

Lyndon Youth Baseball & Softball League Policies

Policy No. 1 Altercations- All Divisions

Any altercations taking place, either on the playing field or premises owned or used by the League, by a player or players will result in: 1) first offense, up to a 2 game suspension and 2) second offense, suspension for the rest of the season. Altercations will be handled on a case-by-case basis by the Board of Directors.

Altercation(s) by a participant(s) other than a player (i.e. managers, coaches, umpires, or other individuals associated with the program) will result in a minimum of a one-year suspension from participation within this program and reinstatement will be done by a positive vote of a quorum of the Board. Physical altercations will be defined as any physical contact made (i.e. pushing, shoving, hitting, etc.). Verbal altercations will be defined as inappropriate or threatening language.

Altercations, which the Board will deal with, will be those which take place on property used by this League. If there is a question as to who was the aggressor or instigator of the incident, the Board will hold a hearing and seek to obtain the best information available. The Board will render a decision. All board decisions are final.

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Policy No. 2 Continuous Batting Order - All Divisions

All regular season teams will follow the continuous batting order regardless of the number of players on a team. There are no pinch hitters in a continuous batting order. Every effort will be made to make sure teams have 12 players or less.

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Policy No. 3 Playing Time- All Divisions

Every eligible player shall play a minimum of 3 defensive outs per regular season game. If a player does not get this minimum play time in a game, then that player must play a minimum of 6 defensive outs in the next game where the player is present and eligible to play. This does not apply to league play-off, championship or tournament games.

A manager may use playing time as a disciplinary method, but shall make sure that the athlete and the athlete's parent(s) are aware of why the athlete is not playing. The manager shall document said actions in writing. Manager shall inform the parents at the beginning of the season of these procedures.

Violation of these minimum play rules will result in the following:

- a. First Offense – manager will receive a written warning from the VP or the Board.
- b. Second Offense – manager will be suspended for the next scheduled game.
- c. Third Offense – manager will be suspended for the remainder of the season.

When a manager is absent for violation of board policies, a coach may act as manager during the suspension. If the suspension is for the remainder of the season, the VP will nominate a replacement manager, which shall be voted on and approved by the Board.

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Policy No. 4 Manager Approval- All Divisions

All managers and coaches will be approved by the Board of Directors when entering the program before regular season play begins. Each year the Division Vice Presidents will bring a suggested slate of managers to the Board and make a recommendation relative to the use of each manager. Candidates who agree/disagree with the Vice Presidents' assessment may ask for a meeting with the Board and present their own case and ask for consider/reconsideration. All Board decisions are final.

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Policy No. 5 Expansion Teams- Minor/Major/Babe Ruth

In the event that one (1) or more expansion teams are required, minor league should redraft. Little league could redraft, or if this is deemed not feasible, then each returning team will be allowed to protect up to 4 players total; up to 2 players from each age group. The expansion team or teams will then select a player from those not protected. Selections will continue until the expansion team or teams have a reasonable number of players but no more than any of the returning teams. The normal draft procedure would then start with expansion teams picking first.

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Policy No. 6 Manager or Coach Ejected from a Game- All Divisions

At any time a manager or coach is ejected from a game by an umpire, it will be brought to the attention of the Board by way of a called meeting within 72 hours. A written statement from the individuals involved or the individuals themselves will be made available to the Board at that time. The Board will consider the information rendered and will make a decision within 24 hours after the meeting. Information from the umpire will be specific and cite the section of the rule book which led to the ejection. If the Board finds the ejection to be valid, the first offense will result in the manager or coach receiving a minimum of a written warning depending on the severity of the offense. A second offense will result in a minimum two-game suspension and a third offense is suspension for the rest of the year. Managers and coaches will conduct themselves professionally both on and off the field and will treat all umpires with the same type of respect they would expect. Once a manager or coach is ejected, the same will not coach from outside the field of play, they must leave the premises.

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Policy No. 7 Uniforms- All Divisions

All teams in this league above the age group of 9, will be dressed in full uniforms, which includes hat, jersey, pants and leggings when provided. Players ages 9 and below (Minor League and 5-7 year old T-Ball and Coach Pitch) will be required to wear hats and jerseys only, as their uniform. Hats/visors are a

part of the uniform and are mandatory to wear. Male players in Minor League or above are required to wear male cup protection.

Managers should instruct players that uniforms are to be worn during games only and are not to be worn as street clothes, other than on Tag Day. Players should be advised that they are responsible for the good upkeep of the uniform and any problems should be reported to the Team Manager. The Team Manager will report to the Uniform Director. Each Team Manager must keep a list of uniform numbers and the players they are assigned to and also provide it to the Uniform Director. Managers are required to collect uniforms at the end of the season and to ensure they are returned to the Uniform Director. Refusal to return or deliberate destruction of a uniform will be billed to the parents/guardians of player, or to the player if over 18, at an estimated replacement cost determined by LYBS Uniform Director.

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Policy No. 8 Alcohol/Tobacco Products, Substance Use/Abuse- All Divisions

The use of any or all tobacco or smoking products is defined as all nicotine, tobacco-derived or containing products, and plant based products including, but not limited to, cigarettes (e.g., clove, bidis, kreteks), electronic cigarettes (vapes) and electronic juices containing nicotine, cigars and cigarillos, hookah-smoked products, and oral tobacco (spit and spit-less, smokeless, chew, snuff) and/or any and all alcohol products and/or other drug substance or paraphernalia including the use of any marijuana and/or any cannabis derived product or paraphernalia is strictly prohibited on Fisher Field property, Shonyo Park/Outing Club property, Northern Vermont University campus and/or any other field/property of play.

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Policy No. 9 Player Protection of Managers and/or Coaches Child- All Divisions

Whenever a manager or coach requests to protect his/her child from the draft, a committee will be appointed by the Player Agent (and in his/her absence the Board of Directors) and will attend tryouts to rank the player according to skills. They will then decide in what round that child normally have been picked and that child will be assigned to the team, as that round draft pick. In cases where double protection is requested it will only apply to managers and coaches who have been actively associated with the league for two years or more as a rostered coach or manager within the same league and same team (baseball or softball), prior to the request.

All decisions by the ranking committee are final and not subject to negotiations. If a manager or coach does not agree with the ranking and decides to place his/her child in the draft, he/she does it at their own risk. The purpose of this policy is to be fair and not give any one team an unfair advantage.

Special requests such as brothers/sisters on the same team and special placement as a result of travel will be handled the same as above. Players will be ranked by a ranking committee and teams will be informed as to how the "package deal" works at the draft.

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Policy No. 10 Tie Breaker- Majors

If, at the end of the season, two teams have the same win/loss record, the following will be used as a tie breaker for purposes of drafting and the like:

- 1) record for head-to-head competition and if the same,
- 2) runs scored during head-to-head competition and if the same,
- 3) Total runs scored in regular season league play.

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Policy No. 11 Home Team Dug Out- All Divisions

The Home Team dug out will be the dug out on the first base side of the playing field.

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Policy No. 12 Selection of All-Star Managers- All Divisions

All-Star managers and teams are the ambassadors and representatives of our league and will act accordingly by promoting good sportsmanship and fair play. No one may be rostered to manager or coach more than one All-Star Team.

Every year, each Division's Vice President will solicit interest from their respective rostered managers and coaches for interest in managing their Division's All-Star Team. Eligibility rules are outlined in the little league rule book. Each Vice President will provide the Board with a list of interested candidates. Selection for All Star Manager will be done by paper ballot and counted by the Board President. Board members who also manage or coach will not be excluded from managing or coaching an All-Star Team and will not be excluded from the Board vote even if they are in contention. The results will be immediately announced by the President. Managers selected will announce who they plan to use as coaches after the all-star player selections are made. The Board meeting at which All-Star managers are selected must have a quorum of Directors present.

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Policy No. 13 All Star Player Selections

Each manager will be given ample time to nominate players from his team with reasons they should represent the league on the all star team. Managers will vote for all-star selections to build a team of 9. The all-star manager will select the remaining team. Every effort should be made to select the older players if of equal talent. See following policies for further selection details.

Originally Adopted: February 28, 2010

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Policy No. 14 9/10 Selections

All players who are interested and attend tryouts will be eligible to be voted on by the minor league and little league managers. All managers will be able to vote for 12 players and will assign 1pt to each. A 2nd

list will be established from all the players who received at least 1 pt. From this list, all (minor league and little league) managers only will assign 2pts to 6 players and 1pt to 3 players. If minor league managers are not included in the 2nd round vote, minor league players could out score little league players because you cannot vote for your own team players. Managers are not allowed to vote for players from their own team. The top 9 vote getters will be on the team. The all-star manager will pick the remaining players from the 2nd list.

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Policy No. 15 11/12 Selections

From the list of manager nominations, LL managers will assign 2pts for 6 players and 1pt for 3 players. Managers will not be able to vote for players from their own team. The top 9 vote getters will be on the team. The all-star manager will pick the remaining players from the list of nominations.

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Policy No. 16 Safety Rules and Procedures for Managers, Coaches, and Volunteers- All Divisions **The following Safety Rules and Procedures were adopted by LYBS on 08 May 2009 to protect the players, coaching staffs and volunteers from injury on the field of play.**

1. The manager is responsible for the overall safety and management of the team. All coaches and volunteers must agree to abide by the safety rules set forth by the Team Manager, the ASAP Program and the LYBS Board of Directors.
2. While playing a game the Umpire shall be in charge of the safety of all participants on the field of play. During practice the coaching staff and volunteers are responsible to report safety concerns and violations to the Team Manager. If the Team manager fails to address a safety issue, the coach or volunteer may approach the League Vice President or Player Agent with their concerns.
3. All managers, coaches, and volunteers must stay out of the field of play unless the play is over, a time out is called or an accident interrupts play or practice. Managers coaches or volunteers actively involved in the team practice such as pitching, fielding, running bases or hitting the ball are allowed on the field of play during practice.
4. When coaching 1st or 3rd base all managers, coaches, and volunteers must stay within the confines of the coaches box and must stay alert at all times during play or practice. Any player coaching either 1st or 3rd base must in addition to the above rule, wear a batting helmet. Batting helmets may also be worn by managers, coaches and volunteers while out of the dugout.
5. Any manager, coach or volunteer who may have difficulty in avoiding an errant ball or a player involved in play, due to an injury or to physical limitations, must take extra precautions to avoid injury to themselves or to a player. These extra precautions may involve wearing a batting helmet, taking a position back from the field of play or by staying in front of the dugout. These precautions will be decided by the Team Manager or the umpire and in no way restricts the coach or volunteer from taking an active role in coaching the players.

6. No intoxicants will be consumed by a manager, coach or volunteer before or during a game or practice. This may include prescription medications if they are determined to cause impairment or immobility that may cause safety concerns.

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Policy No. 17 Extended Season Bid for Grounds:

Interested parties will bid and will receive payment on a “Per Game”, Per Tournament” basis.

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Policy No. 18 Player Eligibility

All players must be at least league age 5 to be eligible to play. New players must show proof of age with a birth certificate. All players must live within the Lyndon area boundaries set forth in the boundaries map approved by little league. Waivers will be considered upon written request and sent to Districts/Regionals for final decision. LYBS follows all league age and boundary rules set forth within the little league/babe ruth rule books.

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Policy No. 19 Financial Policy

- The soliciting and disbursement of funds shall be under the direction of the Board of Directors, and, or by committee established by the Board of Directors.
- The Board of Directors shall not permit the contribution of funds to individuals of a team, or teams, and shall solicit same for the common treasury of the League.
- Special funds established by approval of the Board of Directors may be set up to assist in the purchase of necessary playing equipment for those boys/girls who need assistance. The Board of Directors shall determine which persons, if any, should receive such assistance, and to what extent.
- Special projects approved by the Board will be assigned to a project chairperson, who will also be authorized to purchase material. The Board will set a limit to the amount spent on each special project.
- The only bills to be paid by the Treasurer without majority director approval would be all utilities, port-o-lets and food bills.
- Any director assigned to follow through on a project would have a definite upper limit placed on his or her spending. It would take a majority approval of quorum of directors to raise this limit.
- In the case where the League might save considerably on items such as closeout of equipment, director would have to get approval from the majority of the directors before proceeding.
- Any purchase not outlined above would again require approval of majority of directors.

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Policy No. 20 Financial Policy of Concessions

- Keep assigned change in change box. Daily deposit surplus in bank credited to League account.
- Concessions Chairperson would examine all bills and give League Treasurer OK to pay them. This person designated yearly by League.

- Treasurer would make regular reports to League as to profit figures.
- Those running concessions would continue to accept collections from fundraisers (pass the hat, 50/50, tee-shirts, etc.). Record book would continue to show separate account for fundraising and for food account.

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Policy No. 21 Complaint/Concern Process/Petitions

LYBS encourages any concerns/issues to be brought to the attention of the respective manager first, then the Vice President of the respective league, then the Player Agent and lastly to the BOD. LYBS does not and will not accept petitions.

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Policy No. 22 Tag Day

Tag Day is for Little League baseball and softball. The minimum age requirement to participate in Tag Day is league age, ten (10) years old.

Tag Day will be organized by Vice President of respective leagues and Fundraising Manager. Vice President is responsible for finding volunteers to assist in handing out tags/containers, maintaining record of players and their designated areas, dropping off players at established businesses and returning players to designated drop-off area, etc.

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Policy No. 23 Game Time While School in Session- All Divisions

No inning will be started after 7:30pm at the Tee-Ball, Coach Pitch, Minor League, and Little League levels during the school year with the exception of Friday night games. This rule applies to both baseball and softball where applicable.

Reviewed: Jan 4, 2016, 2/2017

Policy No. 24 Internet/Phone Usage (Email, Sports Websites, Facebook)

Facebook: Derogatory, negative comments concerning Lyndon Youth Baseball and Softball will not be permitted via Facebook.

Email communication: For any major issues, conflicts, difficult and sensitive situations, use of email for communication amongst Board of Directors and/or affected individuals will not be permitted.

Phone use on the field on play: Any delay in game or the inappropriate use of phones by rostered manager, coaches or other volunteers may be subject to corrective action. The use of phones during practice/game time by players is prohibited.

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Policy No. 25 Late Sign-ups

All late sign-ups may be charged an additional \$10. Because LYBS has adopted the continuous batting order, not all players are guaranteed to be able to sign up late. If all teams in the respective division already have 12 players, then Late Sign-ups do not apply; therefore, the player will not be able to sign up.

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Policy No. 26 All-Star Tournament Expenses

Any and all tournament expenses will be discussed on a case by case basis. Any fundraising for tournaments will require prior permission by LYBS Board of Directors. LYBS requires the respective manager to contact the Division Vice President and he/she will bring to the Board of Directors for discussion.

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Policy No. 27 Borrowing Players- Minors/Majors/Babe Ruth

When borrowing players, contact must occur between the Player Agent and Managers of all affected teams. LYBS recommends that a player be borrowed. The rules for creating player pools and selection of players is outlined in the Little League Rule Handbook and will be governed by the Player Agent. Player Agent will need at least 24 hours' notice to borrow from the pool. If this does not occur there is no guarantee that a player can be borrowed at which point the team can chose to play short of a full team or reschedule.

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Policy No. 28 Guidelines of Play- Majors

LL Baseball Only

See previous policies for continuous batting order and game times.

Home team finds plate umpire, visiting team finds field umpire. Managers/Coaches of teams will be expected to volunteer as umps during the regular season.

10 run rule could be in effect after 4th inning. Up to losing team to concede or not.

LL Softball Only

5 run limit per inning per team in effect on innings 1 thru 5

6th inning unlimited runs for both teams

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