



The following rules are not meant to replace any rules in the Little League Baseball Regulation and Rulebook as published by Little League Baseball, Inc. These rules shall be considered the policy of this League, per Article XI, Section 3 of the Constitution, and shall be voted upon per the Constitution.

ARTICLE I - GENERAL LEAGUE POLICY

Section 1. Season and Official Communication Definition

The League Season shall begin January 2022 and terminate no later than November 2022, which includes the Fall Ball Season.

The official League communication will be email.

Section 2. Number of Games per Season

The Spring season will consist of a minimum of ten (10) games for Tee Ball and Rookie, twelve (12) games for Single A, and a minimum of fifteen (15) games for AA, AAA, Majors and Intermediate. Juniors will have a minimum of twelve (12) games and Seniors will have a minimum of ten (10) games.

The Fall season will consist of a minimum nine (9) scheduled games for all divisions.

For draft level divisions (AA and up), there will be an end of season tournament to determine the 1st and 2nd place team for the Spring baseball season. Rankings from the regular season will be used to establish the brackets for the end of season tournament. Rankings shall be determined on a points-based system, whereby 2 points are earned for a Win, 1 point is earned for a Tie, and 0 points earned for a Loss. Tie-breaker will be Head to Head, then Run Differential.

Any game that is delayed, suspended, or postponed shall have the potential to be rescheduled based on time, field availability, game count necessity, and manager availability.

Section 3. Registration

Lake Forest Little League will require a Registration Fee for each child participating in a Little League program. This fee will be collected every season during the registration period. The fee amount will be set at the time of the annual budget by the Treasurer and the President and approved by the Board of Directors. These fees are required, regardless of the program levels. Players in the Challengers Division will pay a Uniform Fee should they need a new uniform. The League President must allow for individual hardship cases, where it can be clearly established

that a family cannot afford to pay the registration fee. Under no circumstances will a child be denied the opportunity to participate in Little League due to financial hardship.

Registration will close on the day prior to evaluations for all draft level divisions. Tee Ball, Rookie, and Single A will have open registration until each team reaches a roster of eleven (11) players or two weeks after the games have begun, whichever happens first. AA, AAA, and Majors divisions will have a maximum roster of twelve (12) players. For draft divisions, a new registration after evaluations will be accepted for justifiable reasons, which will be determined by the Executive Committee on a case by case basis. Players added due to a justifiable reason will be placed on a team at the lowest division they are able to play based on league age. Their team will be determined by a blind hat pick conducted by the Division Commissioner in the physical presence of the Player Agent and the President.

Section 4. Volunteers

Each player must provide a volunteer each season. Volunteer opportunities will be determined by the Board of Directors and listed at the beginning of, and periodically throughout the season. Players that do not fulfill the volunteer requirement will be charged a volunteer opt-out fee to be set by the Board of Directors and listed in the registration information. The opt-out fee must be paid before the player and any other family member can participate in any future seasons.

Section 5. Fundraising

LFL will conduct fundraiser(s) throughout the season.

Section 6. Three Strike Policy

Three Strike Policy:

1. 1st offense: If an individual is ejected or officially suspended they will receive a minimum 1-2 game suspension based on severity to be determined by the Executive Committee. The individual will be brought in front of the Executive Committee. Incident will be on the individual's record.
2. 2nd offense: Minimum 1-2 game suspension based on severity to be determined by the Executive Committee and/or possible suspension for remainder of season, including TOC, All-Stars and Fall Ball. The individual must submit a letter of apology and appear before the Executive Committee for reinstatement. The individual is no longer eligible to participate in All-Stars.
3. 3rd offense: Lifelong ban from Lake Forest Little League. District 55 will be notified.
 - a. Individuals shall have the opportunity to appeal the decision to the Board of Directors.

Section 7. Little League Supplies/Equipment/Property

The League will not lend equipment for use at non-Little League functions.

Equipment:

- a. All divisions will receive equipment from the Equipment Manager before the start of the Spring and/or Fall season. Each manager must sign an itemized list of equipment upon

- receipt. All equipment is due back to the Equipment Manager after the conclusion of the season. The Manager is responsible for a fee of \$250 if equipment is not returned.
- b. Emergency equipment purchases must be pre-approved by the Treasurer and President.

Section 8. Background Checks

All volunteers are required to complete a background check using JDP which grants permission for a criminal background check. A list of approved volunteers will be kept and maintained by the Safety Officer.

ARTICLE II - PLAYERS

Section 1. Draft Level Teams

- a. AA, AAA, Majors, Intermediate, Juniors, and Seniors will draft teams.
- b. Lake Forest Little League will use Plan B – Redraft (*Alternate Method*) as outlined in the Little League Baseball Policies for Local League Draft Methods, within the section entitled Methods for Existing Leagues.
- c. The draft order will be selected randomly and will be conducted in serpentine order.
- d. All managers must be in attendance for the draft. If a manager is unable to attend, a substitute for the manager may be appointed with the President’s approval.
- e. If a manager has children eligible for the draft and wishes to draft them, he/she must submit the option in writing to the Player Agent prior to the draft. If so stated, the manager must draft his/her child on or before the round shown in the chart below. If there are two or more children of a manager that were to play on the same team, the first child must be drafted by the round specified below. Siblings will be protected for one (1) round.

Draft Round	League Age			
	AAA, AA	Majors	Intermediate	Juniors
5	10, 9, 8	10	-	-
4	11	11	12	13
3	-	12	13	14

- f. Draft manipulation will not be tolerated. If draft manipulation is discovered, the President may remove the offending manager(s).

Section 2. Trading Players

- a. Following the draft, managers may trade players while still in the draft room.
- b. All trades must be player for player.
- c. All trades must be made through the Player Agent and with the approval of the Player Agent and President.
- d. Parents of AA and up players who become managers after their children have been drafted to a team may not automatically claim their sons or daughters, but must trade for their child. All trades must be player for player only, by mutual agreement of the managers, through the Player Agent, and approved by the Board of Directors.
- e. Final Rosters will be submitted to the managers the day after the AA draft is complete .

- f. Managers may not notify players of team placement until the Player Agent has given permission to all managers in draft divisions (AA and up).

Section 3. Replacement Players

- a. If a player leaves a team, the manager must notify the Lake Forest Little League Board of Directors via the Player Agent in writing within five (5) days.
- b. In Majors and above, the manager must select a replacement player from the division immediately below. Waitlisted players will be placed on the waitlist for the lowest division they qualify for by age (example: 10-year-old would be on the AA waitlist).
- c. AA or AAA, the team may operate with the reduced roster.

Section 4. Player Agent Responsibility

All players shall come from the Player Agent.

Section 5. Required Forms

Required forms must be obtained from all players in all divisions of the league prior to participation in clinics, practices, or games.

Section 6. Division Age Structure

The following will be age ranges for the divisions of Lake Forest Little League as determined by the Little League Age Chart:

Division	League Ages	Assignment
*Tee Ball:	4, 5, 6	Assigned by Player Agent
*Rookie:	6, 7	Assigned by Player Agent
Single A:	7, 8	Assigned by Player Agent
AA:	8, 9, 10	Evaluations and Draft
AAA:	9, 10, 11	Evaluations and Draft
Majors:	10, 11, 12	Evaluations and Draft
Intermediate:	12, 13	Evaluations and Draft
Juniors:	13, 14	Evaluations and Draft
Seniors:	14, 15, 16	Evaluations and Draft

*Exception Clause: Players who are league age five (5) with verified Little League experience can play Rookie under the discretion of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE III - Manager Selection

Section 1. General

The Coaching Commissioner gets a list of interested parties. Next, the Coaching Commissioner presents the list to the President for tentative approval and then the list goes before the Board of Directors.

Board Members in attendance will be asked to leave the meeting when their division is discussed.

Manager's being considered for selection will have their player(s) attend an evaluation prior to manager selection. This will apply to all managers with players league age 8 and up

ARTICLE IV – Tournament Play

Section 1. All-Star Manager Selection

Managers for the All-Stars will be selected with a manager vote. The rostered assistant coaches and managers will have the option to be on the All-Star Manager Ballot The top vote getters will be given first choice at the All-Star manager position. The All-Star Manager may select a maximum of one (1) rostered coach from their regular season team for divisions with three (3) or more teams, subject to Executive Committee approval to serve as the rostered assistant coach.

Executive Board Members who are NON-MANAGERS will be entitled to one (1) All-star manager ballot vote.

Section 2. All-Star Player Selection

All eligible players will first fill out a letter of intent to be considered on the All-Star ballot.

Each division's players will select two players from each of the other teams within their division. The top two vote getters per division will become All-Stars or play in the Commissioners Game.

Managers from each division will be invited to a roundtable meeting with the selected All-Star managers to discuss players and select seven (7) players for the All-Star team. The players will be selected with a majority vote from the managers. The seven (7) players must be selected during this meeting. The All-Star managers are allowed to choose the additional five (5) players.

A fee will be charged for all players that are selected for All-Stars. This fee will only be waived if a hardship is determined and approved by the President.

All-Star teams in the Majors division and below will be composed of age-specific players (example: 10-year-olds must play 10U, 11-year-olds must play 11U). The exception is Small Stars which may be composed with 8 or 9 year olds.

Any complaints regarding managers, coaches, umpires, other volunteers, or player sportsmanship should be addressed with the appropriate Division Commissioner in a timely manner.

ARTICLE V - Fall Ball

Section 1. Fall Bucketed Committee

Fall Ball teams will be selected using a committee of board members called the Fall Bucketed Committee.

ARTICLE VI - Other

- a. All division levels must recite the Little League Player Pledge before each game.

- b. No tobacco products of any kind are allowed on the field or in the dugout during any team event (including practices and games).
- c. There will be no on deck batter in divisions below Intermediate.
- d. Coaches shall not warm up a pitcher or go in a crouched position.
- e. All protests shall go before the LFLB BOD Protest Committee.
- f. Dugout Orientation
 - i. The home team shall take the dugout on the 3rd base side and the away team shall occupy the dugout on the 1st base side.