

**CENTRAL SPRINGFIELD LITTLE LEAGUE
2025 LOCAL POLICIES**



INDEX OF LOCAL POLICIES

Changes.....	1
PLAYING TIME – LITTLE LEAGUE (MAJORS), MINOR LEAGUE, & TEE BALL	2
TROPHIES.....	5
CSLL TREASURER RESPONSIBILITIES.....	6
FEE SCHEDULES, LATE REGISTRATIONS, AND REFUNDS	7
BATTING CAGE POLICY	9
SPORTSMANSHIP RECOGNITION.....	11
CSLL USE OF FIELD LIGHTING.....	12
BATTING ORDER IN SENIOR LEAGUE, JUNIOR LEAGUE, LITTLE LEAGUE (MAJORS), MINOR LEAGUE, AND TB-1 DIVISIONS.....	13
PITCHING ELIGIBILITY – LEAGUE AGE ELEVEN (11) PLAYERS IN ML-2.....	15
PLAYING WITH LESS THAN EIGHT (8) PLAYERS.....	16
NOTIFICATION OF PLAYERS FOR TOURNAMENT TEAMS	18
“ZERO TOLERANCE” MISCONDUCT POLICY.....	19
“MUST CONCEDE” POLICY FOR LITTLE LEAGUE (MAJORS) JUNIORS DIVISION	21
9.01c SAFETY POLICY	22
LITTLE LEAGUE VOLUNTEER APPLICATION	24
PRESIDENT AS COACH/UMPIRE.....	26
ANNUAL RELEASE OF NON-RETURNING LITTLE LEAGUE (MAJORS) PLAYERS	27
HARASSMENT OF UMPIRES BY MANAGERS, COACHES AND PARENTS.....	28

Changes

List of Changes

- Policy 4.1.(5), added: and (2) to encourage teams to provide rostered coaches to umpire at least two games, rostered coaches can receive constructive credit towards their volunteer refund of \$25 per game they umpire, not to exceed the maximum volunteer fee and refunded at the end of the Spring season.

**CENTRAL SPRINGFIELD LITTLE LEAGUE (CSLL)
LOCAL POLICY NO. 01**

PLAYING TIME – LITTLE LEAGUE (MAJORS), MINOR LEAGUE, & TEE BALL

Reference is made to the “Tee Ball, Minor League, Little League Baseball, Intermediate League, Junior League, and Senior League Official Regulations and Playing Rules” published by Little League Baseball, Inc. Specific reference is made to Rule 1.01 where it states that “Little League Baseball in all divisions is a game between two teams of nine players each”, and to Regulation IV(i) where it states that “Every rostered player present at the start of a game will participate in each game for a minimum of six (6) defensive outs and bat at least one (1) time.” Additional reference is made to CSLL Policy No. 08, “Batting Order in Little League (Majors) and Minor League”.

CSLL emphasizes the participation of all players during games. It is important that players experience game situations in order to further their development and understanding of the game of baseball. Therefore, the following playing-time policies apply:

1. TEN DEFENSIVE PLAYERS:

It is the explicit policy of CSLL that teams in AA, A-Ball, Coach Pitch Tee Ball and Regular Tee Ball use ten (10) players on defense. This is normally accomplished using four outfielders. A team that has nine (9) or fewer players available for a game shall play that game subject to the limitations stated in CSLL Local Policy No. 10. Teams will use ten (10) defensive players (if available) regardless of the number of players available on the opposing team.

2. ROTATING SUBSTITUTION:

It is the explicit policy of CSLL that players in Senior League, Junior League, Intermediate League, Little League (Majors), Minor League and Tee Ball divisions shall not sit out two (2) consecutive defensive innings, nor shall a player sit out a second defensive inning prior to all other players having sat out one (1) defensive inning. If the situation warrants, no player shall sit three (3) defensive innings prior to all other players having sat out two (2) defensive innings.

a. A defensive inning is defined as three (3) consecutive defensive outs during the same inning.

b. The only exception to this policy is a player who is ill or injured; pitchers are not exempt. The manager is required to announce to the official scorekeeper which player(s) is (are) sitting on the bench on an inning-by-inning basis. The scorekeeper will annotate these defensive changes in the official book.

c. Managers are not required to maintain the same rotation scheme as previously used. Managers may rotate players using a new scheme, as long as no player sits two consecutive innings. Manager shall present their final bench rotation to the official score keeper immediately following the game to be

recorded or stored in the score book. Each rotation must include the player number and which innings they were benched.

d. Violation of the Rotating Substitution policy will be treated as an ineligible player violation, which is protestable under OR&PR 4.19(d). If a player sits out a second inning before everyone else has sat out one inning, or if a player sits a second consecutive inning, and the opposing manager brings this to the attention of the umpire-in-chief, the umpire-in-chief will require the player to immediately enter the game, and the game shall be continued under protest or not as the protesting manager decides. The protesting manager must inform the umpire-in-chief of his/her desire to lodge the protest prior to the umpires leaving the field at the end of the game. (NOTE: as per OR&PR 4.19, all officials must prevent possible protest situations. If a violation of this policy is imminent, correct the situation before play resumes to prevent a protest.)

3. BENCHING OF PLAYERS:

a. A manager may determine a need to bench a player for a game due to disciplinary reasons (i.e., failure to properly participate in practice, horseplay during practice/pre-game, disrespect, etc.) If so, the manager must first inform the Player Agent and Division Vice President of his/her intent. The Player Agent and Division Vice President will ensure the manager has taken all appropriate measures leading up to the request, to include speaking with the player's parents. Only when the Player Agent and Division Vice President are convinced that the manager has taken all actions with no results will they allow the benching. They will also inform the Chief Umpire of the impending action.

b. Prior to the game in question, the manager will announce to the game's umpire-in-chief and the opposing manager of the benching. The manager will also annotate the action on the official lineup card. The player is not eligible to enter the game. No penalties as required by Regulation IV(i) of the OR&PR will be imposed on the manager. (NOTE: managers are advised to use the benching of players as a last resort and not to abuse this policy. Many times when a player misses practice, it is the fault of the parents, not the player. Managers should not punish players for actions of the parents. Additionally, managers may not bench players, except for a disciplinary issue during a game, until they have discussed the issue with the Player Agent and Division Vice President.)

c. If the manager determines that a player's conduct is so egregious during the game, the manager must first discuss the issue with the player's parent/guardian. Additionally, the manager must discuss and obtain the approval of Officer on Duty and notify the Division VP. If the player is bench, the player must be removed for the entire game.

d. None of these rules on benching a player apply if the player refuses to participate in the game.

4. DIVISION VICE-PRESIDENTS' RESPONSIBILITY:

Division Vice Presidents will emphasize the above policies to the managers during manager orientation and training and will monitor their respective division's adherence to these policies during the playing season including playoff games. It is the manager's responsibility to comply with the above policies.

The foregoing Local Policy was reviewed and approved by the CSLL Board of Directors during a scheduled meeting on 9 March 2025.

Stephanie A. Budd President

**CENTRAL SPRINGFIELD LITTLE LEAGUE (CSLL)
LOCAL POLICY NO. 02**

TROPHIES

It is the policy of CSLL to recognize regular season and playoff performance with the presentation of trophies. Trophies will be provided to members of teams that finish in the top three positions in the Little League (Majors), AAA, AA, and A-Ball divisions. A trophy will be provided for each player member of the team. The playoff winner in the Little League (Majors) and Minor League divisions will receive an additional trophy in recognition of their playoff performance.

Trophies will also be awarded to the players of the top Senior and Junior League team(s) relative to their placement in the regular season. If there are less than five teams, a trophy will be provided to the first place team only. If there are more than five teams, a trophy will be provided for the top three positions. In the event that the Senior and/or Junior League teams do not play in Interleague playoffs and, instead, play in CSLL-only playoffs, the playoff winners will receive an additional trophy.

The foregoing Local Policy was reviewed and approved by the CSLL Board of Directors during a scheduled meeting on 9 March 2025.

Stephanie A. Budd President

**CENTRAL SPRINGFIELD LITTLE LEAGUE (CSLL)
LOCAL POLICY NO. 03**

CSLL TREASURER RESPONSIBILITIES

Reference is made to the roles and responsibilities of a League Treasurer in the “Little League Operating Manual” published each year by Little League Baseball, Inc.

The funds raised in the name of Central Springfield Little League, Inc. (CSLL), constitute a valid trust. They must be recorded properly and are accountable. Therefore, it is important for CSLL to conduct the financial management of the League with the highest integrity. In order to maintain and perpetuate this high level of financial integrity, the Treasurer shall provide copies of monthly statements to the President and Vice-President(s) of the Board.

The foregoing Local Policy was reviewed and approved by the CSLL Board of Directors during a scheduled meeting on 9 March 2025.

Stephanie A. Budd President

**CENTRAL SPRINGFIELD LITTLE LEAGUE (CSLL)
LOCAL POLICY NO. 04**

FEE SCHEDULES, LATE REGISTRATIONS, AND REFUNDS

Reference is made to the “Player Enrollment and Registration Fees” section in the “Little League Operating Manual” published each year by Little League Baseball, Inc. Based upon the guidance provided, the schedule of fees, policies pertaining to late registrations, and refund policies shall be determined annually by the CSLL Board of Directors concurrent with the development and approval of the annual operating budget.

The following schedule of fees and associated policies are applicable for the Spring 2025 playing season:

1. FEE SCHEDULES^{1,2}: The fees for the spring season are as follows:

(a) First player in a family:	\$149.50
(b) Second & subsequent players in a family:	\$75.00
(c) Volunteer Fee ³ (per family):	\$100.00
(d) Fairfax County User Fee (per player):	\$5.50 ⁽⁵⁾
(e) Late Registration Fee:	\$15.00

Notes:

(1) Based upon the policy of Little League Baseball, Inc., no child shall ever be turned away or limited in participation because of a parent/guardian’s inability to pay any of the listed fees. In turn, “scholarship” requests shall be submitted through the Player Agent to the President or Vice President for approval.

(2) A \$25 referral credit will be applied at registration to any returning member who refers a new member that registers for the upcoming spring season. Siblings of current members do not qualify as new members. Only one referral credit will be issued per family.

(3) Each family is required to provide twelve (12) hours of volunteer time. Mandatory volunteer hours include concession stand and field maintenance duty only. Four (4) of the twelve (12) required volunteer hours must be concession stand duty. The Volunteer Fee of \$100.00 will be refunded upon completion of mandatory volunteer hours. If a family is unable to provide the required volunteer hours then the Volunteer Fee will be used to hire workers in their stead. An adult (over the age of eighteen (18)) must provide the mandatory volunteer hours.

(4) First-year umpires who are adults will be refunded \$75.00 upon the completion of all umpiring classes, one on-the-field training session and the umpiring of five games during the Spring Season.

(5) All Head Coach Volunteers as determined by the Board of Directors will receive a refund of their volunteer fee (1) upon return of their equipment and (2) to encourage teams to provide rostered coaches to umpire at least two games, rostered coaches can receive constructive credit towards their volunteer refund of

\$25 per game they umpire, not to exceed the maximum volunteer fee and refunded at the end of the Spring season.

(6) The Fairfax County Fee may change based on the current year.

2. LATE REGISTRATION:

Late registration is defined as registering any time after the two scheduled registrations, normally held during January each year. (Note: Should a weather make-up date be required for registration, the late fee shall not be applicable.) Further, a late registration fee will not be assessed in the event a player is registered in another Little League in the Northern Virginia area and it is subsequently determined that the player is ineligible to participate in that League and should have been directed to CSLL for initial registration.

3. REFUND POLICIES:

- a. Senior League, Junior League, Little League (Majors), and Minor League Divisions: In the event a player is withdrawn from CSLL registration prior to the published date of the division drafts/player selections, all fees collected shall be refunded.
- b. Coach Pitch Tee Ball and Regular Tee Ball Division: In the event a player is withdrawn from CSLL registration prior to assignment to a team, all fees collected shall be refunded. "Assignment to a team" is defined as the date that player rosters are distributed to managers in accordance with the master schedule.
- c. After the draft/player selection/assignment to a team, as defined in subparagraphs "a" and "b" above, refunds shall only be made on an exceptional basis with the approval of the President of the Board and we do not refund third party credit card transaction fees.

The foregoing Local Policy was reviewed and approved by the CSLL Board of Directors during a scheduled meeting on 9 March 2025.

Stephanie A. Budd President

CENTRAL SPRINGFIELD LITTLE LEAGUE (CSLL)
LOCAL POLICY NO. 05
BATTING CAGE POLICY

Reference is made to Section V.1 of the CSLL Local Rules. Further reference is made to the requirement for CSLL to institute a strong “A Safety Awareness Program” (ASAP) and the requirement for safety education addressed in the “Little League Operating Manual” published each year by Little League Baseball, Inc.

1. The three batting cages at Carey Fields at Trailside Park are identified as follows:
 - (a) Batting Cage No. 1 – Located beside the left-field fence of Field No. 1
 - (b) Batting Cage No. 2 – Located beyond the center-field fence of Field No. 2
 - (c) Batting Cage No. 3 – Located beyond the left-field fence of Field No. 1Only soft training baseballs or whiffle balls will be used for soft toss in batting cages

There is one batting cage located at Franconia Park for use by the CSLL Senior and Junior Leagues.

2. In order to maximize the use of the above referenced batting cages while affording an equal opportunity for using these facilities by all the teams in CSLL, the schedule for batting cages will be issued by the CSLL Scheduling Officer in conjunction with practice and game schedules. Managers and coaches must adhere to the schedule.
3. Based upon the potential for accidents and/or injuries during the use of any of the batting cages provided by CSLL at Carey Fields at Trailside Park and at Franconia Park, the following “CSLL Batting Cage Safety Rules” shall be observed:
 - a. The manager or coach shall inspect the cage area to ensure there are no hazards to players. Hazards shall be reported immediately to the CSLL Safety Officer.
 - b. Batting cages shall only be used when there is adequate lighting, the cage surface does not have standing water and there is firm footing.
 - c. Pitching machines shall not be operated during storm or rain conditions and when there is a threat of lightning in the area.
 - d. The manager or one of the coaches shall supervise players at all times.
 - e. Players shall not climb on the batting cages, swing on the entrance doors/gates, or otherwise be involved in horseplay at any time.

- f. Only the manager or one of the coaches shall pitch to batters and/or feed the pitching machine.
- g. During batting practice, the batter must wear a helmet at all times and shall be the only player in the batting cage.
- h. A catcher shall not be used for batting practice.
- i. Players outside the cages waiting their turn shall not swing bats.
- j. During the warm-up of pitchers and/or catchers, player catchers must wear a helmet/mask. The pitcher and catcher shall be the only two players in the cage.
- k. Managers, coaches, and players shall follow the “Safety Code for Little League” located in the “Tee Ball, Minor League, Little League Baseball, Junior League, Senior League, Big League Official Regulations and Playing Rules” published by Little League Baseball, Inc.
- l. Managers, coaches and players in the CSLL Senior, Junior and Intermediate Leagues shall not use the batting cages at Carey Fields at Trailside Park for player and/or team batting practice.

The foregoing Local Policy was reviewed and approved by the CSLL Board of Directors during a scheduled meeting on 9 March 2025.

Stephanie A. Budd President

**CENTRAL SPRINGFIELD LITTLE LEAGUE (CSLL)
LOCAL POLICY NO. 06**

SPORTSMANSHIP RECOGNITION

CSLL recognizes the importance of demonstrated sportsmanship by its players. As role models, the managers and coaches should emphasize not only the skills required for Little Leaguers to play the game of baseball, but equally important, players shall strive to exhibit sportsmanlike qualities and behavior befitting a baseball player whose character is such that they can take a loss or defeat without complaint, or victory without gloating, and who treats their opponents, umpires, and teammates with fairness, generosity, and courtesy both on and off the playing field.

1. SENIOR LEAGUE, JUNIOR LEAGUE, INTERMEDIATE, LITTLE LEAGUE (MAJORS), MINOR LEAGUE, AND TEE BALL DIVISIONS:
Each team shall select a player who best represented the character of a sportsman throughout the regular season. The manager, designated coach, and assistant coach of each team shall select their team's outstanding sportsman. The manager will then provide the name of his or her team's outstanding sportsman to the appropriate Division Vice President.
2. All Outstanding Sportsmanship Award selectees will be identified to the CSLL President no later than one week prior to the end of the regular season in order to provide time for the preparation of plaques.
3. Winners of Outstanding Sportsmanship Awards will be presented with a plaque.

The foregoing Local Policy was reviewed and approved by the CSLL Board of Directors during a scheduled meeting on 9 March 2025.

Stephanie A. Budd President

**CENTRAL SPRINGFIELD LITTLE LEAGUE (CSLL)
LOCAL POLICY NO. 07**

CSLL USE OF FIELD LIGHTING

Reference is made to Regulation X and Rule 4.14 in the “Tee Ball, Minor League, Little League Baseball, Junior League, Senior League, Big League Official Regulations and Playing Rules” published by Little League Baseball, Inc.:

1. ACTIVATION OF FIELD LIGHTING:

After a game has started, the umpire-in-chief shall order the playing field lights turned on whenever in such umpire’s opinion darkness makes further play in daylight hazardous. At Carey Fields at Trailside Park, where games can be underway on both fields, the Umpire-in-Chief on either field may request the activation of field lighting. Before a game starts, the President, Vice President, Division Vice President, or the chief umpire for a game, may request the activation of field lighting.

2. SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

When special District 9 and/or Virginia State Tournaments are hosted at Carey Fields at Trailside Park, the Tournament Director (TD) assigned to Carey Fields at Trailside Park shall, in coordination with the CSLL President/Vice President and/or Executive Committee, determine field lighting use policies and procedures for the tournament games over which the TD has jurisdiction.

3. EVENTS WHICH QUALIFY FOR FIELD LIGHTING:

Field lighting is authorized for the following events/activities: Spring and Fall League games and practices; special tournaments; field maintenance, and special events (e.g., Opening Day Ceremonies, Closing Ceremonies, Challenger Games, fund raisers, and All Star practices and games).

The foregoing Local Policy was reviewed and approved by the CSLL Board of Directors during a scheduled meeting on 9 March 2025.

Stephanie A. Budd President

**CENTRAL SPRINGFIELD LITTLE LEAGUE (CSLL)
LOCAL POLICY NO. 08**

**BATTING ORDER IN SENIOR LEAGUE, JUNIOR LEAGUE, LITTLE LEAGUE
(MAJORS), MINOR LEAGUE, AND TB-1 DIVISIONS**

Reference is made to the “Tee Ball, Minor League, Little League Baseball, Intermediate League, Junior League, Senior League, Big League Official Regulations and Playing Rules (OR&PR)” published by Little League Baseball, Inc. Specific reference is made to “Batting Order” in Section 2.00, where it states: “In Minor League, the batting order may contain the entire roster of players. In Tee Ball, the batting order shall contain the entire roster of players”, and to Rule 4.04, where it states: “A league may adopt a policy of a continuous batting order that will include all players on the team roster present for the game batting in order.” and “NOTE 1: The continuous batting order is mandatory for all Tee Ball and Minor League Divisions.”

1. GENERAL:

In the interest of stimulating player involvement throughout the game and to equally distribute the opportunity to be a “batter-runner”, all members of a team who are present, and physically able to play in the Senior League, Junior League, Little League (Majors), and Minor League divisions, will be listed on the official line-up card and will bat in the order listed regardless of their status in the defensive lineup.

2. SPECIAL PROVISIONS:

- a. A player who arrives after his/her game has started (Umpire conference,) will be placed last in the batting order, regardless of where his/her name was in the original order. If the team has already batted through the order, there is no penalty for this player missing his/her time at-bat.
- b. The position in the batting order occupied by a player who must depart prior to the conclusion of the game, who becomes physically unable to play, or otherwise becomes ineligible to participate in the game (e.g., removed from the game by an umpire), will be deleted from the batting order. The offensive team shall not be penalized when this deleted position in the batting order is passed, except as specified in Policy 10 when the removed player causes the team to have less than nine (9) players available for its final at-bat of the game.
- c. When a player must be removed while at-bat due to ejection, injury, illness, or other reason, the next player in the batting order shall bat. That player shall assume the count of the removed player.
- d. When a player must be removed while on the bases due to ejection, injury, illness, or other reason, the previous player in the batting order not already on base shall assume the removed player’s position on the base.
- e. Rule 5.07 of the OR&PR states that, when a league adopts the rule of batting through the entire game roster in the Minor League, then the inning ends,

regardless of outs, when the last batter completes his/her at bat. In the CSLL Minor League, and Coach Pitch Tee Ball divisions, an inning will end when three (3) outs have been made by the defensive team or by the run limitations as stated in the local rules.

3. SPECIAL PINCH RUNNERS:

Rule 7.14 (a) of the OR&PR states that a player who is not in the current batting order may be used as a special pinch runner for any offensive player. Because CSLL has adopted this Batting Order Policy, Rule 7.14 does NOT apply in the Senior League, Junior League, Little League (Majors), Minor League and Tee Ball divisions.

4. Courtesy Runner (Majors and above divisions)

From Rule 7.14 (b) of the OR&R, Courtesy runner may be used for the pitcher and/or catcher of record when there are two outs during the game. Since CSLL is using continuous batting order, the last player out must be used the courtesy runner. The courtesy runner must be reported the umpire. The same courtesy runner may not run for both the pitcher and the catcher at any time during the game.

The foregoing Local Policy was reviewed and approved by the CSLL Board of Directors during a scheduled meeting on 9 March 2025.

Stephanie A. Budd President

**CENTRAL SPRINGFIELD LITTLE LEAGUE (CSLL)
LOCAL POLICY NO. 09**

PITCHING ELIGIBILITY – LEAGUE AGE ELEVEN (11) PLAYERS IN ML-2

Reference is made to the “Tee Ball, Minor League, Little League Baseball, Intermediate League, Junior League, Senior League, Big League Official Regulations and Playing Rules (OR&PR)” published by Little League Baseball, Inc. Specific reference is made to Section VI - Pitchers.

1. Based upon the need to develop young pitchers who are league-age nine (9) and ten (10), while also providing pitchers who are league-age eleven (11) an opportunity to pitch in the AA Division, in addition to the pitch count requirements, the following policies pertaining to league- age eleven (11) pitchers in AA shall be followed:
 - a. Pitchers who are league-age eleven (11) shall not pitch more than a combined two (2) innings in a single game. Example: One pitcher may pitch a total of two innings in a single game or two pitchers may pitch a total of one inning each in a single game. Note: The delivery of a single pitch to a batter in an inning constitutes having pitched one (1) inning.
 - b. Pitchers who are league-age eleven (11) shall not pitch more than a combined four (4) innings in a calendar week, Sunday through Saturday. This provision applies regardless of the number of games that a team may play in a calendar week.
 - c. AA managers are required to identify their league-age eleven (11) players on the lineup cards at the start of each game and indicate the proper number of innings eligible.

The foregoing Local Policy was reviewed and approved by the CSLL Board of Directors during a scheduled meeting on 9 March 2025.

Stephanie A. Budd President

**CENTRAL SPRINGFIELD LITTLE LEAGUE (CSLL)
LOCAL POLICY NO. 10
PLAYING WITH LESS THAN EIGHT (8) PLAYERS**

Reference is made to the “Tee Ball, Minor League, Little League Baseball, Junior League, Intermediate League, Senior League, Big League Official Regulations and Playing Rules (OR&PR)” published by Little League Baseball, Inc. Specific reference is made to Rule 1.01, which states: “Minor League/Tee Ball baseball is a game between two teams under the direction of a manager and not more than two coaches.”

Further reference is made to Rule 4.16 which states: “If a game cannot be played because of the inability of either team to place eight players on the field before the game begins, this shall not be grounds for automatic forfeiture, but shall be referred to the Board of Directors for a decision. Note: A game may not be started with less than eight (8) players on each team”.

Further reference is made to Rule 4.17 which states: “If during a game either team is unable to place eight (8) players on the field due to injury or ejection, the opposing manager shall select a player to re-enter the lineup. A player ejected from the game is not eligible for re-entry. If no players are available for re-entry, or if a team refuses to place eight (8) players on the field, this shall not be grounds for automatic forfeiture but shall be referred to the Board of Directors for a decision. Note: A game may not be continued with less than eight (8) players on each team.”

Based upon the above stated responsibility of the Board of Directors, the following pre-determination regarding play with less than eight (8) players in Senior League, Junior League, Little League (Majors), Minor League, and Tee-Ball has been made by the Board of Directors:

1. SENIOR LEAGUE, JUNIOR LEAGUE, INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE, LITTLE LEAGUE (MAJORS), AND MINOR LEAGUE:
 - a. Start of Game: If at the scheduled start of their game, either team is unable to place eight (8) players on the field, the umpire-in-chief shall delay the start of the game. The delay shall take no more than ten (10) minutes to allow for any late player(s) to arrive at the game site. The game will not start, even if the team that has less than eight (8) players is the visiting team (i.e., the visiting team will not bat first in anticipation that the late player(s) will arrive before the team must take the field on defense). If after ten (10) minutes either team is still short players, the game shall be rescheduled per Section V.3 of the CSLL Local Rules.
 - b. During the Game: Should a team lose its eight player during the course of the game (except in its last at-bat as described in c. below), the umpire-in-chief shall immediately call the game. If the game has not completed the first inning, it shall be rescheduled in its entirety. After the first inning, the game shall resume from the exact point when it was called on a later date as specified in CSLL Local Rule V.5.h.

c. Last At Bat Exception: Should a team lose its eight player at its last at-bat of the game, and that team is losing the game, that team may continue its at-bat until the game ends. When the missing player(s) is (are) scheduled to bat, that player(s) at-bat will be skipped with an Out charged to the team. If the game ends upon conclusion of that team's at-bat, the game is official. However, if that team scores enough runs to tie/take the lead, which requires the team to take the field, then the game shall be immediately postponed and resumed on a later date as specified in CSLL Local Rule V.5.h.

2. TEE-BALL DIVISIONS (TB-1 AND TB-2):

The minimum number of players required to play in the Coach Pitch Tee Ball or Regular Tee Ball Division shall be five (5). Should a team have four (4) or fewer players, the two managers shall inform the Tee Ball Division Vice President, and the game shall be rescheduled per Section V.3 of the CSLL Local Rules.

3. TEN PLAYERS ON DEFENSE:

In AA and A-Ball where ten (10) players are allowed on defense per CSLL Local Policy No. 01, a game shall not be postponed if an AA or A-Ball team has only eight (8) players available for the game. That team will play the game with only eight (8) players present.

4. USE OF POOL PLAYERS:

In all divisions, managers who anticipate having less than the appropriate number of players to play must immediately notify the Player Agent to obtain a pool player per Section II.9 of the CSLL Local Rules. A manager may NOT simply borrow a player from the opposing team, nor may that manager recruit another player from the stands. The manager must go through the appropriate means to obtain a pool player from the Player Agent.

5. CHAMPIONSHIP AND PLAYOFF GAMES:

The request for pool players for Championship and Playoff games in the regular season shall require the approval of the Player Agent, Division VP and Executive VP. Due to the additional staffing required, as much advance notice as possible should be provided, nominally 3-4 days. The Division Player Agent shall maintain a complete and accurate list of eligible pool players.

The foregoing Local Policy was reviewed and approved by the CSLL Board of Directors during a scheduled meeting on 9 March 2025.

Stephanie A. Budd President

CENTRAL SPRINGFIELD LITTLE LEAGUE (CSLL) LOCAL POLICY NO. 11

NOTIFICATION OF PLAYERS FOR TOURNAMENT TEAMS

Reference is made to the “Tournament Rules and Guidelines” contained in the “Tee Ball, Minor League, Little League Baseball, Junior League, Senior League, Big League Official Regulations and Playing Rules” published by Little League Baseball, Inc.

1. Following the selection of the Tournament teams in accordance with Section VII of the CSLL Local Rules, letters of notification will be signed by the CSLL President and delivered to each selected player by a designated CSLL Board member. The letters will be placed in the hands of the player’s parent and/or guardian or delivered electronically directly to parent and/or guardian. The individual delivering the letter will instruct the parent and/or guardian that the information contained in the letter **MUST NOT BE RELEASED TO ANY PLAYER OR ANY OTHER PERSON OR PERSONS UNTIL THE DATE AND TIME SPECIFIED IN THE LETTER OF NOTIFICATION.**

2. Under no conditions will the names of the selected players be made known to the General Public until the date published by Little League Baseball, Inc. and not until the availability and eligibility of all prospective players have been established.

The foregoing Local Policy was reviewed and approved by the CSLL Board of Directors during a scheduled meeting on 9 March 2025.

Stephanie A. Budd President

**CENTRAL SPRINGFIELD LITTLE LEAGUE (CSLL)
LOCAL POLICY NO. 12**

“ZERO TOLERANCE” MISCONDUCT POLICY

Reference is made to the “Tee Ball, Minor League, Little League Baseball, Intermediate League, Junior League, Senior League, Big League Official Regulations and Playing Rules (OR&PR)”, specifically Regulation XIV(a) which reads: “The actions of players, managers, coaches, and umpires and league officials must be above reproach. Any player, manager, coach, umpire or league representative who is involved in a verbal or physical altercation, or an incident of unsportsmanlike conduct, at the game site or any other Little League activity, is subject to disciplinary action by the Local League Board of Directors.” Additional reference is made to Rule 4.07, which reads: “Any manager, coach or player ejected from a game is suspended for his or her team’s next physically played game.”

The stated purpose of the above policy established by Little League Baseball, Inc. is to give wider latitude to the local league Board of Directors, with regard to the conduct of participants and volunteers.

1. DISCIPLINARY ACTION:

- a. Any player, manager, or coach who is ejected from a game by an umpire due to a verbal altercation or an incident of unsportsmanlike conduct as described in Regulation XIV (a) is ineligible to participate in the next game played as cited in Rule 4.07. Additionally, this player, manager, or coach is automatically prohibited from participating in other team events including but not limited to games, practices, batting practices, team pictures, and special events associated with CSLL (movie nights, etc.) until the one-game suspension has been served. The game will not continue until the player, manager or coach has left the boundaries of Trailside or Franconia Park.
- b. Any player, manager, or coach who is ejected from a game by an umpire due to a physical altercation as described in Regulation XIV(a) shall result in the ejected member being suspended for the remainder of the current playing season.
- c. Any player, manager or coach during non-game activities and any parent, guardian, league official, or umpire, who is involved in a verbal altercation or an incident of unsportsmanlike conduct as described in Regulation XIV(a) at the game site or any other CSLL activity, shall immediately be barred from participating in CSLL activities for one calendar week from the date of the incident.
- d. Any player, manager or coach and any parent, guardian, league official, or umpire, who is involved in a verbal altercation or an incident of unsportsmanlike conduct as described in Regulation XIV(a) at any CSLL activity, shall immediately be barred from participating in CSLL activities including but not

limited to games, practices, batting practices, team pictures, and special events associated with CSLL (movie nights, etc.) for two calendar weeks from the date of the incident. The activity will not continue until the player, manager or coach has left.

2. APPEALS:

Any member (player, manager, coach, umpire, parent, guardian, and/or league official) who is disciplined in accordance with 1.b through 1.d above shall have the right to appeal the disciplinary action and appear before the Board of Directors. Upon notification of an appeal, the Board of Directors shall convene a special meeting within three days in accordance with Article VI, Section 5 of the CSLL Constitution and By-Laws.

a. For 1.c above, the member may continue to participate in CSLL activities during the appeal process until the Board of Directors renders a decision. Once the Board of Directors decides to uphold the disciplinary action, the suspension period begins immediately thereafter.

b. Due to the severity of those incidents in 1.b and 1.d above, suspension from all CSLL activities begins immediately. The Board of Directors will hear the appeal and decide to adjust the disciplinary action as necessary.

3. SUSPENSIONS AND TERMINATIONS OF MEMBERSHIP:

In accordance with Article III, Section 4.a of the CSLL Constitution and By-Laws, the Board of Directors, by a two-thirds vote of those present at the duly constituted meeting, shall have the authority to suspend or terminate the membership of any class of Member when the conduct is considered detrimental to the best interest of CSLL and/or Little League Baseball.

The foregoing Local Policy was reviewed and approved by the CSLL Board of Directors during a scheduled meeting on 9 March 2025.

Stephanie A. Budd President

**CENTRAL SPRINGFIELD LITTLE LEAGUE (CSLL)
LOCAL POLICY NO. 13**

“MUST CONCEDE” POLICY FOR LITTLE LEAGUE (MAJORS) JUNIORS DIVISION

For Majors, Official Regulations and Playing Rules (OR&PR)” published by Little League Baseball, Inc. Specific reference is made to Rule 4.10(e) where it states: “If after four (4) innings, three and one-half innings if the home team is ahead, one team has a lead of ten (10) runs or more, the manager of the team with the least runs may concede the victory to the opponent.” If the game is more than 2 hours, the trailing team must concede.

For Intermediate and above, Official Regulations and Playing Rules (OR&PR)” published by Little League Baseball, Inc. Specific reference is made to Rule 4.10(e) where it states: “If after four (4) innings, three and one-half innings if the home team is ahead, one team has a lead of fifteen (15) runs or more, the manager of the team with the least runs may concede the victory to the opponent.” “If after four (5) innings, four and one-half innings if the home team is ahead, one team has a lead of fifteen (10) runs or more, the manager of the team with the least runs may concede the victory to the opponent.” .” If the game is more than 2 hours, the trailing team must concede.

It is understood that, on occasion, Little League (Majors), Intermediate Division and Juniors Division games may become lopsided affairs that provide no developmental benefit, and may actually be detrimental, to the players involved.

Each game, subject to the time limits in Local Rule V.5, will be played a minimum of four complete innings for Majors and five (5) complete innings Intermediate and Juniors (The Home team will always bat last).

The foregoing Local Policy was reviewed and approved by the CSLL Board of Directors during a scheduled meeting on 9 March 2025.

Stephanie A. Budd President

**CENTRAL SPRINGFIELD LITTLE LEAGUE (CSLL)
LOCAL POLICY NO. 14**

9.01c SAFETY POLICY

Reference is made to the “Tee Ball, Minor League, Little League Baseball, Junior League, Intermediate League, and Senior League Official Regulations and Playing Rules” (OR&PR) published by Little League Baseball, Inc. Specific reference is made to Rule 9.01(c) where it states “Each umpire has authority to rule on any point not specifically covered in these rules”.

The OR&PR is a direct product of the Official Baseball Rules (OBR) that are used in professional baseball. Many on-field situations that are allowed in higher-level competition under OBR are inherently unsafe in the Little League environment. Some, but not all, of these situations are covered in the OR&PR and its accompanying casebook, “The Right Call”. For those not covered by these documents, umpires have traditionally used Rule 9.01(c) to make rulings on the field. Unfortunately, the use of 9.01(c) is dependent upon the judgment of the umpire; as such, different umpires treat similar on-field situations differently. Most of these situations deal with safety issues. In order to provide consistency in CSLL games, all managers, coaches, and umpires shall abide by the following policy regarding safety situations that have, in the past, been covered under Rule 9.01(c):

1. THROWING THE BAT:

When a batter throws a bat during a swing, said batter shall be officially warned by the plate umpire not to throw his/her bat again. The plate umpire will inform the player’s manager and the official scorekeeper of such warning. After a subsequent bat-throwing incident by the same player, the player will be removed from the game by the manager (not ejected). If the umpire must remove the player, it is an ejection. The player will not be assessed with an Out, unless the result of his/her swing is an Out (strike-out, fly out, etc.). If the player reaches base safely, or is still at-bat, a substitute player will enter the game in place of the removed player:

Senior League, Intermediate League, Junior League, Little League (Majors), Minor League and Coach Pitch Divisions: If the removed player reaches base safely, the previous player in the batting order who is not currently on base will take the removed player’s place on the base. If the removed player is still up to bat, the next batter in the batting order will come to the plate and assume the removed player’s count.

2. JUMPING OVER AND MAKING CONTACT WITH A DEFENSIVE PLAYER:

When a base runner jumps over a defensive player to avoid a tag, and makes contact with the defensive player, the umpire will call the runner Safe or Out as the case may be and then immediately call “Time”. The umpire will then issue a team warning. The next player to do so will be immediately removed from the game. If a player does not make contact with a defensive player, no warning is necessary.

3. REMOVING THE HELMET ON THE FIELD:

When a player removes his/her helmet while on the field before entering the dugout/equipment storage area, the umpire will issue a team warning. The next player to remove his/her helmet while on the field will be removed from the game.

The foregoing Local Policy was reviewed and approved by the CSLL Board of Directors during a scheduled meeting on 9 March 2025.

Stephanie A. Budd President

**CENTRAL SPRINGFIELD LITTLE LEAGUE (CSLL)
LOCAL POLICY NO. 15**

LITTLE LEAGUE VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

Reference is made to the “Tee Ball, Minor League, Little League Baseball, Intermediate League, Junior League, and Senior League Official Regulations and Playing Rules” (OR&PR) published by Little League Baseball, Inc. Specific reference is made to Regulation I(b), where it states that “As a condition of service to the league, all 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, must complete and submit an official ‘Little League Volunteer Application’ to the local league president. Annual background screenings must be completed prior to the applicant assuming his/her duties for the current season. Refusal to annually submit a fully completed ‘Little League Volunteer Application’ must result in the immediate dismissal of the individual from the local league.”

1. Based upon this guidance, CSLL shall require the following adult volunteers to fill out the Little League Volunteer Application (hereafter referred to as the “Form”):
 - a. Members of the Board of Directors
 - b. Managers and coaches, to include adults designated as “practice coaches”
 - c. Dedicated field maintenance workers (not parents who simply rake the fields after games)
 - d. Concession stand workers
 - e. League umpires
 - f. Those who serve in team volunteer positions (Team Parents, Fundraising Coordinators, etc.)
2. Adult volunteers shall fill out the Form and provide the completed form to the CSLL President, Vice President or the Safety Officer. The President, Vice President, or Safety Officer shall conduct a check of all volunteers using a nationwide search that contains the applicable government sex offender registry data. Any volunteer who is listed on the registry is automatically banned from any appointment within the league.
3. Should a volunteer indicate a past indiscretion not involving a minor, the CSLL Executive Committee shall meet to discuss the circumstances of the entry on the Form. The President/Safety Officer will provide information on the circumstances without revealing the person’s identity. The Committee shall decide by simple majority if the person shall be allowed to serve in the requested position within the league. If the indiscretion does involve a minor, or the league discovers after

investigation that a volunteer was convicted or pled guilty of any crime against a minor, that volunteer will not participate with the league in any manner.

4. The President, Vice President or Safety Officer shall take appropriate measures to secure all Forms and data contained therein. At no time will the Forms be available for review by any other league member. Upon completion of all season's activities (to include Fall Ball), the President, Vice President or Safety Officer shall destroy all forms in an appropriate manner.

The foregoing Local Policy was reviewed and approved by the CSLL Board of Directors during a scheduled meeting on 9 March 2025.

Stephanie A. Budd President

**CENTRAL SPRINGFIELD LITTLE LEAGUE (CSLL)
LOCAL POLICY NO. 16
PRESIDENT AS COACH/UMPIRE**

Reference is made to the “Tee Ball, Minor League, Little League Baseball, Intermediate League, Junior League, and Senior League Official Regulations and Playing Rules (OR&PR)” published by Little League Baseball, Inc. Specific reference is made to Regulation I (b) where it states: “A president may manage, coach or umpire provided he/she does not serve on the Protest Committee nor serve as tournament team manager or coach.”

1. GENERAL:

Based on this guidance, CSLL has chosen to implement this rule however appointment of the President as a coach, umpire or manager is subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.

2. SPECIAL PROVISIONS:

Should the President put himself / herself forward as a candidate to be a manager, the appointment and approval of the President, as a manager shall shift to the Board of Directors. The President shall interview for a manager’s position with the other candidates prior to being appointed and approved.

3. PRESIDENTS DECORUM:

Presidents who serve as a manager, coach, or umpire must demonstrate model behavior and decorum at all times and in all circumstances (a higher standard than for all other managers, coaches and umpires) and any lapses are grounds for removal. The managing, coaching and umpiring privileges of the President may be revoked by a majority vote of the Board of Directors if he/she is not adequately addressing the duties and responsibilities of that office.

The foregoing Local Policy was reviewed and approved by the CSLL Board of Directors during a scheduled meeting on 9 March 2025.

Stephanie A. Budd President

**CENTRAL SPRINGFIELD LITTLE LEAGUE (CSLL)
LOCAL POLICY NO. 17**

ANNUAL RELEASE OF NON-RETURNING LITTLE LEAGUE (MAJORS) PLAYERS

Reference is made to the “Local League Maintenance of Rosters” section of the “Little League Operating Manual” published each year by Little League Baseball, Inc.

It shall be the express policy of Central Springfield Little League, Inc. (CSLL) to annually release Little League (Majors) players that do not register for the upcoming season. In order to ensure that all players are given an opportunity to register and express their intent for the upcoming season the following steps shall be taken:

- a. After the second regular registration the Majors/Minors Player Agent or Majors Vice President shall telephone all Little League (Majors) players from the previous season that have not registered. They shall advise them of this policy, determine their intent, and inform them of the date, time, and location of late registration.
- b. If a Little League (Majors) player does not register by the end of late registration CSLL will formally release that player from their prior Little League (Majors) team and make them ineligible for Little League (Majors) at CSLL for the upcoming season.
- c. Prior to the draft, the Player Agent shall prepare a list of Little League (Majors) players that have not registered for the upcoming season. The CSLL Board of Directors shall take action to release those players from their former team in order to allow the manager to fill the spot on the roster for the upcoming season.
- d. If a former Little League (Majors) player chooses to return to CSLL in a subsequent season they shall be required to attend assessments and be placed in the draft.

The foregoing Local Policy was reviewed and approved by the CSLL Board of Directors during a scheduled meeting on 9 March 2025.

**CENTRAL SPRINGFIELD LITTLE LEAGUE (CSLL)
LOCAL POLICY NO. 18**

HARASSMENT OF UMPIRES BY MANAGERS, COACHES AND PARENTS

Reference is made to the “Tee Ball, Minor League, Little League Baseball, Intermediate League, Junior League, and Senior League Official Regulations and Playing Rules” published by Little League Baseball, Inc. Specific reference is made to Regulation XIV where it states “The actions of players, managers, coaches, umpires and league officials must be above reproach”.

1. GENERAL:

Harassment of umpires will not be tolerated at Central Springfield Little League (CSLL). Harassment creates a hostile, confrontational atmosphere that has no place in a children’s game. Umpire harassment is repetitive berating, belittling, or excessive critiquing of the umpire’s calls. Umpire harassment is also any action directed toward the umpire in a manner meant to intimidate. At its basic level harassment is bullying.

2. RATIONALE:

CSLL relies on volunteer umpires, especially junior umpires, to support the league. All CSLL umpires are committed and strive to always make the right call regardless of their level of experience. All umpires, especially junior umpires, need to gain confidence to get better. Patience is required by all managers, coaches, and parents to help our umpires improve. The number one reason umpires leave or do not return is harassment. CSLL cannot afford to lose trained umpires.

3. SPECIAL PROVISIONS:

If an issue arises that requires immediate resolution, the umpire should call time and request assistance from a manager. If a manager is the instigator, the Duty Board member (OD) should be contacted. Clearing the field of all players may be necessary. The OD should attempt to resolve the issue to allow the game to continue. In the case of a junior umpire, removal from the field may be necessary to protect the umpire from further harassment.

To empower umpires to address this negative activity and gain immediate relief, the following actions will be established:

- a. Umpire should issue a Team Un-sportsmanship Conduct Warning.
- b. If the issue is not immediately corrected the affected umpire will submit a report in writing to the Chief Umpire.
- c. The Chief Umpire will expeditiously forward the report to the Division VP.

(1) First incident: The Division VP will contact the Manager based on report by affected umpire.

(2) Second incident: Manager appears before the Executive Board and his or her subsequent game will be witnessed by a CSLL official; based on report by affected umpire.

(3) Third Incident: Manger removal.

The foregoing Local Rules and Policies were reviewed and approved by the CSLL Board of Directors during a scheduled meeting on 9 March 2025.

Stephanie A. Budd President