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GENERAL

ALL THOSE AFFILIATED WITH DERBY LITTLE LEAGUE WILL ADHERE TO THE RULES AND REGULATIONS SET FORTH BY LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL IN WILLIAMSPORT.

LITTLE LEAGUE RULES AND REGULATIONS APPLY AS STATED IN THE RULEBOOK UNLESS MODIFIED BY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING BY-LAWS:

1. Age of players

- Players between the ages of 10 through 12 can play in the Majors. The League President, Player Agent and another Officer will determine if a 9-year old is eligible to tryout for the Majors.
- Major League Tryouts are optional for 9-year old players.
- The League President, Player Agent and another Officer will determine if a 7-year old player is eligible to tryout for the Minors.
- Minor League Tryouts are optional for 7-year old players.
- Players between the ages of 5 through 6 with option of 7 can participate in T-Ball.

2. Registrations

- An additional fee will apply if a player is signed up after the published registration dates.
- No refunds will be given after the start of practices. If uniform or other equipment has already been purchased, the refund will be less the amount incurred for the uniform or other equipment.

3. Selection of coaches

- Coaches will submit a letter of intent for a coaching position prior to tryouts with all required paper work. The letters will be evaluated and coaches will be appointed by the Board of Directors.
- A Manager needs to be appointed by the Board of Directors at the Minor and Major League levels prior to tryouts taking place. Volunteers interested in Managers positions are encouraged to attend the clinics. This will be used to determine Managers positions.
- A Manager of an existing team will not be allowed to apply for the position of a Manager of a different team.
- An Assistant Coach of an existing team will not be allowed to apply for the position of an Assistant Coaching job of a different team.
- If a Manager's position is open at the Major or Minor League level, the following sequence of opportunity will be used to consider who gets that position:
 - Assistant Coaches of that team
 - Assistant Coaches from other Major League teams
 - Managers from Minor League teams
 - Assistant Coaches from Minor League teams
 - Designated Coaches
 - New Volunteer Coach

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- If an Assistant Coach from another team is appointed the Manager's position of a different team, and they have a son or daughter that will be transferred from their existing team, that player will be ranked (Ranking System) and a trade will be worked out as fair compensation for that team's loss. The Player Agent will be the deciding vote in the event of a disagreement.
- If a coach is already associated with a team and their son or daughter is coming up from the minors or coach pitch, that player will be associated with that team and the Ranking System will be used for that player (unless determined otherwise by the Board of Directors).

4. Relationships and relatives

- Only a coach's son or daughter will play on the same team that their parent coach's for (unless otherwise decided by the parent/coach and approved by the Board of Directors).
- Brothers and sisters will play for the same team (unless otherwise decided by the parents and approved by the Board of Directors).
- The request to have a nephew, cousin or other family related member play for the same team will only be allowed if the Board of Directors approve the decision before the draft occurs.
- If the request to have a nephew, cousin or other family related member play for the same team comes up during the draft, the Managers and Player Agent must all be in agreement.

5. Ranking System for draft round determination

- The Player Agent and/or associated League Director will get together with the Managers of the associated league to determine the ranking of a player.
- The ranking of a player (draft round) will be determined by the comparative evaluation and simple majority of the Managers. The Player Agent will be the deciding vote in the event of a disagreement.
- Once the draft round has been determined, the team that gains this player will lose that associated round's draft pick.
- If two or more players will be added to the same team prior to the draft (Coach's son, brother or trade), the League President, Player Agent and another Officer will review the transactions and make the necessary decisions for compensation to the other teams.
- If a coach has a child on a major league team already and that child will be moving to a new team with their parent, compensation will be determined by the League President, Player Agent and another Officer for the team losing that player.

6. Tryouts

- Players eligible to play at the Major League or Minor League levels must attend tryouts or possibly forfeit their eligibility to play at that level.
- If a player does not attend tryouts, an excuse must be presented and accepted by the League President, Player Agent and another Officer.
- Only approved list of volunteers will be allowed during tryouts. No Exceptions.

7. The Draft

- Minors: All 10 and 11 year olds that are available must be drafted.
- Majors: If there are 3 or more 12 year olds that need to be drafted, a team that needs to

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select 3 or more players in the draft must select at least one 12 year old as one of their selections

- The order of the draft will be based on the outcome of the prior season's regular season record. The team with the worst record will pick first and the team with the best record will pick last. Head-to-head results will be used to break ties between teams with the same records.

8. Number of coaches for a game

- If a team only has one roster coach for a game, they may get assistance from another roster coach from a different team.

9. Player Pool/Agent

- The Player Agent will assign temporary players to teams who do not have enough players come game-time.
- At the beginning of the year, the Player Agent will create a random list of Major League players that are interested in being part of the Player Pool.
- As soon as a manager knows he is in danger of not having enough kids, he is to inform the player agent. The player at the top of the list will be called first. If he is not available to play, then the next name in the list will be called.
- Once a player has participated from the Player Pool list, their name will be checked off and added to the end of the list.
- The managers cannot pick from the list, they must take whoever is given to them by the Player Agent.
- At no time will a coach be allowed to call a player from another team to fill a slot (the penalty for doing so will result in forfeiture of the game he played in).
- The Player Pool is only to be used if you do not have enough players.
- If at game time you have 9 or more of your own players and have called up a player pool kid, your roster players will play the majority of the game and the player pool kid will only be allowed the minimum 6 defensive outs and one at bat.
- If you have less than 9 players, the player pool kid will bat last in your batting order and can only play in the outfield or catcher (they are not allowed to pitch for your team).
- The player pool kid(s) cannot come from the team you are playing against that day.
- If the next player in the list is not available or is ineligible to play that day, they will be skipped and remain at the top of the list.

10. Rain Dates and Make-up Games

- All rain-outs or other games against other Derby Teams that are cancelled will be made up on the next available open date determined by the League Director(s).
- Due to field shortages, it is desired that make-up games be rescheduled in the same calendar week even if it results in back-to-back games for both teams.
- Since each team has a minimum of two assistant coaches; make-up dates will not be rescheduled to accommodate a coach's schedule.
- If all coaches for one of the teams will not be in attendance for the make-up game, the League Director(s) need to be contacted and a forfeit may occur for that team.
- Coaches will not be allowed to reschedule their own games, it will be done by the League Director(s).
- Every effort should be made to make up games Vs. Teams outside of Derby, by the next available date.

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· A maximum of 4 games per week in the minor league with a maximum of 3 games per week Vs Derby Teams.

11. Downsizing

· If a league needs to downsize, it will be determined at that time if all of the players in the league will be thrown back into one pool for redraft or if the players on one team will be dispersed amongst the other teams.

12. Expansion

· If a league needs to expand, it will be determined at that time if all of the players in the league will be thrown back into one pool for redraft or the following guidelines may be used by the existing teams:

- Coaches need to be selected for the new team (Ranking System will apply).
- Each team will protect a maximum of 3 players.
- When one player is taken from a team, that team can protect 2 more players.
- A team can lose no more than 2 players in the expansion draft.

INSTRUCTIONAL (Minor League)

· Rules to be determined each year at annual interleague meeting. Addendum to be attached before opening day.

INSTRUCTIONAL (Coach Pitch & T-Ball)

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ALL-STARS

1. All-Star commitment

· The 11&12 year old All-Star season will start June 15th and could last until the end of August. National sets the start date of the tournament.

· The 9&10 year old All-Star season will start June 15th and could last until the end of July. National sets the start date of the tournament.

· If any player will not be available during the All-Star timeframes Designated by the district, it must be made known to the All-Star Committee so that the availability is considered by the committee. The committee will request availability of players prior to selection of All-Star teams.

2. All-Star Committee

· The All-Star Committee shall not consist of less than three members with an odd

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number of members. The President SHALL serve as CHAIRMAN. The remaining members should include the *Vice President*, Player Agent(s), Major League Director, Minor League Director, Instructional Director, and Official Scorer. Any remaining seat shall be from the Board.

- Additional members may be added if any/all of the above are coaches during the regular season. Coaches should not outnumber non-coaches.
- The Committee will appoint a Manager for each team based on qualifications, seniority and prior experience. Although these main elements will be considered during this process, the Committee has the ability to evaluate and appoint any coach that they recognize as being the best coach for that position.
- The Committee is responsible for collecting the player evaluation and conducting the ranking process amongst the coaches of both the Major and Minor leagues. To the best of their ability, the Committee will assure that any discrepancies will be taken care of before the team is announced.
- ALL star selection for designated age groups shall start with the regular season players from the highest division until such division is depleted. Exception may arise and should be determined by the All-star committee

Examples:

- 9-10 year olds playing in the Majors shall be considered first remaining vacancies shall be considered from the Minors then Coach Pitch.
- 7-8 year olds playing in the Minors shall be considered first remaining vacancies shall be considered from the Coach Pitch then T-ball.

3. Selection of coaches

- If members of the All-Star Committee submit their names as coaching candidates, they will be replaced by a different member from the Board of Directors.
- The Coach needs to commit regardless of selection of their child.
- All coaches in the Major League that would like to be the Manager or Assistant Coach of the 11&12 or 9&10 squads (not both), must submit their letter of intent (in writing or email) to the President, who chairs the All-Star Committee.
- All coaches in the Minor League that would like to be the Manager of the 9&10 squad must submit their letter of intent (in writing or email) to the All-Star Committee.
- Coaches are not allowed to apply if they will not be available during the All-Star timeframes specified above.
- Coaches that do not submit their team score book or report accurate statistics of their team's players will not be considered for the position.
- All letters of intent must be in to the All-Star Committee no later than May 15th.
- For the selection of a Manager for the 11&12 year old team, the All-Star Committee will evaluate all letters of intent, giving consideration to the Managers in the Major League. If there are no Major League Managers interested or qualified, the Major League Assistant Coaches are the next to be considered.
- For the selection of a Manager for the 9&10 year old team, the All-Star Committee will evaluate all letters of intent giving consideration to the Managers in the Major League. If there are no Major League Managers or Assistant Coaches interested or qualified, the Minor League Managers will then be considered. The next order of consideration would be Minor League Assistant coaches.

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· Once a Manager is appointed by the All-Star Committee for each team, the managers will recommend to the board who they would like as their assistant(s). Final approval will be made by the All-Star committee before the announcement of the assistant(s).

4. Selection of players

- The All-Star Committee will submit a list of players to the Managers of the Major League and Minor League teams. Players' availability should not be identified on this list.
- The All-Star Committee will provide an **<All-Star Evaluation Ranking Form>** to all Managers and assistant coaches. Rankings should be turned in to the All-Star committee and shall remain confidential.
- With one (1) being considered the top player, players will be evaluated and ranked from one (1) down to the total amount of eligible players.
- The Major League Managers and coaches will rank all major league players on appropriate age All-Star forms.
- The Minor League Managers and coaches will rank all Minor league players on appropriate age All-Star forms.
- The Coach Pitch Managers and coaches will rank all Minor League players on appropriate age All-Star forms.
- Future Star rules to be determine.
- The rankings conducted by the Managers and coaches are for ALL players which includes the players on their own team.
- The All-Star Committee will collect the All-Star Evaluation Ranking Forms.
- The Average of all forms will be used to determine the ranking.

TEAM RANK PLAYER NAME

Team B 1

Team A 2

Team B 3

Team C 4

Team A 5

Team B 6

Team D 7

Team D 8

· All-Star players will be determined by the total score accumulated by their ranking of all of the managers and coaches (see example below for 4 teams) **{and the scorekeeper}**:

RANK	PLAYER NAME	Totals			
		A	B	C	D

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1	Player with team B	1	1	1	1	1.00
2	Player with team A	2	2	2	2	2.00
3	Player with team B	4	3	3	3	3.25
4	Player with team C	5	4	4	4	4.25
5	Player with team D	3	7	8	5	5.00
6	Player with team A	6	5	5	9	6.25
7	Player with team B	7	6	7	7	6.75
8	Player with team D	8	8	6	8	7.50
9	Player with team B	9	9	9	6	8.25

- The players with the lowest scores (based on the best player getting a score of 1) will be considered the top players that make the team.
- Based on the rankings, the All-Star Committee along with consideration of the Managers and assistant(s) of each team will determine how many players (11, 12, 13, or 14) will make up each All-Star team.
- If there is a tie between two players, the All-Star committee shall make the final decision. When determining a tie breaker the committees' decision can include but is not limited to the following, pitching, batting average, fielding percentage, and sportsmanship.
- If players are not selected from the sequential ranking provided, the Managers must justify to the All-Star Committee why each player is being selected ahead of the others.
- 11&12 Team: The All-Star Committee will accumulate the total scores and provide a listing of the All-Star players to the Managers and assistant of that All-Star team. This list shall not include the rankings of the players.
- 9&10 Team: The All-Star Committee will evaluate the list of rankings from both divisions of Managers and coaches to determine the final list of overall rankings based on the accumulated scores. The committee will take into consideration the level of play in both divisions, when comparing players who have played in different divisions.
- Once the selection process is complete and the All-Star teams are approved, the rankings of the players must be kept confidential and not discussed aloud with anyone.

5. Player's absence

- If a player is selected to an All-Star team and has unexcused absences, the coach has the option to remove that player from the team and substitute them with another player (with approval from the All-Star Committee). Once a player is removed from a team, they will not be allowed back on the team.

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Players shall receive a DLL jacket at the beginning of their final year of eligibility.

Coaches responsibilities will include mandatory coaches meeting and or clinics, field maintenance and hosting of post season games as determine by the board.

***Any violation of bylaws and coaches code of conduct will result in disciplinary action as determine by the board.**

FEMNAL