

Four County Little League 2017 By-Laws

Ratified February 1, 2017

1. Divisions: The below division structure shall be in place unless the number of players will not support such a break down. The Board of Directors reserves the right to change or modify the below structure to suit the needs of the league.

- a. Division Structure: Baseball (Subject to available players)

- i. Division Breakdown: (See supplemental "House Rules" for each division)

1. Juniors (league age 13-15)
 2. Intermediate (11-13) *see vii below*
 3. Majors (league age 9-12)
 4. Sunday Travel (ages 9-11) *see viii below*
 5. Minor League "AAA" (league age 8-11, advanced minors)
 6. Minor League "AA" (league age 7-11, beginner minors)
 7. Rookies "A" (league age 7 & 8, machine pitch)
 8. T-Ball (league age 4 & 6)

- ii. Players league age 4 through 6 shall play T-Ball (Exception: With concurrence of the parents, player and Division Director, those 6-year-olds who played Tee Ball in a previous season may be moved up to Rookies Division A (machine pitch).

- iii. Players league age 7 & 8 shall play Minor League Division A (machine pitch), unless the player evaluates for the AA division.

All players league age 7-11 will be evaluated and based on the evaluation, will be placed in the proper division. Note: Players league age 7, who have not previously played in Minors (*moving from Rookies A to Minors*), will evaluate, but will play their first season of minors kid pitch in Minors AA regardless of their score. Also, players who are not deemed ready for Minors AA may be placed in Rookies A division.

- ii. Players league age 9-12 will be evaluated and may be considered for Major Division teams. If not selected for a Major Division team, these players will be placed in a proper division.

- iii. The Intermediate division will run in conjunction with the players ordinary Majors/Juniors teams. Players may play in tandem with Majors and Intermediate or Intermediate and Juniors. Players interested in the Intermediate Division must try out. Note: If an 11 or 12 year old player wishes to only play Intermediate, he/she will not be considered for the Intermediate Division if he/she would not have normally made the Majors division. FCLL will work with the other District 2 leagues for "Interleague" play to maximize the number of in season games. The teenage division director or the Player agent shall conduct a draft for this division if necessary.

- iv. Junior Division: All players league age 13-15 must try out and will be placed on a team. The league will work with the other District 2

leagues for “Interleague” play to maximize the number of in season games. The teenage division director or the Player agent shall conduct a draft for this division if necessary.

v. In conjunction with Maryland District 2, FCLL will participate in a Sunday Travel style program in which player, ages 9 and 10, may tryout to be selected to a team. The purpose of the program is to enhance the other divisions of FCLL by creating an opportunity for our players who want “additional” baseball to be able to play additional games under the umbrella of FCLL and Little League Baseball. Selection to these teams in no way guarantees a player a position on a postseason All Star team. (*See #4 for the All Star selection process.*) Players MUST play for a regular season divisional team (ie. Majors, Minors) and in addition he/she may play the Sunday Select program. No player will be permitted to play the Sunday Select program only.

b. Division Structure: Softball

i. Division Breakdown: (See supplemental “House Rules” for each division)

1. 14u - Juniors (league age 13-15)
2. 12u - Majors (league age 9-12)
3. 10u - Minor League (league age 8-10)
4. 8u - Rookies Coach Pitch (league age 6-8)

ii. Players league age 4 and 5 shall play T-Ball

iii. 8u - Players league age 6- 8 shall play 8u Rookies Coach Pitch. League age 8 yr old players may be considered for the 10u division, based on evaluations.

iv. 10u - All players league age 8-10 will be evaluated and based on the evaluation, will be placed in the proper division. Players league age 9 and 10 will play 10u Minors unless selected for the Majors division.

v. 12u - Players league age 9-12 will be evaluated and may be considered for Major Division teams. If not selected for a Major Division team, these players will be placed in a proper division.

vi. 14u - Junior Division: All players league age 13-15 must try out and will be placed on a team. The league will work with the other District 2 leagues for “Interleague” play to maximize the number of in season games. The teenage division director or the Player agent shall conduct a draft for this division if necessary.

2. Evaluations/Team Selection (baseball and softball)

a. The Evaluation committee will be named by the January FCLL BOD meeting. All Majors/Minors candidates shall attend one of two evaluations to be held by the end of February 2017. If a player fails to attend a scheduled evaluation session, he may apply to the league for a waiver to play in the Major Division.

- i. Players will come at their designated age group time
- ii. Each player will be provided a number for identification

- iii. Each player will be scored on various skills and a final score will be given to each player at the end of the evaluation process
 - b. Ranking: All players will be ranked based on their score at the evaluation process. The evaluation committee, along with the player agent and president will make slight modifications to the rankings as needed. If an individual does not make the evaluations and has never played in the Majors division during a spring season, he/she may be considered for the Majors Division at the discretion of the evaluation committee.
 - c. The number of Majors teams will be determined by the evaluation committee based on the number of qualified candidates to choose from.
 - d. Each Majors team will have 12 players drafted to each team. The top evaluated players (36, 48, or 60 – depending on the number of teams) will be placed in the Majors draft.
 - e. If a Minors division player declines to be drafted to the Majors division, he/she can not be promoted to the Majors at a later time if a vacancy becomes available.
 - f. Four County Little League will conduct the draft using its own modified Plan B-style draft which has been approved by the charter committee. (*See FCLL Draft Procedure*) For the Juniors Division, the Player Agent will work with the Juniors director to ensure the teams are balanced.
 - g. For the Sunday Travel program, players will attend a separate tryout in addition to the normal evaluation session. FCLL will field as many teams as possible, but all players will not make the travel team. The manager of the Sunday Travel team(s) will select the players and present his team to the evaluation committee and the evaluation committee may accept or modify the recommendation.
3. Schedule/Regular Season
- a. All Managers/Coaches will be required to be PCA trained/certified and the certification will need to be renewed every two years. The league will provide the training for each Manager/Coach.
 - b. The season will begin on April 7, 2017 and end on June 17, 2017 (*games may also be played prior to or after these dates*)
 - c. The Juniors division will schedule at least 15 games.
 - d. The Intermediate division will schedule at least 12 games.
 - e. The Majors division will have a 12-15 game regular season schedule. There will be a full double elimination tournament at the end of the regular season to determine the team that will represent the league at the Maryland District 2 Tournament of Champions. The tournament bracket will be determined by division standings. The team with the best record will be seeded #1, the team with the second best record will be seeded #2, etc. etc.
 - f. The Minors AAA division will have a 12 - 15 game season with a competitive tournament at the end of the season to determine the Minors AAA Champion. Minors AA division will have a minimum of 12 games played with the focus on being player development, teamwork and having fun.
 - g. The Sunday Travel program will have District 2 schedule of 8 to 10 games

in addition to the player's regular season division games.

h. Softball teams will have 12 - 15 games scheduled.

i. During the regular season, any player who is out of the lineup for more than three consecutive weeks (or six games) is subject to being removed from his/her team by action of the Board of Directors. However, the Board of Directors reserves the right to allow such player to remain on the roster. Managers must make the player agent aware if any player misses more than two consecutive games for any reason. Failure to do may be cause for disciplinary action against the manager. (See Regulation III (d))

j. No player may be called up from a Minor League to a Major League team in the last two weeks of the regular season. (See Regulation III (d) 2)

4. All Stars/Post Season (baseball and softball):

a. The All Star Committee will be selected by the May BOD meeting.

b. All-Star managers/coaches shall be appointed by the president and approved by the Board of Directors.

c. The All-Star Committee, approved by the BOD, will determine which All Star teams will be fielded (*ex. 9-10, 10-11, Little League, Intermediate or Juniors*),

d. All Star teams will be selected using the ballot system. All Managers, Coaches (*only two rostered coaches per team*) and umpires, who have umpired at least 5 games in that division, may vote. The ballot will contain only the names of players who represent that they are available for the All-Stars.

i. Juniors:

1. Each voter will select the top nine (9) players.

2. The top nine (9) players in number of votes qualify for the All-Star team.

3. The manager of the All-Star team will select the balance of the team.

ii. Intermediate: (*note: Players, who have played in more than one division, will have to "declare" which division they wish to play for. The player will only be able to "declare" and be eligible for one divisional All Star Team. If a player declares in one division, he may not go on the ballot of the other, but shall be available as a "coach pick" if not selected for the declared division*)

1. Each voter will select the top nine (9) players.

2. The top nine (9) players in number of votes qualify for the All-Star team.

3. The manager of the All-Star team will select the balance of the team.

iii. Majors (LL tournaments - 9/10, 10/11 and 11/12):

1. Each voter will select the top nine (9) players.

2. The top nine (9) players in number of votes qualify for the All-Star team.

3. The manager of the All-Star team will select the balance of the team.

- iv. Minors:
 - 1. The voter will select the top 24 players and two teams shall be created from these 24 players. The two teams will play an all-star game against each other to showcase their talent.
 - 2. The Minors All-Star Manager will select his team from the top 24 selected players.
 - 3. The coaching director will insure the managers/coaches will have updated information on the players so that an informed decision can be made by each manager/coach
- v. All-Star teams may play additional “special tournament” games at the direction of the tournament director or player agent.
- e. There is no All Star team or postseason for the Sunday Travel program.
- 5. “Game Day” ground rules will be posted by the Umpire in Chief prior to the start of the season.