

Hedgesville Little League

Local By-Laws and Amendments

- 1) Player selection process will be made using the following Little League International methods, all based on complete registration numbers:
 - If number of teams remains the same as previous season, Plan A – Conventional Draft Plan will be used: when a thorough tryout program has been completed, the last-place team of the preceding season gets the first choice in every round of the draft, the next to last place team gets the second selection in every round, and the remaining teams select in the reverse order of standing.
 - If an additional team is to be added increasing the number of teams from previous season, Expansion – Option Three will be used: This plan provides the most favorable competitive balance between existing teams at the Major League level over Options One and Two when a local league expands its Major League to provide additional opportunity for more candidates to participate at the Major League level. Plan Three incorporates many basic features of a plan used successfully in professional baseball. This plan simply has every existing team placing players in a player pool from which the new expansion teams will draft players in a preliminary draft. Player Pool Procedure listing in rule book will be followed.
 - If a team needs to be removed decreasing the number of teams from previous season, Reduction – Option B will be used: If the number of teams is to be reduced at the Major League level, the Board of Directors decides which team is to be deleted from the division. All current Major League players affected must be reassigned to a Major League team by using Method B: Through a regular draft wherein, if a number of returning Major League players has not been drafted by the time the same number of draft picks remain, those returning players must be the only players eligible from that point forward in the draft.
- 2) No refunds will be provided once the team selection process is complete.
- 3) Only the manager and coaches that have gone through the background check process with approval and are approved by the HLL Board of Directors shall occupy the bench or dugout. One (1) adult must be in dugout at all times. Scorekeeper/Pitch Counter can be outside of dugout but must be located immediately beside dugout.
- 4) All managers and coaches are required to umpire at least six (6) games during the season, Minor League and above, to remain eligible to manage or coach with HLL. No one (1) manager or coach may umpire the required

minimum games for any other manager or coach. Each manager/coach is responsible for his/her own six (6) minimum games.

- 5) Spring Season Managers will be voted upon and selected by the HLL Board of Directors. Anyone may apply for an manager/coach position, but consideration will be given to the following **in no particular order**:
 - Must make application to Board of Directors prior to deadline
 - Ability to work with assistant coaches
 - Attitude
 - Baseball knowledge
 - Board of Director's interview
 - Conduct
 - Ejection reports
 - Excellent role model for players
 - High level of integrity in front of players

Applicants will be provided a set time to appear before the Board of Directors for an informal interview process at which time both applicants and members can ask questions.

The Board of Directors will vote on the Managers and selection decisions will be posted on the HLL website within 24 hours of the Board's decision.

- 6) If a pleyer quits during the season, he/she will lose LL eligibility. He/she is not eligible to return to that team or any other team for the remainder of that season and will not be considered for All-Star Selection.
- 7) All mnagers are required to keep a written account of manager, coach, and player attendance for all games via a scorebook or an electronic format. This requirement applies to Major Level and above.
- 8) All HL BB teams will use the pitching affidavit to determine pitcher eligibility and enforcement of Little League pitching rules. The date of game, number of pitches thrown, pitcher's name, uniform number, pitcher's league age, and next date eligible to pitch shall be recorded for each game. The affidavit is to be signed in ink by the opposing team manager and umpire of the game. The pitching affidavit form shall be continuous for the season.
- 9) If, afte four (4) innings (Intermediate (50/70), Junior, Senior Leagues-five (5) innings) one team has a lead of ten (10) runs or more, the manager of the team with the least runs shall concede the victory to the opponent. If, after three (3) innings (Intermediate (50/70), Junior, Senior Leagues-four (4)

innings) one team has a lead of fifteen (15) runs or more, the manager of the team with the least runs shall concede the victory to the opponent.

(IAW LL Playing Rules Section 4.10-e)

- 10) Failure on the part of a manager or coach to comply with any of the Little League International and HLL rules will result in the following action being taken by the Board of Directors:
- For the first offense, a written warning will be issued to the manager/coach by the Board of Directors, respective division VP, or Manager's Committee.
 - For the second offense, the manager/coach can be immediately suspended from the next game that is played by his/her team. During the suspension, the manager/coach will be barred from all HLL facilities, even as a spectator, during his/her team's game.
 - After the third offense, the manager/coach can be suspended for the remainder of the season and barred from all HLL facilities.
 - For any offenses, the manager/coach may be required to meet with the Manager's Committee and/or HLL Board of Directors.
- 11) Each Manager, Coach and player's parent or guardian will sign a Code of Conduct agreement during registration. In addition, the parent or guardian will relay these expectations to any family members or friends who also attend games. Each spectator at HLL is solely responsible for his/her conduct at the facilities (games or practices.) Violation of the code of conduct, which includes public displays of obscene or vulgar language and disruptive behavior, will result in the immediate removal of those persons involved. The Board Member on duty during a game will ask the violator to leave or will telephone the police to have the violator escorted from the facility. The Board of Directors will be informed of any such activity. Any further violations of this rule could lead to suspension from the facility at the Board of Directors' discretion.
- 12) No tobacco or alcohol products of any type or in any form shall be permitted on any part of the facilities; dugouts, practice fields, game fields, stands, concession area, etc. (There is a designated smoking area located behind the main Little League concession stand next to the road.) This rule is not only a HLL rule, but also a Berkeley County School rule. It is in effect for managers, coaches, players, umpires, and spectators. Absolutely no alcoholic beverages or illegal substances will be allowed on HLL property. Violators will be asked to leave the premises by the Board Member on duty. If a manager, coach, or player is removed for violation of this rule, they will remain suspended until a meeting of the Board of Directors is held and the consequences addressed.
- 13) During regular season play no practice shall last more than 3 hours or exceed a curfew, whichever comes first. Curfew times are as follows: 10:00 pm for

Majors and below, 10:30 pm for Junior, 11:00pm for Senior League. Major division and above are permitted only four (4) events per week, and Minor divisions and below are permitted only three (3) events per week "Events" include games and practices. The week begins on Sunday and ends on Saturday. Managers are strongly encouraged to have three (3) events per week in Majors and above.

When there are two games scheduled on the same field, no inning will begin after 7:30 pm for the first game. The second game will begin immediately after the first game is ended. During the second game, no inning will begin after 10 pm.

Refer to Inter-League rules for other Divisions.

- 14) Any player(s) suspended or expelled from a Berkeley County School is eligible to participate in any HLL event.
- 15) If a player is requesting to be placed back in the draft, the following guidelines will apply:
 - On or before February 1, a written letter must be sent to the HLL Board of Directors requesting the player be placed back into the draft. This letter must contain player's name, age, prior year's team, and reason for the request. The request must specify the critical reasons that the player should not continue with his/her current team. Playing time cited in the request is not considered a critical reason for return to the draft.
 - Parent/Guardian must appear at the Board of Director's meeting prior to the try-out dates in March to address critical reasons and to answer questions by the Board Members concerning the request.
 - A vote by the Board of Directors will be immediately taken and the parent/guardian will be informed of the Board's decision within 24 hours.
 - If the player is approved by the Board to return to the draft, this player forfeits his/her Little League eligibility and the following will apply:
 - Player must attend 50% of the scheduled try-out dates in March.
 - Player could possibly be drafted back onto the same team.
 - Consequently, if a player is not drafted onto a LL team, he/she will return to the Minor League Division.
 - If a player is on a team roster for 50% or more of the season, that player will not be permitted to go back into the draft for the following season, unless the proper guidelines are followed as outlined in the above paragraphs. If that player quits and still intends to play the following season, and the parents do not write the requested letter by the due date, that player will remain on the same Little League team.

ALL- STARS SPECIAL AMENDMENTS

Selection to an All-Star team requires a strong desire and commitment from the managers, coaches, players selected, and parents/guardians. This commitment is both a **time** commitment and a **financial** one. Once selected for the All-Star team, the HLL Board of Directors expects all managers and/or coaches and all players to be in attendance at all scheduled practices and games. The Board also expects all managers, coaches, players and parents to conduct themselves professionally according to the All-Star code of conduct form that will be signed during All-Star registration. It is imperative that each person represents Hedgesville Little League in a professional and respectful manner while traveling to other facilities during All-Star season.

All-Star Selection Process

Selection of Players

- The All-Star player selection will be made as follows: a combined player vote to serve as one vote and each Division Team Manager to serve as one vote each. If a Team Manager cannot be present for the vote, one (1) of the Team's Coaches will take the Manager's place during the vote.
- The All-Star Manager will have the option of picking the last one, two, or three players for the team. The Manager must declare at the beginning of the vote whether he will be selecting 12, 13, or 14 players. 11 players requires an approve waiver by the District 6 Administrator.
- In Little League Baseball Division, 12 year-olds will vote only for 12 year-olds, 11-year olds will only vote for 11 year-olds, 9 & 10 year olds will only vote for 9 & 10 year olds.
- In Little League Softball Division, 11 & 12 year olds will only vote for 11 & 12 year olds and 9 & 10 year olds will only vote for 9 & 10 year olds.
- Voting is strictly confidential and is not to be discussed outside of the voting room. The only persons permitted in the voting room are the voting Managers, Player Agent, and HLL President.
- If a person present in the voting room has a child eligible for All-Star selection, that person will step outside for any discussions pertaining to that child.

Selection of Manager's and Coaches

For Managers or Coaches to be eligible for selection as an All-Star Manager or Coach, **all** of the following must apply:

- Must have umpired at least 6 games at any playing level.

- All debts (including fundraiser money) must be paid to the HLL prior to the All-Star application date.
- Must have attended 75% of their regular season games.
- Must make application to Board of Directors **prior to** deadline.

All-Star Managers will be voted upon and selected by the HLL Board of Directors. Anyone may apply for an All-Star manager/coach position, but consideration will be given to the following **in no particular order**:

- Ability to work with assistant coaches
- Anticipated absences during the All-Star season
- Attitude
- Baseball knowledge
- Board of Director's interview
- Conduct
- Ejection reports
- End of season evaluations
- Excellent role model for players
- High level of integrity in front of players
- Number of games attended during regular season
- Number of practices held and attended during regular season
- Position with regular season team
- Win/loss record

Applicants will be provided a set time to appear before the Board of Directors for an informal interview process at which time both applicants and members can ask questions.

The Board of Directors will vote on the Managers and selection decisions will be posted on the HLL website within 24 hours of the Board's decision.

All-Star Fundraising and Expense Guidelines

All funds raised (**cash & checks**) by any player, manager, coach, parent, or any individual acting as agent on behalf of HLL are the property of Hedgesville Little League and must be deposited in the common League treasury, as specified by the HLL Constitution. We are committed to upholding our trustworthy reputation within the business community and all must recognize that we have a responsibility to the local community and HLL children to see to it that funds collected in the name of the League are used for League purposes and not for any other extravagant or individual purpose. It is the Board's responsibility to

spend money wisely, and not extravagantly, to cover basic and necessary expenditures for a traveling team, with expenditures over and above what is outlined in these By-Laws to be voted upon by the Board of Directors. Each All-Star team's fund raising event must be proposed in writing to the Board of Directors prior to the date of the event. Within 24 hours after each All-Star fundraising effort, a fundraising information sheet will be submitted along with the matching monies collected, to the By- Laws committee for immediate review and deposit into the HLL account.

All individuals must recognize that the Board of Directors takes this very seriously and any violation of this regulation will be dealt with severely. Immediate removal of violator from team will occur.

Hedgesville Little League Board of Directors will appoint a representative to accompany any team traveling outside the District area during tournament play. This person will not be a manager or coach of the All-Star team. This individual will act as the HLL representative and will handle all financial transactions for the team. The representative will have his/her expenses paid for by HLL (i.e. hotel room, team meals, gas, and team recreation). The representative may elect to take a spouse or child with them, but that spouse or child's meal and entertainment expenses are not reimbursed. Full accounting of all expenses handled by the representative will be provided to the By-Laws committee for review within 24 hours of return to Hedgesville.

For All-Star tournaments involving travel outside of the District, hotel rooms paid for by the league will be as follows:

- A maximum of five (5) rooms will be paid for by HLL. Of these five (5) rooms, the manager and each coach will be assigned rooms. Any additional chaperone(s) rooms will be assigned at the Board's discretion. Any chaperone rooming with children must have an approved Volunteer application on file with the Board. Lodging for more than five (5) rooms must be approved by the Board.
- Players who elect to stay with their parents will receive no reimbursement for lodging.

For All-Star tournaments involving travel outside of the District, HLL will allow for reasonable meal expenses per day per player, manager, 1st & 2nd coaches, and approved necessary chaperone(s). All meals must be eaten together as a team. Those eligible to receive meal allowances, who do not eat meals with the team, will be responsible for their own meals, and will not be reimbursed.

For All-Star tournaments, at the State Tournament level or above, each All-Star team will be given a reasonable expense amount to provide team entertainment. The League representative must approve entertainment options.

Gas costs for Managers, Coaches, and Chaperones transporting three (3) or more players to All Star tournaments outside of the District shall be reimbursed by HLL. Reimbursement shall be limited to gas costs for a maximum of five (5) vehicles. Gas cards will be provided to the League Representative to cover this expense.

Within 24 hours of return to Hedgesville, expenses for meals, entertainment, and gas must be submitted on an expense report and must include receipts and must be submitted to the By-Laws Committee.

All-Star Player will pay for and keep his/her uniform.

Players, managers, coaches, and parents will be required to sign and abide by an HLL All-Star Expectations Sheet. This sheet will outline the expectations of each individual's duties and financial burden. A member of the By-Laws committee will be available for any questions regarding these rules.

****The HLL Board of Directors must approve any changes to the All Star selection process or guidelines.***