

Chet Waggoner Little League

Bylaws

2011 Season

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Bylaws, Local Rules & Ground Rules

Each local Little League Board of directors should adopt its own bylaws, local rules or ground rules (the terms are interchangeable.) This document or documents expire annually at the end of the fiscal year and must be renewed annually. They normally include the local board's procedures for selection of Tournament Teams (All Stars), specific ground rules for various divisions (such as whether or not the 10-run rule will be used), etc.

Because each local Little League board of directors should have authority to change these types of procedures, they require only board consent, without the general membership's approval. No part of the bylaws, local rules or ground rules can conflict with or supersede any Little League rule, regulation or policy.

The bylaws, local rules or ground rules are to be distinguished from the local Little League's Constitution. The Constitution spells out the duties and responsibilities of the officers of the board, definition of membership, election procedures, meeting requirements such as quorum, etc. The local Little League board of directors must make a copy of the bylaws, local rules or ground rules available to any member of the local Little League for review and inspection if requested.

General Policy

It is the intent of Chet Waggoner Little League (CWLL) to accommodate any player who wants to play baseball or softball, lives within the CWLL boundaries (established by Little League Inc), and meets registration requirements established by Little League Inc. and Chet Waggoner Little League. No player will be turned away except for severe disciplinary reasons or restrictions placed on CWLL by organizations with which CWLL is obliged to cooperate. The number of teams in each division is limited to the availability of fields. During the registration process and team formation, players may be placed on a waiting list until there is an opening on a roster or until enough players register to form another team. If a player does not register during the registration period, then CWLL is not obligated to place said player on a team and will only place late registrants on teams based on open roster spots. Additionally, late registrants will be placed on teams based in the order of their registration.

Managers, coaches, players, parents, spectators, etc., shall not consume alcohol or tobacco products at any CWLL function. EXCEPTION: Alcohol or tobacco products may be consumed at CWLL adult-only functions with the approval of the CWLL Board of Directors.

CWLL follows the rules as set forth in the Official Regulations and Playing Rules for the current year for each chartered division as well as the Little League Operating Manual for the current year. CWLL has adopted Supplemental Rules that augment the Official Regulations and Playing Rules. These Supplemental Rules are mandatory during regular season, but are not applicable during post-season tournament play. Managers and coaches (and players and parents) are responsible to know these Supplemental Rules as well as the Official Regulations and Playing Rules authorized and published by Little League Baseball, Inc.

If extenuating circumstances do not allow any of the processes in these Bylaws to be followed as written, said process (es) may be temporarily adjusted as required with the approval of the CWLL President and the CWLL Board of Directors. The temporary adjusted process (es) shall be posted at www.ChetWaggoner.org

CWLL shall enforce the following age and residence rules during registration in compliance with Little League, Inc:

1. Player Age: A player's league age for the current season of baseball is his/her age as of April 30th of the playing season, and for softball, her age as of December 31st of the previous year. See Little League Baseball Proof of Age Requirements document for details on acceptable proof of age documents that **must** be submitted at registration (www.littleleague.org/common/forms/proof_of_age.pdf).

2. Player Residence Location: The player must live within the CWLL boundary (see boundary map at www.ChetWaggoner.org) at least 51 percent of the time and indicate residence location on boundary map during registration or have a completed and approved Regulation II (d) waiver on file. See Little League Baseball Proof of Residency Requirements document for details on acceptable proof of residency documents that must be submitted at registration (www.littleleague.org/common/forms/RESIDENCEELIGIBILITYREQUIREMENTS.pdf).

3. Players who move outside of CWLL boundaries may continue to play for CWLL provided a Regulation II (d) waiver has been submitted and approved by Little League, Inc. The proofs of residency shall be kept with the waiver until the player no longer plays for CWLL. Per Little League rules, if a player playing under a Regulation II(d) waiver does not play the following year, that player is not eligible to play for CWLL unless that player establishes residency again within the CWLL boundaries.

CWLL will strive to provide the safest playing environment possible. CWLL will provide training for our managers, coaches, and volunteers to be able to handle most accidental injuries. Our facilities are periodically surveyed and maintained to the highest standards to prevent injuries and mishaps.

No player shall be subjected to abusive language, harassment, severe or injurious discipline, anger of the coaches, teammates, etc.

Background Check

Per Little League Incorporated Regulation 1 (c), CWLL is required to conduct an annual, nationwide background check on all volunteer personnel and hired personnel. Each volunteer or hired personnel is required to complete and submit a “Little League Volunteer Application” and provide a copy of a valid government-issued photo identification to the president or board member designated by the president (“designee”). No one will be allowed to participate in any manner, whose background check reveals a conviction or guilty plea or plea of no contest for any crime involving or against a minor. CWLL may also prohibit any individual from participating as a volunteer if the individual is deemed unfit to work with minors.

CWLL shall perform background checks as follows:

1. The president shall name a committee of four (4) CWLL Board of Director members. This committee plus the president shall review the results of any background check that returns information that warrants further investigation on individuals identified in Step 6.
2. Each CWLL Board of Directors member, manager, coach, adult umpire, and all other adult volunteers or hired personnel shall complete and submit a “Little League Volunteer Application” for the current fiscal year and a copy of valid, government-issued photo identification to the president or designee.
3. The president or designee shall conduct a background check on all managers using Choice Point at littleleague.choicepoint.com or any other board approved service provider.
4. The president or designee shall conduct a background check on all other volunteers and hired personnel using the United States Department of Justice National Sex Offender Public Registry at www.nsopr.gov. The president or designee will complete the “Little League Volunteer Application” as required by Little League.
5. If the background check returns information or CWLL subsequently becomes aware of information, by any means whatsoever, that an individual, including, but not limited to, volunteers, players and hired workers, has been convicted of or plead guilty or no contest to any crime involving or against a minor, the president must

contact the applicable government agency to confirm the accuracy of the information. The president or designee shall also notify the individual of the action that is being taken so that the individual can offer any response or comment to the president and the CWLL Board of Directors. Upon confirmation of a conviction for, or guilty plea to or plead no contest to a crime against or involving a minor, CWLL shall not permit the individual to participate in any manner. That person shall be dismissed immediately.

6. If the background check reveals that the individual, including, but not limited to, volunteers, players and hired workers, has been convicted of or plead guilty to or plead no contest to any other type of crime not involving nor against a minor, the president must contact the applicable government agency to confirm the accuracy of the information. The president or designee shall present the findings to the investigation committee. The individual shall have the opportunity to present his or her side of the case to the investigation committee. A determination as to whether or not the individual will be able to continue participating in CWLL will be decided by a disciplinary committee in accordance to the terms and conditions of the CWLL Constitution.

The following shall apply:

1. Any felony involving physical harm to an individual (for example, murder, player napping, spousal abuse) is reason for immediate dismissal.
2. Any felony not involving physical harm to an individual (for example, extortion, theft) shall be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.
3. Misdemeanors (for example, a minor fist fight), infractions (for example, a speeding ticket), and DUIs (driving under the influence) shall be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.
4. All decisions by the president, investigation committee, and CWLL Board of Directors are final.
5. All forms submitted for and created as a result of the background check shall remain in the possession of the president or designee until the end of the fiscal year. Unless required by law, no other person shall have access to or see the forms.
6. Immediately after the conclusion of the fiscal year, all forms shall be destroyed, except for those from volunteers or hired personnel who are participating in Fall Ball.

Seasons

Chet Waggoner offers three seasons of baseball and softball:

Spring Season	Open to all youth who properly register and meet age and residency requirements per Section 1.0.
Tournament Season	Reserved for players selected from the Spring Season to play on All Star teams and represent CWLL in district, state, region, and world series tournaments.
Fall Season	Open to all youth who properly register and meet age and residency requirements per Section 1.0 and is intended for skill development and improvement.

Divisions

CWLL offers the following baseball and softball divisions: The brand of softball played is fast pitch; the term softball is used per Little League convention. The number of teams in the chart below is subject to change due to field availability and number of registered players.

Division	Ages	Maximum Number of Teams	Maximum Number of Conferences
T Ball	Any player league age 4- 6 may play in this league.	14	1
Baseball Farm American Division	Any player league age 7. An exception for a 6 year old to play in this league can be made in accordance to the criteria set forth in the league rules. 6 Year olds must complete one (1) year of tee ball.	8	1
Baseball Farm National Division	All players league age 8. Any player league age 7 that has played at least one year of baseball in Farm League and is evaluated and approved to play in this league by the Farm League V.P. and National Division coaches.	6	1
Baseball Minors	9, 10, 11 year olds that are not drafted into the Majors. 8 year olds may only play in this league if they attend an	10	1

	evaluation and are selected into the division, and are approved by the league V.P and player agent. Unselected 8 year olds will play in the Farm National Division.		
Baseball Majors	All 12 year olds will play in this division unless it is determined the player is at risk of injury. This determination will be made by the V.P. of the League, managers and safety director. 9, 10 and 11 year olds are only eligible to play in this division if they attend a tryout and are drafted into the division.	8	1
Baseball Juniors	12, 13, 14 (12-year-olds may only play up based on Little League rules and approval of the CWLL Board of Directors)	4	2 (CWLL, District)
Baseball Seniors	14, 15, 16 (14-year-olds may only play up based on Little League rules and approval of the CWLL Board of Directors)	2	2 (CWLL, District)
Baseball Big League	16, 17, 18 year olds. 16 year olds may only play in accordance to Little League rules and approval of CWLL.	2	1
Softball Farm	Any player league age 7 and 8. An exception for a 6 year old to play in this league can be made in accordance to the criteria set forth in the league rules. 6 Year olds must complete one (1) year of tee ball.	6	1
Softball Minors	9, 10, 11 year olds that are not drafted into the Majors. 8 year olds may only play in this league if they attend an evaluation and are selected into the division, and are approved by the league V.P. and player agent.	6	1 (District)
Softball Majors	All 12 year olds will play in this division unless it is determined the player is at risk of injury. This determination will be made by the V.P. of the League, managers and safety director. 9, 10 and 11 year olds are only eligible to play in this division if they attend a tryout and are drafted into the division.	6	1 (District)

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Softball Seniors /Big League	14, 15, 16, 17 and 18 (14-year-olds may only play up based on Little League rules and approval of the CWLL Board of Directors)	District	1 (District)

Managers and Coaches

Manager Selection

Individuals interested in managing a CWLL baseball/softball team must complete and submit the following to the appropriate division director:

1. CWLL Manager Application
2. Little League Volunteer Application Form. (Include a copy of a USA government issued photo ID. Refer to Section 1.)
3. Each manager candidate shall be interviewed by the V. P. of the league. When the manager candidate interviews are complete, each league V.P. shall submit their recommendations to the CWLL Board of Directors for approval.

Manager positions are for one-year only. *Having previously been a manager in CWLL is not a guarantee of a managing position in any subsequent year.*

All candidates for Baseball and Softball Majors manager must meet one of the following minimum qualifications:

1. One year as a CWLL Minors manager, or
2. Two consecutive years as a CWLL Minors or Farm league coach, or
3. One year as a CWLL Majors manager or coach, or
4. Equivalent experience as a manager or coach as deemed appropriate by CWLL Board (must provide proof).

Coach Selection

Each manager shall select up to two coaches, pending the approval of the CWLL Board of Directors. Coaches for a drafted team may not be chosen prior to the draft according to the current Little League Operating Manual. While it is desired that the coaches be fathers/mothers of a player on the team, the manager may ask another individual (who does not have a son/daughter playing in CWLL) to be a coach. All Managers must submit their coaches in writing to their league V.P. 2 weeks prior to their first regular season game.

Notes:

1. Minor league and Farm League managers may pick two coaches prior to team formation.
2. Each coach shall complete and submit the following:
 - a) CWLL Manager Application
 - b) Little League Volunteer Application Form.

Manager Training

Every manager shall attend the classroom and field training classes when provided by CWLL. Failure to attend these classes may result in dismissal of that manager from CWLL at the discretion of the CWLL Board of Directors.

Every manager shall attend the First-Aid Training for Coaches given under the direction of the CWLL Safety Director.

Manager/Coach Responsibilities

1. Strive to ensure the physical and emotional safety of all players on their team.
2. Strive to ensure the proper moral and ethical conduct of players, coaches, players' parents, and oneself.
3. Know, teach, and follow all rules and regulations as set forth by Little League, Inc., and CWLL.
4. Strive to ensure that volunteers are obtained from among the team's parents to run concessions as assigned distribute and collect uniforms, field maintenance, safety, and other responsibilities as determined by the CWLL Board of Directors.
5. Umpire behind the plate or on the bases at least one game in another division.
6. Attend all required manager meetings (CWLL and District11) and training classes.
7. Accept all decisions of CWLL Board of Directors and/or President as final.
8. Look for ways to improve CWLL and convey them to the CWLL Board of Directors.
9. Help promote the annual fundraiser.

Manager/Coach Discipline

Failure to follow Little League rules and/or CWLL Bylaws and/or failure to manage/coach in the spirit of Little League may result in a reprimand, suspension or dismissal by the CWLL Board of Directors following a thorough investigation into alleged infractions and/or failings.

Investigations will be conducted by a disciplinary committee as set forth in the CWLL constitution. This committee will report their findings to the CWLL Board of Directors along with a recommendation as the appropriate form of discipline required.

Infractions include, but are not limited to:

1. Foul language
2. Yelling at or intimidating a player or umpire
3. Use of tobacco products at a practice and/or game
4. Drinking at or before a practice and/or a game - includes having the odor of alcohol on the person or breath
5. Failure to follow Little League rules and regulations and/or CWLL Bylaws
6. Being ejected from a game

Manager Requirements

Managers shall not be allowed to manage any regular season games for their team until the following requirements have been met:

1. Completed volunteer application for the current year is on file with the president or designee.
2. Completed volunteer application form for all coaches for the current year is on file with the president or designee.
3. Completed volunteer application form for each parent listed on the parent volunteer sign-up sheet is on file with the president or designee.
4. Completed medical release form for each player is on file with the manager and on file with the safety director.
5. Attends all manager training classes.
6. Attends the CWLL first aid training class.
7. A signed parent behavior form (signed by parents/guardians) is on file with the division player agent.

Any manager who has not met ALL of the above requirements shall not be allowed to manage their team unless they have obtained a waiver from CWLL.

Conditions for receiving a waiver are:

1. The manager was selected after the class (es) was held.
2. Job requirements prevented attendance at required class (es).
3. Illness prevented attendance at required class (es).

Parents

Chet Waggoner Little League is a volunteer organization. It cannot be effective if only the Board of Directors and a few other parents do all of the work. It is critical that each parent be involved with the everyday operations of Chet Waggoner Little League. Parent involvement is integral to the development of the players playing in Chet Waggoner Little League. Therefore, ALL parents need to be responsible for at least one of the following areas of responsibility on their child's team. Each parent should have something to do that will foster team spirit and take burdens off the manager's shoulders.

Areas where parents should help, but not limited to, are:

- Coach
- Uniforms
- Fundraisers
- Concessions
- Team Safety Officer

- Official Scorekeeper/ Umpire
- Official Pitch Counter
- Pre-game field preparation and post-game field repair.
- Field Maintenance
- Phone Tree
- Team Parent

Vice Presidents of Leagues

1. The Vice President of a league will be nominated by the Vice President of Operations and must be approved by the CWLL board as set forth in the CWLL constitution.
2. The Vice president of each league will recruit and develop managers and coaches.
3. The Vice President of each league will conduct some training with the coaches before the season begins (ex. Fundamentals, throwing to a target, level swing, fielding and catching a thrown baseball, having outside experts conduct a clinic, etc.)
4. The Vice President of each league will help coordinate the handing out of equipment.
5. The Vice President of each league should have a coaches meeting before and during the season to review CWLL policies and address any concerns that may arise.
6. The Vice President of each league may coordinate the league celebration for the end of the season.
7. The Vice President of each league will meet with the VP of Operations to discuss the coaches and the potential for them to move up in the coach's ranks of the next level.
8. The Vice President of each league will be responsible to coordinate the turning in of equipment.
9. The Vice President of each league may organize and run clinics in order to get players better prepared for their next level of play.
10. The Vice President of each league will oversee and work with the player agent at all tryouts and drafts.
11. The Vice President(s) of each league is ultimately responsible for the condition of the field, will ensure the field is safe for play, and will make every effort to enhance the cosmetic appearance of the field.
12. The Vice President of each league will interview coaches in accordance with the criteria set forth in the by-laws for each league and will make manager recommendations to the CWLL board.

13. The Vice President of each league will help CWLL host, organize, and run baseball or softball tournaments.
14. The Vice President of each league will perform any other duties necessary to organize and run the league over which he or she is presiding.
15. The Vice President of each league will be in charge of scheduling practices and games on their respective fields. Any scheduling conflict that cannot be resolved by the league V.P. will be resolved by the V.P. of Operations.

V.P. of Operations (Baseball/Softball)

1. Oversee the entire operation of the program. This ranges from Big League to Farm League.
2. Interview and recommend individuals to fill the positions of League V.P.'s.
3. Organize and run tournaments held at CWLL.
4. Attend, run, and/or assist at all tryouts and league drafts.
5. Meet with League V.P.'s before, during, and after the season to discuss any and all matters relating to the program.
6. Be an integral part of organizing and running any and all CWLL fundraisers.
7. Address problems that may arise (ex. Complaints, rule violations) and run the program over which he or she is presiding.
8. Perform any other duties necessary to organize and run the program.
9. Work closely with player agent.

V.P. of T- Ball Operations/Rules and Regulations

1. The VP of T-Ball Operations must have held a Manager or League VP position.
2. The T-Ball league is for boys and girls league ages 4-6.
3. The coaches for T-Ball will work with the children to help them learn the rules of the game (trying to get someone out, throwing to the correct base).
4. It is the coach's responsibility to work with their players so they can be rotated to all of the various positions to help develop their hand and eye coordination.
5. Every Player will get an opportunity to hit every inning.
6. The coaches will instruct the players about the rules of the game. If a child is thrown out during a play, that child is out. We need to reward the children on the field as well as the child who makes contact while batting. This will reinforce that the child must run hard and give an effort to get to the base.
7. The coaches will teach the children to be good sports, good team mates and respectful to parents and coaches or other adult.
8. The coaches will work with parents to encourage them to participate in their child's activity and not just drop the child off and leave.
9. The Vice President of T-Ball will stress to the coaches the rules of supplying a parent worker for the concession stand.
10. The Vice President of T-Ball is expected to coordinate with the coaches to recruit participants for park clean up days and the annual fund raising event.

Farm League Rules and Regulations

Baseball Farm League Mission Statement: To create a positive baseball experience for all players by teaching the fundamentals of baseball, the importance of teamwork, teaching life lessons, and being more focused on developing the players baseball skills so they are prepared for the next level of play, rather than being focused on winning games.

Farm league players will consist of boys and/or girls league ages 6, 7, & 8. 6 year olds may only play in this league if they have played one year of T-Ball.

The farm league will consist of two divisions (American and National). The major differences between the American and National divisions will be the age of the players, and live pitching will be introduced during the season of the National division.

Age Requirements for National Division

1. All 8 year old players will play in the National division.
2. A 7 year old player may play in the National division if he/she has previously played at least one year of farm league. Once the election is made the player may not change divisions.

Age Requirements for American Division

1. All 6 year old players will play in the American Division.
2. A 7 year old player may elect to play in the American Division. Once the election is made, then the player may not change divisions.

Any deviation from the above mentioned age requirements must be approved by the V.P. of Farm League, Player Agent, the Manager of the team for which the player is requesting to play on, and by the Safety Director of CWLL.

Softball Farm or “Instructional” Machine Pitch

The Softball Machine Pitch division shall use the current edition of the Little League Softball Official Regulations and Playing Rules, the CWLL Bylaws, and the District 11 supplemental rules. The Softball Machine Pitch division shall also abide by the following additional supplemental rules:

1. “Opening Day” is not to be considered a “Regular Season” game.
2. During “Opening Day” games only, all 10 players shall bat/field per half inning, and then rotate sides. Maximum game time will be limited to a 1 hour and 15 minute game ending “drop” time. Team scores shall not be kept. Regular Season begins on the following weekday game(s).”Regular Season” games shall consist of six innings. Each half inning shall end when three outs have been made or 10 batters have completed their at bats whichever comes first. If the 10th batter puts the ball in play, the inning shall immediately end, with no further advance by any runner, when the catcher has control of the ball at home plate. The umpire shall rule the play over immediately to avoid any runners colliding with fielders.
3. Time limits on games shall only be imposed if there is another game scheduled after the subject game. In such situations, a game ending “Drop” time of 1 hour 15 minutes shall be imposed. No new inning shall begin 1 hour 15 minutes after actual start time (and games must start within 15 minutes of scheduled start time). (For clarification, an inning starts immediately after the last out of the previous inning.) If a new inning starts with five (5) minutes or less left before the 1 hour, 15 minute time limit, that inning, if it is not the sixth inning, may be declared the last inning.
4. Player participation minimums: All players must play a minimum of three (3) consecutive defensive outs twice during the game and bat at least one (1) time during game.
5. Teams shall bat through the entire roster.
6. Use a mechanical arm or rubber wheel pitching machine.
7. Use an 11–inch regulation softball or a soft impression softball if deemed a necessity by the Farm/Instructional League VP or Park Safety Officer.
8. Maximum runs/inning and swings/batter as agreed to at District 11 Coaches meeting.
9. Team scores shall not be kept.
10. Stealing bases is not permitted.

Appointing Managers and Coaches:

Managers/Coaches will consist of adults 18 years or older that have applied for a coaching position via the Volunteer Application form. Coaches will be subject to background checks that are set forth by CWLL. Upon approval of the volunteer application form Managers will then be selected by the V.P. of the farm league.

Criteria to be considered by the V.P. when selecting a manager and coaches will be as follows:

1. Does the manager/coaching applicant have previous coaching experience?
2. Has the manager/coaching applicant displayed involvement in CWLL such as working at the fundraisers and performing duties at the park beyond coaching?
3. Is the manager/coaching applicant knowledgeable about baseball?
4. Is the manager/coach willing to attend coaching clinics, perform clinics, and generally do things for CWLL that are above and beyond just coaching?
5. Is the manager/coaching applicant also a sponsor?
6. What comments do parents or past V.P.'s give about the manager/coach applicant's demeanor and coaching abilities?
7. Is the coach willing to have at least two practices a week?

Requirements/Expectations of Managers and Coaches

1. This is a big responsibility and commitment to the players and to CWLL and is expected to be taken seriously.
2. This job will require teaching the fundamentals of baseball, communicating with parents, and requires working on the field and/or park facilities.
3. A minimum of two practices a week should be conducted.
4. Managers will manage the team with the mission statement in mind.
5. Managers and coaches will follow all rules that govern the leagues play.
6. Managers and coaches are expected to work towards obtaining all of the goals set forth by our league.
7. Managers and coaches must be leaders for the players and parents by displaying good behavior, good sportsmanship, not arguing with the umpires or other coaches, and not allowing parents or players to argue with umpires.

Goals of Farm League Baseball

1. To teach the fundamentals of baseball to all players in a constructive and positive atmosphere.
2. To have fun! Make players smile and build camaraderie between the players and parents.
3. To develop player's skills so they will be prepared to play at the minor league level, and to place an emphasis on player development, rather than winning games.
4. To ensure that all little league safety rules are followed and that all players have the proper equipment to safely play at the farm league level.
5. To have clinics that will help develop the coaches and players in the league.
6. To create a Sunday league, travel team(s), and fall league that will allow players to play more if desired.
7. To make the farm league field one of the best looking, well maintained fields at Chet Waggoner.
8. To teach players teamwork, sportsmanship, and life lessons.
9. To inspire parents to become more involved in the operations of Chet Waggoner and to encourage parents to support the Chet Waggoner smoker; this is our only

fundraiser and the main source of income for park improvements. It is the manager's job to set the expectations that Chet Waggoner has of the parents, and to also communicate what the parents can expect of the manager who is coaching their child.

Placement of players on teams:

1. All players of a manager and his two assistant coaches will be placed on their respective team.
2. Little league recommends that teams should not consist of the same players year to year until the players reach the major league.
3. After the coaches' players are placed on teams, then the remaining players will be placed on teams. The players will be placed on teams by the V.P. with efforts made to ensure all teams have an equal number of same aged players.
4. Player requests will be considered. If a player requests to be on the same team as another player, then efforts may be made to accommodate this request, but the placement of players on the same team is not guaranteed. **Exception: All siblings will be on the same team, if they are not in different divisions.**

Little league baseball rules will be followed except for the following rules which are special to the farm league and development of the player.

1. All coaches will do their best, regardless of a player's talent level, to ensure all players have equal play time and equal position time. A player should not always play infield or outfield. The only exception to this rule is that a coach may determine that a player could be injured if placed in a certain position. Usually, these positions are first base, pitcher, and catcher. However, a player may only play the pitching position for a maximum of two innings. Also ten fielders are allowed which must consist of four outfielders placed across the outfield. **There is no restriction on how many innings a player may play in the catching or first base position, since these are "safety positions".**
2. Continuous batting orders will be used at Chet Waggoner; this means every player must be placed in the batting order. If the player is removed from the batting order due to injury or illness, and then no penalty will be incurred. If a player is ejected from the game by an umpire, then an out will occur when it is the ejected players turn to bat.
3. There are no walks in this league. Ball and strikes will be called in the National division. During the pitching portion of the season if a pitcher throws four balls, then the coach will pitch until the batter hits the ball or strikes out. However, if the batter is struck by a pitched ball (regardless of division) then he/she will be awarded first base, provided the coach was not pitching at the time the batter was struck by the pitched ball. In the American division batters will be given five pitches. If the batter hits the ball fairly or swings and misses, three times, then the "at bat" is complete. If the sixth pitch is delivered and the ball is considered a bad pitch, or ball (by the umpire) then the batter will receive another pitch. If the sixth pitch is "fouled off", then the batter will receive an additional pitch. This will

- continue until such time that the batter swings and misses, hits the ball fairly or does not swing at a pitch that is deemed a strike.
4. There is no base stealing, leading off, or advancing on past balls.
 5. All balls thrown in from the outfield must first go to second base or the cutoff man, and then to the pitcher. **Do not teach players to throw the ball to the pitcher from the outfield; it's not a baseball play.**
 6. The ball is considered dead when a fielder has control of the ball in the infield. However, if a runner has advanced past the half way point between bases then the runner will be awarded the base he/she was advancing to. If a runner has not reached half way then he/she will return to the previous base.
 7. When an out is recorded in the infield, via a ground ball or pop up in the infield, then the ball is considered dead. The base runner may only advance a maximum of one base on infield grounders or pop-ups when an out has been recorded. For example: Runner on second, no outs and there is a ground ball to short stop. The runner on second may advance to third base at his/her own risk, and if there is an out recorded on the play at first base, then the ball is considered dead at that point and the runner will be required to stop at this base.
 8. When there is an overthrow, the runners at his/her own risk may only advance a maximum of one base beyond the base that he/she was going to. If an attempt to throw out the advancing runner is made, then the runner may be tagged out. However, if the ball is overthrown again then the ball is considered dead and the runner(s) may not advance any further.
 9. A circle will be placed around the pitching machine, which no player may enter for any reason. If a ball comes to rest inside the circle, then the ball is considered dead and runners will be placed on bases as determined by the umpire. If a thrown ball hits the pitching machine the ball is considered live as long as it is not resting inside the safety circle.
 10. If a batted ball hits the pitching machine it will be considered a dead ball single and the batter will be awarded first base. All runners will advance one base, even the runner on third base. No plays can be made by the defense under this scenario.
 11. No inning will start after 1 hour 45 minutes of play on the weekends and during weekdays of the school year. After the school year has ended then 6 innings of play will be completed during weekdays, provided a second game on the weekday is not scheduled. The last game on the weekends will be played for the full six innings and have no time limits. Games ended due to darkness or weather will be considered complete games and will not be rescheduled.
 12. During the post season tournament a coach may disregard the rule for equal position play and put players in positions which he/she feels gives the team its best chance to win. However, play time per little league rules needs to be met and every player must play a minimum of six consecutive defensive outs. A player may only play the pitching position two innings per game.
 13. All players will use helmets that have a face mask on them.
 14. A maximum of five runs per inning are allowed. There is no restriction on the number of batters per inning. There are no mercy rules in effect for this league.

It is the goal to have the games played until completion or until the time limit has been reached, whichever comes first.

15. Umpires will call the game from behind the plate in the National Division and from the pitching machine American division.
16. There will be zero tolerance for arguing with umpires! Coaches will control their own behavior and the behavior of the parents.
17. The home team will keep the official book and will track pitch count. The visitors will verify pitch count every inning.
18. Parents or coaches will also be responsible to umpire the games. The visitors are responsible for the game umpire who will call balls and strikes. The home team is responsible to supply a base umpire.

Field Maintenance:

1. The field will be raked after every game. Both coaches are responsible to make sure this happens.
2. All managers/coaches are required to make field improvements such as pulling weeds, mowing, trimming, fence repairs, and dug out repairs. A schedule of these tasks will be given to the coaches.
3. The dugouts will be cleaned after every game and the trash cans emptied as needed. The last game of the day will dump the trash cans into the dumpster if they are not empty.
4. Park clean up days are mandatory for all managers/coaches and it is expected one parent of each player help also.

Parent participation/conduct:

1. All parents are required to work in the concession stand. The home team is required to supply a concession worker. No game will start until the concession stand is staffed. A concession stand work schedule must be given to the parents, and a copy of this must be given to the V.P. As stated in the farm league rules if a team fails to supply a concession worker the game will be forfeited and the team not responsible to supply the worker will be allowed to use the field for practice.
2. Parents or coaches will also be responsible to umpire the games. The visitors are responsible for the game umpire who will call balls and strikes. The home team is encouraged to supply a base umpire.
3. Parents are required to display good sportsmanship and not allowed to argue with umpires, coaches, player, or parents on the opposing team
4. Parents are required to ensure their child has the correct size glove and an athletic supporter with cup.
5. Parents are expected to help their manager at park clean up day. Please do not bring the players that day.
6. Parents are expected to participate in the Chet Waggoner Smoker and become involved with the park.

7. Parents are expected to make sure players are brought to the Chet Waggoner closing day ceremonies. This is the day which trophies will be handed out to the players. (All players in this league receive a trophy)
8. Parents are expected to ensure that all players are on time for practices and for games. If for some reason a player cannot make a practice or game, then the parent should inform the coach.

Baseball Minor League

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Minor league players will consist of boys and/or girls league ages 8,9,10, and 11.

Appointing Managers and Coaches:

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Criteria to be considered by the V.P. when selecting a manager and coaches will be as follows:

1. Does the manager/coaching applicant have previous coaching experience?
2. Has the manager/coaching applicant displayed involvement in CWLL such as working at the fundraisers and performing duties at the park beyond coaching?
3. Is the manager/coaching applicant knowledgeable about baseball?
4. Is the manager/coach willing to attend coaching clinics, perform clinics, and generally do things for CWLL that are above and beyond just coaching?
5. What comments do parents or past V.P.'s give about the manager/coach applicant's demeanor and coaching abilities?
6. Is the coach willing to have at least two practices a week?

Requirements/Expectations of Managers and Coaches

1. This is a big responsibility and commitment to the players and to CWLL and is expected to be taken seriously.
2. This job will require teaching the fundamentals of baseball, communicating with parents, and requires working on the field and/or park facilities.
3. A minimum of two practices a week should be conducted.
4. Managers will manage the team with the mission statement in mind.

5. Managers and coaches will follow all rules that govern the leagues play.
6. Managers and coaches are expected to work towards obtaining all of the goals set forth by our league.
7. Managers and coaches must be leaders for the players and parents by displaying good behavior, good sportsmanship, not arguing with the umpires or other coaches, and not allowing parents or players to argue with umpires.

Goals of Minor League

1. To teach the fundamentals of baseball to all players in a constructive and positive atmosphere.
2. To have fun! Make players smile and build camaraderie between the players and parents.
3. To develop player's skills so they will be prepared to play at the major league level, and to place an emphasis on player development with a goal of all league age 11 year olds reaching the major league level.
4. To ensure that all little league safety rules are followed and that all players have the proper equipment to safely play at the minor league level.
5. To have clinics that will help develop the coaches and players in the league.
6. To teach players teamwork, sportsmanship, and life lessons.
7. To inspire parents to become more involved in the operations of Chet Waggoner and to encourage parents to support the Chet Waggoner smoker since this is our only fundraiser and the main source of income for park improvements. It is the manager's job to set the expectations that Chet Waggoner has of the parents, and to also communicate what the parents can expect of the manager who is coaching their child.

Team Formations/Player Placement

1. All players of a manager and his/her two assistant coaches will be placed on their respective team.
2. All baseball players league age 9-12 who are NOT currently on a Major League roster and who desire to be considered in the Major League draft are **REQUIRED** to attend major tryouts/evaluations. **Failure to do so will void the opportunity to play on the all-star team.**
3. Chet Waggoner will have Major tryouts/evaluations on a determined date before the season.
4. These sessions will give coaches/managers an opportunity to evaluate players.
5. The evaluations are also to provide the opportunity to select teams, which will be equal in talent and age.
6. Equal talent will make the league fun for all players, coaches, and spectators.
7. All players league age 9, 10, and 11 that tryout for the Majors will play in the Major league if drafted. There is no guarantee of selected on a Major league team.
8. Any player league age 9, 10, and 11 not on a Major league team will be selected by a Minor League team.

9. Player's league age 8 that attended the Minor League evaluation will be allowed to play in the Minors if selected by a Minor league manager. If said player is not selected, then he/she will play in the Farm League National Division.

Playing Rules:

Little League Official Regulation and Playing 2010 rules will be followed except for the following rules which are special to the Minor league and development of the player.

1. All coaches will do their best, regardless of a player's talent level, to ensure all players have equal play time and equal position time. A player should not always play infield or outfield. The only exception to this rule is that a coach may determine that a player could be injured if placed in a certain position.
2. Continuous batting orders will be used at Chet Waggoner; this means every player must be placed in the batting order. If the player is removed from the batting order due to injury or illness, no penalty will be incurred. If a player is ejected from the game by an umpire, then an out will occur when it is the ejected players turn to bat.
3. No inning will start after 1 hour 45 minutes of play on the weekends and during the week.
4. 5 run limit per inning, regardless of what inning. Once 5 runs have been scored, the half inning is over, and the batting team will take the field defensively.
5. The home team will keep the official book and will track pitch count. The visitors will verify pitch count every inning.
6. The visiting team is responsible for supplying an umpire.
7. There will be zero tolerance for arguing with umpires. Coaches will control their own behavior and the behavior of the parents. No protests are allowed in the Minor league for any reason.
8. There will be no on deck batters. Players will be signaled to the plate by the umpire.
9. The home team is responsible to supply a worker for the concession stand. If a team fails to supply a concession worker, then the game will be forfeited and no game will be played.
10. Parents or coaches will also be responsible to umpire the games. The visitors are responsible for the game umpire who will call balls and strikes. The home team is encouraged to supply a base umpire.

SIGNIFICANT RULES:

- **Rule 1.10** Added languages making it clear that any bat that has been altered must be removed from play.

- **Rule 1.11(k)** Added language making it clear that casts may not be worn by players and umpires during the game, and that persons wearing casts, including managers and coaches must remain in the dugout during the game.

- **Pitch Count :**

League Age

7-8 50 pitches per day

9-10 75 pitches per day

11-12 85 pitches per day

- Pitchers league age 14 and under must adhere to the following rest requirements.
 - If a player pitches 66 or more pitches in a day, four (4) calendar days of rest must be observed.
 - If a player pitches 51-65 pitches in a day, three (3) calendar days of rest must be observed.
 - If a player pitches 36-50 pitches in a day, two (2) calendar days of rest must be observed.
 - If a player pitches 21-35 pitches in a day, one (1) calendar days of rest must be observed.
 - If a player pitches 1-20 pitches in a day, two (2) calendar days of rest must be observed.
 - **Pitch count must be checked at the end of every half inning.**

Field Maintenance:

1. The field will be raked after every game. Both coaches are responsible to make sure this happens.
2. All managers/coaches are required to make field improvements such as pulling weeds, mowing, trimming, fence repairs, and dug out repairs. A schedule of these tasks will be given to the coaches by the league V.P.
3. The dugouts will be cleaned after every game and the trash cans emptied as needed. The last game of the day will dump the trash cans into the dumpster if they are not empty.
4. Park clean up days are mandatory for all managers/coaches and it is expected one parent of each player help also.

Parent participation/conduct:

1. All parents are required to work in the concession stand. The home team is required to supply a concession worker. No game will start until the concession stand is staffed. A concession stand work schedule must be given to the parents, and a copy of this must be given to the V.P.
2. Parents should have their players at the park ready to play 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the game.

3. Parents or coaches will also be responsible to umpire the games. The visitors are responsible for the game umpire who will call balls and strikes. The home team is encouraged to supply a base umpire.
4. Parents are required to display good sportsmanship and not allowed to argue with umpires, coaches, player, or parents on the opposing team.
5. Parents are required to ensure their child has the correct size glove and an athletic supporter with cup.
6. Parents are expected to help their manager at park clean up day. Please do not bring the players that day.
7. Parents are expected to participate in the Chet Waggoner Smoker and become involved with the park.
8. Parents are expected to make sure players are brought to the Chet Waggoner closing day ceremonies. This is the day that trophies will be handed out to the players.
9. Parents are expected to ensure that all players are on time for practices and for games. If for some reason a player cannot make a practice or game, then the parent should inform the coach.

Softball Minors

The Softball Minors division shall use the current edition of the Little League Softball Official Regulations and Playing Rules, the CWLL Bylaws, and the District 11 supplemental rules. The Softball Minors division shall also abide by the following additional supplemental rules:

1. "Opening Day" is not to be considered a "Regular Season" game.
2. During "Opening Day" games only, the maximum game time will be limited to a 1 hour and 45 minute game ending "drop" time. Regular Season begins on the following weekday game(s).
3. Player participation minimums: Participation requirements clearly defined within Official Regulation IV(i) and Official Playing Rule 3.03 state that all players must play a minimum of six (6) consecutive defensive outs and at least one (1) at bat during the six (6) consecutive outs. In the event a player becomes ill or injured during a game and is unable to fulfill the participation rule, both managers must confer and agree to waive the participation rule for that player during that game only (the participation penalty that would be exercised at the beginning of the subsequent game is nullified).
4. Games shall consist of six innings. Each half inning shall end when three outs have been made or 10 batters have completed their at bats whichever comes first. If the 10th batter puts the ball in play, the inning shall immediately end, with no further advance by any runner, when the catcher has control of the ball at home plate. The umpire shall rule the play over immediately to avoid any runners colliding with fielders. The 10 batter rule shall apply for all innings the ball is brought to home plate count. In this case, if the batter scores, she has driven in four runs, therefore seven runs scored that half inning. The ten-batter rule does not apply in the sixth inning.

5. Time limits on games shall only be imposed if there is another game scheduled after the subject game. In such situations, no new inning shall begin 1 hour 45 minutes after actual start time (and games must start within 15 minutes of scheduled start time). (For clarification, an inning starts immediately after the last out of the previous inning.) If a new inning starts with five (5) minutes or less left before the 1 hour, 45 minute time limit, that inning, if it is not the sixth inning, may be declared the last inning (if the game is an official game). The 10th batter rule is lifted for this inning.
6. Games shall be limited to two extra innings. The 10 batter rule shall apply to extra innings. A game may end in a tie.
7. Teams shall bat through the entire roster.
8. The Softball Minors division champion shall be determined by the overall win/loss record within the CWLL "Regular Season". If two or more teams have identical records, the overall win/loss record (including District 11 games) shall be used to break ties. If two or more teams are still tied, rule 10.1.17 shall be used. Any end of season CWLL tournament shall not be used to determine overall standings unless such tournament games are used as tie breakers per rule 10.1.17.
9. The VP of the Softball Operations shall place the 9/10 All Star managers and coaches.
10. If all managers decline, a manager shall be appointed by the CWLL Board of Directors.
11. Minor teams are to be "Player Pitch" and full "Major Rules" ready by the June 1st games in preparation for the Presidents Day District Tournament.
12. For the start of the Minor season, we will use "coach pitch" after 3 balls.
13. At the start of week 3 we will go to "coach pitch" at ball 4.
14. At the start of week 5 we will go to "coach pitch" only when bases are loaded or three consecutive walks.
15. By week 6 we will be playing full Major rules with no coach pitch.
16. No "Stealing" for the beginning of the season. "Leading Off" properly (after the ball crosses the plate) is encouraged, but still no stealing yet.
17. At the start of week 3 we will allow stealing on past balls. (Except no stealing home, runners must be HIT in from 3rd.)
18. At the start of week 5 we will allow stealing home as well.
19. By week 6 we will be playing full Major rules.
20. The VP of Minor Softball shall adjust the above weekly dates as needed per season.

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Criteria to be considered by the V.P. when selecting a manager and coaches will be as follows:

1. The manager/coaching applicant has previous coaching experience which makes him/her eligible to coach in the Major League division. These provisions are set forth in the by-laws.
2. The manager/coaching applicant has displayed involvement in CWLL such as working at the fundraisers and performing duties at the park beyond coaching.
3. The manager/coaching applicant is knowledgeable about baseball.
4. The manager/coach is willing to attend coaching clinics, perform clinics, and generally do things for CWLL that are above and beyond just coaching.
5. What comments do parents or past V.P.'s give about the manager/coach applicant's demeanor and coaching abilities?
6. The coach is willing to have at least two practices a week.

Requirements/Expectations of Managers and Coaches

1. This is a big responsibility and commitment to the players and to CWLL and is expected to be taken seriously.
2. This job will require teaching the fundamentals of baseball, communicating with parents, and requires working on the field and/or park facilities.
3. A minimum of two practices a week should be conducted.
4. Managers will manage the team with the mission statement in mind.
5. Managers and coaches will follow all rules that govern the leagues play.
6. Managers and coaches are expected to work towards obtaining all of the goals set forth by our league.
7. Managers of this league must be willing to manage an all star team if selected, and must also be willing to help organize and work at any all star tournament games held at CWLL.

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3. To have fun! Make players smile and build camaraderie between the players and parents.
4. To develop player’s skills so they will be prepared to play at the junior league level.
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9. To inspire parents to become more involved in the operations of Chet Waggoner and to encourage parents to support the Chet Waggoner smoker, since it is our only fundraiser and the main source of income for park improvements. It is the manager’s job to set the expectations that Chet Waggoner has of the parents, and to also communicate what the parents can expect of the manager who is coaching their child.

Team Formations/Player Placement

1. Teams will be formed, players will be placed on teams, and the league will be operated in accordance to Little League rules except as otherwise noted in the CWLL bylaws.
2. Any decisions made about league expansion or contraction such as the number of teams in the major league will be made by the votes of the Park President, V.P. of Baseball Operations, Baseball Player Agent, V.P. of Majors, V.P. of Minors, and the V.P. of Farm League.
3. All baseball players league age 9-12 who are NOT currently on a Major League roster and who desire to be considered in the Major League draft are **REQUIRED** to attend Major tryouts/evaluations. **Failure to do so will void the opportunity to play on the all-star team.**

4. All players league age 9, 10, 11, and 12 that tryout for the Majors will play in the Major league if drafted. There is no guarantee of being selected on a Major league team.
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****Note regarding 12 year old baseball players****

CWLL has developed a policy for 12 year olds in the baseball program. CWLL **strongly** believes that all 12 year olds should play in the Majors Division with one possible exception. If the player is in 7th grade and playing school baseball on the large (i.e., junior) field, then the player may elect irrevocably to play in the Juniors Division as a 12 year old to facilitate consistent field size between the player's Little League and school baseball experience. CWLL believes that moving up to the Juniors Division and the larger field is a very difficult adjustment both mentally and physically, and it is the rare player who is able to effectively play on a larger field against older players (13 & 14 year olds). This is not the same as playing against older children in the Majors or Minors Divisions since the size of the field remains constant. Despite CWLL's policy desiring 12 year olds to play in the Majors Division, if a player and his parents/guardians are insistent on declaring their son a participant in the juniors program, then the decision (which is irrevocable) will be left to the parents/guardians.

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2. The home team will keep the official book and will track pitch count. The visitors will verify pitch count every inning.
3. The visiting team is responsible for supplying an umpire.
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9. To inspire parents to become more involved in the operations of Chet Waggoner and to encourage parents to support the Chet Waggoner smoker; this is our only fundraiser and the main source of income for park improvements. It is the manager's job to set the expectations that Chet Waggoner has of the parents, and to also communicate what the parents can expect of the manager who is coaching their child.

Team Formations/Player Placement

1. Teams will be formed, players will be placed on teams, and the league will be operated in accordance to Little League rules except as otherwise noted in the CWLL bylaws.
2. Any decisions made about league expansion or contraction such as the number of teams in the major league will be made by the votes of the Park President, V.P. of Softball Operations, Softball Player Agent, V.P. of Majors, V.P. of Minors, and the V.P. of Farm League.
3. All softball players who are league age 9-12 and who are NOT currently on a Major League roster and wish to play for the major league are **REQUIRED** to attend Major tryouts/evaluations. **Failure to do so will void the opportunity to play on the all-star team.**
4. All players league age 9, 10, 11, and 12 that try out for the Majors will play in the Major league if drafted. There is no guarantee of being selected on a Major league team.
5. Any player league age 9, 10, and 11 not on a Major league team will be selected by a Minor League team.

Playing Rules:

Little League Official Regulation and Playing 2010 rules will be followed except for the following rules which are special to the Major league and development of the player.

1. All playing rules are subject to rules and regulations of district 11.
2. Continuous batting orders and free substitution will be used at Chet Waggoner; this means every player must be placed in the batting order. If the player is removed from the batting order due to injury or illness, no penalty will be incurred
3. The home team will keep the official book.
4. There will be zero tolerance for arguing with umpires! Coaches will control their own behavior and the behavior of the parents.
5. No protests will be allowed for any reason.
6. There will be no on deck batters. Players will be signaled to the plate by the umpire.

7. The home team is responsible to supply a worker for the concession stand. If a team fails to supply a concession worker, then the game will be forfeited and no game will be played.
8. Parents or coaches may be responsible to umpire the games.

SIGNIFICANT RULES:

- **Rule 1.10** Added languages making it clear that any bat that has been altered must be removed from play.
- **Rule 1.11(k)** Added language making it clear that casts may not be worn by players and umpires during the game, and that persons wearing casts, including managers and coaches must remain in the dugout during the game.

Field Maintenance:

1. The field will be raked after every game. Both coaches are responsible to make sure this happens.
2. All managers/coaches are required to make field improvements such as pulling weeds, mowing, trimming, fence repairs, and dug out repairs. A schedule of these tasks will be given to the coaches by the league V.P.
3. The dugouts will be cleaned after every game and the trash cans emptied as needed. The last game of the day will dump the trash cans into the dumpster if they are not empty.
4. Park clean up days are mandatory for all managers/coaches and it is expected one parent of each player help also.

Parent participation/conduct:

1. All parents are required to work in the concession stand. The home team is required to supply a concession worker. No game will start until the concession stand is staffed. A concession stand work schedule must be given to the parents, and a copy of this must be given to the V.P.
2. Parents should have their players at the park ready to play 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the game.
3. Parents or coaches will also be responsible to umpire the games if needed. The visitors are responsible for the game umpire who will call balls and strikes. The home team is encouraged to supply a base umpire.
4. Parents are required to display good sportsmanship and not allowed to argue with umpires, coaches, player, or parents on the opposing team.
5. Parents are required to ensure their child has the correct size glove.
6. Parents are expected to help their manager at park clean up day. Please do not bring the players that day.
7. Parents are expected to participate in the Chet Waggoner Smoker and become involved with the park.

8. Parents are expected to make sure players are brought to the Chet Waggoner closing day ceremonies. This is the day that trophies will be handed out to the players.
9. Parents are expected to ensure that all players are on time for practices and for games. If for some reason a player cannot make a practice or game, then the parent should inform the coach.

All Star Selection Process

All star players and coaches for the Softball and Baseball programs will be picked using the following guidelines:

Managers: The V.P. of Operations will nominate All Star Managers and these nominations will be subject to CWLL board approval. The following criteria will be used for nominating managers:

1. The Manager must be qualified to manage an all star team in accordance with Little League rules and guidelines.
2. The Major League V.P. will be asked to recommend candidates from their league.
3. The V.P. of Operations may solicit information about All Star Manager candidates from other sources. Ex. Parents, other League V.P.'s, and CWLL board members.
4. The manager candidate must have demonstrated the willingness to participate in functions which are above and beyond just coaching. Ex. Fundraisers, park clean-up, working all star games, etc.

Players:

Players from both the Baseball and Softball Programs will be selected to All Star Teams using the following criteria:

1. All players must be qualified in accordance with Little League rules and regulations to play for an all star team, and must have attended the CWLL Major League Draft Tryout. Players already in the Major League do not need to attend this tryout. Exceptions to this rule may only be approved by the CWLL board. All
2. Major League players may try out for an age appropriate All Star Team. Minor League players may only tryout for an all star team upon the recommendation of their Minor League Coach and Minor League V.P.
3. A tryout for All Star Teams typically will be held on the Sunday prior to June 15th, or at any other date deemed appropriate the V.P. of Operations.
4. Managers of the Major League Teams will attend the tryouts and will select 12 eligible players for each All Star Team by secret ballot at a predetermined date and time following the try-out. The Nine players with the most votes will automatically be on the All Star Team. The Player Agent and VP of Operations

will be responsible for the voting process. The Manager for the respective All Star team will break all ties and have the responsibility for establishing the final roster.

5. After teams are selected, they will be submitted to CWLL Board of Directors for approval.
6. CWLL places first priority on the 11-12 Team in the spirit of the Little League World Series. The next priority is placed on the 9-10. All remaining eligible players can be placed on other Little League All Stars Team(s).
7. If a player is chosen for an All Star Team and quits at any time after their selection, then the player will not be allowed to participate in All Star play the following year. Any action under this rule, or exceptions, will be approved by the CWLL Board.

Baseball /Softball Juniors, Seniors and Big League

1. These leagues will be operated in accordance to the rules and regulations set forth by District.
2. All Players, coaches and parents are expected to follow all rules and regulations regarding conduct, field maintenance, etc. as set forth in the CWLL Bylaws.
3. All Star Teams will be formed in accordance to the rules and regulations set forth by District 11 or the CWLL Board.

Draft – The V.P. of operations and the player agent for the respective leagues will conduct its annual draft in accordance with the Little League Operations manual.

Safety

CWLL will provide the safest playing environment possible. We will train our managers, coaches, and volunteers to be able to handle most accidental injuries. Our facilities are periodically surveyed and always maintained to the highest standards to prevent injuries and mishaps.

ALL male players **MUST** wear an athletic supporter with a cup to prevent injury that could occur from a hit or thrown ball at all games and practices. It is recommended that female catchers also wear a protective cup. See the Little League Safety Code for more information. Reference Official Playing Rule Book: 1.17.

1. The player catching balls for a coach/manager hitting infield practice or fly balls **MUST** wear a catcher's helmet during games and practices.
2. Plate umpires **MUST** wear the same protective equipment as required for catchers, including a helmet for all umpires under age 18. No exceptions are allowed.
3. Head first slides are not allowed except when returning to a base. Penalty - the player is automatically out. Reference Official Playing Rule Book: 7.08(a) (4). **JUNIORS/SENIORS/BIG DIVISIONS EXCEPTION:** Head first slides are allowed, but not encouraged.

4. Managers shall check the playing facilities for safety prior to starting practices. Umpires and managers shall check the playing facilities for safety prior to starting games. All problems must be reported to the Fields Director.
5. Each incident or accident must be documented and reported to the President within 24 hours of its occurrence.
6. Each manager must ensure that he/she has a signed Medical Release form for each player on the roster prior to the first practice and carry them with them at all practices and games.
7. Managers and coaches will attend a coaches meeting prior to the season. The meeting will include basic safety principles and first aid.
8. Each manager MUST have a CWLL supplied first-aid kit at all practices and games. Managers MUST check supply levels prior to practices and games and replenish as required.
9. When there is lightning and/or thunder, all practices and games must stop immediately and everyone must go to a safe location.
10. Managers and parents will emphasize safe and secure policies as it pertains to the dropping-off and picking-up of players at all practice and game fields.
11. Equipment shall be stored in an orderly manner in the dugouts to prevent hazards.
12. Guests are NOT allowed in the dugout area or on the field during games.
13. Each manager must inspect equipment for wear and tear before each practice or game and repair or replace CWLL defective equipment.
14. Volunteers performing duties within the concession stands will be briefed on the regulations and operating guidelines employed within the stand.
15. All batters, base runners, and youth base coaches shall wear a batting helmet.
16. Arrangements shall be made to ensure a mobile phone is available at each practice and game.
17. During games, managers will ensure that players not currently participating in the game remain in the dugout.
18. On-deck batters are not allowed in the Baseball/Softball Minor and Major divisions. However, the first batter of each half inning may take practice swings in foul territory.
19. Break-away bases or throw-down bases must be used on all fields for all divisions for practices and games.

Fields

1. Field addresses and field rules shall be distributed with game schedules. Players, coaches, managers, and spectators are required to follow all field rules. Practices and games must only be held at CWLL approved fields for insurance reasons.
2. No pets are allowed on any fields used by CWLL unless otherwise posted.
3. Each team shall provide two volunteers to prepare the field prior to the start of each game. Field preparation includes removing debris and obstacles from the field, dragging the infield, raking around the bases, home plate, and pitcher's mound, tamping home plate and pitcher's mound, installing bases, and chalking

the foul lines and batter boxes. Field prep must be completed 30 minutes prior to the game start time so that the teams can do pre-game warm-ups. EXCEPTION: Abbreviated field prep will be done between back-to-back games. NOTE: More than 60 minutes may be required for field preparation if it has been raining. Each team shall provide two volunteers to repair the infield and outfield immediately after the last game of the day. Bases must be returned to the equipment container following the last game of the day. Field repair includes removing debris and obstacles from the field, filling holes and tamping around the bases, home plate, pitcher's mound, and outfield with dirt from the "Field Repair Dirt Pile." Wheelbarrow, shovel, and tamper are available in the equipment container. Pick up all trash from field, dugouts, and spectator areas and empty all trashcans. On inclement weather Saturday's, a minimum of one representative from each team must show up 1 hour prior to the day's first game to help prepare the field for the day's games.

4. Prior to the start of a scheduled game, each team may take a 12 minute infield practice. The visiting team shall take the field first, 30 minutes prior to scheduled game start time until 18 minutes prior to scheduled game start time; the home team shall take the field next, 17 minutes prior to the scheduled game start time until 5 minutes prior to the scheduled game start time. If field preparation shortens available infield practice time, each team will divide equally the remaining time for their infield practice. All infield practice will stop 5 minutes prior to scheduled game start time by order of the umpire.

Equipment

1. CWLL issued equipment (catchers gear, batting helmets, first aid kit, etc.) are the property of CWLL and must be returned at the conclusion of the season.
2. Team uniforms (shirt, pants, and belt) are the property of CWLL and must be returned at the conclusion of the season unless specified otherwise by the Uniforms Director.

Fall Ball

Fall Ball is for instruction and training in the fundamentals of baseball and softball to improve players' skills and to prepare them for the next season. The Fall Ball divisions shall use the current edition of the Little League Baseball/Softball Official Regulations and Playing Rules, the Chet Waggoner Little League By-Laws, and the District 11 Supplemental rules. The Fall Ball divisions shall also abide by the following additional supplemental rules. When Rules in the By-Laws conflict with these Fall Ball Supplemental Rules, these Supplemental Rules will take precedence.

Fall Ball divisions shall be formed based on the age distribution of registrations received. Players who played in BB Majors the prior spring season shall be divided as equally as possible amongst all teams. Player's age is determined by what his/her playing age will be for the following season. The following divisions shall be formed (as registrations allow):

Division	Age (next year's league age)
Baseball 9U (9 and under)	7, 8, 9, (10 year-old at the request of the parent)
Baseball 12U (12 and under)	10, 11, 12
Baseball Juniors	13, 14
Baseball Seniors	15, 16
Softball 12U (12 and under)	8, 9, 10, 11, 12

1. Teams shall be formed based on age and neighborhood school. The registrar shall attempt to find a competitive balance in the division.
2. Fall Ball season begins in early September and ends in late October. Games shall be on Saturdays with additional weekday games in early September while daylight permits.
3. Home team for first game of the day drags and lines the field; Home team for subsequent games rakes around bases, fills holes, etc. and re-lines the field as necessary.
4. Game length and time limits shall follow spring season rules for each age appropriate division.
5. No new inning after 2 hours. Clear off the field after 2 hours 15 minutes from scheduled start time. If a player is batting, they may finish their at bat.
6. Last game of the day, or if no game follows, there is no time limit.
7. Home team manager shall record and email the name of the plate Umpire immediately after each game.
8. Called/suspended games will not be rescheduled.
9. Trading Games is NOT allowed.
10. Teams shall bat through the entire roster.
11. Any player may pitch a maximum of two (three for Juniors and Seniors) consecutive innings.
12. Teams have 2 minutes between half innings to have their players on the field and ready to start the next half inning. This includes the team at bat. The 2 minute time limit shall begin immediately after the final out of the previous half inning is made. Failure to comply results in:
 - a. Defense not ready: Umpire begins to call balls on the batter at 10 second intervals.
 - b. Batter not ready: Umpire begins to call Strikes on the batter at 10 second intervals.
13. Maximum of 4 runs scored per half inning, including last inning.
14. Home and Visitor teams from last game of the day, shall repair the field, stow all equipment, lock all containers, and pick up litter around the entire facility and empty garbage cans into the dumpster.
15. CWLL provides a Home Plate Umpire.
16. Each team provides one base umpire.
17. If a Plate Umpire fails to show, a Parent shall call the plate from behind the pitcher unless they have the proper umpiring equipment to be at the plate.

18. Coaches are permitted to be on the field during play to instruct their players.
19. Game scores are not reported and there are no Standings (Win-Loss Record).

Awards

1. Each player may receive a participation trophy or medal. All awards shall be presented to players by their manager at the conclusion of the final CWLL season
2. Each player on the 1st place team in the regular season (division and conference) shall receive a trophy. Trophies shall be presented to players immediately before the division tournament championship game.
3. Each player in the championship game of their end of the season tournament shall receive a trophy. Awards shall be presented to players immediately after the tournament championship game.

Internet Bylaws

Use of the internet site ChetWaggoner.org is for the sole purpose of Chet Waggoner Business.

The Information Officer:

1. Manages the league's official home page on ChetWaggoner.org.
2. Assigns administrative rights to league volunteers and teams.
3. Ensures that league news is updated on a regular basis.
4. Collects, posts and distributes important information on League activities including direct dissemination of fund-raising and sponsor activities to Little League International, district, public, league members and media.
5. Serves as primary contact person for Little League and ChetWaggoner.org regarding optimizing use of the Internet for league administration and for distributing information to league members and to Little League.