

WINDSOR INTERNATIONAL LITTLE LEAGUE
Bylaws/Local Rules/Ground Rules – Softball Program

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GENERAL INFORMATION

This document expires at the end of the fiscal year and must be renewed annually. It includes the W.I.L.L. Board of Directors' specific ground rules for the various divisions and procedures for selection of Tournament Teams (All Stars).

Because each local Little League Board of Directors should have authority to change these types of procedures, they require only Board of Directors consent, without general membership approval. No part of the by-laws, local rules or ground rules can conflict with or supersede any Little League rule, regulation or policy, unless as otherwise noted in this document.

The by-laws, local rules or ground rules are to be distinguished from the Little League Constitution. The Constitution spells out the duties and responsibilities of the officers of the board, definition of membership, election procedures, meeting requirements such as quorum, etc.

The various items in this document contain information that is pertinent to the Managers, Coaches and Players. It is the Manager's responsibility that his/her Players and Coaches are aware of them. The Vice President of Operations-Softball and the Directors of each division will oversee the softball program.

1. SPORTSMANSHIP

- A. Players should be taught to maintain the "W.I.L.L." to win; however, they must be taught to accept losses graciously.
- B. Win or lose, the Manager, Coaches and Players will congratulate their opponents at home plate for a good effort following each game.
- C. The Manager and Coaches shall make an extra effort to thank the umpires at the end of each game.

2. RULES OF PLAY

- A. The **Official Regulations and Playing Rules for Little League Baseball** (A.K.A. Little League (LL) Rulebook), as established by Little League Inc. of Williamsport, PA will be followed, except as modified in this document, or as prescribed by local league rules.

3. REGISTRATION & RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS

- A. In order to be registered, Players must meet Residence Eligibility Requirements as set forth in the Little League Official Regulations and Playing Rules for Little League. Note that the geographic boundaries of Windsor International Little League are specifically described in the League Charter.
- B. No child will be allowed, under any condition, to participate within the league's program until a parent or legal guardian registers them. Approval of registration will be by the President and/or Registrar (or assigned delegate). Signature other than the above is not acceptable.

4. MANAGERS, COACHES AND UMPIRES

All teams shall have assigned with the league one (1) manager and two (2) coaches. In accordance with Little League rules each team must have an adult (a person of the age 18 years or older) managing the team. It is recommended that one of the coaches also be an adult (a person of the age 18 years or older) to be eligible to fill in as temporary manager for times when unexpected absences by the manager occur. If a person under the age of 18 years is to be listed as a coach, this person cannot assume the role of manager at any time.

Appointment of Managers: the Director of each division of play shall nominate Managers of regular season teams. The Director shall submit his or her Manager nominations to the Vice President of Operations-Softball who shall appoint them, at the final discretion of the President. Major League Managers must be Local League members of good standing. In order to receive or keep an appointment, every Major Manager must satisfy such requirements as may be established by the Board of Directors from time to time. All appointments shall expire at the end of the team's playing season, unless sooner terminated at the discretion of the President or the Vice President of Operations-Softball. Managers of teams shall be responsible for the selection and training of their teams and for the actions of the Playing Members and Coaches during all games.

No person shall manage more than one team within all levels of Windsor International Little League Baseball or Softball. A Manager may be a Coach on another team, but that team must be at a different league level. The President shall not allow this second coaching position to have a detrimental affect on either team, and shall notify the Board of Directors of concerns.

Appointment of Coaches: the Manager of the said team, subject to the approval of the Vice President of Operations-Softball shall nominate the Coaches of each regular season team. Coaches will be selected by Managers following completion of the Draft process for that League, thus avoiding the pre-selection of Players through selective coaching appointments. In order to receive or keep an appointment, every Coach must satisfy such requirements as may be established by the Board of Directors from time to time. All appointments shall expire at the end of the team's

playing season, unless sooner terminated at the discretion of the President or the Vice President of Operations-Softball. Coaches shall assist their Managers in team training/practices, conduct and games.

Limitations on Managers and Coaches: While holding such office, the President shall neither manage nor coach a special, post season team, such as a tournament team or All-Star team (inter-league and intra-league). However, the President may coach, but not manage, a regular season team. While holding such office, the Player Agent shall be permitted to manage or coach; however, when any matter requiring a decision of the Player Agent might involve a Player Member in the league or division in which the Player Agent then manages or coaches, the Player Agent shall be deemed to have declined to act and the President shall render the required decision in the name of and on behalf of the Player Agent.

Only those persons who are Regular Members of the Local League in good standing (as defined by ARTICLE III, Section 2-B of the W.I.L.L. Constitution) shall be eligible for appointment to a Manager position in the Major League. Any person appointed as a Manager in the Major League who fails to maintain his or her status as a Regular Member of this Local League in good standing shall be deemed automatically to have resigned such appointment.

Protests – Managers, Coaches & Umpires: Each Coach and Manager has a Moral Obligation to help prevent protests, and work together for the success of the League. It is the responsibility of all adults coaching during a game to eliminate a possible protest. Remember that the Umpires will make many honest judgment errors during the season. Managers and Coaches should accept them as honest judgment errors and will not intimidate the Umpire about them.

Appointment, Training and Scheduling of Umpires (Softball):

Little League rule: All games must be officiated by at least one adult (a person of the age 18 years or older). This adult may have a second umpire under the age of 18 years, but the adult will be considered the chief umpire regardless of knowledge or experience. The adult umpire need not be the plate umpire.

Players of league age 12 are authorized to umpire AAA games, but only as field umpires.

Prior to the beginning of each regular season, the Chief Umpire-Softball shall provide the President with a written list of those persons who are recommended by the Chief Umpire to serve as officials at league games and shall designate the level of play at which, in the opinion of the Chief Umpire, such persons are qualified to officiate. The President may, at his or her discretion, appoint any Umpire so recommended by the Chief Umpire and such appointment may be conditioned upon the person nominated satisfying such other and further requirements as the Board of Directors may

determine, from time to time. Before and during the playing season, the Chief Umpire shall train, schedule, observe and evaluate all Umpires for their respective leagues.

The Chief Umpire shall be responsible for the actions of all Umpires on the playing field. The appointment of any Umpire may be revoked at any time by the Chief Umpire or by the President.

5. TRYOUTS: (New Player Candidates)

- A. The Player Agent is primarily responsible for the overall management and fairness of the Tryouts.
- B. **Confidentiality:** The Player Agent will maintain all documents pertaining to the scores of the try-out in strict confidence. Under no condition are Players (or parents) to be told any score results and whether or not they or other players made the Majors or AAA.
- C. The Vice President of Operations-Softball, Player Agent, and Director(s) shall determine the persons that may participate in the tryout rating process.
- D. The Rating System for all try-outs shall be a 10 point system. The scores will be defined as follows: 10-excellent, 8-above average; 5-average; 3-below average; and 1-weak.
- E. All league age 8 year olds and 9 years olds must tryout prior to the AAA draft. These candidates will play in AAA if selected in the AAA draft. Otherwise, they will be assigned to a Minor AA team. Those who do not tryout will not be eligible for the AAA Draft and will subsequently be assigned to a Minor AA team.
- F. All Non-Major 10 year olds, 11 year olds and 12 year olds must tryout (or submit an acceptable written excuse to the Player Agent) prior to being considered for the Major League draft. Any 10, 11 or 12 year old not currently assigned to a Major League team, who does not try out (or is unexcused), will be ineligible for the Major League Draft and will subsequently be considered as a candidate for the AAA draft. Excused candidates should not be drafted until they have been assigned a tryout rating by the Player Agent. The process of assigning a tryout rating for excused Players should be coordinated by the Player Agent and the Vice President of Operations-Softball (and be based on the knowledge of the Team Managers/Coaches attending the draft).
- G. All returning 11 year-old or 12 year-old Majors Division players are encouraged to participate in Tryouts. These returning players may decide to be excused from tryouts. In such cases returning players wanting to be excused may do so by submitting an acceptable written notice to the Player Agent prior to the draft. The process of assigning a tryout rating for excused Players should be coordinated by the Player Agent and the Vice President of Operations-Softball (and be based on the knowledge of the Team Managers/Coaches attending the draft).
- H. League age 7 year olds are encouraged, but are not required to, participate in Tryouts. The Minors Director in consultation with AA Managers will assign these Players directly to a Minor AA or A team.

- I. W.I.L.L. will conduct tryouts on a Saturday and/or Sunday, as required.
- J. Tryouts will not be held during Easter weekend.

6. DRAFTS

- A. The Player Agent is primarily responsible for the overall management and fairness of the draft. Under no condition may any draft commence unless the Player Agent and Vice President Operations-Softball (or an approved replacement) are in attendance to oversee the draft. Should the draft proceed without the Player Agent and or VP Operations-Softball, the Draft shall be deemed as invalid by the President.
- B. The Vice President Operations- Softball, Player Agent, and Directors shall determine the persons that may attend the draft for AAA and Majors.
- C. Big League, Senior League, Junior League and Major League: These drafts should be scheduled within one week following the tryouts. Every attempt must be made to hold the Draft as soon as possible.
- D. AAA: This draft must be scheduled following the completion of the Major League draft. Typically, this draft will immediately follow the Major league draft.
- E. Candidates refusing to be drafted to a Major League team must obtain the approval of the Player Agent and Vice President of Operations –Softball.
- F. **Special Consideration:** League age 12 year olds shall play in the Major Leagues, unless the league receives the Parent’s request/permission to have the candidate participate in the AAA program. Typically, this determination should be driven by safety issues and would require the approval of the Player Agent, Vice President of Operations-Softball, Director of Major League and the Director of Minor League.
- G. **Sibling Rule:** For the purposes of the draft, it will be assumed, unless otherwise requested by Parents/Guardians, that siblings playing at the same level will play on the same team. Parents/Guardians may request siblings to play on different teams within the same level. This request must be in writing to the Player Agent and/or Vice President Operations-Softball and must be received no later than 48 hours prior the draft.
- H. League age 9 year olds will not be allowed to play in the Major Leagues. On an exception basis, a league age 9 year old may be drafted/assigned to a Major league team upon receipt of approval from the Player Agent and Vice President of Operations-Softball.
- I. In general, the Draft Order will be the "reverse-order" of the standings at the end of the previous regular season i.e., the last place team will draft first, the second to last place team will draft second, etc. The last place team will draft first in each draft round. This procedure may be amended prior to the start of the draft based on changes unanimously agreed to by the Player Agent, Vice President of Operations-Softball and all Managers. Based on the needs at the Majors level, in any given year, there may be a complete redraft of players to assure a competitive balance within the division.

- J. **Protected Players:** A protected Player is defined as a Player that may only be drafted by a designated team. A Player can only be protected if approved as such by the Player Agent. Protected Players shall tryout and be rated in accordance with the rating system afforded all other players. Typically, a Player should be protected if: 1) a Manager is the parent or legal guardian, 2) the Player is a sibling of a Player that is currently on a team, or 3) the player has requested placement with a player that is a neighbor or family friend and therefore will be treated as a sibling. A team that has a protected Player for purposes of the draft may not: 1) select a Player that received a lower rating in the tryouts prior to selecting the protected player, or 2) select a Player that received a higher rating if that selection forces a team to have to select a lower rated Player than the protected Player within the same round. (i.e., within the same draft round as the protected Player based on the ratings of the tryouts prior to selecting the protected Player).
- K. **Player Trades:** In seasons where Majors teams are not reassigned, Players may be traded prior to Notification/Assignment, subject to the approval of the Player Agent and remaining team Managers in that Division. Player trades shall not occur after Notification/Assignment unless approved by the Vice President Operations-Softball and the Player Agent.
- L. **Notifications/Assignment: It is critically important that all Players are notified of their assignment at essentially the same time.** The Player Agent will advise the proper procedure for Player notification. All Managers and Coaches are expected to adhere to this rule. Note: Any Manager or Coach that does not comply with this rule is subject to removal as Manager or Coach, as determined by the Vice President of Operations-Softball in consultation with the President.
- M. Prior League Players not registered by draft day lose their rights of retention. Managers/Coaches should contact these Players prior to the draft, and their status should be fully explained. The Player Agent will be primarily responsible for resolving the situation prior to the draft. Player Agent should check League rosters against registration, and contact anyone that was previously on a League team who has not signed-up to clarify status and inform about not registering by draft day.
- N. Minor AA and A Players will be assigned by the Director and the Minor AA and A Managers. Team balance should be maintained.

7. ROSTERS

- A. See L.L. Rulebook
- B. The Player Agent, Vice President of Operations-Softball and Director of the applicable league shall maintain equal Rosters.
- C. The Player Agent and Directors have the discretion to have only ten Players drafted to each team. However, an eleventh and twelfth Player must be added to each team, prior to the start of the regular season (through late sign-ups and/or promotions), unless otherwise approved by the Vice President of Operations-Softball prior to the start of the season. In all cases, at the Major, and AAA level, the Directors will strive to have full rosters defined as 12 players per team.

- D. **Minor AAA Player Call-up to Majors:** Call-up of Minor AAA Players by Major League teams is required in order to maintain a full roster for the season. Major League managers will call up AAA players in accordance with Little League Rules, Section III – The Teams part (d). In conjunction with this rule the manager has five (5) days to make his selection. The Player Agent will consult with the AAA managers and obtain a list of players from those managers they feel are prepared to play in the Majors Division. The Majors manager in need of a player may use this list as a guide during the decision making process. The Player Agent will contact the Minor AAA managers of the player selected and will advise the players parents of her promotion to the Major League. The player need not accept the promotion. Call-ups during the final two weeks of the regular season are optional.
- E. **Minor AA Player Call-up to Minor AAA:** Call-up of Minor AA Players by Minor AAA teams is required in order to maintain a full roster for the season. Minor AAA managers will call up AA players in accordance with Little League Rules, Section III – The Teams part (d). In conjunction with this rule the manager has five (5) days to make his selection. The Player Agent will consult with the AA managers and obtain a list of players from those managers they feel are prepared to play in the Minor AAA Division. The Minor AAA manager in need of a player may use this list as a guide during the decision making process. The Player Agent will contact the Minor AA managers of the player selected and will advise the players parents of her promotion to the Minor AAA Division. The player need not accept the promotion. Call-ups during the final two weeks of the regular season are optional.
- F. **Any dismissal or termination of any Player from the League must be in writing.** The memorandum should be provided to the Player Agent, Vice President of Operations-Softball, applicable league Director, and the President. It should include: Name of team; Player; and reason for termination/dismissal. Any termination/dismissal that is disciplinary in nature requires the approval of the Board of Directors/Disciplinary Committee.

8. TEAM ASSIGNMENT (Late Players)

- A. Late signups may be accepted into the League, on or after the draft, based solely on roster availability.
- B. Late sign-ups must submit to the Player Agent's tryout (if required) and will be assigned to a team by the Player Agent, after consultation with the applicable Division Director and as approved by the Vice President of Operations-Softball.
- C. Former Major League Players who sign up after the drafts will be assigned to a team by the Player Agent, after consultation with the Vice President of Operations-Softball.
- D. Regardless of age, there is no guarantee of assignment to a Minor AAA, Major, Junior or Senior team.

9. DISCIPLINE OF TEAM PERSONNEL – ALL DISCIPLINARY ACTION REQUIRES THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- A. If a Manager, Coach or Player is removed from the game for disciplinary action of the Umpire, he must leave the field. The Manager or adult Coach must not sit on the bench or in the stands and may not be re-called. If a Player is removed from the game, the Team Manager is responsible for ensuring that the matter is handled appropriately. See L.L. Rule 9.05.
- B. Players may be benched for behavior unbecoming to the W.I.L.L. program. The opposing Manager or Coach and Head Umpire shall be advised prior to the start of the game (or during the game, if applicable) of any action being taken and for what reason. The Player Agent must approve benching. Proposed reasons for this discipline are:
 - 1. Fighting
 - 2. Insubordination
 - 3. Cursing
 - 4. Stealing articles in the park.
 - 5. Abuse/harassment towards Coaches/Umpire/fellow Players
 - 6. Improper dress.
 - 7. Un-sportsmanlike conduct
 - 8. Destruction of League Equipment
 - 9. Missing Scheduled Games/Practices

10. SCHEDULED GAMES/PRACTICES

- A. The League will not schedule games or practices on Memorial Day or the Fourth of July.
- B. All teams should practice a minimum of one time per week during the regular season.
- C. Once the season's schedule is issued, no games may be rescheduled without the approval of the Scheduling Director.
- D. Games will be scheduled and played on Sundays, including Mother's Day and Father's Day. Managers will not reschedule or cancel these games.
- E. Managers/Coaches are responsible for turning on/off lights and locking the Major League shed, Minor League shed, batting cage and Bradley shed. Being a public park, W.I.L.L. is responsible to Secure/Police up after all practices/games or other functions. Following the last game/practice of the day, the field should be police-up/secured.

11. RAINOUTS/POSTPONMENTS

- A. It is strongly suggested that all rained-out or postponed games will be played on the next open date on the schedule. During the last couple of weeks in the schedule, make-up games can be played at a Saturday practice. In general, Managers should ensure that these games are made-up within one week.

- B. The first game canceled will have first priority and be played per "A".
- C. The scheduled home team Manager will notify the Umpire-in-Chief for Softball with sufficient notice to allow the scheduling of an umpire to cover the rescheduled game.
- D. Every effort must be made by the Managers to reschedule and play all scheduled games during the regular season. Teams that fail to play a scheduled game shall be subject to receiving a forfeit, as determined by the Vice President of Operations-Softball.

12. LEAGUE EQUIPMENT/UNIFORMS

- A. Care must be taken to prevent misuse of League equipment by Players.
- B. Any throwing of helmets or intentional flinging of bats, under any condition, will be cause for disciplinary action listed below.
 - First Offense = Warning
 - Second Offense = One Game Suspension
 - Third Offense = TBD by Disciplinary Committee
- C. Upon the conclusion of each Player's last game of the season or playoffs, Managers are responsible for the collection of team uniforms and equipment that is league property. This includes "All Star" uniforms. Managers are responsible for the coordination of the return of uniforms/equipment with the Equipment Manager or League Director (within two weeks of the last game).
- D. Current season softball uniforms will only be worn on for the following occasions: Opening Day, participation in parades, Collection Day, scheduled games (not practice) or at other times that are approved by W.I.L.L.
- E. All uniforms and equipment are the sole property of W.I.L.L. Players should be advised that loss or any unnecessary damage to their uniform or equipment will be cause to assess their parents the current value costing the League for replacement.

13. SAFETY DURING GAME

- A. See Safety Code in Little League Rulebook and W.I.L.L. Safety Manual
- B. All games will cease to be played when alarm indicating lightning sounds or lightning is visible by an Umpire, Manager or Coach. Games will be suspended and resumed from the point when stopped. The pitcher of record may continue to pitch up to the total maximum allowed for both combined days. All personnel will leave the facilities as soon as possible.

14. SCOREKEEPERS

Big League, Senior, Junior, Major and Minor AAA teams must keep a scorebook during the game. The home team maintains the official scorebook.

15. GAME PREPARATIONS, GAME COMPLETION, SECURING AND POLICING OF ALL FIELDS (CRITICAL)

A. Home team responsibilities:

1. Confirm that an Umpire is scheduled and put Umpire's equipment out next to backstop. (assigned Minor A or Major League equipment only).
 - a) Make sure that the assigned parent is in concession stand and obtain tokens for Umpire. **Note that if this rule is not complied with, the game cannot begin.**
 - b) Check that bases are properly installed (safety concern).
 - c) Check to make sure Porto-let is unlocked.

B. Home and Visiting Team Joint Responsibilities:

1. Check the entire field from a safety perspective
2. Rake dirt section of infield, if necessary.
3. Mark baselines; foul line in outfield, and batters' box.
4. Get six batting helmets for each team
5. Return of all helmets and umpire equipment to its proper place after the game.
6. Managers/Coaches are responsible for turning on/off lights and locking the Major League shed, Minor League shed, batting cage and Bradley shed.
7. Being a public park, W.I.L.L. is responsible to Secure/Police up after all practices/games or other functions. Following the last game/practice of the day, the field should be police-up/secured. This includes the total area internally and around the bleachers – bike racks – concession stand – dugouts – benches-Porto-lets locked and equipment sheds neat and locked.

16. GAME TIME/FINISH TIMES

- A. For consecutive games, the next game will start fifteen (15) minutes, after the previous game.

17. INNING START UP

- A. Managers/Coaches and Umpires should have all players hustle on and off the field to keep the game moving along.
- B. Excessive stepping out of the batter's box must be discouraged: (Umpires should assist in moving the games along).
- C. Regular Season Games: no inning shall be started more than 2 hours after the game was begun.

18. GROUND RULES AND PRE-GAME DISCUSSION

- A. Prior to each game both Managers and the Umpires will meet at Home Plate to discuss ground rules.
- B. At the same time the Managers will discuss and agree to Pitcher eligibility for that game. Scorebooks should be kept up-to-date in case a question arises concerning the last games during the current week. Player's shirt numbers must be noted in all score books for all games.

19. PITCHING

- A. L.L. Rulebook
- B. Players refusing promotion to the Majors will not be allowed to pitch.
- C. Minor AA will utilize "Minor League Coach Pitch" i.e., a Manager/Coach pitches to their own team.

20. CATCHERS

- A. Twelve (12) year olds in the Minors are not permitted to catch.
- B. Players warming up pitchers must wear face and head gear.

21. MINOR AA BATTING/RUNNERS

- A. The maximum number of Batters allowed in any inning is one rotation of the team batting order. The last batter stays at bat until he/she either hits a playable ball or strikes out. Exception: if last batter is hit by a pitch, that batter would walk and the next batter would become the last batter.
- B. No base stealing is permitted.

22. INDIVIDUAL PLAYING TIME – W.I.L.L. RULE

To insure a reasonable amount of playing time for each player, the following rules will be in effect.

- A. **Big League & Senior:** L.L. Rulebook
- B. **Juniors and Majors:** L.L. Rulebook **or Alternate:** If agreed to by the Managers prior to the start of the game, the batting order will be a continuous rotation that is made-up of each and every Player on the team (that attends the game). Managers should strive to have each Player play an equal number of innings in field in a given game. At a minimum, all Players will play at least at least three (3) innings, nine (9) outs in the field.

NOTE: The only exceptions to this rule are situations where a player is being disciplined for misconduct, or because the player has an injury which prevents him/her from playing.

- C. **Minor AAA & Minor AA – rotation of defensive positions:** To encourage teaching, all Players should play in each infield and outfield position for their portion of a game at least once during the regular season, excluding pitching and catching.
- D. **Minor AAA & Minor AA:** The batting order will be a continuous rotation that is made-up of each and every Player on the team (that attends the game). Managers should strive to have each Player play an equal number of innings in field in a given game. At a minimum, all Players will play at least at least three (3) innings, nine (9) outs in the field.

NOTE: The only exceptions to this rule are situations where a player is being disciplined for misconduct, or because the player has an injury which prevents him/her from playing.

23. PLAYER SUBSTITUTION

- A. Big League, Seniors, Juniors or Majors – L.L. Rulebook
- B. MINORS – defensive Players may be substituted at any time during a game that the ball is dead. However, all Players must complete the minimum of three innings in the field.

24. PLAYOFF GAMES

- A. All playoff games for either position or championship will be played after all regular season games are completed (end of season) for Junior, Major and Minor AAA Divisions.
- B. Ideally, the playoffs should be scheduled to commence immediately after the regular season. The regular season pitching rules shall apply.

- C. The Playoff format shall be single elimination or Round Robin as agreed to by all Managers in the Division prior to the start of the tournament.
- D. The ten run rule "mercy rule" will apply to all playoff games.

25. AWARDS (TROPHIES)

- A. Trophies will be awarded to each Player on the Play-off Championship Team.

26. TOURNAMENT AND ALL STAR TEAM SELECTION

Tournament teams permitted by the Board of Directors shall be selected using one of the three authorized methods detailed below, as determined annually by the Vice President of Operations-Softball in consultation with the Directors of each applicable Division. The Player Agent-Softball shall be in attendance at all selection meetings and/or tryouts conducted. If a Tournament team is a Combined Team of Windsor International and Windsor American regular season Players, then the W.I.L.L. Vice President of Operations-Softball shall coordinate the selection process with the appropriate officials from W.A.L.L. prior to commencement. All required L.L. forms for Combined Teams must be completed by the Team Manager and coordinated with the District 8 Coordinator prior to Tournament imposed deadlines.

Method 1-On or before the next to last week of the regular season, on a date established not less than seven (7) days in advance by the Vice President of Operations - Softball, the Vice President of Operations - Softball, the Major League Director and the regular season Managers of each Major League team shall meet for the purpose of selecting the Tournament team. The Vice President of Operations – Softball, each Manager and the Director shall have one vote* in the selection of the Player Members for that team. Player Members shall be selected for the All Star tournament team by majority vote. In the event any Manager cannot attend said selection meeting, said Manager shall so notify the Vice President of Operations-Softball and shall designate in writing a Coach from his/her team to attend said meeting in his/her behalf. Any Coach so designated shall enjoy all of the rights and privileges of the team's Manager, as if said Manager was in attendance.

At the conclusion of the selection of the Tournament team, the Vice President of Operations – Softball, the said Managers, the Major Director and the Minor Director shall vote to populate the 9/10 year old tournament teams from among the remaining Player Members in the Major, and Minor AAA divisions, employing the same procedure for voting as described above.

* (Should the Vice President of Operations-Softball and/or Director also be a Manager, then that individual shall have only one vote).

Method 2-Tournament team Player Members for each Division shall be selected based on the results of a tryout conducted by the selected tournament team Manager and Coaches in accordance with procedures approved in advance of the tryout by the Vice President of Operations-Softball and the Player Agent-Softball.

Method 3-Tournament team Player Members for each Division shall be selected based on the results of a balloting process conducted in accordance with procedures approved in advance of the voting by the Vice President of Operations-Softball and the Player Agent-Softball in consultation with the Directors of each Division. Players will be placed on the voting ballot through a self-nomination process. Method 3 and Method 2 can be combined to select a team as determined by the Vice President of Operations-Softball in consultation with the Player Agent.

27. ALL-STAR MANAGER AND COACHES SELECTION

- A. Any Manager or Coach of a Big League, Senior, Junior, Major League or Minor AAA team, who has participated on that team for the regular season, is eligible to manage or Coach the team. Each Manager or Coach who desires to Manage the All Star Tournament team for that Division will self nominate to the Vice President Operations-Softball.
- B. The Vice President of Operations-Softball shall coordinate/facilitate a meeting between the Director of each Division to discuss and agree upon the selection of All Star Managers and Coaches. Based on this discussion, the Vice President of Operations-Softball shall appoint the Managers/Coaches of All-Star teams.

Appendix 1: DIVISIONAL GUIDELINES AND PLAYER ELIGIBILITY CHART