

MILPITAS LITTLE LEAGUE SOUTH BYLAWS

All rules and regulations are set by Little League Baseball, Inc. and are published in the Little League Baseball handbook. Those, along with the special rules and exceptions herein were reestablished for Milpitas Little League South and shall be abided by.

OBTAINING INFORMATION ON LITTLE LEAGUE POLICY, ETC: The recognized procedures for obtaining information on Little League policy, rules, protests, etc. is:

First, contact or inform your Board of Directors. If a higher ruling is necessary, a member of the Board will contact the District Administrator. The State or National Headquarters should ONLY be contacted by the District Administrator.

ABUSE OR HARASSMENT OF UMPIRES: All umpires in the Milpitas Little League South program are supported by the Board of Directors. When any Board member observes any action which is abusive or harassing toward any umpire, the Board member observing the action will take appropriate measure to see that such abusive or harassing action stops immediately.

PERSONAL CONDUCT: The Board of Directors of Milpitas Little League South will not tolerate abusive language, use of drugs, or use of alcoholic drinks anywhere on the ballpark grounds. Managers, coaches, and players must readily comply with all playing rules. There is to be no tobacco in the dugout or on the field and no food in the dugout. The use of profanity, loss of temper, or abuse of equipment will not be tolerated. Such action by managers, coaches, and players shall be grounds for ejection.

SPORTSMANSHIP: The purpose of Little League is to help boys and girls learn team participation. It strives to inspire them with a goal and to enrich their lives toward the day when they must take their places in society. The Board of Directors will look with utmost disfavor upon such activities by managers as instructing batters to deliberately strike out or for pitchers to deliberately walk batters or to call time-out to talk to players in an effort to affect the outcome of the game **WHEN TIME OR DAYLIGHT BECOMES A FACTOR**. The principles of Little League involve much more than just winning, and the Board expects those principles to be adhered to by all managers and parents at all times.

SAFETY: Little League safety rules shall be observed at all times. Any manager or coach who allows the violation of Little League safety rules will be liable for suspension. Any player who violates Little League safety rules during games will be subject to ejection.

PLAYER TRANSPORTATION: The Milpitas Little League South Board of Directors takes the position that Milpitas Little League South players will not be transported to or from League activities in any vehicle not equipped with seat belts. An insurance form must be submitted, which includes a hold harmless clause.

MANAGER APPROVAL: The Board of Directors must approve all managers and coaches, and the General Board may replace managers and/or coaches in the best interest of the League. A Manager Agreement Form must be signed by the manager and returned to the President once the approval has been made.

BACKGROUND CHECK: As a condition of service to the league, all managers, coaches, Board of Directors members and any other persons, volunteers or hired workers, who provide regular service to the league and/or have repetitive access to, or contact with players or teams, must complete and submit an official "Little League Volunteer Application" to the local league president. Annual background screenings must be completed prior to the applicant assuming her/her duties for the current season. Refusal to annually submit a fully completed "Little League Volunteer Application" must result in the immediate dismissal of the individual from the local league. **(Ref. LL Reg. IB)**

PRACTICES: Practice shall start within ten days after the teams are established. After teams are established, it is mandatory that all managers hold no less than two practice sessions a week until the season starts. (This rule is excluding the Senior Division due to late start.)

After the season starts, each team shall practice no less than once a week. If he/she doesn't, his/her team can be taken from him/her and assigned to another manager.

Practice must not be held unless the manager or one of his/her Board approved coaches is in charge.

No practices shall be held on Milpitas Sports Center playing fields or practice fields without prior approval of the appropriate Division Rep or the President.

GAME START TIMES: All games will start on time as scheduled, and each manager will see that his team is ready and that he uses only his allotted time (maximum of ten minutes) for infield workout prior to the start of the game. Infield practice will start twenty minutes prior to game time, with the visiting team practicing first.

A grace period of twenty minutes will be tolerated once per team. It should also be noted in the scorebook. A repeat occurrence of this infraction may result in forfeiture of the game.

OFFICIAL GAME TIME: The official time for all games will be determined by the plate umpire.

DUGOUT OCCUPANCY: Players and substitutes shall sit on their own team's bench or in the dugout unless participating in the game or preparing to enter the game. No one except eligible players in uniform, a manager, and not more than two coaches shall occupy the bench or dugout at once. Batboys and/or batgirls are not permitted. **PLAYERS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO VISIT THE CONCESSION WHILE THEIR GAME IS IN PROGRESS.** **(Ref. LL Rule 3.17)**

GAME RESCHEDULING: The only rescheduling of games will be for rainouts or if a team is unable to field a team due to a legitimate school function. The Player Agent and President must approve such rescheduling.

Games will be rescheduled (being the exception and not the rule) provided the following procedure is followed: **THE MANAGER MUST NOTIFY THE PLAYER AGENT TWO DAYS PRIOR TO GAME TIME. IT IS THE PLAYER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO CONTACT THE MANAGER.** Any team making false statements regarding ability to field a team will be subject to automatic forfeit.

Any games rescheduled due to weather or other causes will be rescheduled on the next open day (including Sundays) as determined by the Player Agent and President. If either team fails to appear, it may be grounds for forfeit; shall be referred to the Board of Directors for a decision. **(Ref. LL Rule 4.16)**

Farm and T-Ball games may be rescheduled as long as both managers agree. Contact the player's agent for rescheduling.

HARASSMENT OF PARTICIPANTS: If spectators, managers, or coaches harass the participants (i.e., umpires, players, managers, coaches), the umpire in charge may eject that person from the game and premises. If that person refuses to leave, the umpire in charge has the authority to delay or terminate a game and can declare a forfeit to the offending team.

ABUSIVE LANGUAGE/ABUSE OF EQUIPMENT BY PARTICIPANTS: No obscene or abusive language, no bat, helmet, baseball hat, or glove throwing by players, managers, or coaches will be allowed before, during or after a game. This may be cause for an automatic ejection from the game and suspension from the next game. An ejected player may not attend the next game in order for his/her suspension to be fulfilled. If player attends next game, he/she will be subject to further disciplinary action. Any participant ejected from a game for misconduct before or after a game will not participate in any game until the affected party(ies) has come before the Board. All ejections shall be noted in the official scorebook.

WARM-UPS: While a team is in possession of the field for warm-up, no members of the opposing team are allowed on the field.

UNIFORMS: All players on a team shall wear numbered uniforms identical in color, trim, and style. (Rule 1.11a) All players are required to wear League issued uniforms, which includes: hats, jerseys, pants, belts, and socks. Fitted hats may be purchased and worn provided they match the League logo style and color. Uniforms should only be worn at League games and special Little League functions.

VIOLATIONS OF RULES OR BYLAWS: Flagrant violations of any rules or bylaws that are consistent with Little League Rules may result in forfeiture of the game in which the violation occurred.

LATE SIGN-UPS: After the assigned teams have been filled, all late sign-ups will be placed by the President and Player's Agent.

Any returning Major player not contracted to a team must be placed back into their division. If the Major teams are full, player will be placed on a waiting list.

UNEXCUSED PRACTICE ABSENCES: If a player misses three unexcused practices, the player shall be in danger of being dropped from the team if the manager so desires (documentation required). The manager shall notify the Player Agent to investigate the cause and report the findings to the Board with the suggested action to be taken.

LINEUP CARDS: All managers must submit their lineup cards to the Scorekeeper or Head Umpire at least fifteen minutes prior to game time announcing the team's starting lineup and reserves. The lineup shall consist of: entire roster, including starting lineup, reserves, absentees and reason for absence.

Barring injury, no change in the lineup may take place due to late arrival of players.

SCOREKEEPER'S BOX: No one is allowed to stand near or in the scorekeeper's box. Scorekeepers, umpires, and managers will be responsible for enforcing this. Official scorekeepers are required to sit in the scorekeeper's box, and the official scorekeepers and scoreboard operators are the only ones allowed in the scorekeeper's box. Scorekeepers must maintain professionalism while scorekeeping; they should avoid cheering for either team as it distracts you from your task and distracts the umpire. (Ref. LL Rule 9.01 (b), 9.01(c) and 9.01 (e))

PULLING A TEAM AFTER THE START OF THE GAME: Any manager or coach who pulls his/her team after a game has started will be brought before the Board.

MANAGER/COACH ENTERING OPPOSING DUGOUT: At no time during the game shall a manager/coach enter a dugout not his own.

ON-FIELD CONFERENCES: Prolonged conferences of more than two players at any one time anywhere on the field are not allowed.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS: If a player is disciplined on the field by the manager (taken out of the game), the manager must report to the Player Agent and/or President, explaining the reason within forty-eight hours. If not reported, the manager will be brought before the Board. Any disciplinary action at practice will not be cause for removal from the League game unless a written report is submitted by the manager forty-eight hours prior to the game and approved by the President.

Any manager, coach, or parent on the Board will NOT vote on any matters pertaining to disciplinary actions in their Division. A quorum will be needed on voting matters; twenty five-percent of the seated Board shall constitute a quorum.

COMPLAINT PROCEDURE:

1. If a parent objects to a team manager's policies or actions (or the actions of anyone else associated with the team or league), that parent should first discuss the matter directly with the person involved. Do not approach anyone during a game or practice with your objection. Call and discuss the matter over the phone, or make an appointment to see him or her in person. Do not attempt to raise your objection when children are present.
2. If you are not satisfied with the response, you must contact your division Vice President within one week of the incident and discuss the problem. Vice President contact information is listed on the league website, www.mnlls.org. Do not proceed until you have talked with the Vice President. In the event that the complaint is pertaining to the actions of the division Vice President you must contact the other division Vice President.
3. If you decide to pursue your complaint, you must submit your complaint, in writing, to the appropriate division Vice President. The division Vice President and the Board of Directors will meet to discuss the complaint. You will be invited to this meeting along with interested parties or witnesses, including the subject of the complaint. The meeting will take place no sooner than seven days following notification of the concerned party (ies).
4. If the complaint is not resolved at this meeting, the division Vice President will decide on a recommendation for the Board. The division Vice President shall inform the League Secretary if time is required at the next board meeting to present the recommendation. If the Vice President plans to dismiss the complaint, no further action will be taken at this level. The complainant will be notified by the division Vice President in the event of dismissal. If the division Vice President plans disciplinary action against anyone, time will be set aside at an upcoming Board meeting to resolve the issue. In the event the disciplinary action could be of a serious nature the Vice President shall ask the President to call an emergency Board meeting.
5. If the complaint reaches the Little League Board in the form of a recommendation of disciplinary action against a manager, coach, umpire, player or parent, and the person(s) involved intends to protest that action, all interested parties will be invited to the next regular Board meeting, unless that Board meeting is less than one week away, in which case the hearing will be scheduled for the following regular Board meeting. The Board will hear the recommendation of the division Vice President and then will listen to interested parties. The Board will resolve the issue by vote at that meeting.
6. If the recommendation for disciplinary action is not protested, the Board will simply hear the recommendation; open the matter for discussion, then call a vote for action.

PROTESTS: Any protest made must be a written statement or email submitted to the President within twenty-four hours. A ruling by the Board will be made within two business days of when the protest was submitted. A PROTEST CANNOT BE MADE ON A JUDGMENT CALL. No protest shall be upheld on a decision involving an umpire's judgment as defined in the Little League Rule Book.

ALL-STAR MANAGERS: The regular season standings do not guarantee a manager/coach an All-Star team. The President, with approval from the Board of Directors, shall appoint managers and coaches.

ALL-STAR PLAYER SELECTION (Nine to Twelve-year-olds):
Nominating and voting on All-Stars shall be as follows:

Nine-year olds: Minor and Major managers may nominate;
Minor managers, only, vote.

Ten-year old All-Stars: Minor and Major managers may nominate;
Major managers, only, vote.

Major All-Stars: Major managers ONLY may nominate;
Major managers, only, vote.

Eleven-year-olds: After the Major All-Stars have been filled,
Minor and Major managers may nominate;
Major managers, only, vote.

One manager from each team, only, may attend the All-Star selection meeting. If a manager cannot attend, he/she may appoint someone to represent him/her. Managers should notify their division rep if a representative is going to attend.

MILPITAS NATIONAL LITTLE LEAGUE SOUTH T-BALL DIVISION BYLAWS

The T-Ball program is a learning time for 5-to-7-year-old children. This is an important time for them, because they have so much to learn about the fundamentals of baseball, batting, throwing, fielding, and running. You will find that most of your players won't know how to hold a bat, how to put on a glove, where first base is, or where to go after they reach first base. But these children can learn to play and enjoy baseball with the help of good instruction and day-to-day experiences. All players should be encouraged by the managers and coaches to do their best. They should never be yelled at or verbally abused in any way. We expect all managers and coaches to set a good example for these young and impressionable children. If you feel you can't do this, we would like to know now. Your sole purpose this year as a manager is to teach these young children the fundamentals of baseball and make it a fun experience for them so that they will want to return next year to learn even more.

In addition to the rules and official regulations published in the Little League Baseball rule book and the bylaws, rules, and standards published in the Milpitas National Little League South Bylaws, the following rules will govern the conduct of the game:

RULES: Minimum age requirement is 5 by April 30th of the current year. All male players must wear an athletic supporter to all practices and games. Players will receive team hats and shirts. Players will need a baseball glove and tennis shoes or athletic shoes. (Shoe type will be optional.) Long pants must be worn at games.

PRACTICES: Pre-season practices will be a minimum of 2 and maximum of 3; one must be held at the Sports Complex. Once the season begins you may hold a minimum of 1 practice and maximum of 2.

HOW GAMES WILL BE PLAYED:

Defensive players will consist of: Pitcher, catcher, 1B, 2B, 3B, SS, LF, RF, and CF. The remainder of the team may play in the outfield.

Batting: All players will bat when it's their turn to bat. Each team will bat half of their team members; maximum 5 batters per inning. Each player will bat from a "T" adjusted by an adult coach or manager. Ball must travel beyond 18' arc to be a fair ball. The second half of the season, the manager or coach will pitch to his or her own players. If the player cannot hit the ball, the "T" will be used.

The **OFFENSIVE** coach at home plate:

Sets the batting "T" for each batter. Removes the batting "T" and the bat when there is a possible play at home plate.

NO BAT BOYS OR BAT GIRLS ALLOWED AT ANY TIME ON THE PLAYING FIELD.

MILPITAS LITTLE LEAGUE SOUTH T-BALL DIVISION BYLAWS

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Keep the catcher back far enough in case of a thrown bat. Make sure the catcher is ready at all times for the ball to be thrown to him/her. Adult DEFENSIVE coaches may instruct their defensive players during the game. One adult each behind 1B, 2B, and 3B.

Six innings played will be considered a complete game. **Note:** No new inning will begin 10 minutes before sunset; official sunset times are posted in the snack shack.

BASE RUNNING: Runner must stay in contact with the base until the ball is hit. When players have advanced as far as possible without being put out or have been retired, the offensive coach shall call “time” and place the ball on the “T”. When all defensive players are in proper position, the offensive coach shall call “play ball”, and the next batter takes a turn at bat.

COACHING: Managers and coaches may stand near their batter or defensive players to **KEEP THE THREE ‘F’s’ IN MIND:** give advice, but must not interfere with play. The manager or coach must request “time” before attempting to demonstrate a technique or explain a play to the players during the progress of the game.

1. FUN – By reminding the child that baseball is fun, you are taking a lot of pressure off him or her to excel, and the less pressure there is, the faster the child is going to improve.
2. FUNDAMENTALS – Children will always pick up bad habits if the wrong way is easier than the right way. For example, all children will learn to pick up ground balls with reasonably few errors, but because he/she is afraid of the ball, he/she might not always place his body in front of the ball. The end product is good – he/she is fielding a lot of grounders, but he/she is doing it the wrong way. As a result, while he/she may compete satisfactorily at this level, he/she will be in trouble at a higher level. It is important that you never encourage a child to do something the wrong way.
3. FAIR PLAY – If a player screams at an umpire or at a teammate for something that the child thinks is a mistake, remind the youngster that this is, first of all, a game. All that anyone can do is his/her best. If you do your best and don’t win, you just try again.

IN THE EVENT MILPITAS NATIONAL LITTLE LEAGUE SOUTH INTERLEAGUES;
INTERLEAGUE BYLAWS SHALL SUPERCEDE LOCAL BYLAWS.

MILPITAS NATIONAL LITTLE LEAGUE SOUTH FARM DIVISION BYLAWS

The goals of the Milpitas South Farm Division program are fun, skill development, skill improvement, and participation. To this end, some of the traditional ways of winner-takes-all philosophy have been eliminated, ridding instructional youth participants of unnecessary competitive pressures. With this philosophy in mind, the Farm Division teams will not keep standings on first and second place. All participants will receive a participation award at the end of the season.

In addition to the rules and official regulations published in the Little League Baseball rulebook and the bylaws, rules and standards published in the Milpitas National Little League South Bylaws, the following rules will govern the conduct of the game:

A soft T-Ball will be used instead of a baseball.

All male players to all practices and games must wear an athletic supporter, and all male catchers must wear a cup per Little League rules.

PRACTICES: Pre-season practices will be a minimum of 2 and maximum of 3; one must be held at the Sports Complex. Once the season begins you may hold a minimum of 1 practice and maximum of 2.

MAXIMUM AGE IN FARM: No 9- 10- or 11-year-old will be allowed to stay in Farm unless there is a safety hazard, to be decided by an agreement between managers, safety officer, and player's agent.

PITCHING: During the first half of the season the managers will use the pitching machine. During the second half the players will pitch to each other. If a player who is pitching should walk or get hit by a pitch any three batters in one inning, the manager or coach of the team at bat will pitch to his players for the remainder of that inning. While a manager or coach is pitching, no walks will occur. All pitchers will pitch from the pitcher's mound. No intentional or semi-intentional walks are allowed. Pitchers are limited to pitch count as stated in rule book. (Ref. LL Regulation VI – Pitchers/pg. 33)

BATTING: Batters SHOULD be encouraged to reach base by means of a batted ball rather than a walk if delivered pitches are hittable. No bunting. The first thrown bat as a result of finishing a swing will result in a warning from the umpire. All subsequent infractions will result in a "Batter Out" call. Complete batting order or three outs end an inning. Batters will follow a consecutive batting order through the entire roster for a game. Batter hit by a pitch will take a base.

MILPITAS NATIONAL LITTLE LEAGUE SOUTH
FARM DIVISION BYLAWS

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BASE RUNNING: No stealing. No more than one base advance on an overthrow, except home plate. (No one scores on an overthrow.) A runner leaving the base early will be returned to the base, not called out. There is no infield fly rule in the Farm Division. In the interest of improving the game's progress, a base runner will not be permitted to cause a delay of the game by harassing the pitcher and/or catcher by standing or dancing off the base, threatening to steal. When the umpire observes this activity, the player will first be warned. If the activity continues, the runner will be called out.

UMPIRING: Coaches from participating teams will share umpiring duties.

GAMES: All games will be six (6) innings, with a time limit of two (2) hours. No new inning may start after 2 hours have elapsed. **Note:** No new inning will begin 10 minutes before sunset; official sunset times are posted in the snack shack.

LEAGUE PLAY: THE FARM DIVISION IS AN INSTRUCTIONAL DIVISION.

There will be no official Division standings kept, no play-offs, and no championship awards. Playing time in the Farm Division **MUST** be equitable. Players who do not play a full game should be given the opportunity to do so at the next opportunity. To facilitate this, both starters and reserves may enter the game twice. The three-inning rule with one "at bat" holds, although the innings need not be consecutive if four innings are played.

IN THE EVENT MILPITAS NATIONAL LITTLE LEAGUE SOUTH INTERLEAGUES;
INTERLEAGUE BYLAWS SHALL SUPERCEDE LOCAL BYLAWS.

MILPITAS NATIONAL LITTLE LEAGUE SOUTH
MINOR DIVISION BYLAWS

In addition to the rules and official regulations published in the Little League Baseball rulebook and the bylaws, rules and standards published in the Milpitas National Little League South bylaws, the following rules will govern the conduct of the game:

A Minor League is established to provide training and instruction to those players who, by reason of age and other factors, were not selected for the Major League. All Minor Leaguers are free agents, subject to selection by any Major League team in that league during the season, and all Minor League teams are dissolved at the end of the season. (Ref. LL, Reg. III, Note 2)

It is Milpitas National Little League South policy that if a Minor League player declines to move up to a Major Division team when a vacancy occurs in the Major Division, that player may be transferred to another team in the Minor Division, preferably a team lower in the standings. However, the board of directors reserves the right to waive this policy if warranted. (Ref. LL, Reg. VIII (b))

TRYOUT ATTENDANCE: Any candidate failing to attend at least 50 percent of the spring tryout sessions shall forfeit league eligibility unless an excuse is presented which is accepted by a majority of the Board of Directors. (Ref. LL Reg. IV (f))

PRACTICES: Pre-season practices will be a minimum of 2 and maximum of 4; one must be held at the Sports Complex. Once the season begins you may hold a minimum of 1 practice and maximum of 2.

MANAGER VISITS: This rule applies to each pitcher who enters a game, governs the visits of the manager or coach to the pitcher at the mound. A manager or coach may come out twice in one inning to talk to his/her current pitcher, but the third time out, the pitcher must be removed. A manager or coach may come out three times in one game to talk to his/her current pitcher, but the fourth time out, the pitcher must be removed. The rules apply to each pitcher who enters the game. (Ref. LL Rule 8.06).

PITCHING: No 12-year-old shall pitch in the Minor Division. No pitcher shall pitch more than the maximum listed age pitch count in the rule book. (Ref. LL Regulation VI – pitcher/page 33)

BATTING: Batters will follow a consecutive batting order through the entire roster for a game.

GAMES: There will be a time limit on games of 2-1/2 hours. No new inning may start after 2-1/2 hours have elapsed. A tie game may continue beyond six innings, but may not violate the time limit of 2-1/2 hours. **Note:** No new inning will begin 10 minutes before sunset; official sunset times are posted in the snack shack.

Four innings played shall constitute a complete game; 3 ½ innings if the home team is ahead. A maximum of 4 runs per inning will be allowed during regular season play.

MILPITAS NATIONAL LITTLE LEAGUE SOUTH
MINOR DIVISION BYLAWS
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MINIMUM PLAYING TIME PER PLAYER: Each player must play nine defensive outs.

NOTE: To comply with, both, Little League Regulation IV (i) and these bylaws, substitute players must play six consecutive defensive outs and one at bat before starter can re-enter the game.

VIOLATIONS: The first offense, the manager will get a warning, and the following game, the player not played will play the whole game. The game can be protested. The second offense, the Board will take proper action. The scorekeeper will be responsible for reporting the violation to the Player Agent. The Player Agent will follow-up.

UMPIRING: A schedule will be developed, by the chief umpire and league president, and sent to all managers.

FIELD RESPONSIBILITIES: The manager and coaches of the home team are responsible for setting up the field and supplying the scorekeeper. The visiting team must put everything away after the game has ended (last game on Saturdays) and repair any divots near the pitcher's rubber mound.

TEN-RUN RULE: In accordance with the Little League Baseball 2007 Official Regulations and Playing Rules, Rule 4.10 (e), Milpitas National Little South has adopted that if after four (4) innings, three and one half (3-1/2) innings, if the home team is ahead, one team has a lead of ten runs or more, the manager (or their representative) of the team with the least runs shall concede victory to the opponent. NOTE: If the visiting team has a lead of ten runs or more, the home team must bat in it's half of the inning.

A ROUND ROBIN WILL BE PLAYED AFTER THE REGULAR SEASON GAMES TO DETERMINE THE 1ST AND 2ND PLACE TEAMS AS FOLLOWS:

- ? Each team will play every other team. Teams will be assigned a number by random draw (1-4) and play a predetermined schedule. (Example: 1vs2, 3vs4, 1vs3, 2vs4, 1vs4, 2vs3).
- ? The two teams with the best record advance to the Championship Game.
- ? In the event that two or more teams are tied, the following tie breaker will be used in the order of the following priorities:
 - 1) Head to Head Competition
 - 2) Fewest Total Runs Allowed
 - 3) Coin Flip

IN THE EVENT MILPITAS NATIONAL LITTLE LEAGUE SOUTH INTERLEAGUES; INTERLEAGUE BYLAWS SHALL SUPERCEDE LOCAL BYLAWS.

MILPITAS NATIONAL LITTLE LEAGUE SOUTH
MAJOR DIVISION BYLAWS

In addition to the rules and official regulations published in the Little League Baseball rulebook and the bylaws, rules and standards published in the Milpitas National Little League South bylaws, the following rules will govern the conduct of the game:

Once a player is drafted into the Major Division, the player may not move down to a lower division unless he/she is a safety issue. If the player is a safety issue, it will be the decision of the player agent and safety officer to move the player to the lower division once the Board has been notified.

TRYOUT ATTENDANCE: Any candidate failing to attend at least 50 percent of the spring tryout sessions shall forfeit league eligibility unless an excuse is presented which is accepted by a majority of the Board of Directors. If there is an agreement among the majority of the managers of any division that a player who has failed to attend at least fifty percent of the tryout session is qualified, that player may be added to the draft. (Ref. LL Reg. IV (f))

DRAFTING NINE-YEAR-OLDS INTO MAJORS: Nine-year-olds will not be eligible for the Major draft.

DRAFT FREEZES: A team shall have only one frozen player per team; returning manager/coach child freezes are continuous to the next year. The only exception is when the manager has terminated his position. The new manager is allowed only **one freeze**. A freeze applies to a manager's child or sibling, i.e. son, daughter, brother, or sister.

A new coach will not be appointed nor approved until after the draft to avoid "red shirting" of players through selective coaching appointments.

Brother and sister options are excluded from this ruling. Brother and sister option **must** be exercised.

PRACTICES: Pre-season practices will be a minimum of 2 and maximum of 4; one must be held at the Sports Complex. Once the season begins you may hold a minimum of 1 practice and maximum of 2.

FIELD RESPONSIBILITIES: The manager and coaches of the home team are responsible for setting up the field and supplying the scorekeeper. The visiting team must put everything away after the game has ended (last game on Saturdays) and repair any divots near the pitcher's rubber mound. Refer to inter-League rules for set-up and break down for games during Inter-League.

MINIMUM PLAYING TIME PER PLAYER: Each player of the Major Division must play nine defensive outs and continuous batting order will be followed.

NOTE: To comply with, both, Little League Regulation IV (i) and these bylaws, substitute players must play six consecutive defensive outs and one at bat before starter can re-enter the game.

MILPITAS NATIONAL LITTLE LEAGUE SOUTH
MAJOR DIVISION BYLAWS
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VIOLATIONS: The first offense, the manager will get a warning, and the following game, the player not played will play the whole game. The game can be protested. The second offense, the Board will take proper action. The scorekeeper will be responsible for reporting the violation to the Player Agent. The Player Agent will follow-up.

BATTING: Batters will follow a consecutive batting order through the entire roster for a game.

NUMBER OF PLAYERS PER TEAM: All teams in the Major Division must carry the same number of players on their rosters. A maximum of eight 12 year olds per team.(Ref. LL Reg. III (c))

PITCHING: No limit on the number of pitchers a team can use in a game. No pitcher shall pitch more than the maximum listed age pitch count in the rule book. (Ref. LL Regulation VI – pitcher/page 33)

MANAGER VISITS: This rule applies to each pitcher who enters a game, governs the visits of the manager or coach to the pitcher at the mound. A manager or coach may come out twice in one inning to talk to his/her current pitcher, but the third time out, the pitcher must be removed. A manager or coach may come out three times in one game to talk to his/her current pitcher, but the fourth time out, the pitcher must be removed. The rules apply to each pitcher who enters the game. (Ref. LL Rule 8.06).

REPLACING A LOST PLAYER: If a player is lost for any reason, the manager shall draft, through the Player Agent, a replacement within five observation days of the vacancy (ten days during preseason). No manager shall pick up a player in the last two weeks of the season no matter what the reason. The Major team that will be going to TOCs will be allowed to pick up a player after the season is officially over to be used for TOCs play only, and they must go to a lower Division for that player, unless there is a returning major player on the waiting list.

Major replacements are picked from Minor teams and Minor replacements are picked from the Farm teams within five observation days of the vacancy (ten days during preseason). If a player is drafted by a Major team from a Minor team to fill an opening, and the player refuses to move up, they will be ineligible to be drafted to the Major Division for the remainder of the season.

When selecting a player from the Minor or Farm Division, one eligible player must have been selected from each team before a team has a second player selected.

ANY INJURY OR ILLNESS TO A PLAYER MUST BE REPORTED TO THE PLAYER'S AGENT WITHIN 24 HOURS.

TEN-RUN RULE: There is no mandatory ten (10) run rule. In accordance with the Little League Baseball 2007 Official Regulations and Playing Rules, Rule 4.10 (e) note 2, Milpitas National Little South has adopted that if after four (4) innings, three and one half (3-1/2) innings, if the home team is ahead, one team has a lead of ten runs or more, the manager (or their representative) of the team with the least runs may concede victory to the opponent.

NOTE: If the visiting team has a lead of ten runs or more, the home team must bat in it's half of the inning.

No new inning will begin 10 minutes before sunset; official sunset times are posted in the snack shack.

**IN THE EVENT MILPITAS NATIONAL LITTLE LEAGUE SOUTH INTERLEAGUES;
INTERLEAGUE BYLAWS SHALL SUPERCEDE LOCAL BYLAWS.**

MILPITAS NATIONAL LITTLE LEAGUE SOUTH
JUNIOR DIVISION BYLAWS

The Junior Division will be governed by District 59 inter league rules.

JUNIOR ALLSTARS: Any player league age 13 or 14, who has participated as an eligible player in one-half the regular season games as of June 15, with the exception of the middle school, junior high school, or high school baseball season, on a:

1. Senior League Baseball Team, or;
2. Junior League Baseball Team.

Note 2: The Junior League Baseball Tournaments are divided by age, without regard to the regular season division in which a player participates, as noted above. (Ref. LL Rule Book page T-6)

MILPITAS NATIONAL LITTLE LEAGUE SOUTH
SENIOR DIVISION BYLAWS

The Senior Division will be governed by District 59 inter league rules.