

WEST SALEM LITTLE LEAGUE

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Young Athletes Bill of Rights

- The right to participate in sports
- The right to participate at a level commensurate with each child's maturity and ability
- The right to have qualified adult leadership
- The right to play as a child and not as an adult
- The right of children to share in the leadership and decision making of their sport participation
- The right to participate in safe and healthy environments
- The right to proper preparation for participation in sports
- The right to an equal opportunity to strive for success
- The right to be treated with dignity
- The right to have fun in sports

Volunteer Bill of Rights

- The right to be treated as a co-worker
- The right to a suitable assignment
- The right to know as much about the League as possible
- The right to proper training
- The right to continuing education
- The right to sound guidance and direction
- The right to a place to work
- The right to promotion and experience variety
- The right to be heard
- The right to be recognized

The Little League Pledge®



Purpose of West Salem Little League

Little League is a program of service to youth. It is geared to provide an outlet of healthful activity and training under good leadership in the atmosphere of wholesome community participation.

The organization is dedicated to helping children become good and decent citizens. It strives to inspire them with a goal and to enrich their lives towards the day when they must take their places in the world. It establishes the values of teamwork, sportsmanship, and fair play.

2008 WSLI CALENDAR

Date	Event	Time	Location
Tuesday, Jan. 8	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.	Roth's
Saturday, Jan 19th	Sign-ups – Player, Manager, Coach, & Volunteer	9 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Roth's
Thursday, Jan 24th	Sign-ups – Player, Manager, Coach, & Volunteer	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Roth's
Thursday, Jan 31st	Sign-ups – Player, Manager, Coach, & Volunteer	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Roth's
Saturday, Feb 2nd.	Sign-ups – Player, Manager, Coach, & Volunteer	9 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Roth's
Tuesday, Feb. 5	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.	Roth's
Wednesday, Feb. 6th	Manager Selection	Calls will be made to each coach	
Saturday, Feb. 16th	Tryouts AAA, Majors, Juniors	9:00am – 3:00	Walker Middle School
Saturday, Feb. 23	Tryouts AAA, Majors, Juniors	9:00am – 2:30	Walker Middle School
Wednesday Feb. 27th	Softball Draft AAA, Majors, Juniors	6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Roth's
Thursday, Feb 28th	Baseball Draft AAA, Majors, Juniors	6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Roth's
Saturday, March 1st	Team Formation Day* *Mandatory for Managers & Coaches*	9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	WSHS
Monday, March 3rd	Practices begin, all teams	Set by your coach	Set by your coach
Tuesday, Mar 4	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.	Roth's
March 1st – 22nd	Umpire Clinic	TBD	
Saturday, March 1 st	**Field Day**	9:00 a.m.	Walker/Orchard Hts.
Saturday, March 8 th	**Field Day**	9:00a.m.	Walker/Orchard Hts
Saturday, March 15 th	**Field Day**	9:00 a.m.	Walker/Orchard Hts
Saturday, March 22 nd	**Field Day**	9:00 a.m.	Walker/Orchard Hts
Tuesday, April 1	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.	Roth's
Saturday, April 5 th	OPENING DAY!!!	9:00 a.m.	WSHS – BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER PRIOR TO OPENING DAY FESTIVITIES
TBA	Senior Tryouts	1:00 p.m. (Softball) 2:00 p.m. (Baseball)	Orchard Heights
TBA	Senior Draft	7:00 p.m. (Softball) 8:00 p.m. (Baseball)	Roth's
Tuesday, May 6	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.	Roth's

Date	Event	Time	Location
Tuesday, June 3	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.	Roth's
Monday, June 16	Annual Picnic!!! Annual Membership Meeting, Election for Board of Directors, All Star Teams Announced	TBD <i>Please come for the fun!</i>	Walker Middle School

***Attendance at Team Information Day is MANDATORY for all managers and coaches. No exceptions. The session will include: Safety Training, League Rules and Expectations, Coaches Clinic and Equipment checkout. Managers are encouraged to hold their first team meeting shortly after this training. Practice begins Monday of the following week.**

****Field Days are established to get the fields ready for play. Every family is requested to attend at least one Field Day. Safe, attractive fields are essential to the success of our league. Like everything else in Little League, safe, attractive playing fields are provided through the ongoing efforts of volunteers. Fieldwork to prepare for the season is scheduled four Saturdays in March. Field maintenance must continue on a daily basis throughout the season. In August, a Field Clean-Up day is scheduled to take down the outfield fences and clean up after the season. Everyone is welcome and there is something for every skill level to do. Please join us every Field Day if you are available!**

FIELD PREPARATION IS SUCCESSFUL WHEN EVERYONE HELPS ~ SPEND AN HOUR, SPEND A DAY, BUT PLEASE HELP!

Team Responsibilities For Game Day Field Preparation and Clean-Up

Clean up your own dugout after the game

The Home team will:

- Drag and line field
- Cut grass if necessary
- Put out bases
- Put up sponsor banner(s) where applicable

The Visiting team will:

Drag infield

Empty garbage cans at your field after the game
(replace garbage bags) *

Take down and put away sponsor banner(s)

***If you are playing on the Major Field – you are responsible for the garbage cans at the concession stand**

Note: If this is an inter-league game, the West Salem Little League team is responsible for the preparation and clean-up items listed above.

Put away bases

Lock storage sheds

Clean-up your own dugout after the game

**PARENTS ARE
ENCOURAGED
TO HELP WITH
FIELD PREP AND
CLEAN-UP!
Our Field Motto:
Don't ask if you can
help – Just Help ☺**

Guidelines for Adults

Little League managers, coaches, and parents must be leaders. As leaders, we must recognize that we hold a position of trust and responsibility. It is important that managers and coaches have understanding, patience, and the capacity to work with youngsters.

Above all else, they must realize that they are helping to shape the physical, mental, and emotional development of young people.

It is not enough that candidates for managers and coaches have previous experience in the game. They must possess leadership ability and the know-how to work with young children. Training Little Leaguers in the fundamentals of teamwork, good sportsmanship, and discipline are attainable goals. It is the manager, coach and parents, more than anyone else who control the situation to which the players are exposed.

Youngsters of Little League age are strongly influenced by the adults who volunteer their time to help the overall development of children. They must possess leadership ability and the know-how to work with young children. Training Little Leaguers in the fundamentals of teamwork, good sportsmanship, and discipline are attainable goals. It is the manager, coach and parents, more than anyone else who control the situation to which the players are exposed.

Youngsters of Little League age are strongly influenced by the adults who volunteer their time to help the overall development of children. They respond positively to manager, coaches, and parents who are a source of inspiration. The adult leaders must be sensitive to the mental, emotional, and physical limitations of children of Little League age, and must recognize that the game is a vehicle of training and enjoyment, and not an end in itself. Little League can only be as good as the quality of leadership in the managing personnel.

Spectators must also be attentive to the rules of good sportsmanship and are subject to removal from the playing fields if their conduct is contrary to the Little League philosophy.

Umpires Will:

- Demonstrate competent leadership on and off the playing field.
- Understand the ability level of the players.
- Keep the game under control and develop the respect of players, coaches, and parents.
- Have good judgment, and ability to get along with others, and the desire to do their job well.

- Know the rules of the game and react intuitively to play situations and are encouraged to attend an umpire clinic.
- Have common sense as it applies to the interpretation of the Umpire Rulebook.
- Have a full appreciation for the aims and principles of the Little League Program.
- Be well groomed and wear the approved umpire uniform and standard safety equipment.
- Never use profane language or smoke – always setting a positive and instructional tone.
- Have been carefully screened by a committee, including Little League required background checks.

Spectators and Parents Will:

- Through well-planned and organized efforts, be made aware of the rules, regulations and philosophy of Little League Baseball.
- Be positive in any criticism of the program and be willing to volunteer their services to improve the program. Present their opinions and criticisms to officers of the league in a constructive manner.
- Clearly understand the tryout system and the method of player selection.
- Demonstrate that they recognize the effort expended by the volunteer personnel by refraining from unsportsmanlike conduct and “grandstand” managing.
- Realize that the umpire is closest to the play and that each umpire calls them as he or she sees them. The umpire is a volunteer who has assumed a necessary and difficult role.
- Recognize that Little Leaguers are children, not professional players, and need encouragement, not criticism.
- Applaud good plays; ignore errors. Encourage a greater effort, initiative and hustle. Congratulate the winner; encourage the loser.
- Enjoy the game for what it is. If it isn't fun...it isn't Little League!!!

Managers and Coaches Will:

- Reflect an understanding of the age group they supervise.
- Be aware that they are an example to those with whom they work.
- Demonstrate that they have an appreciation of the philosophy of Little League Baseball, and cooperate with others in making the program of mutual benefit to all youngsters.
- Show by example, that they respect the judgment and the position of authority of the umpire and instill in their players a respect for the authority of adult leaders in the league.
- Exercise their leadership role adequately, but leave the ball game in the hands of the players.
- Within the regulations of their own league and of Little League Baseball, provide an opportunity for each youngster to participate.
- Encourage their players at every opportunity. Familiarize themselves with the home background of the youngsters and their families.
- Instill a desire to win and improve, striving to impart as much baseball or softball knowledge possible to each player.
- Encourage good health habits, good grooming, and care of their uniform.
- Be instrumental in shaping acceptable behavior patterns whether the team wins or losers.
- Know the playing rules and regulations of Little League and be able to interpret them correctly. Play by the rules and adhere to their intent, instilling in the players a respect for the rules of the game.
- Be well acquainted with the player selection system used in their league and select players for the team according to their abilities.

- Be cautious and use sound, reasonable judgment in protest situations.
- Have had an opportunity to participate in a preparatory training program concerning their responsibilities before being assigned to their position.
- Have knowledge of first aid and safety.
- Have attended and completed the mandatory Little League's Team Information Day.
- Have been carefully screened by a committee, including Little League required background checks.

Volunteers

WSLL – is a volunteer organization. Everyone from the president to the coaches and managers are volunteers. Now is the time for you to become involved. With your help, our young people will have the opportunity to learn the game of baseball or softball. We need volunteers in a variety of areas, from fieldwork to working in the concession stand, to helping out with fund-raising. No matter what the task, small or large, your time is greatly appreciated. Without volunteers this organization will not exist. Remember, the success of our program depends entirely on the generosity of parents and community members who are willing to share their time, knowledge, patience, and love of baseball and softball.

**WE
NEED
YOU!**
**Our Volunteer Motto:
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help – Just Help ☺**

Every team needs a manager, coaches, team parent, and scorekeeper. Teams need people who will telephone parents to remind them of special events or who can type and distribute notices. The WSLL needs handy-persons to help with fix ups, volunteers to keep our fields clean and assistance in special events. A 2008 application is at the end of this handbook. A new application must be completed each year. You can also request an application from any board member during the season.

In order to offer the quality program WSLL is known for, we must all work together and share the responsibilities.

Selection of Managers, Coaches, and Umpires

- The following are the basic policies accepted by WSLL which govern the selection of managers and coaches:
- There is no seniority or tenure in serving as a manager or coach.
- All appointments to serve as manager or coach expire on September 15th annually.
- The power to appoint all managers and coaches annually is the sole responsibility of the WSLL President and cannot be taken away by any Board action.
- The Board of Directors has the power to approve or disapprove any appointment made by the President.

- A screening committee should investigate all candidates, brought forward by the President of the Board, and establish a list of potential appointees.
- The President can appoint any candidate from the group screened by the committee to manage or coach.
- Parents do not have input in this matter. This is an administrative matter and is not subject to intervention by the membership.
- All managers and coaches are directly responsible to the President.
- The President is responsible to the Board of Directors for all Managers and Coaches.
- There is no appeal process for reconsideration. All persons appointed and approved shall fulfill their responsibilities as designated by the position to which they are appointed.
- Selection of managers, coaches, and umpires are in local league jurisdiction and is not subject to intervention from District, Region, or Little League Headquarters.

Note: The President has the authority to suspend any manager or coach pending a hearing before the Board of Directors as governed by Article III Section 4(a) of the WSLL Constitution and By-Laws.

Equipment

Each player in the minor divisions (T-Ball, AA, AAA) will be given a cap and a T-shirt to wear and keep after the season is over. Major divisions and above, both baseball and softball, will be issued a jersey and a cap or visor. The jersey must be returned by the end of the season. Players must provide pants or shorts (as decided by the team) and socks.

Each player should have his or her own glove. Remember to write your name and phone number in your glove. Approved baseball/softball shoes are strongly recommended. Shoes with metal cleats are not allowed in the Major and Minor Divisions. All male ball players are required to wear an athlete supporter at all games and practices. Male catchers must wear cups in their supporters while catching (required for minors on up).

The league provides the remaining equipment, including balls, bats, batting helmets, and catching equipment. Please take care with this equipment – don't lose it or abuse it. Managers are responsible for all WSLL equipment and must turn it in at the end of the season. No WSLL equipment can be used outside of Little League play unless the WSLL Board of Directors gives approval.

Registration Fees

What does the league do with money raised?

Last year, our expenses exceeded \$90,000. There are four main sources of income for WSLL: registration fees, sponsorships, fund-raisers, and concessions. The majorities of our expenses are for uniforms and field maintenance. In addition, the league's funds provide scholarships to help those that cannot afford the registration fees, playing equipment (helmets, bats, balls, catchers' gear, etc.), your newsletter, postage, utilities, porta-potty fees, first-aid kits, training materials and educational opportunities, umpires fees, league fees, storage fees and insurance. A financial statement is listed in an annual newsletter.

Fund Raising

WSLL involves the players in one fundraising event for the whole season. All completed orders and money or checks must be turned into the coach or coordinator by the date specified. You also have the option to opt out of the player fundraiser by paying an opt out fee that is due at sign-ups. All of the money that you have raised will help our league to buy equipment, uniforms, first aid kits, etc.

While the players are only asked to participate in one fundraiser, this does not preclude parents getting together and putting on different events. If you have ideas, energy and initiative to help us get to help in this area, please contact the board member for fundraising.

WSLL is a non-profit organization. Please support our fund-raisers and patronize our sponsors whenever possible. Without the support of our sponsors, registration fees would increase substantially. Team sponsors help to defray costs of outfitting each team in uniforms and equipment.

Scholarships

The league believes that every child who desires to play baseball or softball in WSLL should be provided an opportunity regardless of financial hardship. Scholarships are available for registration fees upon request submitted to the WSLL President or Treasurer.

Insurance

The Little League Insurance program is designed to afford protection to all participants the most economical cost to the local league. It is used as a secondary insurance. If there is no other coverage, Little League insurance (provided by the league), takes over and provides benefits for all covered injury treatment costs up to a maximum benefit. Players, managers, coaches, volunteers, officers, and volunteer umpires are covered when participating in league activities.

If your child sustains a covered injury while taking part in Little League baseball or softball:

1. File a claim initially with your family insurance carrier.
2. If the player is not covered by family insurance, Little League insurance becomes the primary carrier and will provide benefits for all covered injury treatments up to the maximum benefit.
3. Treatment of dental injuries can be extended beyond the normal 52-week period if treatment must be delayed until the child is older.
4. Contact the President (Heidi Johnson) within 48 hours after suffering any injury within Little League jurisdiction.

Refund Policy

The WSLL fee policy allows for a full refund up until the first scheduled time of evaluations/tryouts, a half refund after the date of the first evaluation/tryout session, and no refunds after the first date for team practice.

Proof of Residency

A league can only accept player candidates who live within the geographic boundaries of the league. Verification of residency is required upon registration of a child. Either a driver's license or voter's registration card is acceptable to confirm permanent legal address. A temporary residence or residence of convenience (grandparents, relatives, friends, day care providers, etc.) is not permitted.

In situations where the parents are divorced or separated by Court Order, the residence of either party can be considered as the legal residence with the understanding that one or the other can make residency claim for the players, provided that parent is committed to helping the child actively participate in the WSLL. This election cannot change from year to year. Nor can the player candidate participate in two Little Leagues simultaneously.

Eligibility – League Age

Little League Baseball Inc. is a program of service to the youth. It is geared to provide an outlet of healthy activity and training under good leadership in the atmosphere of wholesome community participation. Boys and girls, ages 5 to 18 who live within the physical boundaries of the WSLL have the right to register and try out with parental consent. These eligibility dates listed below cannot waiver. No exceptions will be granted.

BASEBALL: THE AGE DATES HAVE CHANGED IN 2006. A child's "Little League Baseball age" is their age on April 30th of the current year. A child attaining age 5 on April 30, 2008 would be eligible to join the WSLL for the 2008 season, while another child who becomes 5 on May 1, 2008 would not be eligible to play during the 2008 season. This same "Little League age" is the age used to determine when a child is no longer eligible for AA in the Minor Division, and the Major, Junior and Senior Divisions.

SOFTBALL: A child's "Little League Softball age" is their age on December 31st of the previous year. A child attaining age 5 on December 31, 2007 would be eligible to join the WSLL for the 2008 season,

while another child who becomes 5 on January 1, 2008 would not be eligible to play during the 2008 season. This same "Little League age" is the age used to determine when a child is no longer eligible for AA in the Minor Division, and the Major, Junior and Senior Divisions.

Divisions and Player Placement

Tee Ball*: League age five to seven year-old boys and girls. All league age five and six-year-olds must play Tee Ball and we strongly recommend all first time players, league age seven-year-olds, play Tee Ball as well. There are no pitched balls--all ball are hit off the batting tee. There are no strikeouts. All players bat even if they are not playing defensively at the time. All players must play six defensive outs. There is a five-run limit per inning rule; however, there will be no official tally of the runs. There is no base stealing. Tee Ball is limited to four meetings per week, including games and practices. There are 12-15 players on the roster of each team.

AA*: League age seven to eleven year-old-boys and girls. All players bat, even if they are not playing defensively at the time. There is a five-run limit per inning rule. AA is limited to four meetings per week, including games and practices. There are 12 to 15 players on the roster of each team. All Balls are pitched by pitching machine.

AAA*: League age eight to eleven-year-old boys and girls. Standard pitching rules prevail. AAA is limited to four meetings per week, including games and practices. Players must participate in tryouts and be drafted to teams.. There are 12 players on the roster of each team and team configuration changes each year for baseball and softball.

Majors*: League age nine to 12-year-old boys and girls choice of remaining in the majors. A softball player who turns 13-years-old from January through July of 2008 would have been considered league-age 13 for the entire 2008 season. Under the new regulation, such a player

will have a league age of 12 throughout the 2008 season. Standard Little League playing rules prevail. Majors are limited to four meetings a week, including games and practices. Players must participate in tryouts and be drafted to teams. There are twelve players on the roster of each team and team configuration changes each year for baseball and softball.

**Managers and coaches in this division may not wear conventional baseball or softball uniforms or shoes with metal spikes.*

Juniors: League age 13 and 14-years-old boys and girls. Played on a standard 90' diamond for baseball and 60' diamond for softball. Meetings are not limited. Double headers and Sunday games are allowed for baseball. Softball will be limited to weekdays to allow for inter-leaguing and ASA, etc. play. Games are played throughout the District 7 area. There are 12 to 14 players on the roster of each team and team configuration changes each year for baseball and softball. Managers and coaches in this division may wear conventional baseball or softball uniforms, but not shoes with metal spikes.

Seniors: League age 14 to 16 year-old-boys and girls. Played on a standard 90' diamond for baseball and a 60' for softball. Meetings are not limited. Double headers and are allowed. Games are played throughout the District 7 area. There are 12 to 14 players on the roster of each team and team configuration changes each year. Managers and coaches in this division may wear conventional baseball or softball uniforms, but not shoes with metal spikes.

Big League: League age 14 to 18-year-old boys and girls. Big League teams are comprised of players throughout the District 7 area. Games are held both inside and outside the

district. Sign up at registration for Big League or notify President Heidi Johnson of desire to play.

Challenger Division: The Challenger Division of Little League Baseball is a program for mentally and physically disabled youth to enjoy the benefits of Little League participation in an athletic environment structured to their abilities. More than the skills of baseball learned through the experience, the value of the Little League Challenger Division is found in the proven therapeutic and socialization benefits of participation in sports, the strengthening of the participants self-esteem, the opportunities to mainstream into other divisions of play, and the disciplines of teamwork, citizenship, and fair play. Contact WSLI President Heidi Johnson at: westsalemlittleleague@hotmail.com for more information.

Player Placement

Parents are encouraged to challenge their child to advance as their skills improve. Players with special needs or undeveloped skills may need to be held back until they are ready to move on. The player agents and the safety agent have the authority to make special arrangements – especially for 7 and 8 year-olds who may need to play up or down, based on ability. The goal should always be a place a child at a level in which they are challenged – but never one in which they can't succeed.

Draft

New Rule Change:

All players 9yrs old thru 12 yrs old will try out for Baseball / Softball. Players will be placed / drafted on to teams, AA,AAA or Majors based on ability not AGE.

All players must have participated in 50% of the tryout sessions to be eligible for the draft. If a candidate does not meet this requirement and wishes to be considered for the draft, an explanation must be presented to and accepted by a majority of the Board of Directors. Please contact the Baseball or Softball Agent in the division you are trying out for if this occurs.

Eligible players are subject to selection by any Major Division team at the draft or at any other time during the season should a space on a roster become available. Refusal of a player to comply will result in forfeiture of further eligibility in the Majors for the current season.

Players not drafted to a Major Division team or AAA will be placed on an AA team (excluding league age 12 year olds). All registered children league age 12 and under will be provided an opportunity to play.

Redraft

After a successful 2005 redraft, for Majors and Junior teams, the board voted to have all teams participate in a redraft each year. This means from Big League to AAA teams for Softball and Baseball – the team configuration will change from year to year. All returning players in these divisions will need to tryout. Returning players are guaranteed a spot on a team in their respective division.

Saturday, February 16th, 2008

BASEBALL	
9:00 a.m. (promptly)	12 year-olds
10:00 a.m.	11 year-olds
11:30 a.m.	10 year-olds
1:00 p.m.	8 & 9 year-olds
2:00 p.m.	13 & 14 year-olds
SOFTBALL	
10:00 a.m.	8 -10 year-olds
11:00 a.m.	11 - 14 year-olds

Saturday, February 23rd, 2008

Baseball	
9:00 a.m. (promptly)	13 & 14 year-olds
10:00 a.m.	8 & 9 year-olds
11:00 a.m.	12 year-olds
12:00 p.m.	11 year-olds
1:30 p.m.	10 year olds
Softball	
12:00 p.m.	8 -10 year-olds
1:30 p.m.	11 - 14 year-olds

All February try out locations are at
Walker Middle School

Tryouts are held rain or shine,

Try Out Schedule

(Please check the website for any adjustments to this schedule before coming to tryouts!
www.wsll.net)

You must come early to get signed in.

Everyone *must* check in at least 15 minutes prior to your tryout time – this means you should arrive 30 minutes prior to your tryout time to allow appropriate time to check-in and to warm up. You may be asked to come to the next set of try-outs if you are late. The schedule is too tight to accommodate otherwise.

All players ages 9 to 15 wishing to play AAA, Major, Junior or Senior Division Baseball or Softball must try out. Senior try outs will be held at a later date. All players must participate in 50% of the tryout sessions to be eligible for the draft. You can try-out more than once.

Eight year-olds may try out for AAA division after successfully completing a safety check. If your 8 year-old is ready for AAA, you must inform the Baseball or Softball Player Agent at registration.

Safety

We know the greatest treasure we have is a child. As adults, we must ensure that these young people are able to grow up happy, healthy and, above all, safe. Whether they are our children, or the children of others, each of us has a responsibility to protect them. They are our future, and an endless source of joy.

Like many national youth organizations, Little League seeks to attract the most qualified volunteers to administer our program at the local level. At the same time, we must be aware that this could make us a target for child abusers.

The Little League Child Protection Program, in place since 1997, has sought to educate children and volunteers in ways to prevent child abusers from becoming involved in the local league. Part of that education has been to assist local Little League volunteers in finding effective and inexpensive ways to conduct background checks. Use of the volunteer application became mandatory last year if leagues were participating in ASAP (A Safety Awareness Program).

Background checks are required of all volunteers. Recent advances in computer technology – allowing increased access to public records – make it possible for these background checks (to see if an individual is a registered sex offender in a given state) to be conducted in every U.S. state.

Background checks are conducted on Managers, Coaches, Board of Directors, members and any other persons, volunteers or hired workers, who provide regular service to the league and/or have repetitive access to, or contact with, players or teams.

The purpose of these background checks is, first and foremost, to protect children. Second, they maintain Little League as a hostile environment for those who would seek to do harm. Third, they will help to protect individuals and leagues from possible loss of personal or league assets because of litigation.

Failure to complete and submit the Volunteer Application Form by those required to do so will result in being barred from involvement of Little League. Failure by the local league to conduct the proper background checks may result in suspension or termination of the league's charter and/or tournament privileges.

Fall Ball

Fall Ball, or our fall baseball league, typically starts the first Sunday after Labor Day and goes for 5-6 weeks. Double headers are played with slightly different rules than the regular season to allow for development of players and honing skills of more seasoned players.

There are no practices during the week; however there may be some instructional practices on Sunday if time is available. Because Fall Ball is less formal, the cost is significantly reduced.

All Stars

Information on All Star will be added as a separate addendum to this book by March 1, 2008. Please check the website for more information.

Tournament of Champions (TOC)

Each division eligible for TOC (Majors, Juniors) will participate in a tournament, as part of the regular season games to decide who will represent WSLL. Or, if the division interleagues, the player agent will coordinate an appropriate process, based on Win/Loss records to decide who represents WSLL. The process will be decided prior to season play. The player agent will facilitate the process with manager input and board approval.

Rules Specific to WSLL

The league operates under the Official Regulations and Playing Rules of Little League Baseball and Little League Softball. Each Manager, Coach and Umpire will be provided a copy. The official rules can also be accessed at www.littleleague.org. In addition to these rules, the WSLL Board has adopted this manual as an operating guide.

Minimum Play *

In all games between West Salem Little League teams every player(s) involved on a team roster will participate in each game for a minimum of six (6) defensive outs and bat at least one (1) time. Big League: Mandatory play does not apply. Inter-league games shall revert to Section IV (i) as written in the Official Regulations and Playing Rule Book.

T-Ball Ground Rules

- There must be an umpire for all games.
- Games will be limited to 90 minutes.
- All players bat in order even if they are not playing in the field.
- All players must play 9 defensive outs.
- Three outs per half inning of five runs per half inning whatever comes first.
- There is no keeping score. Emphasis is on basic fundamentals; making three outs, good plays, and nice hits.
- All players must remain behind the fenced dugout at all times during the game unless a manager allows a trip to the restroom.
- There are no pitched balls – all balls are hit off the batting tee. There is a 10 ft. minimum hit from the tee.
- Avoid throwing the bat, first offense player is warned, second offences player is benched the remainder of the game.
- No extra bases for over throws.
- Two bases on hits over the fielders head into the outfield. Runners on base can advance only two bases.
- Players should be positioned in normal designated infield positions. Do not let players “creep” up in close past the pitchers rubber. Outfielders must play in position, not in the outfield.
- A home team bat last and occupies the third base dugout.
- List players full name in scorebook.

AA WSLL Ground Rules

- There must be an Umpire for all games.
- A maximum of ten (10) players with four (4) outfielders may take the field. Teams can field nine (9) players in the case of absentees or injury.
- Games are six (6) innings or a two (2) hour time limit. A new inning cannot start after the one (1) hour and forty-five (45) minutes mark of the start of the game. Use soft baseballs, **NO HARD BASEBALLS**
- Each players must play six (6) defensive outs, If a player is a substitute they must play six (6) consecutive defensive outs.
- The full roster is in the batter order. Every player bats in a continuous order.
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Pitching

- A pitching machine will be used for every ball pitched, **NO PLAYER OR COACH MAY PITCH**. Pitching machine will be placed aprox. 41 ft away from home plate. A 10 ft area around the pitching machine must be marked off. Any balls entering this area will be called "dead" and the ball will be re-pitched and not count toward the max pitched ball of 7 (all players must remain outside the "dead zone").
- A Maximum 7 pitched balls per player. Unless the 7th pitch is fouled off, the player will continue his / her bat until the ball is put in play or they strike out.

Batting

- Batters will get 7 pitches from the machine. Unless the 7th pitch is fouled off, the player will continue his / her bat until the ball is put in play or they strike out.
- Batters may bunt.
- No batter walks, if a batter is pitched 7 pitches and doesn't put the ball into play, he / she is **OUT**

Base Running

- Base runners can advance the maximum value of the hit.
- Doubles are allowed.
- Runners are awarded two (2) bases from the time of the throw if an overthrown ball goes out of play. See Rule 7.05
- Runners can advance one (1) base at their own risk if an overthrown ball remains in-bounds.
- No stealing is allowed
- Sliding is permitted. No head first slides.

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DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE LITTLE LEAGUE BOARD

SECTION 1

Appointments. The Board of Directors may appoint such other officers or agents as it may deem necessary or desirable, and may prescribe the powers and duties of each. Appointed officers or agents shall have no vote on actions taken by the Board of Directors unless such individuals have been elected to the Board by the membership or have been elected to fill a vacancy on the Board.

SECTION 2

President. The President shall:

- (a) Conduct the affairs of the Local League and execute the policies established by the Board of Directors.
- (b) Present a report of the condition of the Local League at the Annual Meeting.
- (c) Communicate to the Board of Directors such matters as deemed appropriate, and make such suggestions as may tend to promote the welfare of the Local League.
- (d) Be responsible for the conduct of the Local League in strict conformity to the policies, principles, Rules and Regulations of Little League Baseball, Incorporated, as agreed to under the conditions of charter issued to the Local League by that organization.
- (e) Designate in writing other officers, if necessary, to have power to make and execute for/and in the name of the Local League such contracts and leases they may receive and which have had prior approval of the Board.
- (f) Investigate complaints, irregularities and conditions detrimental to the Local League and report thereon to the Board or Executive Committee as circumstances warrant.
- (g) Prepare and submit an annual budget to the Board of Directors and be responsible for the proper execution thereof.
- (h) With the assistance of the Player Agent, examine the application and support proof-of age documents of every player candidate and certify to residence and age eligibility before the player may be accepted for tryouts and selection.

SECTION 3

Vice President. The Vice President shall:

- (a) Perform the duties of the President in the absence or disability of the President, provided he or she is authorized by the President or Board so to act. When so acting, the Vice President shall have all the powers of that office.
- (b) Perform such duties as from time to time may be assigned by the Board of Directors or by the President.

SECTION 4

Secretary. The Secretary shall:

- (a) Be responsible for recording the activities of the Local League and maintain appropriate files, mailing lists and necessary records.
- (b) Perform such duties as are herein specifically set forth, in addition to such other duties as are customarily incident to the office of Secretary or as may be assigned by the Board of Directors.
- (c) Maintain a list of all Regular, Sustaining and Honorary Members, Directors and committee members and give notice of all meetings of the Local League, the Board of Directors and Committees.
- (d) Issue membership cards to Regular Members, if approved by the Board of Directors.
- (e) Keep the minutes of the meetings of the Members, the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee, and cause them to be recorded in a book kept for that purpose.
- (f) Conduct all correspondence not otherwise specifically delegated in connection with said meeting and shall be responsible for carrying out all orders, votes and resolutions not otherwise committed.
- (g) Notify Members, Directors, Officers and committee members of their election or appointment.

SECTION 5

Treasurer. The Treasurer shall:

- (a) Perform such duties as are herein set forth and such other duties as are customarily incident to the Office of Treasurer or may be assigned by the Board of Directors.
- (b) Receive all monies and securities, and deposit same in a depository approved by the Board of Directors.
- (c) Keep records for the receipt and disbursement of all monies and securities of the Local League, including the Auxiliary, approve all payments from allotted funds and draw checks therefore in agreement with policies established in advance of such actions by the Board of Directors. All disbursements by check must have dual signatures.
- (d) Prepare an annual budget, under the direction of the President, for submission to the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting.
- (e) Prepare an annual financial report, under the direction of the President, for submission to the Membership and Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting, and to Little League International.

SECTION 6

Player Agent. The Player Agent shall:

- (a) Record all player transactions and maintain an accurate and up-to-date record thereof.
- (b) Receive and review applications for player candidates and assist the President in verifying residence and age eligibility.
- (c) Conduct the tryouts, the player draft and all other player transaction or selection meetings.
- (d) Prepare the Player Agent's list.
- (e) Prepare for the President's signature and submission to Little League International, team rosters, including players' claimed, and the tournament team eligibility affidavit.
- (f) Notify Little League International of any subsequent player replacements or trades.

SECTION 7

Safety Officer. The Safety Officer shall:

- (a) Be responsible to create awareness, through education and information, of the opportunities to provide a safer environment for youngsters and all participants of Little League Baseball.
- (b) Develop and implement a plan for increasing safety of activities, equipment and facilities through education, compliance and reporting.
- (a) NOTE: In order to implement a safety plan using education, compliance and reporting, the following suggestions may be utilized by the Safety Officer:
 - (1) Education - Should facilitate meetings and distribute information among participants including players, managers, coaches, umpires, league officials, parents, guardians and other volunteers.
 - (2) Compliance - Should promote safety compliance leadership by increasing awareness of the safety opportunities that arise from these responsibilities.
 - (3) Reporting - Define a process to assure that incidents are recorded, information is sent to league/district and national offices, and follow-up information on medical and other data is forwarded as available.

SECTION 8

League Information Officer .The League Information Officer shall:

- (a) Manage the league's home page (site authorized by Little League International);
- (b) Manage the online registration process and ensure that league rosters are maintained on the site;
- (c) Assign administrative rights to league volunteers and teams;
- (d) Ensure that league news and scores are updated on a regular basis;
- (e) Collect, post and distribute important information on League activities including direct dissemination of fund-raising and sponsor activities to Little League International, district, public, league members and media;
- (f) Serve as primary contact person for Little League and myteam.com regarding optimizing use of the Internet for league administration and for distributing information to league members and to Little League International.

SECTION 9

Coaching Coordinator The coaching coordinator shall:

- (a) Represent coaches/managers in league;
- (b) Present a coach/manager training budget to the board;
- (c) Gain the support and funds necessary to implement a league-wide training program;
- (d) Order and distribute training materials to players, coaches and managers;
- (e) Coordinate mini-clinics as necessary;
- (f) Serve as the contact person for Little League and its manager-coach education program for the league.