

# Ukiah Youth Baseball Little League

## 2023 Local Playing Rules

The **Official Regulations and Playing Rules** published by Little League Baseball are the governing rules for Ukiah Youth Baseball Little League (hereinafter called "UYBL."). The following **local playing rules** are changes/amendments that have been approved by the Board of Directors of and are enforced during UYBL each season.

All volunteers - Board members, managers, coaches, umpires and anyone working in direct contact with children must complete the Background Check which will be screened by a local enforcement agency or other companies providing similar services. The UYBL Board of Directors must also approve applications that have passed screening.

All managers, coaches and parents must sign the "General Agreement" and "Parent/Guardian Agreement of Understanding" provided with the player application.

During games, an adult must always be present in the dugout. The adult must have completed the background check.

Signs for "No Smoking", "No Dogs Allowed", and "No Riding Bikes on Complex Grounds" will be enforced.

All home teams will be responsible for raking and dragging the infields and cleaning out their dugouts. All visitor teams are responsible for dumping the garbage cans and cleaning out their dugouts after each game.

For the purposes of defining "darkness that is hazardous to play" the league will adopt the sunset calendar for the area. This calendar will be posted at all the field locations. The umpire will call a game for failure of light at the precise time of sunset as listed for that particular day on the posted schedule. In Majors rule 4.12 will then be enforced.

### Article 1

#### Junior Tee Ball

1. Junior Tee Ball is for children who are League Age 4 only.
2. Junior Tee Ball is strictly an instructional division. There will be no scores or standings maintained by the Local Little League.
3. Managers and Coaches allowed in the dugout during a game will not be limited at the discretion of the team manager.
4. Junior Tee Ball teams will be announced approximately March 1<sup>st</sup>.
5. Coach Pitch is not permitted in Junior Tee Ball. Batters will hit a ball off a tee at all times throughout the season.
6. Rule 4.04 will be in effect. The continuous batting order is mandatory for Junior Tee Ball.
7. No player will sit on the bench for more than two consecutive innings. Managers are encouraged to rotate players every inning or, at the Managers discretion, have all players in the field on defense.
8. Junior Tee Ball games will have a 1 hour 30 minute time limit on all games. Games may end after 3 innings of play, prior to the time limit, should both Managers agree.
9. Rescheduling rainouts are at the discretion of the league administrators. There is no guarantee rainouts will be rescheduled.

### Article 2

#### Tee Ball / Coach Pitch

1. T-Ball/Coach Pitch is for children who are League Age 5, 6 and 7 years of age.
2. Children who are League Ages 6 and 7 will only be placed in this division if they have no prior Tee Ball experience and/or they do not demonstrate skills necessary to be placed in an upper division.
3. Tee Ball/Coach Pitch is strictly an instructional division. There will be no scores or standings maintained by the Local Little League.
4. Managers and Coaches allowed in the dugout during a game will not be limited at the discretion of the team manager.
5. Tee Ball/Coach Pitch teams will be announced approximately March 1<sup>st</sup>.
6. Tee Ball/Coach Pitch will play the first half of the season games with batters hitting off a tee and the second half of the season games with batters hitting a ball pitched by a coach. No players will be allowed to pitch to other players in this division.

7. Rule 4.04 will be in effect. The continuous batting order is mandatory in Tee Ball/Coach Pitch.
8. No player will sit on the bench for more than two consecutive innings. Managers are encouraged to rotate players every inning or, at the Managers discretion, have all players in the field on defense.
9. Tee Ball/Coach Pitch games will have a 1 hour 30 minute time limit on all games. Games may end after 4 innings of play, prior to the time limit, should both Managers agree.
10. Rescheduling rainouts are at the discretion of the league administrators. There is no guarantee rainouts will be rescheduled.

### **Article 3 Machine Pitch**

1. Machine Pitch Division is for children League Ages 6, 7, 8 and 9 (depending on individual skill level).
2. Children who are League Age 6 will only be placed in this division if they have completed at least 1 year in one or both of the Tee Ball Divisions and demonstrate skills and abilities necessary for this division of play.
3. Children who are League Age 9 will only be placed in this division if they have no prior Tee Ball or Baseball experience and/or they do not demonstrate skills necessary to be placed in upper divisions.
4. Managers and Coaches allowed in the dugout during a game will not be limited at the discretion of the team manager.
5. Machine Pitch 6-7 Division will play the whole season with the pitching machine only. There will be no coach or player pitching.
6. Machine Pitch 8-9 Division will play the first half of the season with the pitching machine and the second half of the season with the first 3 innings using the pitching machine and the last 3 innings with coach pitching as agreed by both teams. They may have a player pitch for the last inning of the game. The player pitcher will be subject to the following pitch counts: 45 pitches per day, regardless of age.
7. Machine Pitch Division games played will have a time constraint of, no new inning starting after 1 hour and 40 minutes. This is to keep following games as close to schedule as possible.
8. No more than 5 runs may be scored per inning, including final inning. Runs scored will include all runs scored during the last play which included the 5<sup>th</sup> run.
9. Rule 4.04 will be in effect. The continuous batting order is mandatory for Minor Division.
10. No stealing will be allowed in Machine Pitch Division.
11. Rescheduling rainouts are at the discretion of the league administrators. There is no guarantee of rainouts being rescheduled.

### **Article 4 Minors Division Player Pitch**

1. Minor Division is for children League Ages 8, 9, 10 and 11 (depending on individual skill level).
2. Children who are League Age 8 will only be placed in this division if they have completed at least 1 year in the Machine Pitch and demonstrate skills and abilities necessary for this division of play.
3. All players are required to attend at least 50% of all baseball skill assessment events (tryouts). Players that do not tryout will be placed in a pool of players to fill out team rosters. Failure to try out may result in a player being placed on a team or division that does not fit their abilities.
4. The Minor Division draft will be held after the Major Division draft and will follow the modified Option B draft method. On draft night the managers along with the president, player agent and coaching coordinator will put together the teams in such a way as to create parity on all teams. . When all managers agree the teams have been divided evenly and have reached parity, each team will be given a number. The managers will then draw numbers and will have the corresponding team assigned to them.
5. The only player given special consideration in the draft is the managers child or step child. They will be placed on the manager's team once the teams have been assigned. If the manager has more than one child or step child in the division, the oldest will be the protected child that will be placed on the team and the younger player will have to be traded for. Trades must be approved by all managers with the final approval by the player agent. Players should be traded for same draft round picks when possible.
6. Managers may trade once to obtain a desired assistant coach. Trades must be approved by all managers with the final approval by the player agent. Players should be traded for same draft round picks when possible.

7. Managers and Coaches allowed in the dugout during a game will not be limited at the discretion of the team manager.
8. Minor Division games played will have a time constraint of no new inning starting after 1 hour and 45 minutes. There will be a hard stop of the game at 2 hours regardless of the score or inning. For safety reasons Umpires retain all rights to end a game due to light or weather conditions regardless of inning or score. Games that have completed at least 4 innings of play that have been ended due to lighting or weather conditions will be recorded as complete games regardless of inning game was ended.
9. No more than 5 runs may be scored per inning, regardless of inning. All runs scored during the last play that included the 5<sup>th</sup> run will be counted.
10. All coaching must be done from the designated coaching areas. Only the manager or coaches, on record for the team are allowed on the field. Any individual giving signals to the pitcher or the catcher (verbal, hand or otherwise) from the stands or sidelines will be considered in violation. Any manager, coach or parent who is observed in such behavior will be reported to any Board member, who will at that moment, carry out enforcement of this rule.
11. Rule 4.04 will be in effect. The continuous batting order is mandatory in the Minor Division. Ten run rule in effect after the 4th inning.
12. The Minor Division shall have no stealing of any base (station to station) until May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022. After/on this date the division will become live baseball with stealing allowed in accordance with Little League baseball rules.
13. Rescheduling rainouts are at the discretion of the league administrators. There is no guarantee of rainouts being rescheduled.

## **Article 5**

### **Major Division**

1. Major Division is for children League Ages 10, 11 and 12. (Depending on individual skill level. No player that has played in the Major division can be downgraded to the Minors division or lower, regardless of age).
2. All players are required to attend at least 50% of all baseball skill assessment events (tryouts). Any player that does not attend the required number of baseball skill assessment events (tryouts) may not be placed in the player pool for the Majors draft at the discretion of the Player Agent. Any players not drafted to the Majors division will be placed in the draft pool for the Minors division.
3. 12 year old players will only be allowed to play in the minors if regulation V(a) has been approved by District 35 Little League.
4. The Major Division draft will follow a modified Little League Option B draft. On draft night the managers along with the president, player agent and coaching coordinator will put together the teams in such a way as to create parity on all teams. When all managers agree the teams have been divided evenly and have reached parity, each team will be given a number. The managers will then draw numbers and will have the corresponding team assigned to them.
5. The only player given special consideration in the draft is the managers child or step child. They will be placed on the manager's team once the teams have been assigned. If the manager has more than one child or step child in the division, the oldest will be the protected child that will be placed on the team and the younger player will have to be traded for. Trades must be approved by all managers with the final approval by the player agent. Players should be traded for same draft round picks when possible.
6. Managers may trade once to obtain a desired assistant coach. Trades must be approved by all managers with the final approval by the player agent. Players should be traded for same draft round picks when possible.
7. All coaching must be done from the designated coaching areas. Only the manager or coaches, on record for the team are allowed on the field. Any individual giving signals to the pitcher or the catcher (verbal, hand or otherwise) from the stands or sidelines will be considered in violation. Any manager, coach or parent who is observed in such behavior will be reported to any Board member, who will at that moment, carry out enforcement of this rule.
8. All teams are required to maintain a 12-player roster. Managers are required to notify the Player Agent (within 2 hours after the said 4th game) when any player misses four consecutive games (due to injury, illness, travel, etc.) The Player Agent will instruct the manager of the replacement deadline (4 league game days) for drafting a new player. Players drafted will come from the minor league.
9. Tournament of Champions (TOC), the best record will represent UYBL. In case of a tie record the tie breaker will be:
  - a. Number of wins between the tied teams going head to head against each other. If still no winner
  - b. One play-off game will be played to determine the league winner. All pitching count rules will be in effect.

c. Flip of a coin

10. Pool players will not be eligible for tournament games. Teams must field their team from their own roster.
11. There will be no time limit on games in the Major Division.
12. The league will have pool play and the Player Agents will be responsible for the administration of eligible players.

## **Article 6**

### **Calling up Players for Majors**

1. During the Minors draft night the Minors Managers will create a list of the top 20 players in Minors in ranking order, one through twenty. This will be considered the "Calling Up" list. The players on this list can be ages 9-12. This list shall be created before teams are picked and assigned to any particular Managers. This list will include Managers players.
2. In the event that a player is needed to complete a roster on a Majors team, the Manager of the team will contact the Player Agent. The Player Agent will then contact the #1 player on the "Calling Up" list and determine if that player is willing to be drafted up to Majors. If the player does not wish to move up, the player agent will move to the next player on the list in numerical order until a player agrees to be drafted up. If any player refuses to be drafted they shall be ineligible to be drafted for the remainder of the current season.
3. If another team later requires a player, the Player Agent will continue to work down the list of 20 in order. In the event that more than 20 players either get pulled up or refuse to move up the Board of Directors will reconvene to determine how to proceed.

## **Article 7**

### **All-Star Managers**

1. All-star manager will be voted on and chosen by the Ukiah Youth Little League Board (UYBL). People who would like to be considered for the managerial position will complete an application which will be reviewed at a scheduled board meeting with the present board members voting on the most qualified individual.
2. Manager will choose his assistant coach(s). The manager selected will take into consideration the other managers that applied for the position but did not get chosen.

## **Article 8**

### **All-Stars Player Selection**

#### **10/11/12 Year old All-Star Selection Process**

Majors Managers will hand out a complete and updated roster of all major teams, with the exception of their own, to vote for the top 12 players within the Majors Division. The top 24 players by vote, counted by the UYBL Board, shall be given to the selected manager for the respective division. The first 3 top voted players will automatically be placed on the team's roster. In the event of a tie for the 3<sup>rd</sup> position, all players who tied will be added to the roster. The manager and/or coach will then use this list of the remaining 21 players to select an additional 9 (or less in the case of a tie) players to complete the roster to reach a total of 12 to 13 players.

#### **Wildcard Pick:**

Manager may have an option to select one player not on the list of the top 24 vote getters and name them to the All-Star Team. An example would be if the selected Manager's son does not get voted to the list of top 24 by his peers. Another example would be if the Manager decides he would like to select a 13th player and he is not on the list of top 24.

#### **9/10/11 Year old All-Star Selection Process**

Majors Managers will hand out a complete and updated roster of all major teams, with the exception of their own, to vote for the top 12 players within the Majors Division. The top 24 players by vote, counted by the UYBL Board, shall be given to the selected manager for the respective division. After the 10/11/12 year old All Star team is chosen the remaining top 3 vote getters ages 11, voted on by the players, will be on the team. The manager and/or coach will then use this list of the remaining 21 top vote getters for the additional 9 players to complete the roster to reach a total of 12 to 13 players. Wildcard Pick is in effect as noted above.

#### **8/9/10 year old All Star selection process**

Each Manager in the Minors division will nominate up to 5 players per team, in ranking order, for consideration the all-star team. This list of names will be collected by the Player Agent who will contact each manager in the Minors division for

their nominations. The pool of eligible players for selection to the All Star team will consist of the nominees from each of the Minor teams and all 10 year olds who played in the Majors division. The Manager of the team will then select his roster of 12-13 players from the list of candidates. The Manager of the All Star team is encouraged to run a skills assessment prior to the selection of the team to aid in his/her assessment of eligible players. The manager will be given 1 wildcard pick of any eligible league player.

The Board of Directors will confirm each of the teams, managers, coaches and players.

### **Article 10 Board Positions**

1. Board members are encouraged to serve multiple years to provide continuity and strength within the League. However each board position will be voted on by the general membership at the annual general membership meeting prior to the next season starting.
2. The board must accept all letters of resignation.
3. President votes only In case of a tie.

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