**HANCOCK LITTLE LEAGUE, INC. BYLAWS**

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**Article I Draft**

1. The player draft shall be held after the registration drive.
	1. The last place team with the worst over-all record from the previous year will select first.
		1. In the case of a tie between two (2) teams, a coin toss will be held to determine the selection order.
		2. If more than two (2) teams tie, the numbers will be pulled from a hat to determine the selection order.
2. The next to last place team will select second.
3. Selection continues in reverse order until each team has selected one player.
	1. Any relative of a manager or coach, other than a son or daughter, grandson or granddaughter, or brother or sister of a player already on a team should be selected in this round unless otherwise stated in the Little League Rulebook.
	2. Any relative, other than those mentioned above, not selected in the first round, immediately becomes eligible to be selected by any team on their regular turn.
4. All subsequent rounds shall be continued in the same order as round one.
5. Selection of players continues until a team reaches its roster size of twelve {12) players.
	1. When a team reaches this roster limit, its place is skipped in subsequent rounds.
	2. Selection continues until all teams have reached their roster limits of twelve (12) players.
	3. All remaining player applications are placed in the Hancock Minor League for distribution.
6. Once the player draft is complete, no player may be added to a team roster without acknowledgment of the Player agent and approval of the Executive Committee.
	1. Should a team lose a player during the first half of the season, a manager may select one player from The Hancock Minor League but only through the actions of the Player Agent.
	2. Once the second half of the season has started, a team must go below ten (10) players before being allowed to select members from The Hancock Minor League and even then, only enough players to extend their roster to ten (10) players.
	3. A minimum of ten (10) players must be kept on a team roster.

**Article II Scheduling of Games**

1. The scheduling of games should be done is such a way that they do not conflict with holidays or graduations.
2. The decision to postpone a game because of poor weather or player conditions is the responsibility of the home team manager.
	1. Should a postponement occur, the game will be made up on the next available date.
	2. All games will be made up in the order in which they are delayed.

**Article III Pool Player Guidelines**

1. Managers / coaches shall not have the authority to pick specific players from other teams to pool play.
2. Player Agent along with League President shall compile a list of players in each division willing to pool play if needed and break them down by age.
3. Teams may request pool play player when they will only 9 or fewer players for a game, but may not request players to roster more than 10 total (9 on field, 1 Sub)
4. Manager shall contact Player Agent to request pool player and player agent shall select player based on rotation and age.
5. No player shall pool play for same team back-to-back requests. (Exception: if that play is only player on entire list available.
6. Any pool play player must start game and play minimum of 9 consecutive outs in the field and 2 at bats before being removed from game.
7. Pool Play Players shall and must not play the entire game. And must be pull from the game once mandatory play is reached. (Exception: shorten games)
8. If manage request pool player the player agent will contact manager with name and contact of player that will pool play and that play will play, at no time does a manager or coach have the authority to tell said player they are no longer needed.
9. Players will be selected based on age needed. Example: 12-year-old for 12-year-old, 11-year-old for 11year old., Etc. Furthermore, if unable to pool same age, then will go down 1 age group until position is filled. In rare cases and older player may be pool played for a younger player based on availability.
10. No Pool Play player option shall be utilized for in house league playoffs or championship.
11. The above guidelines shall apply to both Minor league division and up in Softball and Baseball.

**Article IV The League Championship**

1. If the winner of the first half of the season and the winner of the second half of the season is the same team, that team shall be declared The League Champion.
	1. If a tie should occur for either of the season halves, the tie shall be broken by the record of head-to-head meetings, between the two teams. If head-to-head meetings are tied, that half of the season will be awarded to the team with the best overall record.
2. Should the winner of the half of the season be different teams, The League Champion will be decided by one game playoff.
	1. This League Championship game will be played on the next available game day.
	2. Any postponement of this game must be done by the Hancock Little League President or the League Council.
	3. A flip of a coin by the President or his representative will be used to decide the home team.

**Article V Selection of Tournament Teams (ages 6 to 12 Baseball & Softball)**

1. Any manager or coach within division of play may be selected for play by the League Board of Directors based off conduct and knowledge throughout the season. Any manager or coach that wishes to manage or coach a Tournament team must submit in writing request to do so by the May annual meeting.
2. Managers and Coaches shall be selected at the May annual meeting.
3. The best eleven (11) and twelve (12) year old, not less than twelve (10) but not more than fourteen (14) players shall be selected by the managers & coaches of the regular season. The All-Star Manager and The League Council shall decide the final number of players to be carried on the team's affidavit.
	1. No player will automatically be selected.
	2. Each team need not be automatically represented by a player.
4. The best nine (9) and ten (10) year old, not less than twelve (10) but not more than fourteen
5. players shall be selected by the managers & coaches of the regular season. The Tournament Team Manager and The League Council shall decide the final number of players to be carried on the team's affidavit.
	1. No player will automatically be selected.
	2. Each team need not be automatically represented by a player.
6. The best six (6) eight (8) year old, not less than twelve (12) but not more than fourteen
7. players shall be selected by the managers & coaches of the regular season. The Tournament Team Manager and The League Council shall decide the final number of players to be carried on the team's
8. Selection of Players
	1. Player members with majority of votes will automatically be selected to the preceding teams.
	2. All Player Members with less than majority of votes, but at least one vote, may be selected by the Executive Committee after discussion by the Managers and Coaches.
	3. Stats will be available for review from the teams official scorekeeper book.
	4. At the start of the Allstar Draft meeting Coaches and Managers Shall be given not more than 15 minutes to discuss players attitude, skill, etc. For consideration to be selected. After these 15 minutes then all coaches and managers shall separate and cast their vote.(NOTE: discussion about player selection should occur during this time)
	5. Once votes are casted the player agent(s) and League President shall tally votes and make a list of players in order by number of votes they receive. This list will then be placed into an envelope and sealed and shall not be opened and announced until after the last regular season game and or championship game.
	6. Player Agents may start working on the affidavit books for each tournament team at this time but shall not request any player personal documentation until after the teams have been officially announced.

**Article VI Tee Ball and Minor League**

1. Tee Ball
	1. Players will receive a maximum of 5 pitches by the coach. If the ball cannot be hit in the 5 pitches, the ball should be placed on the tee.
	2. There will be a 1-hour time limit or three(3) innings, whichever comes first.
2. Minor League
	1. First 3 weeks of the season the coach will pitch to the players. The remainder of the season will be player pitch, and this is to continue. Coach pitch will only occur at this time when: Player pitcher hits 2 batters / or walks a total of 3 batters. After such the coach will come in to pitch remainder of that inning. (Switching pitchers after this occurs is allowed but shall not reset the inning. Coach must pitch until said half inning is finished)
	2. No child pitcher may throw more than 50 pitches in a day regardless of age at this level of play.
	3. There will be a two-hour time limit or six innings, whichever comes first.
	4. Pitching will be from the mound.
	5. When coach pitches there will be only three outs, with no walks or no-hit players.
	6. No intentional walks in the minor league division are permitted.
3. Coach Pitch Minor League (first 3 weeks only)
	1. Any player, who is league age 6, and has played at least one year of tee ball is eligible to play in this division.
	2. Pitching will be from the mound by the coach.
	3. There will be a two-hour limit or six innings, whichever comes first.
	4. There will be three outs, no walks, or no-hit players.
	5. A maximum of seven pitches shall be given. If the ball is not hit in these seven pitches, the batter will be out.

**Article VII Managers and Coaches**

1. Managers and Coaches shall be nominated by the league president each season and voted on by the board of directors.
2. Managers are not automatically set for each season and no manager or coach should assume they are returning until voted in by the BOD.
3. All managers shall attend a rules clinic prior to first game of the season and must have instructor sign off on attendance of said clinic.

**Article VIII Amendments**

1. Bylaws or any section thereof may be amended or repealed by two-thirds vote of The League Council present at any stipulated meetings.
2. The wording of these changes must have been read by the President and placed in the minutes by the Secretary at the previous regular meeting.