

HOLLIDAYSBURG AREA SUMMER BASEBALL LEAGUE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS Effective September 2021

ARTICLE I.	Name-Object-Membership
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Section 1. This organization shall be known as The Hollidaysburg Area Summer Baseball League Inc, hereinafter referred to as "HASBL".

Section 2. Its object is to provide baseball for more boys and girls throughout the Hollidaysburg Area, promote good sportsmanship, fair play, loyalty, courage, honesty and respect for authority while teaching the players the fundamentals of baseball.

Section 3. The HASBL Constitution, Bylaws, and Operating Rules shall be constructed in a manner and with the intent to conform to the Operating Manual, Official Regulations, and Playing Rules of Little League International. On an annual basis, The HASBL Board of Directors will have the invested responsibility to prepare, adopt, and submit to Little League International, a constitution consistent with all rules, regulations, and policies of Little League Baseball, Incorporated. Any rules, regulations, or operating procedures not defined by Little League International shall be addressed, created, and approved by the HASBL Board of Directors.

Section 4. Any adult person actively interested in furthering the objectives of the League may become a Regular Member. The secretary shall maintain the roll of membership to qualify voting members. HASBL members and volunteers are covered under PA ACT 77.

Note: Regular Membership of the league automatically include all current Managers (Head Coach), Registered Assistant Coaches, Board Members and Committee Members

ARTICLE II. The Board of Directors

Section 1. The management of the property and affairs of the HASBL shall be vested in the Board of Directors.

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall consist of a maximum of Seven (7) Directors. The number of Directors may be increased or decreased at any general or special meeting of the Directors...

Section 3. If any vacancy occurs in the Board of Directors, by death, resignation or otherwise, it may be filled by a majority vote of the remaining Directors at any regular or special Board meeting.

Section 4. The length of term for all Directors shall be two (2) years with elections to be held at the Board's September meeting. Directors shall assume duties immediately upon their election.

Section 5. Interest in Board of Director roles must be submitted in writing in advance of the September meeting.

Any Director may be removed by two thirds vote by Board of Directors. Acceptance for a Director position holds the responsibility and board approved agreement to uphold an ethics and confidentiality agreement for best interests of the HASBL league in its entirety.

Section 7. Election of each Director shall be by majority vote of the Board of Directors present at the September meeting.

ARTICLE III. Duties and Responsibilities of the Board

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall elect (by Board Majority Vote) officers, agents, and committees as it may deem necessary or desirable and may prescribe powers and duties of each. Elected officers or agents shall have no vote on actions taken by the Board of Directors unless such individuals have been elected to the Board by the membership or have been elected to fill a vacancy of the Board.

Section 2. President

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Presides at league meetings and assumes full responsibility for the operation of the local league. The president receives all mail, supplies, and other communications from the Little League International. The president must see to it that league personnel is properly briefed on all phases of rules, regulations, and policies of Little League. The league president is the contact between the local organization and Little League International

The local Little League® President is the most visible local league position in the program and serves as the chairman of a local league's Board of Directors. An election is conducted biennial by the league's recognized voting members to place the league president.

Aside from solid leadership skills, an effective league president will also bring knowledge, experience, and common sense to the position, along with efficient organization and administration abilities. The prospective league president also needs to be willing to dedicate time and energy to guarantee that players, families, and volunteers all enjoy a fun, memorable Little League experience.

The league president is accountable to the local league Board of Directors. Duties of a league president are described within the limits of the rules and regulations, and within the local league constitution, giving each league president the ability to oversee the affairs of all elements of the league.

As the chief administrator, the league president selects and appoints managers, coaches, umpires, and committee's members. However, all appointments are subject to final approval by the local league's Board of Directors. League presidents should work hand-in-hand with fellow volunteers to ensure the best decisions are being made for the entire league. The president will not serve in the capacity of District Administrator.

Importantly, the league president is the officer with whom Little League International maintains contact and holds accountable for the entire local operation of your league. The league president also represents the league in the District organization.

The League President needs to be willing to devote the time, energy, and dedication to ensure that all players and volunteers have a fun, memorable Little League experience.

The league president should be the most informed officer of the league. The individual must know the regulations under which Little League operates and, in authorizing the annual application for charter, binds all members of the league to faithfully observe the regulations. Little League International reserves the right to take disciplinary action against the league and/or its officers should there be a violation of the terms of the charter application. League presidents are encouraged to work closely with their District Administrators and Little League International staff to provide guidance to avoid any potential situations. Beyond the requirements of league administration, the league president is also the face of your local Little League program and personify the best public image in reflection to the community at large and all Little League. Each league president should take an active role in gaining support and winning friends and supporters for the league program.

Additionally, the league president presides over league meetings, and assumes full responsibility for the operation of the local league. Little League prides itself on instilling leadership skills in its players, and the local league president should be the example to guide all participants, volunteers, and parents on what it takes to be a great leader.

A president may manage, coach or umpire, provided he/she does not serve on the protest committee, nor serve as tournament team manager or coach. The league president may be eligible for selection by the local Board of Directors to coach or manage with written approval from their respective District Administrator.

Section 3. Vice President

Presides in the absence of the president; works with other officers and committee members; is ex-official member of all committees and carries out such duties and assignments as may be delegated by the President. A vice president may manage, coach or umpire, provided they do not serve on the protest committee.

Responsible for the Umpires and Tournaments within all HASBL Divisions. The Umpire Coordinator and Tournament Director report to the Vice President.

Section 4 Treasurer

Signs checks co-signed by another officer or director for over 5 thousand-dollar expenses; dispenses league funds as approved by the Board of Directors; reports on the status of league funds; keeps local league books and financial records; prepares budgets and assumes the responsibility for all local league finances.

A local league's Treasurer is a crucial position within its Board of Directors. The Treasurer is responsible for the financial condition of the local league and providing monthly or periodic updates to fellow board members. The individual will prepare financial statements and budgets, including the annual financial report to the submitted to the league's membership. The Treasurer also handles all income and expenses of the league and properly tracks and records them. It's a big job, with a very important role in making sure your league operates smoothly, and your volunteers and players have all the support they need.

The Treasurer should not be the same individual as the President, and Little League® International strongly encourages the Treasurer not have any preexisting relationship with the League President.

The Treasurer, to properly perform the functions of the position, should have:

Financial and Accounting Management Experience

While the Treasurer does not need to be an accountant or work in the financial field, some background and ability to handle financial and accounting tasks is strongly recommended. The ability to prepare proper and thorough records is essential.

Thorough Records

To avoid possible issues of theft, a Treasurer should keep solid financial records and track **all** of the league's purchases. This should include approval for all purchases and requirement of receipts and order forms (if possible) for all transactions, no matter the size of the purchase.

The Treasurer should also institute the following to improve the league's financial management:

Money Counting Procedures

To be transparent and to limit mistakes, multiple individuals should be included in money counting. A procedure for counting money after each concession stand use must be in place, which may include counting upon opening and closing. Forms should be developed to streamline the process. Assistants to the Treasurer or a Concession Manager should be used to count and handle the money each evening, so the Treasurer doesn't have to go to the field nightly.

Conduct Audits

An audit committee should be used that includes three Board of Directors members, but not the President, Treasurer, or anyone that signs checks. The committee should review the league's books and records at least quarterly, but ideally on a monthly basis. The committee should also ensure it meets prior to the annual meeting and provide its findings to the President and Treasurer. It is recommended to have a CPA conduct an annual audit for the HASBL as it is a Non Profit 501 (c) (3) organization.

Written Financial Management Guidelines:

The Treasurer, with the Board of Directors or an appointed Committee, should institute written financial management guidelines so they are expressly explained, and questions would be very limited in times that issues may arise. The Treasurer should spend considerable time at a meeting explaining each of these guidelines and could even require each Director to sign an acknowledgement that each has read the guidelines.

Please refer to the HASBL website (<u>www.hasbl.com</u>) for current financial management guidelines and policies.

Section 5. Secretary

Maintains a register of members and directors; records the minutes of meetings; is responsible for sending out notice of meetings, issues membership cards and maintains a record of league's activities.

The League Secretary is the Board of Directors member who is in charge of records, correspondence, minutes of meetings, and related affairs of the organization.

The League Secretary is responsible for Social Media communications to the League. Additionally, written and electronic (ex. Email) communication sent into the League. The League Secretary may appoint a Social Media point person and/or committee with Board Approval.

Records

The Secretary should maintain a roll of membership for the league. This roll will include members of all classes, as defined by your league's constitution. Maintaining the membership will help throughout the year and especially during the annual meeting. This roll will help establish what is necessary to obtain a quorum during membership meetings. The Secretary will also maintain any files, mailing list, or necessary records for the local league.

Correspondence

Throughout the year, correspondence will need to be sent out from your league. Examples of correspondence can be notifying members of upcoming meetings or notifying member of appointments on committees.

Minutes of Meetings

Minutes of meeting are important in maintaining an accurate history of your league. Accurate minutes will help in seeing when league by-laws or the constitution have been changed. The documentation of general membership meeting and board meetings will help in showing transparency by the local league's Board of Directors.

The League Secretary is responsible for the overall record keeping of the league and help ensure that accurate records are kept and maintained.

Section 6. Player Agent

Conducts annual tryouts, and is in charge of player selection, assists president in checking birth records and eligibility of players; serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the local league and generally supervises and coordinates the transfer of players to or from the Minor Leagues according to provisions of the regulations of Little League.

The Player Agent is widely considered the second-most important local league Board of Directors position, with the League President being considered the most important. A Player Agent is tasked with overseeing all aspects of the management of playing members of the local league. Separate Player Agents are permitted for separate divisions and levels of play. Whether tasked with overseeing the whole league or individual divisions, a Player Agent must know these five things.

Thorough Understanding of Preseason Tasks

Player management begins in the preseason when players register, tryout, and are selected to teams. This is the busiest time for the Player Agent.

While the Board of Directors, as a whole, will staff registration, it is still the responsibility (with the President) to validate all players' ages and residency.

For tryouts, the Player Agent will ensure notification of the date, time, and location is communicated to all player candidates and prepares the tryout list that managers will use to evaluate players.

Major division teams and above must follow Little League-approved team selection methods (drafts), which is the responsibility of the Player Agent.

Understanding of Player Selection Methods and Options

Player selections are the responsibility of the Player Agent, who must ensure that proper methods (determined by the Board) are properly used and managers are educated in advance of the draft of the selection process. The Player Agent must prepare the draft list, which lists all eligible players for selection.

Additionally, the Player Agent must be aware of the draft process and all rules that apply, such as draft order. Draft options that could come into play must be studied by the Player Agent, who should be aware of them, along with the ability to allow them to be properly used.

Conduction of Strict Roster Management

The Player Agent should record each team's roster and keep them on file and submit them to Little League. (Player registration data or rosters are both accepted by Little League International.)

Once teams are selected and set, the Player Agent must oversee all teams to ensure those selected to the team are the only ones participating in team activities and ensure players are routinely attending such activities.

During the season, should there be the need for replacements, the Player Agent, along with the team manager, must follow the established process for such replacement. The Player Agent must also provide proper notice to the individual being replaced.

It is the responsibility of the Player Agent to ensure no manager is mishandling his roster and that all players are being treated equal.

Understanding of How to Release Players

There are four different occasions or types of player releases. Any time a player is released, written notice must be provided by the league.

Non-registrant: Any player who participated with the league in the previous season and is otherwise eligible to register with league for present year, but has not registered prior to the start of the draft. This does require majority approval by the Board of Directors.

Less than 50 Percent of Tryouts: Following the conclusion of all tryout sessions, any candidate that was required to attend 50 percent of the session, but failed to do so, is subject to be released and not eligible for selection to any team in any division. The parent/guardian may submit an excuse, which can be deemed acceptable by majority vote of the Board and permits the child to be eligible for selection to any team in any division (that he or she is otherwise eligible for).

Off-Season Release: Players in the Major Division and above may request to be released during the offseason, which must be approved by majority vote of the Board. If approved, release provides player to be selected to another team in a division but not to move down a division.

In-Season Release: A manager may request the Board to release a player during the season. Such release does not permit a child to participate the balance of the regular season with another team or division. The player would have to tryout the following season to be eligible for selection to a team.

Knowledge of Tournament Team Player Requirements

A Player Agent is responsible, along with the League President to verify and attest to each tournament team's player age and residency in accordance with Little League regulations. The Player Agent must also ensure which players are eligible for selection to a tournament team. The Player Agent may also be responsible for selection of such teams.

The player agent must not manage, coach or umpire in the division over which he/she has authority, unless the local league has received explicit written permission to allow this from Little League International. The Player Agent may assign additional player agents for individual divisions.

Section 7. Fundraising Director

The Fundraising Director develops fundraising strategies, formulates solicitation procedures and oversees all fundraising activities. Those activities include but are not limited to: the concession stand, the Cash Bash, Front Street and Powerhouse Sub sales and the Fan Cloth Spirit Wear fundraiser. Additional fundraising may be required. The Fundraising Director is responsible for recruiting and overseeing the committees assigned to those fundraising activities previously mentioned. The Fundraising Director identifies new donor bases and acts as a liaison with funding partners and organizations. Additionally, the Fundraising Director leads grant-writing efforts. Reports to the President.

Section 8. Safety Officer/Coaching Coordinator

The safety officer coordinates all safety activities including supervision of ASAP (A Safety Awareness Program), ensures safety in player training, ensures safe playing conditions, coordinates reporting and prevention of injuries, solicits suggestions for making conditions safer, and reports suggestions to Little League International through the ASAP system.

Represents coaches/managers in league; presents a coach/manager training budget to the board; gains the support and funds necessary to implement a league-wide training program; orders and distributes training materials to players, coaches and managers; coordinates mini-clinics as necessary; helps implement www.LittleLeagueU.org as the manager-coach education program for the league.

The Equipment Coordinator is responsible for the Equipment Responsibilities required on a yearly basis and during the season (Regular Season, Playoffs, Tournament, and Shaughnessy). The Equipment Coordinator receives bids and best pricing for equipment necessary for baseball play (ex. Uniforms, balls, catchers' equipment, and other items deemed necessary to carry out play).

ARTICLE IV. HASBL Committees and Appointed Positions

Executive Committee

- (a) The Board of Directors will appoint an Executive Committee which shall consist of not less than 4

 Directors, 2 of whom shall be the President of the League and Vice President of the League. The

 President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary (League Officers) will serve as Executive

 Committee unless approved differently by a majority vote of the Directors.
- (b) Shall advise with and assist the Officers of the League in all matters concerning its interests and the management of its affairs, and shall have such other powers as may be delegated to it by the Board, but in no event will the Executive Committee have authority over the Board of Directors

Umpire Coordinator

Serves as coordinator of and advises the league President and Vice President on the league umpire program; responsible for recommending umpires to the league President and Vice President for appointment to the league umpire roster; recruiting and retaining volunteer umpires; establishing a league umpire training program consistent with Little League® guidelines; coordinating and assisting with conducting umpire clinics at league and district level; communicating rule changes to league umpires; scheduling league umpires for regular season games; evaluating league umpires using established guidelines to maintain program integrity; further continual improvement, and prepare league umpires for advancement to tournament levels; communicating with and providing updates to the District Umpire

Consultant on the league umpire program, and attending Umpire Training programs at the District, State, Region, and/or Headquarters level. Umpire will schedule umpires for regular season and tournament games. The Umpire Coordinator is able to select a committee if deem necessary (with Board Approval). An Umpire Coordinator may be appointed for each age Division if deemed necessary. The Umpire Coordinator(s) reports to the Vice President. Vice President is responsible for ensuring umpires are trained and scheduled for all Divisions along with properly equipment with Umpire Shirt, Rules, and Umpire equipment.

Tournament Director

The Tournament Director's main job is to oversee the general operations of HASBL and Little League International Sponsored Tournament at Home HASBL Fields.

Basic list of duties includes:

- (a) Recruiting and providing staff for Tournaments (HASBL Tournament Team Coaches and Staff are required to work events)
- (b) Implementing the policies and rules of the tournament
- (c) Interacting with the people overseeing the HASBL facilities (Field Director)
- (d) Instructing the staff and coordinating internal/external communication
- (e) Coordinating event finances
- (f) Overseeing scheduling, statistics, communication, promotion, marketing, and participant recognition
- (g) Collaborate with HASBL Board, Head Coaches and Assistants for HASBL Tournament Teams to recruit and coordinate Outside League Teams for HASBL Sponsored Tournaments.

Commissioners and/or Co-Commissioners (Division Player Agents)

- (a) Shall attend all meetings
- (b) Will work with the Player Agent for setting the date, time and place of each League's draft
- (c) Shall be responsible for creating a playing schedule for each League and scheduling all make-up games in coordination with Player Agents and any other designee
- (d) Shall be a liaison between the Board and the respective League
- (e) In collaboration with the Player Agent, will furnish the Board with a roster of all players and teams in his League, as well as a list of all people cut from the roster, at least one week prior to the first game
- (f) Shall submit names of potential coaches to the Board for approval
- (g) Shall hold a minimum of two (2) coaches meetings during the season

Protest Committee

- (a) Shall be comprised of at least five (5) members of the Board of Directors
- (b) Shall rule on all protests, appeals and questions of player eligibility or any other issue not resolved by the league commissioner
- (c) All protests for Board consideration must be reported to any Board Member within twenty-four (24) hours after the game in question. A formal protest in writing must follow the initial notice filed with a Board Member within seventy-two (72) hours. A protest committee meeting will then be scheduled. If either of the steps outlined above are not met, the game will stand as called on the field and no other action shall be taken. At the protest meeting, a representative from each team must be present along with the head umpire for that game.

Rules Committee

(a) Shall be comprised of at least three (3) members of the Board of Directors

Concession Stand/Fundraising Committee

- (a) Shall comprise of at least 5 volunteers nominated by the Concession Stand Manager and approved by HASBL Board.
- (a) Board of Directors will decide on volunteers and sub-committees to help lead, facilitate, and participate in HASBL Fundraising Activities (b) Reports to the Fundraising Coordinator.

Budget/Finance/Audit Committee

- (a) Shall present an annual budget and quarterly financial report to the Board of Directors.
- (b) Shall conduct 1 yearly Audit (minimum on yearly basis)

Social Media and Website (Marketing) Committee

- (a) Shall consistent of a minimum of four (4) members of the Board of Directors
- (b) Board of Directors may seek volunteers to assist in the HASBL Social Media/Marketing Presence (c) Reports to the Secretary

All other committees as directed by the Board of Directors or required by outside affiliations are approved by the Board of Directors

ARTICLE V.	<u>Meetings</u>
Section 1.	The Board of Directors will meet at least once in the fall and then once a month in January, February, March and April. The date, place and time of the meetings shall be determined by a majority vote of the Board
Section 2.	Organization meetings must have a five (5) day notice
Section 3.	Special meetings may be called by the President of the Board. At least two (2) days' notice of said meeting shall be given to all Board members
Section 4.	The coaches of each team must be approved by the Board. Prospective coaches' names will be submitted by the League Commissioners to the President and Player Agent
Section 5.	The Board must have five (5) members present to have a quorum
Section 6.	HASBL Board Voting may be conducted live at meetings or electronically by texts, email, teleconference, or WebEx. Any Vote conducted by electronic means will be noted in the next HASBL Board meeting minutes.

ARTICLE VI. <u>Amendments</u>

Section 1. Proposed amendments or changes to the By-laws must be approved by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors

ARTICLE VIII. <u>Coaching responsibilities</u>

Section 1. The Head Coach or Assistant Coach or a designated team representative must attend all League meetings, special meetings (i.e. coaches clinics), and work/field maintenance days.

Section 2.	Head Coaches and Assistant Coaches MUST have proper clearances to Coach
Section 3.	Head Coaches are responsible for participation in league fundraising activities. Ensuring their Teams fulfills minimum requirements and assisting during the fundraising events.
ARTICLE IX.	Rules
Section 1.	The Board of Directors shall have the power to suspend players and coaches for all rule infractions and not upholding agreed upon responsibilities
Section 2.	All team rosters and League schedules must be turned over to the Board of Directors before the season begins.
Section 3.	The HASBL has adopted a Social Media policy. Please refer to the HASBL website (<u>www.hasbl.com</u>) to view the Social Media policy in its entirety.
Section 4.	The HASBL has adopted a Anti-Bullying policy. Please refer to the HASBL website (www.hasbl.com) to view the Anti-Bully policy in its entirety.
ARTICLE X.	HASBL Constitution and Bylaws Yearly Responsibility
	The HASBL will prepare, adopt and submit to Little League International, a constitution consistent with all rules, regulations, and policies of Little League Baseball, incorporated. (per Little League Rule Book). HASBL bylaws to be reviewed on a yearly basis.

For additional information regarding Little League Official Regulations, Playing Rules and Operating Policies please visit www.littleleague.org



HOLLIDAYSBURG AREA SUMMER BASEBALL LEAGUE

(Little League International)

OPERATING RULES

Approved 12/17/2018

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY (Aligns with Little League International League Player Ages)

<u>Pee Wee Minor (8 yrs and under)</u>: Player must be at least five (5), six (6), seven (7) or eight (8) years of age but must not have reached the age of nine (9) prior to August 31 of the current season.

<u>Pee Wee Major (10 yrs and under):</u> Player must be at least seven (7) eight (8), nine (9), or ten (10) years of age but must not have reached the age of eleven (11) prior to August 31 of the current season.

<u>Little League (12 yrs and under):</u> Player must be at least nine (9), ten (10), eleven (11) or twelve (12) years of age but must not have reached the age of thirteen (13) prior to August 31 of the current season.

<u>Intermediate Junior League (13 yrs and under)</u>: Players must be at least thirteen (13) years of age or younger but must not have reached the age of fourteen (14) prior to August 31 of the current season.

<u>Jr/Sr. Little League:</u> Player must be at least thirteen (13) years of age by Aug 31 of the current season and must not have reached the age of seventeen (17) by Aug 31 of the current season.

Moving a player up: A player may be moved to an older league only after a petition letter/request is received by the Player Agent and Board of Directors. The petition letter must be submitted by the player's parents or legal guardian to the Player Agent listing Player Name, Previous Year's Team/Coach, Email, and Phone Number. The Player Agent will submit recommendations to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors will then approve or disapprove the petition pending an investigation and evaluation of the request. No player will be moved up after the beginning of the season. New players moving into the area, after the season has started, will be placed in the appropriate league for their age.

Considerations will be the following:

- Safety of Players
- Current League Numbers (Players) within League Petitioning to "Play Up."
- Baseball skills in comparison to desired League participants

RULES

1. <u>Behavior:</u> The Managers/Head Coach shall be responsible for the behavior of their team on or off the field while players are in uniform. Players and Coaches reported to be smoking, drinking alcoholic beverages or conducting themselves in a manner that is unsportsmanlike during play or on field grounds, may be suspended for that day's game and successive

games pending investigation of the Board. The Head Coach is to be held to the highest standard to conduct themselves in a proper manner (at any HASBL activities) as they are significant influences on players within the HASBL league.

- 2. <u>Ejections:</u> If a player or coach is ejected from a game, he or she will not be eligible for the next game as a penalty. The Board of Directors must be notified of the ejection by either the offending player's coach or the player's opponent's coach or by the umpire who ejected the player or by the league commissioner. If a player or coach participates in a game while he/she is supposed to be serving a suspension, the manager/head coach will serve a two-game suspension for using an ineligible player or coach. All suspensions will be served on the next two games after the game in which the infraction occurred.
- 3. Player quitting during the regular season: If a player quits his/her team during the season, he/she is ineligible to play on a HASBL team for the remainder of the season, playoffs and/or tournaments. The player will have no money refunded to him/her. A player must play in sixty percent (60%) of the regular season games to become eligible for the playoffs and tournament team consideration. Proof of games played will be held within scorebooks from game competition during the season.
- 4. <u>Teams running short of players:</u> If a team is down to only nine active players during the season, the first player from the commissioner's waiting list shall be assigned to that team. If no players are on the waiting list and a candidate is submitted from outside the league, but said candidate lives within league boundaries, the Board of Directors will determine if that player is eligible after a hearing on the subject is completed.
- 5. <u>Must slide rule:</u> This rule will be expressed as a no slide/no contact rule. If the player chooses not to slide, then no contact is permitted by that player into the defensive player.
- 6. <u>Player called up due to absenteeism:</u> If a player is called up from a younger league to play in an older league and the absent player shows up, the younger player who was called up must play in the game according to each individual league's must play rule that deals with a player being called up. If a younger player is playing a game for his/her team in the same time slot as the older league game, the younger player will be ineligible to be called up.
- 7. <u>Player call ups</u> A list provided by coaches will be used to determine "call up list." These players should be nominated based on safety, development opportunities, readiness, and approved by parents upon nomination.
- 8. <u>Rained out games:</u> If a game is rained out prior to the first pitch, all pitching rules will be in effect for the week that he make-up game is played. EXAMPLE: A rained out game is going to be the third game of the week and pitchers who have pitched their maximum number of innings or pitches earlier that week will not be eligible to pitch in the make-up game.
- 9. <u>Rescheduled games:</u> Games will be rescheduled by the commissioner of each league in collaboration with the Player Agent. All rescheduled games will be scheduled for the first available open date. School functions take priority over any games scheduled. All games scheduled on these days will be rescheduled by the commissioner.
- 10. <u>Coaching rules for draft:</u> Each league must have head coaches named prior to the draft and that coach or his Board approved delegate must be present at the draft. If the head coach or approved delegate is not present on draft night, the draft must be postponed until all approved members are present.

Specific Draft Rules:

- o The draft will be from lowest to highest, and then highest to lowest for all rounds of the draft. For example, if there are 10 teams in a specific league, the draft will go from 1-10, and then 10-1, 1-10, 10-1, and so on, until all players have been drafted.
 - A team will have a maximum of fifteen (15) players
 - O Any coach without a child playing will get one first round selection. Coaches' children will then be evaluated (previous year Tournament Team is first consideration) and ranked by age and/or ability by the Player Agent and 1 other "unbiased" evaluator. The coach with the youngest and/or least experienced child will pick first, and the coach with the second youngest and/or second least experienced child will pick second, and so on. Any other

changes due to specific circumstances are acceptable, provided every coach, as well as the board, are in full agreement.

- For the round which the coaches' child is agreed to be drafted in, that coach will not make a pick.
 (2) board members (1 being the Player Agent) will be present for the draft ranking and will decide any conflicts.
 Each leagues' draft order will be presented to the board by the league commissioner prior to that leagues' draft.
 The board will make the final decision if there are any ties or conflicts.
- o If a draft pick has a sibling in the draft, they will stay together. The sibling not chosen first will be evaluated and assigned a draft order by the coaches and an independent, unbiased Board Member(s).
- Only coaches, commissioners or board members may be present at the draft. No outside participants will be permitted.
 Cell phones will be permitted for emergency or family matters only. No cell phones will be permitted for draft discussions.
- 11. Assistant coaches: No assistant coaches will be picked by the head coach until the draft in each league is completed.
- 12. Little League International Sanction Tournament Teams

Little League Divisions for Little League International Sanction Play (Per LL Baseball Rule Book)

10 U Sanction Tournament Team (8, 9, & 10 year old eligible) – 1-2 Team Max entry

Any player League Age 8, 9, or 10, with amateur status, who has participated as an eligible player in 60 percent (60%) of regular season games by the start of Tournament Play in their respective District, with the exception of the school baseball season, on a:

- 1. Little League Baseball (Major Division) Team, or;
- 2. Minor League Baseball Team
- 11 U Sanction Tournament Team (9, 10, & 11 year old eligible) 1-2 Team Max entry

Any player League Age 9, 10, or 11, with amateur status, who has participated as an eligible player in 60 percent (60%) of regular season games by the start of Tournament Play in their respective District, with the exception of the school baseball season, on a:

- 1. Little League Baseball (Major Division) Team, or;
- 2. Minor League Baseball Team
- 12U Sanction Tournament Team (10, 11, & 12 year old eligible) 1 Team Max entry

Any player League Age 10, 11, or 12, with amateur status, who has participated as an eligible player in 60 percent (60%) of regular season games by the start of Tournament Play in their respective District on a Little League Baseball (Major) Division team, with the exception of the school baseball season.

Intermediate (50-70) Division - 1 Team Max entry

Any player League Age 11, 12, or 13, with amateur status, who has participated as an eligible player in 60 percent (60%) of regular season games (Special Games may be counted towards this requirement – See Regulation IX in LL Rule Book) in the Intermediate (50-70) Division by the start of Tournament Play in their respective District, with the exception of the school baseball season.

Junior League - 1 Team Max entry

Any player League Age 12, 13, or 14, with amateur status, who has participated as an eligible player in 60 percent (60%) of regular season games (Special Games may be counted towards this requirement – See Regulation IX in LL Rule Book) in the Intermediate (50-70) Division by the start of Tournament Play in their respective District, with the exception of the middle school, junior high, or high school baseball, on a:

- 1. Senior League Baseball Team, or:
- 2. Junior League Baseball Team

Senior League - 1 Team Max entry

Any player League Age 13, 14, 15 or 16, with amateur status, who has participated as an eligible player in 60 percent (60%) of regular season games (Special Games may be counted towards this requirement – See Regulation IX in LL Rule Book) in the Intermediate (50-70) Division by the start of Tournament Play in their respective District, with the exception of the middle school, junior high, or high school baseball, on a:

3. Senior League Baseball Team, or: 4. Junior League Baseball Team

Exception: The HASBL Board of Directors may permit a player to be eligible for selection, who does not meet the 60 percent (60%) requirement, if they provide a physician's note documenting an injury or illness prior to or during the current season prohibiting

his/her participation and such note releases the player for the balance of the Regular Season and/or Tournament Play. Forfeited games shall not count towards a team's 12 game regular season and not towards any players 60% participation

(Note: In the 8-10 year old division and 9-11 year old division, a league may enter more than one tournament team with the District Administrator's approval)

- HASBL Tournament teams: Our league encourages HASBL Little League International Sanctioned and Local Tournament Teams to take part in tournament play, provided however that they do not interfere with Regular season and/or playoff games. Players selected for HASBL tournament teams may not participate in any tournament game that conflicts with a HASBL regular season or playoff game. Further, players will not be permitted to leave early from a HASBL regular season or playoff game to attend a HASBL tournament game. Regular season and/or playoff games must be the players' priority. HASBL Tournament team coaches will be voted upon by the Board of Directors after the tournament teams have been selected. All head coaches are required to be at the tournament team meetings and selection meetings. Each team will be supported at the discretion of the HASBL Board. Receipts are required to be sent to the treasurer no later than the conclusion of the last tournament played.
- Head Coaches or Team Representatives may seek additional sponsorships for their respective teams. However, any checks or monies donated or sponsored must be made directly to the respective teams. Any check made payable to the HASBL will go to the entire league for that given year.
 - Head Coaches are required to participate (enter Teams) in HASBL Sponsored Tournaments (unless still participating
 in Little League Sanction Play). Additionally, All HASBL Sponsored Tournament Teams will be required to
 participate in fundraising and assist in HASBL Sponsored Tournaments. Head Coaches unwilling or neglecting to
 follow through with Head Coach Tournament Team responsibilities will not be eligible to be a Head Coach for a
 HASBL Tournament Team.
 - It is the Head Coach (All Tournament Teams) responsibility to understand the Tournament Rules (Little League Sanction Tournaments) prior to participating in Little League Sanctioned Tournaments. Tournament or Rules questions should be directed and addressed with the Player Agent and President.

14. Tournament Team selection:

- Regular season coaches submit Tournament Coach nominations to the Player agent.
 Nominees must be a
 HASBL head coach and not have been ejected from any game more than once. Coaches may self-nominate.
- Regular season coaches nominate players from their team that are judged to be tournament team eligible. Nominations may also come from the floor.
- Regular season coaches vote for a ten (10) player tournament roster without voting for their own players. Must have 10 player votes on Coaches voting submission.
- o Tournament Coach is selected by the HASBL Board. Nominations are made to the Player Agent. ○

 Tournament Coach selects coaching staff. Tournament Coach selects additional players—the number of additional players selected is at the discretion of the coach.
- o If any additional players (beyond the 10 voted on) are to be designated as rostered call-ups, the proposed call-ups will be contacted by two (2) board members to confirm they are aware they will be used as call-ups. If the players accept the call-up roll, they will also be eligible for Shaunessey or other tournament teams.
- All players not designated as rostered call-ups are to be rostered for all tournament games for the entire tournament season.
- Each Tournament Team must have twelve (12) eligible players for the District Administrator to certify
- 15. <u>Tournament Team Uniforms</u>: The equipment coordinator (Board Position) will be responsible for presenting options for Tournament Teams in that given year. The equipment coordinator is encouraged to seek options and/or opinions from Coaches if deemed necessary. Final uniform approval will be conducted by HASBL Board.
- 16. <u>Call ups for Tournament Teams:</u> Callups will be made at the discretion of the tournament team coaches. Players called up must be a member of the HASBL and must be within the age limits outlined by tournament rules.
- 17. <u>Special Events:</u> All special events (home run derby, team hitting contest, base running contest, Pee Wee minor day, and All-Star games) will be held and scheduled during the regular season. The league commissioners will be responsible for

staffing the concession stand for that particular event. All coaches should make an effort to help with this process and volunteer their support as all leagues will benefit from the proceeds.

18. <u>Concession stand</u>: Each team is responsible to provide volunteers for the concession stand at their appointed time. Commissioners of each league will be responsible for scheduling concession stand coverage and notifying each team of their appointed time. After the late game a representative from each team must be present to secure the concession stand, this includes Pee Wee Major and Minor coaches on their game nights played on the Little League Field.

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