**Bylaws Of**

**North Natomas Little League as of January 2025**

**LEAGUE MISSION**

North Natomas Little League (NNLL) is an affiliate of Little League, Inc. NNLL is organized for the purpose of assisting children to develop the qualities of citizenship, discipline, teamwork, and physical wellbeing. By espousing the virtues of character, courage, and loyalty, the Little League Baseball and Softball program is designed to develop superior citizens rather than superior athletes.

**DEVELOPMENT OF BYLAWS**

1. NNLL is governed by the latest version of the Little League Official Regulations and Playing Rules and the Operating Manual. These Bylaws are only intended to address those issues that are not covered or are presented as optional in these official Little League publications.
2. Regular Members are defined to include the parents of each player, all elected Board Members, all approved managers and all approved coaches, and the District 6 Little League administrator.
3. The NNLL Board of Directors (BOD) shall review, and if deemed appropriate, update and amend these Bylaws each year.

**CODE OF CONDUCT**

1. All Board Members, managers, coaches, team parents, parent helpers and umpires shall each year complete a Little League Volunteer Application.
2. In addition to the annual background check, all volunteers with regular player contact, as designated by the BOD, are required to complete a livescan background check. This is completed just one time, not annually.
3. NNLL recognizes that the character traits that embody sportsmanship are best learned and encouraged when put into practice. By doing so, parents, managers, coaches, and players can model and learn honor, respect, integrity, and citizenship. Therefore, every parent, manager and coach shall adhere to NNLL’s Code of Conduct. Each party is bound to the responsibilities outlined in the contract. Failure to adhere to the contract may result in disciplinary action.

**BOARD APPOINTMENT**

1. Each year a Board of Directors shall be elected to operate NNLL. At a minimum, the Board shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Safety Officer, Coaching Coordinator, Umpire in Chief and Division Vice Presidents (e.g. Majors, AAA, softball, etc.). Other Board positions may include Field Coordinator, Equipment Manager, Snack Bar Coordinator, Sponsorship Coordinator, Event Coordinator, Team Parent Coordinator, Volunteer Coordinator. The Board may create additional Board positions as needed. Any Regular Member is eligible for nomination to the Board.
2. Membership will vote on BOD candidates at the Annual Meeting of the Members of the Local League, held each August.
3. The Board shall be elected for a period of one year.
4. Vacancies that occur during this term shall be filled as needed by a majority vote of remaining Board Members.

**BOARD OPERATIONS**

1. All Board Members are expected to regularly attend Board meetings and mandatory events. Failure to attend over an extended period will result in removal from the Board.
2. All Board Members shall be entitled to one vote. To the extent two Board Members decide to share one Board position, that position is entitled to one vote. To the extent one Board Member holds multiple positions, that person is entitled to one vote.
3. Fifty percent plus one (50%+1) Board Members shall constitute a quorum and a simple majority of those eligible to vote shall carry a vote. The President may only vote to cast the deciding vote on split votes.
4. The Vice President for each division is responsible for developing their game schedule.
5. The NNLL bank account shall have the President and Treasurer as signers on the account.

**REGISTRATION**

1. Registration shall open in November and assessments shall take place in January. However, players may continue to register thereafter in accordance with Little League rules, if space is available.
2. Each year the BOD shall determine the registration fee.
3. Full refunds are permitted through January 31. The President on a case-by-case basis thereafter will determine refunds.

**MANAGER SELECTION**

1. The Vice Presidents shall provide the Board with an estimate of the level of registration. This estimate will be used to determine the number of teams and, therefore, the number of managers needed.
2. Vice Presidents have responsibility for selecting managers for their division, subject to approval by the Board.
3. Managers and coaches are expected to attend training, which will focus on: (a) safety and rules, (b) skill development, (c) positive coaching techniques, and (d) practice drills and techniques.

**ASSESSMENTS**

1. The Player Agents are responsible for conducting tryouts for their respective division.
2. Assessments will be scheduled for two weekends during January.
3. All 9-­12 year old baseball and softball players must attend and participate in one tryout session to be eligible for the draft. As specified in Little League Rules, all 9-­12 year olds are eligible to be drafted onto a AA, AAA or Majors baseball team or 10u, 12u softball team. If a draft age player does not attend assessments, they will not be eligible to be considered to play “up” or beyond the league age restrictive division. At the conclusion of the draft the respective Player Agents will place them on a team.
4. The respective Players Agents and designated volunteers will assess the skill level of all players that assess.
5. Only a designated Board volunteer and approved managers are permitted to evaluate players during tryouts. If a manager cannot attend, they will be given a draft assessment.

**DRAFT**

1. The draft is designed to create evenly balanced teams in each division.
   1. All 12 year olds must be drafted into Majors for baseball and softball except if the Vice President and President determines a safety risk exists.
   2. At the draft, the Player Agent shall determine the draft order and the managers then take turns drafting all eligible players. The draft shall follow a “snake” order (1,2,3,4,4,3,2,1,1,2,3,4,4,3,2,1, etc.).
   3. For Baseball, Majors will be drafted first, then Seniors, Juniors, 50/70,11s, AAA, AA. For Softball, Seniors will draft first and then continue in age group order.
   4. For children of a manager, for league age 12, the manager picks in the third round, for league age 11, in the fourth round, and league age 10, in the fifth round.
   5. Trades may occur after this draft procedure only in accordance with NNLL Bylaw #31.
2. The following people shall attend the draft for each division: the selected Managers, the Player Agents, and the President and Vice Presidents. The Player Agent shall chair the draft meeting for his or her respective division.
3. Players that are not selected to a team at the draft of a particular division shall be eligible for the draft of the next division down.
4. The Player Agent and Vice President work together to assign players who register after the draft to a team in an effort to keep the teams evenly balanced.
5. No trades shall be made by and between teams unless first approved by the two managers involved, the Player Agent, and the Vice President.

**LEAGUE PLAY**

1. Each Majors and AAA baseball team and Majors and Minors softball team must provide a scorekeeper for each game. The scorekeeper will use a book provided by NNLL. The visiting team is responsible for operating GameChanger for each Majors and AAA baseball and softball game.
2. Sunset Rule - No new inning may start 10 minutes prior to sunset. And all play must cease 10 minutes after sunset.
3. For AAA, AA and A, 8U and 10U each player shall play a minimum of one (1) inning in the infield and no player is exempt from sitting the bench. No player can be on the bench for two consecutive innings. For any division that is involved in inter-­‐league play, unless specific rules are agreed to in advance with the other league, District rules shall apply to all such inter-­‐league games for that season. Prior to scheduling inter-­‐league games, The President shall request that the other league agree to bat the entire line-­‐up.
4. The home team shall have at least one representative to prepare the field before the game and the visiting team shall have at least one representative to drag and water the field and put equipment away after the game.
5. Tee Ball games shall consist of a maximum of three innings or one hour. Tee Ball teams shall bat the roster every inning regardless of the number of outs made. The entire Tee Ball team shall play defense in each inning.
6. Prior to each game each team shall have 10 minutes to warm-­‐up on the field. The visiting team shall warm-­‐up first. A team shall forfeit all or part of their warm-­‐up time if they are not prepared to start warm-­‐ups on time. Teams may not take batting practice on the field during pre-­‐game warm-­‐ups.
7. NNLL opts in to the following Little League Regular Season Local Rules Options:
   1. Courtesy Runner – Allow the use of a courtesy runner (3.04;7.14(b))
   2. 9th batting position (playing with 8 players) – the “9th player” is not an out (4.04; 6.05(n)
   3. Time Limit on Games - AA and 10U: No new inning after 90 minutes, hard stop at 1:45; AAA and 12U: No new inning after 1:45, hard stop at 2 hours (4.10(c)(2)
   4. Playing with 8 Players – allows for games to start and be played with 8 players (4.16; 4.17)
   5. Batter’s Box Rule – Enforce “One foot in the batter’s Box Rule” (6.02(c))
   6. Plate Umpire Positioning – Plate umpire may stand behind the pitcher (9.04(a))
   7. 15-year-old Playing Juniors – Allows 15 year olds to play Juniors (Reg IV(a))
   8. Mandatory Play Requirement – If more than 15 players are at a game, MPR can be reduced to 1 at bat and 3 defensive outs (Reg IV(i))
8. The following rules apply to AA baseball games:
   1. Except as set forth below, the Little League Official Regulations and Playing Rules shall apply.
   2. A manager or coach from the batting team shall pitch to his or her own batters. The adult pitcher should attempt to calibrate pitches to the skill level of each individual batter. All pitches must be overhand. The adult pitcher shall pitch from one knee for all batters. The adult pitcher must pitch from in front of the pitcher’s mound and not from any part of the raised mound.
   3. Batters may not receive a base on balls and may not advance to first base if hit by a pitch.
   4. Bunting, leading, and stealing are not allowed in AA games.
   5. Runners may not advance on an overthrow in AA games.
   6. On all balls hit in the infield, runners may not attempt to advance more than one base. On balls hit to the outfield, runners may advance any number of bases but may not advance once the ball is returned to the infield. The purpose of this rule is to attempt to simulate base running in a game of higher skill and runners should not be encouraged to advance based on the defensive team’s inability to properly relay the ball in from the outfield.
   7. Each player shall play both in the infield (minimum two innings) and in the outfield in every game. No player is exempt from sitting the bench.
9. The following rules apply to Single-­‐A baseball games:
   1. Single-­‐A games shall consist of a maximum of four innings or one and one half hours. Three outs or entire lineup bats constitutes end of a half inning.
   2. This is a machine pitch league – maximum of five pitches. Machine level must be set on level 3.
   3. Batters may not receive a base on balls and may not advance to first base if hit by a pitch.
   4. Bunting, leading, and stealing are not allowed in Single-­‐A games.
   5. Runners may not advance on an overthrow in Single-­‐A games.
   6. On all balls hit in the infield, runners may not attempt to advance more than one base. On balls hit to the outfield, runners may not attempt to advance more than two bases.
   7. Each team shall play six infielders (including catcher) and all other players shall line up in the outfield. Outfielders must be in the outfield grass and infielders must line up at each infield position. Each player shall play both in the infield (minimum two innings) and in the outfield in every game. No player is exempt from sitting the bench.

**LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

1. Majors and AAA baseball and softball shall maintain win/loss records and standings, which shall be used for playoff seeding. Depending on the number of teams, Win/loss records shall not be kept for any other division. No divisions other than Majors and AAA baseball and Majors and Minors softball shall hold playoffs.

**ALL STAR SELECTION**

1. All Star managers shall be selected by the Board prior to the end of the regular season. Assistants will not be chosen until rosters have been approved by the BOD.
2. In order to be eligible to manage an All Star team, the applicant must have managed or coached a team in the current spring season.
3. Managers will select their rosters and submit to the BOD for review and approval.
4. All Star teams will be formed using the best of the best rather than league age pure. The manager of the Little League Division (12-year-olds) will choose first from the eligible players 12 and under. After 12s, it will be Seniors, Juniors, then 50/70, then 11s, 10’s and then 8/9/10s.
5. The All Star teams shall consist of at least 12 players per team.

Approved January 2025 by NNLL BOD.