



## **PENN VALLEY LITTLE LEAGUE**

### **Policies and Procedures**

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#### **REGISTRATION**

The league should open registration no later than November 15<sup>th</sup> for all divisions of play.

#### **REFUNDS**

Refunds of registration fees are available upon request in the event a player is no longer able to participate in PVLL, subject to the following guidelines.

Requests made prior to tryouts will be refunded 100%

Requests made after tryouts, but before uniforms have been purchased will be refunded at 50% of fees paid

There will be no refunds after uniforms have been ordered unless there are special circumstances (which will be discussed and voted on by the board)

#### **TRYOUTS**

Tryouts shall be conducted on two Saturday's in the month of January.

A minimum of four skills evaluators shall be present at each of the tryouts sessions.

#### **SCHEDULING OF GAMES**

On opening day all teams should be scheduled to play if possible. Coordinating different dates for opening day with other leagues will aide in this. Opening Day schedules should be completed before the remainder of the schedule. This will avoid reschedules after the fact.

Schedule the Minor games at 5pm instead of 7pm on weeknights. If a 7pm game is required then make sure Minor teams have no more than one 7pm game per week. Additionally, attempt to schedule an odd number of head-to-head league games to help facilitate TOC determination.

Avoid scheduling games during school spring breaks, open houses and on Memorial Day weekend.

Create a full schedule for Saturdays. The Major games are most likely to run long, so consider a Major game @ 12PM, followed by a Minor game, as those are shorter, and you can "catch up" if the Major game goes long.

### **CURFEW**

Minor Division: Games played Monday-Thursday shall end no later than 9:15pm.

Major Division: Games shall end no later than 9:45pm.

### **DOCUMENT CHECKS**

Document checks will be conducted during tryouts.

### **PRACTICES**

The Coaching Coordinator shall reserve the practice field at Williams Ranch School in early February, let them know you would like to use the field starting in March.

The Coaching Coordinator will assist in putting together a practice schedule for Managers. The Majors get first pick of practice times, then Minors, Farm and T-Ball. However, Majors should consider a later practice start time because of the children's ages.

### **DRAFT**

- See PENN VALLEY LITTLE LEAGUE DRAFT PROCESS
- See PENN VALLEY LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL PETITION POLICY

### **VIOLATION OF PITCHING RULES**

As a board, we understand that the rules are there for a reason. Specific to pitching and catching, these rules are based on research around what is safe for kids and their throwing arms at different stages of development. Ultimately, it is up to us as managers and as a league to keep kids safe. The following league policy is in place regarding pitching and catching rule violations:

"The first violation in a season of the pitching and catching rules as it relates to number of pitches, pitcher and/or catcher eligibility, or number of days rest for pitchers will result in the loss of one base coach for the rest of the game for the offending team. A second violation in the same season of any of the pitching/catching rules will result in an automatic one-game suspension of the manager. The suspension is for the very next game following notification of the Board of a violation, and the Board's subsequent verification that a violation took place. This suspension is automatic and not dependent on whether the violation was intentional or not, nor is it dependent on a protest being filed. Repeated violations, or violations that are deemed to be intentional, may result in further action by the Board."

Immediately upon being informed of a violation that is verified by the umpire, the offending manager must immediately make whatever player substitution(s) necessary to rectify the situation.

Additionally, managers must ensure that the official scorebook reflect any and all position changes for any pitchers and catchers. As such, any time that a team uses a new pitcher, or changes catchers, that change must be reflected in the scorebook. Substitutions not involving pitchers or catchers need not be reflected in the scorebook. Violations of this may also result in similar consequences as above."

### **TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS**

Juniors - 1st place team advances to TOC.

Majors - 1st place advances to TOC.

Minors: 1st place team advances to TOC.

### **DETERMINATION OF DIVISION CHAMPIONS**

Major Division:

1. The Major Division Champion shall be based on the best overall season record. The team in each league with the best win-loss record shall be declared champion of the league.
  - a. If two teams in the Major division end with the same win-loss record, then the champion shall be determined by the better record in head-to-head games versus each other. If the head-to-head record is the same then the team that scored the most runs in the head-to-head games shall be declared the champion. If a tie still exists then a one game playoff shall be played to determine the winner.

Minor Division:

1. The Minor division team with the best head-to-head record in the league shall be declared the champion.
  - a. If two teams in the Minor division end with the same head-to-head record then a one game playoff shall be played to determine the champion.

### **ALL STARS SELECTION**

The PVLL Board of Directors will vote to determine the number of All Star teams that will represent

the league in the tournament. Once this is determined the following procedure will be used to make player selections.

1. Each AAA Minor & Major division player gets 6 votes for All Stars. The top 4 vote-getters for each division are on their respective All Star team.
2. The next 4 players are selected collectively by the managers of the division. The remaining 4-5 players are selected solely by the All-Star manager.  
*\*Every effort should be made to pull eligible players from all teams in the division.\**
  - a. The selected manager can collaborate with the other divisional managers about additional players that should be considered for the All Star team. It's recommend that the All Star manager **NOT** select the remaining 4-5 players for their team before the meeting is adjourned. The manager should take a couple of days to think, and without pressure from the other managers make their selections.
3. Divisional draft sequence is as follows; Juniors 1st, Majors (10/11/12) 2nd, and then the Minors (8/9/10/) or the (9/10/11) team 3rd.
4. All Stars selection information should be kept confidential. Managers who are privy to roster information and do not take it seriously, thus disseminating roster information or selection discussions, will be subject to disciplinary action.

PVLL Board recommends that no more than 13 players should be on each All Star team. The managers want to have as many kids as possible be recognized on All Stars, but with 14 kids on a team, there are two or more who play very little, if at all. With more than 13 kids it's very difficult to win, and it will ensure a good number of disappointed parents.

### **ALL STARS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Team announcements can be made as early as June 1<sup>st</sup> but not before.