

## MADERA NATIONAL LITTLE LEAGUE BYLAWS

1. The Madera National Little League Board is voted in by qualified regular member voters as by the Little League rule book. Positions on the Board consist of President, Vice-President(s), Player Agent, Umpire Coordinator, Secretary, Treasurer, Equipment Coordinator, Fund-Raising Chairperson, Field Maintenance, Safety Officer, Scorekeeper Coordinator and Coach and Player Development Officer. Any expansion or deletion is at the discretion of the Board.
2. All league Managers and Coaches are nominated by the President and must be approved by a 2/3 vote of the Board of Directors members present.
3. All Members must pass the JDP Criminal background check every year and maintain a live scan with Madera National Little League. Members Must also read the Child Protection Program from Little League, Complete the CDC Heads Up Training, Complete the Little League Abuse Awareness Training, Read the Child Abuse CANRA, Complete the Little League Diamond Leader Training, and Complete the save a life training. All Trainings must be completed After October 1<sup>st</sup> for the coming season. Recommended to have a CPR certificate that expires after September 30<sup>th</sup> of that year. For a list of step-by-step instructions and links: <https://www.maderanational.com/Default.aspx?tabid=1439965>
4. Managers and Coaches should be adults aged 18 years or older.
5. The Umpire Coordinator shall submit the names of potential umpires to the President a minimum of 14 days before the first scheduled games. The President shall appoint the umpires. A review of the umpires shall be conducted after the first month of play by the Umpire Coordinator. Umpire's assignments may be changed at the discretion of the President. Umpires may be removed with a 2/3 Board approval.
6. The Board of Directors shall form a Protest Committee before the start of league play. This committee must include the Vice President of Majors, Secretary, both Player Agents, Umpire Coordinator and one or more officers and directors who are not managers, coaches, or umpires.
7. The Board of Directors shall form a disciplinary committee to review all ejections and the duration of any resulting suspensions. This committee shall be made up of The President, the respective division Vice President, Umpire Coordinator, Secretary, and Player Agent.
8. The Board of Directors shall form a committee to review the Little League International Award Recognition Program and implement a method to provide awards for most improved, sportsmanship, manager and coach of the year, over the fence homeruns, and MVP. Umpires will be tasked with handing out sportsmanship pins for exceptional sportsmanship as needed at the end of the game. Most improved will be awarded by the manager of each team and presented with a pin and a statement from said manger. MVP will be decided by OBPS per division except Rookie and below. Manager and coach's awards will be decided by majority vote by Umpires, scorekeepers, and board

members. Board members can not vote in the division they are coaching or managing. Homerun pins will be awarded for every over the fence homerun. All awards offered are subject to change by majority board approval. Prior discipline of any kind will jeopardize award eligibility, the member will be notified at the time of the discipline. Any special awards (or amendments to the above schedule) will be given at the sole discretion of the President.

9. All vendors at any event must pay 20% to Madera National Little League. Madera National Little League is limited to only paying 20% to run a fundraiser. Any agreement outside of these percentages must have 2/3 board approval.

## CONDUCT

10. Managers and Coaches are to conduct themselves in a commendable manner and always display good sportsmanship. It should be always recognized that Little League is a competitive program for the youth with primary objectives being the development of **GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP, COURAGE, HONESTY, LOYALTY, AND RESPECT FOR AUTHORITY. NOT NECESSARILY THE WINNING OF GAMES.**

11. The Board of Directors shall have the power by a 1/2 vote of Board Members present at any regular meeting in which a quorum of "Majority" Board Members are present to: discipline, suspend, or remove any Manager, or Coach of the League. The President or Vice-Presidents may suspend any manager and/or coach until the next Board Meeting. Directors require a 2/3's vote to be removed.

12. Only the Managers, Coaches, or a Board Member (**not to exceed three (3) adults**) and players listed on the team roster are allowed on the playing field or in the dugout, With Badges on always. All Divisions will be permitted a 4th alternate certified practice coach to participate on the field in the absence of one or more regular Manager or Coaches. In no instance will the alternate coach be left to run the team without a regular Manager or Coach present. **NO BATBOYS/GIRLS ARE ALLOWED.**  
**Exception: (Coach Pitch and Tee ball (4) Adults)**

13. NO ALCOHOL, ILLEGAL DRUGS, OR USE OF TOBACCO IN ANY FORM SHALL BE ALLOWED ON THE PLAYING FIELD OR IN THE DUGOUT or within Lions Town and Country Park per Madera City Ordinance. If a volunteer is caught, while on duty, consuming alcohol, using illegal drugs or tobacco in any form, this will result in suspension from the League for the remainder of the year and possibly lifetime suspension.

14. Umpires are to avoid unnecessary delays of games and always conduct themselves in a credible manner.

15. Verbal & Physical abuse from one Member to another is strictly prohibited. Should an incident be reported, the following penalties will be levied against the Member.

- a 1st OFFENSE - WRITTEN WARNING, 1 GAME SUSPENSION.
- b 2<sup>nd</sup> OFFENSE- AT MINIMUM 2 GAME SUSPENSION, LOSS OF ALL-STAR ELIGIBILITY. WILL NOT RETURN TO PLAY UNTIL THE BOARD HAS MET AND DECIDED A POSSIBLE 1 YEAR SUSPENSION OR ANY OTHER REQUIRED ACTIONS PRIOR TO RETURNING TO PLAY.

16. Any Manager or Coach ejected from any game must remove himself/herself from the facility and will receive a two **(2)** game suspension (or more, or less, depending on the severity of the offense, not to be reduced to less than one game, as determined by the disciplinary committee) to be enforced at the next scheduled games physically played.

17. Any player from the Majors or Minors that is ejected from a game must sit out the following game for the next physically played game.

18. If board member/members fill in for a missing manager or coach, he/she/they shall not in any circumstances be on the field but shall remain in the dugout only. A Board Member may not act as a fill in coach unless a team has only one manager or coach present.

## **TRYOUTS/DRAFT/OPTIONS**

19. The Player Agent shall oversee Registration, Tryouts, and Draft. His/her approval must be secured for all player trades with the approval of the Board of Directors.

20. Madera National Little League uses the draft system to select players for the major division teams. The Major league draft will be run according to the Operations Manual. Last place team gets first pick, etc. Draft order will be determined from regular season standings, with one exception. The League tournament champion will receive the 8th pick in the draft; all others will receive their pick order based on their regular season record not including tournament games. All non-waivered 12yr old players candidates will be drafted to the Majors division. Following try outs the player agent will determine the number of 12yr old that will be drafted. Each team will be assigned a 12yr old draft selection as their final pick, after all options have been exercised, starting with the team that has the 8th draft pick and working in reverse order 8th, 7th, 6th, etc... Until all 12yr old available have been assigned as a required pick. If there are more than 8 available, the 9th will go back to the team with the last pick and continue as before. Should a team pick their 12 yr. old before the mandated round, that pick would qualify as their 12yr old requirement, and the previously designated round would become open to a regular open selection. The league will not accept registration from league age 12yr old after the final tryout without 2/3 board approval, and in no case after the draft has been completed.

1. Only Managers have an option on their child.
2. If an injury shall keep a Major League player out for more than two (2) games, the Player Agent must be notified immediately. If a player is absent for 7 consecutive days, Player Agent must be

notified immediately. If a player will be out due to injury for longer than three (3) weeks, then he must be replaced within seven (7) days from doctor's notification to parent. Managers failing to notify Player Agent of injury within prescribed time are subject to a one (1) game suspension for the 1st offense.

3. Managers or Coaches may not "tryout" prospective players before, during, or after the season, and shall not speak to the parents about a prospective player. If a manager wishes to see a certain player before picking him/her up, he may watch any practice or game that the prospective player may be in. (He may not talk to the player.) Possible violations will be reviewed by the board.
4. If there is more than one Major League team needing to replace a player. A team that notified the player agent first, of their vacancy, will be given the option to choose a player first, should the subsequent team(s) notify the player agent of their intent to pick up a player before the prior team(s) have made their choice. The player agent will not notify any prior team of the choices made by the subsequent team when giving them their option to choose first. The team(s) of first notice, is not obligated to choose at this time, and may choose to wait until a later time within their allowed time window.
5. Per Regulation VIII b. Note: Any Minor League player who refuses to move up to the Majors will forfeit their right to any Major league team play for current year.
6. The Minor League program for Madera National Little League shall consist of six (6), seven (7), eight (8), nine (9), ten (10), eleven (11), and waived twelve (12) year old.
7. Minor League AAA Division Managers shall draft their own teams. The managers will draw numbers to see in which order they will pick. Only candidates that have made 1 of the spring tryouts will be eligible for the minor draft. All remaining candidates participating in less than 1 of the spring tryouts shall be assigned to a team by the Player Agent.
8. AAA draft will begin with picking all eligible players league ages 9-12 prior to allowing any league age 8yr old to be selected to complete their rosters.
9. Rookie division draft shall be picked by the managers from all remaining 8-10yr old.
10. AA Rosters will be assigned by the Player Agent. The AA Division is to be made up of players league ages 6-8.
11. A 10yr old will be drafted if they have played in the AAA division for one year.
12. Exception: A 9yr old that has one qualifying year played in the AAA division will be allowed to be drafted to the Majors division. With recommendation from the Player agent and 2/3 board approval.

## **All-Stars**

### **1. Allstar Teams Defined**

- a. All teams are subject to being approved by the Board of Directors to be chartered.

- i. Baseball 12U
  - 1. Eligible players 12, 11 League age.
- ii. Baseball 11U
  - 1. Eligible players 11, 10 League age.
- iii. Baseball 10U
  - 1. Eligible players 10, 9 League age.
- iv. Softball 15U
  - 1. Eligible players 15, 14, 13 League age.
- v. Softball 14U
  - 1. Eligible players 14, 13 League age.
- vi. Softball 12U
  - 1. Eligible players 12, 11 League age.
- vii. Softball 10U
  - 1. Eligible players 10, 9 League age.

## **2. Eligible Players**

- a. Parents must fill out an All-Star commitment form signed dated and turned into the Player Agent before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in April. For 14U and 15U softball the form must be completed and turned into the Player Agent before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in May. Exceptions with majority board approval.
- b. Players must have all residency paperwork or school form uploaded into the registration website: [maderanational.com](http://maderanational.com).
- c. Player's balance must be paid in full.
- d. Player may be disqualified by the board of directors based on prior disciplinary action.

## **3. Eligible Manager and Coaches**

- a. Perspective Manager and coaches must fill out an All-Star commitment form signed dated and turned into the President before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in April. For 14U and 15U softball the form must be completed and turned into the President before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in May. Exceptions with majority board approval.
- b. Perspective Manager and coach may be disqualified by the board of directors based on prior disciplinary action.

## **4. Player Selection Process**

- a. Player agents will provide a list of eligible players to all Managers 1 week prior to the Manager selection meeting.
- b. All Managers who have All-Star eligible kids league age will be required to meet to select no less than 18, and no more than 24 eligible kids to be put on the All-Star Ballot.
- c. The President of the league will chair the meeting and not have a vote.
- d. The Vice Presidents of the division and the player agent of the division will be required at this meeting.

## **5. Voting for Players**

- a. Voting will take place two weeks after the manager meeting.
- b. Voting will start on Monday at 5:00 pm, and end on Sunday at 8:00 pm.
- c. Only 1 Manager, and 2 Coaches can vote per team.

- i. Manager will provide the names of the voting coaches at the All-Star Manager meeting.
    - ii. If a team does not have 3 eligible voters, the manager will vote in the place of the missing coach.
    - iii. Major's Manger and Coaches will vote on the 12U, 11U, and 10U Ballot.
    - iv. Minor's Manger and coaches will only vote on the 10U Ballot.
  - d. You may only vote for 8 players, who are not on your team.
  - e. Ties between players will be broken by OBPS.
  - f. Only the President and Player agents will know the voting results.
  - g. Voting results will be announced at the City Championship.
- 6. Manager and Coaching Selection Process**
  - a. Perspective Managers and Coaches must apply by email to [maderanational@gmail.com](mailto:maderanational@gmail.com)
  - b. Managers will be selected by a committee of 5 board members.
    - i. Board members will not participate in selection if they are a candidate of the same age group.
    - ii. The 5 board members will be selected by majority vote.
    - iii. The committee selection is final
  - c. Managers will pick their coaches
    - i. Coaches who have not applied and have not already been approved by the committee are subject to majority board approval.
  - d. The committee will inform the President of the Manager selection, and the President will notify the managers.
    - i. At this time the managers will pick their coaches.
  - e. Only the President, board members and the mangers will know who is selected until announced at the City Championships.

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