast in the extended (10 day) weather forecast.
- After all other rescheduling options have been exhausted, a makeup game may be rescheduled on a Sunday.
- Practices may be rescheduled on a Sunday due to inclement weather during the regular season.
- Rescheduled games supersede practices. Rescheduling will be done by the Field Coordinators.

## Division Tie-Breakers

Tie-breakers for the division to determine seeding or division standings are as follows:

### Two Teams

- Head-to-Head
- One-Game Playoff

### Three or more teams

- Head-to-Head
- Best record among common opponents in descending order
- Lottery

## Division Champions and Post-Season Eligibility

Division Champions will be announced at Closing Ceremonies. The Junior, Major and Minor AAA divisions will send teams from their respective divisions to represent TCLL for Top-of-the-Rock (TOTR) and the District 11 Tournament of Champions (TOC).

### Juniors

- TOTR and TOC team will be the team with the best overall regular season record.

### Majors

Determining the major division champion will depend on the number of teams in the division.

### 8 Teams

- Teams will be play a 20 game season
- Top-of-the-Rock will be the team with the best overall record for the regular season.
- TOC Team #1 will be the team with the best overall record for the regular season.
- The season will be broken up into two halves, 10 games each half. If either half winner is the same as the overall season winner, then the winner of the other half season will be TOC Team #2.
- If the first half and second half winners are NOT the overall season winner, then there will be a one game tiebreaker to determine TOC Team #2.
- If there is a tie for the 1<sup>st</sup> half and the 2<sup>nd</sup> half season winner, then the following criteria will be enforced:

- a. Win-loss record during the regular season in head to head competition between the teams that are tied;
- b. Win-loss record during the regular season against a team with a superior regular season record in head to head competition as between the teams that are tied (only applies to determine second best regular season record);
- c. Win-loss record during the regular season against the team with the next best combined regular season record in head to head competition as between the teams that are tied;
- d. Play-off game between the teams with the same combined regular season record (hopefully avoided by application of a, b, and c if necessary)(see alternative e); or
- e. Alternatively, if more than two teams have the same regular season record as to best combined regular season record or second best combined regular season record, as a last resort tiebreaker the teams conduct a coin toss to determine which teams advances to the post season (this is an alternative to (d) if the board does not want a playoff game).

## **7 Teams**

- Teams will be play an 18-game season (3 games vs. each team)
- Top-of-the-Rock will be the team with the best overall record for the regular season.
- TOC Team #1 will be the team with the best overall record for the regular season.
- A single elimination tournament will be conducted at the conclusion of the season to determine the #2 TOC representative.
  - a. The division champion will not play in the tournament
  - b. The remaining six (6) teams will be seeded based upon the final standings
  - c. #1 and #2 seeds will receive a first round bye.
  - d. 1<sup>st</sup> Round: #3 vs. #6, #4 vs. #5
  - e. 2<sup>nd</sup> Round: After reseeding based upon record: #1 vs. #4, #2 vs. #3
  - f. Based on the regular season standings, the Home team for each game will be the higher-ranked seed.

## **6 Teams**

- Each time will play a 15-game season.
- Top-of-the-Rock will be the tournament champion.
- TOC Team #1 will be the tournament champion.
- TOC Team #2 will be the tournament runner-up.
- A single elimination tournament will be conducted at the conclusion of the season to determine the division champion.
  - a. The team with the best overall record for the regular season will receive a bye to the championship game (Team #1).
  - b. The remaining five (5) teams will be seeded based upon the final standings
  - c. 1<sup>st</sup> Round: #5 vs. #6,
  - d. 2<sup>nd</sup> Round: Round 1 winner vs. #2; #3 vs. #4
  - e. 3<sup>rd</sup> Round: winners of Round 2. Winner advances to Championship vs. #1
  - f. Based on the regular season standings, the Home team for each game will be the higher-ranked seed

## **Minor AAA & AA**

- The tournament seeding will be determined by a blind draft draw.
- The league will provide official scorekeepers for the tournament. If an official scorekeeper is unavailable, the home team will provide the scorekeeper.
- In the event the District hosts a Minor Division TOC Tournament, the team who wins the Minor AAA tournament will represent the league in the district tournament. Should two teams be asked to play, the second place team in the Minor AAA tournament will be team B.

## All-Stars – Manager Selection Process

1. Managers that desire to be an All Star Manager for the 2022 Tournament Season will need to complete an All Star Manager Application and turn it in by the established deadline date. (TBD)
2. The Manager will be required to attach a letter indicating why he/she desires to manage an All Star team and why he/she believes he/she is deserving of this position.
3. The Application is to be returned to the President by the established deadline date.
4. The All Star Manager Applications and letters will be presented to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors will select and approve the All Star Managers.
5. The President or Vice President will notify the selected All Star Managers as soon as possible.
6. All Star Managers will select their respective coaches who must be approved by the Board of Directors. All announcements of All Star coaches should be made at the time of the announcement of players.
7. No All Star Manager or Coach will be removed without the request and approval of the Board of Directors.

## All-Stars – Tournament Team Selection Process

1. There will be 13-14 players selected for each All-Star team for each division.
2. Any player interested in being considered for an All-Star team must submit the All Star Commitment Form by the date set annually by the league President. The All-Star Commitment Form is located on the TCLL website.
3. For the Major, Intermediate (50/70), Junior and Senior Divisions, the Player Agents will prepare ballots for voting by the players in the division. Players will vote for 10 players and the top 5 vote getters will be selected to the All-Star team. In the Major Division, players will not vote for players on their team.
4. For the Major, Intermediate (50/70), Junior and Senior Divisions, the Player Agents will prepare ballots for voting by the official Manager and two official Coaches from each regular season team. Managers and Coaches will meet to discuss the players and select the next 5 players to be placed on the All-Star team.
5. The Player Agents and President will tally the votes for the respective divisions.
6. The voting results will be presented to the respective All-Star Manager for that division. The All-Star Manager will then choose the remaining 3-4 players to complete the team.
7. The Intermediate (50/70) team will be selected from players league-age 13 years old who are eligible to be on the All-Star team.
8. The first 10 players for the Major Division team will be selected from players who are league-age 12 years old and are eligible to play on the Major All-Star team.
9. The 12-year-old All Star Manager may select 11 year olds to complete his/her roster, however the Board of Directors must approve the 11-year-old player(s) and the manager must show that the 11-year-old player(s) will be a regular, every inning player on the 12-year-old team.
10. The 11-year-old team will be selected from players league-age 11 years old who are eligible to play on the All-Star team.
11. The 9/10 old team will be selected based on the following:
  - One representative (manager or official coach) from each team (minor AAA and major) will meet together to vote for 10 players. The remaining 3-4 players will be selected by the All-Star Manager.
12. The 11 year old team will be selected based on the following:
  - Two representatives from each team Major Division (The manager and one official coach) will meet together to vote for 10 players. The remaining 3-4 players will be selected by the All-Star Manager.
13. **All-Star information is to remain confidential until the All Star announcements are made.** The announcements **cannot be made until May 15** per Little League Headquarters. District 11 has notified our league that if anyone announces the players' names prior to this date, all of the TCLL All Star Teams can be eliminated from Tournament Play by Little League. **Any Manager, Coach or Board Member that contributes to the "leaking of information" regarding the players who have been selected to the All Star teams will be subject to disciplinary action, including being removed as a Manager or Coach of an**

**All Star team or the Board of Directors if deemed appropriate!**

14. All Minor AAA and Major division managers will be required to attend the All-Star selection process as noted above and complete the All-Star ballot. If the Manager cannot attend, he/she will be responsible for ensuring that one of his/her regular season coaches is present instead.