

West Valley Little League

2010 Softball By-laws

1.0 Manager Selection

The intent and purpose of these policies is to provide guidelines for the proper screening of Manager Candidates, and to insure a fair and adequate process for the selection of the best qualified candidates to represent WVLL as Softball Managers.

- 1.1 Manager selection shall occur after registration and prior to the draft date. Interested persons will have the opportunity to volunteer for the position of Manager as part of the registration process. Additional Manager Candidates may be solicited, from previous years Managers, or any other form of expressed interest.
- 1.2 Manager candidates will be carefully screened in accordance with Little League practices and standards, to include a background check. Only those cleared and qualified candidates, as defined by Little League, will be further considered.
- 1.3 ALL Manager candidates should be interviewed by a committee of WVLL Board Members, consisting of at least three members and not more than five. Each candidate should be interviewed by the same members even if extraordinary measures are needed to accomplish this. Phone interviews are acceptable. This committee should qualify or disqualify each and every candidate. Qualified candidates will then be considered for the position of Manager. In the event that there are more qualified candidates than available Manager positions at any level, the same committee shall make a list of the qualified candidates, ranked from best qualified to least qualified, and provide that list to the Vice President of Softball. The ranked list of qualified candidates will be presented to ALL of the WVLL Softball Board Members for a vote. A meeting will be held for the purpose of selecting Managers, and only those WVLL Softball Board Members present may vote. Candidates with the most votes will be selected as Managers to fill the positions until all of the available positions are filled. Managers selected will be notified immediately, and all candidates should be contacted and informed of the selection status.
- 1.4 As part of the selection process, written Manager evaluations from previous seasons may be reviewed and considered by the selection committee, and/or the entire WVLL Board.

- 1.5 Any WVLL Board member who is being considered as a Manager candidate will not serve on the selection committee, shall not have a vote for candidates, and shall not be part of any discussions of Manager candidates for the same level for which they are being considered. Additionally, any spouse or other relative of a candidate will not serve on the selection committee, shall not have a vote for candidates, and shall not be part of any discussions of Manager candidates for the same level for which their spouse or relative is being considered.

2.0 All-Star Manager Selection

- 2.1 All-Star Manager selection shall occur prior to June 15. Eligible candidates are defined in the official Little League Rule Book, and are to be Managers and Coaches from the regular season teams, and at certain levels. The WVLL Softball All-Star Coordinator shall contact every Manager and solicit interest for the position of All-Star Manager. Coaches should also be informed of the available positions. Those candidates interested and qualified to be All-Star Managers should make their interest known to the WVLL All-Star Coordinator, the WVLL Softball Vice-President, or the WVLL League President before June 1.
- 2.2 All-Star Manager candidates should be interviewed by a committee of WVLL Board Members, consisting of at least three members and may include all of the members, but must include the WVLL All-Star Coordinator and the WVLL Softball Vice President. If the WVLL All-Star Coordinator or the WVLL Softball Vice President is a candidate for All-Star Manager then they shall not be a member of this committee. The League President should be included, if possible, if this occurs. Each candidate should be interviewed by the same members even if extraordinary measures are needed to accomplish this. Phone interviews are acceptable. The most qualified candidate should be chosen by this committee for each level of play. The name of the selected Manager shall be announced immediately, and all candidates will be contacted and informed of the selection as soon as practical.
- 2.3 Any WVLL Board member who is being considered as an All-Star Manager candidate will not serve on the selection committee, shall not have a vote for candidates, and shall not be part of any discussions of All-Star Manager candidates for the same level for which they are being considered. Additionally, any spouse or other relative of a candidate will not serve on the selection committee, shall not have a vote for candidates, and shall not be part of any discussions of Manager candidates for the same level for which their spouse or relative is being considered.
- 2.4 As part of the selection process, written Manager evaluations from current or previous seasons may be reviewed and considered only by the selection committee.

3.0 Player Selection

The selection or assignment of players to a specific team, as well as the movement of players from one team to another, is clearly outlined in the Little League Operations Manual and the Official Rule Book. All rules will be followed to provide a fair and consistent policy for players and teams.

- 3.1 WVLL Softball will conduct an assessment before the season starts. All eligible players will be notified of the date, time, and location of the assessments. At the Senior, Junior, Major, and Minor levels all players must assess prior to any draft, practice, or game. This is done to insure the safety of every player at every level. Those players who do not attend assessments as scheduled will be offered one opportunity for a make-up assessment. Extraordinary attention and effort should be given to have every eligible player assess. Those players who cannot assess, or do not assess will be drafted or assigned to a team as would any other eligible player. As per Little League rule, only those players who have assessed may participate at the Major level.
- 3.2 Eligible players for the Senior level are players league age 15 and 16 years old.
- 3.3 Eligible players for the Junior level are players league age 13 and 14 years old.
- 3.4 Eligible players for the Major level are players league age 10, 11, and 12 years old. Very few exceptions may occur to this rule which would allow an exceptionally talented 9 year old to play at the major level. As per Little League rule, all 12 year olds must play at the Major level, with limited exceptions for safety only.
- 3.5 Eligible players for the Minor level are players league age 9, 10, and 11 years old. Very few exceptions may occur to this rule which would allow an exceptionally talented 8 year old to play at the minor level. Consideration will also be given to 8 year old daughters of Managers at the Minor level.
- 3.6 All eligible Softball Players in WVLL, at the Senior, Junior, Major, and Minor levels will be drafted to teams in accordance with “Plan B” of the Player Selection Systems in the official Little League Operations Manual. The order of draft will be decided by a draw of numbers from a hat by each Manager, and the order will serpentine until every eligible player has been selected to a team. This plan requires that all returning players at the Major level are selected first, then remaining spots for players on Majors teams are filled with other players, and will include all 12 year olds. Major Managers will draft first, followed by Minor Managers who will choose eligible players not selected to Majors, and will include all remaining 9,10, and 11 year olds.

- 3.7 Each and every year, EVERY team is selected by draft. No player is considered a returning player to a specific team, and no team may return as a whole team unless drafted individually. Players may be drafted by the same Manager to the same team as a previous year.
- 3.8 There are other limitations, exceptions, and rules for the drafting of daughters of Managers or Coaches, and for sisters in the Little League Operations Manual. These rules will be strictly followed and allowed.
- 3.9 As a courtesy only, some consideration will be given to special requests by parents or guardians of eligible players. These requests must be made IN WRITING PRIOR to the draft. In NO circumstance will these requests supersede or nullify Little League rules or procedures, or WVLL by-laws.
- 3.10 Eligible Rookie Softball Players are players of a league age 7 and 8. Very few exceptions may occur to this rule which would allow an exceptionally talented 6 year old to play at the Rookie level. Consideration will also be given to 6 year old daughters of Managers at the Rookie level. ANY and ALL 6 year olds allowed to play rookie softball MUST have played one year or more of Tball.
- 3.11 Rookie Softball teams will be assigned. An attempt should be made to honor written requests, and addresses and schools attended should be considered when forming teams. Managers requests may be considered.
- 3.12 Any Player, added to any team, at any level, and after assessments, shall have the circumstances evaluated and considered by the entire WVLL Softball Board PRIOR to being added to any team.
- 3.13 The color of each team will be selected by the Managers in order of WVLL seniority to include years as a Manager only. A tie can be decided by adding WVLL coaching years.

4.0 All-Star Player Selection

The selection or assignment of All-Star players is clearly outlined in the Little League Official Rule Book. All rules will be followed to provide a fair and consistent policy for players and teams. All-Star teams are selected by league age, and there are NO EXCEPTIONS.

- 4.1 On or about May 15 information should be distributed by the WVLL Softball All-Star Coordinator to all players. This information will outline and describe the All-Star season, and the eligibility requirements for any player interested in playing on the WVLL Softball All-Star team. The requirements are significant. An extraordinary effort should be made to insure that each and every softball player receives this information.
- 4.2 WVLL Softball will conduct a special All-Star assessment on or after June 15 for the purpose of selecting players for the All-Star team. All eligible players will be notified of the date, time, and location of the special assessment. Those players who do not assess will not be eligible to play on the All-Star team.
- 4.3 Players will be assessed and selected by all of the regular season Managers. Only those Managers who attend the special assessment may select players. These Managers will select ten(10) players for each age-specific team.
- 4.4 The Manager of the All-Star team must select two additional players, and may select three additional players if they chose and if available. The team selected must contain twelve(12) or thirteen(13) players. Any exception to this will require several written approvals, starting with the League President.

5.0 Interleague Rules

- 5.1 Interleague rules are those set and agreed to by each and every chartered Little League organization in District II, or Southern Idaho. They are signed into agreement and effect by each and every League President. These rules do not conflict or supersede Official Little League rules but are meant to clarify certain rules, and to set a consistent and fair implementation of certain rules. They are created in fairness, and may apply only to certain levels of play. Each level of play may therefore have different rules.
- 5.2 ALL WVLL Softball teams will adhere to, and play by the approved District II Little League rules for that season or year without exception. Managers, Coaches, and Umpires shall have no authority to change or alter the rules. ALL games will be played by these rules.
- 5.3 As a matter of habit, Managers, Coaches and Umpires should be familiar with these rules, and are advised to carry a copy of the rules with them to every game for reference.