



# GREENCASTLE LITTLE LEAGUE

## (MAJOR & MINOR DIVISION)

### OPERATING MANUAL

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## **1: Organization & Operating Guidelines**

Greencastle Little League (the “League”) is organized under the Greencastle Antrim Baseball/Softball Association (GABSA).

The League is chartered by Little League® Baseball in District 14, Section 7.

All GABSA and Little League® Baseball rules, regulations, and operations apply except as amended herein.

This manual addresses only the Minor and Major Divisions (ages 8-12) of the League.

The League directors will review/revise this manual annually or as necessary.

Based on expected returning players and new League registrations, the League currently plans to field 6 Major and 6 Minor Division teams this season: Team names will be based on sponsorships

## **2: Seasonal Schedule**

The League operates on the following seasonal schedule:

Registration	December - early February
Player Selection	Early March
Team Practices Begin	Early-Mid March
Regular Season Games Begin*	April 8
Regular Season Games End	June 3
Playoff games	Week of June 6
Tournament Team Selections	May 15
Little League® Tournaments	Mid June - early August

The League will schedule a minimum of 12 games per season

## **3: Residency Requirements/League Boundary**

“Residence,” “reside” and “residing” refers to a place of bona fide continuous habitation. A place of residence once established shall not be considered changed unless the parents, parent or guardian(s) makes a bona fide change of residence.

Greencastle Little League consists of all of Antrim, Montgomery, Warren, Peters, & Saint Thomas Townships, inclusive of Greencastle & Mercersburg Boroughs, as well as portions of Hamilton Township, Guilford Township, and Chambersburg Borough, located in Franklin County Pennsylvania.

Please reference...<http://www.littleleague.org/LeagueFinder.htm> to find our boundary map. Use the address 451 W. Washington St Greencastle PA 17225

A player will be deemed to reside within the League boundary if:

1. His/her parents are living together and reside within the defined League boundary, or

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2. Either of the player's parents (or his/her court appointed legal guardian) resides within the boundary.

As of the 2014 season Little League International amended its residency requirements to also allow children to play in the local league if the school that the child attends is located within the Little League approved boundary. Therefore any child who attends a school within the Little League boundary will be eligible.

### 4: Registration

All players and parent or legal guardian will complete and sign a GABSA registration form each season. Payment is required at time of registration. The GABSA Board will determine League registration fees and other fees as necessary.

League participants may be required to participate in various fundraisers throughout the season.

### 5: Levels of Competition

Playing age is determined as the player's age as of August, 31st of the current season. This is per Little League International rules. See the 2021 Little League Age Chart below

**2022 LITTLE LEAGUE AGE CHART**

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AGE
2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2018	2018	2018	2018	3
2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2017	2017	2017	2017	4
2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2016	2016	2016	2016	5
2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2015	2015	2015	2015	6
2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2014	2014	2014	2014	7
2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2013	2013	2013	2013	8
2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2012	2012	2012	2012	9
2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2011	2011	2011	2011	10
2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2010	2010	2010	2010	11
2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2009	2009	2009	2009	12
2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2008	2008	2008	2008	13
2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2007	2007	2007	2007	14
2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2006	2006	2006	2006	15
2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2005	2005	2005	2005	16

\*Players can be moved to a division either up or down at the discretion of the league chairs/directors according to safety, numbers, and what is deemed best for the league.

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## *Minor Division*

The League offers Minor Division baseball for players ages 8-11. This Division is sanctioned under the League's Little League® Charter and is subject to all Little League® Baseball rules and regulations except as amended by the League. This division is instructional with the intent of developing the skills of players to progress to the Major Division. **Managers and coaches will play all players in a fielding position at least 3 innings (9 outs) per game. If unable to play all players 3 innings due to time constraints or a shortened game, those not playing 3 innings will start the next game and play at least the first 3 innings.**

Regular season games are six complete innings or 1 hour 45 minutes (whichever comes first). No new inning may start after 1 hour 30 minutes if another game is scheduled to be played following that game- teams will complete the current inning if time allows. There will be a "drop dead" time at 1 hour 45 minutes. At 1 hour 45 minutes the current batter will finish his/her at bat and the game will immediately end. Home plate umpires will be the official timekeeper.

If a minor league game is the last game of the day there will be no new inning after 2 hours with a drop dead at 2 hours 15 minutes

Games that are called due to the time limit will revert to the score of the last completed inning (unless the home team is winning after the visitors have batted during the final inning). Game may end in a tie

Note: No new inning after 10pm for MINOR DIVISION ONLY

Teams may score up to five (5) runs per inning. After the fifth run is scored, teams will immediately switch offense/defense. (Exception: Either team may score more than five runs in the 6<sup>th</sup> or later innings if time permits.) A game is considered complete if one team leads by 15 or more runs after three innings or 10 runs after four innings

Games are player-pitch format. Base runners may steal second and third base, but are NOT PERMITTED TO STEAL HOME on a passed ball or wild pitch. Base runners MAY ADVANCE HOME on a catcher's errant throw back to the pitcher, a catcher's throw to any other position while the ball is in play, or a pitcher's throw while disengaged from the pitching rubber

All players on the team roster and present for a game will bat through the lineup (IAW Little League® Baseball Rule 4.04, Note 1) even though a player may not be in a fielding position during a particular inning.

Additional League Rules:

- No intentional walks
- A team may use 4 players in the outfield
- Slash bunting is NOT permitted
- A team must have a minimum of 9 players to begin a game, but is permitted to continue a game with 8 players if necessary

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## ***Major Division***

The League offers Major Division baseball for players ages 9-12. This Division is sanctioned under the League's Little League® Charter and is subject to all Little League® Baseball rules and regulations except as amended by the League. This league is a competitive league for players with advanced skills and understanding of the game of baseball.

There is no time limit for games in this division.

### **League Rules:**

- No intentional walks.
- No slash bunting.
- A team must have a minimum of 9 players to begin a game, but is permitted to continue a game with 8 players if necessary

## **6: Regular Season Managers & Coaches**

The GABSA Board of Directors will approve all regular season managers and coaches. Individuals interested in managing a League team (Major or Minor division) must contact a League director or member of the GABSA board NLT February 15 of each season.

If there are more candidates than manager positions available the managers will be decided by a majority vote of the Little League Committee and approved by the GABSA Board.

The League will fill manager positions for the Major and Minor Division prior to the annual player selection process.

Teams will be assigned to managers based on available sponsors. Team draft order will be drawn from a hat at a scheduled Managers meeting. Managers are not guaranteed the same team from year-to-year.

A manager may not appoint a coach until after the player selection process to avoid "Red Shirting" players through selective coaching appointments. Coaches for both divisions will be appointed/selected after player selection is complete.

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## 7: Player Selection Procedures

The League Chairperson and Player Agent are responsible for the overall management and fairness of the League player selection procedures (the “Draft”). The League will redraft all Minor and Major Division teams each year. (These Draft procedures should be reviewed after each season to determine effectiveness for balancing competition within the divisions.) The League will follow Little League® prescribed Draft procedures for an existing league planning to redraft all teams in the League (This applies to both the Major and Minor divisions).

### **Major division draft:**

The Major League draft will consist of players ages 9-12. Players can be drafted in any round based on skill level regardless of age. 9-10 Year olds will be placed in the Major League draft at the discretion of the Little League committee or request of the parent(s). One requirement is that all 12 year olds must be drafted to a Major League team. GABSA will use the Plan A Option 2 of the Little League Operating Manual for draft rules.

Draft order will be determined by a random drawing as mentioned above, and a snake draft will be held with the team holding the 1<sup>st</sup> overall pick, picking last in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round

**No team can have more than eight players in any given age group.**

Draft Options for sons, daughters and siblings are as follows:

1. Sons/Daughters of Managers – Prior to draft order being determined, managers will assign a grade to the son/daughter of each manager based on what round they think that player would go in if they weren't a managers son/daughter. The player agent will average the grades of each player and that will be the round that they will need to be selected. Managers with a child who got a 1<sup>st</sup> round grade will be slotted at the bottom of the 1<sup>st</sup> round. The LL committee has the power to make changes as they deem necessary
2. Brothers/Sisters in the Draft - When there are two or more siblings in the Draft, and the first brother or sister is drafted by a manager in rounds 1-3, that manager automatically will draft the other brother/sister in round 4. For Brothers/Sisters drafted in rounds 4 or after, the other sibling is required to be drafted in the next round.

### ***Minor Division Draft***

The Minor Division Draft will draft the remaining pool of eligible 9, 10, and 11 year olds not drafted to a Major Division team. Draft order will be determined by a random drawing as mentioned above, and a snake draft will be held with the team holding the 1<sup>st</sup> overall pick, picking last in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round, 1<sup>st</sup> in the 3<sup>rd</sup> round and so on.

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Brothers/Sisters in the Draft - When there are two or more siblings in the Minor Division Draft, and the first brother or sister is drafted by a manager, that manager must draft the other brother(s)/sister(s) in immediate successive rounds. Siblings must play for the same team within a division.

## **8: Umpires**

Each Major and Minor Division game will have a two-person umpire crew. The home plate umpire will be a Little League® certified umpire. The base umpire will be a manager/coach who shall remain for the entirety of the game.

Every team in both divisions will be responsible for providing a base umpire volunteer for specific games as assigned by the League. There are no exceptions to this rule. Team managers failing to supply an umpire may be subject to disciplinary action including suspension. The volunteer base umpires may consist only of managers, coaches, and volunteers approved by the League. Umpires must be at least 16 years of age and should be knowledgeable of the game.

As much as possible, Major Division teams will base umpire Minor Division games and Minor Division teams will base umpire Major Division games. There may be needed exceptions to this rule.

The League Championship series games will have two-person Little League® certified umpiring crews, preferably from the Little League® certified umpire pool used during the regular season.

Umpire “No Show”: Should only one umpire show for a game, he/she is permitted to umpire the game alone. Any manager, coach, or other individual offering to assist with umpiring the game must be agreed upon by both managers before the start of the game.

The home plate umpire will receive \$50 per game plus a large drink.

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## 9: Scorekeeping & Pitch Count

Each team is responsible for supplying an official scorekeeper for the game. Lineups must be exchanged prior to the start of the game. It is recommended but not required that both scorekeepers be in the press box for the duration of the game.

Scorekeepers should agree on hits, errors, pitch count etc. for the official record. The Home team will keep the official scorebook.

Pitch count must be recorded by the scorekeepers and checked at the completion of each half-inning or as the umpire and/or managers request. Each team must also have a manager or coach track pitch count in the dugout. Pitch counters will be provided to each manager as part of team equipment distribution. **A team manager/coach must sign the Pitch Log after each game.**

The Home team is responsible for providing a volunteer who is 16 or older to run the scoreboard

The winning team can report the game to The Record Herald via email ([news@therecordherald.com](mailto:news@therecordherald.com)) or phone (762-2151). Report the score, winning pitcher, number of strikeouts, any player with two or more hits, and game highlights.

## 10: Major/Minor Division Championship Series

The League Championship Series will be a single elimination tournament with all teams involved. In the event of an odd number of teams, the regular season champion will get a 1<sup>st</sup> round bye. Tie to be determined first by head to head record and then runs allowed.

The League will provide 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place trophies after the championship series.

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## **11: Little League® Tournament Teams**

The League will determine the potential for fielding Little League® sanctioned tournament teams and other League supported All-Star teams each season based on number of available players, player talent, and approval from the GABSA Board for financial support. Final decision to field teams representing the League resides with the League directors and GABSA Board.

### ***Participation***

To participate on a tournament team representing the League in a Little League® Baseball sanctioned tournament, players must supply the team manager with the original birth certificate and residency or school attendance must be verified according to Little League regulations

### ***Manager Selection***

Nominations for managers of the tournament teams will be taken during the regular season. Tournament teams managers and coaches must have served as a manager or coach during the regular season. The appointment of tournament team managers will be decided by vote of the League directors and managers. The votes will be tabulated by the League directors.

All tournament team managers **MUST** attend two of the District 14 umpire clinics prior to the season

Each manager will select two coaches and present their names to the board for approval. The manager will be responsible for distributing team uniforms and any playing fee that is necessary.

### ***Player Selection***

Up to eleven players will be voted for each team. It is important that each player will be available to the team throughout the entire tournament season.

#### **11/12 Year Old Team(s)**

“A” Team – This team will be selected by vote of Board members (5 points), Major division managers and coaches (5 points), and 11/12 year-old players (1 point). The top 11 vote getters will make the team. The manager may choose to add additional players IAW Little League® rules and regulations. This team will play in the Little League® sanctioned District 14 tournament striving to win the Little League® World Series.

“B” Team – A 2<sup>nd</sup> vote will be tallied for up to 11 players for this team. The manager may choose to add additional players IAW Clarence Boyd Tournament rules and regulations. This team will play in the District 14 Clarence Boyd Tournament (no further advancement possible)

#### **10/11 Year-Old Team**

“A” Team – This team will be selected by vote of Board Members / League directors (5 points), Major or Minor division managers (5 points). The top 11 vote getters will make the team. The team may include players from both divisions. The manager may choose to add additional players IAW Little League® rules and regulations. This team will play in the Little League® sanctioned 10/11-Year-Old Tournament striving to win the 10/11 Year-Old Pennsylvania Little League® State Championship.

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## **9/10 Year Old Team(s)**

“A” Team – This team will be selected by vote of Board Members / League directors (5 points) and Major or Minor division managers (5 points). The top 11 vote getters will make the team. The team may include players from both divisions. The manager may choose to add additional players IAW Little League® rules and regulations. This team will play in the Little League® sanctioned 9/10 Year Old Tournament striving to win the 9/10 Year Old Pennsylvania Little League® State Championship.

“B” Team – A 2<sup>nd</sup> vote will be tallied for up to 11 players for this team. The team can include players from both divisions. The manager may choose to add additional players IAW Clarence Boyd Tournament rules and regulations. This team will play in the District 14 Clarence Boyd Tournament.

NOTE: In the event that a voter qualifies under two of the above titles, his/her vote will only count for 5 points total.

NOTE: If a player is voted on to more than one Little League Tournament team, the player and his parents will have the choice as to which team the player will be a part of.

## **12: Local Tournaments & Travel Teams**

### ***Local Tournaments***

The League will only field/sponsor teams in local tournaments after the completion of the regular season and completion of or elimination from Little League® sanctioned or Clarence Boyd tournaments.

### ***Travel Teams***

Any participation on other tournament, all-star, or travel teams by League managers, coaches, or players during or after the regular season is at the discretion of the individual(s) and is not sponsored by the League. These teams **WILL NOT** represent the League, be insured by the League, receive funds from the League, or be authorized use of GABSA facilities/fields unless approved by the GABSA Board. Participation in such activities will not interfere with League sponsored regular season games or tournament teams.

**GABSA is dedicated to providing a quality Little League baseball program for the youth of Greencastle, ages 4-18.**

**GABSA seeks to help its players develop their baseball skills, love for the game, teamwork, sportsmanship and their character.**