

Citrus Heights Little League

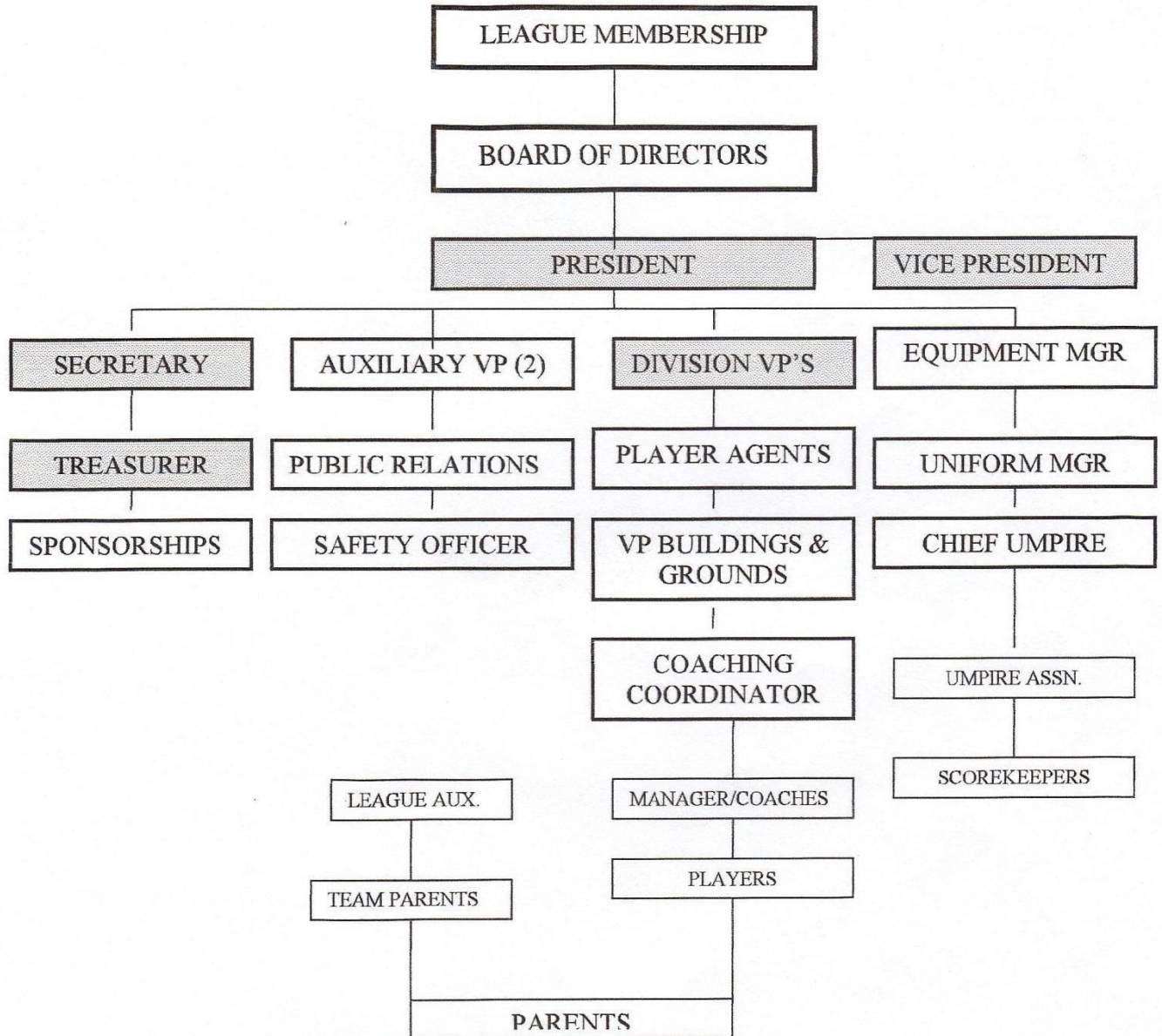
Standing Rules 2018

**District 5
Sacramento, CA**



ARTICLE 1 – GENERAL

Section 1: ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



Denotes Members of Board of Directors

Denotes recommended members on the Executive Committee

Section 2: ANNUAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

August

- Annual Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Fall Ball Sign Ups
 - Auxiliary Committee

September

- Installation of Officers
- Program Expansions
- Budget Committee
- Review & Distribute Calendar
- Begin Fall Programs

October

- Develop and Approve League Budget
- Hit for Hope Hit A Thon Fundraiser
- Review Constitution and Bylaws
 - Rules Committee

November

- Renew Charter
 - Secretary
- Apply for Insurance
 - Secretary
- Obtain use permits
 - Secretary
- Develop plans for field repairs and upgrades
 - VP Buildings/Grounds
- Flyer Walks
 - Public Relations
 - Design Flyers
 - Auxiliary Committee
 - Recruit Parents
 - Coaching Coordinator
 - Recruit Coaches
- Conditioning/Explosion Training
- Begin plans for Opening Day
- Fall Ball Equipment Pickup
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December

- Conditioning/Explosion Training
- Coaching the Coaches Clinic
- Order Supplies

- D5 Umpire Clinic
- Approve Printing Costs
- Equipment Manager and Committee
 - Coaches Coordinator
- Open House
 - President
 - Following year rates
 - Levels of play
 - Short and long term goals
 - fundraising and volunteer opportunities
 - manager/coach sign ups
 - Auxiliary Committee

January

- Finalize Rules
- Sign ups
- Manager/Coaches Meeting
- Approve Equipment Bids
- Approve Uniform Bids
- Coaches Clinic
- Order Uniforms
- Winter Clinic
 - Coaching Coordinator
 - Recruit Coaches
 - Organize Drills
 - Auxiliary Committee
 - Snack Bar
 - Sign Ups Stations
 - VP of Buildings/Grounds
 - Prep fields
- Fundraiser
 - Public Relations
 - Auxiliary Committee
 - Recruit Coaches
- Tryouts
 - Auxiliary Committee
 - Snack Bar
 - Sign Ups Stations
 - Player Agent
 - Create Binder
 - Direct Drills
 - Coach Coordinator
 - Recruit Coaches
 - VP of Buildings/Grounds
 - Prep fields

February

- Tryouts - If Needed
- Player Drafts
 - Secretary
 - Record Draft
 - Rules Committee
 - Understand Draft Process
 - Executive Committee
 - Understand Draft Process
 - Auxiliary Committee
 - Player document organization during draft
- Parent Orientation - Always after Draft
 - President
 - Auxiliary Committee
 - Fanfare Stations
- Coaches Clinic
- Field Work Day
 - Auxiliary Committee
 - Recruit Volunteers
 - Snack Bar
 - VP Buildings/Grounds and B/G Committee
 - Get Volunteers
 - Identify Equipment Needed
 - Assign Tasks
- Managers Meeting
 - Coaches Coordinator
 - Vice President
- Hand out Practice Schedules
 - VP of Divisions
- Equipment Handout
 - Equipment Manager and Committee
- Safety Meeting
 - Safety Officer
- Team Rep Meeting
 - Auxiliary Committee
 - Hand out candy
- Holiday Break Clinic
 - Auxiliary Committee
 - Coaching Coordinator
 - recruit managers and coaches
 - organize plan
 - VP Buildings/Grounds
 - prep fields
- Big Al Clinic
 - Safety Officer
 - Coaches Coordinator
- Team Rep Meeting

- Auxiliary Committee
 - collect candy

March

- Rules Umpire Clinic
- Scorekeeping Clinic
- Opening Day
 - Auxiliary Committee
 - Recruit Volunteers
 - Snack Bar
 - Vendors
 - Stations
 - VP Buildings/Grounds and B/G Committee
 - Prep Fields
 - VP of Divisions
 - Olympics
- Games Begin
- Pictures
 - Auxiliary Committee
 - scheduled vendor
 - organize event

April

- Team and Roster Waivers

May

- District Dinner
- Nomination Committee
- Team Rep Meeting
- River Cats D5 Day
 - Auxiliary Committee
 - Public Relations
- Round Robin Tournament
 - Auxiliary Committee
 - Public Relations
 - VP of Divisions
 - VP Buildings/Grounds

June

- Annual Meeting
- Elections
- D5 Tournament Meetings
- Closing Day
 - Auxiliary Committee
 - Public Relations
 - Promote Fall Ball
 - Get Volunteers

- Elections Committee
 - Help with Elections
- Rules Committee
- Executive Committee
- VP of Buildings/Grounds
- Tournament of Champions (TOC) Begins
 - Auxiliary Committee
 - Promote TOCs
 - VP of Divisions
 - Player Agent
 - Safety Officer
- All Stars - Announced
 - Executive Committee
 - Rules Committee
 - VP of Divisions
 - Player Agents
 - Equipment/Uniform
 - Get Jerseys ASAP

July

- All Star Play Begins
- Equipment Collections
- Audit Committee
- Fall Ball Sign Ups
 - Auxiliary Committee

Section 3: MEETING ITINERARY AND RULES OF ORDER:

The Local League shall use the following itinerary in conducting its meetings:

- a. Call meeting to order (quorum call, members present). A quorum is the number equal to one half plus one member of the Board.
- b. Previous meeting minutes and financial statements are sent and reviewed prior to the meeting and approved as a consent item.
- c. Agenda item requests must be submitted by midnight Friday prior to meeting.
- d. Meeting Itinerary will be sent no less than 6 hours prior to meeting.
- e. Correspondence (approve and actions or responses).
- f. Calendar List of Last 60 days events
- g. Calendar List of Next 60 days events
- h. Reports from Directors and Committee Chairpersons (discuss and vote on motions).
- i. Old Business (updates or reconsideration actions for pending motions).
- j. New Business (accept motions from the floor).
- k. Good and Welfare of the League (comments and discussions from the floor or chair).
- l. Adjournment.
- m. Non-Board meetings may omit items not applicable but shall continue to follow this itinerary when conducting any meeting as a function of the Local League.
- n. The **Robert's Rule of Order** take precedence with regard to agenda items, new business,

motions, discussions and voting. Voting may be either by voice, a show of hands, in writing, or in electronic form. With the one exception; filling a board position vacancy shall require an in person meeting. This can be done at a regular scheduled BOD meeting or a special meeting called for that purpose. Simple majority votes carry unless otherwise specified in this document.

Section 4: PLAYING AND PRACTICE FIELDS

- a. Tee Ball Division at Madera Park
- b. Coach Pitch Division at Madera Park
- c. Farm Division at Madera Park
- d. Minor Division at Madera Park and McDonald Field
- e. Major Division at McDonald Field
- f. Junior Division at Rusch Park
- g. Seniors at Rusch Park and American River College

The League will also obtain additional use permits as needed to secure adequate practice fields, **2018 Approve Practice Fields:** Mariposa Elementary, Lichen Elementary, Arlington Elementary, Mesa Verde High School, Madera Field, Rusch Park, McDonald Field

ARTICLE II – TRYOUTS (Player Skill Evaluation)

Section 1: ADMINISTRATION: Try-outs are conducted for all player candidates considering the Farm division and above. Tryouts (Player Skill Evaluation) are conducted separately in accordance with the following age groups and playing divisions. Age is determined in accordance with Little League Baseball, Inc. **guidelines:**

- Age 7-12 (Farm, Minor, Major)
- Age 12-14 (Junior)
- Age 13-16 (Seniors)

For each try-out, individual numbers will be assigned to each participant in each age group prior to the beginning of the program. Multiple sessions are generally held and player candidates are encouraged to attend all sessions (although this is not required). Prior to the try-out, each approved manager and coach will be issued a printed list of eligible player candidates showing the candidate’s name, playing age, previous league experience and player options (manager, coach or brother/sister option). Any late additions or absentees will be announced to the managers prior to the start of the appropriate draft sessions. If at all possible, player candidates should try-out with the players of their own age group in separate sessions.

Section 2: TRY-OUT PROGRAMS:

- a. Multiple tryout dates are encouraged to increase community participation and the player candidate pool. Players will not be draftable unless they participate in a Try Out and can be subject to a waiting list (See Article III - PLAYER SELECTION/TEAM FORMATION, Section 1. m. WAITING LIST).
- b. The following applies to all try-outs for all divisions except Senior:
 - WARM-UPS: Enough time will be allowed for manager evaluations of all candidates during the warm-up period.

- INFIELD: Process to be reviewed and discussed each year. Tryout Process could include the following or a variation thereof:
- The infield drills will consist of each candidate, in numerical order, receiving three (3) turns performing each of the following:
 - Fielding a ground ball at the shortstop position and throwing the ball to first base.
 - Receiving the throw at first base.
 - Throwing the ball from first base to home plate.
 - The candidates will rotate through each position, starting at shortstop, then moving to first base and lastly, to home plate.
- OUTFIELD: Each candidate will, in numerical order, receive three (3) outfield fly balls and return them with a throw to home plate or a cutoff player stationed on the field.
- BATTING: Each candidate, in numerical order, will have a turn at bat. Each candidate will be allowed (3) swings to bat or bunt the ball pitched to them by a volunteer or pitching machine (recommended). After the third swing (whether or not there is contact) the candidate will run to first base, second base, third base and then leave the field
- PITCHING: All player candidates desiring to demonstrate their pitching ability will be given the opportunity to throw a set number of pitches from the pitcher's mound to home plate after sufficient warm-up.
- Regular try-out events may be reduced because of weather or playing conditions.
- c. For the Senior tryouts will generally consist of a scrimmage between player candidates directed by the approved Senior manager(s) and coaches. Since Seniors are the only programs where players may not be selected to play based on potential playing ability and experience, such tryouts will be conducted to allow player candidates to demonstrate their skills under game conditions.

ARTICLE III – PLAYER SELECTION/TEAM FORMATION

Section 1: DIVISIONS

- a. The League player member pool will be divided into separate playing divisions based on league age as determined by Little League Baseball, Inc. VP of Divisions and Player Agent shall administer each division, in consultation with the President.
- b. Players may be moved down to participate in a lower division, based on a determination by the League Safety Officer, Player Agent and/or Executive Committee, that such demotion is in the best interests of the safety of the child and **will not** adversely affect the safety of the other children in the division. The parents or appointed guardians of such an affected player should generate such a request. The purpose of this clause is to ensure the participation of all potential players, including those who may have physical or mental limitations.
- c. Playing age divisions are as follows:
 - a. Tee Ball: playing age 4 through 5
 - b. Coach Pitch: playing age 5 through 6
 - c. Farm: playing age 7 through 8
 - d. Minor: playing age 9 through 10

- e. Major: playing age 11 through 12
- f. Intermediate: playing age 11 through 13
- g. Junior: playing age 12 through 14
- h. Senior: playing age 14 through 16

Tryouts should not determine what division that a player goes into, but at what level *within* that division. This helps to create a balance within each division. ***Any special player considerations or deviation of age structure will be reviewed by the Executive Committee prior to the draft. .**

- d. **Players must attend tryouts (skills assessment)** to determine skill level for placement in **Farm, Minors, Majors or Junior Divisions.**
- e. Juniors
 - a. Players age 12 who want to be considered for the Junior Division must submit in writing to citrusheightsll@gmail.com for approval and then to be eligible to drafted to play in the **Junior** division.
- f. Majors
 - a. Players who **do not** attend tryouts age's 11 & 12 are not considered draftable and are subject to a waitlist
- g. Minors
 - a. Players who **do not** attend tryouts age's 9 & 10 are not considered draftable and are subject to a waitlist
- h. Farm
 - a. Players who **do not** attend tryouts age's 7 & 8 are not considered draftable and are subject to a waitlist.
- i. If a player is drafted up but refuses to play up
 - a. Players age 10 drafted to play in the **Major** division and refuse will be placed randomly on **Minor** teams.
 - b. Players age 8 drafted to play in the **Minor** division and refuse will be placed randomly on **Farm** teams.
- j. For the Minor Division, no team may have more than 3 players age 8.
- k. For the Major Division, no team may have more than 3 players age 10 (except as described in Section 2e below).
- l. For the Coach Pitch Division, any assignment of players age 7 and will be discouraged but may be determined by the appropriate Player Agent, VP of Divisions & Executive Committee based on the player's prior experience and physical ability.
- m. The intent of this section is to allow the League flexibility in establishing annual divisions and schedules, while maintaining the goal to develop each individual player to their full ability.
- n. **WAITING LIST:** If a player has an application on file and misses a regular try out session, with a reasonable excuse, they can be randomly placed on a team at the draft by the Player Agent with approval by the President. Any player who submits an application to the League after the Draft and before Opening Day will be put on a **WAITING LIST**. This list will be used to replace players that have to move up or down a division, quits, or gets hurt. This is done to protect the integrity of the Try Out and **DRAFT** process. The

wait list pool of players will be held until 7 days prior to first scheduled regular season game.

Section 2: PLAYER DRAFT SYSTEM:

- a. The objective for these processes is to ensure equity and parity among teams within each division.
- b. **All Divisions:** A lottery will determine draft position and rotations. (except when there is no appointed Manager/Coach)
- c. Teams are created by a “**Draft**” that will be held after tryouts (skill assessments). Draft order will be picked by lottery to determine draft position. and will be a serpentine style draft. (1, 2, 3, 4, 4, 3, 2, 1)
- d. Minor Division: A manager may select any player of age eight through eleven, but no more than three (3) eight year olds may be on the roster during the season. The exception shown below in (e) also applies to this Division.
- e. Major Division: A manager may select any player age ten through twelve, but no more than three (3) ten year olds may be on the roster during the season.
Exception: An additional ten year old may be selected if that is the only alternative to having more than eight players on the team of any given age. All twelve year olds must play in the Major Division (with the exception of those preapproved and submitted 12 years old trying out for the Junior Division).
- f. Junior Division: A manager may select any player age twelve(that was submitted and approved) through fourteen, but no more than three (3) twelve year olds may be on the roster during the season. No more than eight players of either age group thirteen or fourteen may be on one team. The VP of Divisions and the Player Agent for the Junior Division may reduce this number to either seven or six players of either age group, based on the available pool of player candidates prior to the draft. This is to ensure an adequate pool of returning players for teams within the Junior Division each year. Junior teams should be kept at a maximum of 14 unless approved by the BOD. There must be a minimum of 22 eligible players to consider making two teams. Waiting list players can be evaluated for pool player use.
- g. Players who are playing age 14 may opt to try-out for the Senior Division since the season for high school programs overlaps the Junior Division season. This option shall be discouraged to maintain the integrity of the Junior Division program and to eliminate the potential for players missing the season unnecessarily. This decision shall not affect the player candidate’s status for Junior All-Star Selection.
- h. Senior Division: A manager may select any player of age fourteen, fifteen or sixteen, but no more than eight players of any age may be on one team
- i. Players of all divisions **Shall Never** be told the position in which they were drafted.
- j. Players that are not available to participate in try-out events through no fault of their own (illness or family emergency) shall be eligible to participate in the draft provided that the affected Player Agent was provided appropriate notice and excuses the absence. Such players shall be specifically referenced regarding their availability to all managers selecting teams prior to the subject draft. This clause is intended as an exception to the requirement that all player candidates should participate in the League’s try-out programs.

Section 3: PLAYER OPTIONS:

- a. **No Special Request** will be mandated through the league for the Junior, Major, Minor, or Farm Divisions. Managers should however try their best to fill these needs as it makes for a better season.
- b. **Managers Option:** The manager must exercise this option prior to the close of the specific draft round depending on the league age of sons and/or daughters. The Managers oldest child will be available for the Manager Option, the youngest child the sibling option which must be taken the round following that of Manager Option. The Manager Option takes priority over any other option.
- c. **Sibling Option:** When first brother or sister is drafted under manager option, the manager automatically takes the brother or sister on the next turn.
- d. **Returning Coach Option: (only applies when property players are used. CHLL does not permit property players.)** A returning coach may exercise an option provided the coach has 2 concurrent previous years’ service as a manager or coach at any level in the league, and is returning to manage or coach this year. A returning coach option will use the age chart.
- e. **Coach Option:** A coach option will use the age chart. If the coach and managers players are the same age, the coach option will use the next round on this chart.
Executive Committee reserves the right to decline coaches option based on number of teams and the availability of Managers and Coaches
- a. Brothers/Sisters currently on team: If the candidate’s brother/sister is on a team, the draftee must be selected within the first three rounds of the draft.
- b. Managers may choose to not exercise options at their discretion.

Draft Round	Farm	Minors	Little League	Junior League	Senior League
3	10	11	12	14	16
4	9	10	11	13	15
5	8	9	10	12	14
6	6/7	8	n/a	n/a	n/a

Section 4: TEAM ROSTERS

The average number of players per team shall be determined annually after sign-ups and shall follow these guidelines.

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TeeBall	Coach Pitch	Farm/Minor s	Majors	Juniors	Seniors
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12-14	12-14	12-14	12	12-14	12-15
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- b. Wherever possible, the maximum number assigned to each team will be no more than twelve. Assignments to teams over a roster of twelve will only be done to reduce the number of players on waiting lists. It is strongly recommended that rosters for the lower divisions be initially set at less than twelve to accommodate late sign-ups (provided there is a sufficient number of qualified managers and coaches for the affected division). The late player sign-ups from the pool of potential returning players.
- c. The Player Agent, in conjunction with the President, will maintain a waiting list to establish a player candidate pool. Players should be assigned to team openings by lottery of all available players within the player pool.
- d. Each team in the league must maintain a full roster of players. The Player Agent for each division will manage and monitor the replacement of a player process. If a player is lost or removed from a team during the season, that team shall have fourteen (14) days from the time the Player Agent is notified in which to replace the lost player. The fourteenth-day time limit begins effective with the first scheduled game for the affected division. The purpose of this rule is to ensure that each team carries a full roster.
- e. Replacement players
 - a. Juniors
 - i. Replacement players will be assigned from the waiting lists maintained by the President/Player Agent. Replacement players can come from the Major Division. Must use preapproved and submitted 12 year olds before choosing from Major Division pool.
 - b. Majors
 - i. Replacement players will be assigned from the waiting lists maintained by the President/Player Agent first. If a list is not available, then replacement players will come from the **Minor** division
 - c. Minors
 - i. Replacement players will be assigned from the waiting lists maintained by the President/ Player Agent first. If a list is not available, then replacement players will come from the **Farm** division
 - d. Farm
 - i. Replacement players will be assigned from the waiting lists maintained by the President/Player Agent first. If a list is not available, then replacement players will come from the **Coach Pitch** division
- f. After the fourteen (14) day time period has expired, the Player Agent shall assign a player to the team in need of a replacement player.
- g. Prior to the start of the season, teams may obtain replacement players from the original sign-up list available from and with the approval of the affected Player Agent, the President and the Board of Directors. The purpose of this clause is to address any errors that may have occurred during the draft or players who have resigned prior to the start of the season and to ensure that players are not unnecessarily moved from one team to another. Any errors discovered in the draft shall be promptly addressed to fully establish teams as quickly as possible. The Player Agent shall be responsible to ensure that no team receives preferential treatment in acquiring players.

- h. The Player Agent in conjunction with the President shall assign replacement players for teams from a waiting list. Such replacement will be as soon as possible to any team in need of a replacement player. Every effort will be made to ensure that team rosters are equitable in terms of the roster size. When there are multiple vacancies affecting more than one team, players shall be assigned through a lottery selection process.

Section 5: PLAYER EXCHANGE:

- a. Managers are specifically prohibited from tampering with or soliciting player participants in order to trade players.
- b. **Can only be done immediately following the draft in the presence of all Managers from that division.** In these instances, managers shall not directly contact affected players or their family members.
- c. Trading of players between the **divisions** is not permissible.
- d. Players may not be traded for draft choices at any level.
- e. Players may request a release from a team manager. Although this process is not encouraged, it is permissible in accordance with Little League guidelines and should be used in extreme circumstances defined by President. Such a request must be written and provided to President for consideration by the Executive Committee and substantiation that such a request is both reasonable and justified. Absent a finding of good cause by the Executive Committee, the release shall not be affected. Issues such as team practices shall specifically be excluded as consideration of good cause since these are within the purview of the affected manager.

ARTICLE IV – GAMES & SCHEDULES

Section 1: SCHEDULES:

- a. It shall be the objective of this league to have each team compete in a minimum of fourteen (14) to twenty-four (24) regulation games in the course of a regular season of play, exclusive of play-off or tournament games.
- b. League schedules will be prepared by respective Vice Presidents for each division and will be reviewed by the Executive Committee prior to their approval either via email, at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors (or at a special meeting of the Board of Directors called for that purpose). Any subsequent changes need the approval of the President.
- c. Schedules shall be created using numbers for team designations. Team managers or designees may make written requests for schedule considerations or vacation to VP of Divisions. These requests are reviewed but not guaranteed.
- d. Each division's playing schedule should be created with a play-off series. (With the exception of Juniors) This series is to be a Round-Robin elimination tournament, with the top two finishing teams in each division representing their division in TOC's. Each division's playing schedule should be created with a play-off series. This series is to be a Round-Robin elimination tournament. Minors and Majors will have the top two finishing teams in each division representing their division in TOC's. will have one team each division representing TOC's. If there is more than one team, the winner will be determined by a 3 or 5 game playoff series between the two CHLL teams, games will be spread out during the regular season schedule.

- d. Schedules should maximize the number of games for each division consistent with Opening and Closing Day set in the League Calendar. Any division involved in inter-league play shall be governed by District 5 guidelines.
- e. Fall season programs will be set up by each respective Vice President or Player Agent, and will generally involve a shortened season.
- f. Junior & Senior schedules are published by District 5.

Section 2: MINIMUM PLAYING RULE:

- a. All players in Citrus Heights Little League shall abide by the “Mandatory Playing Rule”, (Little League Regulation IV (I). In addition to this rule, managers in Citrus Heights Little League are required to allow each player on the team to play in half of the innings played by his/her team that a player is eligible and available to play in a calendar week, It is further encouraged that players participate in a minimum of one half of the innings played in each game. The purpose of this clause is to enforce the applicable Mandatory Playing Rule for the Majors divisions and below. Team Scorebooks will be randomly audited for possible playtime violations. Juniors, Seniors & Big League division play by District rules and will meet their minimum play rules if applicable.
- b. If the “Mandatory Playing Rule” is violated, the player in question shall be given the option to play in all innings played by his/her team in the game following the discovery of the violation. Managers are encouraged to use substitutes following the second inning of games to ensure this rule is met.
- c. A player shall not be disciplined out of his/her minimum innings without the concurrence of the division Player Agent & VP of Divisions.
- d. Manager has the option, to suspend a single game any player for “Conduct detrimental to the team”. This option can only be used after MULTIPLE attempts to coach and correct this behavior at practice/game times and informing all coaches and necessary parent(s) or guardians. If any player is suspended/ineligible by Managers option prior to game time and while team warm ups are occurring, manager is required to immediately inform all team coaches and parent(s)/guardian of necessity of the discipline. Immediately following game the manager will contact by voice (preferred) or text Player Agent, VP Divisions, VP or League President of said discipline and substantiate the action.
- e. For the purpose of this rule, a calendar week shall be Sunday through Saturday.
- f. Players in the Junior & Senior Division run by District 5 but should still abide by CHLL minimum play rule for regular season games.
- g. Managers (or coaches) who willingly fail to comply with the minimum playing rule as described in Item “A” above, shall be subject to the following disciplinary action:
 - i. a written warning.
 - ii. The game in which the offending Manager failed to observe the minimum play rule may be protested by the opposing manager and may be subject to forfeit based on a decision by the Board of Directors’ Executive Committee.
 - iii. The second incident will result in a suspension of one or two games as determined by the Board of Directors’ Executive Committee.
 - iv. The third incident will result in the manager’s removal from the team.

- h. Each Player Agent shall monitor playing time on a regular basis according to official scorebooks kept for that purpose.
 - i. For the Farm and Coach Pitch Divisions, the Local Board will use the parameters established in Rule 3.03 to adopt a policy for a continuous batting order that will include all of the team's players present to bat in the order. This provision also allows for entry and re-entry into the game anytime provided the players meet the requirements of Mandatory Minimum Play.
- i. Any fall programs will be set in accordance with rules as set by each respective Division Vice President.

Section 3: GAME TYPES:

- a. Practice and pre-season games: These games shall be played between teams from the same division, out of uniform and be for the purpose of instruction only.
- b. Regular season games: All players must wear the complete uniform mandated by this league and Little League Baseball, Incorporated.
- c. The Local League has elected to allow two adult base coaches at all levels of play, provided there is at least one other adult manager or coach in the dugout.
- d. Double-Headers are allowed in the 50/70, Major, Junior, Senior programs only.
- e. Tournament games: Based on the schedule adopted for each division, round-robin tournament games may be scheduled at the end of the season. With the exception of Juniors. See Section I rule item d.

ARTICLE V – DIVISION RULES:

Section 1: GROUND RULES:

For all divisions, ground rules are separately published and determined annually by the Division Vice President in conjunction with the affected division managers and approved by Board of Directors/Executive Committee.

Section 2: UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT:

The League will issue uniforms and equipment for each team, with appropriate Little League patches. The League uniform consists of a jersey, cap, socks and belt (pants shall be the responsibility of each player to obtain). All players shall be required to use uniforms issued by the League to ensure consistency and equity between teams within any division. However, teams may upgrade equipment and wear an alternative cap as a substitute for the League-issued baseball cap that is consistent with the team name. Tournament uniforms will be based on the League colors (green and gold). If using MLB, MiLB, or College jerseys, the league must use licensed apparel, such as Majestic. Using MLB logos on jerseys without expressed written consent from MLB, is a copyright violation and could result in the loss of Little League Charter.

Section 3: UMPIRES:

The League may contract for umpire services for certain divisions based on decisions by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VI – TOC TEAM SELECTIONS

Section 1: MINOR LEAGUE TEAMS:

The Minor Division shall participate with two teams in the District 5 Tournament of Champions (TOC) single elimination tournaments. Such teams shall be the respective league champions as directed in Article IV, Section 1(d).

Section 2: MAJOR LEAGUE TEAMS:

The Major Division shall participate with two (2) teams in the District 5 Tournament of Champions (TOC) single elimination tournaments. Such teams shall be the respective league champions as directed in Article IV, Section 1(d).

Section 3: 50/70 LEAGUE TEAMS:

The 50/70 Division shall participate with two (2) teams in the District 5 Tournament of Champions (TOC) single elimination tournaments. Such teams shall be the respective league champions as directed in Article IV, Section 1(d).

Section 4: JUNIOR LEAGUE TEAMS:

The Junior Division shall participate with one team in the District 5 Tournament of Champions (TOC) single elimination tournaments. In the event the Junior Division has two (2) or more teams then the League Champion shall be determined as directed in Article IV, Section 1(d).

Section 5: SENIOR TEAMS:

The Senior Division does not participate in District 5 Tournament of Champions (TOC).

ARTICLE VII – ALL-STAR TEAM SELECTIONS

Section 1: PLAYERS:

- a. This section refers to the 9/10 year old, 10/11 year old, Little League, 50/70, Junior and Senior All-Star teams. For each of these age groups the Board will annually determine whether there will be an All-Star team for each age group based on the pool of available players and potential managers.
- b. The 9/10 year old All-Star Division team roster (12-14 players) will be selected by the All Star Committee:
 1. The manager and coaches for the All-Star team
 2. The Player Agent
 3. VP of Divisions
 4. League Vice President
 5. League President

Each manager with eligible players shall nominate players from their team for consideration by this committee.

Note: Any 10 year old who played in the Major Division during regular season is automatically on the 9-10 Year Old All-Star team.

- c. For the other teams (10/11 Year Old, Little League, 50/70, Junior and Senior), the Player Agents shall conduct the respective All-Star team selection process with the assistance of the Vice President of Divisions and President. The Player Agent shall prepare a lottery list showing, in alphabetical order, the age and the team of all eligible players.
- d. The selections shall be voted on by the managers, Player Agent, and VP of Divisions. Each manager, Player Agent, and VP of Divisions will be voting for a maximum of five (5) players per round of balloting. A player is selected in the

first round by a unanimous vote only and by a majority plus one (1) vote in the following rounds of balloting. (If the Div VP and Player Agent are one and the same person the President will substitute for one of the positions.) The President will cast tie breaking vote in all instances of a tie vote.

- e. The Player Agent shall, with the concurrence of the managers, determine the definition of a majority vote. All selections shall be completed prior to adjournment of the selection meeting.
- f. Through this selection process, a total of twelve players will be elected to the All-Star Roster for each division.
- g. The All-Star manager at all levels shall have reserved to him/her the selection of one (1) or two (2) additional players (for a maximum of 14 players per roster).
- h. Based on the pool of available players and/or qualified manager candidates, the Board of Directors may determine to eliminate All-Star participation at any level.
- i. The goal of the All-Star program for all levels is to field the best possible team to represent the League. Factors that will be considered in player selection include field decorum, sportsmanship and playing ability. Coaches should remind players and parents that exemplary behavior and sportsmanship is a factor for All Star consideration.
- j. The All Star Committee will have the final approval of all Rosters.

Section 2: MANAGERS:

- a. The manager of the 9/10 Year Old Division, 10/11, Major, Junior, Senior all-star teams are chosen and voted on by the Board of Directors, Managers interested in being an all-star manager must petition board **in writing before 05/15 each year.** All candidates will be discussed and voted on by board. Board chosen candidate will be All-star manager. Manager will get to pick his or her coaches. It is encouraged, but not mandatory, that one coach from each team be asked to help coach the all-star team.
- b. All Managers/Coaches must be in good standing with the league in order to be eligible for consideration. Any formal discipline of a Manager or coach during the season will make disciplined manager or coach ineligible to Manager or Coach any all-star team. Please refer to 2018 CHLL Constitution for definition of "Member in Good Standing"
- c. The 9/10, 10/11, Major, 50/70, Junior and Senior All-Star team manager must have been a manager or coach of record from the current playing season. Please refer to the Little League tournament rules for the eligibility for specific divisions.
- d. The manager(s) shall have reserved the right to choose one or two additional players (up to a maximum of fourteen (14) per All-Star Team roster).
- e. The President and Board of Directors must approve the elected manager(s)/coaches.
- f. **The All-Star manager, with the concurrence of the appropriate Player Agent and the President, may replace players on the All-Star roster based on player injury or unavailability from the original lists of nominated players during the selection process.**

- g. The selected All-Star manager will be solely responsible for arranging for all of the required materials (original birth certificates, proofs of residence, medical releases, etc.) to complete the tournament affidavit for his/her All-Star team.

Section 3: ALL-STAR TEAMS:

- a. The League may select All-Star teams for the 9/10 Year Old Division, 10/11 Year Old, Little League, 50/70, Junior League and Senior League Division tournaments.
- b. Tournament rules are published separately from the regular season Playing Rules.
- c. The Junior League All-Star team is made up of the players with a playing age of thirteen (13) and fourteen (14) from the Junior and Senior Divisions. Junior and Senior Division managers shall participate in the voting for the Junior Division All-Star team.
- d. The Senior League All-Star team is made up of players with a playing age of fourteen (14) through sixteen (16) from the Junior, Senior division. All Junior and Senior Division managers shall participate in the voting for the Senior Division All-Star team.
- e. All-Star team formation will be made in this priority: Seniors, Juniors, 11/12, Intermediate, 9/10, 10/11.

ARTICLE VIII – AWARDS

Section 1: VOLUNTEER AWARDS:

- a. **The Volunteer of the Year Award:** This award will be presented to the person who received the most votes at the Annual Election. Nominations should be submitted to the Board of Directors prior to the election meeting. The vote will be by secret ballot. As determined by the Board of Directors, there may be two such awards provided in each year.
- b. **The Jerry Garcia Award:** This award shall be given to a player each year based on nominations from managers in all divisions that demonstrate the player's sportsmanship, dedication to the game and individual improvement. The recipient shall be determined by the information included in the nomination packets. Nominations are solicited in conjunction with the team sportsmanship award noted in Section 1 above.
- c. **Plaques:** The Board of Directors may present special awards to persons who the Board shall determine from time to time to be deserving of special recognition.
- d. The President must approve all awards prior to distribution.

Section 3: OTHER AWARDS

- a. **Apparel:** The League may provide to each member of the Board of Directors, one (1) League Cap or League Shirt or other item of apparel that clearly identifies the association with the Citrus Heights Little League.
- b. **Pins:** The League may present to each player, manager, coach and umpire a Little League pin of the appropriate type.

ARTICLE IX – CODE OF CONDUCT

Section 1: MANAGERS AND COACHES

- a. All Managers and coaches will sign a Coaches Code of Conduct form

- b. Managers are responsible for their coaches actions and should take the lead in any on field action with players, coaches and/or umpires.
- c. Managers and coaches are responsible for the actions of their teams.
- d. Approved managers and coaches will be required to attend baseball clinics offered through District 5 or Little League that will emphasize appropriate sportsmanship and leadership.
- e. Managers or coaches, who violate the principles of “good sportsmanship” through their actions and do not promote the intent of Little League baseball, will be subject to suspension or termination.
- f. Managers are expected to properly care for the equipment issued to them by the League and return it in a timely manner.
- g. Managers and coaches are to refrain from the use of inappropriate language.
- h. Managers and coaches are prohibited from the consumption of alcoholic beverages for team functions. (Team Party, practices, games, etc...)
- i. Any complaint against a manager or coach must be in writing and presented to the Board of Directors for action.
- j. The President and/or Executive Committee will promptly investigate any complaints against a manager or coach for inappropriate behavior. If the President and/or the Executive Committee determines the manager or coach has acted in an inappropriate manner, the affected manager or coach shall be issued a written warning, suspended or terminated, based on the severity of the offense. Such complaints will also be a determining factor in the assignment and approval of managers and coaches in subsequent years.

Section 2: PLAYERS:

- a. Players are expected to demonstrate good sportsmanship and behavior at all times. Citrus Heights Little League has a zero tolerance policy for any type of unsportsmanlike conduct or discrimination based on race, religion, sexual orientation. Any player in violation may be brought before the Board of Directors for investigation and disciplinary action. The President & or Executive Committee will interview the affected player and his/her manager or coach, to determine whether a significant breach of conduct has occurred. It is strongly recommended that the player’s parent(s) or legal guardian be present during this process. Based on the Committee’s findings, the player may be issued a written warning, a suspension or terminated from League participation, based on the severity of the offense.

Section 3: PARENTS:

- a. Parents are also expected to demonstrate good sportsmanship and behavior at all Citrus Heights Little League has a zero tolerance policy for any type of Unsportsmanlike conduct or discrimination based on race, religion, sexual orientation. The actions of a parent or legal guardian may affect the ability of the child to participate in the Local League. The process for resolving complaints regarding parental behavior is the same as that outlined for managers and coaches.

Section 4: CODE OF CONDUCT:

- a. Each parent must sign a Code of Conduct form to participate in the league programs that addresses the behavior of players, families and guests at League functions. This Code of Conduct was derived from Little League Baseball, Inc., and specifies the conditions by which participation may either be suspended or terminated. This Code of Conduct will be fully enforced by the Board of Directors.

Section 5: EJECTION FROM GAMES:

- a. When a manager, coach or parent is ejected from a game, they shall leave the field immediately and take no further part in the game. They may not sit in the stands and may not be recalled. Any manager, coach or player ejected from the game is suspended for the next played (not necessarily scheduled) game for their team.
- b. Any manager, coach, player or spectator who is ejected from any sanctioned league game shall also be subject to disciplinary action by the Board of Directors. The assigned Chief Umpire for that game will be required to submit a written report to the President and League Umpire-in-Chief within 48 hours. Based on the umpire's report, the Board of Directors will determine whether further action is necessary. If the Board of Directors determines there has been a significant breach in appropriate behavior, the individual in question may be suspended an additional number of games or terminated. This decision will be based on the Board's judgment regarding the reasons for the ejection.