

# CU Little League Regulations

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Little League Baseball has a set of regulations, which govern operations of local leagues, as well as specifying restrictions on team rosters and line-ups. What follows is a summary of these regulations and additional local regulations. Local regulations take precedent.

An additional document, *CU Little League Playing Rules* provide additional information.

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## The CU Little League Committee

The CU Kiwanis Little League Committee (Committee) represents the management and administrative organization for CU Little League. This organization is limited to CU Kiwanis members and is composed of Executive Committee Members and Members at Large.

The Executive Committee shall be composed of the following officers: President, VicePresident, Treasurer and Secretary.

The Committee shall be responsible for:

- Program Administration
- Little League International relationships
- Player registrations
- Liability insurance
- Provision of equipment and uniforms
- Establishment of local rules and regulations
- Enforcement and arbitration of Little League rules (including local rules); the Executive Committee will be the arbiter of last resort
- Coordination with UPD, CPD and local school districts
- Public relations and media promotions
- Creation, merger, and dissolution of local leagues (including boundaries)
- Annual CU Little League Banquet and Recognition ceremonies
- Providing appointed Safety Officer/Player Representatives to each of the Leagues

The Committee shall annually convene the CU Little League Presidents.

## The CU Little League Presidents

The voting members of the CU Little League Presidents are composed of the CU Kiwanis Little League Committee and **one** representative from each league, usually the League President. Other individuals may attend as non-voting members.

The Presidents are responsible for:

- Scheduling inter-league games
- Communicating with League officials and coaches
- Insuring that Leagues are well organized, properly staffed and following required regulations and procedures
- Scheduling Twin City tournaments
- Recommending local rule and regulation changes/interpretations to the Committee

## The Local League

The league represents the next unit of organization. Individual teams, sponsors, etc., have no standing. Each league forms a league board of directors, and elects league officers. At a minimum, each League will have a President and Vice President. If possible, a Treasurer and Secretary should also be elected. ***In Official Little League Regulations the league president is forbidden from managing, coaching, or umpiring. The Committee recommends that this be followed whenever possible.***

The CU Little League Committee shall provide a Safety Officer/Player Representative who will serve as a league board member. The president and board have the final say on selection of managers, coaches, and umpires.

## League Boundaries

League boundaries shall be set from time to time, by the CU Little League Committee with the advice of the CU Little League Presidents. No league is permitted to draw players from outside its specified boundaries. The boundaries may include multiple communities, or specific precincts within a city, but in no case may include a population greater than 20,000.

A league may retain a player who once lived and played within its boundaries, although that player may have moved or the league may have adjusted its boundaries. The rule applies to players on Major League teams, and to those Minor and Peanut players who have siblings on Major League teams. (See Little League Reg II(d)).

## The Teams

Each Major League team in a league shall have the 12 rostered players. If a team loses a player permanently for the remainder of the season due to injury, illness, change of address, resignation, etc., the manager must notify the league Safety Officer/Player Representative and President. If approved by the Safety Officer/Player Representative and President, the team may draft a player from the Minor League to replace the lost player. The player becomes a permanent member of the Major league team with all rights and responsibilities; and may no longer play on a Minor league team.

**Note: Only players that attended pre-season evaluations and that were eligible for the draft may permanently replace a lost player.**

If a team requires a temporary substitution, a Minor League player may be “called up” on a game-by-game basis. This is allowed under the following conditions:

- The player’s Minor league Manager is in agreement; the player loses no Minor league status
- An attempt is made to notify the league President and/or Safety Officer/Player Representative in advance of game time; or alternatively, within 48 hours of the affected game.
- The opposing coach must be notified of the identity of the substitute prior to game time.
- The substitute shall be subject to the minimum playing time requirements with the following exception: a returning rostered player may complete the subsequent game obligation if it is necessary
- The substitute shall play no **more** innings in the game than any attending rostered player
- A player shall not play as a substitute in more than **four** Major league games during the season
- A substitute shall not play in the Twin City Tournament (permanent roster changes are allowed)

Unless the replacement is permanent; players, coaches and parents must understand that a substitute appearance conveys no subsequent game or season stature to the player.

Note: A player may never be removed from a Major League roster on the basis of playing ability.

See Draft section for additional information.

## The Players

A player is eligible to participate in a particular level based on the player's age on July 31 of the current year. Age groups include:

7 - 8: Peanut League;

9 - 12: Minor League;  
10-12: Major League

Subject to approval by the CU Little League Committee, an individual who once lived within a league's boundaries who has served for at least two seasons as a dedicated manager, coach, or board member and who continues to serve that league may have his children try out and be selected in that league even though the individual no longer lives within league boundaries.

Every player on a Little League team roster will participate in each game for a minimum of six (6) defensive outs and bat at least one (1) time in each game. A player who fails to meet this commitment must start the next scheduled game and play both the remaining requirement from the previous game and the full requirement for the current game before being removed. The manager who violates the rule is also subject to severe penalties. The mandatory play rule differs in tournament play. Each player present in uniform must complete a turn at bat (come to the bat with no count and stay up until retired or becomes a runner) *OR* play three (3) defensive outs. (See Playing Rules)

## **Selection of Players**

### **Evaluation sessions**

All non-rostered (new) Major and Minor League players will attend the designated evaluation session(s) for their local league or submit a request for absence in advance to the appropriate Safety Officer/Player Representative.

### **Draft Rules**

Each Major League team shall select its players in accordance with the Little League Draft Selection System, **Plan A**, as in the Little League Operating Manual. Generally, the Manager of the last place team (based upon league play) from the previous year shall have the first pick of each round. Managers must be aware of the 8-player limitation in any age group, and the overall limit of 12 players per team.

Note that nine-year-old players are not permitted on Major League teams.

### **A. Options**

An option is an agreement between a Manager, the President and the Safety Officer/Player Representative and must be recorded in writing before the draft event.

The types of options are:

- 1.) Brothers and sisters together in the draft: A manager may, after selecting the 1<sup>st</sup> sibling, “reserve” the second sibling, drafting him/her on the next turn. If the manager declines the option, the 2<sup>nd</sup> sibling can be drafted by any team. Note: This option is automatic and does not require advance written notice.
- 2.) Siblings of legacy (existing) players: A manager may “reserve” a sibling of a current player; but must draft that sibling within the 1<sup>st</sup> three rounds

- 3.) Sons/daughters of managers: A manager may “reserve” his her own son/daughter, but must select him/her during the appropriate round (described below) \*
- 4.) Sons/daughters of coach: A coach, through the manager, may “reserve” his her own son/daughter, but the Manager must select him/her during the 1<sup>st</sup> round

**Special notes regarding option types 3 & 4 only:**

- A. These option rights are carried with the player throughout his/her Major League career and no team shall be allowed to have more than two optioned players of this type on the roster at any time. For example: Two 10 year old players (offspring of Manager and/or Coach) optioned this way to Team A in 2003 would preclude the use of this option type (3 or 4 above) by Team A until the 2006 season, regardless of any subsequent coaching changes.
- B. Should a Manager or Coach resign, while their son/daughter remain on a team for a subsequent season(s), the 2 limit option remains in force and the incoming (replacement) Manager and/or Coach must be selected after the draft.
- C. The league President is responsible for submitting a league list of these options annually in writing, to the Executive Committee at the time of roster submission.

Draft round for Manger’s son/daughter options:

- Round 5 10 years of age
- Round 4 11 years of age
- Round 3 12 years of age

Special option considerations:

- Options are optional and may be waived; if waived, players are eligible to be drafted by any team
- All players (including sons/daughters of managers and coaches) are subject to draft rules
- Parents who, after the draft become managers or coaches, may not automatically claim their children

**D. Trades**

CU Kiwanis Little League does not allow player trades. Players may, in special circumstances and with the approval of the Safety Officer/Player Representative, the Executive Committee, and the league President re-enter the draft process for a subsequent season.

**Expansion**

Any local league that desires to expand the number of Major League teams may petition the Executive Committee for approval. Such petition must be accompanied with current year registration numbers, including registered player ages.

CU Kiwanis Little League has determined that the Expansion Regulation, Option 3 (Little League Operating Manual) shall be used with the following addition:

1.) When a league expands by a single team:

The exact count of returning rostered 11 or 12-year-old players for all league teams is divided by the number of returning teams and the result is rounded up to the nearest whole number **and divided by two**. From this number, the number of that team's Manager/Coaches options (type 3 or 4) is **subtracted**. The resulting whole number determines the number of players that the new team's manager may select before the normal rotating selection of players begins. When the rotating selection begins the new team will have the **last** pick (after the team with the team with the best previous season's record). All other draft rules and options apply.

2.) When a league expands by more than one team:

The number of each team's selections is determined as in #1 above, but each expansion team will alternate their selections before the normal rotating selections begin.

### **Contraction**

Any local league that desires to eliminate a Major League team shall petition and must receive approval from the Executive Committee. Such petition must be accompanied with current year registration numbers, including registered player ages; and the list of returning league coaches. The Executive Committee, with the advice of the President, shall determine which team will be deleted. All remaining players from the deleted team will be reassigned to a remaining team in a "preliminary" draft in the reverse order of the previous season's league finish. The preliminary draft must consume all returning players of the deleted team. The regular draft will then commence without consideration for which team had the last pick in the preliminary draft.

### **Special considerations**

- All 12 year olds (who attend the evaluation session and have played at least a year of Minor League or equivalent baseball) shall be drafted by a Major league team. Unless, the Safety Officer/Player Representative, conferring with both parents and manager determine that it is in the player's best interest to remain at the Minor League level. When such a determination is made, the Safety Officer/Player Representative will obtain the written agreement of the parents, team manager and league President. (Drafting of 12 year-olds will be done by reserving enough draft positions from the end of the draft rounds to ensure that each remaining 12 year-old is on a Major league team.)
- Once drafted by a Major league team, a player remains with that team for the balance of his Major League career. Releases are provided only for illness, injury relocation or resignation.
- Presidents may consider and submit special roster recommendations for the approval by Safety Officers/Player Representatives, **League Presidents** and the Executive Committee when special circumstances arise. **(see CU Little League Waiver form)**

## **Schedules**

A league must provide a minimum 16-game schedule for each team. This schedule should call for no less than two games per week per team. A team may not be scheduled for two games in a day more than once per calendar week, but a suspended game may be completed prior to a scheduled game involving the same team or teams.

Schedules must be submitted to the Executive Committee two weeks in advance of the season start. Failure to meet the 16 game schedules would result in a loss being awarded for Twin City Tournament seeding purposes.

## **Special Games**

CU Kiwanis Little League recognizes the value of scheduling additional games, outside of league play. "All-Star or "traveling" teams are encouraged to provide additional and or different competition levels and tournament experiences for CU youth. However, for the sake of the welfare of players and equitable league play, the following should be noted:

- 1.) League liability insurance does not apply to "special games". League Presidents should advise managers and parents in advance of any special games
- 2.) Special games do not count towards any CU Little League seeding events or season records

## **Admission to Games**

No admission shall be charged to any Little League regular-season game, or to any 12- or 10-year-old tournament game. Sales of concessions and voluntary contributions are permitted and provided to the local league treasury.

## **Awards**

The value of an award or gift to an individual player must be in accordance with state high-school rules.

## **Commercialization**

Little League players are permitted to participate in one fund raising projects under adult supervision. This rule affects only player participation in fund raisers and is not intended to restrict a league's overall fund-raising efforts.

The local league may assess a participation fee, but at no time should payment of a fee be a pre-requisite for participation in the Little League program.

## **Field Decorum**

No one is permitted on a Little League field during a game except uniformed players, managers, coaches, umpires, and news photographers authorized by the league, tournament director or Board. Players must remain in their dugouts or bullpen unless they are actively in the game (at bat, on base, or in the field). The on-deck batter must remain in the dugout until it is time to bat (no on-deck position permitted).

A manager or coach who is not coaching a base must remain in the dugout unless allowed by an umpire to confer with a player or an umpire. Tobacco and alcohol in all forms are prohibited on the playing field, benches, and dugouts.

## **Use of Little League Name and Emblem**

The following trademarks and service marks are restricted to use by chartered leagues only: the Official Emblem, "LL", "LLB", "Little League", "Little League Baseball", "Little Leaguer", "Senior League Baseball", "Junior League Baseball", "Big League Baseball", "Little League Softball", "Senior League Softball", "Big League Softball", "Challenger Division".

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