

2021 ENGLEWOOD AREA YOUTH BASEBALL LITTLE LEAGUE BYLAWS

ARTICLE I – NAME, LOCATION, AND BOARD MEETINGS

The name of the corporation is Englewood Area Youth Baseball, a 501.(C)(3) not for profit, hereinafter referred to as the “EAYB”. The principal mailing address shall be: P.O. Box 605 Englewood, Florida 34295. The principal website shall be www.EnglewoodAreaYouthBaseball.com. The principal email address shall be found at the website www.EnglewoodAreaYouthBaseball.com. Meetings of members and directors may be held at such places within the State of Florida as may be designated by the Board of Directors from time to time. Englewood Area Youth Baseball *Little League boundaries are available on the Little League website (www.LittleLeague.org)*.

SECTION 1 – Absence at Board Meetings

The league Secretary shall maintain a log of all Board Members present for each meeting. Any Board Member who is absent from three (3) regularly scheduled board meetings with unexcused absences (no advanced notice by phone or email), will be subject to removal from the Board of Directors following the rules set forth in the Englewood Area Youth Baseball Little League Constitution.

SECTION 2 – Board Member Voting Procedures

Discussions and voting will be conducted as set forth in *Robert’s Rules of Order* and then the EAYB Constitution.

SECTION 3-Board of Directors Limits

Board members shall be voted in every year, and are not guaranteed Re-election. Board Members shall make their intentions about not running the following year, by the July meeting.

SECTION 4-Number of Board Members

The Board shall be limited to a maximum of 15 members. And replacements may be voted in, in accordance to the EAYB constitution.

ARTICLE II – ADMINISTRATIVE RULES & REGULATIONS

SECTION 1 – Amendments to the Bylaws

These bylaws may be amended, repealed or altered, only for safety concerns or situations that conflict with the Little League rule book(s) and/or Sarasota County Parks agreement in whole or in part by a majority vote at any duly organized meeting of the Board of Directors, provided notice of the proposed change is included in the notice of such meeting. The bylaws will not be changed less than 30 days from the start of the season. All other changes must be ratified at a duly organized General Membership Meeting before going in to effect.

SECTION 2 – Player Registration

Any player(s) may register at the location of registration or on the Internet website. Players not registering by the last posted registration date may be registered and wait listed based on roster availability. Wait listed players shall be added to a roster no later than two weeks after practice begins. The wait list is subsequently discarded. All other additions must be approved by a majority vote by the Board of Directors or approval of the Player Agent.

SECTION 3 – Disciplinary Actions

The Board of Directors will annually appoint a disciplinary committee to review all infractions of the Code of Conduct(s). Depending on the seriousness or the frequency, the board may assess disciplinary action up to and including expulsion from the league. The following shall be considered as grounds for dismissal from the league:

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- Failure to follow the Codes of Conduct(s)
- Failure to follow the Englewood Area Youth Baseball Little League Constitution/Bylaws
- Little League International Baseball Rulebook

SECTION 4 - Purchases by the League President without Previous Board Approval

The league president or authorized agent may purchase equipment or items required by the league without prior board approval if the entire purchase price of the item is less than \$300. The president should immediately make the Treasurer aware of the purchase and inform the remaining members of the board at the next scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors. Regular Concession purchases shall be considered under "Previous Board Approval"

SECTION 5 – Manager and Coach Selection

All Managers and Coaches will be selected by the Coaching Coordinator and/or President, and must be approved by the Board of Directors with a Majority vote. All Volunteer roles subject to background check.

ARTICLE III – FACILITY RULES AND USAGE

All field usage must be approved and scheduled by the league. Field preparation and usage by EAYB will follow and adhere to any contract or agreement in place with the County of Sarasota Parks.

SECTION 1 - Game Rules and Schedules

No games shall be canceled or rescheduled by managers, coaches or parents without approval from the League President, Vice President, or League Director. The league president must be notified, in advance, should there be a need to cancel a game for any reason. In the event of field availability issues, the league president or vice will make any necessary adjustments to game start times and the length of games.

ARTICLE IV – LOCAL LEAGUE STRUCTURE

SECTION 1 – Division Structure

A player's League Age determines their division eligibility as set forth in the Little League Rule Book.

A. TEE BALL DIVISION – League age four, five, and six year olds

Objective: To instruct players in the fundamentals of the game in a fun, low-key atmosphere.

At no time should winning or losing take priority in this program.

B. MINOR DIVISIONS (6-11 year olds):

1. Rookie Division (Machine Pitch) – League Age six year, seven year and eight year olds.

Objective: To further instruct the player coming out of Tee-Ball or the first year player, the fundamentals of the game in a fun, low-key atmosphere. Emphasis in this program should be on the proper technique of throwing, catching, running, hitting and field positions. At no time should winning or losing a game take priority in this program.

2. Minor Division (Player Pitch) – League age seven (who have completed one spring season of Rookie) and eight year olds (based on evaluations), nine, ten, and eleven year olds. Eleven year olds who are not drafted by Major Division must play Minor.

Objective: To instruct the player coming out of "Rookie" Baseball (Machine Pitch), or the first year player, the fundamentals of the game in a fun, low-key atmosphere. Provide an outlet of healthful activity and training under good leadership. Establish the values and concepts of teamwork, sportsmanship and fair play. To further develop

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the techniques of throwing, catching, running and hitting. At no time should winning or losing take priority in this program.

- C. **Major (LITTLE LEAGUE) Division** - League age ten, eleven and twelve year olds (based on evaluations). All twelve year old players will play in the Major division unless a waiver is applied for and approved by the board.

Objective: To establish the values and concepts of teamwork, sportsmanship and fair play. To challenge the players towards the perfection of physical skills and bring into play the excitement of tactics and strategy.

- D. **50/70 Baseball Division** – League age eleven, twelve, and thirteen year olds (based on evaluations). **Objective:** This division bridges the transition from Little League (46/60) to Junior League Baseball on a full-size field (60/90). It is a league for eleven, twelve, and thirteen year-olds whose advanced skills permit rules that are closer to conventional baseball, such as leading off bases, pickoff attempts, etc.

- E. **Junior Division** – League age twelve, thirteen, and fourteen year olds (based on evaluations). Fourteen year olds not drafted into senior division.

All players in all divisions of baseball must wear an athletic cup.

- H. **Evaluations** - All players must attend one league-age based evaluation to be eligible to be drafted.
- I. **Fall Ball** - A player's Little League Age for the Fall Season (also known as Fall Ball, Second Season and/or Training and Development) shall determine eligibility, and be based on the player's League Age during the next year's Spring (or Regular) Season unless otherwise determined by the Player Agent.

SECTION 2 – DIVISIONS OF PLAY

A. MAJOR BASEBALL DIVISION PLAYER DRAFT:

1. Plan A as detailed in the Little League Operating manual will be used. All returning division players will automatically be retained at the same level of play from the prior year, and by the same team, unless age requirements force them to move to the next level.
 - i. **Draft Order** - Last place team goes first, Third place team goes second, Second place team goes third, First place team goes last.
2. Once the player draft is complete the managers will have a maximum of 30 minutes to complete any trades. No trades will take place once the managers leave the draft room. Unless approved by the Division Director, Player Agent, and League President.
3. All candidates who are league age 12 must be drafted to a Major division team unless a special waiver is granted in accordance with Little League rules.
4. In the event of expansion or contraction, the Board of Directors will determine which Draft option, as detailed in the Little League Operating Manual, to present to the Player Agent for implementation.
5. If a league age ten or eleven year old goes undrafted in the Major division, the child will automatically be part of the Minor (Player Pitch) draft.

B. Minor BASEBALL DIVISION PLAYER DRAFT:

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1. Managers shall draw numbers before the draft begins to determine the order of the player selection process.
2. Selection of players shall be in compliance with the Little League Draft Selection System, Plan B, as detailed within the Little League Operating Manual.
3. Once the player draft is complete the managers will have a maximum of 30 minutes to complete any trades. No trades will take place once the managers leave the draft room, Unless approved by the Division Director, Player Agent, and League President.
4. If a league age eight year old goes undrafted in the Minor (Player-Pitch) division, the child will automatically be part of the Rookie draft.

C. Rookie BASEBALL DIVISION PLAYER DRAFT:

1. Managers shall draw numbers before the draft begins to determine the order of the player selection process.
2. Selection of players shall be in compliance with the Little League Draft Selection System, Plan B, as detailed within the Little League Operating Manual.
3. Once the player draft is complete the managers will have a maximum of 30 minutes to complete any trades. No trades will take place once the managers leave the draft room, Unless approved by the Division Director, Player Agent, and League President.
4. If a league age seven year old goes undrafted in the Rookie division, the child will automatically be placed on a T-Ball team.

D. 50/70 BASEBALL DIVISION

This division will follow and adhere to all Little League rules, as well as any inter-league rules and regulations as set forth by District 69. Managers, Coaches, Players, Parents, and Guests must follow the codes of conduct and facility usage rules within the Local League Ground Rules and Bylaws. Minimum play rules will follow Little League guidelines for the division.

1. Managers shall draw numbers before the draft begins to determine the order of the player selection process.
2. Selection of players shall be in compliance with the Little League Draft Selection System, Plan B, as detailed within the Little League Operating Manual. All 50/70 baseball will be redrafted each year. The drafted player becomes a rostered member of the drafting team for the scheduled season only.
5. Once the player draft is complete the managers will have a maximum of 30 minutes to complete any trades. Unless approved by the Division Director, Player Agent, and League President.

E. JUNIOR BASEBALL

These divisions will follow and adhere to all little league rules, as well as inter-league rules and regulations, as set forth by District 69. Managers, Coaches, Players, Parents, and Guests must follow the codes of conduct and facility usage rules within the Local League Ground Rules and Bylaws. All penalties or punishment assessed by District 69 staff members will be enforced and supported by the EAYB Board of Directors.

1. Managers shall draw numbers before the draft begins to determine the order of the player selection process.
2. Selection of players shall be in compliance with the Little League Draft Selection System, Plan B, as detailed within the Little League Operating Manual. All Junior and Senior

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baseball will be re-drafted each year. The drafted player becomes a rostered member of the drafting team for the scheduled season only.

6. Once the player draft is complete the managers will have a maximum of 30 minutes to complete any trades. No trades will take place once the managers leave the draft room, Unless approved by the Division Director, Player Agent, and League President.

SECTION 3 – MINORS/MAJORS PLAYER LOSS RULE:

- A. When a player is absent for 3 consecutive scheduled events (games and practices), the manager must immediately bring the absence to the attention of the player agent or president. The player agent or designee must then contact the player's parent. The manager and the Player Agent must also make note of all communication involving the absent player in the official scorebook.
- B. In the event of a player absence greater than 6 consecutive scheduled events, the Board of Directors will determine the necessity of pulling in a replacement player. If a replacement player is called up (as appropriate) the manager then retains that player for the remainder of the season. The injured player may return to the team upon recovery.
- C. When a Minor or Major Division team loses a player from the active player roster, the team manager shall promptly advise the Player Agent of the loss. After determination of the player loss by the board or executive board, the president will send a letter of release to the parents. This action creates an opening for a replacement. The manager will review the list of players with the player agent. **At no time during this process, is anyone but the Player Agent or League President permitted to contact a player or his family.** The player that is selected then becomes a permanent member of that team. Once determined to be a "Player Loss", the player must be replaced *prior to the third scheduled game following that determination*. If any form of impropriety is found among the managers which influence the decision of the parents and/or the child, the manager may be disqualified as a potential All-Star coach, and is also subject to possible removal as manager.
- D. Should any player refuse to be moved up to a team as a permanent replacement, that player will become ineligible to be moved up for the remainder of the season.
- E. No player shall be replaced with less than 2 weeks remaining in the season unless there are not enough players remaining to field a legal team (9 players).

ANY QUESTIONS, SUGGESTIONS OR CONCERNS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE PLAYER AGENT or PRESIDENT.

ARTICLE V – ALL-STAR SELECTION PROCESS – BASEBALL

The president shall preside over all All-Star processes. The president will schedule a date for the All-Star selection. The All-Star process will be facilitated by league officers and rostered team managers.

SECTION 1 – SELECTION OF MANAGERS AND COACHES

All managers and coaches must first be in good standing to be eligible to be selected by the league president, and then be presented to the Board of Directors for approval.

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- A. Open to all rostered managers and coaches of the current season.
- B. Managers will be selected prior to player selection.

SECTION 2 – SELECTION OF ALL-STAR PLAYERS

Baseball teams will be selected in the following order:

- A. Little League ages 11-12 will be selected first, then ages 9-10, then ages 10-11. Based on the teams being formed for All-Stars
- B. The Division teams will vote on players for All-Stars, the top 5 vote getters, will be placed on a team, with the remaining to be selected by the Manager/Coaches.
- C. The Board of Directors will recommend potential players to spring season managers for consideration.
- D. A round table selection process will take place with the spring season managers, president, vice president, player agent, and secretary.
- E. Majors (11-12) team will be voted on first by the majors spring season managers, followed by the Minor divisions (as stated above) by the majors and minors spring season managers.
- F. If voting comes to a standstill on the final player selection(s), the board may allow the All-Star Manager to select the final player(s) for his/her team.

SECTION 3 - MINOR, MAJOR, AND JUNIOR PLAYERS:

- A. All selected players must remain in good standing as a rostered player in all divisions to maintain eligibility for the All-Star team.
- B. If a player misses a game or practice without approval from the manager and/or All-Star committee, the manager may request a replacement for that player from the remaining eligibility list.

THE RELEASE OF NAMES OF PLAYERS SELECTED FOR THE ALL-STAR TEAMS SHALL NOT BE MADE BEFORE THE DATE SET FORTH IN THE LITTLE LEAGUE RULE BOOK, JUNE 1st.

ARTICLE VI – UMPIRES AND MANAGERS

- A. The league President appoints Managers and Coaches. All appointments are subject to the approval of the EAYB Board.
- B. All Managers and Caches must complete proper Background checks prior to assuming any position.
- C. All umpires, managers, and coaches in divisions Minor and above must attend 1 League Sponsored clinic, and/or have approval of League President.
- D. All managers and coaches must take the approved Heads Up Concussion class on-line and turn in certificate to coaching coordinator.

ARTICLE V – POOL PLAYERS

- A. Refer to Regulation V (c) in the Little League Baseball Rule Book for pool player guidelines.
- B. Pool players shall only be used if a team will have 8 or less players at a game.
- C. A pool player list shall be made if there are 3 or more teams in a division. If there are less than 3 teams the roster shall be used as the pool player list.
- D. Managers shall notify the appropriate player agent as soon as possible that a pool player is needed.
- E. Pool players will wear their regular team uniform.
- F. Pool players may not pitch or catch.
- G. Pool players must be from the same division or below.
- H. Pool players that are called and show up at the game must play six consecutive defensive outs and bat once.

All penalties or punishment assessed by District 69 staff members will be enforced and supported by the EAYB Board of Directors.

These Bylaws have been posted on the leagues website and approved by the ENGLEWOOD AREA YOUTH BASEBALL LITTLE LEAGUE Board of Directors.

Signature Date

Englewood Area Youth Baseball Little League President

Little League ID Number Federal ID Number

Make one copy for the District Administrator and copies for the Local League.

Send original copy of these Bylaws to District 69. This Local League’s Constitution is on file at the Regional Headquarters (most recently-approved copy) and is the official Constitution of this Local League.

Little League Baseball does not limit participation in its activities based on disability, race, creed, color, national origin, gender, or religious preference.