

CONSTITUTION

{ 2021 EDITION }

- Article I This organization shall be know as the Seneca County Little League (SCLL)
- Article II **OBJECTIVE:** The objective of the SCLL shall be to implant firmly in the boys & girls of the Communities the idea of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage, **and** reverence, so That they be finer, stronger, and happier boys and girls and will grow up to be good, clean, healthy adults.
- Article III **GOVERNMENT:** The government of the SCLL shall be under the direct supervision of the President of the managing personal, composed of all the coaches, supervisors, and others Appointed by the President and ratified by the managing personnel. At the annual meeting, the Managing personnel shall elect from its own membership, a President and Secretary/Treasurer. The aforementioned Officers shall hold office for one year but may be re-elected or volunteer For continuance years. All matters concerning the policy of the SCLL shall be decided by vote from the majority of the members of this body.
- Article IV **MEETINGS:** A meeting of the managing personnel shall be conducted in April of each year for the reading of reports and election of officers. The Secretary/Treasurer will send the aforementioned report to the managing personnel in March for there study. This report shall contain all financial obligations of the league and shall contain meeting dates for the sub--committees to organize reports for the managing personnel to consider at the April meeting. Additional meetings may be called by the President or upon written request of at least three {3} members of the managing personnel. A majority of the members of the managing personnel shall constitute a quorum at any meeting and the majority vote of those present shall govern, except when otherwise especially provided.
- Article V The coach is the responsible managing personnel of the community he or she represents and is Responsible for the conduct of his/her team on the field.
- Article VI **MEMBERSHIP:** Any boy or girl meeting the requirements as to age and residence as set forth in the rules, shall be eligible to active membership in the league. Any adult having an active interest in the SCLL may be invited by the managing personnel to become an associate or honorary member. The managing personnel shall have the authority to suspend any member or coach whose conduct is considered as detrimental to the best interests of the league. The managing personnel shall also have the authority to suspend any community from participating in the league if that community shows lack of respect for the league and or its members. The managing personnel shall also have the authority to suspend any player from the league if there is any evidence of misconduct by any member boy or girl, members of the managing personnel, as selected by the President, shall notify the coach of the team of the member indicated, with in 24 hours of the act committed. Within three (3) days of the act, the coach of the member indicated, along with the member in the capacity of an advisor, shall have a hearing before at least three (3) members of the managing personnel.
- Article VII **AMENDMENTS:** This constitution or any section thereof may be amended or repealed by a two-thirds vote of the managing personnel present at any stipulated meeting; provided that written notice of such proposed change(s), over the signature of the Secretary/Treasurer, shall be mailed to each member of the of the managing personnel at least five (5) days prior to the meeting at which proposed change(s) shall be submitted to vote.

Adopted April 1977

TEAM RULES FOR Pony, A & B LEAGUES

Revised April 2018

- 1-A Any player to be eligible to participate must be age 12 on or before April 30, however any player who reaches age 13 on or before April 30 will not be able to pitch. 13 year old must be voted exempt. No 13 year old exemptions will be accepted after conclusion of the Organization Meeting vote for the remainder of that year. No one will be allowed to play little league if they choose to play in Jr. Pony League. {Revised 2015} A League age group is 11-12 years of age, B League age group is 10-11 years of age and C League age group is 8-9 years of age. (Revised 2016)
Pony players must not be older than 16 yrs of age before April 30 or be a high school freshman. Birth certificates and/or grade cards may be requested by the league office.
- 2-A A child must reside in or attend school in the district he or she represents. A child who resides with a parent for the summer will be eligible to play in that district.
All of Tiffin City Schools is the eligible area for Clinton/Big Sticks Little League Baseball.
Request for exemptions to be submitted to the Rules Committee. (Revised 1993)
Players on borderline communities must be turned in prior to the organization meeting to be voted on for eligibility no later than the next meeting when balls and schedules are picked up. Any submissions after this meeting are not eligible to play for that year. (added 1995). A copy of the registration card of the player(s) must be submitted to the secretary prior to the last scheduled meeting prior to vote on player(s). Only a limit of two (2) players per team roster will be allowed. (Added 1996}
- 2-AA Any player(s) who at 9 years old is granted exemption will not be voted on each year except if they leave the league and come back, changes to play for another team in the league.(Added 1997)
- 2-B Each player must be furnished a registration card of the local community, which must be filled out & signed by the parents or guardians, & returned to the coach of the team before the player will be eligible to compete in any league play.
- 2-C Any player on a community roster at the start of the season, can move up to a higher division and play a maximum of 2 combined games for any team in their community before being permanently placed on a higher division team. Example: A "C" League player can play in 2 "B" League, 2 "A" League, 2 "Pony" League or a combination of 1 "B" and 1 "A" League games per season. A "B" League player can play up a total of 2 "A" League games per season. These players can only move up to replace an injured/sick player or cover players that are on vacation and the team has less than 9 original roster players. Any coach using a lower division player must notify both League President and opposing coach before the start of the game in which a lower division player is used to play.
- 2-D No more than two (2) "A" division players may rotate to "B" division at the beginning of the season.
- 2-E No team can play with less than eight (8) players. An automatic out will apply for the ninth player when ever that player is scheduled to bat. If a team starts with eight (8) players, they can add an additional player if they arrive, however, if a team starts with eight players, and a player becomes injured and can't play, the game must be forfeited. (Added 1990)
- 2-F The coach has the option to bat their entire roster & they may play any defensive position at anytime providing they remain in the same spot in the batting line up . This is an option only, coach does not have to bat entire roster but must declare it prior to game start. He may also have a standard 9 player line up. If a coach has the entire roster line up & a player or players are injured or are unable to play no out will be issued for that position (s) in the line up unless they have only 8 players remaining then the first player in the line up that is out of game shall be recorded as that out only.
A&B Leagues only: Any coach batting only 9 players may use an EH to have a batting order of 10.
Pony only: 9 player batting lineups are allowed a DH for any player position, not just pitcher. If DH enters the field for the player they are DH'ing for, that player is ineligible for the remainder of the game. Roster batting is only allowed for regular season games and cannot be used during tournament play. If a team is roster batting, they must use all available uniformed players in the dugout . If a team is disciplining a player but forces them to sit in the dugout, then that player must not be in uniform of any kind for the game.

- 3-A All league games must be played by the first tournament game. All games not finished by this date will be counted as a loss for both teams. If however, late season weather is determining factor, the President can allow games to be played after this date. The President may also rule that if is the fault of only one team, that the game is not played in time, the team at fault will be charged with a forfeit loss & a win goes to the other team .The President may allow the Rules Committee to decide theses matters.
- 3-AA Make up game time limits: Home team coach must contact visiting team coach within 2 weeks of original canceled game and the game must be made up within 3 weeks of the initial date(weather permitting) or either team will take the forfeit loss.
- 4-A Whenever schedule conflicts occur with other activities, the coaches of the team or teams involved shall rearrange their schedules for that particular game or games. However, the rearrangement must not conflict or cause undue hardship on any other team(s), & must be agreeable to both coaches. Vacations of players & coaches are not considered schedule conflicts.
- 5-A The umpires will be furnished by the home team with the home plate umpire acting as the official umpire for the game. Two (2) umpires are necessary. The visiting team will provide the first base umpire unless the home team already has provided the base umpire. If home team can't supply base umpire they are to contact visiting team to bring an umpire. (Revised 2014)
- 5-B The home plate umpire shall notify the coach or representative(s) of the visiting team concerning the rules pertaining to the playing field.
- 5-C Umpires who start the game must finish the game unless on case of injury or called away on an emergency. Substitute umpires must be agreed upon by both head coaches. (Added 1995)
- 5-D **A&B only:**It is required by league officials that the umpires be at least high school juniors or older, & that all umpires have the basic knowledge of baseball rules.
Pony only: It is required by league officials that the home plate umpires be OHSAA certified and the field umpires be at least high school juniors or older, & that all umpires have the basic knowledge of baseball rules. All umpires should be given new rules for the season before the game begins. (Revised 1990)
- 5-E Each home team will provide two (2) (A& B) or three(3)(Pony) game balls for each game. All league balls will be bought by the league, which will be included in each team entry fee. (Revised 1987)
- 5-F The official league approved baseball for "A" & "B" leagues will be Wilson 1074LL1 and Pony Wilson 1030. The league will purchase the baseballs for all league and tournament games. (Revised 2018)
- 6-A All rules pertaining to safety players must be honored, such as helmets, supporters, no jewelry, etc.. Face shields will be allowable (not mandatory), as legal part of uniform. (Revised 1992)
- 6-B All batters and base runners will wear helmets this includes on deck batter and any player in the coaches box.
- 6-C **A&B Leagues only:** At no time shall a player will be allowed to participate in a game if a player is wearing athletic shoes that have steel cleats or spikes.
Pony only: Metal spikes are allowed to be worn at all ballparks. Spikes are however prohibited to be worn by pitchers, pitching off of portable mounds. (Clinton/Big Sticks and Upper Sandusky)
- 6-D Any player who deliberately removes his batting helmet while running the bases shall be called out by the umpire after the play has been completed. If the out occurred before a run scored, that run will not count, if it was the third out. The umpire will be the judge in determining whether the helmet was removed deliberately.
NOTE: *A player who adjusts there helmet or who removes there helmet during a "dead ball" situation is not considered to be removing there helmet deliberately.* (Revised 1990)

- 6-E** If a batter in the judgment of the umpire throws the bat while hitting, he shall give both benches a warning the next time any batter from either team throws a bat a dead ball will be called & the batter shall be called out. There is no limit on batters that can be called out after bench warnings is issued in the game. Throwing of the bat constitutes to back stop, 1st or 3rd base fences or into catcher, umpire or mound. (Added 2010)
- 6-F** No courtesy runners are allowed unless for an injured player & the last player to make an out or a player that has not been in the line up may be inserted. (Added 2010) However, a substitute runner will be allowed for the catcher that is catching the next inning and is on base with 2 outs in the inning. This substitution must occur right after the 2nd out occurs, a dead ball happens and before the pitcher throws another pitch to a batter. The player replacing the catcher on base must be in the current batting order and must be in the batting order batting directly before the catcher (if catcher is 5th in lineup he can only be replaced by 4th batter unless that batter is also on base then it would be the 3rd batter, etc.) This is allowed to let the catcher get equipment on in order to keep the game moving.
- 7-A** A&B only: Six innings shall constitute a game or unless the game is tied, a winner shall be determined. (Revised 1989) Pony only: Seven innings shall constitute a game or unless the game is tied, a winner shall be determined.
- 7-B** Any team failing to be on the field and ready to play thirty (30) minutes after the designated time of scheduled, shall forfeit the game.
NOTE: This rule does not apply if a game is scheduled on the field earlier and runs over scheduled time of game.
- 7-C** In case of rain, darkness, or curfew in a regular season game, the team ahead after 4 or more completed innings will be the winner. The decision of the umpire shall be final. If it does not go 4 completed innings the game will resume at the point where it was. Any tournament game that must be stopped for any reason, the game will resume at the point where it was stopped.
NOTE: Run rule apply to tournament games. (Revised 2016)
- 7-D** The third strike on a batter in “A” league and “Pony” league only, must be caught to constitute an out. If the catcher drops the ball or misses the ball, or the ball hits the dirt before he catches it, the batter is not out unless tagged by the catcher or put out at first base. If first base is occupied with less than 2 outs, the batter is automatically out. *NOTE: The batter is not officially out until they reach the dugout area. If the batter realizes he/she may run, they must run in a straight line to the base they started.*
- 7-E** The infield fly rule will be called. (Added 1989)
- 7-F** An intentional walk can be requested by a coach to umpire where the batter will automatically be sent to first base. (Added 2010)
- 8-A** All games will be played on a diamond with 60 feet base paths “B” leagues will have a 46 feet pitching distance. “A” leagues will have pitching distance of 50 feet & base paths at 70 feet. (Revised 2010). Pony will play on a diamond of 80 feet base paths and 54 feet pitching distance
- 8-AA** “A” League ONLY Runner may steal a base on full release of the ball from the pitcher's hand. If base runner leaves base before this the umpire shall give a warning to the player & the team. If it occurs a second time to the same team, the player shall be called “out”immediately. If the warning is called when the batter hits the ball, the umpire shall call a dead ball & the pitch is replayed. If the second occurrence the umpire shall also call a dead ball {Added 2011 }
- 8-B** A& B Only: No pitcher can pitch more than 3 innings in any one game, but he may be used in other positions.
NOTE: Innings are not necessary to be consecutive if team plays two games in one (1) day, a pitcher may pitch three (3) in each game. Pony Only: Pitchers are allowed to pitch 7 innings per week per a 2 game week or 10 innings per week per a 3 game week (rolling week). If pitchers pitch 7 innings on Monday, then those innings come off their count on the following Monday. If they pitch 4 innings on Monday and then 3 innings on Wednesday, then they are available to pitch only 4 innings on the following Monday.

- 8-C A coach will be permitted no more than one (1) conference per inning while on offense, to confer with his batters or runners. Any subsequent conference, the umpire will deny and call to resume play immediately. (Revised 1991)
- 8-CC If a coach(s) crosses foul line into fair territory twice in same inning to confer with pitcher on the 2nd meeting the pitcher must be replaced with a new pitcher. An injury to the pitcher will not count as a defensive visit. (Added 2010)**
- 8-D When a relief pitcher is substituted in the middle of an inning, that inning shall constitute a full inning of pitching for either pitcher. If the beginning pitcher brought back in to pitch, in the same inning, no inning may count more than one (1) inning. (Revised 1985)
- 8-E Pony, "A" & "B" leagues base runners may steal home at any time (on passed ball, wild pitch, etc.). (Revised 1990)
- 8-F Base runners are not allowed to steal any base unless a definitive move to do so has been made before the pitcher returns to the pitching rubber to make the next pitch.
- 8-G A & B only: If a base runner leads off before the ball crosses the plate, the umpire shall give a warning to the player & to the team. If it occurs a second time to the same team, the player shall be called "out" immediately. If the warning is called when the batter hits the ball, the umpire shall call a dead ball & the pitch is replayed. If the second occurrence applies, the umpire shall also call a dead ball. (Added 1987)
- 8-H In case of a tie after six (6) innings (A & B) or seven (7) innings (Pony) of play, the game must be played until a winner is determined. The three (3) inning rule for pitchers (A & B) or seven (7) inning rule (Pony) is still in effect. No pitcher can come back & pitch in extra innings if they have already pitched three (3) innings before. If darkness halts the game, the game must be played in its entirety. *NOTE: Tournament games will resume from the point from which the game was halted.*
- 8-I Any player using excessive body contact (body blocks, plowing into, tripping, extra hard tags, etc.), will be ejected immediately from the game for unsportsmanlike conduct. If a player verbally attacks an umpire, coach, or another player, that player shall be given a three (3) game suspension from the league, starting with the next game. The opposing coach will notify the league President to report the incident. The league President will then notify the next three (3) coaches to enforce the "unsportsmanlike" rule.
NOTE: A player who accidentally uses "slang" words will not be included to be verbally attacking, "unsportsmanlike" rule. A player who deliberately uses "slang" words will be affected by this rule. (Revised 1990)
- 8-J If a coach attacks an umpire physically (arguing is not enough), an immediate forfeit of the game will be called. The coach will be suspended from the league for the entire year. (Added 1987)
If any coach is ejected from any game, an inquiry board of at least three {3} Rules Committee members with the President of the SCLL as the moderator, the coach involved & or a representative from the team, witnesses to the incident shall meet no more than a week after the ejection. The board shall hear all evidence & rule on the matter. If the coach is found to be ejected for just causes, he/she shall be suspended for the next three {3} scheduled games. If the coach is ejected anytime again in the same season he/she shall be suspended for remainder of season after a hearing in front of board. If violation occurs in post season he/she shall be suspended for two {2} games of following season, depending on ruling of Rules Committee board. This also carries a probationary period of not more than two {2} years for community involved, as well as possibility of no post season games for that period. {Added 2006}

- 8-K No “tobacco use” allowed on the field by players, coaches, umpires, etc. They must be removed from the playing area. If an adult must continue this habit, they must go to an area away from the field. (Added 1990)
- 8-L Sliding is allowed at all bases. (Added 1995)
- 9-A If it is necessary for a collection from any Seneca County baseball league tournament for league expenses, the monies are to be turned over to the SCLL secretary.
- 9-B The rules of the Seneca County baseball league will be official at all tournament & all-star games.
- 9-C In a league double elimination tournament, any team that forfeits its first game will be eliminated from rest of tournament. (Added 1983)
- 9 -D The tournament shall be set by seeding all teams by using regular season standings with the following provisions:
1. 81% of regular league games must be completed on week prior to tournament draw.
 2. The tournament draw date shall be given at the time the schedules are given out.
 3. First seed team will play last seed team. The second seed team will play next to last seed team & so on. *NOTE: Second seed team will be other division winner with 2nd best record*
- At tournament draws for “A” & “B” league coaches shall have the the choice by majority vote whether to have all seeds mixed according to records or to have divisions only top part of bracket division one {1} & bottom part of division two {2} play out the brackets to end. {added 2006}
- If byes are required in tournament brackets, the team with best record shall receive a bye and be placed at the top of the second round upper bracket. If two byes are needed, the second best team record will be placed at the top of the second round lower bracket and all other byes shall be placed in the center of the bracket. The third best on the bottom center and the forth best team on the center of top bracket. This is for first round bye only. All other teams will be paired with the next best record, playing the next worse record. See appendix A for sample brackets. (Revised 1996)
- 10-A A \$160 entry fee will be charged for each “A” & “B” & Pony team. (Revised 2018)
- 10-B All league fees must be in the hands of league secretary by first regular season game.
- 10-C All teams will submit a team roster with there entry fee. All games played before entry fee and roster is turned in must be forfeited. If circumstances prevent a roster from being turned in, arrangements must be approved by the secretary.
- 10-D The league secretary must be notified in advance of any changes in team rosters. The secretary will all team roster changes at the tournament draw.
- 10-E Roster changes can not take place after June 1 unless a player moves up from a lower level within the community organization. (Added 1983)
- 10-F No roster changes will be permitted after first scheduled game of tournament. (Added 1989)

- 11-A Violation of any rules or any part of the constitution by-laws can results in a team being disqualified from the league & tournament play.
- 11-B Any coach claiming such violation must register a protest with the official umpire of the game at the time of such violation.
- 11-C The coach after filling a protest with the umpire, must within 24 hours, notify the President of the league by phone, then in writing, claiming such violation.
- 11-D The same rule applies in filling a game protest.
- 11-E The President, after receiving in writing the coach's claim of such violation, must call a meeting or the Rules Committee of the league with in five (5) days. The rules committee then has the authority to decide if any violation has been committed. If a violation has been committed, the committee may require the game or games to be forfeited or to continue the game at the protested spot of the game.
- 11-F The **Rules Committee** will be a group of six (6) individuals selected by the coaches at the organization meeting and the President. The rules committee shall not have more than one member from one community. If a member of the rules committee can not finish a term, the President shall select someone to finish the term. A majority vote of at least five (5) members of the Rules Committee is how a protest is determined. If a member of the Rules Committee is involved in a situation that is protested they shall not be allowed to vote on the matter.
- 12-A Starting players only may re-enter the game once & must return to the same batting position.
A & B only:Substitutes may re-enter the game once to the same batting position. (Revised 2014)
Pony Only: Substitutes may not re-enter the game.
A & B Only:Substitution requirements for teams not roster batting: All players substituted into a game must play a total of 6 consecutive outs on defense and must have at least 1 at bat before the player may be substituted back out of the game. (Added 2017) A & B only: EH is exempt from fielding portion of substitution rule (see rule 2-F 2018)
- 12-B No team player may occupy more than one position in the batting order. (Added 1979)
- 12-C The exception to Rule 12-B is when a player is injured. If all substitutes have played in the game, any previous player that that was substituted for, may replace the injured player on the field & in the batting order. (Revised 1993)
- 12-D No 12 year old as of April 30, will be allowed to pitch for "B" league teams. {Revised 2005}
- 13-A "A" league will be split into two (2) divisions, fifteen (15) trophies (maximum), will be awarded for the first & second places in each division. Trophies will be awarded to first, second & third places in tournament. (Revised 2016)
- 13-B "B" league will be awarded the same as "A" league. (Revised 1989)
- 13-C A & B only: Trophies, fifteen (15) maximum, and or plaques will be awarded to the top three (3) teams in the tournament, providing there are at least eight (8) teams in tournament. (Revised 2016)
Pony only: Trophies, fifteen (15) maximum, and or plaques will be awarded to the top two (2) teams in the tournament, providing there are at least eight (8) teams in tournament.
- 13-D If a division ends in a tie, regardless the number of teams, a tie breaker system will determine the division winner. If same occurs for second place, the same tie breaker will be enforced, in order as listed below for tournament seedings. {revised 2006}

For tournament seeding, the following format will be enforced in the following order: 1) head to head record 2) divisional record 3) record versus other division 4) best away record 5) best home record 6) best away record versus other division 7) best home record versus other division 8) coin flip (this is to eliminate unnecessary play off games). (Revised 1097) (Replaced rules 13-D & 13-E)

- 13-DD A-B-C leagues, 1st, 2nd, & 3rd { if bracket contains 5 {five} or more rounds} rounds of the tournaments shall be hosted by the highest seeded teams, if they can't host the game than the opponent shall have option to host game. The higher seed will be the home team for all tournament games(2019). If nether communities are unable to host theses games then at tournament draw they shall choose a site that is agreeable. The Semis, Finals & All Star games will be chosen at the Organization meeting or at tournament draw. {Added 2009}
- 13-E **A, B & C only:** A bat with a 2 ¼ inch barrel will be permitted for all league play until the season of 2020. Starting the season of 2018, bats with the barrel of 2 5/8 inch will only be legal if the bat has the "USA Baseball" stamp imprinted on the bat (no Stickers are allowed). After the 2019 season, only bats with the "USA Baseball" stamp will be allowed in the league and all other bats will be illegal.
Pony only: Any bat with a barrel from 2 1/4" to 2 3/4" is legal until the season of 2020. After the 2019 season, all bats being used in pony have to be either -3 or -5 BBCOR bats used by High School players.
All Leagues: 15 minutes before every game, the coaches are to gather all bats and display them for the umpires and opposing coach to inspect. If a player shows up late to a game, his or her bat must be inspected and approved by the home plate umpire before he or she can hit. If an illegal bat is found to be used in a game the umpire shall take it out of play & a warning will be issued & reported to the league President, Secretary or a member of the Rules Committee after the game. If the same team is caught using another bat or same bat game a dead ball foul will be called & batter is automatically called out. If a team is caught using illegal bats in other games it may constitute a forfeiture of the game & or games played with the illegal bats, after a hearing with the Rules Committee. {Added 2018}
- 14-A No pitcher can be called for a balk in A, B or C Divisions.
- 14-B There are no appeals. If a runner misses base or leaves early on a sacrifice fly, the runner shall be declared out by the umpire. The umpire must see the runner miss the base or leave early. If the third out is the result batter/runner missing first base, no runs will score. (Added 1988)
- 15-A A & B Only: Any team ahead by twelve (12) runs after four (4) or five (5) completed innings, will be declared the winner. (Revised 1983)
B Only: A Maximum of seven (7) runs only are allowed per inning with the 6th inning being unlimited. (2021)
 Pony Only: Any team ahead by fifteen (15) runs after four (4) or ten (10) runs after five (5) completed innings, will be declared the winner.
- 16-A If only one team can be formed, it will be an "A" team, unless a community is granted an exemption by the entire league at the organization meeting. (Added 1987)
- 17-A All players will have numbers displayed somewhere on there jerseys or uniforms, unless circumstances prevent a team from doing so. (Added 1983)
- 18-A The league will give a salary of \$150 to the Secretary/Treasure & \$25 to the President, & if one person is doing both jobs a total of \$175 will be there yearly salary. (Revised 2004)The salary of the Vice-President will also be the same \$25 as the President. (Revised 2016)
- 19-A The league will be divided into two (2) divisions according to size. Size shall be determined by the amount of players each site signs up for A-B & C leagues. The 1st division will exist of the sites with the most amount of players participating with the 2nd division with the least. This will change from regional locations. A site may produce more than one {1} team. That site shall be placed in the other division provided they satisfy the above regulation. A site in the 2nd division may request to play in the 1st division, submitted to SCLL prior to deadline for rosters. Once schedules are out no player shall be added to a roster with out permission by rules committee { majority vote} submitted in writing. Violation in this could result in forfeiture of all games & eliminated from tournament. (Revised 2005)
NOTE: The above rule covers A & B Leagues only C shall follow divisions as stated below.
- Division-1 Bascom-Burgoon-Fostoria-New Riegel-McCutchenville-Tiffin Catholic-Lakota-Carey
 *Clyde was voted out of league in 2012
- Division-2 Bloomville-Clinton/Big Sticks-Green Springs-Melmore-Old Fort/Bettsville-Seneca East-Sycamore-Upper Sandusky
- NOTE: In the event, communities that may have two (2) teams which will leave an unbalanced number Of teams per division, an adjustment may be necessary in the division.**(Revised 2004)

- 20-A All winning coaches shall text or email the President(for A, B & C) or Vice-President in Charge of Pony(Pony Only) within 48 hours of completion of a game to give results A composite standings shall be kept for A-B-C & Pony leagues the entire season. Standings shall be recorded on the League Facebook Page and emailed weekly. (Revised 2018)
NOTE: See rule 15-A under "C" league rules.
- 20-B A, B & C Only: Any other rules not listed will follow www.baseball-almanac.com/rulemenu.shtml
 (Revised 2013; previously rule 20-A)
 Pony Only: Any other rules not listed will follow the National Federation of State School Associations rule for baseball
- 21-A For tournament play, the league will provide an umpire for home plate furnished by the home field for all preliminary games. The opposing team will furnish the field umpire. The league will supply both home plate & one base umpire for the tournament finals. The league will pay up to \$50 per umpire in finals & must be licensed umpires. Home plate umpire for preliminary tournament games will not be paid by the league. (Revised 2013) **Pony Only:** the league will furnish the umpires for behind the plate and in the field for all tournament semi-final and final games.

“C” League Rules

- 1-A Rosters should include players who are eight (8) – nine (9) years of age before April 30, but no older than ten (10) years of age by August 1st. However, if unusual circumstances prevent a ten (10) year old from playing “A” or “B” league, the player may play if granted exemption.
NOTE: It is the intent of the league to let all youngsters play. (Revised 2016)
 Any player who is under the eight (8) year old deadline of April 30, of that year must have parents or guardian sign a voucher stating that the player can play “C” league, if all league responsibility for injury is waived. Two (2) vouchers must be signed by the parents or guardian, one (1) copy goes to the coach & the other copy will be sent to the league Secretary for league records. (Added 1996)
- 2-A No ten (10) year old will be allowed to pitch. If a player turns ten (10) after April 30, he/she will be allowed to pitch. (Revised 2016)
- 3-A The pitching distance will be forty-two (42) feet. (Revised 1994)
- 3-B A coach will take it upon him/herself to remove a pitcher if it becomes obvious the pitcher has no pitching control.
- 4-A All players shall bat in turn. This includes players not playing defense. Coaches shall exchange batting line-ups of all players before the game.
- 4-B If a player is a late arrival for the game, the player will be placed at the bottom of the batting order, no matter where the team is in the batting order at the time of the game.
- 5-A A team may have as many players on there roster as they wish but no matter how many attend the games, they must all bat.
- 6-A Free substitution is allowed. Any player can play any position in the game at any time. We encourage all coaches to play there players on defense in equal amounts. Once a player is taken out of the game on defense, the player may re-enter at any time.
- 7-A Four (4) out fielders will be used. A maximum of ten (10) players can play on the field at one time. We encourage coaches to only use the four (4) regular in fielders. However, if a situation arises where You need to play an extra infielder, you may do so.
- 7-B If a team only has nine (9) players available, there is no automatic out for the tenth player. However, if a team has ten (10) players available, all ten (10) must play. (Revised 1990)
- 8-A There will be up to six (6) innings per game. A maximum five (5) runs per inning is allowed. The last official inning {6th in non time limit game & last declared inning in time limit game 4 maximum for official game} shall be unlimited inning. In regular season only a 2 {two} hour time limit will be set for each game. No new inning may start after 2 hour time limit, however if an inning starts prior to 2 hour time limit it must be completed. In a regular season game if it is in a tie after 2 hour time limit after inning is completed it shall remain a tie, however in post season a winner must be determined if need be extra innings will be allowed.(2021) **2 hour time limit is not in effect during post season games.** {Revised 2008}
- 9-A No shorts are allowed. Sliding is permitted
- 10-A No infield fly rule will be enforced. (Revised 1994)

- 11-A Home team will supply two (2) new balls for each home game. The baseballs should be Little League approved baseballs. The communities are obligated to purchase baseballs for all league games.
- 12-A A base runner at 3rd base can only advance to home plate when a ball is put into play by a hitter or when a play is made at 3rd base, if the baseball is thrown to a player covering the play at 3rd base, for example as in a throw by a pitcher on the mound area as a pick off or by a catcher in a pick off move or a if ball is over thrown to the pitcher & an infielder or outfielder retrieves ball & he throws to 3rd in an attempt to get runner out at 3rd. Stealing of 2nd & 3rd bases is allowed on a passed ball by the catcher, however only one (1) base may be taken per passed ball (at runners risk) in all above situations. If a runners are at 1st & 2nd or at 1st or just 2nd & ball is put into play by hitter & a throw is made at 3rd to put runner out & it gets away the runner at 3rd may advance to home as this is a continuous play. Also once a base runner reaches a base after the steal a dead ball play will be declared. Passed ball is defined as follows: When a catcher leaves catchers box area completely to retrieve a passed ball to front, rear or sides of catchers box this shall be a passed ball. **See diagram on page 12.** (Revised April 2009)
- 13-A Regulation baseball will be played in regards to balls & strikes. Four (4) balls is a walk and three (3) strikes are an out.
- 14-A No player may play in “C” league if he/she is playing in “A” or “B” league. Any player on a community roster at the start of the season, can move up to a higher division and play a maximum of 2 combined games for any team in their community before being permanently placed on a higher division team. Example: A “C” League player can play in 2 “B” League or 2 “A” League or a combination of 1 “B” and 1 “A” League games per season. A “B” League player can play up a total of 2 “A” League games per season. These players can only move up to replace an injured/sick player or cover players that are on vacation and the team has less than 9 original roster players. Any coach using a lower division player must notify both League President and opposing coach before the start of the game in which a lower division player is used to play. A & B teams may bring up C players during C tournament only if (1) C team is eliminated from C tournament (2) player is not on C team All Star team roster (3) a limit of 3 players per team can move up for post season roster. Players may be brought up to conclusion of A & B tournament draw. (Revised 2016)
- 15-A League standings will be kept. (Revised 1989)
- 15-B Entry fee will be **\$160** per team for the league. This fee also includes regular season baseballs & the tournament. {Revised 2016}
- 15-C Consolidated with Rule 21-A of “A” & “B” rules. (Revised April 2001)
- 16-A The league will be divided into two (2) divisions with a maximum twelve (12) game schedule. Divisions will be same as the “A” & “B” leagues. The top two (2) teams in each division will earn trophies or plaques (maximum of fifteen 15). (Revised 2009)
- 16-B The top three (3) teams in the tournament will receive trophies or plaques. (Revised 2016)
NOTE: All other rules pertaining to pitching, batting, etc., will follow the “A” & “B” league rules.
- 16-C Only one (1) vote per community will be allowed per issue. (Added 1997)

Coach Pitch Rules

- 1 Maximum bat size is 2 ¼, non-composite barrel. No bats with over-sized barrels. No wooden bats. **Starting 2020 season all bats must be stamped “USA Baseball” on the handle to be legal**
- 2 The roster that is submitted at the start of the season must be played in tournament. If they batted and played during the season, they do the same for the tournament, regardless of age.
- 3 No base stealing allowed.
- 4 No sliding allowed. First time – General Warning, Second time – the player will be called out.
- 5 No leading off the bases. A runner cannot leave the base until the pitched ball has reached the batter. If the base runner starts for the next base before the ball has reached the batter, an umpire will rule him/her out after one(1) warning.
- 6 A base runner may advance only one(1) base at his/her risk, on one(1) over thrown ball per batter/runner whether the ball goes in either fair or foul territory, after the ball is hit. **No advancement on any over thrown balls to first base.**
- 7 There are six(6) innings in a complete game. If for any reason, such as rain, a game must be called, at least four (4) full innings must have been played before the game is official.
- 8 In the event of a tie score at the end of the sixth inning, the game will go into overtime and the team, which outscores the opponent at the end of any full inning, **with a 5 run limit**, is the winner, only for the tournament.
- 9 All players on any team must play at least two(2) innings per game in field. Batting order is everyone on your roster, and each player in the game must be on the roster unless injured. Any player injured during the game, can return to play in that game after notifying the umpire and opposing coach.
- 10 Ten(10) players make a full team. Because of absenteeism, a team can play with as few as seven(7) players. Outs will be placed in the lineup for missing players before the game starts. If a player arrives late, he/she will be placed in one of the previously placed outs, only for tournament.
- 11 The pitching distance from home plate is 32 feet, and a pitching rubber should be located at that distance. There should also be a 10-12' circle around the rubber. The youth pitcher has to at least have one foot inside the circle until the ball is hit.
- 12 The player age limit is seven(7) years old and a player may turn eight(8) on or after May 1. The starting age for Coach Pitch is five (5) years of age. (Revised 2016)
- 13 The underhand pitch delivery may be used, but there are no restriction on the speed of the delivery. Overhand pitching will be optional, by the adult pitcher.
- 14 No more than five(5) runs per inning, except the sixth (6) inning, are allowed. The sixth inning will have a run limit of ten (10), not unlimited runs.
- 15 The infield fly rule does not apply
- 16 Any player throwing his/her bat will be called out, by the plate umpire, after one (1) warning.
- 17 The team coaches shall flip a coin before the game and the winner gets his/her choice of home or visitor and choice of dugout. This rule is in effect for all tournament play
- 18 Free substitution is allowed in the field. The team roster remains constant from beginning to end of the game for batting order. Each team will exchange rosters before the game starts.

- 19 As long as an umpire witnesses a base runner not touching a base while advancing, a fielder may put him/her out by taking the ball and touching the missed base. This play must be made on an errant runner before the pitcher delivers the next pitch. A runner that discovers that he/she missed touching a base while advancing may return to that base via the base line, no cutting across the infield, and tag the base.
- 20 A fair catch is defined as any ball, which is caught in the air before it touches the ground. The ball not need be caught directly in the player's glove to be considered fair. Control of the ball as applies to a forced out, etc., will be decided by the umpire.
- 21 Bunting is not allowed
- 22 Bases shall be sixty (60) feet apart
- 23 Stepping out of the batter's box or on the plate is not an out.
- 24 Coaches will schedule make-up games for their team
- 25 Unless because of weather or inability to secure a field, a make-up game must be played prior to the date set for the tournament playoff if possible. If coaches cannot establish a make-up game, the game will be forfeited by both teams.
- 26 The actual pitcher will be a non-team member. He/she can coach while the ball is in play.
- 27 If the ball touches the coach/pitcher in any way, the play is dead. The batter must return to the batter box with the same pitch count as before the ball was hit.
- 28 Any appeals will be ran through the SCLL Rules Committee (See previous rules 11-C through 11-F).
- 29 Batters and runners may advance a maximum of two (2) bases per batter. Batters and runners may advance at their own risk until the ball is secured on the infield(dirt). There will be lines marking half-way points between bases, and if a runner has not passed those lines before the ball is secured, he/she must go back to the previous base. **Any player can secure the ball on the infield whether they play in the infield or an outfielder runs with the ball into the infield.**
- 30 Coaches can be on the field to coach players, but not block anyone's view of the play.
- 31 No walks allowed
- 32 There will be seven(7) pitches allowed per player and on the seventh pitch, if the ball is foul, the player will get another pitch, or three (3) strikes, for which you would be out.
- 33 Tournament seeding is determined by a blind draw. Participation medals will be handed out to all teams except for 1st-4th place teams will receive their respected place trophies.
- 34 All game balls will be provided by the league and will contain a soft core. The cost of the balls is added into the league fee of \$110 per team.
- 35 10 fielders are to play on defense, 6 infielders and 4 outfielders. All 4 outfielders must play in the grass or behind a 20foot caulk line placed behind 1st, 2nd and 3rd bases on a large field and during tournament play. All
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