

Woodstock CT Little League
League ID 02071115
District 12

WLL By-laws
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Rule 1

To be considered "in good standing" regular members are board members who have been voted in. They must submit a volunteer form for the current year. They must actively participate in mandatory fundraising, field maintenance, and attend regularly scheduled meetings. Failure to attend three consecutive meetings will result in the loss of voting privileges until that board member subsequently attends three consecutive meetings, at which time the voting privileges shall be reinstated. By majority vote, the board members shall retain the authority to reinstate the voting privileges of any board member at any given time.

Rule 2

Any player may be removed from a Major League team roster for failure to appear at either four consecutive games or two calendar weeks, whichever occurs first.

Rule 3

Once a player has been removed from a Major League team, a new player will be called up from the Minor League. This player will be next in line from the evaluation list maintained by the Player Agent.

Rule 4

In order for an individual to be considered for a Manager, Coach, or Assistant Coach position for the 2024 playing season he/she must:

- a) have attended an approved coaching clinic in the current year.
- b) completed a current year "Little League Volunteer Application." WLL shall not permit any person whose background check reveals a conviction or guilty plea for any crime involving, but not limited to, the involvement of a minor, to participate in any manner.

Rule 5

WLL reserves the right to impose a late fee if an action occurs after a clearly communicated deadline has passed.

Rule 6

In order to provide an equitable distribution of player talent and team parity, the Draft Method used for the Minor and Major divisions will be the same as "Plan B - Method for Existing Leagues" in the current Little League Baseball Operating Manual. (Note: draft order follows the reverse order of finish from the previous season). Provisions for drafting brothers/sisters and/or sons/daughters of Managers will be determined prior to the draft by the Player Agent and Managers participating in the draft.

Rule 7

Player evaluation scores will be used to assess and evaluate each individual player's ability and skills in order to place them in the proper division of play. Player evaluation scores will be maintained by the Player Agent. Player evaluation scores will be determined using the scores from WLL evaluations. WLL will make every effort to offer one evaluation during the Fall and one evaluation during the Spring. All players eligible for Minor and Major divisions will be notified of the player skills evaluation dates, times and locations. Players that wish to be considered for move-up must attend at least one evaluation. In the case of players with two evaluation scores, the higher score will be used by the Player Agent. Qualifying players will be ranked by (1) evaluation score, (2) academic grade and (3) league age. Players will be considered for move-up based upon WLL age guidelines and team roster needs as determined by total player registrations. For purposes of move-up, academic grade will be the deciding factor for players with similar evaluation scores. Similar evaluation scores shall be defined as scores within a range of 0.5 (Example: evaluation scores of 17.6 and 17.1 would be considered similar while evaluation scores of 17.6 and 17.0 would not be considered similar). The Player Agent will be responsible for selecting the move-up player(s) in accordance with WLL age guidelines for Divisions and Teams (see Rule 8).

Rule 8

The WLL Board shall use the following age guidelines and roster selection procedures for Divisions and Teams:

Coed T-Ball

League ages 4, 5, & 6, with exception*.

*Exception: League age 6 year olds will be eligible for the Coach Pitch division at the request of the player's parents/guardians, provided that player has played at least one season in the T-Ball division

Coach Pitch Baseball/Softball

League ages 7 & 8, with exceptions*.

*Exception: League age 6 year olds will be eligible for the Coach Pitch division at the request of the player's parents/guardians, provided that player has played at least one season in the T-Ball division

*Exception: League age 7 and 8 year olds will be eligible for the Minor division based on player evaluation scores and team roster needs as outlined in Rule 7.

Minor Baseball/Softball

League ages 9 & 10, with exceptions*.

*Exception: League age 7 and 8 year olds will be eligible for the Minor division based on player evaluation scores and team roster needs as outlined in Rule 7.

*Exception: League age 9 and 10 year olds will be eligible for the Major division based on player evaluation scores and team roster needs as outlined in Rule 7.

*Exception: League age 11 year olds who did not attain the minimum evaluation score of 15 or greater will be eligible for the Minor division.

Major Baseball/Softball

League ages 11 & 12, with exception*.

*Exception: League age 9 and 10 year olds will be eligible for the Major division based on

player evaluation scores and team roster needs as outlined in Rule 7.

WLL will adhere to the following roster selection procedures in conjunction with the rules set forth under Rule 7 and Rule 8.

Major division:

All players who did not play in the Major division during the previous spring season MUST attend at least one WLL evaluation to be considered.

All age, roster and player guidelines set forth in the WLL bylaws are conditional upon decisions made by the WLL Safety Officer. If any player is deemed a safety risk by the WLL Safety Officer, that player can be moved up or down at the WLL Safety Officer's discretion.

All returning Major division players from the previous spring season will be required to play in the Major division.

League age 12 year olds will be required to play in the Major division

League age 11 year olds will be eligible to be considered for the Major division if they have attained an evaluation score of 15 or greater. (Any league age 11 year old player who has an evaluation score of more than 14 but less than 15 will be subject to a safety evaluation conducted by the Safety Officer, Player Agent and League President to determine the appropriate level of play).

League age 10 year olds will be eligible to be considered for the Major division if they have attained an evaluation score of 15 or greater.

League age 9 year olds will be eligible to be considered for the Major division if they have attained an evaluation score of 15 or greater.

Selection Hierarchy:

League age 11 year olds who have attained an evaluation score of 15 or greater will be the first group to be picked for Majors after 12 year olds and returning players.

League age 10 and 9 year olds who have attained an evaluation score of 15 or greater will be next for selection. If players have similar evaluation scores, as defined in Rule 7, the player in the higher academic grade will be given priority consideration. If the players are in the same academic grade, the older league age player will be given priority consideration. If those two factors are equal, higher absolute evaluation score will prevail.

Minor division:

All players who did not play in the Minor division during the previous spring season MUST attend at least one WLL evaluation to be considered, with exceptions*.

*Exception: League age 11 and 10 year olds new to WLL that either did not attend an evaluation or failed to score an evaluation score of 15 or greater will be placed in the Minor division, absent safety risks identified by the WLL Safety Officer.

*Exception: League age 9 year olds moving up from the Coach Pitch division will be placed in the Minor division regardless of evaluation attendance or score, absent safety risks identified by the WLL Safety Officer.

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All returning Minor division players from the previous spring season will be required to play in the Minor division, unless they are moving up to the Major division.

League age 11 year olds who do not attend at least one evaluation or do not attain an evaluation score of 15 or greater will be eligible for the Minor division.

League age 10 year olds who do not attend at least one evaluation or do not attain an evaluation score of 15 or greater will be eligible for the Minor division.

League age 9 year olds who do not attend at least one evaluation or do not attain an evaluation score of 15 or greater will be eligible for the Minor division.

League age 8 year olds who have attended at least one evaluation will be eligible to be considered for the Minor division.

League age 7 year olds who have attended at least one evaluation will be eligible to be considered for the Minor division.

Selection Hierarchy:

League age 11 and 10 year olds who are not playing in the Majors will be the first group selected.

League age 9 year olds will be selected next.

League age 8 and 7 year olds who have attended at least one evaluation will be considered for selection next. League age 8 and 7 year olds are required to attend at least one evaluation in order to be considered for Minors. If players have similar evaluation scores, as defined in Rule 7, the player in the higher academic grade will be given priority consideration. If the players are in the same academic grade, the older league age player will be given priority consideration. If those two factors are equal, higher absolute evaluation score will prevail.

Rule 9

All divisions below Major League will play games according to approved division rules established by the WLL Board. These rules will be provided to managers and coaches and posted on the league website prior to the start of the season.

Rule 10

These standing rules may be amended, changed, or added to in accordance with Article X, Section 3 of the Woodstock Little League Constitution.