



2021 DIXON LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL LOCAL RULES

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ARTICLE I – GENERAL RULES

SECTION 1 – SPECIAL COVID PROTOCOL FOR 2021 SEASON

- A. Special COVID protocol has been adopted for the 2021 season following guidance from Little League International, Little League District 64, the Centers for Disease Control, and the California Department of Public Health to protect players, coaches, umpires, and spectators.
- B. Players shall wear appropriate face coverings at all times when in the dugout. Players are required to apply their face covering before entering the dugout and may only remove it once they have exited the dugout onto the playing field.
 - 1) Players are not required to wear face coverings on the field while batting, running the bases, or playing a defensive position in the field with the exception of the catcher.
 - i. Catchers are required to wear an appropriate face covering while playing defense.
- C. Managers, Coaches, and any other volunteer on the field or in the dugout shall wear appropriate face coverings at all times.
- D. Umpires shall wear appropriate face coverings at all times where social distancing cannot be maintained.
- E. No food shall be allowed or consumed in the dugout or on the playing field at any time. This prohibition includes, but is not limited to, sunflower seeds, gum, and candy.

SECTION 2 – CONDUCT

- A. Managers, coaches, and umpires are responsible for the safety and behavior of their players on and around the field (including practices).
- B. Prohibited behavior by managers, coaches, umpires, parents or spectators on or around practice or games fields:
 - 1) Use of profane, foul, and/or abusive language.
 - 2) Consumption of alcoholic beverages
 - 3) Being under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance.Violators will be asked to leave the area immediately by the Officer of the Day, DLL Board Member, or Umpire in Charge. Managers, coaches, or umpires under the influence of alcohol are subject to immediate expulsion from the league and must have board approval prior to attending any DLL

functions. Repeat offenders will be barred indefinitely from any further participation, including as a spectator, in all youth baseball activities.

- C. Equipment abuse, such as throwing helmets, hitting or throwing bats against fences, etc., will not be allowed at any time. After the first offense, the team will receive one warning and all sequential abuse will result in the player being ejected from the game.
- D. Any manager, coach or player or spectator ejected or suspended from a game MUST leave the Little League complex immediately (boundaries as determined by the City if Dixon includes any grounds past all outfield fences from the soccer arena fence to the High School parking lot and from the DLL Parking lot to the rear dirt lots/hills, Jrs Field ejections boundaries will include Skate Park to Softball Snack bar and Jrs parking lot to include complex boundaries to high school parking lot) (LLB Rule 4.07) and not return until notified by his/her division representative. If necessary, must meet with their division Player Agent who shall investigate the incident and present the facts along with his/her recommendations to the Board of Directors or a duly appointed committee of the Board of Directors; and/or review the facts of the incident and, if necessary, recommend any additional punishment.
- E. Any player, manager or coach ejected from the game by an umpire or board member will be subject to discipline as decided by the local league board of directors but in no case shall the discipline be less than one (1) game suspension.

NOTE: Repeated incidents will not be tolerated and are adequate justification for permanent suspension from the league.

SECTION 3– COMPLAINTS

Managers, coaches, and parents should first consult their DIVISION REP prior to taking complaints to the Board of Directors or to individual board members.

SECTION 4 – LOCAL RULES

Dixon Little League Local Rules will remain in effect for the duration of the season. Any local rules that are to be amended must be done by a 2/3 majority vote by its Board of Directors.

ARTICLE II – SPECIFIC LEAGUE COMPOSITION

SECTION 1 – JUNIORS LEAGUE RULES

The Juniors Division will utilize the District 64 Inter-League Baseball & Softball Rules for Juniors Division.

SECTION 2 – 50/70 INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE RULES

The 50/70 Intermediate Division will utilize the District 64 Inter-League Baseball & Softball Rules for the 50/70 Intermediate Division.

ARTICLE III - GENERAL LEAGUE RULES

SECTION 1 – PLAYING TIME

All Divisions

Playing time shall be in compliance with LLB regulation IV(I). Players removed by the manager for disciplinary reasons during practices, before, during, or after a game or ejected from a game by an umpire for unsportsmanlike conduct “do” constitute an exception to this rule.

- A. All players must play two full games per season.
- B. Any manager wishing to suspend a player for disciplinary reasons must receive board approval prior to implementing said suspension.

SECTION 2 – RUN RULE

As allowed by LLB Rule 4.10 (e), DLL will exercise the option to implement the 10 run rule after four innings or three and one half innings if the home team is ahead. In the last inning, the five run rule is not implemented and the inning is completed after a team totals three outs, bats through the line up once, or the home team wins the game.

SECTION 3 – TIME LIMIT

A. Major's Division

There is no time limit unless there is a game immediately following, then there is no new inning after 2 hours, 15 minutes, or until curfew.

B. AAA Division

The last inning is defined as the next full inning starting after one (1) hour and 40 minutes from the official start time of the game. Examples: Inning ends at one hour and 39 minutes, then next inning will be a five run limit

inning. Inning ends at one hour and 40 minutes, next inning is declared the last inning of the game.

Note: No new inning may begin after 2 hours regardless if inning is declared last inning or not.

C. AA Division

Games will not exceed 2 hours during the first half of the season. Games not completed at the two hour mark will revert back to the previous full inning score. At the beginning of the second half of the season, AA will play by all of the AAA rules, including the time limit.

D. A Division

Games shall be no more than six (6) innings. Games are limited to one (1) hour and 30 minutes. Score will not be kept.

E. Tee-Ball Division

Games shall be no more than one (1) hour. Score will not be kept.

SECTION 4 - SCOREKEEPING

- A. The home team is responsible to provide an official scorekeeper and pitch counter. Official game start time is to be confirmed with umpire and recorded in the official scorebook by the scorekeeper, no exceptions. If the Home team is not able to provide a scorekeeper, the manager has to do the book and is not able to coach from the scorekeeper table.
- B. The official scorekeeper and pitch counter will be completed at the scorer's table.

ARTICLE IV - SPECIFIC AAA, AA, A, AND TEE-BALL RULES

SECTION 1 – AAA & AA Divisions

- A. The batting team will be retired when they have accumulated three outs or five runs, whichever comes first, or when all players on the roster have batted one time in a half inning.
- B. Last inning in accordance with LLB Rule 5.07:
 - 1) Three outs are recorded, or,
 - 2) All players on the roster have batted once in that half-inning.
 - 3) Last inning is defined as in Article 3, Section 3.

SECTION 2 – AA Division

A. Special Rules after 4 Balls:

- 1) There are no walks. If a pitcher pitches a fourth ball, the batter's manager/coach will pitch to the batter. The catcher and umpire will remain in position behind the plate. The batter's strike count remains with the batter when the manager/coach begins to pitch.
 - 2) After 3 strikes (including previous count) or 3 pitches, whichever comes first, the batter is called out if they have not put the ball in play. The batter does not get extra pitches if the manager/coach does not hit the strike zone. If the 3rd and any subsequent pitches are fouled off, the batter will continue to receive additional pitches. The batter will not be awarded a base if hit by a manager/coach pitch. If the ball is hit and subsequently hits the manager/coach, the batter will be awarded first base. Other runners will only advance if forced. If a manager/coach is not comfortable pitching they may request that the opposing manager/coach pitch on their behalf Ball/Strike Count rules (when manager/coach begins to pitch):
 - Count is 4-0; Manager/coach has 3 pitches; unless 3rd pitch is fouled off.
 - Count is 4-1; Manager/coach has 2 pitches; batter has 2 remaining strikes, unless 2nd pitch is fouled off.
 - Count is 4-2; Manager/Coach has 1 pitch; batter has 1 remaining strike, unless pitch is fouled off.
- B. If the ball is overthrown at any base, base runners may advance one base only, at their own risk, even if the second attempt to throw them out is miss-played or overthrown again.
- C. Base stealing is permitted only with 2 outs. The runner may advance only to the base attempted to be stolen Runners will NOT be allowed to advance on an overthrow.
- D. Stealing home is not allowed, even if a play is made on a runner attempting to steal 3rd base. Runner may advance home only on a play that begins with a batted ball (exception: runners forced home by hit batter).
- E. Coaches must pitch from the rubber and must throw overhand. The pitcher must stand to the right or left of the pitching rubber and have at least one foot on the mound.
- F. The second half of the season, Minor AA will use Minor AAA rules for the remainder of the season, kid pitch only. The second half of the season will be indicated on the game schedule.

SECTION 3 – A Division

- A. During the first half of the season, one manager or coaches may be on the field for instructional purposes, but shall not assist runners or touch a live ball. At least one adult manager or coach must be in the dugout at all times, in accordance with LLB regulation XIV – Field Decorum. For the second half of the season, coaches must manage the game from their respective dugout. Throughout the season, there must be an adult defensive coach on the field behind the catcher to control missed pitches and keep the game flowing.
- B. Score will not be kept.
- C. An inning consists of the offensive team either batting through their roster or until 3 outs are made by a defensive position player.
- D. There must be a minimum of seven (7) players to start a game and a maximum of nine (9) players on the field and no player shall sit out more than one defensive inning.
- E. Coaches must pitch from the rubber and must throw overhand. The pitcher must stand to the right or left of the pitching rubber and have at least one foot on the mound. Runners may not advance unless the ball is hit.
- F. Bunting will not be allowed during the entire season. An intentional bunt will be considered a strikeout.
- G. Each batter will receive up to seven pitches to get a hit.
 - 1) There will be no called balls or walks. The batter is not awarded first base for being struck by a pitch.
 - 2) There will be no called strikes or strikeouts.
 - 3) If the batter does not hit the ball in fair play after the 7th pitch, the batter is retired and no out is recorded.
- H. When a ball is put into play by the batter, play shall stop when the ball is thrown to the pitcher whether it is caught or not. If a defensive play attempts to throw to base and is overthrown, the runner is allowed to advance one base and then the play is dead.
- I. If the batted ball hits the pitcher, the ball becomes dead, and the batter is awarded first base. Runners advance if forced. If the league-approved coach pitcher intentionally interfered with the play, the batter is out and no runners advance. Incidental contact between the player pitcher and league-approved pitcher shall not be deemed interference.

- J. The “pitcher” on the team in the field does not pitch. He is a fielder only. He must begin each pitch at a distance from the plate even with the pitching rubber to the right or left. For safety reasons, he cannot leave this position until the ball is pitched.
- K. For safety reasons, no infielder may play closer than 60 feet away from the batter.
- L. The infield fly rule will not apply.

SECTION 4 – Tee-Ball Division

- A. All players must hit off the tee to begin the season.
- B. After completing the first half of the scheduled games, managers/coaches may pitch to players. If the batter has not hit after 5 pitches, they must hit off the tee.
- C. Runners may not advance unless the ball is hit and score will not be kept.
- D. An inning consists of the offensive team batting through their roster. Once three outs are made, the bases will be cleared of runners and the offensive team will continue their at bat until all players have batted.
- E. There will be no more than two (2) league approved coaches on the field from the defensive team. These coaches are to be in the outfield only, behind the infielders. There must be an adult in the dugout at all times.
- F. The play shall stop when the ball is thrown to the pitcher whether it is caught or not.
- G. One base on an overthrow and the play is dead.
- H. No player shall sit out more than one defensive inning.
- I. When a team is batting, two league approved coaches and the adult pitcher are permitted on the field. The coaches must remain in the coaching boxes at all times during play.
- J. The “pitcher” on the team in the field does not pitch. He is a fielder only. For safety reasons, he cannot leave this position until the ball is pitched
- K. For safety reasons, no infielder may play closer than 40 feet away from the batter.

ARTICLE V - SKILLS ASSESSMENT, DRAFT, TEAM ASSIGNMENTS & FILLING VACANCIES

SECTION 1 – Skills Assessment

Skills assessment will be conducted in accordance with the LLB Operating Manual. All players who will turn the age of 7 prior to August 31st must attend one of the league scheduled skills assessment. A player who does not attend skills assessment must, in writing, notify the director of baseball explaining why their child did not attend and be approved by the board of directors prior to participation in the league. If a player does not attend skills assessment and does not notify, in writing, to the board reasons why, they will not be eligible to play All Stars.

SECTION 2 – Draft

DLL will use Option B draft method for all divisions. DLL's draft shall be in compliance with the Little League Draft Selection System as detailed in the LLB Operating Manual and LLB's common pool draft method procedure.

Draft attendance is by each team manager, or a coach as the team representative, Information Officer and Draft Committee: President, Vice President and Director of Baseball.

SECTION 3 – Team Assignments

After the Junior, 50/70, Majors, AAA, AA, and A League drafts are completed, players will be assigned to Tee Ball teams based on age of four, five and six year olds. Every effort will be made to divide age, talent, and experience equally across each division.

SECTION 4 – Filling Vacancies

- A. Player replacements shall be in accordance with LLB Operating Manual through the Player Agents in accordance with LLB rule III.
- B. The manager of a team that loses a player from their roster will have three (3) calendar days from the notification date to contact their division player agent to replace that player. The manager may request a specific player for consideration to the team. Although, Player Agent will endeavor to follow the request, the final decision shall be at the sole discretion of the Player Agent.
- C. During the season, if any player refuses to be drafted to the next higher division, they will be traded laterally to the team that completes the draft.

- D. No permanent replacement from minor to major division during the last two weeks of the regular season.

ARTICLE VI – THE SEASON & PLAYOFFS

SECTION 1 – Length of Season

The season will be played over approximately 9 weeks.

SECTION 2 – Rainouts, Reschedules, Continuations

Rained out, rescheduled or any unforeseen continuation games shall be rescheduled by the Director of Baseball or approved Dixon Little League Officer.

If you are unable to field a team, you must provide details of why you are unable to field a team, in writing to DLL President and Director of Baseball.

SECTION 3 – Division Championship

- A. The Juniors and 50/70 Intermediate divisions will follow the District 64 Rules.
- B. Majors, AAA, and AA Division Champion will be determined by the winner of a one game playoff between the winner of the first half of the season against the winner of the second half of the season. The first and second half standings will be based on each individual team's record based on when they played half of their respective games. In the event of a tie between winners of either half, the winner will be decided by the team with the best head-to-head record, runs against head-to-head, and then runs against overall per half.

In the event the same team wins the 1st half and 2nd half of the season, the team with the next best overall season record shall play for the championship as the second seed. In this circumstance, the first seed team must win one game against the second seed team to win the championship. The second seed team must win two games against the first seed team to win the championship.

Any ties will be determined by the tie breaker rule listed above. The winner will represent DLL in the Tournament of Champions.

SECTION 4 – Division Championship Rules

Regular season rules shall be followed, including pitching. However, no game shall end in a tie and there shall be no time limit on the games, other than the established

curfews. Home team will be determined by a coin toss prior to the game. The team with the better overall record will call the coin toss or has the option to defer to the opposing team. The home team shall occupy the first base dugout.

ARTICLE VII – ALL-STAR TEAMS

SECTION 1 – All-Star Player Selection

- A. Approximately two weeks before the end of the season, league's Director of Baseball shall call separate meetings of all managers in the 50/70 Intermediate, Majors and AAA Divisions. Players will be given an All-Star selection ballot to cast their vote.
- B. Players from each respective Division will cast five votes for players from their division for their respective league age tournament. The top five players will win automatic selection onto their respective age tournament.
- C. Each tournament All-Star manager will select the remaining All-Star team at his/her discretion by selecting 4 to 9 more players to complete the roster.

SECTION 2 – All-Star Manager and Coaches Selection

The Intermediate 50/70 All-Star manager will be the highest seeded Dixon team in the Intermediate 50/70 division. The 10-11-12 year old All-Star manager will be the winner of the Majors division. The 8-9-10 All-Star manager will be the winner of the AAA division. All-Star managers will select two coaches at their discretion. In the event the league decides to have a 9-10-11 All-Star team, the manager of the winning AAA division team shall have the option to manage either the 8-9-10 team or the 9-10-11 team. The board will select the manager from either the 50/70, Majors or AAA division who volunteers to manage the remaining open team.

In the event the winning manager is unable to manage, the board of directors will select from a group of interested regular season managers/coaches. All managers/coaches are subject to approval by the local league board of directors.

All Star teams are selected in order of: 10-11-12 team first; 8-9-10 team is selected 2nd and if the league has a 9-10-11 team, that team will be selected last.

SECTION 3 – Other “Special Tournament” Teams

The players, managers and coaches of any other Little League Baseball approved “Special Tournament” teams shall be nominated and selected in the same manner as described in section A and B above.

The undersigned, being members of the Dixon Little League Executive Board, do unanimously agree and certify the above local rules passed by the 2021 Dixon Little League Board.

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