

# Riviera Little League Bylaws

The Riviera Little League (RLL) bylaws edit or add to the current edition of rules from Little League Baseball, Inc. These bylaws are to be reviewed annually and are subject to change by a majority vote of the Board of Directors prior to the start of the regular season. All actions taken by RLL, its participants, and the Board Members must be in accordance with those regulations defined by Little League Inc. and/or the RLL bylaws.

## 1. President/ Board Selection

1. The Board of Directors (aka Executive Board) and Auxiliary Board (aka General Board) are eligible candidates for the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors will consist of eleven positions outlined in section nine of these bylaws. Before the conclusion of the Spring season, the President should ask for nominees and form a ballot if more than one nominee is seeking a position. The electors shall then vote to determine those elected, proctored by the President, Secretary, and Information Officer.
2. Auxiliary Board positions are by appointment in consultation with returning Board of Directors members.
3. Auxiliary Board members missing 2 consecutive or 3 meetings throughout the course of the board year, without prior arrangement with the President or Secretary, are subject to removal from the board. In these instances, the Board will find a replacement and a Board of Directors vote will be placed.

## 2. Coach Selection

1. Coach selection and Assistant Coach approval for all divisions will be by the President in consultation with the Vice President, Division Player Agent, League Player Agent, and Coach Coordinator. However, all appointments are subject to final approval by the Board of Directors.

## 3. Divisions and Division Rules

1. Division rules – establishes the rules, goals, and behavior for that division. Division Rules are approved by the RLL Board and published every year. The rules are distributed to the coaches at the Coach's Meeting before the start of the season.



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2. Riviera Little League consists of eight divisions:

<b>Division</b>	<b>League Age Range</b>	<b>Special Requirements</b>
Junior	13-14  League age as of August 31 <sup>st</sup>	Mandatory evaluation and draft when forming 2 or more teams. After teams are formed, placement on teams will be at the Board of Directors' discretion. 12 yr olds and 7 <sup>th</sup> graders may play in the Junior division only by evaluation and at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
Intermediate	12-13  League age as of August 31 <sup>st</sup>	Placement on teams will be at the Board of Directors' discretion. 12 yr olds and 7 <sup>th</sup> graders may play in the Intermediate division only at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
Major	11-12  League age as of August 31 <sup>st</sup>	Mandatory evaluation and draft. After teams are formed, placement on teams will be at the Board of Directors' discretion. 10 yr olds may play in the Major division only by meeting all of the Playing Up Criteria (see Evaluation section) and with approval of the Board of Directors. 13 yr olds may play in the Major division only by evaluation and at the discretion of the Board of Directors, and 13 yr olds cannot pitch in the Major Division.
Minor	09-10  League age as of August 31 <sup>st</sup>	Mandatory evaluation and draft. After teams are formed, placement on teams will be at the Board of Directors' discretion. 8 yr olds may play in the Minor division only by meeting all of the Playing Up Criteria (see Evaluation section) and with approval of the Board of Directors. 11 yr olds may play in the Minor division only by evaluation and at the discretion of the Board of Directors, and 11 yr olds cannot pitch in the Minor Division.
National	07-08  League age as of August 31 <sup>st</sup>	Mandatory evaluation and draft. The Board of Directors may give a National player who does not try out a special circumstance situation. After teams are formed, placement on teams will be at the Board of Directors' discretion. 6 yr olds can play up in the National Division only by meeting all of the Playing Up Criteria (see Evaluation section). 9 yr olds may



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		play down in the National division only by evaluation and at the discretion of the Board of Directors. 9 yr olds cannot pitch in the National Division.
International	06  League age as of August 31 <sup>st</sup>	School and special requests honored. 7yr olds may play in the International Division only by evaluation and at the discretion of the Board of Directors. 5 yr. olds may play in the international division only after participating in T-Ball the prior Spring season.
T-Ball	04-05  League age as of August 31 <sup>st</sup>	School and special requests honored. 6yr olds may play in the T-Ball Division at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
Challenger	04-Up  League age as of August 31 <sup>st</sup>	

## 4. Evaluations

1. Mandatory for all Major, Minor, and National players. Special circumstances can be considered by the Board of Directors should the evaluation process be missed.
2. Uses a 10-pt rating as established by the Player Agent and approved by the Board of Directors prior to evaluations.

<u>Score</u>	<u>Comments</u>
9-10	Highly skilled player- Probable 1 <sup>st</sup> round draft choice.
7-8	Very skilled player- Probable high draft choice.
5-6	Average to good skill- Mid-round draft choice.
3-4	Moderate to challenged skills- Lower-level draft choice.
1-2	Poses a safety risk to themselves. Should play a lower division.

3. The evaluating group for Major and Minor divisions will consist of the division Managers and at least two members from the Board not involved in that particular division.
4. Playing Up Criteria: A player may qualify to play in a division above his or her age group by earning an evaluation rating within the First Round of his or her age group AND earning an evaluation rating either within the top 20% of



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the Major division, within the top 30% of the Minor division, or the top 40% of the National Division.

## 5. Draft

1. The draft will be an open draft, identifying player name and score, with the coaches then selecting their teams.
2. For each division, the draft board will be assembled by ranking, from high (#1) to low, all qualifying players in that division using the mean average of the total score from all rating sheets, excluding each player's best rating score and worst rating score. In the event of a tie with the average taken to two decimal places (hundredths), the faster running time will win the higher ranking.
3. The President, Vice President, and League Player Agent as a group, can as needed by the division, make adjustments to the draft board in the interest of parity.
4. Teams shall be 9 players at minimum and 12 players at a maximum.
5. Riviera Little League redrafts every year as there are no "property players."
6. Riviera Little League does not allow pre-selection of players based on preferred or potential Assistant Coaches or team volunteers.
7. Draft Order will be determined by random lottery, except where a Manager's child is ranked in the First Round. In this event, the Manager will inherit the Draft Order position equivalent to his or her highest-ranked child in that division's First Round, and all remaining Draft Order positions will be filled by random lottery.
8. Riviera Little League does not allow trades once Managers leave the Draft Meeting. All trades must be completed at the draft location the evening of the draft. Any and all trades made must be in consultation with the applicable Division Player Agent and Board representatives running the Draft, and approved via majority vote among the division managers before the trade is recognized by RLL.
9. Siblings qualify for the same team provided they meet the age/skill requirements of that division.
10. For the Major, Minor and National divisions, new Players registered and accepted after the completion of the draft will be randomly assigned to teams via lottery in order fill rosters until all teams have an equal number of



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registered players. If roster sizes are equal for all division teams, additional players that register shall be placed on a wait list until enough players have registered to allow all teams to receive an additional player, maintaining equal roster size. Late registrations will be accepted until Opening Day for the Major, Minor and National divisions. Late registrations will be accepted for the full season at all other divisions if roster size allows.

## 6. Playoffs

1. The Major and Minor Divisions shall play playoff games to determine a Division Champion. The Major and Minor Divisions shall play a double elimination playoff bracket up until the final Championship game, which will be a single elimination game. Riviera Little League rules shall be used for playoff games. Final standings determine the playoff game bracket seeding.
2. The National Division will compete in a double elimination playoff bracket if the schedule allows. If the schedule does not allow, the National Division will compete in a single elimination playoff bracket. Riviera Little League rules shall be used for playoff games. Final standings determine the playoff game bracket seeding.
3. For Major and Minor seeding, in the event of ties, the following tiebreakers shall apply:
  - a) Team with the better head-to-head record shall be the higher seeded team.
  - b) If still tied, then the team with the fewest runs allowed head-to-head shall be the higher seeded team.
  - c) If still tied, then a coin flip will determine the higher seed.
4. The League Scheduler, in consultation with the Board of Directors, will establish and publish brackets as soon as practical at the beginning of the baseball season.

## 8. All-Stars

1. All-Star Committee
  - a) The All-Star Committee will be formed by the Board of Directors and shall include President, Vice President, Player Agent, Information Officer, Coach Coordinator, and Divisional Player Agents.
2. All-Star Player Candidacy



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- a) ALL Junior, Intermediate, Major, and Minor players will be required to complete the Player Commitment Form. All forms need to be signed and returned.
  - b) Candidates must meet Little League age and residency (or school) eligibility requirements. Proof of eligibility will be required.
  - c) Sportsmanship plays a major role in being on a RLL All-Star team. Poor attitude and behavior will not be tolerated and is reason to reject a candidate's nomination at the Board's discretion.
  - d) All candidates must be available to play in all District 27 Tournament games. Players not meeting this commitment will not be qualified for the following year's All-Star team.
  - e) An 11U player may be placed on the 12U team at the discretion of the All-Star Committee
3. All-Star Player selection process:
- a) The League will have one All-Star team each for the National, Junior and Intermediate Divisions. The Major Division will have two All-Star teams – a 12U and an 11U team. The Minor Division will have two All-Star teams – a Team A and a Team B.
  - b) The National division exhibition team will consist of 12 players league age 8.
  - c) With the exception of the National division, all all-star teams can have 12 to 14 rostered players and 2 alternates. The alternate candidates will be the All-Star Candidates falling immediately below the 12th to 14th player threshold.
  - d) The final roster size will be determined by the all-star committee.
  - e) From the Player Commitment Forms, the All-Star Committee will compile ballots with a list of all eligible candidates by division and team.
  - f) ALL players in the division will get a ballot to vote for up to 15 candidates for each All-Star team in their division.
  - g) For the national division, each manager will nominate two league age 8 players.
    - a. The all-star committee will make the final decision.
  - h) ALL Managers and each team's two official Assistant Coaches will get a ballot to vote for up to 15 candidates for each All-Star team in their division.
  - i) Instructions will be provided on the ballot and monitored and enforced by league representatives. Players will be allowed to vote for teammates and/or themselves if they wish. Coaches are not allowed to influence the player vote and will be subject to disciplinary action by the Board if caught. Coaches and Assistant Coaches are allowed to vote for their own child.
  - j) All ballots will be reviewed for legitimate submission. No write-in candidates are allowed.



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- k) The All-Star Committee will tally the votes from both the player and coach ballots separately and two lists will be formed with players ranked from the highest (most votes) to lowest.
  - l) For the 12U and 11U ballots, the top 17 players on the player list and the top 17 players on the coaches' list will move to the next round. For the Minor ballots, the top 30 players on the player list and the top 30 players on the coaches' list will move to the next round. All ties will favor the players.
  - m) From the two lists, each division's coaches and the All-Star Committee will convene to determine the top 14 players. The elected All-Star Coach will then decide if they wish to have a 12-, 13- or 14-player roster. The decision on Roster size must be made before the All-Star team is approved by the Board.
  - n) The All-Star Manager will approach each alternate candidate, working from most votes obtained to least votes obtained, to present the option of being an alternate for the team, and will continue working down the list of alternate candidates until 2 alternates have affirmatively opted in. For the Minor Division All-Star Team A, the alternate candidates will begin with the All-Star Candidates remaining after both 12-, 13- or 14-player teams have been formed.
  - o) Coach voting will be individual with no collaborative process amongst other coaches. Coaches caught colluding will be disciplined with action up to or including removal and disqualification as a coach at Riviera Little League.
  - p) Final All-Star player rosters need to be approved by the Board of Directors.
4. All-Star Coach and Assistant Coach Selection Process:
- a) Candidates must be in good standing with the League, have excellent knowledge of Little League rules, be able to meet extensive time commitments, and have coached or assistant coached a team within the division that season.
  - b) All coaches interested in coaching a Riviera All-Star Team will be required to fill out the All-Star Coach Commitment Form and return it to the All-Star Committee.
  - c) The All-Star Committee will review the completed forms and approve all eligible candidates. During the All-Star player selection meeting, the All-Star Coach and two Assistant Coaches from this list for each All-Star team will be selected. Final All-Star coaches and assistant coaches need to be approved by the Board of Directors
5. The Board of Directors can correct gross imbalances to pre-announced All-Star teams and remove any player or coach for improper behavior or conduct deemed not in the best interest of Riviera Little League.



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## 9. Administration

1. The Board of Directors, or voting Board, consists of the following eleven positions: President, Vice President, Safety Officer, Coaching Coordinator, Communications Manager, Secretary, Treasurer, Information Officer, League Player Agent, Facility Manager, and Snack Shack Supervisor.
2. The President and the Treasurer will annually file State and Federal Tax returns to maintain the league's 501(c)(3) status.

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