

BRADLEY-BOURBONNAIS LITTLE LEAGUE, INC.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE 1 - NAME AND LOCATION

- Section 1** Name: By virtue of the Charters granted, this Corporation shall be known as the Bradley-Bourbonnais Little League, Inc.
- Section 2** Locations: The locations of the Corporation shall be in the Village of Bourbonnais, County of Kankakee, State of Illinois and the Village of Bradley, County of Kankakee, and the State of Illinois.
- Section 3** Divisions: The divisions of Little League Baseball, Inc. that shall be participated in by the Bradley-Bourbonnais Little League Inc. will be Big League, Senior League, Little League, Minor League, T-Ball and Challenger.

The Board of Directors oversees each of the Divisions of Little League Baseball, Inc. described in Article I, Section 3, and includes both the American and National divisions of the Little League.

- Section 4** History: Players are drafted from the same pool, alternating picks between American and National Leagues. The By-Laws originally approved May 6, 1958 by the organization with Harry Skalsky, President were revised December 4, 1975, October 5, 1978, February 8, 1982, September 3, 1987, March 1, 1990, February 4, 1993, January 5, 1995, January 8, 1998, September 6, 1999, February 14, 2002, April 25, 2002, November 6, 2003, October 4, 2007, November 8, 2007, January 10, 2008 and February 15, 2010.

ARTICLE II – OBJECTIVE

- Section 1**
- A) The objective of the Bradley-Bourbonnais Little League, Inc. shall be to implant firmly in the children of the communities the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage and reverence so that they may be finer, stronger and happier children and will grow to be good, decent and trustworthy citizens.
 - B) To achieve this objective the Bradley-Bourbonnais Little League, Inc. will provide a supervised program under the rules and regulations of Little League Baseball, Inc. and Bradley-Bourbonnais Little League rules. All Directors, Officers, and Members shall bear in mind that the attainment of exceptional athletic skill or the winning of the game is secondary and the molding of future citizens is of prime importance. In accordance, with the Federal Internal Revenue Code, the Bradley-Bourbonnais Little League, Inc. shall operate exclusively as a non-profit educational organization providing a supervised program of competitive baseball. No part of the net earnings shall insure to benefit of any private individual; no substantial part of the activity of which is carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, any which does not participate in or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.
 - C) Bradley-Bourbonnais Little League shall insist upon proper behavior of adult managers, coaches, Board members, and spectators as outlined in the League's Code of Ethics.
 - D) The Bradley-Bourbonnais Little League, Inc. prohibits the use of profanity, abusive language or mistreatment of youth by adult managers, coaches or spectators.
 - E) The Bradley-Bourbonnais Little League, Inc. prohibits the use of any intoxicating drink or illegal substances used or consumed while any adult coach or person in charge of youth, and/or performing or functioning in their specific duties while youth are under their control. The Bradley-Bourbonnais Little League, Inc. prohibits the use of alcoholic or illegal substances by anyone within the baseball complex.
 - F) The Bradley-Bourbonnais Little League, Inc. shall provide group accident liability insurance for all youth under the jurisdiction of the Bradley-Bourbonnais Little League, Inc.
 - G) The Bradley-Bourbonnais Little League, Inc. shall provide legal liability for all Officers, Directors, Players, Manager/Coaches, Umpires, Scorekeepers and Committee Personnel and other volunteers.
 - H) The Bradley-Bourbonnais Little League, Inc. shall provide insurance on all buildings and exterior signage under jurisdiction of the Bradley-Bourbonnais Little League, Inc.

ARTICLE III - GOVERNMENT

- Section 1** Managers, Coaches, and other adult volunteers shall be under the direct supervision of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors will be elected at the general membership meeting in September. Each board member elected will have one vote at the Board of Director's meeting.
- Section 2** The Board shall consist of persons whom shall be elected for **one** year term, and members at large without voting power. Any Board Member that attains **two** or more unexcused absences from regularly scheduled board meetings will be dismissed as a Board Member.

ARTICLE IV – TEAM SELECTION PROCESS

- Section 1** The **Player Agent** of each division is responsible for all activities regarding the selection of teams in the division they represent.
- Section 2 – T-ball draft guidelines**
- A) The t-ball draft will be handled by a computerized blind draw.
 - B) Manager's child/children will be drafted in the third round.
 - C) Two coach's options will be allowed per team per year. These players will be placed in the first and second round.
 - D) Sponsor's child/children will be placed in the fifth round.
 - E) A brother/sister option will be placed in that round and the sibling five rounds later.

Section 3 – Coach Pitch League draft guidelines

- A) The coach pitch league draft will be handled by a computerized blind draw.
- B) Manager's child/children will be drafted in the third round.
- C) Two coach's options will be allowed per team per year. These players will be placed in the first and second round.
- D) Sponsor's child/children will be placed in the fifth round.
- E) A brother/sister option will be placed in that round and the sibling five rounds later.

Section 4 – 7/8 Year Old League draft guidelines

- A) The 7/8 league draft will be handled by a computerized blind draw.
- B) Manager's child/children will be drafted in the third round.
- C) Two coach's options will be allowed per team per year. These players will be placed in the first and second round.
- D) Sponsor's child/children will be placed in the fifth round.
- E) A brother/sister option will be placed in that round and the sibling five rounds later.
- F) Oldest group of players will be drafted first followed by the next oldest.

Section 5 – Minor League draft guidelines

- A) Any player who is currently not rostered on a Little League team may try out. The League age is 9 to 11.
- B) The order of selection for the draft will be determined immediately before the draft begins by a blind draw.
- C) The American League has the first pick in all odd numbered years and National League has the first pick in all even numbered years.
- D) A maximum of two minutes will be given to each manager for his draft selection in each round.
- E) Managers must pick their own child in the second round of the draft, unless the child is also a sibling option in which case they will be drafted in the third round.
- F) Brothers/sisters of players on a present team will be committed before the draft and this will be a third round draft choice.
- G) If a team drafts with a brother/sister option, that child must be committed at that time and will be that team's pick five rounds later..
- H) Each team picks thru the draft order until all players are selected.
- I) A manager may refuse his draft rights in any given round.
- J) The VP of league reserves the right to limit manager's options for coaches to one to avoid the stacking of teams

Section 5 – Minor League draft guidelines (continued)

**If due to lack of early commitment by managers, or other situations, the League determines it is not feasible to have a draft the following will be the draft guidelines:

ALTERNATE DRAFT GUIDELINES

- A) The Minor League draft will be handled by a computerized blind draw.
- B) Manager's child/children will be drafted in the third round.
- C) Sponsor's child/children will be placed in the fifth round.
- D) A brother/sister option will be placed in that round and five rounds later.
- E) Oldest group of players will be drafted first followed by the next oldest.

Section 6 – Major League draft guidelines

Any player who is currently not rostered on a Little League team may try out. The League age is nine to twelve.

- A) The managers' selection of players depends on the final overall team standings (both divisions together) of the previous year.
- B) The draft will start with the last place team first, then continue in reverse order of the standings to the first place team. American League and National League will alternate picks. The American League has the first pick in all odd numbered years and National League has the first pick in all even numbered years.
- C) A maximum of two minutes will be given to each manager for his draft selection each round.
- D) Managers must pick their own child in the second round of the draft, unless the child is also a sibling option in which case they will be drafted in the 3rd round.
- E) If the manager review committee determines a need for a coach to be assigned to a team, then that coach's child would be drafted in the first round.
- F) Brothers/sisters of players on a present team will be committed before the draft and this will be a third round draft choice. If there is a second sibling option on the same team they must be committed before the draft and will be a fifth round pick.
- G) If a team drafts with a brother/sister option, that child must be committed at that time and will be that team's pick five rounds later.
- H) Each team picks thru the draft order to fill their 12 player roster.**
- I) At any time if the number of 12 year olds remaining in the draft pool equals the number of draft picks left then only the 12 year olds remaining will be selected.
- J) There should be no more than one 9 year old drafted per team, without legitimate board approval (i.e. Two brother options, twins etc)

Section 7 – Major League Release of Players

- A) Players who do not register by the last official day of sign-ups will receive a letter. This letter will consist of the following items: deadline for resigning, he/she is to be notified in writing that if they do not make the deadline that he/she is released from all obligations and commitment to their team.
- B) If the next year, or any year after that, the released player chooses to sign up to play, they will go into the draft and shall be available to any team in either division.
- C) The procedure for releasing a player in the off-season is as follows:
The player and parents must submit a letter to the League President, division Vice-President, or Player Agent explaining why they want to be released from the team. The board will schedule a meeting first with the manager and coaching staff, and then with the parents in an attempt to reconcile the situation. It is the goal of the Board to **not** move players. If the problem is with a coach, manager, or teammate then the player must remain in the same division. This is to stop manipulation of tournament teams. The Board of Directors must approve any changes. A letter with the final decision will be sent to the parents from the Player Agent and a copy will be kept in the player's file.

Section 8 – Major League Replacement of Players

- A) In the event a player is lost to moving or quitting a team, the Manager and Player Agent will review the try-out /draft sheets for an eligible replacement. Eleven year old Minor Leaguers will be chosen first. If no 11 year olds are available, a ten will be used, if no ten year olds are available, nine year olds will be used, and will remain on the team permanently. Managers will have seven days or two games to replace that player.
- B) If a player is injured or ill for 21 or more days (**starting with the day of the injury or the league's opening day whichever is later**), the Manager and Player Agent will review the try-out/draft sheets for an eligible replacement. **As soon as the manager declares the injured player not eligible in 21 days, he may choose the replacement player. The replacement player will remain on the team permanently and the team may finish the season with 13 players. Upon the 22nd day of the injury, the manager must play a new player on the team. No team will add a replacement player in the last two weeks of the regular scheduled season.**

Section 9 – Major League Expansion Guidelines

- A) Before the draft begins, the new expansion teams will draw numbers to see who will go first.
- B) Each expansion team will draft seven players. Four of these seven players will be 12 year olds and the other three will be 11 or 12 year olds. These will be drafted before any of the existing teams begin their draft.
- C) When the draft begins, it will be held as usual with the new expansion teams following in behind the first place team that would normally draft last, with the expansion team that drew #1 going first and so on. During the second round, the expansion team that drew #2 will follow the first place team and the team who drew #1 will drop to end. Team #1 and Team #2 will alternate picks each round thereafter.
- D) All other draft rules apply to all existing teams and the new expansion teams.
- E) Seniority rule is waived for expansion Managers and/or new Managers.
- F) All alternate rules such as stated in these rules will apply to all existing teams and expansion teams.

Section 10 – Senior League Draft Guidelines

- A) Prior to the draft, the Vice President and the Player Agent shall review the number of returning players for each of the existing teams. If in their opinion, there is an imbalance in the number of returning players for teams; adjustments can be made by Board Members present at the draft. This adjustment can include placing of 16-year-old player on new or existing teams, allowing teams short of 16 year olds to draft first or an entire re-draft. No players shall be moved from one team to another without consulting the manager of that team and the player and their parents, with the exception of a total league re-draft.
- B) The draft will start with managers selecting all of the 15 year old players first. Once all 15 year olds have been placed, the managers will select the 16 year old players. Numbers are drawn by managers to determine draft order before each age level selection.
- C) A maximum of two minutes will be given to each Manager for his draft selection each round.
- D) Managers must pick their own child in the second round of the draft. Coach's option is a second round pick. Manager's option is the fourth round pick. As long as a team has a rostered player that was a coach's option they are ineligible for another coach's option. The coach's option must be a 15 year old.
- E) Brothers/sisters of players on a present team will be committed before the draft and this will be a third round draft choice.
- F) If a team drafts with a brother/sister option, that child must be committed at that time and the sibling will be that team's pick five rounds later.
- G) Each team picks thru draft order until all players are picked.

ARTICLE V - TOURNAMENT SELECTION/PROCEDURES

Section 1 – Minor League Manager and Team All-Star Selection

- A) Minor League All-Star managers are selected based on team record. The manager is allowed to select up to three currently rostered league coaches to assist him.
- B) Each Minor League player and member of the coaching staff will vote for four different players to represent their Minor League team on the All-Star team.
- C) All-Star teams will not be announced until after the final regular season game.
- D) All Minor League playing rules are in effect for the All-Star games.

Section 2 – Major League All-Star Team Selection

- A) Major League tournament players will be selected by the managers and players of the Major League. Each player on the ballot will vote for 12 or 13 players at their age level, giving no more than one vote per player. Players will be given a ballot with interested players' names listed for each tournament at their league game on the Friday/Saturday immediately prior to June 15th. The combination of the player votes will equal one manager vote. The managers will then place their votes at a closed meeting of managers. Each major league team will be represented by ONE vote per player for the 12-13 players on each team. The player with the most votes for each tournament will be awarded the tournament team position. Player preferences will be taken into consideration.
- B) Tournament teams will roster 12-13 players at the All Star Team manager's discretion.
- C) Players should be selected upon ability and eligibility. The team should have sufficient pitching strength to meet the schedules. Players will be selected in the order of the total votes received to be eligible for the tournament team. Where more than one player has an equal number of votes to qualify for the last position or positions, the final selection will be made by a majority vote of the BLL board at the time of the ballot counting meeting. Six players from each division will be selected if a Brian Stone United team is filled. In the event of a tie for the last player on a team, the Tournament manager will select the player to fill the last position from the tied players.
- D) No alternates are allowed on a Tournament Team.

Section 3 – Senior League All-Star Team Selection

- A) Players will be selected upon completed and returned "Commitment Forms" as of the selection day.
- B) Each team is given a maximum of one vote per player. Each team in each League must be present and represented by either a Manager or Coach at the Tournament Team selection meeting. If either is unable to attend, an absentee ballot may be given, and must be returned in a sealed envelope to the Player Agent before the selection day.
- C) Senior League tournament players will be selected by the players of the Senior League. Every eligible rostered player is entitled to vote and will be given one vote per player. Players will be given a ballot with interested players' names listed for each tournament at their league game on the Saturday prior to the tournament. All ballots will be sealed until the team managers and the player agent can meet to count the ballots. The players with the most votes for the tournament will be awarded the tournament team position.
- D) Players should be selected upon ability and eligibility. The team should have sufficient pitching strength to meet the schedules. Players will be selected in the order of the total votes received to be eligible for the tournament team. Where more than one player has an equal number of votes to qualify for the last position or positions, the final selection will be made by a majority vote of the team managers and the Senior League Player Agent at the time of the ballot counting meeting.
- E) 12-13 players from each division will be selected for each Tournament Team
- F) No alternates are allowed on a Tournament Team.

Section 4 – Major League Tournament Manager Selection

- A) The Little League VP will distribute letters of interest and commitment to all managers and coaches by May 20th. Managers may put their name in for more than one tournament but must rank their choices.
- B) Upon return of the letters the manager review committee will review and determine if any manager/coach is ineligible for consideration for a tournament team (Any committee member interested in a tournament team must remove themselves from this process).
- C) The managers will get to choose which teams they would like to manage in the order of their team record. Then, all major league managers will vote and finally the board will vote to approve. This will need to take place before players are voted upon.
- D) All ballots will be sealed until the BLL Board can meet to count the ballots and vote. THIS WILL BE A CLOSED MEETING OF THE BLL Board of Directors. The manager with the most votes for each tournament team will be awarded the manager position. Manager preferences will be taken into consideration and total votes received will not be announced.

Section 5 – Senior League Tournament Manager Selection

If more than one manager is interested in managing the tournament team, then Tournament Team Managers will be selected by the players in the Senior League upon completed and returned “Commitment Forms” as of the voting day. All ballots will be sealed until the team managers and the player agent can meet to count the ballots. The manager with the most votes for the tournament will be awarded the tournament manager position.

Section 6 – General Information for Major League and Senior League Tournament Teams

- A) During tournament time, Sunday practices and games are allowed.
- B) No practices will extend past 11:00 p.m. curfew.
- C) Practice times are at the Manager’s discretion.
- D) A player who makes the Tournament Team and then declines or refuses to accept their “commitment” waives all their rights to participate in any and all Tournament team practices and games thereafter. The next highest vote getter will be contacted after receiving the Player’s name from the Player Agent to be added to the roster.
- E) Without prior Board approval, any player who leaves a tournament team will not be allowed to be eligible for the following seasons Tournament selections.
Without prior Board approval, any manager who leaves a tournament team will not be eligible to manage the following 2 seasons Tournament team.
- F) Vote counting will be done at a scheduled meeting of the board on June 14th or June 15. *This meeting will be an open OR closed session of the BBL board.*
- G) If a manager leaves a tournament team, it will be at the board’s discretion as to whom the replacement manager will be. If a coach leaves, it will be at the manager’s discretion as to whom the replacement coach will be, subject to board approval.
- H) Absolutely NO tournament team fundraising can take place under the name of Bradley-Bourbonnais Little League, Inc. Violators are subject to prosecution.

ARTICLE VI – LOCAL LEAGUE RULES

Section 1 – All Division Rules:

- Rule 1 - If a manager fails to play a player as required in a game, the following consequences will be enforced against the manager:
 - 1st offense: Suspended from the next scheduled game
 - 2nd offense :Dismissal of the manager from the team
- Rule 2 - There will be no Sunday practices except during post season play.
- Rule 3 - One adult (over 18) with approved background check must remain in the dugout at all times.
- Rule 4 - There will be no throwing of bats or of any foreign object at any time. This could result in an automatic game suspension.
- Rule 5- All players must be in complete uniform consisting of: long gray pants, uniform shirt, uniform hat and socks before they will be allowed on the playing field. League equipment and uniforms are to be used for League practices, games and special events only. All players, managers and coaches must wear shoes with a closed toe and a closed heel. Out of respect for the game, players must wear shirts tucked in their pants and hats with bills facing forward. All managers and coaches must be in league issued shirts and hats during official league games. Anyone not in compliance cannot participate on the field.
- Rule 6- Any batter that fakes a bunt and then pulls back for a full swing will be called “OUT”.
- Rule 7- Smoking is prohibited
- Rule 8 - All play will stop when any health threatening weather exists, temperature is less than 41 degrees or because of darkness. The game will be called by a board member, umpire, or a “Gentlemen’s Agreement” between the managers.
- Rule9 - In the event of rain, players, managers, and coaches are to report for a scheduled game unless official notification has been received from a BBL Officer, Vice President or the Player Agent that the game is canceled. The player agent will reschedule rain outs. Rainouts may be played on Sundays and holidays, if necessary.
- Rule 10- Each team (managers, coaches, parents and players) is responsible for field maintenance and picking up the dugout and bleacher area during and after their game.

Section 2 – T-ball Rules

- Rule 1 - A game will consist of at least two innings. Each team will have two turns at bat and two times playing the field. An official game consists of at least two no more than three complete innings. There is a time limit of one hour on all games.
- Rule 2 - Each team will play all players defensively each inning, using the extra players in the outfield only.
- Rule 3 - Each player on the roster in attendance will bat in all innings.
- Rule 4 - Batters hit off the “t” until the ball is hit into fair play. There are no strikeouts. However, if the batter is having difficulty hitting the ball fair, the ball may be called fair after the 5th swing. The batter will then become a base runner.
- Rule 5 -Infielders must stay on the infield and not go into the grass outfield to field balls.
Outfielders must stay in the outfield and not go into the infield to field balls.
- Rule 6 - Helmets, with face masks, are required for all pitchers, batters, and all runners on base.
- Rule 7 - **LAST BATTER:** If the last batter flies or pops out the inning is retired. If the last batter hits a ground ball and gets a hit, the defensive team must relay the ball to the catcher, who retires the inning by touching home plate. The defensive team is not allowed to run the ball into home plate-they must throw it to the catcher.
- Rule 8 – **All T-Ball League teams must meet 2-4 times a week for practices and/or games.**
- Rule 9 – Offensive players who are out must return to the dugout.

Section 3 – Coach Pitch League Rules

- Rule 1 - A game will consist of at least two no more than three innings. Each team will have equal turns at bat and times playing the field. There is a time limit of one hour, fifteen minutes for each game. No inning can be started after 1 hour.
- Rule 2 - Each team will play all players defensively each inning, using the extra players in the outfield only.
- Rule 3 - Offensive Players who are out must return to the dugout.
- Rule 4 - The coach pitches a maximum of 5 balls to the batter. If the batter does not hit the 5th ball, the batter will hit off the “t” until the ball is hit into fair play.
- Rule 6 - Infielders must stay on the infield and not go into the grass outfield to field balls.
Outfielders must stay in the outfield and not go into the infield to field balls.
- Rule 7 - Helmets, with face masks, are required for all pitchers, batters, and all runners on base.
- Rule 8- **LAST BATTER:** All players in attendance must bat each inning, no matter how many outs. If the last batter flies or pops out the inning is retired. If the last batter gets a hit, the defensive team must relay the ball to the catcher, who retires the inning by touching home plate. The defensive team is not allowed to run the ball into home plate-they must throw it to the catcher.
- Rule 9 - **All Coach Pitch League teams must meet 3-5 times a week for practices and/or games.**
- Rule 10 – **SPEED UP RULE: A coach needs to be positioned behind the catcher to retrieve a passed ball and return the ball to the pitcher.**
- Rule 11-All pitches must be delivered with an overhand motion.

Section 4 – 7/8 Year Old League Rules

- Rule 1 - Games will have a 1 1/2 hour time limit. No inning will be started after one hour and 10 minutes, however the inning in progress shall be completed.
- Rule 2 - Each team will play all players defensively each inning using extra players in the outfield only.
- Rule 3 - All players are active in the offensive line up with continuous batting order.
- Rule 4 - Managers are encouraged to teach all players multiple positions.
- Rule 5 - The batter/runner may advance only one base on an overthrow.
- Rule 6- No stealing or advancing on passed balls.
- Rule 7- This is an instructional league, therefore managers and coaches may position themselves on the field as necessary.
- Rule 8 – **All 7/8 Year Old League teams must meet 3-5 times a week for practices and/or games.**
- Rule 9 – ****The Player Agent will do his/her best to limit team rosters at 10-11 players on 7/8 teams.**

Section 5 – Minor League Rules

- Rule 1 - If a team has only eight players by 10 minutes after the scheduled start of the game, it will be considered a forfeit. A scrimmage game will be played with the players in attendance All LL rules still apply and the pitches thrown DO COUNT toward a player's weekly total.
- Rule 2 - Minor League Games will have a 2-hour time limit. No inning will be started after the one hour and 45 minute time limit. However, the inning in progress shall be completed. The umpire will be responsible for the time limit.
- Rule 3 - All players will play a minimum of three innings each game. Each player will play at least three full games (6 consecutive innings) during the regular season.
- Rule 4 - There will be no protests. The umpire will decide.
- Rule 5- The Home team keeps the official score book, score board and pitch count log. Managers from both teams will sign the book and log at the completion of the game. Pitch counts need to be reconciled at the end of each half-inning.
- Rule 6 - All Minor League teams must meet 4-6 times a week for practices and/or games.

Section 6 – Major League Rules

- Rule 1 - If a team has only 8 players by 10 minutes after the scheduled start of the game, it will be considered a forfeit. The game will be played with the players in attendance The outcome of the scrimmage game does not count in the standings. All LL rules still apply and pitches thrown DO COUNT toward a player's weekly total.
- Rule 2 - If a player quits a Little League team during the season, he/she will re-enter the draft the following year. They must try-out the following year and can only be drafted by a team in their original division. (The player must have sat out at least one half of the season). Any player that leaves his/her team during the off season and wishes to return to the Bradley-Bourbonnais Little League must have justifiable reasons and must have Board of Directors approval. The request must be made to the **BLL board in writing**.
- Rule 3 - Both the announcer and opposing team must be notified of all substitutions before they are implemented. Failure to do so will result in the following consequences for the manager:
1st offense: Warning, 2nd offense:1 game suspension
- Rule 4- Every game will have a two-hour limit during the school year. No inning may be started after one hour and 45 minutes unless the score is tied. The official scorekeeper will be responsible for advising the umpire of the time limit.
- Rule 5 - Every player must play three full games per season. Any player brought up during the season must play either 1 full game or 1/6 of the remaining games as full games, whichever is greater
- Rule 6- There is a two-hour limit on all practice sessions.
- Rule 7 All rainout games will be rescheduled by the Player Agent. If rescheduled game is rained out, it will still be played on the next available field date, trying to keep rescheduled games in chronological order.
- Rule 9- In the event of an early finish, the next game will not begin more than 15 minutes prior to a scheduled start. The first game of the day must start at the scheduled time.
- Rule 10- In the event of a divisional tie at the end of the regular season the following tie breaker system will be used:
a) Head to head competition between the tied teams during the regular season
b.) If the head to head competition is tied, both teams will be named co-champions and a coin flip will be used to determine draft order only. Both teams will receive a first place plaque.
- Rule 12- There will be a 15 run rule after four complete innings of play.

Section 7 - Senior League Rules

- Rule 1 - If a team has only 8 players by 10 minutes after the scheduled start of the game, it will be considered a forfeit. The game **will** be played **with the players in attendance** The outcome of the scrimmage game does not count in the standings. All LL rules still apply and pitches thrown DO COUNT toward a player's weekly total.
- Rule 2 - There is no time limit on Senior League Games.

Section 7 - Senior League Rules (continued)

- Rule 3 - All players must play a minimum of two defensive innings a game. A continuous batting order will be used in a regular season games. Every player must play two full games per season.
- Rule 4 - Teams may borrow players from the league 'extra player pool' to prevent a forfeit. The borrowed players may not pitch. The player agent will assign an eligible / rostered player from the Senior League 'extra player pool'. The manager needing a player **must** call the player agent to get the extra player from the pool. The pool will consist of those players who wish to participate in any extra games for another team throughout the season.
- Rule 5 - No infield will be taken, as the teams should already be warmed up and ready to go.
- Rule 6 - Each game will start 15 minutes after the previously played game.
- Rule 7- Each pitcher will receive five warm up pitches at the start of an inning.

Section 8 – Manager Rules for all divisions

- Rule 1 - The Manager and Coaches are required to help prepare the field for the start of the season, after a rainfall, after each game, and during the season. Parents should be encouraged to participate!
- Rule 2 - The Manager or Representative from the last game of the day is to stay until all equipment has been picked up, playing field has been manicured for the next playing day, concession stand has been closed, flag has been taken down and all the players have been picked up.
- Rule 3 - A manager and/or coach must also wait for all players to be picked up from practice and practice games before leaving the site themselves.
- Rule 4 - With the exception of the instructional leagues (t-ball, coach pitch, 7/8 teams) Each team may have a maximum of three adults in the playing field. They must be at least 18 years of age with a current approved background check. Violation of the rule is as follows:
1st Offense: Warning
2nd Offense: One game suspension
3rd Offense: Removal of Manager from the team
- Rule 5 - All Managers and Coaches must remain in the dugout while a game is in progress.
EXCEPTIONS: 1) Injury to player
2) A called time-out
3) Coach the bases
4) Instructional leagues (t-ball, coach pitch, 7/8 teams)
***At least ONE adult MUST remain in the dugout with players at all times!!
- Rule 6 - Each Manager is responsible for finding a Team Parent to assist with the team organization, including but not limited to: getting code of conducts signed and returned to league, checking the team mailbox weekly, team pictures, team awards, and dispersing and collecting end-of-year manager/ coach reviews.
- Rule 7 - All Managers need to call a parent and player meeting prior to the start of the first practice to discuss team policies and procedures, the league rules and code of conduct and what is expected of their players and parents.
- Rule 8 - All Managers will provide copies of the League Rules to their players and their parents. Managers are required to explain these rules with all parents and players at the initial team/parent meeting.. League Rules will also be available on the BLL website.
- Rule 9 - A Manager (with advanced approval from the division Vice President, the Player Agent, and one other board member) may request, in writing, a one game suspension of a player for disciplinary reasons. Parents will be informed by a representative of the league of any suspension given by the Manager.
- Rule 10- Abusive, profane language will not be tolerated under any circumstance by any Manager or Coach while at the baseball complex or at the practice site. Disciplinary action will be taken as follows for those not abiding by this rule.
1st offense: One game suspension
2nd offense: Removal as Manager from the team
- Rule 11- Managers caught intentionally not following the Little League playing rules or League rules will be given the following suspension:
1st offense: One game suspension
2nd offense: Removal as Manager from the team
- Rule 12- Managers are required to attend the yearly clean up days, sign-ups, try-outs, and the drafts that are held each year.

Section 8 – Manager Rules for all divisions (continued)

Rule 13- If a Manager fails to follow the minimum play rule for a player, he/she will be given the following consequences:

1st offense: One game suspension

2nd offense: Removal as Manager from the team

Rule 14- The player that was not given his/her minimum play time will then start the next scheduled game and play the complete game.

Rule 15- According to the Discipline Committee plan, if a manager gets three or more discipline points in a season, he will not be allowed to coach in any post season games.

Rule 16- Each team will have a written set of team rules that the Manager, Coaches, Parents and Players will sign. The completed/ signed form will need to be turned over to the board at uniform distribution. This form will be kept in the team file at the LL field house. If this is not done, you will not be allowed to Manage/Coach in post-season games.

Section 9 – Player Rules for all divisions

Rule 1 - All playground equipment is off limits to all players in uniform.

Rule 2 - Climbing over fences to enter or leave the park is prohibited.

Rule 3 - No heckling of any players at any time will be allowed. This includes players waiting to play the following game or players who have already completed playing. Any player caught doing so will be subject to the following consequences:

1st offense Warning

2nd offense 1 game suspension

Rule 4 - Abusive, profane language will not be tolerated under any circumstances by any player (while wearing any part of his/her uniform), while at the baseball complex or practice site. Disciplinary action will be taken by the team manager. Players using abusive, flagrant language will be subject to an official discipline write up and will attend a hearing before the disciplinary board.

Rule 5 - Transportation to and from practices and games is the responsibility of the player.

Rule 6 - Players are responsible for knowing and following all the BLL rules and the rules of Little League International..

ARTICLE VII – CODE OF CONDUCT

Section 1 All managers, coaches, players and parents shall sign and abide by the Local League Code of Conduct prior to the start of the season. (See attachment)

Section 2 All managers, coaches, players and parents will abide by the rules of Little League Baseball regarding conduct both on and off the field.

ARTICLE VIII – INTERNET AS A MEANS OF COMMUNICATION

Section 1 The website www.bbbaseball.com will be used to enhance communications between Board of Directors, coaches, and the general membership.

Section 2 Email will be used between Board of Director members to discuss items of interest before and between scheduled Board meetings.

Section 3 Email Voting - When authorized by the President or three members of the Executive Board, voting may occur by e-mail using careful discretion for emergency situations only. This would include those items that are of immediate safety concern or in situations that will directly interfere with the immediate play or services of the League. The official motion must be sent out to all board members' correct, current email addresses. A vote will pass once a majority of the *board* agrees. Any emergency vote must be recorded by the secretary and no later than at the next scheduled Board meeting should be included in the meeting minutes.

Section 4 Email to coaches and the general membership will be used to enhance communication, but will not replace other forms of communication.

ARTICLE IX - GENERAL RULES AND POLICIES

Section 1 Weather Conditions

Weather conditions such as lightning, very heavy rains and weather systems that threaten the safety of players must result in immediate cancellation or postponement of practice or once lightning has been detected in the area at the complex where games are being played, an air fog horn will be sounded as a warning. At that time play must halt at once and everyone *MUST* seek shelter or leave the park's facilities. Games may resume 15 minutes from the last lightning strike if the conditions are still playable.

Section 2 Times Two Policy

The Board strongly suggests no less than two adults (suggested as unrelated) with current approved background checks, per team, to be present at all team functions such as games, practices, picnics, etc. The adults present can be a combination of coaches, parents, board members, etc. While the focus of this policy is on the child it also provides protection for the volunteers in case of misunderstandings.

Section 3 Financial Expenditures

Any expenditure of \$500.00 or more must have Board approval PRIOR to being spent. Arrangements for expenditures less than \$500.00 must be made with the Treasurer or President prior to being made. All league-issued checks require signatures from **two** members of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE X –ATTENDANTS AND SUBCOMMITTEES

Section 1 – Concessions

- A) Concession Stand attendant (*report to Concessions Chairperson*)
 - 1) Must be 14 years of age
 - 2) Shall be compensated as determined by the Board of Directors
 - 3) Shall be selected and scheduled by the Concessions Chairperson
- B) Concession Stand Manager (*report to Concessions Chairperson*)
 - 1) Must be 18 years of age
 - 2) Shall be compensated as determined by the Board of Directors
 - 3) Shall be selected and scheduled by the Concessions Chairperson
 - 4) It recommended and beneficial to have a current Sanitation Certificate from County Health Department

Section 2 - Umpires (*report to the Umpire in Chief*)

- A) Shall be hired by the Umpire in Chief or the Umpire Consultant
- B) Shall be paid a per game wage as determined by the Board of Directors
- C) Must be 16 years of age
- D) Must have IHSA patch **OR** attend a yearly umpire clinic offered by BBL

Section 3 - Scorekeepers/Announcers: (*report to the VP of each league*)

- A) Must be 13 years of age
- B) Shall be compensated as determined by the Board of Directors
- C) Shall be selected and scheduled by the League VP, or other designee
- D) Shall assist in setting up the field prior to the games and closing field after games as directed
- E) Must attend a training session offered by BBL
- F) In the event a substitute is needed for a scheduled scorekeeper, the board designee in charge of scheduling will assign the replacement.

Section 4 – Rules/By-Laws/Constitution Review Committee

- A) Shall consist of at least 5 members of the Board of Directors including the President, the Vice President of each League is encouraged to participate as well.
- B) Shall collect proposed amendments to the Constitution
- C) Shall meet to review the Constitution and develop a proposal for any amendments to the Constitution to be presented to the Board of Directors for review and discussion at the meeting prior to the Annual General Meeting and approval at the Annual General Meeting.
- D) Shall meet to review the Bradley-Bourbonnais Little League Rules for all divisions and develop a proposal for any amendments to the rules to be presented to the Board of Directors for review and discussion at the November meeting and approval at the January meeting.

Section 5 – Budget/Finance Committee

- A) The Treasurer shall chair this committee.
- B) The committee shall be comprised of three to five members of the Board.
- C) The committee shall consider previous years' expenditures and Board of Director member's request to prepare a balanced budget for the following year to be presented by the Treasurer and approved by the BLL board of directors each November.
- D) The Committee shall investigate ways and means of financing the Local League including team sponsorships and submit recommendations.
- E) It shall be responsible for taking up collections at games and for special events, if such collections are authorized by the Local League, and shall turn over said collections to the Treasurer immediately after each game or event.
- F) The committee will recommend fundraising ideas to the Board and will oversee all fundraising.

Section 6 – Manager Review Committee

- A) The Coaching Coordinator will chair this committee.
- B) The Board of Directors will appoint at least three members to serve on this committee.
- C) The Committee shall interview and investigate prospective managers, and recommend acceptable candidates to the Board for approval.
- D) If necessary, the Committee shall recommend any coach options to the board prior to the draft.
- E) The committee shall prepare the ballot for the tournament team manager vote.

Section 7 – Building/Property/Grounds Committee

- A) Appointed by the Board of Directors, at least three members will serve on this committee.
- B) The Committee shall be responsible for the care and maintenance of the playing field(s), buildings and grounds.
- C) It shall operate within the amount appropriated in the approved budget for that purpose.
- D) When necessary, the Committee shall investigate and recommend available, suitable sites and plans for development, including ways and means, the latter in cooperation with the Finance Committee.
- E) It shall be responsible for repair and improvement recommendations, other than normal maintenance, and supervise the performance of approved projects.

Section 8 - Equipment/Uniform Committee

- A) The Board of Directors may appoint a Playing Equipment/Uniform Committee consisting of at least five members.
- B) The committee shall secure sealed bids on needed supplies, uniforms, and equipment and make recommendations for their purchase to the Board.
- C) The Committee together with the equipment coordinator shall be responsible for the proper issuance of such supplies and equipment and for the repair, cleaning, inventory, and storage thereof at the close of the season.

Section 9 – Discipline Review Committee

- A) The discipline review committee was established to provide a structured method of dealing with an individual who violated the code of conduct.
- B) Anyone who comes to a BBL game or practice could be called before this board for a complaint (written only) that appeared to violate a point in the code of conduct.
- C) All written complaints **must** be reviewed and action must be taken
- D) Complaints will be reviewed by the review committee (minimum of 3 people). This committee is appointed by the executive board of the league and can be different people for different issues. None of the review board members should have had a direct involvement with the issue under review, or with the person coming before the committee.
- E) The review committee shall review the complaint and if warranted, call the person who the complaint is against in to discuss the complaint. After hearing the complainant’s side, the review board shall decide if any level of discipline is appropriate

Using the following guidelines:

None - No action

1 discipline point - Minor Infraction: i.e. throwing equipment, yelling at an umpire or coach, mild profanity or disrespect for any part of the game

2 discipline points. Major Infraction: i.e. serious profanity, threatening actions or gestures, play that intended to injure

3 discipline points Severe: i.e. physical altercation, intoxication, out of control behavior or threatening a player-.

Expulsion from the league - Individual may be referred to the authorities and expelled from league if warranted by their actions.

**Offenses listed are examples only and are not meant to be inclusive of offenses that could bring someone before the review committee. The level of profanity - mild, serious, etc.- will be determined based upon the written complaint and situation at hand.

- F) All decisions should be documented with the VP of the division. A report of the investigation and outcome will be provided to the coach of the respective team and the individual being reviewed.
- G) Anyone that has previously received one discipline point and has another incident in the same season that breaches the code of conduct will automatically receive two points for the second offense.
- H) If an individual has 3 points assigned, they are not allowed to play or participate in the post season and must have their behavior reviewed by the full BBL board for determination of what action should be taken given the circumstances.

ARTICLE XI – AMENDMENTS

These BY-LAWS succeed all other BY-LAWS, Constitutions or other governing documents made previously concerning Local League. The BY-LAWS may be amended, repealed or altered in whole or in part by a majority vote at any duly organized meeting of the Board of Directors provided notice of the proposed change is included in the notice of such meeting. Draft of all proposed amendments shall be submitted to Little League Baseball, Incorporated, for approval before implementation. These BY-LAWS were approved by the Bradley-Bourbonnais American and National Little League Board of Directors on November 6, 2008, December 2, 2008, January 8, 2009, February 12, 2010 and November 4, 2010.

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