

FLOWING WELLS CONTINENTAL LITTLE LEAGUE

BYLAWS

ARTICLE 1. BASIS FOR RULES

Section 1. General

The Operating Manual and Official Regulations and Playing Rules as established and most currently published by Little League Baseball, Inc. shall prevail unless specifically amended (enhanced only) and published in writing by Flowing Wells Continental Little League Board of Directors.

ARTICLE II. PLAYERS

Section 1. Player Registration

(A) All players league age 10-12 (league option) must try out. These players will be given the dates and information pertaining to the tryouts at registration. Those players who participate in tryouts will comprise the Majors Eligibility list.

(B) Those not drafted to a Major Team will be assigned to a Minor Team. All players will be assigned to teams according to geographic area when possible. Late registrant will fall under the rules of Article II, Section 2.

Section 2. Late Registration

Players registering after tryout and draft will be accepted. These players will be assigned to an instructional level team (Minors, Mini-Minors, T-Ball) by the Player Agent according to procedures established by Flowing Wells Continental Little League Board of Directors.

Section 3. Birth Certificates

(A) All players must show a legal record of birth and three (3) proofs of residence to the Player Agent or President.

(B) It is the responsibility of the players and their parents to see that the Player Agent verifies the legal record of birth.

Section 4. Fees and Donations

(A) No player will be ineligible to play for lack of a registration fee. Special arrangements must be made, with the Flowing Wells Continental Little League Board of Directors approval, regarding waivers and alternatives to equipment obligations.

(B) The amount of the registration fee and the equipment fee will be determined by the Flowing Wells Continental Little League Board of Directors.

Section 5. Participation

All players MUST have a registration form and medical release form completed and signed by a parent or legal guardian prior to participating in any League activity, including tryouts and practices. Without said forms, Little League Insurance will not be valid.

Section 6 Refusals

Any player that quit's a team forfeits all rights to participation in League activities for the remainder of that season. Donation refund requests will be addressed by the Flowing Wells Continental Little League Board of Directors on a case by case basis.

ARTICLE III. TEAMS

Section 1. Divisions

- (A) The League is comprised of a T-Ball Division (ages 5-7); a Mini-Minors Division (ages 7-9); a Minors Division (ages 8-12) players younger than 8 may be considered for minors on an individual case by case basis, and a 12 year old would have to have a Regulation V(a) wavier form; a Majors Division (ages 9-12); a Juniors Division (ages 13-14); a Seniors Division (ages 14-16); and a Big League Division (ages 16-18).
- (B) Flowing Wells Continental Little League will determine the alignment of teams and divisions to accommodate all players. All divisions below Majors are instructional programs.
- (c) The Flowing Wells Continental Little League Board of Directors will strive to find the appropriate instructional level of play for all players.

Section 2. Team Sizes

All teams in the Majors Division and above will carry a minimum of twelve (12) players. All Majors teams **MUST** carry the same number of players on the rosters.

ARTICLE IV. TRYOUTS

Section 1. Purpose

The purpose of a player tryouts is to provide an opportunity to assess the ability of each available player age 9 and above.

Section 2. Participation

- (A) All new and returning players age 9 and above will participate in tryouts. Except returning players have a choice to participate in tryouts.
- (B) A parent of a 9-10 year old player may request that their child not be placed on the Majors Eligibility List. **IF A PLAYER IS CHOSEN FOR A MAJORS DIVISION TEAM, HE/SHE IS REQUIRED TO REPORT TO THAT TEAM.**
- (c) If a new player is refusing to play on a major team, he/she will be placed in the minors team and would not be eligible to return to the major division through out the rest of the season and will not be available for the 11-12 All-Star team.

Section 3. Procedure

- (A) The tryouts will be coordinated by the Player Agent of the League, under the direction of the Flowing Wells Continental Little League Board of Directors.
- (B) Each player will be assigned a number by the player agent.
- (c) Prior to tryouts, the Player Agent will give the manager of each team a form with each participating players name. This form will contain columns for assessing each players ability in the categories of fielding, throwing, batting and running.
- (D) Player protection requests **MUST** be filed with the Players Agent prior to tryouts.

ARTICLE V. PLAYER PLACEMENT

Section 1. Majors, Juniors and Seniors Draft

(A) Following the tryouts, a draft meeting will be held and the draft conducted with all team managers present. The Board that will be included in the meeting will be the President, Vice-President, VP of Majors and the Player Agent. The Player Agent will provide each manager with a list including the players tryout number, name and league age.

(B) Managers will draw to determine draft order. All draft rounds will continue in the same order as determined prior to the first round.

(c) The next rounds will follow the Operating Manual page 62- Plan B.

(D) Team managers will continue to draft up to the number set by Flowing Wells Continental Little League Board of Directors for that year (12 minimum).

(E) After the draft is completed, each manager will contact the players on their roster and will notify them of the first practice.

(F) Trading will follow the Operating Manual.

Section 2. Instructional Team Assignment

The Player Agent will assign remaining players to appropriate instructional levels, with precedence, according to age, experience, residence location carpooling requests, etc. keeping primary THE OVERALL OBJECTIVE OF TEAM BALANCE IN BOTH NUMBERS AND SKILL.

Section 3. Draft Protection

(A) An optional brother/sister draft: will follow Operating Manual:

(B) No more than one 9 year old may be selected, per team, in the first 4 selections, protected players included. In no case shall more than four 9 year olds be selected to any team.

Section 4. Release of Players

Not Applicable

Section 5. Replacement of Players

All Majors Division team replacements will come from players on the Majors Eligibility List. When a player in a lower division is selected, he MUST report to the designated team. Refusal of a player to comply shall result in a forfeiture of further eligibility in the Majors Division for the current season only and will result in forfeiture of All Star eligibility.

Section 6. Disabled or Absent Players

(A) In the case of a season ending disability to one of the Majors team players during the season, the manager MUST contact the Player Agent. This MUST be done no latter than seven (7) days after the disability occurred, or a player will be assigned to such team on the 8th day by the Player Agent.

(B) In the event that a player on a Majors roster quits during the season, the League President and Player Agent MUST be notified within 48 hours after that player quits. This notification MUST be in writing from the manager and the parent and must explain the reason for the player leaving. In the case of a loss of a player on a Majors Division roster, the replacement must be made within seven (7) days, or the Player Agent, with the Flowing Wells Continental Little League Board of Directors approval, will assign a player to such teams.

(c) A team MUST maintain an attendance record for practices and games. In the event a players absences

Exceed two weeks, or three consecutive events, whichever occurs first, a manager **MUST** notify the Player Agent and President and may petition to have that player replaced. Failure to notify the Player Agent and President may result in disciplinary action.

(D) Minors and T-Ball Division replacement players may be borrowed from the opposing team if there are enough available to field a team of 9 players. In the Minors Division there must be at least 9 players to start and finish the game. If this can not happen then the Flowing Wells Continental Little League Board of Directors shall decide if the game should be rescheduled.

(E) No player will be "pulled up" within the last two weeks of the regular season.

ARTICLE VI. BALANCE OF STAFF

Section 1. Coaching Staff

(A) All applicants for manager, coach, and umpires must submit applications to the President for appointment.

(B) The official coaching staff consists of a manager (head coach) and two coaches for each team. In Mini-Minors and T-Ball may use a manager and three coaches for each team. All managers and coaches must have an approved volunteer application on file. Only three (3) approved coaches are permitted in the dugouts for all games in Minors, Majors, Juniors and Seniors. In Mini-Minors and T-Ball may have four (4) coaches in the dugouts for all games. This will be strictly enforced.

(c) All Flowing Wells Continental Little League are encouraged to attend an approved Coaching Clinic annually. It is **MANDATORY** that all Flowing Wells Continental Little League **MANAGERS** attend an approved Coaching Clinic every two years. It is also **MANDATORY** for all Flowing Wells Continental Little League coaches to attend an approved First Aid and Safety Clinic annually.

(D) All managers and coaches are subject to investigation, suspension and expulsion for any acts of unsportsmanlike conduct or for other acts of behavior detrimental to the players, the Flowing Wells Continental Little League Board of Directors, or the aims and objectives of Little League Baseball. All managers, coaches and assistant coaches found in violation of the Little League Code of Conduct may be disciplined by the Flowing Wells Continental Little League Board of Directors.

(E) A manager or coach on record must be at every game. No parents are allowed in the dugout to take their place. If there is a no show, they will either forfeit the game and the opposing team will take the win or the opposing team manager has the option to reschedule the game with the VP of the division, if he chooses.

(F) Managers in each division are responsible for the equipment issued to their team. Each manager will return all his equipment to the Equipment Manager after the last scheduled game. All Star equipment shall be issued to All Star managers at a later time and must be returned within one week following the last All Star game. Any manager who does not return all equipment issued may be assessed a replacement fee.

(G) The President will then appoint managers. The Flowing Wells Continental Little League Board of Directors will then approve the appointments. If the Board of Directors does not approve of the appointments, negotiations will be held to determine the best candidate.

Section 2. Umpires

(A) There should be at least two umpires for each game.

(B) For Mini-Minors and T-Ball each game, each team will provide one umpire to officiate the game. An umpiring clinic will be provided for these umpires.

(c) League assigned umpires will preside over all Minors and Majors Division games.

(D) In the case of an umpire shortage or failure to appear, an alternate umpire can be selected, upon agreement by both managers.

(E) In Majors Division and above, the home plate umpire shall assure that he and the two managers sign the official scorebook at the conclusion of each game and prior to leaving the field. Such signatures shall indicate approval of the official scorebook records, unless so indicated that it was "signed under protest".

(F) In Majors Division and above, the home plate umpire will keep the official time for the game and see that it is recorded by the official scorekeeper.

(G) The home plate umpire has the authority to suspend or call games due to darkness, inclement weather, environmental or other warranting conditions.

Section 3. Scorekeeper

In the Majors Division and above, it is the responsibility of the team manager to elect or appoint an official "team" scorekeeper (s) for the season. This person should attend the Scorekeeper Clinic, which will be conducted by an Flowing Wells Continental Little League Board Member. The "home" team scorekeeper will be the official scorekeeper for each game.

Section 4. Team Representative

It is the responsibility of the team manager to elect or appoint an approved Representative who will have an approved volunteer application on record to serve as a Team Parent for fundraising, picture coordination and other activities for the team.

Section 5. Pitch Count

In Minors and above, prior to each game, each team will provide a coach or parent will count pitches for both teams. Between each ½ inning, pitch counters will occur on the count and report to official scorekeeper. In the event there is a dispute on pitch count, the home plate umpire will determine the count by splitting the difference and rounding up on ½ numbers.

ARTICLE VII. GAME SCHEDULES

Section 1. Game Schedules

(A) All games will be scheduled to allow for the regular season to end no later than June 30th. The number of games will be determined by the Flowing Wells Continental Little League Board of Directors and by District 5.

(B) The Flowing Wells Continental Little League Board of Directors has the option to either elect the League schedule to be continuous as one season, or to be divided into first and second half sessions.

(c) All Majors Division and above games MUST be played as scheduled. Any changes MUST be made with the President's approval and with the consent of all managers involved, with at least 36 hours prior notice. Minors Division and below rescheduling can be done with both managers and the Presidents approval.

(D) All games Majors Division and below shall be 6 innings or a time limit whichever comes first. Juniors Division on up shall play 7 innings or a time limit whichever comes first.

Here are the time limits :

T-Ball	1 hour and 15 minutes
Mini-Minors	1 hour and 30 minutes
Minors	2 hours
Majors	2 hours
Juniors	2 hours if playing double header
Seniors	2 hours if playing double header

(E) If there are no lights on the field then you play your innings, time limit, or until dusk.

ARTICLE VIII. PLAYING RULES AND REGULATIONS

Section 1. Practice Policies

(A) Little League will not interfere with school activities. TEAMS WILL ADHERE TO ALL SCHOOL POLICIES IN REGARD TO THE USE OF PRACTICE FIELDS.

(B) Absences from practices due to school activities shall not apply toward attendance criteria.

Section 2. Practice Participation

Managers are responsible for practicing with all players in all practices. Any manager reported to the Flowing Wells Continental Little League Board of Directors for being negligent in this area will be brought before the Board for investigation and possible suspension of the manager.

Section 3. Local League Ground Rules

Refer to the following for rules and regulations applying to specific playing divisions :

T-Ball Division

Mini-Minors Division

Minors Division

Majors Division

Juniors Division

Seniors Division

ARTICLE IX. ALL STAR COMPETITION

Section 1. Managers and Coaches

- (A) All teams will have one manager. For number of coaches, refer to Operating Manual.
- (B) An All Star forum will be held for regular season managers to discuss candidates.
- (c) All managers and coaches who would like to be an All Star manager or coach must contact the President to put his name for consideration. Then he will be approved by the Flowing Wells Continental Little League Board of Directors.
- (D) The divisions are as follows : 9-10 year olds, 10-11 year olds, 11-12 year olds, Juniors, and Seniors.
- (E) Manager candidates for 9-10 year old divisions must be a manager or coach from Majors Division or a manager or a coach from the Minors Division.
- (F) Manager candidates for 10-11 year old divisions must be a manager or coach from the Majors Division or a manager or coach from the Minors Division.
- (G) Manager candidates for 11-12 year old divisions must be a manager or coach from the Majors Division.
- (H) Manager candidates for Juniors, Seniors must be a manager or coach from their respective divisions.
- (I) If no qualified manager or coach applies, the Board of Directors shall appoint an approved volunteer at its discretion.

Section 2. Players

- (A) The players will get an All Star Affidavit Form too fill out and turn in the Affidavit to be eligible to be picked for All Stars
- (B) This process will be for all divisions.
- (c) Their will be a meeting where we will discuss the players with the managers, coaches and the Board Members.
- (D) The Board will decide how many players would be on a team (12,13 or 14 players).
- (E) Each manager, coach and Board Member will vote for their teams per division. Then the President , Secretary and the Equipment Manager will tally up the votes and the players will not be announced until June 15.

(F) The All Star manager will contact the players and the Board will post the All Star players on the snack bar door for all divisions.