

The following are the Local Rules adopted by the West Hills Little League (WHLL) Board of Directors (BOD) for the 2023 season. These local rules are intended to supplement the 2022 Official Rules and Regulations of Little League Baseball, Inc., which are binding on WHLL. The health and safety of our athletes, staff, volunteers are WHLL's highest priority and BOD may suspend or modify any of the following rules at any time to maintain the safest environment. At no time may any manager or coach suspend or modify any of these rules for any purposes. Failure to adhere to these and the National rules may result in disciplinary action by the WHLL BOD.

WHLL Fair Play and Good Conduct Policy Statement, while healthy competition in baseball is generally a good thing, too much competition can be inappropriate for Little League. As such, the desire to "win" must be secondary to fairness and should never result in treating a player unfairly. Good managers and coaches should model positive behaviors and discover how to be competitive while also being fair to all players. The WHLL rules are intended to provide a great experience for all players, while maintaining flexibility for managers and coaches in how they play and position players. WHLL is committed to fair play and positive role modeling behaviors to be demonstrated for all managers, coaches, volunteers, and players. Generally, fair play is measured in terms of opportunities to play infield/outfield, pitching time, and the number of at bats. Specific rules establishing minimum playing time and other fair play issues are set forth below for each division.

A. GENERAL RULES FOR ALL DIVISIONS

1. If a manager, coach or player needs to leave the playing field, for any reason during a ball game in which their team is participating, he/she shall obtain permission from an umpire to exit the playing field, except in T-Ball and Rookies
2. The only time more than two (2) adults will be allowed onto the playing field at any given time (manager or coach) is to attend to an injured player. This rule applies to all Little League Divisions (except T-Ball and Rookies) unless otherwise noted in these rules.
3. All games will commence at their officially scheduled times or no more than 30 minutes after previously completed game.
4. Time Limits:
Intermediate, Juniors, Seniors: All Teen Division Games will be played to completion per regular season Little League Rule Book – rule 4.10. During weekday games, no new innings will start after 9:30 pm. For weekend games, no new innings will start after 9:50 pm. Saturday games will be played to completion before the next game may start.
Majors: Majors Division games will be played to completion per Little League Rule Book section 4.10. Weekdays, if a game extends past the 10:00 p.m. curfew time, it will be suspended and completed the next time the two teams are scheduled to play. No new inning will start after 9:30 pm. On Saturdays, the Majors Division games will be completed before the next game may start.
Minors: For Minor Division games, no new inning will start after reaching the two (2) hour and fifteen (15) minute time limit. Saturday games will commence as soon as possible after completion of the previous game.
Caps: For Caps Division games, no new inning will start after reaching the one (1) hour and forty-five (45) minute time limit. Beginning the first Saturday of April, games will be extended, and no new inning will start after reaching the two (2) hour time limit. Saturday games will commence as soon as possible after completion of the previous game.

Rookies: For Rookies Division games, no new inning will start after reaching the one (1) hour and forty-five (45) minute time limit. Saturday games will commence as soon as possible after completion of the previous game.

T-Ball: No new inning will begin after one (1) hour and fifteen (15) minutes.

5. In the interest of safety, the duration of all weekday games played on unlit fields shall end at the published sunset time as indicated in the Program Book. Sunset will be announced from the concession stand as follows, "*Umpires, it is now sunset.*" PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS NOT PROTESTABLE. All games played on lighted fields will play as indicated by their division time limit.
6. The Home Team shall be responsible for prepping the field for the game and the Visiting Team shall be responsible for taking the field down at the end of the game. If the Visiting Team is from another League, the Home Team shall also take the field down at the end of the game. Field prep shall be completed at least 45 minutes prior to the start of the game for weekday and the first game on Saturday. This includes chalking the field, prepping the infield and placing the bases and other equipment on the field. For the second and subsequent games during a given day the field prep shall include re-chalking, raking and dragging as necessary. Taking the field down includes returning bases and equipment to the dugout as soon as the game is complete and doing post-game repairs to the batter's box and pitching mound. Each team will be responsible for cleaning the trash out of its respective dugouts. Continued failure to fulfill this responsibility will result in disciplinary action by the BOD.
7. It shall be the responsibility of the Managers of each team to police the area of the playing field after each game, including the dugout area. Parents will be asked to pick up all trash from the stands following their game. Each team will be responsible for at least one Sunday cleanup day, as scheduled by the Manager Coordinator.
8. The following shall not be ridden or operated on any sidewalks in and around the fields, restroom, or snack bar: motorized and non-motorized scooters, hover boards, skateboards, bicycles, roller blades, roller skates or similar devices.
9. It shall be the responsibility of the Manager and/or Coaches to keep players off the field of play until they arrive to supervise. PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS FOR INSURANCE PURPOSES.
10. It shall be the responsibility of the Manager and/or Coach to ensure that private property is not violated during the periods of practice at permitted school facilities. Balls that go over the fences onto private property shall remain there unless permission is granted by the property owners to remove them and then, special care shall be taken to be courteous and responsive to the property owners' desires. PLEASE NOTE: PAST VIOLATIONS HAVE JEOPARDIZED THE LEAGUE'S ACCESS TO SCHOOL USAGE.
11. For the purposes of WHLL, an "injury" is any injury to a player that prohibits him/her from playing in a game and/or requires medical treatment. Where the injury occurred does not matter. The Division Player Agent and Safety Officer must be notified of the injury within twenty-four (24) hours. The Manager shall fill out an injury report. If a visit to the doctor was required, then the player must provide a doctor's note to the Division Player Agent and Safety Officer. The player will need a medical release from their attending physician prior to returning to play or practice. The release should be given to the Manager, who in turn will provide copies of the release to the Division Player Agent and the Safety Officer.

12. All minor and major suspended games will be re-scheduled within 3 weeks or will be scheduled by an independent board member not in that division. Line-ups in suspended games must be the same to start the continuation, as it was when the game was halted. Once the play begins, legal substitutions may take place. The pitch counts will be new, but the pitcher must be eligible on the day the game is continued per the Little League Rule Book.
13. It shall be the responsibility of the Manager and/or Coach to check the eligibility of the players in the Official scorebook prior to and after each game. If there is any violation of the pitch count rules, disciplinary action will be made by the BOD. Pitch count affidavits must be maintained by all managers for all games their team participates. Affidavits must be signed by the game's official scorekeeper and manager after every game. Affidavits shall be presented to the opposing manager, umpire, or board member upon request.
14. It shall be the responsibility of the Manager and Coaches to supervise the usage of all WHLL playing equipment, maintenance equipment, fields, fences, and buildings and report all damage to a board member
15. Twenty (20) minute warm-up times (infield/outfield) are allotted prior to each game; ten (10) minutes per team, starting with the VISITING team. Time will be allowed on Saturdays.
16. Any player released from WHLL will forfeit all Little League sponsored events.
17. All in house and TOC games, for all divisions, shall follow WHLL rules unless otherwise specified.
18. Interleague games shall not count for WHLL Division. However, if a player intends on committing to All Stars, the player must play in 60% of ALL scheduled games, including interleague.
19. A team is allowed to begin a game with eight (8) players, assuming the ninth (9th) player will be arriving during game time. However, if the ninth (9th) player has not arrived before their at-bat, their place in the batting order will be skipped and an out recorded.
18. Fall Ball General Rules
 - a. WHLL fall ball season, typically starting in September and ending the Sunday prior to Thanksgiving Day in November, will be played utilizing the following year's spring season guidelines for age classification.
 - **Example:** When a league age ten (10) year old plays during the 2022 regular spring season (February – July 2022) and sign up to play fall ball in the same year (September – November, 2022), they will be classified as league age eleven (11) for the purpose of pitch count limits.
 - b. The fall ball season may also have special district guidelines which may supersede or modify WHLL local rules and/or the basic play rules found in the current year's Little League rule book.
 - c. There are no try-outs, skills assessment, or draft for fall ball.
 - d. The number of teams per division, number of players on each team, and player placement on teams shall be determined by the incoming and outgoing division player agents. When possible, player agents shall consider player/parent requests first, then coach requests when forming teams.
 - e. Games are typically scheduled on Sunday either at 12:00 pm or 3:30 pm. Game schedules may be changed based on the approval of home and visiting managers based on availability of players and fields.

B. SPECIAL LEAGUE RULES BY DIVISION

1. T-Ball Division League Rules

- a. The T-Ball Division baseball program will be administered in accordance with the official rulebook and the rules set forth therein.
- b. All players League Age, four (4), five (5) and six (6) are eligible for T-Ball.
 - 4-year-old division **does not** count as an accrued T-Ball Year of Little League experience (reference 2c. Rookies Division Rules).
- c. The T-Ball Division shall have adult base coaches.
- d. The pitcher will be positioned with both feet on the mound or in the circle.
- e. No score will be recorded in T-Ball.
- f. A tee and T-Ball will be used. Beginning the first Saturday of April for players league age 5 and 6, coaches may pitch to players on one-knee from a point halfway between the pitcher's circle and home plate. If a player has failed to hit the ball after four pitches, the player shall hit off the tee.
- g. The batter is allowed 4 (four) swings off the tee. If he fails to hit the ball after the fourth swing, then the Manager/Coach will instruct the player to run to first base.
- h. For the last batter, for safety purposes, play ends at the execution of the play. The batter and base runners will not "run the bases" unless warranted by the play.

2. Rookies Division League Rules

- a. The Rookies Division baseball program will be administered in accordance with the official rulebook and the rules set forth therein.
- b. All players League Age seven (7) and players League Age (8) who do not get drafted to Caps Division are eligible for the Rookies Division.
- c. Players league age 6, with one year of organized baseball and/or little league baseball experience, as approved by the WHLL BOD, may request to play in the Rookies division. 6 year old will be placed in the Rookies Division as space allows after all eligible 7 and 8 year old have been placed.
- d. Games halted due to time limits are regulation games, no matter how many innings.
- e. If there are not three (3) outs made during an inning, the complete lineup shall bat through once. A continuous batting order will be used.
- f. There will be a six (6) pitch maximum. If a player has not hit a fair ball within those six (6) pitches, the batter will be called out. If the last pitch is foul, pitches will continue until the batter strikes out or hits the ball into fair territory.
- g. There are no walks. A batter will bat until s/he is either safe on base, put out from a play made on them, from three swinging strikes or has reached the six (6) pitch maximum.
- h. There is no base stealing.
- i. A player may advance only one base on an overthrow. For example, if a player is running to first and the play at first is overthrown, the player may not advance past second.
- j. There shall be 10 players in the defensive field, if there are at least 10 players present. Players above the standard 9 will be placed in the outfield. For instance, there may be a left fielder, a left center fielder, a right center fielder and a right fielder.
- k. No score will be kept in the Rookies division.
- l. T-ball bats are permitted in Rookies but are not recommended.
- m. A ball that hits the pitching machine is a dead ball single. Everyone advances one base.
- n. The Manager or Coach from the offensive team will feed the baseballs into the machine to be pitched to the batter.
- o. The pitching machine shall be placed on the pitching mound, with the ball delivery mechanism placed over the pitchers' plate.

- p. The speedometer on the pitching machine shall be set to 37 or 38 MPH.
 - q. One (1) manager and up to three (3) coaches are allowed on the field during game play.
3. **Caps Division League Rules**
- a. The Caps Division baseball program will be administered in accordance with the official rulebook and the rules set forth therein.
 - b. Caps Division players must attend at least one try out to be drafted. All players League Age eight (8) and League Age nine (9), are eligible to participate in the Caps Division. A league age ten (10) player must request a waiver in order to play in Caps Division. If an eight (8) year old does not try out or does not get drafted to Caps, s/he will be placed in Rookies Division.
 - c. Players who are league age seven (7) and have at least 2 years of organized and/or little league baseball, as approved by the WHLL BOD, (not to include fall ball), experience may elect to try out for the Caps division. Those 7 year olds will try out during the 8 year olds try outs. Caps managers may elect to draft a 7-year-old who has tried out to his/her team. No 7 year olds shall be placed on any Caps team, unless there is room, after all eligible 9-year-old players have been placed.
 - d. If a parent puts "Caps Only" on the Player Registration Form, then that player **MUST** be drafted to Caps and is not eligible for Minors or Majors. The player then must remain in Caps the entire season.
 - e. A 5 run limit is in effect in innings 1-4. The 5th and subsequent innings will be open (teams may score more than 5 runs). (National Little League waiver submitted and approved for this change). The only way to score more than 5 runs in an inning prior to the 5th inning is an over the fence home run. All runs scoring on an over the fence home run would count.
 - f. Base stealing will be permitted in the following manner:
 - One base per pitch. For instance, if a player is stealing from first to second on a pitch and the throw to second base is overthrown, the player cannot steal to third base.
 - Stealing home shall begin on the first Saturday of April.
 - g. Each player will have three (3) additional defensive outs in a six-inning game (need not be consecutive) in **addition** to the mandated Little League playtime rule of six (6) defensive outs and one at-bat. No player shall sit consecutive innings on defense.
 - h. All games at the point of being "called" are legal games. The score will revert to the last COMPLETE inning, even if this results in a tie. (At least one [1] inning must have been completed). If the home team is in the lead when time is called, that inning is considered complete.
 - In house TOC tie breaker is if tied at end of time limit, keep playing until tie is broken or sunset called. If still tied at sunset, game winner will be determined by counting all defensive strikeouts up to last completed inning for both teams. Team with most strikeouts is declared winner. If still tied, defensive team with least number of walks will win. Hit batters do not count as a walk. IF STILL TIED – FLIP A COIN.
 - i. T-Ball bats are not permitted for use in Caps.
 - j. In accordance with Rule 4.10(e), a manager shall not concede the game if one team leads by 10 runs.

- k. Managers are responsible for umpiring other games within their own division. Each Manager will be given an umpire schedule for the season and will be responsible for seeing that each assignment is covered. Managers will be assigned to umpire each game (one for the bases and one for home plate). The determination of who umpires at which position will be made just prior to the game. If the Manager cannot fulfill his/her assignment, it is his/her direct responsibility to send a replacement. Continued failure to fulfill this responsibility will result in disciplinary action by the BOD.
 - l. A double-elimination tournament will be conducted after the season ends to determine which teams will represent WHLL if there is a City of Santee Caps Tournament. The top two teams will be selected to participate. Seeding for our own tournament will be based on points throughout the season. Teams will receive 2 points for a win, 1 for a tie, and 0 for a loss. In the event of a head-to-head tie, the higher seed will be determined by the team with the best head-to-head record against the next highest placed team. If the 1st & 2nd placed teams are tied, records will be compared head-to-head against the next lower placed team (3rd). If a tie remains, then it will go to head-to-head against the next lower placed team (4th) and continue this way until the 1st seeded team is decided. If any other teams are tied, the same would apply in deciding their seeding. If a tie still exists after considering above, refer to Little League Rule Book Section IV Runs-Allowed Ratio to break the tie.
 - m. The maximum number of players per team will be 12.
 - n. A list of Pool Players will be put together by the Player Agent and available only when a team is unable to field 9 players. Pool Players cannot be used to bring a team to over 9 players and will only be used during regular season games. Pool players must play a minimum of three (3) innings and will not be allowed to pitch.
 - o. **DRAFT** - There are two (2) special draft options in the Caps Division: Manager and Brother/Sister.
 - i. *Manager's Option:* If a Manager's Option is declared, it is based on the age of the player and that player must be selected by the respective draft round as follows:

9 year old	4 th round
7 & 8 year old	5 th round
 - ii. *Brother/Sister Option:* This Option is declared as soon as the first brother or sister is drafted. The remaining brother or sister will then be drafted in the very next round. In the case of more than two siblings, each subsequent player will be drafted in the next round until all siblings declared in the Option have been drafted. In the event of a Manager Option, the second sibling would be taken by the next available round after the first sibling.
4. **Minor Division League Rules**
- a. The Minor Division baseball program will be administered in accordance with the official rulebook and the rules set forth therein.
 - b. All players League Age eight (8), nine (9), ten (10) with at least one year of organized and/or little league baseball experience in a player pitched division (not to include fall ball), are eligible. All eleven (11) and twelve (12) are eligible for Minors. 12 year olds must request a waiver to play Minors.
 - c. A 5 run limit is in effect in innings 1-5. The 6th and subsequent innings will be open (teams may score more than 5 runs). The only way to score more than 5 runs in an inning prior to the 6th inning is an over the fence home run. All runs scoring on an over the fence home run would count.
 - d. Each player will have three additional defensive outs in a six-inning game. This need not be consecutive. This is in **addition** to the mandated Little League daytime rule

of six defensive outs and one at-bat. In a shortened game, if a player does not play at least ½ of the game, he/she must start the next game and play at least three defensive innings before he/she may be taken out of the game. If a complete game has been played (5-1/2 innings is complete) and a player has not met the minimum play time of three defensive innings, he/she must start the next game, make up the missed defensive outs, and then play the next nine defensive outs before being eligible to be taken out of the game. If the 2nd game is a shortened game, the player's time is considered made up if he/she played the entire game, even if all the time from the first game was not made up.

- e. In accordance with Rule 4.10(e), a manager shall not concede the game if one team leads by 10 runs.
- f. All players must try out and will be drafted.
- g. If a player fails to attend one of the try-out dates offered and is League Age nine (9) or ten (10), the Player Agent will place him in the Caps Division. Players League Age eleven (11) who do not try out and are not the property of the Major Division will be placed on a Minor team by the Player Agent.
- h. If a parent puts "Minors Only" on the Player Registration Form, then that player MUST be drafted to Minors and is not eligible for Majors. The player then must remain in Minors the entire season.
- i. Managers are responsible for umpiring other games within their own division. Each Manager will be given an umpire schedule for the season and will be responsible for seeing that each assignment is covered. Managers will be assigned to umpire each game (one for the bases and one for home plate). The determination of who umpires at which position will be made just prior to the game. If the Manager cannot fulfill his/her assignment, it is his/her direct responsibility to send a replacement. Continued failure to fulfill this responsibility will result in disciplinary action by the BOD.
- j. The Minor Division champion will be determined by head-to-head with no split season. A double-elimination tournament will be conducted after the last game of the regular season to determine which team will represent WHLL in post-season play. Seeding for our own tournament will be based on points throughout the season. Teams will receive 2 points for a win, 1 for a tie, and 0 for a loss. In the event of a head-to-head tie, the higher seed will be determined by the team with the best head-to-head record against the next highest placed team. If the 1st & 2nd placed teams are tied, records will be compared head-to-head against the next lower placed team (3rd). If a tie remains, then it will go to head-to-head against the next lower placed team (4th) and continue this way until the 1st seeded team is decided. If any other teams are tied, the same would apply in deciding their seeding. If a tie still exists after considering above, refer to Little League Rule Book Section IV Runs-Allowed Ratio to break the tie.
- k. The maximum number of players per team will be 12.
- l. A list of Pool Players will be put together by the Player Agent and available only when a team is unable to field 9 players. Pool Players cannot be used to bring a team to over 9 players and will only be used during regular season games. Pool players must play a minimum of three (3) innings and will not be allowed to pitch.

- m. **DRAFT** - There are two (2) special draft options in the Minor Division: Manager and Brother/Sister.
 - i. Manager's Option: If a Manager's Option is declared, it is based on the age of the player and that player must be selected by the respective draft round as follows:

12 year old	3rd round
11 year old	3rd round
10 year old	4th round
8 & 9 year old	5th round
 - ii. Brother/Sister Option: This Option is declared as soon as the first brother or sister is drafted. The remaining brother or sister will then be drafted in the very next round. In the case of more than two siblings, each subsequent player will be drafted in the next round until all siblings declared in the Option have been drafted. In the event of a Manager Option, the second sibling would be taken by the next available round after the first sibling.
 - iii. Any player that signs up after the time of the draft may be assigned to a Caps or Minor League team (discretion of the Player Agent). NO PLAYER is eligible to go directly into the Major Division.

5. **Major Division League Rules**

- a. The Major Division baseball program will be administered in accordance with the official rulebook and the rules set forth therein.
- b. No player League Age nine (9) will be permitted to play in the Major Division.
- c. Each player will have three additional defensive outs or one additional at bat in a six-inning game (i.e. 3 & 1 or 2 & 2). This need not be consecutive for a starter. This is in **addition** to the mandated Little League playtime rule of six defensive outs and one at-bat. This shall apply for all regular season and in-house TOC games. Violation of this rule will result in disciplinary action made by the BOD.
- d. In accordance with Rule 4.10(e), a manager shall not concede the game if one team leads by 10 runs.
- e. A list of Pool Players will be put together by the Player Agent and available only when a team is unable to field 9 players. Pool Players cannot be used to bring a team to over 9 players and will only be used during regular season games. Pool players must play a minimum of three (3) innings and will not be allowed to pitch.
- f. A substitution batting order shall begin on the last Saturday of April.
- g. If a Major Division Team completes two (2) or more games in a full calendar week, at least 9 defensive outs must be recorded by non-twelve-year-old pitchers. If a game ends due to the home team winning in the bottom ½ of the 6th inning, then that losing pitcher will be credited with 3 outs pitched for the purpose of this rule, assuming he/she started with "0" outs. Violation of this rule will result in disciplinary action made by the BOD which could include a suspension for first time offenses.
- h. The Major Division champion will be determined by head-to-head with no split season. A double-elimination tournament will be conducted after the last game of the regular season to determine which team will represent WHLL in post-season play. Seeding for our own tournament will be based on points throughout the season. Teams will receive 2 points for a win, 1 for a tie, and 0 for a loss. In the event of a head-to-head tie, the higher seed will be determined by the team with the best head-to-head record against the next highest placed team. If the 1st & 2nd placed teams are tied, records will be compared head-to-head against the next lower placed team (3rd). If a tie still remains, then it will go to head-to-head against the next lower placed team (4th) and continue this way until the 1st seeded team is decided. If any other teams are tied, the same would apply in deciding their seeding. If a tie still exists after considering above, refer to Little League Rule Book Section IV Runs-

Allowed Ratio to break the tie.

- i. **DRAFT** - There are two (2) special draft options in the Major Division: Manager and Brother/Sister.
 - i. *Manager's Option*: If a Manager's Option is declared, it is based on the age of the player and that player must be selected by the respective draft round as follows:

12 year old	3rd round
11 year old	4th round
10 year old	5th round
 - ii. *Brother/Sister Option*: This Option is declared as soon as the first brother or sister is drafted. The remaining brother or sister will then be drafted in the very next round. In the case of more than two siblings, each subsequent player will be drafted in the next round until all siblings declared in the Option have been drafted. In the event of a Manager Option, the second sibling would be taken by the next available round after the first sibling.
 - j. Any player age 10 or 11 who is eligible for the Majors draft will remain eligible to be placed on a Majors team at any time throughout the season if a Majors team loses a player.
 - k. Any player, age 10 or 11, that signs up after the draft (or does not complete at least one of the try outs), shall be assigned to a Minor Division team.
 - l. All players drafted into the Majors will be property players to the Major Division only.
 - m. All Major division players will try out and be redrafted each year. The BOD shall reserve the right to retain as a player in WHLL, any player whose residence changes after becoming a member (property) of WHLL as provided for in the Little League Rule Book, Regulation II(d). However, the best interest of the player should always be taken into consideration by the BOD when exercising this right.
 - m. 11 and 12 year olds who are a property of the Major Division, and do not attend try outs are not eligible for the draft, and will be wait listed for Majors. 12 year olds who do not try out and are not property of the Major division may choose to be wait listed for majors or may request a waiver to play Minors (note any 12 year old who requests a waiver to play Minors, may not be drafted to Majors later in the season).
6. Intermediate, Junior, Senior Divisions
- a. No metal cleats or "spikes" will be used at the WHLL city fields.
 - b. For all other rules, WHLL shall adopt the District 41 rules for these divisions.

C. PLAYER RELEASE AND REPLACEMENT

Release and replacement of players shall follow the Little League Rule Book and Operating Manual and the following local rule:

1. Teams may have a vacancy due to player choice or by injury; WHLL has defined player choice and injury as follows:
 - a. *Player Choice*: A player indicates they plan to leave Little League during the season for any reason (moving, quitting, illness, family issues, etc.).
 - b. *Injury*: A team has an injured player that has been or is anticipated that he/she will be will not return for any part of the last two weeks of regularly scheduled games
2. The Manager shall within 48 hours notify the Player Agent and President that a replacement is needed and the information regarding the vacancy. Players in Majors must be replaced if the roster would otherwise be smaller than other teams in the same Division. It is not up to the Manager to make a decision to play with fewer players. This requirement is waived if the team loses the player during the last two weeks of scheduled regular-season league games. Failure of manager to advise the Player Agent of continued absence shall result in disciplinary action below.

3. Per Little League Operating Manual guidelines, the Player Agent shall obtain the official release of the player to be replaced (if leaving Little League) or confirmation of injury date and duration.
4. Date and time of notification to the Player Agent that a replacement is needed shall establish the order in which replacements shall be assigned when more than one vacancy occurs at the same time.
5. Managers and Coaches shall not have any contact with a potential replacement player, or their families/guardians or current Manager or Coach. All communication will be to and by the Player Agent, and any violation of this rule shall be subject to disciplinary action as outlined below.
6. The Player Agent shall provide the Manager with an eligible player within 48 hours with first priority given to players on the Waiting List and second priority to eligible candidates in the Minors Division who had tried out for the Major's division. i.e., Replacements shall come from the Majors level waiting list, and if none, from the pool of any player in the Minors Division that had not completed the Minors Only waiver, provided the player had attended at least one (1) of the tryouts.
7. The Manager with the vacancy makes 3 choices in rank order and provides that information to the Player Agent within 48 hours.
8. The Player Agent shall immediately communicate directly with the players' parents selected to move up to fill the vacancy without informing that player's current Manager or seeking their approval.
9. A MANAGER'S OR COACH'S FAILURE TO ABIDE BY ANY OR ALL OF THESE RULES REGARDING REPLACEMENT PLAYERS, IS SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINE, REGARDLESS OF INTENT, as follows: 1st time: Suspended for the next played game; 2nd time: Suspended for 3 consecutive games played; the penalty for additional violations or offenses of this rule will be decided by WHLL BOD.

C. ALL STAR TEAM SELECTION

1. 7/8-Year-Old "Little Star" Team Selection:
 - a. No more than thirteen (13) players will be selected for the 7/8-Year-Old All Star Team.
 - b. The Minor managers shall vote to determine which 8-year-olds in Minors (if any) shall be included on the 7/8-year-old All Star team.
 - c. The Caps Division Managers shall vote to determine which 7 and 8-year-olds in Caps will fill the remaining spots.
 - d. Balloting is conducted by the Player Agent.
 - e. The ballots will be counted by the following three (3) members of the BOD:
 - President
 - 1st Vice President or 2nd Vice President
 - Division Player Agent
2. 9/10-Year-Old All Star Team Selection:
 - a. No more than thirteen (13) players will be selected for the 9/10-Year-Old All Star Team.
 - b. The Major Managers shall vote to determine which 10 year olds in Majors shall be included on the 9/10-year-old All Star team.
 - c. The Minor Division Managers shall vote to determine which 9 and 10 year olds in Minors will fill the remaining spots.
 - d. Balloting is conducted by the Little League Player Agent.
 - e. The ballots will be counted by the following three (3) members of the BOD:
 - President
 - 1st Vice President or 2nd Vice President
 - Division Player Agent

3. 10/11-Year-Old All Star Team Selection:
 - a. No more than thirteen (13) players will be selected for the 10/11-Year-Old All Star Team.
 - b. The Major and Minor League Team Managers will attend a meeting conducted by the Player Agent. Others allowed in attendance are the League President and the 1st Vice President. The Managers will be given the names of eligible players. These players will make up the ballot for the All Star vote. The Managers will each discuss their own players, one at a time, and will then vote for players for the team. If there is a tie, the Managers will discuss the tied players and reach an agreement. Should there be a tie, managers will vote.
 - c. The balloting is to be conducted by the Division Player Agent.
 - d. The ballots will be counted by the following three (3) members of the BOD:
 - President
 - 1st Vice President or 2nd Vice President
 - Division Player Agent
4. 11-12-Year-Old All Star Team Selection:
 - a. No more than thirteen (13) players will be selected for the 11-12-Year-Old All Star Team.
 - b. The players of the Little League Major Division will vote to select the first four (4) tournament players for the Majors Division All Stars. This will be done by secret ballot. Each Majors team will be provided with rosters of all eligible players for selection.
 - c. The next eight (8) or nine (9) tournament team players are to be selected by the Major Division Team Managers. The Managers will attend a meeting conducted by the Player Agent. Others allowed in attendance are the League President and the 1st Vice President. The Managers will be given the names of the four (4) players that were voted onto the All Star team by the Major Division players. The Managers will each discuss their own players, one at a time, and will then vote for eight (8) or nine (9) additional players for the team. If there is a tie, the Managers will discuss the tied players and reach an agreement. The Managers will not be told the top vote getters, except in the case of a tie.
 - d. The balloting is to be conducted by the Division Player Agent.
 - e. The ballots will be counted by the following three (3) members of the BOD:
 - President
 - 1st Vice President or 2nd Vice President
 - Division Player Agent
5. Intermediate, Juniors, and Seniors All Star Team Selection:
 - a. No more than thirteen (13) players will be selected per All Star Team.
 - b. The players of the respective Division will vote to select the first four (4) tournament players for the All Stars. This will be done by secret ballot. Each team will be provided with rosters of all eligible players for selection.
 - c. The next eight (8) or nine (9) tournament team players are to be selected by the Division Team Managers. The Managers will attend a meeting conducted by the Player Agent. Others allowed in attendance are the President and the 1st Vice President. The Managers will be given the names of the four (4) players that were voted onto the All Star team by the Division players. The Managers will each discuss their own players, one at a time, and will then vote for eight (8) or nine (9) additional players for the team. If there is a tie, the Managers will discuss the tied players and reach an agreement. The Managers will not be told the top vote getters, except in the case of a tie.
 - d. The balloting is to be conducted by the Division Player Agent.
 - e. The ballots will be counted by the following three (3) members of the BOD:

- The President of the League
- The 1st Vice President or 2nd Vice President
- The Upper Division Player Agent

D. DISCIPLINARY POLICY

WHLL expects all participants to exhibit exemplary behavior both on and off the field while involved in any WHLL associated events. WHLL reserves the right to discipline any Manager, Coach, Parent, Volunteer or Player who creates an unsafe condition, whose behavior or conduct does not reflect the values and mission of Little League International and/or WHLL, and/or has violated any rule.

Disciplinary action will be taken according to the procedure and policy outlined below.

1. COMPLAINTS:
 - a. Complaints must be communicated to a WHLL Board member, preferably in writing. Anonymous complaints cannot result in formal discipline.
 - b. All complaints will be forwarded to the President.
 - c. In the event the complaint is against the League President, the complaint shall be forwarded to the 1st Vice President who will act as the WHLL President.
 - d. The League President may, at his or her discretion, deal with the complaint, but shall forward it to the Disciplinary Committee.
 - e. The individual(s) who have been indicated in the complaint shall be informed of the complaint and will have the opportunity to respond before disciplinary action is taken.
 - f. In cases in which the complaint is referred to the Disciplinary Committee for action, the League President reserves the right to suspend the manager, coach, spectator, volunteer or player from further participation until the Disciplinary Committee can perform its due diligence to determine the punishment.
 - g. ALL participants determined to be involved in unacceptable behavior will be disciplined.
2. DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE REVIEW AND ACTION:
 - a. The Disciplinary Committee will be comprised of the League President, 1st Vice President, and 2nd Vice President. Additional members of the committee may be added as follows:
 - Umpire in Chief if the complaint involves an umpire or rule violation.
 - Division Player Agent if the complaint involves a player or their parent/guardian/family member.
 - Manager Coordinator if the complaint involves a manager or coach.
 - Head Scorekeeper or other officers of the BOD as deemed necessary.
 - b. Should the complaint be against or directly involve a member of the Disciplinary Committee, the President shall appoint a replacement.
 - c. In cases in which the complaint has been referred to the Disciplinary Committee, the Disciplinary Committee will review the case and present its recommended action to the League President. This will be done as expeditiously as possible.
 - d. Once the League President has received the recommendation of the Disciplinary Committee, he/she may follow the recommendation or modify it as is seen fit.
 - e. The League President will present the recommendation to the officers of the BOD for approval.
 - f. A summary of the disciplinary action(s) will be delivered in writing to the subject of the complaint. This may take the form of email, U.S. mail, or other means.

3. PENALTIES

- a. WHLL establishes the range of discipline to be used for any/all violations. This disciplinary policy applies to both the general and player memberships, as well as to parents, guardians, volunteers, spectators and fans.
- b. In the event of a violation, a penalty to be imposed based upon the severity of the infraction, ranging from, but not limited to:
 - Warning
 - Game(s) suspension (which includes all other WHLL activities during the period, including practices/events)
 - Expulsion from WHLL

PLEASE NOTE: Expulsion is an option, even after the first violation, depending on the severity of the violation. Also, in accordance with Little League International rules, any person suspended from Little League activities is not allowed to be present at any Little League event or function including practices and games. This includes being in the dugout, or any spectator areas (bleachers, outfield, etc.).

- c. Any disciplinary action that results in removal from the League for the remainder of the season must be approved by two-thirds of the WHLL BOD. The person, or their parent(s), subject to removal for the remainder of the season, will have an opportunity to address the BOD before a vote is taken.
- d. In the event the complaint is against one or more members of the WHLL BOD, they will not be allowed to observe or participate in the proceedings.
- e. In the event the complaint is against a member of the disciplinary committee, they will not be allowed to observe or participate in the proceedings, and the League President will appoint a substitute.

The WHLL rules are effectively immediately upon approval of the BOD.

Approved by the West Hills Little League Board of Directors on January 11, 2022

Anthony Roman – President
Jason Jervis - 2nd Vice President
Mike Gregus - Treasurer
Tulmage Kuhl - Safety Officer
Charr Jervis - Lower Division Player Agent
Joe Carey - Equipment Manager
Danielle Gregus - Auxiliary President
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Mark Frens - Manager Coordinator
Danny Roberts - Member at Large
Will DeFelice - Member at Large
Jeremy Smith - Member at Large
Brad Lawson - Member at Large

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