



STATE PARK LITTLE LEAGUE BY-LAWS

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These By-Laws are supplemental to the Little League Operating Manual, the Official Regulations and Playing Rules, and Local Constitution. These By-Laws are intended to enhance rules for play at State Park Little League.

THE FIELD – GROUNDSKEEPING

1. The home team is responsible for field preparation. This shall include (but is not limited to):
 - a. Lining the field with chalk and securing bases in the proper position. If it is the first game of the day, the bases should be pulled from the shed.
 - b. Ensuring debris is removed from the field prior to game start.
 - c. Verifying the playing field is in such condition to ensure the safety of players, coaches, managers, and umpires. If the manager of the home team is uncertain if the field is fit for play, that manager is to confer with the opposing manager to determine if the field is fit for play.
 - d. Providing one volunteer to concession stand.
 - e. Sweeping the home team's dugout after each game
 - f. Removing trash and debris from the home team's dugout and empty the provided trash can.
2. The visiting team is responsible for field preparation. This shall include (but is not limited to):
 - a. Raking the field at the end of the game. If it is the last game of the day, the bases should be put back into the shed. Please replace orange 'plugs' into base stems.
 - b. Providing one volunteer to concession stand.
 - c. Sweeping the visiting team's dugout after each game
 - d. Removing trash and debris from the visiting team's dugout and empty the provided trash can.
3. The home team Manager is responsible for turning off field lights after the completion of the final game of the day.
4. The visiting team Manager is responsible for locking up the field access gates after the completion of the final game of the day.
5. The home team Manager is responsible for closing and locking the press box windows and turning off the scoreboard.
6. At no time shall any work or improvements (excluding pre-game field maintenance) be made to the grounds without the consent of the Head Groundskeeper. Additionally, the following conditions shall be adhered to:
 - a. Any persons under the age of 16 years shall not operate motorized maintenance equipment.
7. Field lighting will not be permitted for practice.

EXCEPTION: Field lighting will be permitted for (and only for) All Star and Fall Ball practice. If there is an issue with lights being left on overnight then that manager loses privileges. No lights will be allowed later than 11:00 PM.

NOTE: Any issues with a coach not fulfilling their field duty responsibilities during the regular season will affect the consideration of that coach as an all-star coach or manager.

THE FIELD – SCHEDULING

1. Regularly scheduled games shall only be postponed or changed by the President, Vice President, League Game Scheduler or Authorized SPLL Board Member. No “Gentlemen’s Agreements” between managers allowed. Games shall only be considered for postponement for the following reasons:
 - a. A school scheduled activity or function that prevents a manager from fielding less than nine (9) players.
 - b. Death of a manager, coach, or player.
 - c. Severe weather conditions.
 - d. A written request submitted and approved by the State Park Little League Board of Directors. Submissions must be made no less than 14 days prior to the scheduled game.
 1. If a game is requested to be postponed, and been approved, the League Game Scheduler will re-schedule the game at the first available opening in the schedule, conducive to both teams.
2. All rained out games will be rescheduled by the League Game Scheduler. The games will be scheduled at the first available date and time for open fields in the schedule.

THE LEAGUE

1. Pre-season skill assessments shall be held at a time as deemed by the State Park Little League Board of Directors. The assessments shall be held for all Minor A, Minor B, and Major players to balance the player experience and skill levels. Failure of any player to attend the skill assessments shall be subject to the procedures outlined in the Official Regulations and Playing Rules.
2. Managers and coaches will be approved at a Board meeting prior to assessments. It is highly recommended for manager candidates to attend this meeting. Failure to attend this meeting may result in non-approval to manage for the upcoming season.
3. Each manager or their appointed representative is required to attend all divisional meetings. This may include but is not limited to:
 - a. Player Draft (Only when approved by President)
 - b. Any other meeting called by the Board, President, or Divisional Vice president

4. All requests for placement of a player with a specific team, manager, or other player within the Tee Ball or Instructional Division must be submitted in writing to the State Park Little League Player Agent at the time of registration. The reasoning for the request of placement must be very compelling. Efforts to place players in this manner will be attempted but WILL NOT be guaranteed in any instance.
5. At no time shall persons manage more than one team, unless otherwise approved by the Board of Directors.
6. Any Little League question, issue or concern, should follow the chain of command course of action for resolution outlined below:
 - a. Contact and Discuss the issue with the Manager.
 - b. If not resolved, contact the Divisional Vice President/Player Agent.
 - c. If not resolved, the Vice President/Player Agent will contact the league president.
 - d. If no resolution can be reached, the league President will contact the District Administrator, and follow through to the Central Region as necessary. It should be noted that Central Region and National Headquarters requests should come from the league President. Should the issue involve the league president, the Vice President shall serve in this capacity.
7. If any manager feels the need to restrict a player from participation in a game for disciplinary reasons, the manager shall follow the following procedure:
 - a. The divisional Vice President must be notified BEFORE such action is taken.
 - b. The Vice President shall notify the opposing manager, umpire, and parent of the player.
 - c. The Vice President will discuss with all parties the policies in regard to the situation.
 - d. Any player removed from participation for disciplinary reasons, other than ejection, shall serve any suspension in the dugout for the complete game.
NOTE: Failure of a manager to follow this procedure will be found in violation of rule IV (i) as outlined in the Official Regulations and Playing Rules. Actions not following this procedure will be deemed intentional and the manager will be subject to disciplinary action as outlined in the Official Regulations and Playing Rules.
8. State Park Little League Pool Players
 - a. Pool players are not allowed to pitch.
 - b. Must bat at the end of the order.
 - c. Play 9 consecutive outs.
 - d. Wear their regular season uniform to distinguish that they are pool players.
 - e. If a pool player is needed, the requesting Manager must provide the Player Agent at least 48-hour notice.

FIELD DECORUM

1. Managers, coaches, umpires, parents, and players are expected to conduct themselves in a manner consistent with Little League fundamentals and ideals. State Park Little League has a Zero Tolerance Policy toward angry and unsportsmanlike behavior.
 - a. If a coach, manager, or umpire cannot control their actions, even in the most extreme conditions, that person will be asked to resign their position.
 - b. If a parent cannot control their actions, they will be asked to leave the premises immediately, and be accountable to the State Park Board of Directors for appropriate disciplinary actions, as provided in the Official Regulations and Playing Rules.
 - c. If a Player cannot control their actions, they will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including removal from the State Park Little League program.

NOTE: The State Park Little League Board of Directors is committed to upholding the fundamentals and ideals set forth by Little League Baseball. The Board will take action to prevent player exposure to such behavior. This will include action up to and including the barring of individuals from the privilege of being spectators, coaches, managers, umpires, or, any other action the board deems appropriate.

2. It is the responsibility of all State Park representatives, (coaches, managers, umpires, and parents) to notify the State Park Little League Board of Directors in writing within 24 hours of any perceived misconduct by managers, coaches, players, umpires, spectators or State Park Board Members.

VOLUNTEERS AND PERSONNEL

1. Concession Stand – Age Requirements:
 - a. No persons under the age of twelve (12) years shall be allowed to work in the front area of the concession stand.
 - b. No persons under the age of fourteen (14) years shall be scheduled to cook in the concession stand.
 - c. All volunteers who will be handling money/payment, must be over the age of fifteen (15) years.
2. Concession Stand - Parental Volunteers:
 - a. Home Team – First Half of Game
 - b. Visitor Team – Second Half of Game
 - c. Requested Shift Length:
 - T-Ball: 30 Minutes
 - Minors: 1 Hour
 - Majors: 1 Hour

NOTE:

- **Home Team Parents** are asked to arrive 10 minutes before their game begins.
 - **Visitor Team Parents** are asked to remain 10 minutes after their game ends.
3. An adult umpire must be present at every game for the entire game (see rule 9.0 in Official Regulations and Playing Rules).
 4. Umpires for the Major Division must:
 - a. Be at least fourteen (14) years of age at home plate, or have one year prior base experience to umpire home plate.
 - b. Be at least thirteen (13) years of age for bases.
 5. Umpires for the Minor Division must:
 - c. Be at least twelve (12) years of age, or have one year prior base experience to umpire home plate.
 - d. Be at least eleven (11) years of age for bases.
 - e. May not be a player in the Minors Division.
 6. All umpires placed on the schedule must have successfully gone through SPLL or District 1 Little League training for umpires, without exception.

EQUIPMENT

1. The League Equipment Manager shall provide each team with the necessary equipment. Should a manager or coach find defective or broken equipment, they are to contact the League Equipment Manager immediately for replacement of the item. At no time shall a manager use defective or broken equipment, including (but not limited to) games or practices.
2. No helmet shall be used that was altered in any way from the manufacturer-issued condition, without express written consent from the manufacturer.
3. Any equipment purchased by a player must be inspected by the League Safety Officer, Equipment Manager, or Divisional Vice President prior to use in any Little League Event. Equipment not conforming to Little League standards, as outlined in the Official Regulations and Playing Rules, **WILL NOT BE USED.**
4. All umpires behind the plate under the age of 18, are required to wear a provided “dangling” type throat protector with either the umpire face mask OR the full wrap hockey style umpire mask. They are also required to wear type of protective helmet. Adults over the age of 18, participate without the dangler at their own risk.

THE FIELD OF PLAY

1. Players whose teams are currently playing in a game will NOT be served at the concession stand.
2. No Home Run Derby or misuse of fields is allowed between games.
3. Spectators may not stand directly behind the backstop, or stand draped over the outfield fence.