

St. Bethlehem Little League Bylaws - 2024

Article I - Governance

- 1. All business of the St. Bethlehem Little League (STBLL) shall be conducted by the STBLL Board of Directors.
- 2. The President of the Board may authorize expenditures up to \$500.00 once per week without prior Board approval. The President must notify at least one Vice President and the Treasurer within 24 hours of such expenditure.
- 3. Any expenditure exceeding \$500.00 requires majority approval from the Board of Directors.
- 4. All league expenditures must be made via check or debit card unless alternative methods are approved in advance by a majority of the Board.

Article II – Fundraising and Financial Responsibility

- 5. Parents of All-Star players advancing beyond district-level tournaments are responsible for raising or providing funds to cover their expenses for subsequent competition levels.
- 6. All funds must be raised on behalf of STBLL and submitted to the League Treasurer. Expenses will be paid directly from the league account by the Treasurer.

Article III – Board Meetings

7. At the beginning of each Board meeting, members may speak for up to two (2) minutes on any topic, provided they sign up in advance with the League Secretary.

Article IV – Concession Stand Operations

- 8. Each head coach is responsible for managing the concession stand during their assigned time, which will be communicated at least one week before Opening Day.
- 9. If a coach cannot fulfill their duty, they must arrange a replacement and notify the Concession Stand Coordinator at least 48 hours in advance.
- 10. Failure to manage or communicate about the concession assignment may result in: Ineligibility to coach an All-Star team in the current season; Placement in "not in good standing" status within the league.
- 11. Up to four (4) team volunteers per shift will receive a complimentary food item and drink.
- 12. Concession stand staffing rules: No one under age 13 may work. Youths aged 13–17 may work as runners under adult supervision. Individuals 18 or older may handle money. Children of Board members may be present only under adult supervision. The Board retains final discretion over concession stand operations.

Article V - Coaches and Team Operations

13. All coaches must be approved by the Board; coaching tenure is not guaranteed.

- 14. Head coaches are responsible for: Securing a sponsor for their team; Providing a point of contact (POC) to the Concession, Equipment, and Coaching Coordinators; Ensuring that either they or a designee attend all required coaches' meetings.
- 15. No refunds will be issued after uniform orders have been placed.
- 16. Complaints must be submitted in writing (email accepted) to a Board member for review.

Article VI – Player Draft and Team Placement

- 17. Draft procedures will adhere to Little League rules and regulations.
- 18. For Coach Pitch (Pee Wee) divisions, Spring rosters will remain intact unless players or coaches move divisions.
- 19. Any player or coach changing divisions must participate in the draft as outlined in the official rules.
- 20. Parents may request their child not be placed with a specific coach or team. Requests must be: Submitted in writing before evaluations; Based on legitimate concerns; Reviewed and approved by the Board. If approved, the player will enter the blind draft.

Article VII – All-Star Program

- 21. Coaches may nominate any player based on their performance during the regular season. Nominations may include players from other teams within the same division. Coaches are not obligated to nominate players from their own team.
- 22. Nominated players must attend scheduled All-Star evaluations. Players who do not attend evaluations may only be considered in exceptional cases, with prior approval from the League President and/or Vice President.
- 23. All-Star rosters are based on regular season performance, evaluations, and character. The All-Star manager may provide input, but final roster decisions are made by the Board. Player and parent conduct may affect selection, even for highly skilled players.

Article VIII - All-Star Coach Selection

- 24. Head coaches are the primary candidates, but selection is not based solely on win-loss records. The Board seeks managers who model leadership, sportsmanship, and composure under pressure.
- 25. The President will recommend a candidate to the Board for approval. Any coach not in good standing (e.g., failed concession duties) is ineligible. The President will consult with umpires regarding any coaching concerns.
- 26. Assistant coaches are chosen for their qualifications and ability to collaborate with the manager. At least one assistant must be a head coach from another team in the division, unless otherwise approved. All assistants must be approved by the Board.

Article IX – All-Star Restrictions

- 27. No player may be notified of their All-Star selection before receiving Presidential approval.
- 28. No All-Star team may begin practice without Presidential approval.