



Bellevue East Little League Bylaws 2019

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2 Local Rules Overview

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Bellevue East Little League (hereinafter referred to as BELL) shall be officially governed by the rules and regulations described below for the 2019 season:

1. The Official Regulations and Playing Rules for all Divisions of Little League Baseball (also known as the “Green Book”) and Official Regulations and Playing Rules for all Divisions of Little League Softball (also known as “Orange Book”).
2. The Operating Manual of Little League Baseball and Softball.
3. District 9 Administrator’s Official Interpretations and Rules.
4. BELL League Constitution.
5. BELL Local League Rules for Baseball and Softball.

BELL shall not institute any rules or policies, at any time that conflict with the rules and regulations outlined in any of the approved publications listed above.

Inquiries, questions and/ or complaints by members, players, managers, and/ or coaches should be submitted, in writing, to the appropriate Player’s Agent for their respective Division of Play. The Players Agent shall then be responsible for reporting the matter to the appropriate BELL Vice President and/ or President. The BELL Board of Directors, as well as the District Administrator (or the responsible Assistant District Administrator) for District 9 shall be contacted, as necessary, after the appropriate Player Agent and League Officers have been notified , and have been given a reasonable timeframe to resolve the inquiry to the satisfaction of all parties involved. A reasonable time frame shall be considered forty-eight (48) hours or less.

Disputes, by any party, taken directly to Little League headquarters in Williamsport, VA or to the Western Regional Center in San Bernardino, CA shall automatically be referred back to the District Administrator for District 9, and in turn back to the BELL President.



3 Player Administration

3.1 Player Registration

All players must be properly registered with BELL prior to the start of the season. Registrations for Tee Ball, Softball and Undrafted-Divisions of Baseball shall open, online and offline, the first week of November and run through to approximately the second week of March. Registrations for Drafted-Divisions of Baseball shall open, online and offline, the first week of November and shall run through to approximately the first week of February. In addition to using the BELL online registration system, players may also register offline at BELL sponsored recruiting assemblies, by mail, during our winter clinics, and/ or at the time of player evaluations. Registrations received after closing dates may be subject to waiting room status.

Drafted-Division players, who register after evaluations have been completed for their designate Division of Play, but prior to the commencement of 2019 season may be placed on a waiting list; where waiting list applicants may or may not be assigned to a team. BELL makes every effort to accommodate all late applications; however registration numbers at a particular division of play may prohibit some applicants from being accepted. In such cases where multiple late applications are placed on waiting list for the same division of play, BELL shall assign applicants according to the calendar order in which their registrations were received. Should a late applicant refuse the assigned opportunity, they will be removed from the waiting list and the next applicant shall be assigned accordingly.

All required paperwork, including but not limited to registration form, medical release form, proof of residency, proof of age, and/ or other required documents must be completed and signed by the player's parent(s) and/ or legal guardian and be submitted to BELL prior to any registered player being able to take part in any BELL practices and/ or games.

3.2 Player Scholarships

Each year, BELL offers a limited number of scholarships to players whose families may be experiencing financial hardship. To apply for a scholarship, members can download the scholarship application available on the BELL website (www.bellevueeastll.org), or request a scholarship application by contacting the BELL Registrar at registrations@bellevueeastll.org.

Scholarship applications must meet minimum requirements, including participation in the Bellevue School Board Free and/ or Reduced Lunch Program.

With the exception of special interest partnership applications, an administrative fee of \$25 must accompany all scholarship applications.



3.3 League Boundary

To register with BELL for any tee ball, baseball and/or softball programs, players must live within, or attend a school within the approved BELL boundary, as marked on the included map.



Limited Exceptions may be granted for players residing outside the established BELL boundary due to special circumstances, however such exceptions require the express written approval of District 9 and Little League of America.

If a member is unsure whether their home address and/ or school falls within the established BELL boundary, they may visit the official Little League or America website at <http://www.littleleaguewa.org/find-your-league> determine their approved local league.

Note: League boundary rules are specified in Official Regulations and Playing Rules - Green Book for baseball and/ or Yellow Book for softball.

3.4 League Age and Proof of Player Eligibility

Player eligibility is established by the then current location of the player's primary residence, and/ or the school where the player is currently registered, and by his or her "league age." Regulations and guidelines for establishing and authenticating player eligibility and league age are documented in the Official Regulations and Playing Rules for Little League Baseball and Softball.

A player's League Age is calculated as follows:

- **Baseball:** As of 2016, a player's league age shall be determined as follows:
 - Players born on or after January 1, 2006 shall use the age determination date of December 31 of the then current year.
 - Players born on or after May 1, 2005 and on or before August 31, 2005 shall be of special consideration as per the Little League Age Chart.
 - Players born prior to January 1, 2006 shall continue to use the age determination date of April 30 of the then current year.
- **Softball:** A player's league age is the age that she has attained on December 31 of the previous year (that is, the December prior to the then current season). For example, for the 2015 season, a player's league age would be determined by their actual age on December 31, 2014.



Little League provides an online League Age Determination calculator at:

<https://www.littleleague.org/play-little-league/determine-league-age/>

3.5 Provisions for the Release of a Player

BELL reserves the right to release a player at any time during a season for just cause. The following may be considered as acceptable conditions of just cause for a player's release:

1. Extreme health issues and/ or injury.
2. Excessive and/ or repeated disciplinary issues.
3. Safety to the player, and/ or players around him/ her.
4. Poor attendance at practices and/ or games (less than 50% attendance).
5. Failure of player and/ or parent(s) and/ or legal guardians to obey local and/ or State laws.

When a team Manager experiences one or more of these causes with a player, the Manager must provide the player, the player's parent(s) and/ or legal guardians, and the Player Agent with a formal warning, describing the issue(s) in detail. The Player Agent shall then direct the matter to the Vice President of Rules & Ethics accordingly for further consideration and action.

A player who is released by BELL, for just cause, may not return to play for a BELL team for the remainder of the season of which they were released.

3.6 Permanent Replacement of Player - Baseball and Softball

In the event that a team permanently loses a player, or players, over the course of the season, BELL shall adhere to the guidelines defined in the Little League Official Regulations and Player Rules (Green Book for baseball, Yellow Book for softball) for the promotion of replacement players.

In such cases, the BELL Player Agent for the division of the affected team shall manage all aspects of replacement player selection and assignment in accordance with these guidelines.

3.7 Loaner Player Pool

Following team selections, the BELL Board of Directors may elect to establish a Loaner Pool of players, for one and/ or multiple Divisions of Play, for the purpose of providing temporary substitute players for teams that are unable to field a full roster for a specific game.

Note: The loaner player pool is effective for a single game only; where temporary replacement players are used. The guidelines for the permanent replacement of players is defined in section 3.6.

1. The Loaner Pool shall be administered by the Player Agent for the applicable Division(s) of Play.

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- (i) The Player Agent shall maintain a Loaner Pool of registered players who have volunteered (managers/ coaches gather names during initial week(s) of season) to play as a replacement player if/ as needed.
 - (ii) The roster of Loaner Pool players shall be organized in a way that the Player Agent can move from player to player in a pre-established order; so as to randomize the selection process and prevent the selection of replacement players based on player quality. Whether the Loaner Pool is structured alphabetically, by order in which the players volunteered, or by some other arbitrary order is up to the Player Agent.
 - (iii) Loaner Pool players for the Minors division can play up a level (e.g., AA can play AAA) only within the Minors Division.
 - (iv) Loaner Pool players for Major division teams must be active Majors division players. No Minors division Loaner Pool players may play up to a Majors division team.
 - (v) When need arises for a Loaner player, the team manager shall advise the appropriate Player Agent and the manager of the opposing team. In turn, once a Loaner Pool player is selected, the Player Agent shall notify the managers of both teams with the player's name and age.
2. The Loaner Pool is in effect for regular season games only.
 3. Loaner Pool players must play nine consecutive outs and have at least one at-bat per game. This is stipulated by both the Green Book for baseball, and Yellow Book for softball.
 4. Loaner Pool players may not pitch.
 5. Loaner Pool players in the Minors Division cannot be assigned to a game on a day when the team they are permanently on roster for is scheduled to play. Specifically, Loaner Pool players cannot play two games in a single day, nor can they skip a scheduled game with their permanent team in order to play as a Loaner Pool player. This rule is not in effect for Majors division Loaner Pool players.

3.8 Medical Reinstatement

Any player, who misses more than seven (7) calendar days of the regular season, due to illness or injury, must provide a written medical release from their physician or accredited medical provider stating the reason why the player experienced the absence, and confirmation that the player may return to the active roster of a team for practices and/ or games.

3.9 Refund Policy

If a player withdraws from the BELL program, refunds will be administered as follows:

- Withdrawal prior to player evaluations – 100% refund of registration, less \$25 administrative fee.
- Withdrawal after player evaluations – 50% refund of registration, less a \$25 administrative fee.
- Withdrawal after draft and team assignment – No refund of registration.

Any requests for registration refunds must be submitted by members to the BELL Director of Registrations using the official BELL Refund Request Form (available online on the BELL website). The BELL Director of Registrations shall then work with the Treasurer to complete any approved refunds.



3.10 Player Evaluations

Each year BELL conducts in-depth player evaluations for the drafted levels of baseball and softball, typically players that are league age 8 and older, to ensure proper placement of each player within the most appropriate Division of Play, while attempting to achieve competitive parity across teams within the same Division. Players are evaluated for running, throwing, catching, fielding, and batting skills. Pitcher and catcher-specific evaluations are held in addition to the general skills evaluations.

All registered players, league age 8 through 16, will be notified via email of the date(s), time(s) and location(s) of their evaluations with at least ten (10) days advance notice.

All registered players, league age 8 and older, must attend an evaluation before they can be assigned to a Division of Play and/ or a team. Players unable to attend initial evaluations may not be placed within a Division, or on a team unless 1) they attend the pre-scheduled makeup evaluation(s), 2) they contact BELL to arrange a private evaluation, or 3) they make arrangements with the appropriate Player Agent for their projected Division of Play to bypass evaluations due to illness and/ or injury.

Players who fail to attend any evaluation, or who do not make appropriate arrangements with a BELL Player Agent may be deferred to a waiting list.

The BELL Player Evaluations Guidelines are defined within Addendum A of this document.

3.11 Team Selection Process

The selection of teams, for each season, shall be based on the league age of a player, and the ability of a player as determined through the BELL evaluations process. BELL makes every attempt to ensure that all players who register on or prior to the date of team selection(s) are placed on a team. However, changes may be required following team selection(s), at the discretion of the Player Agent.

Parents may submit a formal request to the appropriate Player Agent to petition for siblings to play on the same team. BELL shall make every effort to accommodate such requests, subject to terms and conditions defined in the Level of Play policy.

The BELL Team Selection/ draft process is defined within Addendum B of this document.

3.12 Player Trades

The trading of players, actively assigned to a team, after completion of the formal draft is not permitted except if essential under exceptional circumstance. All trade requests must be submitted to the appropriate Player Agent for the corresponding Division of Play. All trade requests will be reviewed by the Executive Board, and require written approval from the BELL League President.

3.13 All-Star Tournament Team Selection Process

The BELL All-Star Tournament Team Selection process is defined within Addendum C of this document.



3.14 Confidentiality of Player Information

BELL maintains strict policy specific to the confidentiality of player information with respect to evaluation scores, player rankings, division and team placements, and selection committee voting for any All-Star Tournament team(s). Players, their parents and/ or legal guardians shall, under no circumstance, be made privy to any of the above confidential information. The unauthorized dissemination of any such information by a BELL Board Member, evaluator, manager or coach may result in the immediate suspension and/ or dismissal of the offending party from the league.

3.15 Baseball Divisions

BELL offers Little League Baseball programs across seven (7) age Divisions, as outlined in the following table. In addition to Senior, Junior, and Majors Divisions of Play, BELL provides five (5) Minor and/ or instructional Divisions of Play; Coast, Triple A, Double A, Single A, and Tee Ball.

Note: All drafted-level players, age eight (8) and up, who register for baseball will be evaluated and assigned to a division of play based on age and ability. BELL makes every effort to achieve competitive parity across all teams within the same division.

Table: BELL Baseball Divisions

Division of Play	League Age	Notes & Description
Seniors Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 15 - 16 years of age. A 14 year old can petition to play Seniors Division, but must attend 15 year old player evaluations. All players who register for the Seniors Division will be evaluated and assigned based on age and ability; then assigned to a team based on competitive balance. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Players use a conventional 90-foot diamond with a pitching distance of 60 feet, 6 inches. Teams interlock with other District 9 Seniors teams for regular season play. Post-season District and State All-Star Tournaments. Regional Tournament and the Senior League Baseball World Series (players must play in 60% of regular season league games to be eligible for All-Stars)
Juniors Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 13 - 14 years of age. A 12 year-old can petition to play Juniors Division, but must attend 13 year old player evaluations. All players who register for Juniors Division will be evaluated and assigned based 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Players use a conventional 80 or 90-foot diamond. Teams interlock with other District 9 Juniors teams for regular season play. Includes Junior Championship Tournament and post-season District and State All-Star Tournaments.

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Division of Play	League Age	Notes & Description
	on age and ability; then assigned to a team based on competitive parity.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Players must play at least 60% of regular season league games to qualify for All-Stars tournament.
Majors Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11 - 12 years of age. A 10 year-old can petition to play Majors division, but must attend Majors player evaluations. 12 year olds must play Majors Division. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Player pitch; 2 to 3 games per week. End of season league tournament. End of season Bellevue City tournament. Post season District and State All-Star tournaments for 11 - 12 year olds; Regional tournament and LL World Series. Players must play at least 60% of regular season league games to qualify for All-Stars tournament.
Minors Division - Coast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 - 11 years of age. A 9-year-old can petition to play AAA Division, but must attend evaluations. All 10 year-old will play Coast unless a parent petitions the Player Agent to "play down" to AAA. Assignment to AAA- requires BELL Board approval and is granted based on safety considerations and space availability. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Player pitch; 2 to 3 games per week. End of season league tournament (double elimination). End of season Bellevue City Tournament (double elimination) Post season District and State All-Star tournaments for 9/10 year olds and for 11 year olds. Players must play at least 60% of regular season league games to qualify for All-Stars tournament.
Minors Division – Triple A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8 – 9 years of age. A 7 year-old may petition to play up to AAA Division, but must attend evaluations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Player pitch; 2 games per week. End of season league tournament. End of season Bellevue City Tournament.
Minors Division – Double A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7 years of age. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coach/ mechanical machine pitch; 2 games per week.
Minors Division – Single A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 years of age. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coach/ mechanical machine pitch; 2 games per week.
Tee ball	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 - 5 years of age. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Combined practice/ game one day per week (Saturdays). Team assignment based on friend/ schoolmate requests and/ or buddy system.



3.16 Softball Divisions

BELL offers Little League Softball programs across seven (7) age Divisions, as outlined in the chart below. In addition to Senior, Junior, and Majors Divisions of Play, BELL provides five (5) Minor and/ or instructional Divisions of play; Coast, Triple A, Double A, Single A, and Tee Ball.

Note: All drafted-level players, age eight (8) and up, who register for softball will be evaluated and assigned to a Division of Play based on age and ability. BELL makes every effort to achieve competitive parity across all teams within the same Division.

Table: BELL Softball Divisions

Division	League Age	Notes & Description
Seniors Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 - 16 years of age. • A 14 year-old can petition to play up to Seniors Division. • Players must attend evaluations. • Team assignments are based on skill evaluations and creative competitive parity. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Player pitch; 2 games per week. • Interlock with other D9 leagues for regular and post season play. • Stealing, bunting and sliding allowed. • Pitch from 43 feet and use a 12-inch softball. • Game scores are kept, but no league standings. • End of season Bellevue City Tournament.
Juniors Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 13 - 14 years of age. • A 12 year-old can petition to play up to Juniors Division. • Players must attend evaluations. • Team assignments are based on skill evaluations and creative competitive parity. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Player pitch; 2 games per week. • Interlock with other D9 leagues for regular and post season play. • Stealing, bunting and sliding allowed. • Pitch from 43 feet and use a 12-inch softball. • Game scores are kept, but no league standings. • Post-season District and State All-Star tournaments. Regional Tournament and the Junior League Softball World Series. • Players must play in 60% of regular season league games to be eligible for All-Stars.
Majors Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11 - 12 years of age. • A 10 year-old can petition to play up to Majors Division. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Player pitch; 2-3 games per week. • Interlock with other D9 leagues for regular and post season play. • Stealing, bunting and sliding allowed.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Players must attend evaluations. • Team assignments are based on skill evaluations and creative competitive parity. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pitch from 40 feet and use a 12-inch softball. • Game scores are kept. • Post-season District and State All-Star tournaments for 11 and 12 year olds • Players must play in 60% of regular season league games to be eligible for All-Stars.
Minors Division - Coast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 - 11 year olds. • A 9 year-old can petition to play up to the Coast division. • Players must attend evaluations. • Team assignments are based on skill evaluations and creative competitive parity. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Player pitch; 2-3 games per week. • Standard “walk” and “strike out” rules apply. Bunting and sliding are permitted. • Game scores are kept. • Pitch from 35 feet and use an 11-inch softball. • Interlock with other D9 leagues for regular and post season play. • Post-season District and State All-Star tournaments for 10 and 11 year olds • Players must play in 60% of regular season league games to be eligible for All-Stars.
Minors Division -Triple A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 - 9 year-olds. • A 7 year-old with can petition to play up to the Coast Division. • Players must attend evaluations. • Team assignments are based on skill evaluations and creative competitive parity. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 games per week. • Coach/ Player Pitch. • Players pitch until count reaches either 3 strikes or 4 balls. At ball four, that batter’s coach takes over but keeps the player’s count. Unlimited balls, but the umpire continues calling strikes. • Girls will pitch from 30 feet and use a safety softball. • Interlock with other D9 leagues for regular season play. • 4 run limit/inning, but unlimited runs in the 6th inning. • 3 strikes/out, or 10 pitches. • 3 outs retires the side. • Team assignment by the buddy system (as space permits). Parents register for a division based on age



Division	League Age	Notes & Description
		and preference, and players may request a specified friend.
Minors Division - Single-A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7-8 year olds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 games per week. Coach pitch.
Minors Division - Double-A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6-7 year olds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 games per week. Coach pitch.
Coed Tee Ball	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4-5 year olds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Combined practice/ game one day per week (Saturdays). Team assignment based on friend/ schoolmate requests and/ or buddy system.

3.17 Policy for the Use of Waivered Composite Bats

Little League International has instituted standard policy, as defined online at <http://www.littleleague.org/learn/equipment/baseballbatinfo/overviewbackground.htm>, effective on December 30, 2010 (Major and Minor Divisions), and September 29, 2010 (Juniors, Seniors, Big League Divisions), that prohibits the use of composite bats at all levels and divisions of Little League Baseball.

Under this policy, no composite bat may be used during any Little League Baseball game or practice unless Little League International has issued a waiver for the bat from moratorium. Little League International has issued waivers for select composite bats. These waived bats are permitted for use during Little League baseball games, such that they meet existing requirements for bats. Little League International maintains a list of waived composite bats online at:

<http://www.littleleague.org/learn/equipment/licensedcompositebats.htm>.

This policy does not apply to Little League Softball.

Accordingly, BELL has instituted the following policies and procedures to audit bat usage as follows:

- Baseball Divisions Double-A, Triple-A, Coast, Majors, Juniors and Seniors:**
 - Managers, coaches and players shall have all bats and helmets lined up outside the team dugout 10 minutes prior to the scheduled start time of a game. The umpire shall remove all prohibited helmets and/ or bats, including all composite bats, from the dugout; where removed helmets and/ or bats shall be prohibited for use during the game.
 - A composite bat that has been removed from play may be reinstated at such time that the manager, coach or player provides written documentation that the bat has received a waiver from Little League International. A printed list of waived bats, provided by Little League International, is an acceptable form of documentation.



- The umpire's determination of the suitability of helmets and/ or bats for use in a game is final.
- **Baseball Division Single-A:**
 - Manager and coaches are responsible for ensuring that all helmets and bats in use by any player are legal for use in all respects.

4 Managers and Coaches

4.1 Managers / Coaches Eligibility & Commitment

As a condition of service, all managers and coaches must annually complete and submit an official "Little League Volunteer Application" to BELL. Annual background screenings shall be completed prior to the applicant assuming his/ her duties as manager and/ or coach for the then current season. Refusal and/ or failure to submit a fully completed volunteer application will result in the immediate dismissal of the individual from the BELL program.

All BELL managers and/ or coaches and/ or assistant coaches are, at a minimum, required to attend at least one (1) District 9 and/ or BELL sanctioned coaching clinic, and one (1) BELL safety/ first aid clinic.

All manager and coaching candidates are required to attend and participate in at least thirty percent (30%) of BELL winter clinics and training sessions. Exceptions may be granted by the BELL Board of Directors as needed to fulfill vacant manager and/ or coaching positions, and/ or to accommodate new candidates (e.g., new coach recently relocated to the BELL boundary).

4.2 Required Forms

Managers must collect and retain (for the entire season) fully-completed forms from all players, as required by Little League and/ or the BELL Board of Directors.

The following forms are required:

- The official "Little League Baseball and Softball Medical Release," signed by a parent and/or legal guardian, for each player on his/her roster before the player is allowed to participate in any practices or games. Managers, or their designees, must retain such forms for the full duration of the season, including any post-season tournaments, and have them available at each practice and/ or game.
- Each manager and/ or coach must review and accept, via signature, the BELL Coaches Code of Conduct, and must carry this agreement with them throughout the season.
- A Copy of the BELL League Managers and Coaches Curriculum Handbook, signed by manager and/ or coaches, to signify that it has been read and fully understood and agreed to.



4.3 Volunteer Management

All managers and/ or coaches must ensure that any adult volunteer assisting their team has been approved by the BELL Board of Directors. Only approved volunteers may assist with any BELL sponsored event or activity including camps, practices and/ or games. Managers, coaches and/ or assistant coaches who fail to verify the approval status of any volunteer, and who subsequently permit unapproved volunteers to assist in any way, will be suspended for a minimum of 2 games and/ or practices. Repeated offenses may result in longer term suspension and/ or termination from the league.

Managers, within the first week of each season, are required to conduct a parent meeting to go over information related to the upcoming season, review rules, set team expectations, and to recruit volunteers. A volunteer signup sheet will be included with each coaching packet provided by BELL. Each team is required to maintain, at a minimum, two (2) to three (3) active and approved volunteers through the season to assist the team with events, activities and functions such as umpiring and scorekeeping.

4.4 Rules and Regulations

Managers and coaches must familiarize themselves with and abide by the Official Regulations and Playing Rules set forth in the Green Book for Baseball, and/ or the Yellow Book for Softball, with BELL's local league rules and policies, and with any applicable District 9 Interlock rules determined for the then current season of play.

4.5 Use of Unauthorized Players

Any BELL manager, coach, assistant coach or BELL Board Member who allows an unauthorized player from another regular season team to play in a tournament, play-off, league championship, or other special game, will be immediately terminated from BELL. "Stacking" of teams will not be permitted under any circumstance.

A Team that is short of players may draw a player from the Loaner Player pool, as long as the approved rules and conditions for utilizing a Loaner Pool player are adhered to.

In such case where a team is unable to field the minimum number of players for a game, the Manager shall a) forfeit the game, b) postpone the game time, or c) reschedule the game accordingly.

4.6 Dugout Attendance

Little League rules state that a maximum of three (3) BELL approved adults are permitted in a dugout at any one time, during any game, with the players. Typically, the manager and two (2) coaches will administer the dugout; however in the absence of either the manager or a coach, a BELL approved volunteer parent may substitute.

Managers and coaches are required to follow all dugout and on-field rules set forth in the official Little League Green Book for baseball, and/ or Yellow Book for softball.



4.7 Manager / Coach Term and Termination

All BELL managers and coaches serve under year to year terms, without tenure. Any person interested in managing or coaching should notify the BELL Board of Directors to attain information on the requirements and expectations for coaching a BELL team. The BELL President, along with the Vice President of baseball and/ or the Vice President of softball will review and vet candidates'; presenting their recommendations to the Board for final approval.

BELL managers and coaches must meet the minimum training requirements set forth by the BELL Board of Directors.

Any manager or coach who intentionally or unintentionally 1) violates the rules and regulations of Little League, and/ or 2) violates the rules, regulations and character set forth by BELL, and/ or violates reasonable expectations of sportsmanship, leadership and/ or behavior may be subject to disciplinary action, suspension, and/ or termination.

5 Umpires

5.1 BELL Umpire Program

BELL actively administers a program to recruit, train and allocate volunteer umpires to support AAA, Coast, Majors, Juniors and Seniors divisions of play for both baseball and softball.

The BELL Umpire-in-Chief (UIC) directs and administers the BELL umpire program as a member of the Board of Directors.

BELL is working to improve their umpire program through enhanced recruiting, training and appreciation of volunteer umpires; both at a youth and adult level.

BELL is working with local high schools, colleges and other organizations comprised of youths and young adults between the ages of 16 to 21, to determine potential participation in the league umpire program. Additionally, BELL is working to increase participation in the umpire program at the member level, holding beginner and advanced training and clinics throughout the winter and spring months; particularly while players are in attendance of BELL sanctioned events.



5.2 Umpire Administration

Umpire-in-Chief (UIC)

The Umpire-in-Chief (UIC) shall direct and administer the BELL umpire program, reporting program status regularly to the Board of Directors. The duties and responsibilities of the BELL UIC shall include, but not be limited to the following:

- Annual recruiting of new and returning umpires for the forthcoming season.
- Organize and provide umpire training and clinics for new and returning umpires during the winter and spring periods.
- Manage League umpire equipment and order/ replace equipment and uniforms as needed.
- Coordinate the distribution, accounting, and recovery of League equipment.
- Ensure the selection, coordination and supervision of divisional umpire coordinators for AAA, Coast, Majors, Juniors, and Seniors baseball and softball divisions.
- Ensure the appointment of team umpire coordinators and provide guidelines for their duties and responsibilities.
- Administer the League umpire scheduling via the online Arbiter system.
- Maintain and manage communications and activities with the District 9 umpire organization.
- Attend new and innovative umpire trainings as available and implement such trainings into the BELL program.
- Participate on the BELL Rules & Ethics Committee to iteratively review and revise League rules and policies as necessary.

Divisional Umpire Coordinators (DUC)

Divisional Umpire Coordinators (DUC) for AAA, Coast, Majors, Juniors and Seniors Baseball and Softball are recruited, trained and managed by the UIC. Each DUC shall report directly to the BELL UIC. The duties and responsibilities for each BELL DUC shall include the following:

- Serve as a resource for the Team Umpires Coordinators in each division.
- Use the Arbiter system daily to check umpire assignments and schedules so as to identify and resolve potential issues in advance.
- Create and submit to the UIC weekly reports specific to umpire-related issues.
- Create and submit to the UIC weekly reports specific to instances of inappropriate and/ or unruly behavior by managers, coaches, parents and/ or umpires.
- Provide both positive and negative feedback to umpires.
- Assist the UIC in recruiting and managing umpires as needed.

Team Umpire Coordinators (TUC)

Team Umpire Coordinators (TUC) are approved volunteers, recruited by individual team managers and/ or coaches to assist with ensuring teams have umpires at every game. The duties and responsibilities for each team TUC shall include the following:



- Assist manager and/ or coaches to ensure that a minimum of two (2) umpires (one plate umpire and one base umpire) are scheduled for each home game.
- Sign, as needed, any volunteer forms, school or community service forms, or other forms for umpires.
- Ensure that there is proper protective equipment available for home plate umpires, and that umpires wear proper protection as required. Umpire gear is available either via the team manager, or within the BELL green box located at each home field. Each team may determine if the manager or TUC will transport and manage umpire equipment through the season.
- Communicate with DUCs, as needed, regarding any umpire-related issues that may arise.
- Create and submit to the UIC weekly reports specific to instances of inappropriate and/ or unruly behavior by managers, coaches, parents and/ or umpires.
- Provide both positive and negative feedback to umpires.

6 Members and Parents

The active involvement of BELL parents and/ or legal guardians (members) is essential to the success BELL as a league. Accordingly, it is critical that all members remain well informed on matters regarding their players' team(s), the league, District 9, and Little League in general.

6.1 Volunteer Opportunities

As a volunteer-administered league, BELL relies significantly on the active participation of parents and/ or legal guardians each year to assist with a range of tasks, at both the team and league level. Accordingly, BELL has allocated a designated role on its Board of Directors to deal specifically with the recruiting, vetting, guidance and administration of volunteers. In addition to working directly with approved volunteers, the BELL Volunteers Liaison will work with managers and coaches to ensure adequate communications and organization specific to volunteers' involvement.

6.2 Mandatory Parent/ Legal Guardian Meetings

Within the first week of each season, managers for each BELL team, at every Division of Play, are required to conduct a parent meeting to communicate team and league policies, expectations, activities, schedules, and other key points of information. Additionally, these meetings are to be used to gather volunteers (and volunteer forms), and recruit parents and/ or legal guardians to assist in various functions throughout the season such as umpiring and scorekeeping.

Managers and/ or coaches will receive information packets from the league to hand out to parents and/ or legal guardians, and are encouraged to take the time to readily prepare additional information pieces such as printed practice and game schedules, team rosters and contacts, field names and locations, team rules, etc.



6.3 Expectations of Parents and/ or Legal Guardians

Parents, in partnership with managers, coaches, assistant coaches and board members are expected to demonstrate a level of interest, engagement and behavior to ensure the league, and each team function perform at the highest level. This includes, but is not limited to the following:

- Abide by schedules for practices, games and/ or events as provided by team managers and/ or coaches.
- Notify managers and/ or coaches of players' absence prior to the start of any practices and/ or games.
- Ensure the players arrive prepared and on time for all practices and/ or games. This includes wearing proper attire for practices, and uniforms for games.
- Be on location prior to the scheduled conclusion of any practices and/ or games to retrieve players in a timely manner.
- Be accessible by phone, text message and/ or email for important notifications.
- Ensure that players have adequate liquids and/ or nutrition for each practice and/ or game.
- Assist managers and/ or coaches with any preparation of fields as needed (e.g., raking of infield, chalking of base/ foul lines, marking of pitchers circles, etc.).
- Practice good citizenship while attending practices and/ or games. Reinforce positive performance while refraining from negative, offensive and/ or abusive language and/ or behavior.
- Know that verbal and/ or physical assaults on managers, coaches, umpires and/ or players will not be tolerated at any time, and may result in ejection from the event.

7 SAFETY CODE

Following are the general safety rules and practices for BELL for the season. To review the approved BELL ASAP Safety Program in its entirety, please view the "Bellevue East Little League Safety Manual & Code of Conduct for Managers and Coaches and Players" located on the BELL website.

7.1 General League Conduct & Behavioral Policies

- Profanity and/ or offensive language shall not be tolerated by any manager, coach, assistant coach, umpire or player. Parents and/ or guardians using profanity and/ or offensive language shall be immediately asked to refrain from using such language, and may be ejected from the property on repeated use.
- Alcohol shall not be permitted at any BELL event, field or facility. Any individual(s) possessing alcohol shall be immediately asked to remove the alcohol from the premises, and may be ejected from the property. Any manager, coach, assistant coach and/ or umpire found to possess alcohol at any BELL practice and/ or game shall be immediately terminated.



- No uncontrolled/ un-leashed pets are permitted at BELL games or practices. No pets are permitted on any playing field, or within a dugout at any time. Pet owners are responsible for immediately cleaning up after pets.

7.2 General Safety Rules & Practices

- At no time shall any parent, legal guardian or other member assist with any BELL team or activity, unless and until the individual has completed a Little League Volunteer Form, and has been approved by the BELL Board of Directors for volunteer status, including the completion of a background check.
- Managers, coaches, assistant coaches, umpires and league volunteers must be familiar with, and shall help administer and enforce all Little League rules and policies (Green Book, Yellow Book, Blue Book, etc.), as well as all rules and policies included within this Safety and Policies Manual for their respective teams and with all players and members.
- All managers, coaches, assistant coaches and umpires shall have basic training in first aid, as offered by BELL during mandatory safety and training meetings.
- All managers, coaches, assistant coaches and umpires should be aware of the location of the nearest emergency and medical services facilities, in advance of any and all games and practices. A quick reference list of local clinics, hospitals and emergency centers is included in section 15.0 of this manual.
- All managers, coaches, assistant coaches and players shall observe all posted signs, placards and rules at any field and/ or facility.
- All managers, coaches and/ or assistant coaches must ensure that players' Medical Release Forms are present and available at all games and/ or practices.
- All managers, coaches and/ or assistant coaches must ensure that a first aid kit is readily available at all practices and/ or games.
- Managers, coaches and/ or assistant coaches should never provide food or drink, other than water, to any player without parent approval due to potential allergic reaction.
- All managers, coaches and/ or assistant coaches must ensure a cellular phone, with acceptable signal, is readily available at all practices and/ or games.

7.3 Spectator Safety

- Spectators shall not be permitted to enter the field of play at any time during a game.
- Spectators should be reminded, prior to the start of any practices and/ or games, to remain attentive at all times and be aware of errant balls that may leave the playing field.
- Manager, coaches and/ or assistant coaches should have a procedure established for retrieving foul balls and/ or balls batted outside of the playing field. Enlisting a team parent volunteer to safely assist with this task is recommended.

7.4 Player Safety



- At no time shall a manager, coach and/ or assistant coach leave a player unattended at any field and/ or facility.
 - If after a practice and/ or game a player's parent or legal guardian is delayed, the manager or coach should immediately contact the person(s) to enquire about whereabouts and an estimated time of arrival.
 - Managers and/ or coaches are to wait with player(s) until parent(s) and/ or legal guardian(s) has arrived for pickup.
 - For liability reasons, BELL managers, coaches, assistant coaches, umpires and/ or other league representatives shall not be permitted to transport a player, other than their own child, from a practice and/ or game facility without 1) another adult party present, and/ or 2) receiving prior permission from the players' parent and/ or legal guardian.
- Players shall not play on and/ or near streets, driveways, sidewalks, vehicles, spectators, windows, industrial equipment or other hazardous situations.
- At no time should excessive or rough play be permitted by players on or off the playing field.
- Managers, coaches and assistant coaches shall educate players, and require players to remain focused during games and practices, and to observe "smart play" during warm-up drills, practices and games.
- Players shall warm up properly prior to practices and/ or games. Proper equipment and protection must be worn during warmups. Players must ensure adequate spacing, with enough distance between each player, during warmups and practice activities consisting of throwing, hitting, running, sliding, etc.
- All pre-game warm-up activities for games and/ or practices shall be performed on the playing field and not within any areas occupied by spectators, passer-byers, or other non-participants.
- No player shall swing a bat at any time outside the playing field or within the dugout. Any player holding a bat must be wearing a protective batting helmet.

Accessories and Jewelry

- Players who wear glasses should be encouraged to purchase "safety glasses" and use an elastic or similar safety strap.
- Players may only wear sports certified sunglasses.
- Player are not permitted to wear watches, rings, pins, earrings or other jewelry or metallic items during any games and/ or practices.

7.5 Field & Dugout Safety

Field Usage and Inspection

- Games, practices and/ or league-associated events shall not be held during severe weather conditions, and/ or at any field or facility that may impose a risk to safety due to current and/ or prior weather conditions. Under no circumstances shall outside games, practices or league-associated events be held when thunder and/ or lightening are present, or have been present within the thirty (30) minutes prior to the start of the event.

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- Managers, coaches and/ or assistant coaches are responsible for the inspection of any fields and/ or areas of play, prior to any games and/ or practices, to ensure they are acceptable for safe play. This includes examining infields and outfields for excessive water, holes, depressions, stones/ rocks, glass, bottles, tools, and/ or other objects.
- Only managers, coaches, assistant coaches, umpires and players are permitted on the playing field or within the dugout during games.
- Only managers, coaches, assistant coaches, umpires, players and authorized and approved volunteers are permitted on the playing field or within the dugout during practices.
- Only Little League approved disengage-able bases are permitted for practices and/ or games.
- All gates permitting access to and/ or from a playing field must remain closed at all times. Managers, coaches, assistant coaches, umpires and players, after entering or leaving a playing field, shall ensure gates are closed and secured to avoid injury to players and/ or attendees.
- Managers, coaches, assistant coaches and players shall ensure that all dugouts and spectator areas are clean, and free of trash at the end of each game and/ or practice. Managers and/ or coaches shall check dugouts and spectator areas after each game and/ or practice for equipment and/ or belongings that may have been left behind.

Player Equipment

- Manager, coaches and assistant coaches shall, at the beginning, and regularly throughout the season, inspect player equipment to ensure all equipment is Little League approved, in workable condition, is not defective, and is of proper fit. Players shall not be permitted to use equipment that is not Little League approved, or that is in need of repair and/ or replacement.
- Defective equipment that is the property of the player should be repaired and/ or replaced immediately. Managers and/ or coaches are to notify the players' parents and/ or legal guardians accordingly that equipment is defective and non-usable.
- Defective equipment that is the property of BELL should be repaired and/ or replaced immediately by contacting the equipment manager of the respective division of play.
- All team and player equipment and property shall be kept within the team's dugout, or outside the playing field boundaries. At no time, unless specifically instructed by an umpire, shall team or player equipment or property be kept on the field of play.
- Players at Tee Ball and Single-A Divisions of play may wear tennis or gym shoes. Players at the Double-A Division and above for baseball and softball are required to wear rubber-molded cleats. No metal-cleat shoes shall be permitted.
- Managers, coaches, assistant coaches and players shall work to keep the floor and walkway of the dugout free and clear of any obstacles.
- All players are encouraged to wear mouth guards.
- All players are encouraged to use authorized protective cages on batting helmets.
- All male players are required to wear protective cups/ supporters at all times.



Batting and Base Running

- All players, while at bat, must wear Little League approved protective helmets whenever active at bat and/ or within an approved on-deck area during games and/ or practices.
- Only players active on the playing field, either at bat or within the on-deck circle are permitted to swing a bat. At no time shall any player swing a bat outside the field of play, such as within walkways and/ or common areas, or within the dugout.
- Runners who are on-base must slide, and/ or attempt to avoid direct impact with a fielder who has the ball and is waiting to make a tag for the out.
- Except when a runner is returning to a base, head first slides are not permitted.

Pitchers and Catchers

- Pitchers shall not warm up by throwing balls against dugout and/ or against backstop fences. Catchers must be used at all times for pitching practice.
- Catchers must wear Little League approved/ certified protective catcher's helmet, mask, throat guard, long model chest protector, shin guards and protective cup with athletic supporter (male players) at all times during practices and/ or games. This applies to warm-ups and bullpen activity.
- Managers, coaches and/ or assistant coaches may not warm up pitchers at any time during a game. Only roster players, equipped with catcher's helmet, mask, and throat guard, may warm up pitchers.
- Pitch counts must be kept by managers, coaches or assistant coaches for all teams, and must be preserved for each game until the conclusion of a season.
- Pitching counts and/ or limits must be adhered to, as per Little League and/ or league rules, for the applicable level of play.

8 DISCIPLINARY POLICIES

8.1 BELL Disciplinary Committee

The Executive Team of the BELL Board of Directors including the President, Vice President(s) of Baseball, Vice President of Softball, UIC (also representing player agents), Vice President of Safety & Policies (safety officer), Secretary and Treasurer shall officially act as the Disciplinary Committee.

The BELL Disciplinary Committee retains the right to impose any or all of the following as disciplinary actions to any manager, coach, volunteer, parent, and/or player:

- Provide written notices to individuals regarding behavior, conduct or other damaging actions; where adjustments and/ or amendments may be mandated for continued participation.
- Suspension from BELL activities for a specified period of time and/ or a specified number of games and/ or specific events (e.g., all-stars) and/ or from specific league positions (e.g., manager, coach, umpire, board member).
- Termination from BELL, where a 2/3 majority vote has been cast.



Any decision determined by the BELL Disciplinary Committee may contain mandatory conditions for continued involvement with BELL, and/ or mandatory remedies to ensure continued involvement and/ or reinstatement with BELL.

8.2 Disciplining of player, manager, coach, umpire or member

Issues that may require disciplinary action against a player, manager, coach, umpire, board member or other BELL member may be brought to the attention of BELL by any person. All suggested issues shall be addressed by the BELL Disciplinary Committee as follows:

- The BELL Disciplinary Committee shall review suggested issues, and determine adequate actions on behalf of the league if, and as necessary.
- In some cases, a formal interview/ hearing may take place with the complainant, and/ or the respondent to determine additional details. A minimum of five (5) days' notice shall be provided to the complainant and/ or the respondent, via email and/ or registered mail, and/ or telephone call, as to the date and time of the interview so to ensure adequate time to accommodate the meeting and prepare accordingly.
- Should a suggested issues directly involve a member of the BELL Disciplinary Committee, that member shall be removed from any conversations, deliberations and/ or decisions regarding the matter.
- Both the League and the respondent shall retain the right to have legal counsel present, and shall have the right to present evidence as needed.
- All cases shall, after presentation of all available facts, shall be debated by the BELL Disciplinary Committee and, if deemed necessary, go to vote where a 2/3 majority shall rule.
- Cases where no misconduct and/ or other improper actions or behavior were determined shall be dismissed, and all parties excused from any further proceedings.
- Cases where misconduct, and / or other improper actions were determined shall be further addressed by the BELL Disciplinary Committee, where one of more of the disciplinary actions defined in section 8.1 of this document may be imposed.
- The disciplinary decision of the BELL Disciplinary Committee shall be final; without right to appeal. A disciplined individual may, however, submit in writing a formal request for early termination of the disciplinary sanction, include request for reinstatement in BELL league activities.
- Any interim discipline and/ or suspension may be discharged by the BELL League President upon written notice from the respondent of his/ her voluntary resignation.

All disciplinary decisions and actions must receive written authorization of the BELL League President.

8.3 Immediate (Emergency) Disciplinary Action

In such cases where immediate disciplinary action is required (e.g., where the safety of a player or other individual may be at risk, violation of city, state or Federal law, blatant violation of BELL, District 9 or Little

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League rules), the BELL President shall retain authority to temporarily suspend any player, manager, coach and/ or assistant coach, umpire or volunteer on an interim basis until a formal investigation takes place by the Disciplinary Committee.

Respondents shall be notified of any temporary suspension via email, and/ or phone call, and/ or registered mail. Respondents shall retain the right to protest their suspension accordingly with the President, and/ or through the Disciplinary Committee.

Temporary suspensions made by the President may only be reversed by the Disciplinary Committee.

8.4 Disciplinary Offences

Actions that may result in the disciplining of any BELL member and/ or player include, but are not limited to the following:

- Physical and/ or verbal abuse towards another party.
- Activities that could cause physical harm to individual(s).
- Consuming, possessing, or being under the influence of alcohol and/ or drugs at any practice or game.
- Vandalizing, defacing, and/ or destruction of any BELL property or BELL leased or rented facility.
- Unauthorized entry, and/ or attempted entry to any BELL facility, BELL green box, or BELL leased or rented facility.
- Theft of any BELL and/ or BELL members' property.
- Unauthorized representation of BELL, its Board of Directors, and/ or its managers and/ or coaches to any third-party.
- Disrespectful behavior towards any District 9 and/ or Little League representative.
- Undisclosed criminal history/ record that may prohibit an individual from attending and/ or participating in events near children and/ or schools.

Bellevue East Little League prides itself in providing a safe environment for all players, members, parents and family members. BELL board of directors, managers, coaches, assistant coaches and/ or umpires are required to report any incident considered inappropriate. As a community, we invite all members to report any incidents and/ or suspicious behavior to the BELL Board of Directors.



9 Local Rules

Local Rules for BELL can be found on the BELL official website:

http://www.bellevueeastll.org/downloads/bell_local_rules_2019/



10 Addendum A – BELL Evaluations Guidelines

For each new season of play, BELL shall hold official player evaluations for all drafted divisions of baseball and softball. A general date for primary evaluations shall be determined each year, with a minimum of one (1) alternately scheduled evaluations date to accommodate players unable to attend, and/ or delayed registrations.

Players will check in at the determined registration table at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to their scheduled evaluations start time. Players will be verified against current registration data, including payment status. Only players that have completed their BELL registration process, including having made full payment, shall be permitted to participate in evaluations. (**Note:** that the league shall provide for a method for players to submit payment at the time of evaluations.)

- Each player, registered and verified for evaluations, shall be assigned an identification number, and shall be provided with two (2) name tags that include their assignment number. One name tag shall be placed on the player’s chest, with the other nametag being place on their back. All evaluation grading shall take place by referencing the player’s number only. League officials shall then, post evaluations, match player number to player name for team selection/ draft purposes.
- BELL evaluations shall be conducted through independent evaluators, and shall not be conducted by BELL league officials, prospective managers or prospective coaches. BELL shall provide evaluators with a curriculum designed to achieve accurate evaluations of players across all primary skillsets including, but not limited to hitting, infield skills, outfield skills, throwing, running, pitching, catching, and general aptitude.
- Managers shall be permitted to attend and observe evaluations for their respective divisions of play, and shall be permitted to take notes as preferred.
- Scoring of players, specific to each skillset, shall be conducted using a standardized rating scale (e.g., 1-5). Such rating scale shall be determined accordingly for each evaluations cycle, and shall be standardized across all evaluations for all divisions of play. Using these ratings scales for each skill, an overall “Player Ranking” shall be calculated for each player.
- Following evaluations, all data gathered through the evaluations process shall be centralized and audited by league officials, whom do not have a child playing at the Division of Play corresponding to the player data they are auditing, and prepared for team selection/ draft process.

11 Addendum B - BELL Team Selection/ Draft Process

BELL follows a standardized team selection/ draft process for all drafted divisions of baseball and softball. All players are first evaluated, scored and ranked through extensive skills evaluations. Teams are then selected, on a per-Division basis (Majors > Coast > Triple-A), using standardized scoring and ratings



determined via the evaluations process, plus any additional data Managers may have compiled on each player, such as personal evaluations notes or previous season statistics.

11.1 Managers Selection

Volunteers interested in managing a BELL team are required to submit their name for consideration, and must complete and submit an official Little League Volunteer Application form for approval. A list of potential managers is submitted, by the Vice President of Baseball and/ or the Vice President of Softball, to the League President for consideration, review and approval. The President may, at his/ her discretion, canvas the Board of Directors for additional information. Managers shall be selected, vetted and assigned to a division and team prior to the scheduled date of player evaluations. Vice Presidents shall notify each Manager of their selection, assignment, and schedule.

11.2 Coaches Selection

Managers shall be permitted to make their coach selections only once the team selection/ draft has been completed for their designate division of play. No Manager shall pre-select a coach prior to the team selection/ draft. Volunteers who are interested in coaching will contact the appropriate Vice President; where their interest to coach shall be notated next to their child's players draft data. This will allow Managers to consider potential coaching candidates during and throughout the team selection/ draft process.

11.3 Draft Attendance

Only Managers, the Player Agent, the League President and Vice President of Baseball and/ or Softball may attend the team selection/ draft for each division of play. Additionally, the League President shall allocate two (2) Draft Administrators (which may include themselves and/ or a Vice President) to administer, audit and validate the team selection/ draft process, in partnership with the Player Agent. Draft Administrators shall not be permitted to administer a draft for any division of play where they may have a child involved in the same team selection/ draft.

11.4 Evaluations & Draft Data

All data gathered through the evaluations process shall be provided to each Manager, to the Player Agent, and to the Draft Administrators. All player and draft data shall be kept confidential including evaluations results, draft order, and trades. All documents, materials and information sources shall be returned by each Manager to the Draft Administrations prior to the conclusion of the team selection/ draft. Violation of confidentiality regarding evaluations and/ or team selection/ draft data may be cause for suspension, and/ or dismissal of a Manager or Board Member.

11.5 Team Selection/ Draft Pool & Limitations

Draft Pools are established by the Player Agents, the Vice President of Baseball and/ or Vice President of Softball based on following guidelines: (**NOTE** that BELL strongly advocates in age-appropriate play).

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Majors Division

- 12 year olds, unless a District waiver and evaluation has been completed.
- 11 year olds registered for Majors Division.
- 10 year olds with an approved “Petition to Play Up” to Majors Division
- No one team may select/ draft more than eight (8) 12 year olds. Remaining slots on each roster may include any combination of eligible players as determined above.
- Each team shall select/ draft a maximum of twelve (12) players for baseball, and thirteen (13) players for softball. Exceptions may be granted, by the Player Agent, to exceed the above team size restrictions due to registration numbers, inter-league combinations, or other applicable circumstances.

Coast Division

- 12 Year olds with District waiver.
- 11 year olds not drafted to Majors Division.
- 10 year olds registered for Coast and/ or were not drafted to Majors Division.
- 9 year olds, with an approved “Petition to Play Up” to Coast Division.
- Team shall be required to select a pre-determined minimum and maximum number of 11 year olds. Remaining slots on each roster may include any combination of eligible players as determined above.
- Each team shall select/ draft a maximum of twelve (12) players for baseball, and thirteen (13) players for softball. Exceptions may be granted, by the Player Agent, to exceed the above team size restrictions due to registration numbers, inter-league combinations, or other applicable circumstances

Triple-A Division

- 10 year olds not drafted to Coast Division
- 9 year olds registered for Triple-A and/ or were not drafted to Coast Division
- 8 year olds with an approved “Petition to Play Up” to Triple-A Division
- Team shall be required to select a pre-determined minimum and maximum number of 10 year olds. Remaining slots on each roster may include any combination of eligible players as determined above.
- Each team shall select/ draft a maximum of twelve (12) players for baseball, and thirteen (13) players for softball. Exceptions may be granted, by the Player Agent, to exceed the above team size restrictions due to registration numbers, inter-league combinations, or other applicable circumstances

Players who previously played at a Division of Play (during the prior season) may not be selected to a lower Division of Play.



Player Options

The BELL team selection/ draft process shall include permitted Little League options to deal with specific situations including:

- **Manager's Own Child:** Managers shall be permitted to select their own child during a selection round predetermined by the Draft Administrations and Player Agent (e.g., using Managers child evaluations scores and ranking).
- **Siblings:** Once one sibling is drafted, an option can be placed on another sibling and the Draft Administrators and Player Agent shall determine which round the manager must draft the sibling; based on their overall evaluations scores and ranking.

11.6 Draft Process

1. The Draft Administrators and/ or Player Agent shall call the team selection/ draft to order, and shall authenticate attendance.
2. All available player candidates, and their corresponding draft data (evaluations scores and ranking, etc.) shall be distributed to each Manager.
3. The Manager, whose child received the lowest evaluations scores/ raking shall make the first player selection, followed by the Manager whose child received the second lowest evaluations scores/ ranking, and so on until a selection order has been determined to include all Managers. In such case where two (2) or more Managers children are tied with the lowest evaluations scores/ rating, the Manager to select first shall be determined by the drawing of a number from a receptacle; where the number closest or equal to the number one (1) shall make the first player selection.
4. Via a serpentine draft process, each Manager shall, in the selection order determined via the above method, make their selection.
 - Managers shall announce their selection by announcing the player name, and corresponding draft number to the Draft Administrators. Draft Administrators shall repeat the player name and draft number to the Manager for verification.
 - Managers shall have one (1) minute to make their selection each round; which will start when a Draft Administrator states that the Manager is "now on the clock."
 - A Draft Administrator shall announce when there are thirty (30) and fifteen (15) seconds remaining respectively for each Manager selection.
 - If a Manager forsakes their selection due to exceeding the permitted time constraint, the Player Agent shall assign the player with the next higher evaluations scores/ ranking to that team.
5. The serpentine draft process shall continue until each Manager has selected twelve (12) players for baseball, or thirteen (13) players for softball, to their team. Exceptions may be granted, by the League President, to exceed the above team size restrictions due to registration numbers, inter-league combinations, or other applicable circumstances.
6. At the conclusion of the team selection process, Managers will be permitted thirty (30) minutes to consider and discuss any potential trades. Draft Administrators and Player Agent shall review all

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trade requests; where the Player Agent may or may not approve each trade request based on information such as player skill levels and/ or rankings, competitive equality across all teams, etc.

7. Managers, Draft Administrators and the League President shall notarize acceptance of the team selection/ draft results, via signature, on the BELL team selection/ draft record prior to the team selection/ draft being announced as complete.



12 Addendum C - All Star Selections

Each year, Bellevue East Little League (BELL) provides baseball players of select ages the opportunity to participate in Little League sanctioned All-Star Tournaments.

All-Star Tournaments are initially comprised of teams from leagues within the District 9 Little League boundaries, followed by State-level tournaments for the winners of District Tournaments across Washington State. State-level Tournament champions for Major, Junior and Senior Divisions will have the opportunity to play in the Little League World Series held in Williamsport, PA.

Bellevue East Little League aims to field the most qualified, competitive team for each and every Division of Play for All-Star Tournaments. Accordingly, not all players interested in playing All-Stars, or who submit a Candidate Letter of Intent may be selected to a team.

As per Little League rules, no decisions regarding All-Star tournament managers, coaches and/ or players shall be permitted no earlier than June 15th, or within two (2) weeks prior to the start of the tournament; whichever date is earlier.

As a general timeline reference:

- All-Star teams shall be permitted to initiate evaluations/ tryouts no earlier than June 1st, or within two (2) weeks prior to the start of the tournament; whichever date is earlier.
- All-Star teams shall be selected and announced no earlier than June 1st, or within two (2) weeks prior to the start of the tournament; whichever date is earlier.
- All-Star practices shall run for approximately two (2) weeks following the selection and announcement of teams.
- All-Star tournaments shall start approximately the first week of July for most Divisions of Play.

12.1 Player Eligibility, Qualifications and Letter of Intent

Nearing the end of each spring season, BELL shall openly canvas both baseball and softball players regarding their interest and/ or intent on being considered for an All-Star team, and have each interested player sign a BELL All-Star Letter of Intent (LOI) acknowledging their interest. Only players who submitted a signed All-Star LOI, and whom meet the minimum requirements set forth by Little League International, shall be deemed eligible for All-Star team selection and registered in the BELL All-Star Available Player Pool for their designate Division of Play.

In order for a player to be eligible for a BELL All-Star team, they must have played in a minimum of sixty percent (60%) of their teams' regular season games. Players must have also shown exemplary skills, aptitude and attitude during the regular season, and be recognized by their peers, Managers and Coaches for their playing excellence.

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Players are eligible for All-Star Tournament Play provided they meet the following BELL and Little League participation requirements:

- **9-10 Year Old Division:** Any player League Age 10, and/ or any player League Age 9 who has submitted a request for eligibility and has been approved as eligible by the League President, with amateur status, who has signed a BELL All-Star LOI and who has participated as an eligible player in sixty percent (60%) of the regular season games, for the then current season, before June 15, with the exception of the school baseball season, on a:
 - Little League Baseball (Majors Division) team, or;
 - Minor League Baseball team.
- **10-11 Year Old Division:** Any player League Age 11, and/ or any player League Age 10 who has submitted a request for eligibility and has been approved as eligible by the League President, with amateur status, who has participated as an eligible player in sixty percent (60%) of the regular season games, for the then current season, before June 15, with the exception of the school baseball season, on a:
 - Little League Baseball (Majors Division) team, or;
 - Minor League Baseball team.
- **Majors Division:** Any player League Age 12, and/ or any player League Age 11 who has submitted a request for eligibility and has been approved as eligible by the League President, with amateur status, who has signed a BELL All-Star LOI and who has participated as an eligible player in sixty percent (60%) of the regular season games, for the then current season, before June 15, on a Little League Baseball (Majors Division) team, with the exception of the school baseball season.
- **Intermediate (50-70) Division:** Any player League Age 11, 12 or 13 with amateur status, who has signed a BELL All-Star LOI and who has participated as an eligible player in sixty percent (60%) of the regular season games, for the then current season, before June 15, on a Little League Baseball (Majors Division) team, with the exception of the school baseball season.

12.2 BELL All-Star Selection Committee

Each year, the BELL league President, Vice President of Baseball and Vice President of Softball shall appoint an All-Star Selection Committee to administer and oversee the All-Star team selections process for each Division of Play. This includes determining which league/ team representatives will have voting rights throughout the All-Star team selection process. Additionally, the All-Star Selection Committee shall determine the Manager for each All-Star team.

12.3 BELL All-Star Player Selection Process

The BELL All-Star team selection process is based on the process of using a selection committee comprised of league Board of Directors, regular season Managers/ Coaches, and appointed All-Star Team Managers. Players will also have the opportunity to cast votes for other players within their Division of Play. The process for selecting players to All-Star Teams is based on methods determined to be the most fair and equitable for all player candidates.

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All-Star team Managers shall be selected solely by the BELL League President. All-Star Coaches shall be selected by the Team Manager.

All All-Star team player selections shall be administered and observed by the BELL League President, the Vice President of Rules & Ethics, and a third independent representative of the BELL Executive Board. Final All-Star rosters must be approved by the League President.

1. The All-Star Selection Committee shall determine and make public the date and time of the All-Star Selection for each team in each Division of Play.
2. In addition to the League President, Vice President of Baseball, Vice President of Softball, and All-Star Election Committee Members, one (1) representative from each regular season team within the corresponding Division of Play shall attend the All-Star Selection. Each team representative shall hold equal voting rights for each voted player selection (excluding Manager choice selections).
3. Players shall be selected in each round by the voting representatives. Players selected during rounds one (1) and two (2) shall require unanimous vote from all voting representatives. Players selected during rounds three (3) to fourteen (14), excluding Manager choice selection rounds, shall require majority vote by voting representatives.
 - (i) Players who are League Age 11, and who have submitted for eligibility for the Majors All-Star Team must receive unanimous vote from all voting representatives, regardless their draft position.
 - (ii) Players who are League Age 10, and who have submitted for eligibility for the 10/11 All-Stars team must receive unanimous vote from all voting representatives, regardless their draft position.
 - (iii) Players who are League Age 9, and who have submitted for eligibility for the 9/10 All-Stars team must receive unanimous vote from all voting representatives, regardless their draft position.
4. Selections shall continue, via voting process, until eleven (11) players have been selected. The twelfth player selection shall be Manager's choice (taking into consideration sections 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3 above), where the Manager shall select any player eligible from the BELL All-Star Available Player Pool, including their own child if eligible.
5. At Managers discretion, they may additionally select a thirteenth (13) and fourteenth (14) player from the BELL All-Star Available Player Pool (taking into consideration sections 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3 above). No All-Star team shall exceed fourteen (14) players.
6. At the conclusion of the All-Star Selection, the Manager, team representatives, and BELL League President shall certify the All-Star Team selection via signature, and the team roster shall be considered final.
7. No further changes or additions to an All-Star team may occur, except as permitted by Little League International specific to the replacement of a Player, Manager or Coach.

Players who are selected to an All-Star team shall be notified by their Manager, within twenty-four (24) hours following the close of the All-Star Selection, via email and/ or telephone.

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Players who are not selected to an All-Star team shall be notified within forty-eight (48) hours following the close of the All-Star Selection, via email and/ or telephone.

Majors Baseball All-Star Team: 12 Year old players. 11 Year old players may submit, prior to the all-star team selection date, a request for eligibility for the Majors All-Star Team via email to the President of BELL. If approved, eligible 11 year old players will require unanimous draft selection committee approval to make the Majors All-Star Team. *NOTE: Due to tournament timelines and team selection dates, 11 year old players who submit for eligibility for the Majors All-star team, and who are not selected to the Majors All-Star Team, will not be eligible for selection to the 10/11 All-Star Team.*

10/11 Baseball All-Star Team: 11 Year old players. 10 year old players may submit, prior to the all-star team selection date, a request for eligibility for the 10/11 All-Star Team via email to the President of BELL. If approved, eligible 10 year old players will require unanimous draft selection committee approval to make the 10/11 All-Star Team. 10 year old players who are not selected to the 10/11 All-Star Team will be eligible for the 9/10 All-Star Team.

9/10 Baseball All-Star Team: 10 Year old players. 9 year old players may submit, prior to the all-star team selection date, a request for eligibility for the Majors All-Star Team via email to the President of BELL. If approved, eligible 9 year old players will require unanimous draft selection committee approval to make the 9/10 All-Star Team.

For BELL Softball All-Star Team selections, the Team Selection process will be determined based on potential inter-league combinations, number of leagues involved, administrating league, etc. Softball All-Star Team selections may require evaluations and/ or tryouts due to inter-league combinations.

12.4 Manager/ Coach Selection

The All-Star Selection Committee shall determine a Manager for each All-Star team, based on predetermined qualifying metrics such as seasonal performance and statistics, sportsmanship, competence and minimum requirements set forth by Little League International (having coached during the regular season within the applicable Division of Play). Each Manager shall be selected and notified prior to any All-Star team selections.

Managers may select their coaches at any time following appointment, as long as each coach meets the minimum requirements set forth by Little League International (having coached during the regular season within the applicable Division of Play).

12.5 Player Availability & Evaluation

1. Only players who submitted a signed BELL LOI, and whom are registered in the BELL All-Star Available Player Pool, shall be eligible for All-Star team selection.
2. The All-Star Selection Committee shall compile, and make available to all voting participants, all seasonal statistics for each eligible player in the BELL All-Star Available Player Pool.
3. All-Star Manager may, with the permission of the All-Star Selection Committee, hold no more than two (2) All-Star evaluation camps to compile and determine additional player information; specifically in such case where a player played within a different Division of Play than the Manager, or where BELL is combining for players with another league (particularly common with softball All-Stars).



12.6 Player All-Star Team Commitment

Each player selected to a BELL All-Star Team, and their parent(s) and/ or guardian(s) must be willing to commit to the schedule as set forth by the Manager and Tournament Official(s). ***Players should expect practices to be scheduled every day between the date of team selection and the tournament starting date.***

Players are expected to attend every practice and game, and shall not be excused without valid reason. Unexcused or long-term absence, as determined solely by the team Manager, may be grounds for corrective action including removal of the player from the All-Star team.

All-Star practices and tournament games may continue into July or August should a team experience continued success.

12.7 All-Star Minimum Playing Time

All-Star Tournaments are administered under official Little League Tournament Rules. This includes defining the minimum amount of time a player must play during a Tournament game. All-Star Managers are required only to play a player for six (6) consecutive defensive outs (fielding), and one (1) offensive at bat per Tournament game. IF a team carries 13 or more players, Managers are required to only play a player for one (1) offensive at bat per Tournament game.

This may mean that some players may only play the minimum amount of required play in one or more Tournament games. Decisions regarding playing time shall be at the sole discretion of the team Manager.

12.8 All-Star Required Documentation/ Proof of Age & Residency

The following documentation will be required by Little League for all players who are selected to a Bellevue East Little League All-Star team. No exceptions shall be granted. All-Star Team Managers shall work with parents and/ or guardians approximately 10 days prior to the start of the first tournament to gather and review these documents. BELL should have all required paperwork packets on file for players who have previously played in All-Star Tournaments.

- Original Birth Certificate of Player (returned after affidavit approval)
- Three (3) or more of the following documents (only one from each category), with current address, dated between February 1, 2018 and February 1, 2019:
 - Driver's License
 - Voter's Registrations
 - School Records
 - Welfare/ Child Care Records
 - Federal Records
 - State Records
 - Municipal Records
 - Utility Bills
 - Financial Records
 - Insurance Documents
 - Support Payment Records
 - Medical Records
 - Military Records
 - Internet, Cable or Satellite Records
 - Vehicle Records
 - Employment Record

