

# Petersburg Little League



## Local Policies, Rules and Regulations

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## MISSION STATEMENT

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Petersburg Little League's (PLL) mission is to instill in our community's children the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage and respect for everyone.

## AUTHORITY AND VALIDITY

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The Petersburg Little League (PLL) operating rules will be approved by a majority vote of the PLL board of directors. Following adoption of these rules they may only be changed upon a concurring vote of a majority of the board.

The operating rules are constructed in a way to conform to the operating regulations and playing rules of Little League Baseball and Softball. PLL is a chartered component of Little League Baseball and Softball. Wherever the rules in this document are not explicit the regulations and playing rules of Little League Baseball and Softball will be followed. Wherever these rules are in conflict of Little League Baseball and Softball Operating Manual, *Regulations and Rules*, (except where these rules are more strict than Little League Baseball and Softball rules) Little League Baseball and Softball regulations and rules will prevail.

All PLL directors, officers and members shall bear in mind that the attainment of exceptional athletic skill or the winning of games is secondary, and the molding of future citizens is of prime importance. In accordance with Section 501c-3 of the Federal Internal Revenue Code, the PLL shall operate exclusively as a non-profit educational organization providing a supervised program of competitive baseball and softball games. No part of the earnings shall inure to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual; no substantial part of the activities of which is carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and which does not participate in or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

## SIGNIFICANT CHANGES FOR 2024

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All local policies, rules and regulations were addressed with minor adjustments throughout. However, the following areas had significant changes or added:

- Mandatory volunteer requirements
- Disciplinary policy, including disciplinary committee procedures.
  - Zero Tolerance Policy
  - Substance Policy
  - Substance or Termination Policy

## GENERAL RULES

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### *MEMBERSHIP*

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Any person sincerely interested in active participation to further the objective of the PLL may apply to become a member.

There shall be the following classes of members:

- a. **General members** – Any volunteer who has donated their time and energy in a defined role and has a responsibility in the local league, such as the board of directors, coaches, umpires, official scorers, grounds keepers, etc. General members can vote in the annual elections of the Board of Directors but does not oversee the operations of the local league.
- b. **Board members** – Elected volunteers that run the local league and has the power to appoint executive board and committees as seen fit. See below.
- c. **Player members** – Any player candidate meeting the requirements of Little League Regulation IV shall be eligible to compete for participation. Player members shall have no rights, duties or obligations in the management or in the property of the PLL.

Dues for general members (not players) may be fixed at such amounts as the board of directors shall determine for a particular fiscal year. Dues for general members are separate from the registration fees for player members, which are determined annually by the board of directors in accordance with Regulation III(c). At this time Petersburg Little League does not collect dues from members.

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### *EXECUTIVE BOARD*

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The Petersburg Little League (PLL) will be governed by the PLL bylaws which follow in this document. The Executive board oversees the league and consists of board members who serve on the general board.

The Executive branch of the board will be elected from the general board members and serve a one-year term that will run from October to September.

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### *BOARD OF DIRECTORS*

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The board of directors will consist of elected members of PLL who have volunteered their time and services. Positions on the general board may change every year depending on the workload needed for the good of the league. The following positions may comprise the PLL board:

President

Vice President – Baseball

Vice President – Softball

Treasurer

Secretary

Player Agent

Safety Officer

Umpire-In-Chief

Equipment Manager

Uniform Manager

Facilities/Grounds Maintenance

Concessions Manager

Board members are **required to attend at least 50% of the board meetings** as they are considered mandatory. The board of directors reserves the right to relinquish a board member of their duties with a two-thirds vote, also known as a quorum, of the board members either in person at a meeting or by email/electronic proxy.

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## *ANNUAL BOARD MEETING*

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The PLL Annual meeting, as per PLL constitution, will be held the THIRD SUNDAY in September at 3 pm. General members in good standing will be eligible to vote.

Regular members of the league automatically include all current managers, coaches, board members (including officers of the board), and any other person who is recognized as an active volunteer of the PLL.

The Annual Board meeting will be where the officers are voted on for the upcoming fiscal year that starts October 1.

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## LEAGUE RULES

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### *LEAGUE AGES*

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The players ages for each league are listed below based on the current year Little League International Baseball or Softball age charts. Divisions may vary depending on the number of registered players.

| <b>Divisions</b> | <b>Player age</b>  |
|------------------|--|
| T-Ball           | 4 – 6 year olds  |
| Minor            | 7 – 11 year olds   |
|                  | *(6 year olds with one year of T-ball can go up with board approval) |
| Major            | 9 – 12 year olds   |
| Junior           | 13 – 14 year olds  |
|                  | *(12 year olds can play both Majors and Juniors with board approval) |
| Senior           | 13 – 16 year olds  |

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## *DIVISION RULES*

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### **\*\*\*Universal Division Rules\*\*\***

- **Continuous Batting Order (CBO) and the Run rule will be used in all divisions**
- **An inning cannot start after 7 pm on a school night when school is in session.**
- **There is a 5 run limit for minors and majors per inning; a 6 run limit for juniors and seniors. The last inning will be an open runs inning.**
- **Home team is the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) base dugout and is responsible for prepping the field before games.**
- **Batters shall keep at least one foot in the batter's box throughout the batter's time at bat as outlined in Rule 6.02 of the Official Baseball/Softball Little League rule book.**

### **T-Ball**

This division of play will be conducted in accordance with the current year Little League Baseball regulations and Rules book:

- a. Each batter must hit the ball – no strikeouts.
- b. An inning is complete when all players on the team roster have batted once. Continuous batting order will be used in this division.
- c. The game will consist of at least two complete innings and no longer than one hour.
- d. Each team will station defensive players in the normal fielding positions. At the coach's discretion any remaining players may be stationed in the outfield area. The intent of this rule is to teach the players the various fielding positions and limit congestion in the infield.
- e. No score will be kept.

### **Minor League Baseball/Softball**

Because of the necessary flexibility in the minor league the board of directors can/may adopt separate rules yearly. The rules listed below are the rules adopted by the PLL board of directors for the current season.

- a. Volunteer umpires are encouraged. If there is none then the offensive coach that is pitching is responsible for calling the count and plays at the plate. First and third coaches call the plays at the bases.

- b. When the manager or coach is pitching the defensive team's pitcher will leave the mound and go to a designated place between the mound and second base. After the ball is hit the pitcher can move anywhere.
- c. The manager or coach is not allowed to touch the ball, except in the delivery of pitches to the batter. The pitches from the coach or manager may be overhand.
- d. Score will be kept in each game,
- e. Overthrows – on any attempted play at a base the runner, or runners will be permitted to advance at their own risk but not more than one base. If a runner is put out in an attempt to advance the one base the put out will stand. One base will be awarded if the ball goes into dead ball area.
- f. The ball hit to the outfield is dead once it is thrown into any infielder. A runner halfway between bases may still advance to that base. A runner less than halfway must go back.
- g. A half inning ends when the defensive team records three putouts or the offensive team scores 5 runs that half inning, whichever occurs first.

Please note that the purpose of minor league coach pitch is to teach the children baseball, as a result the coach or manager pitching the ball should emphasize that the children swing at the pitches.

### **Major/Junior/Senior League Baseball/Soffball**

- a. Major league is governed by the Little League International Regulations and Playing Rules book.
- b. Pitching rules are as stated in the Little League Official Regulations and Playing Rules Book, Regulation VI Pitchers.
- c. Only one manager and 2 approved volunteers are allowed in the dugout and on the field before and/or during games.
- d. No metal cleats.
- e. No on deck batters.
- f. A game is considered official after 5 innings (Little League (LL) Rule 4.10c).
- g. 10 run mercy rules apply after 5 innings (LL rule 4.10e) or 15 run mercy rule after 4 (LL Rule 4.10e).
- h. If a game goes into extra innings because of a tie the last call out will start on second base starting in the 9<sup>th</sup> inning.
- i. All players warming up pitchers must have a catcher's mask on. Plus, catcher mask must be worn by player catching during infield practices and pre-game warmups.
- j. All catchers must have protective cup and throat protector (LL Rule 1.17)



- k. Baserunners must slide feet first unless diving back into the bag.
- l. A team may use a courtesy runner for the catcher and pitcher of record when there are two outs (LL Rule 3.04 and 7.14(b).)
- m. No showing bunt and then swinging away, the batter will be called out.
- n. A manager/coach gets one offensive time out per inning.

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## TEAM RULES

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### TEAM STAFF

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Any person who will be working with PLL players **MUST** complete a PLL designated background check prior to interaction with players. Team staffing can consist of a manager and two coaches.

Managers and coaches are highly encouraged to attend the following yearly trainings:

- Diamond leader training
- Safety training **(one adult representative per team mandatory)**
- Coaches meeting **(one adult representative per team mandatory)**
- Rules clinic
- Concussion training taken through [CDC.com/headsup](https://www.cdc.com/headsup)
- Stewards of children

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### MANAGER, COACH, VOLUNTEER SELECTION

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PLL follows Little League regulation of managers', coaches' and umpires' appointment by the League President and approved by the board of directors.

Volunteers are presented to the board of directors for approval. PLL's process is:

- a. A volunteer submits their application through the volunteer opportunities section of the PLL website.
- b. When the application is received, the applicant will get an email confirming submission from JDP in their inbox or junk email folder to start their background check process. Once you complete your background check information with JDP, you will get an email from JDP with an ID# letting you know your background check has been completed.
- c. The league's president will review volunteers for manager of each team.
- d. Once the league President has their list of volunteers, they will provide the list of names to the board of directors for review and approval.
- e. No manager, coach, or umpire has tenure. Each must be appointed and approved annually to continue to serve.
- f. The board of directors is not **REQUIRED** to approve each appointment.
- g. PLL is not required to provide a reason for those not appointed or approved.

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## *DUGOUT PROCEDURES AND FIELD DECORUM*

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A maximum of three registered adults are permitted in the dugout/field area at any time during a game. One approved adult is required to be in the dugout at all times.

**NOTE:** The only exception to this rule is Tee Ball. Adults approved to be a team volunteer will be allowed to assist the team coaching staff in the field during the game.

Players, managers, and coaches must remain on the field of play or in the dugout during the game unless given permission by an umpire to exit.

No tobacco products, food, or beverage other than water are allowed inside the confines of the playing area, which includes the dugouts. All trash and personal items must be removed from the dugout after the game. **NO EATING IN THE DUGOUT.**

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## *PLAYER DRAFT PROCEDURES*

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PLL will use the following procedures for player selection system found in the Little League Operating Manual.

- a. For required leagues players will participate in the tryout event
- b. Players will never be told of the rank they are drafted.
- c. The order of draft selection by the managers/coaches will be determined by blind drawing prior to the start of the draft.
- d. At the conclusion of each year, teams are dissolved, and players are all placed back into the draft pool.
- e. Once the draft is complete the player agent will create the teams, record the information on the website and allow the coaches/managers to contact the players personally to make the communication and schedule practices.

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## *DISCIPLINARY POLICIES*

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If discipline occurs for any reason to any person involved in the league (players, coaches, managers, board members, umpires, parents/family members, spectators, etc.) the PLL president is to be notified. An Executive board meeting (at least 3 elected members) is to be called within 48 hours to settle the problem. Anyone ejected for a game must leave the grounds immediately and have no further communication with the team during the game. When a coach or spectator is ejected from a game, it is the chief umpire's responsibility to ensure that the coach, spectator, or player leaves the grounds. If the person refuses to leave the grounds the chief umpire will be responsible for contacting the police to escort the person from the grounds.

Managers/coaches shall report any problems or confrontations with parents or other coaches to the appropriate division vice president immediately.

### **A. Disciplinary Committee –**

**i. Procedure in the event of disciplinary action against a player or manager:**

1. In the event that a player/manager/coach is disciplined the chief umpire will advise the league player agent or league vice-president, who will then notify the person in question (and guardian if necessary) when a disciplinary committee has been scheduled.
2. The disciplinary committee will include the umpire involved in the action (if applicable), league player agent, league vice-president, and PLL president. There will be a minimum of three (3) board members at this meeting, the person involved in the action, players and guardians and if applicable the umpire involved in the action.
3. If there is any possibility that a conflict exists for any committee members involved, they must excuse themselves prior to the meeting and find another board member to take their place.

**ii. During the Disciplinary Meeting The Following Process will be Adhered to –**

1. The umpire, board members, or other person bringing the action will state the facts of the incident. The person involved will have the opportunity to state their case and will be requested to wait for a brief period while the disciplinary committee makes its decision. The person will then be advised immediately following the meeting.
2. The following consequences may be administered which include, but are not limited to: a warning, a consequence (i.e. cleaning grounds, concession stand, paying for damages, etc.) or suspension from a game(s) or termination from the league.

**iii. Zero Tolerance Policy:**

1. Applies towards any participant or spectator at Petersburg Little League events. The end result will ensure that every league event remains safe and positive for all. Please not while that “Zero Tolerance” applies to actions and words directed toward any player, managers, coaches, parents/guardians/family members, spectators, volunteers and/or any other or individual at league events including, but not limited to:
  - a. Derogatory or inflammatory comments towards players, umpires, coaches or officials and their decisions.
  - b. Negative comments or disruptive actions or bullying, hazing or harassment towards ANY player, managers, coaches, parents/guardians/family members, spectators, volunteers and or any other or individual either ON OR OFF the field
  - c. Negative and/or abusive comments or actions among spectators
  - d. Threatening physical violence.
2. These actions will result in immediate expulsion from the event or league. The offender will be asked to leave the playing field with no other contact with his/her team or coaches, and the police will be notified if necessary. The umpire and/or manager must notify the

appropriate board member immediately following the game with a phone call/text. At that time the Executive Board and/or Disciplinary Committee will issue any of the following or combination of the following disciplinary actions:

- a. A Written warning
- b. Suspension of one game
- c. Suspension of two games
- d. Permanent expulsion review

All board of directors will be notified of the offense and what disciplinary action was given to the individual within 48 hours of the conclusion of the incident.

Petersburg Little League is dedicated to providing a safe, positive, and fun atmosphere for OUR children. Zero tolerance strengthens our ability to provide that atmosphere.

**iv. Substance Policy**

1. Per Little League International alcohol, drug and tobacco of any form are prohibited on the playing fields, benches and dugouts. No member of Petersburg Little League shall unlawfully manufacture, distribute, dispense, possess, use or be under the influence of any alcoholic beverage, drug or controlled substance before, during or after Little League activities. Petersburg Little League board of directors believes strongly that it is essential for youth activities to be alcohol, drug and tobacco free. Tobacco possession is prohibited for all player members and visiting youth participants. Tobacco can not be consumed by any adults on the grounds of the ballfield complex or during league activities. Tobacco is defined to include any non-FDA approved tobacco or nicotine, lighted or unlighted cigarette, electronic cigarette, vape or vaping devices, cigar, pipe, bidi, clove cigarette, dissolvable nicotine strips, liquid tobacco or nicotine, and any other smokeless tobacco product, also know as spit tobacco, dip, chew and snuff, in any form.

**v. Suspension or Termination: Member may be terminated by resignation or action of the board of directors as follows:**

1. The board of directors by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present at any duly constituted board meeting shall have the authority to discipline or suspend or terminate the membership of any member of any class, including managers and coaches, when the conduct of such person is considered detrimental to the best interests of the Local League and/or Little League Baseball Incorporated. The member involved shall be notified of such meeting, informed of the

general nature of the charges and given an opportunity to appear at the meeting to answer such charges.

2. The board of directors shall have full power to suspend or revoke the right to future participation by two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present at any duly constituted meeting (quorum is required).

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## DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS

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### CONCESSION STAND

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Concession stand volunteers are expected to arrive at least forty-five (45) minutes prior to the first game in preparation for opening the concession stand fifteen (15) minutes before the start of the game. It is expected that the concession stand will stay open at least fifteen (15) minutes after the last game ends and cleaned properly by the closing shift of volunteers. Gloves must be worn and changed often by those preparing food. Hair must be pulled back at all times when in the concession stand, even if not handling food. No one is allowed in the concession stand beside the volunteers signed up to work and board members. Concession stand operations can be contracted out to another non-profit or volunteer group as a fundraiser. A separate duties, rules and agreement contract will be signed before the group starts operating the concession stand.

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### UMPIRES

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Each league will work with the umpire committee each year to identify umpires and potential umpires for mentoring. Each league will work with their managers to establish a plan for scheduling umpires for all of the games. Whenever possible a "league" umpire will also be scheduled for the game. "League" umpires will generally assume the "plate umpire" position and the teams' umpire will support him/her on the bases.

If there are not enough "league" umpires available before the start of scheduled games, those who are available, will be scheduled to umpire games for particular divisions in the following order:

1. Major League
2. Junior/Senior League
3. Minor League

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## FEES AND CHARGES

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At this time the Petersburg Little League charges a flat rate for all divisions of the league to play baseball and softball for the season, \$50 for the first child and \$25 for each additional child from the same household. It is the intention that children are able to play if they want to and PLL board of directors don't want the financial fees to be a barrier from allowing a child to play ball so they accept scholarship applications.

If a scholarship is warranted by a family, they are to fill out an application for scholarship that will then be reviewed by the president and player agent. The total scholarships awarded will be communicated to the board of directors.

## ALL STARS

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Criteria for All Star selection is limited to Eligibility, Availability, Ability and Conduct.

1. Eligibility refers to:
  - a. Age
  - b. Participation in 8 games during the regular season
  - c. Residence
2. Availability refers to:
  - a. Whether the candidate will be able to practice and play with the team. If the player will be away on vacation during practices or games the league may disqualify the player from consideration.
3. Ability is:
  - a. Solely the opinion of those making the decisions.
4. Conduct is:
  - a. Displaying good sportsmanship **AT ALL TIMES ON AND OFF THE FIELD** and having minimal disciplinary actions against them during the regular season.

The tournament team will consist of 12 or 13 players with 2 or 3 coaches dependent of number of players. The selection process is as follows: **We are to revisit section process this season and update this document upon approval of board of directors...**

### **SELECTION**

### **TRAVEL COSTS AND PAYMENTS/FUNDRAISING REQUIREMENTS**

## MAP OF BOUNDARY

