



# North Boise Little League Baseball & Softball



## BYLAWS

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## **Article I - League Structure**

### **Section 1. General League Structure**

The general league structure of NBLI shall be in accordance with the Official Regulations and Playing Rules of Little League Baseball, Inc. NBLI shall offer programs in Baseball and Softball.

### **Section 2. NBLI Baseball League Structure**

The local structure of NBLI for baseball shall be made up of a Tee-Ball Division, Rookie Division, Minor League Division, Major League, Intermediate, and Senior Division. All baseball leagues are open to both boy and girl player members.

#### **A) Tee-Ball Division**

The Tee-Ball Division of NBLI shall consist of player members who are league age five (5) and six (6). A player member who is league age seven (7) and has no prior youth baseball experience may choose to enroll at this level of play.

#### **B) Rookie Division**

The Rookie Division (coach pitch) of NBLI shall consist of player members who are league age seven (7) and eight (8). A player member who is league age six (6) and has had Tee-ball experience may enroll at this level of play.

#### **C) Minor League Division**

The Minors of NBLI shall consist of player members who are age league eight (8), nine (9), ten (10) and eleven (11) and have not been drafted in the Major or Intermediate draft. All players in this league will participate in a skills assessment prior to the start of the season. All players in this Division will be drafted every year.

#### **D) Major League Division**

The Majors of NBLI shall consist of players who are league age ten (10), eleven (11) and twelve (12). All players in this division will participate in a skills assessment prior to the start of the season. All players in this Division will be

drafted every year. If a player was selected as a Major Player in the previous year, that player will remain at the major level and will go through the assessment. 100% of all league age 12-year-olds are permitted to play in the Major Division. League age 12 year old may be waived down to the Minor League Division for safety reasons; Waivers are to be submitted and approved by the District Administrator prior to opening day. A player member who is league age nine (9) may be considered for the Majors. Parents must submit their request in writing to the Player Agent-Baseball at least 48 hours prior to assessments.

#### **E) Intermediate Division**

The Intermediate Division shall consist of players who are league age eleven (11), twelve (12), and thirteen (13). All players must participate in a skills assessment and participation in this division is subject to skills assessments. All players in this Division will be drafted every year.

#### **F) Senior Division**

The Senior Division shall consist of players who are league age thirteen (13), fourteen (14), fifteen (15), and sixteen (16). All players must participate in a skills assessment and will be subsequently selected to teams in the player draft. The number of teams will be determined by the Junior/Senior Division director and will be based on the number of players who register for this division.

#### **G) Waiting List**

Players that register after the regular registration dates will be placed on the waiting list. These players must make every effort to attend assessments and NBLL will make every effort to ensure they will have a team to play on.

### **Section 3. NBLL Girls Softball League Structure**

The local structure of NBLL for girls' softball shall be made up of a Rookie League, 9-12 Year Old League (Little League Major/Minors), Junior Division and Senior Division.

#### **A) Rookie Division**

The Rookie Softball Division (Coach Pitch) of NBLL shall consist of player members who are league age seven (7) and eight (8). The Rookie Softball Division is primarily designed for players league age 7 and 8; a player member who is league age six (6) and has had one year of Tee-ball experience may wish to enroll at this level of play.

#### **B) 9-12 Major/Minor League Division**

The Major/Minor League Softball division of NBLL shall consist of players who are league age nine (9), ten (10), eleven (11) and twelve (12). The 9-12 League is broken into two divisions: Minors and Majors. Prior to the start of the season, all players must participate in a skills assessment.

Minor League Softball - will consist of member players not selected in the Major Player draft. Teams in this division will be made up of player's league age 9 through 11. The Softball Player Agent will form the teams and every effort will be made to balance the player skill level equally among the teams. Requests for placement on specific teams will be allowed.

Major League Softball - will consist of member players who have participated in the skills assessment and are subsequently selected in the player draft. These players can be league age 10 through 12. If a player was selected as a Major Player in the previous year, that player will remain in the Major level and will have to go through the assessment. 100% of 12 year olds must be permitted to play in the Major Division. League age 12 year olds may be drafted up to Juniors, or waived down to minors for safety reasons. Waivers are to be submitted to and approved by the Board prior to the beginning of the Season.

#### **C) Junior/Senior Division**

The Junior/Senior Softball Division will be drafted, managed and directed by NBLL. Administration on matters related to interleague play will be handled by Idaho Little League District II.

### **Article II - Manager Selection Baseball and Softball**

#### **Section 1. Manager Selection Procedure**

A) All Divisions

The Coaching Coordinator will work with the available Division Directors to determine a list of applicant managers within 48 hours from the close of registration. The candidates on this list will be contacted and invited to assessments with the understanding that the invitation does not mean they have been selected to manage a team. After assessments, a Selection Committee will meet and interview candidates to determine their experience level, technical ability, willingness to attend required training, and full adoption of the Positive Coaching Alliance program and principles. Additionally, each Manager must agree to follow the rules and procedures put forth by the Board of Directors in the Constitution, Bylaws and Little League Rules and Regulations.

A uniform set of questions will be asked of all candidates in order to compare possible candidates on an equal basis. Each question shall have a rating of 1 - 5 with 5 being the highest score except for True False questions which will be scored as 1 extra credit point. A majority vote from the selection committee is required to approve each Manager. The Selection Committee will present the names of approved Managers to the Board President who may veto any candidate submitted. The approved managers will then be sent to the Division Directors.

D) Selection Committee, Interview, and Selection

The Selection Committee shall consist of at least 3 Board members selected from the following: Baseball or Softball Player Agent, Coaching Coordinator, UIC, President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and the Division Director for the respective division.

The Selection Committee will be chaired by the Coach Coordinator who will control the interviews and voting. It is not required that the same members be present for all interviews, but the same members should be used for all interviews at each division level.

Managers will be interviewed one at a time and grouped by Division. After the managers of each Division group have been interviewed, a brief discussion will be held and a silent vote taken. Approval will be determined by a simple majority vote of the committee members present for the interviews

If the approved Managers exceed the number of teams, the Managers with the highest individual scores shall be selected. In the event of a tie, the President shall have the final say on which Manager is selected. After the Manager's have been selected, the Coaching Coordinator will present to the Division Director the list of Approved Managers.

If the number of Managers does not match the number of teams in each division, the Division Director, Coaching Coordinator, Vice President and President will make a coordinated effort to recruit more managers and the interview and selection process will be applied to each new candidate.

The Division Director is responsible for contacting the selected Managers and also notifying the managers who are not selected.

#### E. Questionnaire for Selection

##### **(i) Opening Statement:**

Managers and Coaches play an incredibly influential role in the lives of athletes. Players often spend more time with their coaches than anyone else outside of the home environment. Therefore, it is important that North Boise Little League takes care in setting standards of success for our Managers and coaching staff.

At North Boise Little League, we believe these standards are not just reflected on the scoreboard or through talent exhibited on the field. While winning is important, and outstanding play is desirable, we place more value on our coaches teaching life lessons through sports to all levels of players talent and skill. We consider a coach that focuses on both outcomes to be a Double-Goal Coach®.

As Double-Goal Coaches®, our managers are responsible for encouraging and modeling this approach to our assistant coaches, players, and parents.

The following 11 questions will help us evaluate your commitment to this principle and also assist us in providing the best resources to help you be successful at NBLL.

##### **(ii) Questions**

- 1) A double goal coach strives to Win, and more importantly, to teach life lessons through sports with an emphasis on being positive. What does this statement mean to you? 5 pts
- 2) What character values do you, or would you, focus on developing in your players? 5 pts
- 3) How do you, or would you, coach your team to deal with losing an important game? 5 pts
- 4) At what age do you think it is appropriate to have athletes focus on one position and coaches to roster a fixed batting order? 5 pts
- 5) How do you or would you deal with a disruptive player? 5 pts

- 6) On a scale from 0 to 5, 5 being at least college level play and 0 being no playing or coaching experience at all: How would you rate your technical knowledge of the game of baseball? 5 pts
- 7) True or False: Having a written plan for practices, prior to running them, will enable the success of my players and coaches. 2 pts extra credit
- 8) Where would you need help in delivering the best baseball mechanics and knowledge to your players? Information only.
- 9) True or False: It is okay to lose my temper at an umpire when they make a bad call that everyone is able to clearly see. 2 pts extra credit
- 10) What does being a role model on and off the field mean to you? 5 pts
- 11) Yes or No: Have you ever been disciplined as a coach/parent or barred from coaching or attending games in any youth sports organization? Explain and up to -10 pts.

**(iii) Scoring**

Total points available without extra credit: 35. Passing grade of 60% or higher based on Scoring Document provide to evaluation committee where 3 of 5 is an average score.

**Section 2. Manager Responsibilities**

- 1) Understand and comply with all the goals, rules and regulations as described in the Constitution, By-laws, Little League Rules Book, and Positive Coaching Alliance training.  
**Failure to do so may result in removal of the manager by the Board of Directors.**
- 2) Recruit 2 coaches to assist him/her in the running of the team practices and games.
- 3) Ensure that every volunteer has completed the background check process prior to taking the field as a volunteer.
- 4) Attend the District Coaches Rules Clinic and ensure that at least one assistant coach will attend the district umpire clinic and become certified annually.



- 5) Attend Safety and Positive Coaching Alliance workshop annually.
- 6) Recruit a minimum of one (1) home plate umpire and one (1) field umpire. (Ensure that the background checks are completed for all volunteers with regular player contact).
- 7) Recruit a score keeper and require the use of Game Changer as the team scoring application.
- 8) Supervise and manage the prepping and set-up of fields for all home games and put away equipment, bases, and drag fields at all away games.
- 9) Monitor each team volunteer and ensure each follows through with their responsibilities.
- 10) Manage the team during games.
- 11) Ensure that League equipment is safeguarded and returned at the end of the season. Failure to do so will automatically prohibit this person from managing in subsequent years.
- 12) Ensure that field maintenance is performed both before and after practices as directed by the league Field Coordinator.
- 13) Sign the manager commitment letter.

### **Section 3. Manager Restrictions**

The President of NBLL is not eligible to manage (but can be a coach, umpire, or otherwise assist with a team) for the spring season only.

The Division Directors are eligible to manage but cannot also be player agents for their division.

### **Section 4. Coach Selection**

Coaches will be selected by and work for the team manager.

Coaches shall serve with the approval of the Division Director and Coach Coordinator.

### **Section 5. Coach Responsibility**

At least one coach on every team will attend the District Umpire clinic and become certified.

All coaches will attend NBLL Rules clinics as required by the President or Coaching Coordinator.

### **Section 6. Umpire Responsibility**

Umpires shall serve with the approval of the League President and UIC.

They shall attend the required classes and receive certification from the District and attend clinics as required by the President or UIC.

### **Section 7. Manager Accountability**

A survey form will be provided to each parent at the end of the season as well as presented to each person enrolling a child, or any other person involved in the league, during the Registration process. This survey form will contain the names of managers and coaches from the previous year and will allow parents to rate their coaches on similar questions asked during the interview process. The final survey question will be "would you want your child to play for this coach again?"

The results of this survey will be compiled by the League President and results made available to the Selection Committee and Board of Directors who will use their best judgment and discretion with this information when making their decision on manager selection.

The President will keep these results and actions with the responsibility to ensure that they are presented to the succeeding President.

The Secretary will ensure that these results and actions are made a part of the permanent league record.

## Article III - Assessment and Team Formation Policy

### Section 1. Assessments

A) Policy. Players in divisions requiring mandatory skills assessment will be assessed according to the rules and regulations of Little League Baseball Inc. for both baseball and softball programs. The assessment list will be compiled by the Player Agent based on League age in last name alphabetical order. The list will have a ratings column of 1 to 5 for hitting, fielding, catching, and throwing. These lists will be provided to each Manager who will use them during assessments and return them to the Player Agent at the end of each assessment day to be compiled as aggregate scores and used during Division drafts.

No skills assessment is required for participation in Tee-Ball or Rookie divisions in either softball or baseball.

Assessments are required for player members in the following baseball divisions: Minors, Majors, Intermediates, Juniors, and Seniors.

Assessments are required for player members in the following softball divisions; 9-12 Minor/Majors, Juniors and Seniors.

B) Procedure. For Divisions requiring assessment, Player Members must attend at least one of two assessment dates set by the league Board of Directors. Failure to attend at least one of these dates may result in the forfeiture of the member's right to play in the League's Programs.

C) Procedure. Players who cannot attend assessments for both valid and reasonable circumstances, but are required to in accordance with little league rules may be eligible to play at the discretion of the President after consideration of the following conditions:

- 1) The player played in a NBLL division the prior year.
- 2) The player, and player's skill is known to at least one NBLL manager within the league who can attest to it.
- 3) The Manager who knows the player, considers the player safe to play in the division being considered or drafted into.

- 4) A "Valid and Reasonable" circumstance shall not be based on the player or parent's desire to attend, other optional events scheduled on the same day, or at their discretion.

## **Section 2. Team Formation**

Teams will be formed in accordance with Little League Rules and Regulations, in softball and baseball divisions.

Player members in Tee-Ball, Rookie Softball, Rookie Baseball will be given the opportunity to make requests to be placed on specific teams.

Player members in Tee-Ball, Rookie Softball, Rookie Baseball, will be formed on a geographic basis after requests are fulfilled.

Player members in Minor Softball shall be formed based on player skill level and geographic area.

Teams will be formed by draft in the following divisions: Minor/Major Baseball, Intermediate Baseball, Junior and Senior Baseball, 9-12 Softball, Junior Softball, Senior Softball.

All teams will be disbanded and re-drafted each year. The re-draft will be by "Method in First Year of Operation- Plan A" as outlined in the Little League Operating manual, or at the Player Agent's discretion.

## **Section 3. Expansion/Contraction of Little League Major Division, Intermediate, and Junior Teams**

These divisions are redrafted every year and no plans for expansion or contraction are required.

## **Article IV -Division Rules and Requirements**

### **Section 1. General League Rules**

The general League rules of NBLL shall be in accordance with the Official Regulations and Playing Rules of Little League Baseball, Inc.

### **Section 2. NBLL League Rules**

The local rules of NBLL have been designed and adopted at a meeting of the Board of Directors. These rules shall in no way supersede or conflict with the Rules and Regulations of Little League Baseball, Incorporated.

#### **A) Tee-Ball Division: Batting Tee and Coach Pitch**

- 1) At every practice and at every game, the Manager and coaches will direct players to do a minimum of 10 minutes of dynamic warm-ups and a 10-15 minutes of a throwing progression emphasizing proper form and incorporating best practices starting with wrist flicks from one knee and working to a long toss (with tennis balls).
- 2) Maximum of two (2) practices per week prior to start of regular season games. Because of the instructive nature of Tee-Ball games, once games begin, whether or not to hold practice is left to the manager's discretion.
- 3) Once games begin, a maximum of 2 practices and/or games may be held per week.
- 4) Practices and games must not exceed 1-½ hours in duration.
- 5) Managers are responsible for making arrangements with local school principals in order to use school fields/playgrounds for practice that are not within the list of fields approved by NBLL.
- 6) Managers must remain at the field after all games and/or practices until a parent or guardian has picked up all players.

- 7) All Tee-Ball games will start at 6:15 p.m. during weekdays.
- 8) The majority of games shall be played on Saturdays if possible.
- 9) Games will last 1½ hours or 4 complete innings - whichever comes first.
- 10) No new (full) inning will start after 7:45 p.m.
- 11) Every player on each team will bat each inning. Three (3) outs do not retire the side. Once the last player on the roster has batted and all base runners have crossed home plate, that half of the inning is over.
- 12) Starting the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of games, batters are retired when legal outs are made.
- 13) Coaches, managers, and parents are allowed on the field for defensive instruction.
- 14) One coach/manager is allowed in the batters box for offensive instruction.
- 15) Managers will provide "safe" seating for players not batting or fielding.
- 16) One coach/parent will be placed in charge of "dugout" safety and control during games.
- 17) Players should not be permitted out of the "Dugout" area during games.
- 18) At the discretion of the Division director, and at some point during the season, Coach-Pitch may be implemented for players ready to advance from hitting off of a tee. Coach-Pitch will be subject to and at the discretion of each Tee-ball manager for each player at bat.

**B) Rookie Division- Coach and Player Pitch**

- 1) At every practice and at every game, the Manager and coaches will direct players to do a minimum of 10 minutes of dynamic warm-ups and a 10-15 minutes of a throwing progression emphasizing proper form and incorporating best practices starting with wrist flicks from one knee and working to a long toss.
- 2) Maximum of two (2) practices per week prior to start of regular season games. Because of the instructive nature of Rookie games, once games begin, whether or not to hold practice is left to the manager's discretion.
- 3) Once games begin, if practices are held, there can be no more than one (1) per week and must not exceed 1-½ hours in duration.
- 4) Managers are responsible for making arrangements with local school principals in order to use school fields/playgrounds for practice that are not pre-approved by NBLL.
- 5) Managers must remain at the field after all games and/or practices until a parent or guardian has picked up all players.
- 6) Games will start at 6:00.
- 7) Games will last 4 innings or 1-½ hours, whichever is shorter. If an inning begins before the 1-½ hours has expired, that inning will be completed subject to lighting conditions.
- 8) Runners shall advance only if forced by the batter being awarded first base.
- 9) No walks shall be issued. Balls and strikes should be called to educate players on the strike zone but the player must hit the ball to reach base.
- 10) Batters hit by a pitch do not advance to first base.
- 11) Batters can only strikeout swinging on strike 3. A called third strike does not constitute a strikeout if the batter does

not swing. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> would-be "third strike" pitches a strikeout shall be called for a total possible of 6 called-strike pitches per at bat.

12) Stealing or advancing on a wild pitch or passed ball is not allowed.

13) Players must not advance once a play is made to a specific base. This is done to prevent a "Merry-go-round" effect on the field.

14) On a ball hit to the outfield, runners may advance only until the ball is under control by an infield defensive player. In the case where a runner is not to a base when the defensive player makes control, the runner may advance at his/her own peril to that base.

15) Scores shall be kept but no standings will be maintained.

16) Upon implementing player pitch, 2 consecutive or 3 total walks, by the same pitcher in the same inning will result in an offensive team's coach finishing the inning.

17) If a pitcher hits two batters either within an inning or during the same game, that pitcher will be removed from play as the pitcher and will not be allowed to re-enter that game at the pitching position.

18) At the discretion of the Division director, and at some point during the season, Player-Pitch may be implemented for players ready to advance from hitting off of coaches.



**C) Minor Division**

- 1) At every practice and at every game, the Manager and coaches will direct players to do a minimum of 10 minutes of dynamic warm-ups and a 10-15 minutes of a throwing progression emphasizing proper form and incorporating best practices starting with wrist flicks from one knee and working to a long toss
- 2) Maximum of three (3) practices per week prior to start of regular season games.
- 3) Once games begin, the number of baseball activities per team (practices and games combined) must not exceed four (4) activities per week.
- 4) Managers are responsible for making arrangements with local school principals in order to use school fields/playgrounds for practice- when and if necessary.
- 5) Managers must remain at the field after all games and/or practices until a parent or guardian has picked up all players.
- 6) The batting order shall be continuous.
- 7) The five (5) run rule per inning will be followed.
- 8) A pitcher must follow the Little League rules for number of pitches allowed. A pitching affidavit MUST be kept, signed by the opposing manager and umpire each game, and available for reference at every game.
- 9) Stealing: On a wild pitch the base runner may only advance one base at a time, regardless of number of errant throw backs or attempt to pick the player off. Players can only steal from 1st to 2nd, or 2nd to 3rd on wild pitches. There is no stealing of home base. The runner must be forced or batted home to score.
- 10) For the end of season tournament, no special rules are in effect with the exception of there will be no time limit

for the championship game but Little League Daylight rules are still in effect.

E) Length of Season

All games, Majors and below, Regular Season and End of Year Tournament will be played before the Monday of the last week of school based on the Boise School District calendar.

F) Majors/Minors Length of Game

Games will last 6 innings or 2 hours, whichever is shorter. If an inning begins before the 2 hours has expired, that inning will be completed. There will be no time limit for championship games.

G) Equal Play - Regular Season

During the Regular Season there will be equal playing time for all player members in all divisions. The league understands that this may not be able to be accomplished on a game-by-game basis but must be realized over multiple games during the course of the season. It is also understood that if a player misses games, their playing time cannot be equal to another player that attends all games. No other exceptions will be allowed to this rule.

H) Minors/Majors Baseball Pitching Option

In these divisions, Pitching Option One will be used per Little League Regulation VI.

I) Intermediate and Juniors Baseball Rules

In these divisions, all games are subject to the interleague rules set each season by District 2.

### **Section 3. End of Regular Season Tournament**

#### **A) Minor Division**

A decision will be made at the beginning of the year, before regular season begins, as to whether a tournament will be held at the end of regular season play.

This decision will be made by vote of the current managers.

If the vote is no, no tournament can be held.

If the vote is yes, Minor Division rules will apply.

#### **B) Major Division**

If Major League play in an Inter-League tournament, play will be in accordance with Little League Regular Season Rules

If Inter-League play is not in effect, each Division Director will run their own tournament

This tournament can be by single or double elimination. If by double elimination the regular season must allow for the additional time required.

Seeding will be determined by a random draw.

The Little League Baseball "Minimum Play" rule will be in effect for all tournament games

The rules shall be in accordance with Little League Regular Season Rules.

The Championship game will follow Little League Regular Season Rules

#### **C) Intermediate and Senior Division**

The District Staff will run tournament play

### **Section 4. Bylaws**

The NBLL Board of Directors shall annually review and approve the Bylaws, starting after the Annual Meeting and finishing by the end of March and or before opening day whichever comes first. In the case where a rule or regulation stipulated in these bylaws cannot be followed during the regular or tournament season, a temporary change will be allowed only when approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

## **Article V -Selection for Tournament Teams**

### **Section 1. Tournament Manager Selection Procedure**

#### A) Tee-Ball, Rookie, and Single A Division

No tournament teams will be formed at this level.

#### B) Manager and Coach Selection for 10-12 Little League Baseball and Softball, Intermediate League, Junior League and Senior League All-Star Teams

One All-Star ballot will be prepared to include names of Managers and Coaches which have been approved by the Board of Directors.

Each League Director will prepare this ballot with the assistance of the All-Star Coordinator to include the names of all Regular Season Managers or Coaches that want to manage or coach an All-Star team.

All players, managers, coaches, umpires and board members may vote on this ballot.

Any ballot marked with more than 1 name for a manager and 1 name for a coach will be discarded and will not count as a vote.

The top vote receiver in the Manager category will be selected as the All-Star Manager.

If that person withdraws their name, the second highest vote receiver will be selected. That process will continue till an All-Star Manager is selected and accepts the position.

If all Managers withdraw, no All-Star Team will be selected.

Once an All-Star Manager has been selected, he/she will select the Coach(es) from the Top 2 vote receivers in the Coach/Manager categories.

If only 1 manager and 1 coach elect to participate in All-Stars, no ballot is required

### **Section 2. Tournament Team Selection Procedure**

#### A) Player Selection for 8, 9, 10, 11 Baseball and Softball

All 8-11 year old players will be invited to an All-star tryout. All Board Members and managers, coaches and umpires of the player's division will be asked to evaluate all players that elect to participate. All evaluators must be present at the tryout in order to vote.

Votes will be made for the top 10 players, league age 10-11, with all votes receiving the same consideration. Any ballot marked with additional player names will be discarded and will not count as a vote.

The 10 players receiving the most votes will be placed on the 10-11 year old All-Star Team. If any player is unable to meet his or her commitment, the next highest voted player will be asked to participate. The final players will be chosen by the All Star Manager. The NBLB Board of Directors reserves the right to approve the All Star Manager's selection(s).

Votes will be made for the top 10 players, league age 8-10, with all votes receiving the same consideration. Any ballot marked with additional player names will be discarded and will not count as a vote.

The 10 players receiving the most votes that are league age 8-10 will be placed on the 8-10 year old All-Star Team. If any player is unable to meet his or her commitment, the next highest voted player will be asked to participate. The final players will be chosen by the All Star Manager. A second team may be added with the next 10 players with the most votes. The final players will be chosen by the All Star Manager.

B) Player Selection for 10-12 Little League Baseball and Softball, Intermediate League, Junior League and Senior League All-Star Teams

One All-Star ballot will be prepared to include names of players that meet the requirements of Section 2, part C below.

All players, managers, coaches, umpires and board members may vote on this ballot.

Intermediate, Junior, and Senior All-Star Baseball team will be chosen by an overall ballot of top 8 votes, any ballot marked with additional player names will be discarded and will not count as a vote. The last remaining players will be determined by the All-Star Manager. The NBLB Board of Directors reserves the right to approve the All Star Manager's selection(s).

For the 10-12 All Star Baseball team will be chosen by an overall ballot of the top 9 votes, any ballot marked with additional player names will be discarded and will not count as a vote. The last remaining players will be determined by the All Star Manager. The NBLB Board of Directors reserves the right to approve the All Star Manager's selection(s). If any player is unable to meet his or her commitment, the next highest voted player will be asked to participate.

C) All-Star Commitment Letter

The All Star Coordinator will prepare a Commitment Letter for distribution by the League Directors to the players and parents of any eligible child wishing to participate in the All-Star Tournament. This letter will state the following:

A team of All-Star players will be selected in accordance with Article V, Section A or B, depending on the division involved. The expected and possible duration of the All-Star Season. The date the commitment letter must be returned.

A commitment to attend 80% of practices and 100% of games.

Absences allowed for illness or family emergency.

The need for a certified, original birth certificate that will be required by the first practice session, along with (3) proofs of residency.

A fee equal to that stated below which is due with the signed commitment letter. The fee will be returned if the player is not selected for the team.

Signature lines for both the player and parent/guardian.

Shirt size and two possible uniform number requests.

Each player that agrees to the letter, signs and returns it by the designated time will be placed on the All-Star ballot.

All players, managers, coaches, umpires and Board Members may vote on this ballot and will be instructed to vote for no more than the number of players allowed in the division they are voting for.

Any ballot marked with more names will be discarded and will not count as a vote.

The top vote receivers will be placed on the All-Star team. The final players will be chosen by the All Star Manager of each team. The NBL Board of Directors reserves the right to approve the All Star Manager's selection(s).

**Section 3. Tournament Uniforms Procedure**

A) 8-12 Baseball

The fee and uniform specifics will be determined at the April Board Meeting.

B) Intermediate and Juniors Baseball

The fee and uniform specifics will be determined at the April Board Meeting.

C) 9-12, Juniors, Seniors Softball

The fee and uniform specifics will be determined at the April Board Meeting.

D) Fee Policy

Fees shall be collected for uniforms and associated costs for All-Star seasons.

Two checks, made payable to the All Star Coordinator, must be turned in with the commitment letter.

The League Treasurer is responsible for collecting the uniform monies from the All Star Coordinator. The All Star Coordinator shall be responsible for payment, of any associated costs related to All Star practice.

Once Uniforms have been ordered, no refunds shall be granted. Scholarships will be made available upon request.

## **Article VI - Fall Ball**

NBLL will offer a Fall Ball (Second Season) League. The primary goal of the Fall Ball program is instructional play. No standings are kept and no end of season tournaments are held. Coaches are allowed on the field for instructional purposes. This program is especially beneficial for those players moving up from the Rookie Division and for those players moving on to the larger field in the Junior Division. The Fall Ball program is run under the direction of the Idaho District II Fall Ball Director. Fall Ball is open to member players who will be league age 9-16 in the following spring season.

### **Section 1. Registration**

Fall Ball registration is held during the 1<sup>st</sup> two weeks of August.

All member households who have eligible players will receive, by mail, a flyer with registration information at least 1 week prior to the beginning of registration..

### **Section 2. Team Formation**

Players will be separated by age for team placement as follows:  
9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-16.

The number of teams will be determined by the number of players registered in each of the above age groups. The managers and League Fall Ball director will divide players among the teams with every effort made to balance player skills among the teams.

### **Section 3. Season**

The Fall Ball season begins the Monday that school starts for the Boise School District. The first two weeks are for practices only with games beginning the second Saturday. Once games begin only 1 practice a week is permitted. The season will run through the end of October.

### **Section 4. Game Schedule - Location**

All games are played on Saturdays. The District Fall Ball Director sets the schedule and games will be played at any or all of the participating leagues' fields. Previous participating leagues include; East Boise National and American Leagues, West Boise LL, South Boise LL, Mountain View LL, NBLL, West Valley LL, Northwest Ada LL, Nampa Valley LL and Emmett LL.

## **Article VII - Equipment**

### **Section 1. Equipment Provided**

A. At the beginning of the season, baseball and softball teams are assigned equipment for use during practice and games. In general, the size and type of equipment varies according to the Division that is using it. The equipment is purchased and maintained by the NBLL at a considerable expense and should be cared for properly. The equipment consists of the following:

- 1) Little League approved bats.
- 2) Baseballs And Softballs (Various Sizes According To Level)
- 3) Catcher's Mitts
- 4) First Baseman's Mitts (Softball Only)
- 5) Catcher's Leg Guards \*
- 6) Knee Savers \*
- 7) Chest Protectors \*



- 8) NOCSAE Catcher's Helmets With Throat Protectors \*
- 9) NOCSAE Batting Helmets
- 10) Equipment Bags
- 11) Helmet Holders \*\*
- 12) Batting Tees And Bases (Tee-Ball Only)
- 13) Access to a bucket of whiffle balls at each equipment shed.
- 14) Access to a bucket of baseballs at each equipment shed.
- 15) Access to a Bow-net for hitting balls into.
  - None for Tee-ball, one set for Rookies, two sets for all other levels

\*\* All levels except Rookie and Tee-ball

## Section 2. Equipment Responsibility

The Team Managers and Coaches, the League Directors, and the Equipment Manager(s) share the responsibility for the equipment.

### A) Equipment Manager

- 1) The equipment manager develops a budget at the beginning of the season. This budget is used to buy new equipment and repair existing equipment. The responsibilities of the equipment manager include:
  - 2) Maintaining the equipment storage shed in an orderly fashion during the off-season.
  - 3) Taking inventory of the equipment during the off-season and determine what is needed for the upcoming season.
  - 4) Develop a budget to be submitted to the Board of Directors for equipment purchases.
  - 5) Purchase new equipment.
  - 6) Purchase repair items and repair useable equipment.
  - 7) Restock equipment bags for each team, and label each equipment bag for each distinct division.
  - 8) Provide equipment to Division Directors at the beginning of the season including the All Star, Summer Ball and Fall Ball seasons.
  - 9) Respond to requests from Directors and/or Coaches for equipment needs.
  - 10) Collect equipment at the end of the season and return it to the shed.

### B) Directors

- 1) The League Directors play a key role in ensuring that all teams are assigned appropriate equipment and that requests for repairs, replacements, or special equipment are directed to the equipment manager. The responsibilities of the Division Directors include:
- 2) Meet with the equipment manager and pick up equipment at the beginning of the season at the storage shed.
- 3) Distribute equipment to the teams and keep records of contact phone numbers for each coach. In addition, the League Director assigns equipment to each coach according to distinct numbers on the equipment bags.
- 4) Provide the equipment manager with the contact phone numbers for each coach and the distinct equipment bag numbers assigned to each coach.
- 5) Check with coaches after equipment is assigned to ensure all equipment is in good working order and fits the players properly.
- 6) Convey equipment requests to the equipment manager.
- 7) Collect equipment from coaches and arrange for the return of the equipment to the equipment manager at the end of the season. Determine through conversations with coaches if any equipment is broken or missing, and convey this information to the equipment manager.
- 8) Directors should not recommend that coaches drop off equipment in the sheds at the baseball fields.
- 9) Continue to contact coaches until all equipment is returned to the equipment manager.

#### C) Managers and Coaches

Managers and coaches play a very important role in ensuring that the equipment is cared for properly and that loss or theft is prevented. The responsibilities of the managers and coaches include:

Inspect equipment at the beginning of the season for damage or needed repairs.

Ensure that all equipment fits the catchers, batters, etc. Contact the League Director or the equipment manager to exchange damaged equipment and equipment that does not fit players, for spare parts, or for other special requests.

Report to the equipment manager any items that are confiscated by umpires because of safety concerns (e.g., bats, helmets, etc.).

Instruct players on proper care and use of equipment. Do not allow players to abuse equipment under any circumstance.

Keep track of equipment to prevent loss or theft.  
Return equipment to the League Director at the end of the season.

Coaches should not drop off equipment in the sheds at the baseball fields.

Report damaged or lost equipment to the League Director or equipment manager at the end of the season.

## **Article VIII - Field Maintenance**

### **Section 1. Field Day**

(i) Inspect equipment at the beginning of the season for damage or needed repairs.

(ii) A "Field Day" will be set aside for work and maintenance on fields. No games or practices are to be scheduled on this day.

(iii) Field Day will also offer an instructional manager meeting. This will cover general use of tools and proper field grooming. Managers will only receive a key to the sheds if in attendance.

### **Section 2. Sheds**

(i) Shed locks are to be re-keyed or re-programmed every year at the end of Fall Ball season.

### **Section 3. Tractors & Equipment**

(i) Tractors are not to be operated by anyone without a valid driver's license, and preferably only the manager of the team or team field person.

(ii) Equipment is not to be used for personal use. All equipment is property of North Boise Little League.

- (iii) Fields will be drug after every game or practice.
- (iv) No use of spike drags on infield unless permitted by Field Maintenance Coordinator, or Field Maintainer.
- (v) Violation is subject to disciplinary action by the NBL Board of Directors.

#### **Section 4. Field Access & Sprinklers**

- (i) No vehicles are permitted on field unless approved by Field Maintenance Coordinator, or Field Maintainer.
- (ii) No access to sprinklers will be allowed unless permitted by the Field Maintenance Coordinator or Field Maintainer.

#### **Article IX - Field Ground Rules**

- (i) The UIC will prepare, post and distribute ground rules for each field at the beginning of each season.

#### **Article X - Administrative Policies**

##### **Section 1. Recommended Registration Dates**

- (i) Online registration will open the second week of October and proceed through the third week in January.
- (ii) Early Registration will be from the opening of online registration through December 31st. Early Registration will include up to a \$45 discount.
- (iii) Late registration dates will be determined by the Board in conjunction with the Division Director, for each individual Division based on specific needs and circumstances of the season and the Division.
- (iv) All registration shall be conducted online, in person registration is at the discretion of the Board.

## **Section 2. Registration Scholarships**

(i) All scholarship requests should be submitted in writing to the League President, said request should include the nature of the hardship and provide supporting documentation. Scholarship request should be submitted at least 7 days prior to the closing of registration.

(ii) The League President, Vice President and Treasurer shall approve all written scholarship applications, by majority vote.

## **Section 3. Refunds**

Applies to all divisions.

(i) A total refund will be given upon request through the last day prior to the start of tryouts.

(ii) If injured, a total refund will be given upon request at any time through the end of tryouts.

(iii) A 50% refund will be given upon request between tryouts and Opening Day.

(iv) After the player draft and team rostering no refunds will be given.

(v) All on-line credit card fees are non-refundable, regardless of when, or why a refund is requested.

## **Section 4. Insufficient Funds**

(i) This section refers to any checks or credit card charges returned for Insufficient Funds.

(ii) Items returned and marked as Insufficient Funds will be collected and presented to the issuing bank, in person, by the Treasurer or any other Board Member in an attempt to collect this debt.

(iii) A sufficient number of attempts will be made over a variety of dates as to maximize the possibility of obtaining the funds.

(iv) If this fails, a letter will be sent to the issuing party with a request to provide a cashiers check payable to the league or cash, in order to service this debt along with a fee to cover any charges incurred by NBLL relating to the returned item.

(v) If this second step fails, notice will be given to the Registrar, attached to next years registration form and payment in cash or cashiers check will be required in order to complete the registration process.

**Section 5. Community Sponsorships**

(i) A plaque along with a letter of thanks from NBLL will be provided to all entities that sponsor a team. Equal consideration and appreciation will be given to both monetary and trade sponsorships.

(ii) The responsibility of designing, ordering and delivering the plaques will be upon the Sponsorship Committee Chair.

(iii) The Information Officer will maintain a list of current Sponsors on the NBLL Website.

(iv) A list of Sponsors, addresses and contacts will be maintained and provided to the incumbent Sponsorship Committee Chair by the outgoing Sponsorship Committee Chair.

(v) These NBLL Bylaws approved by the North Boise Little League Board of Directors on March 3, 2019

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President's Name (print)  
Date

  
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President's Signature

Little League ID No.: 412 02 08

## **Bylaw Amendment**

[Amends Article V with respect to the player, manager and coach selection procedures for the tournament teams]

### Article V - Tournament Team Section

The tournament teams are selected as follows. NBL's Tournament Committee (TC) selects each team's Manager and 10 players. Each Manager selects the coaches and remaining players, all subject to TC confirmation. Each tournament team is required to roster at least 12 players. Rosters less than 12 must be approved by the TC.

Selection criteria includes the following: (1) Regular season performance, (2) special assessment performance, and (3) other considerations. At least one special assessment will be held.

The TC is comprised of the following: President, Vice President, Player Agent, Coaching Coordinator, All Star Coordinator, and the respective Division Director(s). In addition, each team within that age division is entitled a representative.

#### Tournament Teams:

13U (Majors & 50-70)

12U (Majors & 50-70)

11U (Majors)

10U (Majors & Minors)

9U (Minors)

## Section 2.

### All-Star Commitment Letter

The All-Star Coordinator will prepare a Commitment Letter for distribution by the League Directors to the players and parents of any eligible child wishing to participate in the Little League All-Star Tournament on an NBLL team.

This letter will state the following, at a minimum:

- A team of All-Star players will be selected in accordance with Article V (amendment). Attach the Amendment(s).
- The expected and possible duration of the All-Star season.
- The date the commitment letter must be returned.
- An expectation to attend 80% of practices and 100% of games and scrimmages available to that player. Absences allowed for illness or family emergency.
- Fees equal to that stated below which are due with the signed commitment letter 7 days post communication of selection to an All-Star team. Failure to provide the necessary documentation or payment will result in removal from the All-Star team.
- Signature lines for both the player and parent/guardian.
- Shirt size and two possible uniform number requests.
- Language including, "My player is League Age of 8-13, meets all residency requirements, has played in the minimum required number of NBLL Spring league games, and has attended the All-Star Special Assessment, making him/her eligible for to be considered for All-Stars.

I will provide documentation of eligibility, including the player's original birth certificate (if they are a first time North Boise Little League All-Star) and the official Little League school enrollment form prior to the first District "binder check" date where Idaho Little League District 2 officials will review the required documentation and confirm eligibility. This is typically done the first week of June."

Each player that agrees to the letter, signs and returns it by the designated time and participates in the Special Assessment will be placed on the All-Star ballot.

## Section 3. Tournament Uniforms Procedure

### A) Baseball

The Uniform Coordinator shall organize an ad hoc committee of interested league members to determine uniform specifics and the associated fees. A uniform recommendation will be presented by the Uniforms Coordinator annually at a board meeting.

### B) Softball



The Uniform Coordinator shall organize an ad hoc committee of interested league members to determine uniform specifics and the associated fees. A uniform recommendation will be presented by the Uniforms Coordinator annually at a Board Meeting.

#### C) Fee Policy

Fees for All-Stars shall be approved by the Board of Directors annually. Fees shall be determined for:

- 1) Uniforms (equal to the actual per player uniform costs)
- 2) Associated costs for the All-Star season (minimum of \$100/player). This is determined using the 2025 base rate with adjustments made annually to ensure that all All-Star related costs are covered by player fees.
  - a. All-Star related costs include, but are not limited to, water, equipment maintenance, fuel, clay, port-a-potties, baseball and softball equipment, etc.

As stated above, payment will be mandatory within 7 days post communication of selection to an All-Star team. Payment collection will be executed via an electronic payment service. (i.e. "Sports Connect").

Once uniforms have been ordered, no refunds shall be granted. Scholarships will be made available upon request.