

GATE CITY

– LITTLE LEAGUE –

2024 BYLAWS

For Managers, Coaches, Players and Parents

League ID # 346-01-09

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ARTICLE I. PURPOSE

To layout the Hometown Rules that will govern Gate City Little League in association with the Gate City Little League Constitution and the Official Rules and Regulations provided by Little League in Williamsport, PA.

ARTICLE II. LEAGUE ADMINISTRATION

1. The General Membership of Gate City Little League approves the League Constitution for the following fiscal year each September. (Constitution is available on website and on file in Concession Stand)
2. Gate City Little League is governed by a Board of Directors, duly elected by the general membership prior to the start of each business year.
3. Gate City Little League maintains General Liability Insurance, Director's and Officer's Insurance, Cyber Liability Coverage, Crime Insurance, and Player Excess Accident Insurance through Keystone Risk Managers as part of our annual charter. (Certificate available on website and on file in Concession Stand)

4. WEATHER

- 4.1. No practices or games will be conducted when the temperature is below 45° F.
 - 4.1.1. Any game started will continue to completion even if temperature falls below 45° F, unless it is deemed a safety risk to do so by the League President or Safety Officer.
 - 4.1.2. The League President has the authority to override for practices or games should a concern arise from the President, Vice President's or Player Agent regarding loss of adequate practice time due to weather.
- 4.2. Visible lightning requires an immediate stoppage of play/practice. Play can resume after a full 30 minute window with **NO** visible lightning in the area.
- 4.3. Decisions on practice/game cancellations due to inclement weather will be made by the League President or his designated representative.
- 4.4. Team Managers can cancel practices at their discretion based on weather.
- 4.5. Please note the Safety Plan for further information.

5. FEES & REGISTRATION

- 5.1. Registration will be available online at www.gatecitylittleleague.org and open for a scheduled amount of time to allow for ample opportunity for registration.
- 5.2. The Board will determine the registration deadline and publish/communicate via Email, Facebook, and our website.
 - 5.2.1. The Board of Directors has the authority to impose a late fee with the amount of \$25 per child.

- 5.3. **T-Ball** - \$45.00 for the 1st child, \$35.00 for the 2nd child, \$25.00 for the 3rd child, and \$15.00 for the 4th child. \$120.00 is the maximum amount any family will have to pay for children living in the same household. (Includes Jersey and Hat)
- 5.4. **Minor and Major Leagues** - \$45.00 for the 1st child, \$35.00 for the 2nd child, \$25.00 for the 3rd child, and \$15.00 for the 4th child. \$120.00 is the maximum amount any family will have to pay for children living in the same household. (Includes Jersey and Hat (if applicable))
- 5.5. **Junior and Senior League (if offered)** - \$45.00 for the 1st child, \$35.00 for the 2nd child, \$25.00 for the 3rd child, and \$15.00 for the 4th child. \$120.00 is the maximum amount any family will have to pay for children living in the same household. (Includes Jersey and Hat (if applicable))

6. DIVISION AGE ALIGNMENT

- 6.1. Players are expected to play in the division they are eligible. “Playing Down” is strongly discouraged and will be handled on a case by case basis by the Board based on recommendations from the Player Agent, division VP, and managers.
- 6.2. Players/parents may petition the Board of Directors for a waiver to play in a different division.
 - 6.2.1. Waiver requests should be made, in writing, to the Player Agent or League President.
 - 6.2.2. The VP of baseball or softball will provide a recommendation to the Board with regard to any safety concerns and/or skill level concerns.
 - 6.2.3. The Board of Directors will have final approval of any waiver requests.
 - 6.2.4. It is strongly recommended that players play in the correct division to ensure the League maintains a competitive balance across all divisions.
- 6.3. Should safety be a concern for a player, the division VP can recommend a waiver be approved by the Board, for that player to play up or down a division.

6.4. AGE STRUCTURE

- 6.4.1. Based on League Age determination passed by Little League International for the 2024 season as shown in Appendix D. Registration numbers will dictate the available divisions that are offered by Gate City Little League.
- 6.4.2. **T-Ball** – League Ages 4-7 (7-Year-olds are preferred to play coach pitch but can play in the T-Ball division (T-Ball League ages are determined based off the Baseball division Age Chart)
- 6.4.3. **Coach Pitch** – Ages 5-8 (If a child is league age 5 or 6 and has played one year of T-Ball, he or she is eligible to play Minor Coach Pitch; however, league age 5, will not be eligible for the end of season All-Star Tournament) If a 9-year-old requests to play down in the Coach Pitch Division Board approval must be granted beforehand)
- 6.4.4. **Minor League Baseball/Softball** – Ages 8-10 (under special circumstances the board may decide to allow 11-year-olds to play in this division if there aren’t enough players registered for the Major divisions, 12 year olds will not be permitted to play in this division)

6.4.5. **Major League Baseball/Softball** - Ages 10-12 (if not enough players for divisions board may elect for Major and Minor divisions to be combined to make a 9-12 division)

6.4.6. **Junior League Baseball/Softball** - Ages 13-14 (if offered)

6.4.7. **Senior League Baseball/Softball** – Ages 15-16 (if offered)

7. ADVERTISING

- 7.1. Advertising will be collected under the leadership of the League President and Treasurer.
- 7.2. Gate City Little League will sell advertising in different levels as listed on our Sponsorship Letter show in Appendix F. The Board of Directors will have discretion over amounts and sponsorship levels.

8. FUNDRAISING

- 8.1. The Board of Directors will decide on annual fundraising opportunities.
- 8.2. **ALL** Gate City Little League fundraising proceeds will go into the General Fund and used as approved by the Board of Directors.

9. SAFETY

- 9.1. The Safety Officer and League President will present an annual Safety Plan for approval by the Board of Directors.
- 9.2. Accident forms **MUST** be filled out for ANY injury. (Form available in concession stand or from the League Safety Officer)
- 9.3. Accident forms should be returned to the Safety Officer upon completion for proper reporting.
- 9.4. Any participant deemed by a medical doctor to have suffered a concussion, **MUST** be released in writing by a medical doctor before allowed to participate in ANY type of practice or games. More information on concussions is defined in the Safety Plan.
 - 9.4.1. Failure to follow this rule could subject a manager or coaches to disciplinary action.

10. DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

- 10.1. The Disciplinary Committee will include the League President, Vice President, Player Agent, and Safety Officer.
 - 10.1.1. If one of the members recuses themselves or is asked by majority vote of the Board to step down for conflict of interest, they will be replaced by: (selected in order as needed to complete the 4 person panel)
 - I. Umpire in Chief
 - II. Coaching Coordinator
 - III. Other Board member
- 10.2. The committee will investigate complaints lodged against managers, coaches, players, parents, and fans.
- 10.3. The committee has the authority to implement the following penalties:
 - 10.3.1. Written Warnings
 - 10.3.2. Reversal of Game Outcome
 - 10.3.3. 1-game suspensions

- 10.4. More severe penalties must be approved by the Board at the recommendation of the Disciplinary Committee
- 10.5. The League President, with consultation of the Disciplinary Committee has the authority to remove a manager, coach, volunteer, fan, or player from participation until the matter can be resolved should the President deem it necessary for security or safety reasons based on individual circumstance.

11. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- 11.1. The Gate City Little League Board of Directors shall be determined at the Annual Meeting of members each September. Members of the league are approved volunteers who are in good standing with the league for the previous year and have an approved Volunteer Form on file with the league president.
- 11.2. Once elected to the Board, members are expected to be an active volunteer participating in monthly Board meetings, and other events throughout the year. This is essential in having a successful year.
- 11.3. If a Board member misses 3 monthly meetings during the year, a motion can be made to have a vote at the next meeting to have that member removed from the board.
 - 11.3.1. If the motion is approved by majority of the board then the member will be notified of the motion by letter in email or by mail and will be asked to attend the next meeting to address the issue.
 - 11.3.2. The member will be given the opportunity to address the board to explain why they have been absent and the board will be allowed to ask questions of the member.
 - 11.3.3. After the member has addressed the board, a motion to vote to remove the member will be brought to the floor. A quorum is required, and two-thirds vote in favor of the motion of board members present at the meeting will result in the member being removed. If less than two-thirds vote the member will remain on the board.
 - 11.3.4. If the member fails to appear at the meeting, the vote will still be conducted and two-thirds vote in favor will still be required to remove the member from the board.

12. REFUND POLICY

- 12.1. The registration fee is a donation towards the operation of Gate City Little League. The following is the official league policy regarding the refunding of the registration fee. All other funds collected from fundraisers, sponsorships, donations, etc. are not refundable.
- 12.2. To receive a refund, the parent/guardian of a player must submit a formal request via email gatecityll@gmail.com to the league requesting a refund. In the email it must contain the players name and a valid address where we can mail a check to should we not be able to refund via the online website. **No refund will be processed without a formal email request.**
- 12.3. All refunds will be processed once registration for the current season closes. Refunds will be made back the same way the original payment was submitted to the league (Online registration refunds will be submitted back to your card). The amount of the refund will be processed as follows:

- 12.3.1. Prior to the beginning of the regular playing season and before the uniform is ordered, the full registration fee (**service fees will not be refunded**)
- 12.3.2. After uniforms have been ordered and prior to the beginning of the regular playing season, 50% of the registration fee will be refunded (**service fees will not be refunded**)
- 12.3.3. **There will be no refund of the registration fee after the start of the regular season.**
- 12.3.4. **Anyone who registers after registration officially closes (February 15th, 2024) will not be eligible for a refund.**

ARTICLE III. MANAGERS, COACHES, AND VOLUNTEERS

1. BACKGROUND CHECKS

- 1.1. Gate City Little League MUST conduct a Background Check that includes the National and State Sex Offender's Registry on the following volunteer positions:
 - 1.1.1. Board Members
 - 1.1.2. Managers
 - 1.1.3. Coaches
 - 1.1.4. Umpires
 - 1.1.5. All Volunteers that will come in contact with Little League players.
- 1.2. Additional Checks can be run as deemed necessary by the League President and/or Safety Officer
- 1.3. Background checks are reviewed and verified by either the League President, or the Safety Officer.
- 1.4. Background Checks are performed via JDP as access is provided by Little League International.

2. APPOINTMENT

- 2.1. All Manager and Coach Applicants **MUST** be appointed by the League President for Board Approval.
- 2.2. All Manager and Coach Applicants are approved by the Board of Directors before eligible to participate in practices or games.
- 2.3. The League President may appoint a Board approved Coach to replace a Manager if an approved position becomes vacant.
- 2.4. Appointments are for one year and positions are **NOT** guaranteed for the current year solely on past participation.

3. MEETINGS & HANDOUTS

- 3.1. Approved Managers and Coaches will attend a Rules and Safety meeting prior to the start of the League Season.
- 3.2. Approved Managers and Coaches can download the rulebook app from Little League as it is now Free (1-2 hard copies of the rule book will be provided to the team). The manager will be provided a copy of the by-laws and safety plan (this can be an electronic copy). They will be expected to be familiar with both documents

4. EQUIPMENT

- 4.1. Managers will be given appropriate equipment for their team
- 4.2. Managers will be responsible for returning the equipment to the league at the end of the season to the Coaching Coordinator. If not returned by July 1st and inspected League President/Vice President/Player Agent/Safety Officer the manager maybe subject to a \$250 fee. If equipment is missing the manager maybe responsible for replacement of equipment as well based on what it was and the current prices for that piece of equipment. This is in place due to the past few years coaches haven't been turning in the equipment and we must ensure we have it all back as its costly to replace and we must ensure it is only used for Little League.

5. FACILITY MAINTENANCE

- 5.1. All Gate City Little League volunteers are responsible for clearing the grounds of trash and debris as well as maintaining the upkeep of the facility buildings and grounds, including but not limited to the dugouts and bleachers.
- 5.2. Managers will be provided the codes to only the Little League facilities they need access to and each manager is responsible that these codes are only provided to approved coaches and volunteers within Gate City Little League. Parents should **NEVER** be provided these codes! Little League facilities are to be only used for Little League purposes.
 - 5.2.1. Failure to follow this rule will subject volunteers to dismissal by the Board of Directors.

6. CONCESSIONS

- 6.1. One representing parent from each team will work concessions either before or after their game, depending on the time their child plays that day. A Board member will be present at all times, in addition to the 2 workers. Along with a game schedule, a concession schedule will be made so everyone knows who is responsible for concessions that day. Participation is encouraged and will be taken into consideration for All-Stars.

ARTICLE IV. PRE-SEASON

1. TEAM SETUP

- 1.1. After Registration Deadline, the League President, with consultation of division Vice President and division Player Agent, will make recommendations to the Board for number of teams and draft setup for each division. These recommendations will be based on the total number of registered players in each division.
- 1.2. Every effort will be made to keep team rosters at 12 or less players.

2. TRY-OUTS

- 2.1. Division Vice President (or League President) and Player Agent will run a fair and effective tryout for each division.
- 2.2. Only players participating in the draft are required to try-out.
- 2.3. The Vice President and Player Agent can appoint someone to run the try-out under their direction, with approval of the League President.

3. DRAFT

- 3.1. All drafts must be administered by the Division Player Agent with assistance from the Division Vice President or designee. The League President (or designee) and Division Vice Presidents are eligible to be in the room during the draft.
- 3.2. Only Managers of the involved teams are eligible in the draft. No Coaches.
- 3.3. Participants moving up to a new division will be a part of the draft.
 - 3.3.1. If a player moving up is the child of an appointed manager, that child will be automatically drafted to that team, per the rules of the draft.
 - 3.3.2. If a player moving up has a sibling on a team in that division, that child will be automatically drafted to that team, per the rules of the draft.
- 3.4. Once drafted that player remains on the assigned team until moving up divisions or a re-draft is ordered of the current division by the League President.
- 3.5. The Board must approve all requests to re-enter the draft within a division. Request should be in writing to the League President or division Player Agent.
- 3.6. T-Ball and Coach Pitch team organization will be done by placement at recommendation of the League President or Player Agent.
- 3.7. Managers are not eligible to select coaches prior to the draft. Coaches will be chosen from available volunteers based on the finished roster.

3.8. TYPES OF DRAFT

3.8.1. MAJOR AND MINOR PLAYER PITCH DIVISION DRAFT

- 3.8.1.1. Gate City Little League should make every effort to maintain the Major divisions without redraft based on guidance from Little League Rulebook.
- 3.8.1.2. Draft will include all League age 9-12 participants (unless there is enough participation to have a 9-10 year old league. Then 9-10s will be in a Minor Draft, while 11-12 year olds will be in the Major Draft)
- 3.8.1.3. All 12-year-olds will be drafted first in Major Draft. Minor Draft 10-year-olds will be drafted first (Full redraft)
- 3.8.1.4. League Age 10-11 players will be in one pool of players for drafting (Full redraft) All League Age 10-12 players are drafted from one pool if the teams continue with rostered players from previous season and NO full redraft.
- 3.8.1.5. Draft continues until all available players are taken. Draft must be certified by attending authority to be final.

3.8.2. STANDARD DRAFT – No change in number of teams in a division.

- 3.8.2.1. Draft order determined by regular season standings, not including any interleague results
- 3.8.2.2. Ties broken by Head to Head, then coin flip.
- 3.8.2.3. Manager's kids and siblings must be drafted by the 3rd round to guarantee their selection. IF siblings are in the draft then the second must be selected by the 3rd round or the next round, if after the 3rd, to guarantee selection.
- 3.8.2.4. The makeup clause laid out in the Operations manual provided by Little League International may be implemented after the 3rd round (2nd round if deemed necessary for competitive concerns) with agreement of the League President and division Player Agent.

- 3.8.2.5. Draft continues until all players are selected.
- 3.8.2.6. Draft must be certified by attending authority to be final.

3.8.3. REDUCTION DRAFT – division dropping a team but not a Full Re-Draft

- 3.8.3.1. Draft order determined by regular season standings, not including any interleague results
- 3.8.3.2. Ties broken by Head to Head, then coin flip.
- 3.8.3.3. The makeup clause laid out in the Operations manual provided by Little League International may be implemented after the 3rd round with agreement of the League President and division Player Agent.
- 3.8.3.4. All players on the returning roster of the removed team will be placed in the draft. They are eligible to be drafted at any slot unless parent or sibling clause applies. Also eligible for invite to the try-outs

3.8.4. COMPLETE REDRAFT – Re-organization of a division

- 3.8.4.1. Managers will be appointed for each team necessary
- 3.8.4.2. Draft order is drawn from a hat. Random draw is redone for each age group section.
- 3.8.4.3. Draft is completed using Snake format (1,2,3,4—4,3,2,1—1,2,3,4)
- 3.8.4.4. Player Lists are broken into each age group.
- 3.8.4.5. Each Age Group is drafted separately
- 3.8.4.6. Managers rank participants from each age group to cover 2 rounds (i.e. 6 teams = rank top 12 players)
- 3.8.4.7. Votes are tallied by draft authority and the final list shows the available players for that age group for the first two rounds.
- 3.8.4.8. Managers must draft from the supplied list during the first two rounds if they are ranked in the top two rounds.
- 3.8.4.9. A manager's child must be drafted in the round ranked or the 3rd round, whichever comes first. (Manager A child is ranked in the top half of the delivered list, then a 1st round pick is used. If the child is ranked in the bottom half of the list, then a 2nd round pick is used. If the child is not on the list, then a 3rd round pick is used.)
- 3.8.4.10. Draft for division mandatory age group is completed for first two rounds and finished until all kids are selected. Remaining age groups follow as one draft pool using same procedure including random draft order. Draft continues until all available positions are filled.

3.8.5. MINOR COACH PITCH

- 3.8.5.1. Coach Pitch team organization will be done by placement at recommendation of the division Player Agent. Teams will be populated first from players who made previous year's All-Star team if available. After that remaining 8-year-olds will be divided among teams, then 7-year-olds will be divided among the teams, and finally any 6-year-olds playing will be distributed among the teams until all players available have been assigned a team. Since this division is a learning division this provides all teams to be as equal as possible.

- 3.8.5.2. If a manager has a kid playing the player will be automatically be placed on the team.
- 3.8.5.3. Once finalized only the player agent with approval from the League President can make changes to teams.

3.8.6. T-BALL

- 3.8.6.1. T-ball teams will be created by dividing all registered players eligible for the T-ball division by the baseball division player agent an assigned randomly to a manager ensuring manager kids are assigned to team.

4. PRACTICE

- 4.1. Practices are scheduled by the team manager on the calendar located at the respected field at a designated location determined by the League President. T-Ball practices are set by the Player Agent or League President.
- 4.2. Practices are scheduled one practice at a time. The team manager/coaches can schedule the teams next practice after their current scheduled practices is completed. At **NO** time should a team have more than one practice scheduled. This includes having a practice scheduled at the cage and field.
- 4.3. Practice Time Slots are listed below for each practice field location:

BASEBALL FIELD – During the week, practices will be scheduled on the baseball field at 4:00pm, 5:30pm, 7:00pm, and 8:30pm. Once the season begins, games will take priority and all practices must be scheduled when a game isn't being played. The calendar will be marked out on days games are scheduled.

SOFTBALL FIELD – During the week, while Gate City Middle School Softball is playing, practices will be scheduled on the softball field at 5:30pm and 7:00pm. Once Gate City Middle School's Softball season is completed, practice times on the softball field will be scheduled at 4:00pm, 5:30pm, 7:00pm, and 8:30pm. Once the season begins, games will take priority and all practices must be scheduled when a game isn't being played. When games start, they will begin at 6:00PM as the middle school has been made aware of this and are in agreeance. The calendar will be marked out on days games are scheduled.

SATURDAY PRACTICES – On Saturday, practices can be scheduled when games aren't going on, by signing up for practices on the calendar under each press box. Once the season begins, games will take priority and all practices must be scheduled when a game isn't being played. The calendar will be marked out on days games are scheduled.

SUNDAY PRACTICES – On Sunday, practices can be scheduled on the calendar under each press box, unless practice slots are scheduled by other organizations (they have to sign up on calendar as well).

BATTING CAGE PRACTICE– During the week, the High School teams have the building until 6:00pm. After that time practices can be scheduled at 6:00pm, 7:30pm, and

9:00pm-10:00pm. No one should be in the batting cage after the hour of 10:00pm. On weekends, the building practice schedule must be scheduled using the calendar for no longer than 2-hour time slots. Parents should wait outside for their child's practice to end. If overcrowding becomes an issue the manager of each team has league approval to ask the parents to wait outside the cage. Only approved volunteers can be outside the fenced in area, and at no time should a parent or sibling be outside the fenced in area! Managers/Coaches should ensure this is strictly enforced at their practices. If the high school fails to exit in a timely manner, please make the League President or Vice President aware so this can be addressed.

SHOEMAKER (KANE FIELD) –Practices can begin at 5:00pm for no more than 1.5 hours. If daylight allows a team can start practice around 6:45 until dusk. If no one shows up at the next time slot you may practice into that time slot. No lights are present at this field so practices **MUST** conclude before dusk. If there is an issue scheduling 2 teams on this field during the season, please notify the League President or Vice President. Practices can be scheduled under the baseball press box on the calendar at Grogan Park.

WEBER CITY – T-ball teams will practice here one to two times a week depending on the number of teams. Those practice times will be determined at the beginning of the season and will be scheduled in 1hr time slots. Any change in practice schedule or rescheduling for T-Ball must go through the League President or Vice President.

- 4.4. Scrimmages are allowed before the season within a practice time slot. Scrimmages **MUST** be approved by the League President or Vice President and pitching rules must be followed during scrimmages.

ARTICLE V. GAMEDAY

1. RULES

- 1.1. Gate City Little League uses the Little League Official Regulations and Playing Rules for governing play for all divisions.
- 1.2. **INTERLEAGUE PLAY**
 - 1.2.1. Gate City Little League may, at the President's discretion, schedule games against neighboring leagues.
 - 1.2.2. Any discrepancies in the By-Laws of Gate City Little League and the scheduled league will be negotiated prior to any games being played, by the Presidents of both leagues.
 - 1.2.3. Managers within a division scheduled for interleague play will be notified prior to games of any adjustments to the Gate City Little League By-Laws for any scheduled interleague play.
- 1.3. Additional rules and clarifications for Minor Coach Pitch are shown in Appendix A.

- 1.4. Additional rules and clarifications for T-Ball are shown in Appendix B.
- 1.5. No more than 4 adult coaches, all of which must be Appointed and Board Approved, are allowed in the dugout/bullpen area. *NOTE: For Minor Coach Pitch, teams may have 3 coaches and a Coach Pitcher.*
A coach MUST remain in the dugout at all times with players.
- 1.6. The bullpen area will be closed off during games for everyone other than Manager, Coaches, and Players of the participating team and League Officials as necessary.

2. FIELD PREP

- 2.1. Managers and Coaches are responsible for preparing the field prior to their practice or game which includes painting the lines and dragging the infield. Managers and Coaches are responsible for leaving the field in good condition, which includes raking/dragging infield, removing and storing bases, covering the mound (baseball only), as well as plugging the base holes on the field. This **MUST** be done after each practice/game for both Baseball and Softball and all teams must assist. Both teams of the early game must work together to ensure the field prepared for the evenings games. The late game teams must work together to close the field down for the night.
- 2.2. Managers and Coaches are responsible for verifying the field and dugout areas are safe and ready for play. See the Safety Plan further directions.
- 2.3. Managers and Coaches are responsible for clearing all trash from the dugouts and playing field after each practice/game.

3. UMPIRES

- 3.1. Managers and Coaches will be used as umpires for games when deemed necessary by the League. This includes behind the plate and on the bases. **Due to the recent decline in umpires all managers/coaches MUST assist with umpiring. If your game is the 2nd game you will be expected to help umpire the 1st game, if your game is the 1st game you will be expected to help with the 2nd game. This time spent umpiring will be taken into consideration when the board selects the Manager for the All-Stars as well as the Coaches. If you don't help out you will not be considered for manager/coaching position for the All-star teams.** If there is only 1 game the League Vice President (or UIC) will determine who will need to umpire that game.
- 3.2. Umpires should work to ensure games move at an appropriate pace and curfews and game times are honored. Umpires will allow 8 warm up pitches the 1st inning a pitcher is in the game. After that the umpire can limit it to 4-5 warmup pitches. **By rule, they have a 1 minute between innings, which can be enforced by the umpire.**
- 3.3. The Vice President or Umpire in Chief, will layout an umpiring schedule that denotes plate and base umpires.

4. SCHEDULE

- 4.1. Game Schedules will be created by the League President/Vice President or other league official. The League President will approve all schedules before the season starts and assist the Vice President/League official if assistance is required with scheduling games with other Leagues.

- 4.2. Every effort will be made to schedule teams for at least 2 games a week in most weeks with a minimum of 12 games for Minor Player Pitch and Majors. T-Ball and Coach Pitch will be scheduled a minimum 10-12 games.
- 4.3. Game Schedules are not adjustable without approval of the League President or Division Vice President.
- 4.4. Inter League play will be incorporated within the League schedule.
- 4.5. Managers **CANNOT** schedule their own games.
- 4.6. The League President will complete all waivers required for games with teams in other leagues. The Division Vice President's will notify the League President if they are scheduling a game with a team outside the league so that the appropriate waivers can be submitted to District. If the waiver hasn't been filed in the appropriate amount of time for approval, then no game will be played.

5. TIMES / CURFEWS

- 5.1. Curfew is 10:00pm.
- 5.2. Most games will be scheduled for 5:30 pm and 7:30pm during the week. If T-Ball is the first game the second game will start at 7:00pm. If playing teams from out of town this may change to allow travel time.
- 5.3. All Saturday games will normally begin at 10:00am (this can change due to scheduling issues) and will have a 2 hour time slot, except for T-Ball which will continue to have a 1 hour time slot.
- 5.4. Official Start time will be noted by the Home Plate Umpire and both managers will be notified. The Home Plate Umpire Decides the clock for record.
- 5.5. An Inning is started the moment the final out has been made in the bottom of the previous inning.
- 5.6. All Divisions will play by the 5 run rule (no divisions will use the unlimited runs allowed in the 6th inning due to time restraints on our fields for the regular season) and use the continuous batting order shall be used allowing all players on the roster to have the opportunity to bat.
- 5.8. All divisions will honor the 8 run rule after 5 innings, 10 run rule after 4 innings, and 15 run rules after 3 innings. This is for regular season only.

5.9. TIME LIMITS

- 5.9.1. **T-BALL** – Games cannot exceed 60 minutes
- 5.9.2. **MINOR COACH PITCH** – Games are limited to 1 hour and 30 minutes. No inning can start 15 minutes before the scheduled start time of the next game. Games will be allowed to end in a tie.
- 5.9.3. **MINOR PLAYER PITCH** – Games are limited to 1 hour and 30 minutes. Drop dead time will be 1 hour and 45 minutes after the first pitch and the umpire (or league official will notify teams) Games will be allowed to end in a tie if the drop-dead time limit is reached.
- 5.9.4. **MAJORS** – Games are limited to 1 hour and 45 minutes. No new inning can start after the 1 hour and 45-minute limit. If in the middle of the inning every effort will be made to complete that inning (unless curfew comes into play or scheduling conflict with the next game occurs). The umpire will notify the teams when nearing the time limit. Games will be allowed to end in a tie if the time limit is reached.

- 5.10. Managers can be disciplined for attempting to manipulate or disregard the time limits and curfew.
- 5.11. The League President has the authority to alter the above start times in case of special games scheduling, weather concerns, or end of year school testing.

6. PITCHER LIMITS

- 6.1. Baseball Pitch Count Rules per section VI of Official Regulations.
- 6.2. Softball Inning Count Rules per section VI of Official Regulations.

7. POOL PLAY

- 7.1. Division Player Agents should develop a Pool Play List for use during the season. A pool of players from existing regular season teams can be created with players that are willing to participate in extra games during the regular season when teams face a shortage of rostered players for a regular season game within their respective division or one division below, who are age appropriate and have been assessed capable. Pool players may return to their respective division and all other guidelines must be followed as outlined.
- 7.2. Managers should make every effort to identify player absences ahead of time so the Player Agent or League President can coordinate a replacement player.
- 7.3. A player who is asked to be at the field for pool play is required to play 9 consecutive outs and bat at least once, regardless of final number of players that show for the team in question.
- 7.4. First consideration of pool players will be given to players that are typically used as subs. Managers **CANNOT** recruit pool players on their own.
- 7.5. When an absence is not known in advance, efforts will be made to find a suitable pool player from available players within that division, who are at the ballpark during that time. Player Agent has the final decision of who participates in the game. If the Player Agent isn't available the Division Vice President or League President will have the final decision.
- 7.6. **Pool Play players CANNOT pitch.**
- 7.7. Managers will be subject to disciplinary action for manipulation of Pool Play.

8. PRESS BOX

- 8.1. Each team should provide at least 1 person to work the press box. Duties include announcing, operating the scoreboard, and book keeping. Children should not be in the press box, unless they have been trained to either operate the scoreboard/announce/or keep book. Adult supervision is required at all times in the press box if this is the case.

9. PROTESTS

- 9.1. Major Division Protests will follow procedure laid out in Official Regulations (4.19)
- 9.2. Minor Division Protests will be decided by the League President or Division Vice President before the next pitch. Once the next pitch occurs there is no ability to protest. (4.19.g)

10. PLAYING TIME

- 10.1. Minimum playing time rules will follow the Official Little League Regulations (Section IV.i)
- 10.1.1. If a player does not play the minimum playing time due to a shortened regulation game (weather or 8/10/15 run rule), then that player will be required to start and play a minimum of 3 innings, in the next scheduled game.
- 10.2. Penalties for abusing the Playing Time rule are in Official Little League Regulations (Section IV.i)

11. NUMBER OF PLAYERS REQUIRED

- 11.1. Games may be started and played with only 8 players and continuous batting order will still be used (This applies ONLY to a game where a team has 8 players). If a team thinks they will have less than 9 players they need to notify the Player Agent so a Pool Player can be used to help ensure the game is played.

12. CONTROVERSY

- 12.1. **ZERO Tolerance** – See Parent Code of Conduct Appendix G
- 12.2. No abusive, unsportsmanlike, or objectionable behavior will be tolerated.
The following list represent objectionable behavior:
- Profanity
 - Arguing Calls
 - Use of Tobacco in the dugout or on the field during practice or games.
 - Verbal Abuse of Players
 - Confrontational Behavior
 - Aggressive behavior with players, peers, fans, or parents.
- 12.3. Once a decision has been made by the Home Plate Umpire or League Official in charge, that decision is final. Managers can use the Protest procedure (4.19)
- 12.4. Managers should call time and approach an umpire for clarification if desired in a calm and acceptable manner.
- 12.5. The Manager and Coaches are expected to set the tone for acceptable behavior. Fans and Players will imitate the example set by the Manager and Coaches.
- 12.6. **NO ALCOHOL USE PERMITTED**
If a League volunteer or Spectator is deemed to be under the influence on premises, they will be removed from the premises by League officials (and the police will be called if necessary)
- 12.7. **NO DRUG USE PERMITTED**
If a League Volunteer or Spectator is deemed to be under the influence on premises, they will be removed from the premises by League officials (and the police will be called if necessary)
- 12.8. **NO TOBACCO USE PERMITTED**
If a League Volunteer is deemed to be using any Tobacco or vapor products in the dugout or on the field during practice or games, they will be disciplined as followed:
- 1) 1st offense is a warning
 - 2) 2nd time caught they will be removed from the premises by League officials
 - 3) 3rd offense will result in disciplinary actions
- Managers are responsible for enforcing this rule with their coaches.
- 12.9. **FANS / PARENTS**

- 12.9.1. Issues involving parents should be handled in a calm and considerate manner.
 - 12.9.2. Managers, Coaches, and Umpires should not attempt to engage unruly fans. The Head Umpire or League Officials should be notified of unruly fans and will address the issue immediately.
 - 12.9.3. Confrontations and Aggressive Behavior from Parents or Fans should be reported immediately to the League President, Safety Officer, or Vice President.
- 12.10. EJECTIONS**
- 12.10.1. Should an umpire feel an ejection of Player, or Coach becomes necessary, applicable rules from the Official Little League Regulations Rule Book will be applied. (9.01.d)
 - 12.10.2. Any Player, Coach, or Fan that is ejected from a game or asked to leave will be dealt with by the Disciplinary Committee under Article II, Section 10 of this document.

ARTICLE VI. ALL-STARS

1. TOURNAMENT COMMITMENT

- 1.1. Gate City Little League is committed to fielding the most competitive team possible in the 10-12 All-Star division and the 8-10 All-Star division. Tournament teams will consist of 12 player rosters. Anything below 12 would require board approval as well as district administrator approval.

2. PLAYER SURVEY

- 2.1. Prior to selection of the All-Star teams, a survey will be delivered to all players. See Appendix E for survey.
- 2.2. A deadline will be established for return of the player surveys
- 2.3. Only players with a returned survey noting the parent's approval, including parent signature, will be placed on the All-Star ballot. Parents will also receive a Parent Code of Conduct form to sign (if one wasn't completed during registration). See Appendix E.
- 2.4. The survey must be delivered no later than one week before the final scheduled game. Survey deadline will be determined by Board of Directors.

3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1. All players are eligible, unless prohibited by the Board of Directors, to participate in their respective League Age All-Star division.
 - 3.1.1. League age 8, playing Minor Kid Pitch is eligible for 6-8 Coach Pitch All-Stars
 - 3.1.2. League age 9/10, playing in Major Division (10-12) is eligible for 8-10 All-Stars
 - 3.1.3. The league will schedule and played, at a minimum, a 12- game regular season for each team.
 - 3.1.4. A player must have participated in eight (8) regular season games to be eligible for All-Stars in their division. **Exception:** The Board of Directors may permit a player to be eligible for selection, who does not meet the minimum game requirement, if they provide a physician's note documenting an injury or illness prior to or during the current season prohibiting his/her participation and such note releases the player for the balance of the Regular Season and/or Tournament. Also if school ball interferes they may be permitted to play based on

documentation that school ball games and practice interfered. They must be registered with the league prior to the start of the regular season games within that division and participate in sixty (60%) of games available to them. (PG 165)

- 3.2. **There will be a \$25 fee per player**, which will cover the cost of Jersey's, Patches, and Tournament fees. This will allow the players to keep their Jersey at the conclusion of their tournament.

4. MANAGER SELECTION

- 4.1. All Managers and Coaches within a division are eligible to request, to the League President, their name considered for All-Star Manager.
- 4.2. The League President has the authority to remove a name from the Manager list prior to submitting for Board Approval. Failure to help umpire will weigh in on this decision.
- 4.3. The Board of Directors will select the manager for each division.

5. COACH SELECTION

- 5.1. Coaches will be selected by the Manager **AFTER** the players have been selected to the team. The manager will provide the list to the League President which has the authority to remove a name from the list prior to submitting for Board Approval. Failure to help umpire will weigh in on this decision.
- 5.2. The Board of Directors will approve the final list of coaches for each division.

6. BALLOT

- 6.1. Ballots will be created for the 8-10 and 10-12 divisions for softball and baseball from all the players that returned a parent approved survey.
- 6.2. Final Ballot must receive the Board of Directors Approval.
 - 6.2.1. The Board of Directors can vote to remove a player from the ballot with a 2/3 majority vote.
 - 6.2.3. The Board of Directors will approve the ballot and not the final results

7. VOTING (8-10 and 10-12)

- 7.1. Players in the 8-10 and 10-12 division will be given the opportunity to vote for the respective All-Star team. Players can vote for up to 10 players.
- 7.2. All Managers, Coaches, and Volunteer Umpires participating in the division may vote on that ballot. Votes can be for up to 10 players.
- 7.3. Board Members may vote for players on the ballot. Votes can be for up to 10 players per ballot.
- 7.4. The top 6 vote getters on the All-Star ballots from the combined results of Player Ballots, Manager/Coach Ballots, Umpire Ballots, and Board Member Ballots shall represent the League on the All-Star Team.
- 7.5. The top 4 vote getters, excluding the original 6 selected above, from Managers/ Coaches Ballots will represent the League on their divisions All-Star Team.
- 7.8. Votes will be counted by the League President and Player Agent.
- 7.9. After the votes are counted, the League President will meet with the All-Star Manager to provide the top 10 vote getters names in alphabetical order, at this meeting the manager will select the final 2 players at their discretion from the players on the ballot.

8. RESULTS

- 8.1. Vote totals and/or player rankings will not be released by the League.
- 8.2. The League President will notify the Manager selected.
- 8.3. The Manager selected will be given the 10 names voted in alphabetical order.
- 8.4. The Manager will notify the League President of his player selections.
- 8.5. The League President will release the teams on the appropriate day, per the Little League Rules.

9. MINOR COACH PITCH ALL-STAR TEAMS

- 9.1. See Appendix A for Minor Coach Pitch Tournament Selection process.

10. TOURNAMENT EQUIPMENT

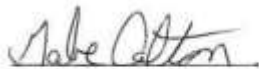
- 10.1. The League will provide each Player with a jersey as part of the \$25 fee. The league will provide each Manager and Coach with a coach's shirt.
- 10.2. Parents will be responsible for pants. The manager will decide what color pants to wear.
- 10.3. Team Equipment will be provided by the League which the manger is responsible for. Tournament approved balls will be provide as well to the manager.

11. TOURNAMENT TRAVEL

- 11.1. Teams are solely responsible for any costs incurred while playing in the District 1 Tournament.
- 11.2. If a team wins the district and advances to State Tournament, the Board will have authority to allow parents and players to fundraise within the Rules and Regulations of Little League International and in accordance with applicable laws for 501(c)3, tax exempt organizations under the IRS code.
- 11.3. Gate City Little League utilizes a per diem payment system for all state tournament travel for Food and Lodging expenses. Policy details defined in Appendix C.
- 11.4. The Board of Directors has final approval of all expenditures for State bound teams, regardless of amount funds raised for a specific team.

The By-Laws have been approved by the Gate City Little League Board of Directors on **February 11th, 2024** effective for the fiscal year **October 2023 - September2024**.

Copies are to be placed on the website and in the Concession Stand as well as provided to the managers of each team.



Gabe Calton – President

APPENDIX A

**Virginia Little League Baseball and Softball
District and State Coach Pitch
Tournament Rules and Guidelines**

These rules were approved for Baseball and Softball play by the District Administrators of Virginia. These supplemental rules are to be used in conjunction with the Official Little League Rule Book. The following options, rules and clarifications shall be used throughout the tournament.

1. Objective

- 1.1 The objective of the Coach Pitch Tournament is to provide six, seven and eight year-olds the opportunity to participate in a baseball (or softball) tournament at the District and State level. All players and coaches selected for a tournament team must come from a regular season Little League roster and must have met the minimum participation requirements outlined in Little League rules.
- 1.2 Each team will consist of a minimum of 10 players and no more than 14 players on a roster, a manager, 2 coaches and one pitcher coach. A game may not be played or continued if either team has less than 8 players.
- 1.3 **Current Concussion rules shall be in place for each game. The following link has a lot of good information concerning concussion training.** <http://www.nfhslearn.com>

2. Definition of Terms

- 2.1 See Little League Official Rule Book.
 - 2.1.1. There will be a straight line extended **four (4)** feet on both sides of the 46 ft. (35 ft. for Softball) pitcher plate.
 - 2.2.1. Once the adult pitcher has control of the ball the defensive coach may ask for time out to make an appeal on the previous play or to get clarifications on a rule.

3. Game Preliminaries

- 3.1 Both managers will meet with a tournament official to conduct the following:
 - 3.1.1 Coin toss to determine the home team or dugout. The winner of the toss has the choice.
 - 3.1.2 Exchange lineups and provide a copy for the official scorekeeper.
- 3.2 The batter's box, foul lines and coaches' box will be marked as outlined in the Little League rule book.

4. Starting and Ending a Game

- 4.1 All teams must be ready to start on time. The home team will take their defensive positions and the first batter on the visiting team will take his/her place in the batter's box.
- 4.2 The defensive team will place 10 players on defense, 6 infielders and 4 outfielders. Outfielders must be positioned on the outfield grass.
- 4.3 The offense will station 2 adult base coaches or 1 adult and 1 player.
- 4.4 15 run rule is in effect. If the home team is ahead by 15 runs or more after 2 1/2 innings or the visiting team after 3 innings the team that is ahead is declared the winner. 10 run rule is in effect. If the home team is ahead by 10 runs or more after 3 1/2 innings or the visiting team is ahead by 10 runs or more after 4

- complete innings, or if the home team is ahead by 8 runs after 4 1/2 or the Visiting team is ahead by 8 runs after 5 innings the team ahead is declared the winner.
- 1.5 Teams will play each game with a continuous batting order. The batting order shall be established prior to the start of the game. All players present at game time will be listed on the batting order. Any player arriving late shall be added to the bottom of the batting order.
 - 1.6 A maximum of 5 runs or 3 outs per inning. No limit on runs in the 6th or subsequent innings.
 - 1.7 Players may be entered and/or reentered into the game provided he/she meets the requirements of mandatory play (3 defensive outs).
 - 1.8 Infield fly rule is NOT in effect.

5. Putting the Ball in Play

- 5.1 When the umpire calls "Play" the Coach Pitcher shall pitch the ball to the batter.
- 5.2 The ball becomes dead, and the umpire will call time when:
 - 5.2.1 A batted ball comes in contact with the pitcher coach. No pitch is counted, and all base runners must return to the base previously occupied.
 - 5.2.2 A player is injured. Any runner(s) who have crossed the halfway/hash marks shall be awarded the next base. (If a base runner is injured the last retired batter will replace the runner.)
 - 5.2.3 Any player who has control of the ball and forces the lead runner to stop or retreat toward the last touched base.
- 5.3 Defensive time outs will be limited to 2 per game. Offensive time outs will be limited to 1 per inning. Time outs due to injury do not count. However, coaching during an injury timeout is not allowed

6. The Batter

- 6.1 Each batter will receive 5 pitches or 3 swinging strikes. If the last pitch is fouled, batter will receive additional pitches until they strike out or hit the ball.
- 6.2 If the 5th pitch is missed or not swung at, the batter is out.
- 6.3 Bunting is not allowed.

7. The Runner

- 7.1 Runners shall not lead off or steal bases.
- 7.2 Runners must have one foot in contact with the base until the ball reaches the batter.

8. The Pitcher

- 8.1 The Player Pitcher.
 - 8.1.1 One of the 6 infielders must play the position of Player pitcher.
 - 8.1.2 The pitcher must stand with both feet behind the four (4') ft extension of the 46 ft (35 ft, for Softball) pitching plate. He/she is free to move once the ball is pitched.
 - 8.1.3 The player pitcher may wear a helmet with NOSCOE face mask. This is optional for each team.
- 8.2 The Coach Pitcher:
 - 8.2.1 The coach/pitcher may speak to the batter until the pitch is thrown. Once the ball is put in play the coach/pitcher shall leave the playing field in a direction that will not interfere with the play/ball and not return until the umpire has called time. If the coach/pitcher fails to leave or in the judgement interferes in any way; the batter is out.
 - 8.2.2 The coach/pitcher must pitch overhanded (under handed for softball) to

each player and must be in contact with the pitching plate.

8.2.3 The coach/pitcher will apply the courtesy of making sure that the defensive team is in position before making a pitch. The batter will not receive any benefit from the coach/pitcher doing this. The umpire, in his judgment, shall nullify any hit, return any runners that advance, and call a strike on the batter

9 Coaching Rules

9.1 All coaches and managers are responsible for the actions of their parents.

9.2 There must be a coach in the dugout at all times.

9.3 When the ball is hit, the pitching coach must exit the field to the foul line in the opposite direction the ball is hit, or the batter will be called out.

10. Protests

10.1 Protest may only be made by the manager and should only be made when the manager believes a rule has been misinterpreted or overlooked by the umpire.

10.2 All protests must be made before the next pitch or play is made.

10.3 ~~The District Administrator, tournament director or his/her designed representative will resolve the protest before the play resumes. (DO NOT CALL SOUTHERN REGION).]]~~

10.4 ~~All decisions made by the tournament officials are final.~~

11. Conduct of Teams

11.1 Tournament Directors will ensure that:

11.1.1 Managers are responsible for the conduct of their teams upon arriving at the tournament site and until such time as they have left the tournament site.

11.1.2 ANY MANAGER, COACH, PLAYER, or SPECTATOR EJECTED FROM A GAME WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE NEXT GAME. The person ejected must leave the game and tournament site within 2 minutes or their team will forfeit the game. ANY MANAGER, COACH, PLAYER, OR SPECTATOR ejected will not participate in the next game in which their team is involved.

12. Documentation

12.1 Documentation will consist of birth certificate and medical release.

ALL-STAR SELECTION

- The All-Star team will be decided from the available list of age eligible league age 6- 8-year-old players by vote of the division managers. The top 12 that receive the most votes will be named to the team.
- Manager Selection will be decided by the Board from willing nominees that are Regular Season Managers or Coaches from that division.
- The Manager will choose 2 Coaches and a Player Coach Pitcher as part of the team. Coaches must be Board approved for the regular season.

APPENDIX B

T-BALL SPECIFIC RULES**FIELD DIMENSIONS:**

- T-Ball will use the standard field size for Little League.
1. Games are scheduled at 1 hour intervals
 - No inning can be started after 45 minutes from scheduled start time.
 - 2 inning games are most common
 2. Teams bat through the order each inning. Last batter clears the bases by “Touching them all”
 - Please rotate the “clean up” hitter (last batter) each game.
 3. All defensive players play the field. No matter the number.
 4. No score is kept.
 5. Manager is responsible for team’s trash pickup at field during practice and game.

APPENDIX C

Gate City Little League Policy for Overnight Travel relating to State All-Star Tournaments

The opportunity to receive reimbursement for All-Star tournament travel is available each year based upon Gate City Little League Board discretion.

1. Any team winning the District 1 division tournament is eligible to compete in the division State tournament.
2. Any team attending the State tournament will attempt to raise funds to offset the costs of attending the State tournament.
3. Any funds received to assist in covering State tournament costs will be remitted to Gate City Little League.
4. Certain overnight team travel expenses may be paid for by Gate City Little League based upon the Board’s discretion.
5. Each player and each approved coach may receive \$30 per day of overnight travel to cover meal expenses upon the Board’s discretion. This is a per diem amount and no receipt will be required. The Gate City Little League Tournament Expense form must be completed.
6. Lodging expenses may be provided as follows:
 - (1) A maximum of five rooms (four person occupancy each) for each team travelling overnight or
 - (2) Per Diem lodging per player/coach based on a percentage of the room rate.

Teams are expected to utilize reasonably priced lodging accommodations. The Gate City Little League Tournament Expense form must be completed accompanied by a valid receipt for lodging expense

APPENDIX D

2024 Little League Age Charts for Softball and Baseball/T-Ball

2024 Little League® Age Chart



Match month (top line) and box with year of birth. League age indicated at right.

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AGE
2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	4
2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	5
2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	6
2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	7
2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	8
2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	9
2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	10
2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	11
2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	12
2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	13
2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	14
2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	15
2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	16

NOTE: This age chart is for SOFTBALL DIVISIONS ONLY, and only for 2024.

2024 Little League® Age Chart



Match month (top line) and box with year of birth. League age indicated at right.

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AGE
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2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2018	2018	2018	2018	5
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2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2008	2008	2008	2008	15
2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2007	2007	2007	2007	16

NOTE: This age chart is for BASEBALL DIVISIONS ONLY, and only for 2024.

APPENDIX E

Gate City Little League
2024 All-Star Commitment Form
PLAYER INFORMATION

First Name:		Last Name:	Birth Date:
Address:			
City:		State:	Zip Code:
Home Phone:		Cell Phone:	Division (Circle One): Minor Major

SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT DOES NOT MEAN THAT THE PLAYER IS ASSURED OF A POSITION ON AN ALL-STAR TEAM. IT SIMPLY STATES THAT YOU WISH TO BE CONSIDERED AND PLACED ON THE BALLOT. ALL PLAYERS THAT RETURN A FORM COMMITTING TO THE ALL-STAR TEAM WILL BE PLACED ON A BALLOT THAT WILL BE VOTED UPON BY PLAYERS, MANAGERS, COACHES, UMPIRES AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

All-Star candidates should demonstrate Great Sportsmanship winning or losing. Each candidate should demonstrate fundamental skills required to participate on an All-Star Team.

I understand that if selected for the All-Star team, my behavior is not only a direct reflection of myself, but also a reflection of my family, my team, and my league and I will act accordingly. I will respect all volunteers involved, including but not limited to, Managers, Coaches, Umpires, and Officials. I also verify that I will vote honestly on players based on this year's play and will not allow past year's play to influence my vote, nor will I vote on a player based on popularity.

Participant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

I the parent/guardian of the above named candidate for the Gate City Little League All-Star Team hereby give permission for my child to participate in any and all tournament activities and agree to make my child available for all activities throughout the District 1 tournament and all subsequent tournaments for which the All-Star Team qualifies if my child is selected to an All-Star team. I also agree to make available my child's original birth certificate for age verification purposes and the required documents needed to verify residency within Gate City Little League boundaries. I understand that my child must have played in at least 8 of the scheduled regular season games to be eligible for an All-Star Team.

I understand that while the chances of the All-Star Team advancing through District, State and Regional levels are not guaranteed, I agree to not schedule activities that will interfere with my child's ability to attend practices and games during the tournament period.

I understand that my child should be available for practices (several days a week for at least 2 hours) and **ALL GAMES** starting on or around June 15th possibly running into July, and possibly longer if my team advances. Please list any vacations or times your child will miss practice as this will be taken into consideration: _____

I also understand that Gate City Little League only funds team tournament fees, pins, uniforms and required equipment, but does not reimburse for other related expenses, including personalized uniforms, jackets, hotel and travel, etc. If my child becomes unavailable for any reason, other than short-term illness, I understand that his/her position on the team roster may be forfeited.

Failure to meet **ANY** of the listed requirements on this commitment form can result in board removal of a player from current or future All-Star Rosters.

Parent/Guardian Name (Print): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

APPENDIX E

GATE CITY

— LITTLE LEAGUE —

P.O Box 1756 Gate City, VA 24251 gatecityll@gmail.com

2024 GATE CITY LITTLE LEAGUE SPONSORSHIP FORM

- SPONSOR A CHILD - \$50**
 - Donation will be used to cover the registration costs for an underprivileged player
- THE SINGLE - \$250**
 - Fence signage (4ftx3ft printed sign with your logo) at field of your choice (Baseball or Softball) & recognition on both the League's Facebook page and League website
- THE DOUBLE - \$400**
 - Fence signage (4ftx3ft printed sign with your logo) on both fields (Baseball & Softball), recognition on both the league's Facebook page and League website
- THE TRIPLE - \$600**
 - Fence signage (4ftx3ft printed sign with your logo) on both fields (Baseball & Softball), Recognition on both the league's Facebook page and League website & a Sponsorship Plaque
- THE HOME RUN - \$750**
 - Fence signage (4ftx3ft printed sign with your logo) on both fields (Baseball & Softball), recognition on both the league's Facebook page and League website, "Thank You" announced during games, & a sign (4ftx3ft printed sign with your logo) in a prime location at each field, & a Sponsorship Plaque
- THE GRAND SLAM - \$1000**
 - Sponsor 1 of our 7 divisions! Sponsor will have their company name printed on the back of each child in the particular division they are assigned to and the league will have a night where they will be recognized and throw out the first pitch, recognition on both the league's Facebook page and League website, "Thank You" announced during games, & a Sponsorship Plaque

OTHER DONATION AMOUNT \$ _____

Sponsor Information: (Please Print)

Sponsor Company Name: _____

Address: _____

Sponsor Representative: _____ Phone# _____

Email: _____

If you have any questions, please contact Gate City Little League President Gabe Calton at (276) 690-0171 or email at gatecityll@gmail.com. For fence signage, please email a digital graphic or logo of what you would like on your sign to gatecityll@gmail.com.

Gate City Little League is a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Charitable Organization. Our EIN# 300001938

Sponsorship checks can be mailed to:

Gate City Little League / PO BOX 1756 / Gate City, VA 24251

***The Board shall not permit the contribution of funds or property to individual teams but shall solicit funds for the common treasury of the Local League, thereby to discourage favoritism among teams and to endeavor to equalize the benefits of the Local League. ***

Gate City Little League Sponsorship Agreement

This agreement between the Gate City Little League (hereinafter, "GCLL") and _____ (hereinafter, "sponsor") is for the 2024 season.

Sponsorship of the GCLL must be, for the sponsor, out of a sense of duty to help the community. While sponsorship does afford some benefits (detailed on previous page), the higher purpose is to help the GCLL impart the values of teamwork, sportsmanship and fair play to the children of the community, so that they may someday use these values in becoming good citizens.

Sponsorship of the GCLL does not permit the sponsor to have any rights or responsibilities in the operation of the GCLL or any team in the GCLL, nor does the sponsor have any rights or responsibilities in the selection of managers, coaches or players for any team in the GCLL. Nothing herein shall make us partners or joint ventures. The sponsor and the GCLL are independent contractors with respect to one another and neither shall have any authority to represent or bind the other in any manner or to any extent whatsoever, except as specified herein.

Any reference to the sponsorship under this agreement must make it clear that the sponsorship is with the GCLL ONLY and NOT with Little League Baseball & Softball, the organization. Use of the marks of logos of Little League Baseball & Softball by any local sponsor is prohibited, unless permission is expressly granted in writing by Little League Baseball, Incorporated.

The Gate City Little League agrees to provide the benefits listed on the previous page in exchange for the sponsorship commitment:

\$_____ Sponsorship Amount

- Sponsor a child - \$50
- THE SINGLE - \$250
- THE DOUBLE - \$400
- THE TRIPLE - \$600
- THE HOME RUN -\$750
- THE GRAND SLAM \$1000
- Other Donation Amount

For the considerations, the sponsor donates \$_____ to the Gate City Little League, understanding that its donation is to benefit the ENTIRE league.

Accepted and agreed to:

Signature of Sponsor Representative:

_____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____ Title: _____

Signature of Gate City LL President:

_____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Thank you for supporting Gate City Little League. We appreciate you!

APPENDIX G

Sport Parent Code of Conduct

We, the _____ Little League, have implemented the following Sport Parent Code of Conduct for the important message it holds about the proper role of parents in supporting their child in sports. Parents should read, understand and sign this form prior to their children participating in our league.

Any parent guilty of improper conduct at any game or practice will be asked to leave the sports facility and be suspended from the following game. Repeat violations may cause a multiple game suspension, or the season forfeiture of the privilege of attending all games.

Preamble

The essential elements of character-building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles:

- Trustworthiness,
- Respect,
- Responsibility,
- Fairness,
- Caring, and
- Good Citizenship.

The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these "six pillars of character."

I therefore agree:

1. I will not force my child to participate in sports.
2. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
3. I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
4. I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league.
5. I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or other sporting event.
6. I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures.
7. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well being of the athletes.
8. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
9. I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
10. I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.
11. I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time.
12. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.
13. I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning. I will also de-emphasize games and competition in the lower age groups.
14. I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.
15. I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the game field, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
16. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all sports events.
17. I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.

 Parent/Guardian Signature