

I. Managers and Coaches

1. Managers and Coaches of all divisions will be appointed/approved by the "Coaches Committee" as per our League Constitution.
2. Managers and coaches will register, pass a background check, and complete training for concussion and abuse prevention prior to working with players.
3. ALL managers and coaches are strongly encouraged to attend all meetings as designated by the coaching committee.

II. Player Selection \ Team Composition - Regular Season

1. The league will offer 2 Skill Assessment dates.
2. Skill Assessment Protocol: The Coaches Committee has developed a scoring method for each player for each category that they and prospective coaches will assign each major and minor player that participates in tryouts. See Below:

HOOD RIVER VALLEY LITTLE LEAGUE PLAYER SKILL ASSESSMENT FORM

Age:	Player Name:	Running	Throwing and Catching	Hitting	Pitching	Comments (honest feedback)
Grade:	Previous Division	Home to 1st:	Mechanics: 1 2 3 4 5	Mechanics 1 2 3 4 5	Mechanics 1 2 3 4 5	Ex) Player could use addl practice on:
All-Star	Playing Level:		Strength: 1 2 3 4 5	Power: 1 2 3 4 5	Accuracy: 1 2 3 4 5	Positive Observation:
Yes	Aspiring to Play:		Accuracy: 1 2 3 4 5	Contact: 1 2 3 4 5	Velocity: Soft Average Firm	Recommend Level of Play:
No	Coach Pitch		Recommnd to be a Catcher: Yes/No		Recommend to be a Pitcher: Yes/No	Tee Ball Coach Pitch Minor Major
	Bats: Right Left Switch					
	Throws: R L					
						Overall Points:

AT THE COMPLETION OF SKILLS ASSESSMENTS THE DRAFT COMMITTEE WILL TOTAL UP ALL PLAYERS' SCORES & USE THE END OF YEAR EVALUATION TO DETERMINE PLAYERS SKILL ABILITY.

3. Draft Protocol: The Draft Committee and assigned Majors/Minors coaches will participate in a draft that has coaches selecting the highest to lowest rank players in group order by positions so that all teams are fairly divided. Pitchers will be selected first, catchers, and then the rest of the players
4. The Draft method will be the snake method. Whoever drafts last will draft first in the second round and so on.
5. Manager's kids will be drafted FIRST in the round their skill level dictates (For example: If I am managing, and my son is ranked a Level 3 then when we get to the level 3 players I have to choose him first).
6. No Player will be called up from the Minor League to a Major League team in the last two weeks of regular season (see Official Regulations and Playing Rules of Little League Regulation III (d) 2) (see page 37). Failure by the Manager to advise the Player Agent of a player's continues absence will result in disciplinary action against the Manager (see Little League Rulebook page 39).
7. If a Minor Division Player declines to move up to a Major Division team when a vacancy occurs in the Major Division, that player will remain in the Minor Division for the rest of the season (see Operating Regulations and Playing Rules of Little League Regulation VIII page 50).
8. Team reduction and expansion rules will be followed as outlined in the Little League Operating Manual (see page 36). The option choice will be at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
9. All players that do not register until after the draft will be placed onto a team by the Draft Committee based upon their skill level and keeping in mind the goal of keeping teams competitive.
10. Local Division Alignment (see page 38)

Tee Ball
Coach Pitch

Pre-K- K grade; 4-6 year olds
1st-2nd grade; 7-8 year olds

BASEBALL

Minor League
Major League

3rd-4th grade; 9-10 year olds
5th-6th grade; 11-12 year olds (exception w/ Draft Committee Decision)

11. The Draft Committee would be in charge of making the final decision after Skills Assessments and in consultation with the player's family.
(See page 36 for Teams)
12. Major Division teams will roster 10 players to allow for 1 additional player per team for late sign ups. Total of 11 players per team.

13. Minors Division teams will roster 10 players to allow for 2 additional players per team for late sign ups. Total of 12 players per team.
14. Coach Pitch division teams will roster 6 players to allow for 4 additional players per team for late sign ups. Total of 10 players per team.
15. T-Ball division teams will roster 6 players to allow for 4 additional players per team for late sign ups. Total of 10 players per team.

III. Game \ Operating Rules - Regular Season

1. Start time for all weeknight games will not start before 5:30pm.
2. Games cancelled will be made up the next available open date. Make-up games may be scheduled any available day Monday-Saturday. Game cancellation is in the discretion of the Coaches.
3. The home team is responsible for lining the field prior to each game.
4. The Dugout Coach from each home team will be required to schedule at least one parent to run the concession stand (not children) and submit schedule to concession coordinator prior to first game. The board concession stand coordinator will consult with the board to help develop the best volunteer plan for all games.
5. Concession stands must have an adult 18+ years old in the concession stand when opened. Minimum age to be in the concession stand is 10 years old. Ratio of children to adults is 1:1. Children are NOT allowed to serve any hot food or hot liquids at any time. Children are NOT allowed to use or clean machines, which may include but not limited to nacho cheese dispensers, coffee makers, hotdog roasters, microwaves, slushy machines, etc.
6. All concession stand workers will provide a receipt and monies earned from each night to the concession stand box located on the wall. Concession Coordinator/President will empty concession stand boxes at least 1x a week, deposit into bank account, and send all amounts itemized per stand to League Treasurer.
7. Umpire Coordinator will assign all umpires for minor and major divisions. If there is not an umpire that is willing to umpire then the UC will notify the home team manager 3 days before the game and the manager will be responsible for finding an umpire.
8. Minimum age requirement for umpires is 14 years old behind the plate and 13 years old in the field. Each game must have an adult umpire or an adult Game Coordinator (see page 119; not a coach, must be present the entire

game.) Umpires should also possess a strong understanding of baseball & its rules, and be approved by the umpire coordinator.

9. All Players who desire to, and do not pose a safety risk, will be given an opportunity throughout the season to play and learn all positions either in practices or games.
10. Coaching Staff must stay at the field after games and practices until the guardian of every child has come to pick them up. Coaches may not transport players home without the permission of the guardian and notification to the coaching coordinator.
11. After every practice or game teams are to rake the field, clean up trash, and put team equipment away. All garbage cans must be emptied into big dumpster after games. The Home Team is responsible for making sure this is done.
12. The home team is responsible for raking out the mound, bases, and home plate before and after the game unless field coordinator has made other arrangements.
13. There are no intentional walks allowed in Hood River Valley Little League at any time.

MAJOR/MINOR DIVISION RULES ARE:

1. Not more than one minute of pitching warm up time will be allowed between innings unless a change of pitchers takes place, then the Umpire will allow as many as 8 pitches total unless the change is due to an injury. If an injury necessitates the pitching change then the amount of pitches will be as the Umpire deems necessary (see Official Regulations and Playing Rules of Little League Rule 8.03 page 114).
2. 5 run limit per inning. Inning is over when the 5th run scores. If a play is in progress when the 5th run scores, the play will be allowed to finish, but only 5 runs will be counted. The last inning will be open (no run limit) only if 4 innings have been played for Minors and Majors.
3. 15 Run Rule is in effect if at the end of 3 innings, or 2 ½ innings if the home team is ahead, one team has a lead of 15 runs or more then the game is over. 10 Run Rule is in effect once a legal game has been officially met; 3 ½ innings for if the home team is ahead. If the visiting team has a lead of 15 or 10 runs or more respectively, the home team must bat in its half of the inning. (see page 87 Rule 4.10(e)). Unless managers agree to continue playing.
4. Continuous Batting Order. Major and Minor Divisions will bat the entire roster for all games in the regular season (see related rule for post-season championship games). Minimum play requirements apply in all cases

according to the Official Regulations and Playing Rules of Little League (see page 84 Rule 4.04). Batting line-up will include all players present at the game. Players arriving late will be added to the bottom of the line-up.

5. Substitute defensive players may be done at any time in the game, but each player must play at least 6 consecutive defensive outs at some time during the game. Managers **MUST** report subs to the umpire when entering the game.
6. Managers are encouraged to allow all players play an entire game in at least two games in both minors and majors division.
7. Managers are strongly suggested to allow all players who desire to, and do not pose a safety risk, to pitch and catch at least one inning during the season.

ADDITIONAL MINOR DIVISION RULES ARE:

1. There will be a 2-hour time limit for Minor Division play. If an inning can start before the 2-hour time limit, that inning will be completed (see Official Regulations and Playing Rules of Little League Regulation VII (h) page 49).
2. The ball is live all of the time until the pitcher steps on the rubber, and/or the umpire signifies time is out.
3. Pitching mound will be at 43 feet until April 30th and agreed upon with opposing team prior to the start of each game. Starting May 1st the pitching mound will be moved to 46 feet, official pitching distance.

COACH PITCH/TEE BALL DIVISION RULES ARE:

1. Time limit is 60 minutes on Tee Ball and 90 minutes Coach Pitch games (see Official Regulations and Playing Rules of Little League Regulation VIII).
2. Managers and Coaches are allowed on the field in Tee Ball and Coach Pitch Only (see Official Regulations and Playing Rules of Little League Regulations VIII).
3. Adults – offensive team Manager or Coach will pitch in the Coach Pitch Division (see Official Regulations and Playing Rules of Little League Regulation VII (d)). Machines are not recommended **UNLESS** the home team coach can “dial in” the machine to throw 95% strikes for both teams.
4. Protests are not allowed in Tee Ball and Coach Pitch games.

5. Score keeping is not required in Tee Ball and Coach Pitch games.
6. All players will play every inning in coach pitch and T-ball games barring injury or needed absence.

ADDITIONAL COACH PITCH DIVISION RULES ARE:

1. Maximum of 10 players on the field at once in a game.
2. Maximum of 6 pitches per at bat. An at bat cannot end on a foul ball. After 6 pitches a tee may be used.
3. It is recommended that the coach (or coaches designee) throw overhand from one knee/sit on bucket or underhand depending on the skill level of the hitter.
4. Coach pitch will play “regular” HRV little league rules after the ½ waypoint of the season if agreeable by coaches.

IV. Game \ Operating Rules - Post-Season Championships

1. All Major/Minor teams will participate in a playoff tournament at the end of the year to determine a champion for the Major and Minor Leagues.
2. The Draft Committee will develop a tournament format for both leagues along with tournament rules, seeding, and participation.

V. Player Selection \ Team Composition - All-Stars

1. All-Stars Selection Process:
 - a) Regular Season Minor/Major Coaching Staff will nominate at least 5 players for All-Stars.
 - b) Each All-Stars team will have 12-13 players (pg. 141 Mandatory Play).
 - c) The Coaches Committee will confer with all board members and then select the All-Star manager(s).
 - a. Manager: optimist, warm, approachable, sets a positive tone for players and parents. Well organized can resolve conflict.
 - b. Regular season minor and major managers and/or coaches are eligible to manage or coach. Major managers and or coaches are eligible to manage/coach 8-10, 9-11, or Little League 10-12.

Minor managers and coaches are eligible to manage/coach 8-10 or 9-11. (page 125)

- d) All-Star Manager will then choose his/her assistants.
 - a. The manager will select 2 assistant coaches trying to follow the below criteria.
 - i. Assistant Coach: knows baseball very well (form, tactics, drills, etc.). Kind of a taskmaster and drill sergeant. Keeps discipline and runs a full throttle practice. Should not interface with parents much because this kind of person often struggles with conflict and diplomacy.
 - ii. Dugout Coach: numbers person, accountant type. Keeps the book, manages game rotations, follows all the rules and watches other team to make sure they are too.
- e) All-Star Coaching Staff will choose 13 players to be on the All-Stars team from Regular Season Coaches nomination list.
- f) The Player Agent will contact the parents of the 13 players to determine commitment level for All-Stars and report back to the All-Star Coaching staff and league President.
- g) Coaches will notify players and parents of the All-Star rules. Coaches will meet with parents/players to explain All-Star Tournament Playing Rules prior to first practice.
 - a. If a tournament team has thirteen (13) or more eligible players in uniform at a game, then every player will participate in each game for a minimum of one at-bat. If a tournament team has twelve (12) or fewer players in uniform at a game, then every player will participate in each game for a minimum of six consecutive defensive outs and bat at least one time.
- h) All-Star final team will not be announced any earlier than May 15th.

VI. Abuse Prevention

Hood River Valley Little League (Local League) is committed to keeping its youth participants' safe and establishing and enforcing federal, state and local laws established to protect our players. The Association is now required to comply with Federal Law S.435 Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse and Safe Sport Authorization Act of 2017, which was signed in February of 2018.

Any and all individuals affiliated with Local League; i.e. board members, managers, coaches and other volunteers must complete sexual abuse training. Sexual Abuse Training must be completed through ABUSE PREVENTION SYSTEMS or SAFE SPORT SYSTEMS no later than March 1 of the current year. Sexual Abuse Training must be renewed every two years.

A. DEFINITIONS

(a) **Risk Management Liaison:** means the participant appointed by the Association to undertake the actions outlined within.

(b) **Family Members:** means parents, domestic partners, step-parents, grandparents, guardians, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles and first cousins

(c) **Participant:** means any manager, assistant manager, umpire, director, employee, officer, independent contractor, or other individual (other than a “Youth Participant”) affiliated with the Association and who has direct or indirect contact with a Youth Participant through Sanctioned Activities.

(e) **Sanctioned Activities:** means assessments/tryouts, games, tournaments, events, practices, training sessions, team meetings, and other similar activities conducted by Local League, communication in connection with the foregoing activities (other than communications exclusively with Family Members); travel to and from the foregoing activities other than with Family Members; and overnight lodging in connection with the foregoing activities other than exclusively with Family Members.

(f) **Youth Participant:** means any minor (person of less than 18 years of age) who is a registered player of Local League or minor umpire in Sanctioned Activities.

B. PROHIBITED CONDUCT

Section 1. Prohibited Substances: Participants shall not be under the influence of or consume alcohol or any illegal substance while participating in assessments, practices, or games with Youth Participants. Participants shall not provide alcohol or drugs (illegal or otherwise) to Youth Participants.

Section 2. Sexual Misconduct. The following actions in connection with any Sanctioned Activity are examples of conduct that shall be deemed to constitute sexual misconduct (“Sexual Misconduct”). These examples are not intended to constitute an exhaustive list of all conduct that could possibly constitute “Sexual Misconduct.”

(a) Nudity. No Participant shall be nude in the presence of a Youth Participant who is not a Family Member.

(b) Sexually Oriented Conversations. No Participant shall engage in sexually oriented communications with any Youth Participant.

(c) Sexually Oriented Materials. No Participant shall present or provide sexually oriented materials (e.g. magazines, other printed materials, videos, cell phone images, etc.) to any Youth Participant.

(d) Sexually Oriented Physical Contact: No participant shall engage in sexually oriented physical contact with a Youth Participant. See Article III for further guidance.

Section 3. Harassment. No Participant shall engage in harassment of any Youth Participant in connection with any Sanctioned Activity. “Harassment” includes, but is not limited to (i) behavior intended to cause fear or humiliation, (ii) behavior intended to offend or degrade, (iii) behavior creating a hostile environment, or (iv) behavior designed to establish dominance or power over a Youth Participant. The

examples set forth above not intended to be an exhaustive list of all conduct that could possibly constitute "Harassment."

Section 4. Hazing. No Participant should engage in hazing of any Youth Participant in connection with any Sanctioned Activity. "Hazing" includes, but is not limited to (a) coercing, requiring, authorizing, or knowingly tolerating any humiliating or dangerous act or omission that serves as a condition for a Youth Participant joining a group or being socially accepted by a group and (b) conduct within the definition of "hazing" under applicable federal and state laws. "Hazing" does not include group or team activities that are intended to establish normative team behaviors or promote team cohesion.

C. PHYSICAL CONTACT

Section 1. Appropriate Physical Contact. Appropriate physical contact between a Participant and a Youth Participant is an inevitable and productive part of youth sports. Such contact may occur in connection with training/practice (positioning a Youth Participant's body so an athletic skill is more quickly acquired), medical treatment (releasing muscle cramps), celebration (brief hug), consolation (arm around a distressed Youth Participant), or safety concerns (pulling a youth participant out of harm's way). Physical contact with a Youth Participant in these appropriate circumstances should comply with the following principles:

- (a) Physical contact should take place in public;
- (b) The Participant must engage in any such physical contact in a manner that minimizes the possibility of physical contact with the private body parts (such as the genital area or breasts of a female) of a Youth Participant; and
- (c) The Participant must intend the physical contact to benefit the Youth Participant, rather than the needs and/or desires of the Participant.

Section 2. Inappropriate Physical Contact. Certain physical contact should be avoided because it creates the appearance of inappropriate contact and/or a reasonable and objective person would conclude that such physical contact constitutes sexually oriented physical contact, harassment and/or hazing. Examples of such contact include, but are not limited to:

- (d) Lingering or repeated embraces of a Youth Participant;
- (e) Slapping, hitting, punching, kicking or similar contact to discipline, punish or achieve compliance from a Youth Participant;
- (f) Continued physical contact that makes a Youth Participant appear uncomfortable; and
- (g) Any contact that is contrary to a previously expressed personal desire of a Youth Participant for decreased or no physical contact (where such decreased or no physical contact is feasible in the context of the existing athletic environment).

D. MISCONDUCT BETWEEN YOUTH PARTICIPANTS

Participants should be aware that sexual interaction between Youth Participants or between a Youth Participant and another minor within

the context of Sanctioned Activities can constitute sexual abuse, whether such conduct constitutes sexual abuse depends on a variety of factors, including whether an imbalance of power (e.g. age difference, disparity in size, existence of physical or mental disability, etc.) is present. If a Participant has a concern that such an interaction has occurred and may constitute sexual abuse, the Participant should review Article VI on Reporting Obligations.

E. ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS, SOCIAL MEDIA AND OTHER

Section 1. Communications. Telephonic and electronic communications between a Participant and a Youth Participant must be professional in nature and for the purpose of communicating about Sanctioned Activities. Participants should observe the following guidelines on electronic communications with Youth Participants who are not Family Members.

(a) The parent (or guardian) of the Youth Participant should be copied on all electronic communications.

(b) A Participant shall not request a Youth Participant to join the Participant's personal social media platform. Group social media pages are acceptable but must include parents (or guardians) of Youth Participants.

(c) Encrypted messaging may not be used to "direct message" a Youth Participant.

(d) Group texts and/or e-mails are recommended.

(e) A Participant should avoid telephonic communications directly with Youth Participants. Telephonic communications related to Sanctioned Activities should be between a Participant and the parent (or guardian) of a Youth Participant.

(f) A parent or guardian of a Youth Participant may request that one or more Participants not contact the Youth Participant through one or more forms of telephonic and/or electronic communications. Such requests must be honored.

Section 2. Imagery. From time to time, digital photos, videos of training or competition, or other publicly available images of a Youth Participant in a public setting may be taken by a Participant. This imagery may be used for athletic instruction, team videos or team websites, or offered to Family Members of a Youth Participant. Such uses are permissible so long as the imagery is in the best interest of the Youth Participant and no identifiable personal information can be associated with such imagery (i.e., name, school, address, etc.). A parent or guardian may request in writing that such imagery of a Youth Participant not be posted on team websites (understanding that group photography or videography may make honoring such a request impracticable without excluding the Youth Participant from some Sanctioned Activities where the imagery is produced). To the extent such a request is practicable it should be honored.

F. REPORTING OBLIGATIONS

Section 1. Reports of Abuse. Oregon District 5 Little League has zero tolerance for abuse of Youth Participants by Participants. “Abuse” means sexual or physical abuse of a Youth Participant including all instances of Sexual Misconduct.

(a) Each Participant who witnesses an event of Abuse (an “Event”) or reasonably suspects an event of Abuse (a “Suspected Abuse”), in connection with a Sanctioned Activity, must immediately report the Event or Suspected Event (an “Abuse Report”) to the appropriate law enforcement authorities and to the Oregon District 5 Little League Risk Management Liaison. Failure to make such an Abuse Report is a violation of this policy. Additionally, failure to make such a report could result in a violation of federal, state or local laws.

(b) The Participant making the Abuse Report and the Oregon District 5 Little League Risk Management Liaison shall comply with applicable federal, state and local laws applicable to reporting of Events and Suspected Events.

(c) If Oregon District 5 Little League Risk Management Liaison becomes aware of the assertion of charges against, the indictment of, or the conviction of a person for Abuse in connection with Sanctioned Activities, the Oregon District 5 Little League Risk Management Liaison should promptly advise the District Administrator.

(d) Oregon District 5 Little League is not obligated to, and will not attempt to, investigate allegations or suspicions of Abuse, or otherwise attempt to evaluate the credibility or validity of such allegations or suspicions as a condition of making reports to applicable federal, state or local authorities.

Section 2. Reports of Other Policy Violations.

(a) Each Participant who witnesses or reasonably suspect violations of this Policy, other than Events or Suspected Events, should promptly report such witnessed or suspected violations (“Policy Violations”) to the Local League Risk Management Liaison (a “Violation Report”). Failure to make a Violation Report is a violation of this Policy.

(b) If the Local League Risk Management Liaison receives a Violation Report, the Local League Risk Management Liaison shall promptly advise the District Administrator of the reported Policy Violation.

(c) In the event the Local League Risk Management Liaison reasonably concludes that the Violation Report describes an instance of criminal misconduct, the Local League Risk Management Liaison should assist the Participant making the Violation Report in notifying law enforcement authorities. The Local League Risk Management Liaison will then notify the District Administrator.

G. VIOLATIONS OF THIS POLICY

Section 1. Abuse. Any Participant who is (a) the subject of an Abuse Report or (b) is otherwise alleged to have engaged in an Event, in each case that becomes known to Local League shall be promptly suspended by Local League from participation in Sanctioned Activities. Such suspension shall continue during any pending investigation by

applicable legal authorities. Any Participant who is the subject of a Violation Report may, in Local League's sole and absolute discretion, also be subject to suspension by Local League from participation in Sanctioned Activities depending on the nature of the conduct that is the subject of the Violation Report.

Section 2. Crimes Against Minors. Any Participant who is convicted of, pleads guilty or no contest to, or admits to a crime which involves or is against a minor in connection with Sanctioned Activities shall be prohibited from participation in Sanctioned Activities. Any Participant who is convicted of, pleads guilty or no contest to, or admits to a crime which involves or is against a minor outside of Sanctioned Activities shall also be prohibited from participation in Sanctioned Activities.

Section 3. Background Checks. Any participant that has completed, submitted a background check and the participant appears on the National Sex Offender Registry, Local League is required to contact Little League International Security Manager prior to the participant being appointed.

VII. COVID-19 HEALTH & SAFETY

Local League is committed to keeping its youth participant's healthy, safe and establishing and enforcing state and local laws established as outlined in HRVLL ASAP Safety Plan. Oregon Executive Order 20-66 Risk and Safety Framework: County by County Metrics-based approach to controlling COVID-19 transmission to conserve hospital capacity and protect human health and human lives is in effect until terminated by Oregon Governor. See HRVLL Covid-19 Prevention Plan.

VIII. Volunteers

All volunteers are required to pass a background check, take a concussion training, and abuse prevention training before March 1 of the current year. Abuse prevention training must be renewed every two years. Concussion and background checks renewed annually.

Bylaws Local Rules was approved by HRV Little League Board of Directors on 11/18/2021 by the 9 following Members who all voted yes to pass:

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