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Valley Little League

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Local Rules

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1. Official Games

- a. If a game is called, it will be declared an official game if the losing team has had four (4) turns at bat, or in the case of a tie, four (4) innings have been completed.
- b. If the score is tied when an official game is called, or if an official game is suspended as hereinafter provided the game will be continued from that point, within a period of two (2) weeks, at a time agreed upon by both managers, unless good cause can be shown to the Vice President in charge of the respected division for delaying beyond that time period. If there is no agreement by the managers on a suitable time for completion of the game, the Vice President, after consultation with the Player Agent, will assign a time.
- c. If a game is an official game, and with the home team leading, the game is called and the home team shall be declared the winner.

2. Games cancelled or postponed while non-official games because of weather conditions

- a. When a game, because of weather conditions, is either cancelled entirely, interrupted or postponed while still a non-official game, it shall be the responsibility of the home team manager, after consultation with the visiting team manager, to arrange for the game to be made up or continued from where it ended depending on the games situation within a two week period. All make ups need to be brought to the attention of the VP of Baseball and President for field time and availability.
- b. If the managers cannot agree upon a make-up date, the Vice President may assign a date within the two (2) week period.
- c. Unless good cause is shown otherwise to the President:
 - i. First half make-ups shall be played before the second half make-ups; and
 - ii. Games shall be made up in the order in which they were originally scheduled.

3. Time and scoring limitations

- a. No inning shall start after 8:00 P.M. (Unless authorized by the officer of the day / during longer days of the year). During the last inning played pursuant to this rule, there shall be no maximum number of runs scored. The umpire shall announce in advance, the last inning to be played pursuant to this rule.
- b. With the exception of the last inning in a regulation complete game, or the last inning as provided in paragraph (a) above, the maximum number of runs which may be scored by one team in any inning, is as follows:
 - i. For the B Minors Five (5) runs
 - ii. For the AAA Minors Five (5) runs
 - iii. For the Major Girls Five (5) runs
 - iv. For the Major Boys There is no maximum
- c. There is no score used or kept in T-Ball.
- d. There will be no run limit in AAA Minors unless the losing coach agrees to it after the 4th inning is complete. (**Note:** If the umpire is a Blue or Red Shirt District 8 umpire they have to call the mercy rule by their organizational by-laws. Valley Little League Black Shirt umpires can adhere to the local rules.)

4. Minimum player participation

- a. Every player present at the start of a game, shall appear in that game, for a minimum of six (6) defensive outs and in addition must come to bat a minimum of one (1) time; provided however, that this rule shall not apply in the instance where a player is being disciplined or in the instance of shorthanded games due to weather or light conditions.
- b. Where a violation of the minimum participation rule has occurred, a committee composed of the President, the Vice President, and the Play Agent, (another Board Member may be used, if there is a need to replace one of the officers as a disinterested party) shall investigate the circumstances underlying the violation, and shall determine whether a penalty is appropriate or the violation is excusable. If the committee decides to impose a penalty, it shall have broad discretion in regard to the nature, thereof, including but not limited to the following:
 - i. Reprimand of the manager of the violating team; or
 - ii. Recommendation to the Board of Directors for the suspension or in the case of repeated violations, removal of the manager of the violating team; or
 - iii. Such other and further measures as the committee shall deem fitting and just.

5. Discipline of players by forced non-participation

- a. If a player is to be disciplined for an entire game, it has to be brought to the attention of the VP of Baseball and President for a final decision.
- b. If a player is to be disciplined during the course of the game, for the remaining portion thereof, this must be reported to the head umpire and the opposing manager as soon as the decision is made. (The Vice President should be notified as soon as possible) The umpire may reverse the decision.
- c. If a player is to be disciplined for two or more games in succession a report in writing of the incident or behavior prompting the decision, shall be given in advance to the Player Agent and the League President. (The Vice President shall also be notified ASAP).

6. Field decorum

- a. The use of tobacco in any form is prohibited on the playing field, benches, and dugouts.
- b. The use and presence of alcoholic beverages of any kind or nature is prohibited on the playing field, benches, dugouts or elsewhere on the premises.
- c. Swearing is not permitted on the playing fields, benches or dugouts.
- d. Throwing of equipment, poor sportsmanship, foul language, obscene gestures, and fighting are reasons for immediate ejection for players all well as managers/coaches. The umpires must immediately notify the President or the Officer of the Day of any such occurrence. The penalty for an ejection for the first offense is a one game suspension. The second offense will require a meeting of the Board of Directors, which could result in disqualification for the season.

- e. Managers and coaches dress code – shorts are allowed if they are dress shorts. No cut offs, jeans or gym shorts are allowed. If wearing pants; no sweatpants, or jeans with holes in them. All shirts worn must have sleeves. No tank tops or muscle shirts. Sneakers or coaching shoes must be worn. No sandals, open toed shoes, or bare feet are allowed. Socks must be worn. Valley Little Leagues goal is to look professional in every manner.
- f. Player Uniforms - Players must wear the hat, uniform, and/or tee shirt assigned to them. Little League patches must be worn on the left sleeve of the shirt. Shirts will be tucked in at all times. Hats will be worn properly, not backwards. Players must wear either sneakers or approved rubber spikes not opened toed shoes or sandals. Baseball teams must wear long grey baseball pants, shorts are not allowed. All league owned uniforms that include shorts, pants and stirrups are to be turned in at the end of the season. Players will be charged the cost of the uniform if they are not returned. Softball teams are allowed to wear shorts if it is agreed upon by each member of the team and approved by the President. All shorts have to be district approved and the same for each member of the team.

7. Officer of the day

- a. The Officer of the day shall be responsible for determining the safety of the playing conditions for each field, and their authority to direct that game be called, shall supersede that of the umpire-in-chief, where a game is in progress.
- b. In the event of obscene or abusive language, which interferes with normal playing action; any player, manager, coach or other individual may bring it to the attention of the umpire-in-chief. If in his opinion, the situation requires correcting, he will bring it to the attention of the Officer of the day, who will take the appropriate measures to see that the person or persons responsible, desist or leave the League property.

8. Minor leagues

- a. In AAA Minors there will be all you can get in the last inning. All other innings will have a five (5) run maximum. The last inning must be agreed upon by both coaches prior to the start of the inning and if an agreement can not be reached between the coaches the umpire will decide. Coaches should keep in mind that no inning can start after 8:00 P.M. with some exceptions. (see rule 3a).

9. Eligibility for pitchers in minor leagues

- a. See rule book for pitching and pitch count rules for all except T-Ball and 7-8 year olds Softball.

10. Use of player-owned bats

No player may use a bat owned by himself or by another player in league games, unless said bat contains a marking that states it is approved by Little League Baseball/Softball.

11. Selection of All Star Coaches

Junior/Senior League – The managers and coaches shall be regular season team managers and/or coaches from the Little League Baseball/Softball Junior and Senior Division, unless these are District 8 teams, then the District 8 Coordinators will be responsible for choosing the process. Otherwise the First Place manager from last season is the All Star manager. If this manager opts not to manage the current year, the Vice President for the respective Divisions will be responsible for the selection process. The All Star manager will select their two (2) coaches.

Little League - The managers and coaches shall be regular season team managers and/or coaches from the Little League Baseball/Softball Majors Division. Traditionally the First Place manager last season is the All Star manager. If this manager opts not to manage the current year, the Vice President for the respective Divisions will be responsible for the selection process. The All Star manager will select their two (2) coaches.

9-11 Year Old Division - The managers and coaches shall be regular season team managers and/or coaches from the Little League Baseball/Softball Majors or AAA Minors Baseball and Minors Softball Division. Traditionally a Majors Division manager manages this team. If this manager opts not to manage the current year, the Vice President for the respective Divisions will be responsible for the selection process. The All Star manager will select their two (2) coaches. This should be a collaborative process with the Minor Division.

12. Managers and Coaches Clinics

All managers and coaches will be required to attend clinics as scheduled, and there shall be at least one in-house training session each year given by the VP of the respective division of play. Managers and coaches must possess leadership ability and the know-how to work with young children. Training Little Leaguers in the fundamentals of teamwork, good sportsmanship and discipline are attainable goals, and are readily available through publications, videos, seminars, and clinics produced for and by Little League.

13. Field and Batting Cage Schedules

After all teams have been selected the Vice Presidents of each division will meet with the managers and coaches to come up with a practice schedule for all fields and batting cages. This schedule will be posted in the concession stand clubhouse building and on the leagues web site. All rescheduling should be done through the Vice Presidents. Regular season games take precedence over practices. For scheduling purposes and special games, occasionally fields may change.

14. Concession Stand Operations and Guidelines

The concession manager or their designee will be responsible for overseeing the day to day operations of the stand. All teams will be given a schedule to staff the concession stand with adult volunteers on their designated dates. If a conflict arises with those dates the manager from that team or their designee must contact the stand manager to reschedule their dates. All teams are expected to assist in the stand if they wish to get to the District 8 tournament.

I, *Dan Prietti*, President of Valley Little League, Inc., do hereby certify that the
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foregoing is a true and complete copy of the local rules of Valley Little League, Inc., and that said local rules were duly adopted at a regular meeting of the board of directors of Valley Little League, Inc., held on the 20 day of May 2009; which meeting was duly called and convened and at which meeting a quorum of the Board of Directors was present.

20 day of May 2009

Attested: *Robert Rosato*
Information Officer of Valley Little League, Inc.