



# **WEST REDDING**

## **LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL & SOFTBALL**



### **BY – LAWS**

#### **ARTICLE I: PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF BY-LAWS**

- 1) The By-Laws of West Redding Little League, Inc., (hereinafter “League”), are intended to provide rules, procedures and policies for the operation of the League.
- 2) If revisions are necessary, the By-Laws are to be reviewed annually, and adopted by a majority of a quorum vote of the Board at the first regular meeting of the Board of Directors each year, and in no event later than one month previous to the first scheduled game of the season.
- 3) To the extent that these By-Laws conflict with the League’s Constitution, the Constitution shall prevail. To the extent that these By-Laws conflict with the Little League Rules and Regulations, or the Little League Operator’s Manual, said Little League rules, regulations and guidelines shall prevail.

#### **ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP**

- 1) Membership in this League is open to any person sincerely interested in active participation to further the objective of this League.
- 2) Unless otherwise noted, membership dues are waived for the current Season. These dues are distinct from any player Registration fees.
- 3) All current Managers, Committee members, Board Members, Officers of the Board and any other person who is recognized by the Board as a volunteer in the League, per the roster maintained by the league Secretary, are deemed Regular Members for the year of their volunteer participation, and the Membership Dues are waived for that year.
- 4) Only Regular Members may vote at the Annual Membership Meeting, or any other Special General Membership Meeting properly scheduled.
- 5) The Secretary of the League shall keep a current list of Regular Members, and may issue Membership Cards to each Regular Member.

#### **ARTICLE III: MEETINGS OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP**

- 1) Each year an Annual General Membership meeting shall take place during the month of August on a date/time specified by the current Board of Directors.
- 2) The location of the meeting shall be set by the Board of Directors.
- 3) Notice of the General Membership Meeting shall be delivered electronically to each Regular Member at the last recorded address at least ten (10) days in advance thereof, setting forth the place, time and purpose of the meeting.
- 4) Election of Directors shall take place at the Annual Meeting. The Board of Directors shall elect officers immediately following this Annual Meeting in accordance with the Constitution. Positions shall take effect immediately.

## **ARTICLE IV: NOMINATION OF DIRECTORS; QUALIFICATIONS**

- 1) All participants in the League, including volunteers, parents of players and any other persons dedicated to objectives of the League should be encouraged to seek positions on the Board of Directors or to otherwise act as an Official of the League.
- 2) No later than forty-five (45) days before the scheduled Annual General Membership Meeting, the Secretary shall cause a Request for Nominations to the Board of Directors to be sent personally, electronically, or by mail to the parents of all players registered in the prior season and eligible to play in the ensuing season, requesting nominations for Board Members. Requests for nominations may also begin two weeks before the end of regular season via ballot boxes made available at snack bars of all ball fields. In addition, nominations may be made via email to the Secretary of the league. The submission shall seek the name, address, telephone and e-mail address of nominees. The Nomination Request shall state that all nominations must be returned personally (includes ballot box entries), electronically or by mail to the Secretary or his/her designee within fourteen (14) days of the posted date of the Annual Meeting in order to be considered. Those incumbent members of the Board that are seeking to continue Board membership shall notify the Secretary via email.
- 3) Upon receipt of the completed Nomination Requests, the Secretary may compile a Nomination List of proposed nominees and Board Members seeking to return. This list may be delivered as soon as practicable to the President and Vice President or (if applicable) the Nominating Committee.
- 4) A Nominating Committee may be appointed pursuant to Article IX, Section 1 of the League Constitution.
- 5) Upon receipt of the Nomination List, the President or Vice President or (if applicable) the Nominating Committee shall contact all proposed nominees that are not currently serving as Board Members, to determine the nominee's willingness and fitness to serve. The fact that a proposed nominee is not currently listed as a Regular Member shall not disqualify the nominee. Regular Membership status would be required before the nominee serves.
- 6) Any nominee that would be fit to serve in the capacity as a volunteer in the League shall be considered fit for a Board position, unless there is sufficient justification for considering the Nominee unqualified. The grounds or reasons for declining a nominee's qualification must be immediately conveyed in writing to the President and Vice President or (if applicable) the Nominating Committee. They shall confer and jointly assess if there is sufficient justification to decline the proposed nominee's qualification.
- 7) If a nomination is declined, the nominee must be notified in writing, setting forth a general statement of the reason the nominee was not qualified. The notice to the declined nominee shall also state that the nominee may request, within five (5) days of the date of the notice of declination, an opportunity to review his/her qualifications before the Board of Directors. If such a request is made, the Board of Directors shall use its best efforts to convene a Special Meeting to review the nominee's qualifications before the Annual Meeting. The Board's decision on the qualifications of a nominee is final.

## **ARTICLE V: ELECTION OF DIRECTORS AT ANNUAL MEETING**

- 1) The Notice of Annual Meeting specified in Article III (3) above shall state that Election of Board Members will take place and shall contain the List of Nominees.
- 2) Only Regular Members in good standing may vote to elect Directors.
- 3) If Director positions are contested, the Election of Directors shall be by written ballot.
- 4) An Absentee Ballot shall be developed by the Secretary and made available to those Regular Members in good standing who cannot be in attendance at the Annual Meeting. The Absentee Ballot must be properly completed, signed and returned to the Secretary no later than three (3) days in advance of the date and time of the Annual General Membership Meeting.
- 5) A Regular Member may also make an absentee vote by electronic submission such as by fax, email, PDF, or other electronic messaging device or form, to the Secretary three (3) days prior to the Annual Meeting. To be considered, however, the transmission must be convertible into a printed format, and will not be counted unless the Secretary can verify that the vote originated from a Regular Member in good standing. Then, and only then, will the transmission be counted as an Absentee Ballot.
- 6) At any General Membership Meeting, a quorum is established as those Regular Members, Officers, and Board of Directors (25%+1) in attendance (in person), and/or representation by absentee ballot. If a quorum is not present, no business shall be conducted.
- 7) Candidates, including incumbent Directors, receiving the highest number of votes for the number of Board seats shall be elected as Directors, provided the Little League requirement can be met regarding manager/coach representation on the board not exceeding a minority.
- 8) The Secretary of the League shall certify the vote and announce those nominees elected to the Board.

## **ARTICLE VI: ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

- 1) The Board of Directors shall elect officers in accordance with the Constitution. Elected director positions shall take effect immediately upon completion of the Annual Meeting. They shall meet as soon thereafter as the newly elected Board can conveniently meet.
- 2) The required Officers are: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Player Agent, Coaching Coordinator, and Safety Officer.
- 3) Nominations for a specific position on the board shall be submitted to the existing Secretary at least 3 days in advance of the annual meeting. Should those nominated for a position not be elected to the Board of Directors said nominations become mute. Other nominations shall then be accepted from the floor.
- 4) Officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the Directors in attendance (quorum required) combined with absentee ballots. Un-opposed nominations shall be confirmed by voice vote of those in attendance and will include those absentee ballots received by the Secretary in advance of the meeting. When multiple individuals are nominated for a single position, paper ballots will be used for those in attendance and will include those absentee ballots received by the Secretary in advance of the meeting.

- 5) The Secretary shall create a list of Directors, designating phone numbers, email address and office held. Said list of Directors shall be circulated to all Board Members.

#### **ARTICLE VII: CONDUCTING BOARD BUSINESS**

- 1) The Board of Directors shall have the control and management of the affairs and business of this League. Such Board of Directors shall only act in the name of the League when it shall be regularly convened by the President after due notice to all the directors of such meeting.
- 2) The Board shall meet monthly on a date/time agreed upon where a majority of the board (50% +1) is available. The location and time shall be selected by the board.
- 3) The President, or in his/her absence, the Vice President, shall preside over all board meetings. If neither is present, the President's designee shall preside.
- 4) Each voting director (excluding the President or presiding Board Member) shall have one vote and such voting may not be done by proxy. Votes shall be made by voice. Any vote which results in a tie may be broken by vote of the president or presiding Board Member.
- 5) The presence of not less than a majority (50% +1) of the Board Members shall constitute a quorum and shall be necessary to conduct Board business.
- 6) A director may be removed when sufficient cause exists for such removal. The Board of Directors may entertain charges against any director. In the event that such charges will be addressed by the Board, the involved Director shall be notified of such a meeting, informed of the general nature of the charges, and given an opportunity to appear at the meeting to answer such charges.

#### **ARTICLE VIII: ORDER OF BUSINESS**

1. Roll Call
2. Acceptance of the Minutes of the preceding meeting
3. Reports of Committees
4. Reports of Officers
5. Old and Unfinished Business
6. New Business
7. Adjournments

#### **ARTICLE IX: COMMITTEE/OFFICIAL ASSIGNMENTS**

- 1) The Board may assign Directors and/or Regular Members to official committee's as the board deems necessary. Committees may include, but are not limited to:
  - a) Rules Committee
  - b) Nominating Committee
  - c) Membership / Registration Committee
  - d) Grounds Development / Maintenance Committee
  - e) Managers Selection Committee
  - f) Umpire Committee
  - g) League Events Committee

- 2) All committees of this organization shall be appointed by the Board of Directors and their term of office shall be for a period of one year, or less if sooner terminated by the action of the Board of Directors.

#### **ARTICLE X: SELECTION OF MANAGERS AND COACHES**

- 1) Team Managers and Coaches shall be appointed annually by the President. These appointments are subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. Board action is required to disqualify or rescind such an appointment. The Board of Directors may require manager/coach applications and conduct manager interviews as part of the manager/coach selection process.
- 2) The Managers and Coaches are responsible to the President. The President may remove, suspend or otherwise sanction any Manager or Coach in this League subject to Board approval or concurrence, by majority of the Board of Directors.

#### **ARTICLE XI: SELECTION OF REGULAR SEASON TEAMS**

- 1) **Major League Baseball teams** shall be selected by the Managers in accordance with the Player Selection System set forth in the Little League Operations Manual, METHOD IN FIRST YEAR OF OPERATION PLAN "A" with this exception: Manager player(s) shall be designated as round 3-5 as determined by age\*. Order of selection will be determined by the Player Agent and Managers at the time of the draft.
- 2) **Major League Softball teams** shall be selected by Softball Coordinator, Managers and Coaches in accordance with the Player Selection System set forth in the Little League Operations Manual, METHOD IN FIRST YEAR OF OPERATION PLAN "A" with this exception: Manager player(s) shall be designated as round 3-5 as determined by age\*. Order of selection will be determined by the Player Agent and Managers at the time of the draft.
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- 5) **Junior Minor Baseball teams** shall be selected by Player Agent from the remaining pool of 7/8/9- year-olds.

\*age 9-10 in round 5, age 11 in round 4, age 12 in round 3

- 6) **Junior Minor Softball teams** shall be selected by Softball Coordinator, Managers and Coaches in accordance with the Player Selection System set forth in the Little League Operations Manual, METHOD IN FIRST YEAR OF OPERATION PLAN "B".

- 7) **T-Ball and Farm League teams (Coed)** shall be selected by the Player Agent of each division, giving due regard to parent requests, commonality of schools or neighborhoods and manager or coach requests.

**ARTICLE XII: SELECTION OF ALL-STAR TEAMS (Baseball and Softball) - The Board may at their discretion require a tryout in addition to or in lieu of the balloting.**

**1) Player/Parent-Guardian commitment**

- a) Players eligible for selection for All Stars must be prepared to commit to a six week (possibly longer) intensive baseball schedule from June 1 through roughly July 15. And possibly through late July if advancing to state play and to the end of August if advancing to International play.
- b) Players selected can expect to practice every day (sometimes twice per day) and play multiple games.
- c) Players selected but unable to meet All Star requirements due to vacation conflicts, injury, illness, etc. may be a disqualifier for the team at sole discretion of the manager.
- d) Absences or conflicts due to other sports may be a disqualifier for the team at the sole discretion of the manager.
- e) Players must commit to being team players and understand that they will be subject to the minimum play requirements.
- f) They **MUST** have on file birth-certificates and proof of residence documents or approved waivers prior to their selection to the All Star team roster.
- g) They **MUST** pay any necessary All Star fees (with-in one-week of selection) as dictated by league finances or contact the league President to discuss a payment plan.

- 2) Minor and Major Managers**, or their designees, will discuss the players they are familiar with and come to a consensus selection of no less than eight (8) players if the team will carry twelve (12) players, or nine (9) players if the team will carry 13 or more. These players will be selected to the All-Star team.

- 3) All-Star Manager** shall then have the discretion to select the remaining players of the team based upon the input from the Managers, and the perceived requirements of the team. Though it would be unusual, the All-Star Manager may select a player not on the Slate of All-Star Candidates, with consensus of managers.

- 4) Major All Stars (11 & 12 year-old)** shall be selected as follows, and selected first:

- a) Major League players shall vote by ballot for the top 12 players in the division to compete for All Stars.
- b) Major Managers and Coaches shall similarly vote by ballot for the top 12 players.
- c) The Major Managers, or their designees (one per team), shall meet with the President, Player Agent, and any assigned board member to select the All Star team. The meeting is confidential, and neither players nor parents are to be informed about how players were ranked or selected.

- d) The players receiving the top twenty (20) votes will be placed on the Slate of All-Star Candidates for selection. The first eight (8) or (9) players must be selected from this Slate.
  - e) Major Managers or their designees will discuss the players they are familiar with and come to a consensus selection of no less than eight (8) players if the team will carry twelve (12) players, or nine (9) players if the team will carry 13 or more. These players will be selected to the All-Star team.
  - f) Based upon the input from the Managers, and the perceived requirements of the team, the All-Star Manager shall then have the discretion to select the remaining players of the team. Though it would be unusual, the All-Star Manager may select a player not on the Slate of All-Star Candidates, with the consensus of the managers.
- 5) 10 & 11 Year-Old All Stars:** The board may at its discretion, based on player talent evaluation each year; elect to field a Blue 10/11 All Star team and a Red 10/11 All Star Team. 10 & 11 Year-Old All Stars shall be selected after the 11- & 12 All Star as follows:
- a) Major League players shall vote by ballot for the top 12 players in the division to compete for All Stars.
  - b) Major Managers and Coaches shall similarly vote by ballot for the top 12 players.
  - c) The 11-year-old players receiving the top 20 votes on the Major League Ballot will be placed on the Slate of All-Star Candidates for selection. 11-year-olds in the Minor League that receive votes in the top 10 of the Minor League Ballot may also be placed on the Slate. Managers from the Minor Leagues will need to inform the All Star Manager about the strengths and qualities of the 11-year-old players in their division.
  - d) Major and Minor Managers, or their designees (one per team), shall meet with the President, Player Agent, and any assigned board member to select the All Star team. The meeting is confidential, and neither players nor parents are to be informed about how players were ranked or selected.
  - e) Based upon the input from the Managers, and the perceived requirements of the team, the All-Star Manager shall then have the discretion to select the remaining players of the team. Though it would be unusual, the All-Star Manager may select a player not on the Slate of All-Star Candidates, with the consensus of managers.
- 6) 9 & 10-Year-Old All-Stars** shall be selected as follows, after the 11 & 12 Year Old and 10 & 11 year old All-Star Selections:
- a) Minor League players shall vote by ballot for the top 12 players in the division to compete for All Stars.
  - b) Minor League Managers and Coaches shall similarly vote by ballot for the top 12 players.
  - c) The players receiving the top twenty (20) votes will be placed on the Slate of All-Star Candidates for selection. This Slate should be supplemented with 10 year olds that played in the Major Division. Strong consideration should be given

to those 10 year-old players that competed successfully in the Major League. The first eight (8) or (9) players must be selected from this Slate.

- d) The Minor and Major Managers, or their designees (one per team), shall meet with the President, Player Agent, and any assigned board member to select the All Star team. The meeting is confidential, and neither players nor parents are to be informed about how players were ranked or selected. The board may at its discretion, based on player talent evaluation each year, elect to field a Red 9/10 All Star team and a Blue 9/10 All-Star team.

### **ARTICLE XIII – SELECTION OF ALL-STAR MANAGERS AND COACHES**

- 1) Managers and Coaches from the regular season interested in consideration for selection to manage an All-Star team shall submit a request for consideration to the President of the League no later than the 1st day of May of the season in question.
- 2) After a review of all submissions the president shall nominate the managers and present to the Board for final approval based on a majority vote of the Board of Directors. Board action is required to disqualify or rescind such an appointment.
- 3) The performance of the Manager's or Coach's team during the regular season is important in the selection of the All-Star Manager but is not determinative. The Board will appoint the individual who will best represent the League and will work to provide the most competitive All-Star team and has demonstrated the ability to develop skilled players.
- 4) The individual(s) selected to Manage an All-Star team shall have the autonomy to select his/her field coaches from the pool of individuals who volunteered to manage and/or coach during the regular season.

### **ARTICLE XIV – PER DIEM FOR ALL-STAR TEAMS**

- 1) To the extent of available funds, the League will help to defray travel expenses for teams traveling 150 miles or more to Section tournaments and beyond at a rate of \$1 per mile for one round trip to each tournament site.
- 2) Such funding may not be available if the tournament is played in a locality that is within the League's Section.

### **ARTICLE XV – LEAGUE DIVISIONS - PLAYER ASSIGNMENTS - LOCAL RULES**

#### **1) Divisions WRLI League shall have:**

- a) Seniors Division Baseball (15 & 16 year olds)
- b) Junior Division Baseball (13 & 14 year olds)
- c) Major Division Baseball (10 to 12 year olds)
- d) Major Division Softball (10 to 12 year olds)
- e) Minor Division Baseball (8 to 11 year olds)\*
- f) \*12 year olds may play minors, under certain circumstances (e.g. safety/skill set/abilities), Board approval as well as District approval.
- g) Minor Division Softball (8 to 10 year olds)\*



- h) \*7, 11, or 12 year olds may play minors, under certain circumstances (12 year olds require District approval, see above)
- i) Jr. Minor Division Baseball (7 to 9 year olds)  
\*10 and 11-year-olds may play junior minors, if a child is deemed a safety risk by WRLLE Board.
- j) Jr. Minor Division Softball (7 to 9 year olds)  
6\* and 10 year-olds may play junior minors, if a child is deemed a safety risk by WRLLE Board. (\*must have completed 1 year of Tee Ball)
- k) Farm Division (Coed) (6 to 8 year olds)
- l) T-Ball Division (Coed) (4 to 6 year olds)

## **2) Seniors Division Baseball**

- a) Senior Division teams should be selected from eligible 15- and 16-year-olds.
- b) The Senior Division draws its players from within the same boundaries as the “parent” league. When there are not enough players within the league boundaries to play a schedule within the league, two or more adjacent leagues of the same district may combine to form a Senior League (with recommendation of District Administrator and the approval of the Charter Committee).

## **3) Junior Division Baseball**

- a) No players 11 or younger may play in the Junior Division.
- b) Junior Division teams should be selected from eligible 13- and 14-year-olds, and the League discourages Managers from selecting 12-year-olds to this division.
- c) If the competitive league that West Redding Little League’s Juniors compete in (likely comprised of teams from Shasta Dam Area Little League, Foothill Little League, East Redding Little League, Anderson Little League, Red Bluff Little League and Corning Little League) allow 15-year-olds to compete -- so long as they do not pitch and the District Administrator allows it -- the League will allow 15-year-olds to participate. In this case 15-year-olds would be ineligible for the Juniors All Star Team.

## **4) Major Division Baseball**

- a) No players 9 or younger should play in the Major Division. All 10-year-olds must declare a “Majors” try out at designated try out dates.
- b) A 9-year-old player may be eligible to play in the Majors division only with the unanimous approval of the Board of Directors.
- c) Major Division teams should be selected from eligible 11- and 12-year-olds, and the League discourages Managers from selecting 10-year-olds to this division.
- d) In accordance with Regulation V(a), all candidates who are league age twelve (12) must be drafted to a Major Division team, except
  - 1. When the placement of that candidate in the Major Division would constitute a safety issue to the player.
  - 2. The player’s parents approve.

3. The District Administrator provides written approval.
- e) In the event that a Major League team loses a player due to season-ending injury, the player moves to another city, or any other justifiable reason, the Manager must notify the Player Agent immediately. The Player Agent shall advise the President and the Board of the loss and shall provide the Manager with a list of available players for replacement. If a replacement player is selected and moves to the Major League team, he/she becomes a permanent member of that team. REPLACEMENTS MAY NOT BE SOUGHT WHEN THERE ARE TWO (2) OR LESS WEEKS LEFT IN THE PLAYER'S SEASON.

## **5) Major Division Softball**

- a) Girls ages 11-12 years old. A 10 year old may play if the skill level is appropriate & approved by the board. All 11-12 year olds must declare a "Majors" try out at designated try out dates and be selected in the draft to a Minor team.
- b) Major Division teams should be selected from eligible 11- and 12-year-olds, and the League discourages Managers from selecting 10-year-olds to this division.
- c) In accordance with Regulation V(a), all candidates who are league age twelve (12) must be drafted to a Major Division team, except
  - i) When the placement of that candidate in the Major Division would constitute a safety issue to the player.
  - ii) The player's parents approve.
  - iii) The District Administrator provides written approval.
- d) In the event that a Major League team loses a player due to season-ending injury, the player moves to another city, or any other justifiable reason, the Manager must notify the Player Agent immediately. The Player Agent shall advise the President and the Board of the loss and shall provide the Manager with a list of available players for replacement. If a replacement player is selected and moves to the Major League team, he/she becomes a permanent member of that team. REPLACEMENTS MAY NOT BE SOUGHT WHEN THERE ARE TWO (2) OR LESS WEEKS LEFT IN THE PLAYER'S SEASON.

## **6) Minor Division**

Minor division consists of several divisions: Minors (Baseball and Softball), Junior Minors (Baseball and Softball), Farm (Coach Pitch; Coed), and Tee-Ball (Coed).

### **Minors Baseball Division:**

- a) No players 7 or younger may play in the Minors division.
- b) All 8-year-olds must declare a "Minors" try out at designated try out dates and be selected in the draft to a Minor team.
- c) Minors Division teams should be selected from eligible 9, 10 and 11 year-olds, and the League discourages Managers from selecting 8 year-olds to this division. 12-year-olds can be permitted to play if the Board of Directors considers the player a safety risk in the Majors Division.

- d) Pursuant to Little League Rule 4.04, the batting order at the Minor Division will be a continuous batting order that includes all players on the team roster present for the game.

#### **Minors Softball Division:**

- a) Girls ages 8-10 years old. A 7 or 11 year old may play if the skill level is appropriate & approved by the board. All 8-year-olds must declare a "Minors" try out at designated try out dates and be selected in the draft to a Minor team. 12-year-olds can be permitted to play if the Board of Directors considers the player a safety risk in the Majors Division.
- b) Minors Division teams should be selected from eligible 8, 9 and 10 year-olds, and the League discourages Managers from selecting 7 year-olds to this division. 11-year-olds can be permitted to play if the Board of Directors considers the player a safety risk in the Majors Division.
- c) Pursuant to Little League Rule 4.04, the batting order at the Minor Division will be a continuous batting order that includes all players on the team roster present for the game.

#### **Jr. Minor Baseball Division**

- a) Instructional division for players ages 7-9. If during the Minors draft, a coach and player agent can determine a 10 or 11 year old a safety risk, they can recommend the player to play Jr. Minors, subject to President approval.
- b) Junior Minors is an instructional level, operated under a competitive format.
- c) Any player missing tryouts who is of the player league age 9 will automatically be placed in Junior Minors. Minors may obtain injury/replacement players from Junior Minors during the season.

#### **Jr. Minor Softball Division**

- a) Girls ages 7-9 years old. A 6\* and 10 year old may play if the skill level is appropriate & approved by the Board. There will be no tryouts for Junior Minor Teams. Designated pitchers & catcher positions that have been stated will be equally distributed amongst all teams to ensure equal competition. (\*must have completed 1 year of Tee Ball)
- b) Jr. Minors Division teams should be selected from eligible 7, 8 and 9 year-olds, and the League discourages Managers from selecting 6 year-olds to this division. 10 year olds can be permitted to play if the Board of Directors considers the player a safety risk in the Minors Division.
- c) Pursuant to Little League Rule 4.04, the batting order at the Minor Division will be a continuous batting order that includes all players on the team roster present for the game.

### **Farm Division**

- a) Instructional division for players ages 6-8, boys & girls. Players who are league age 6 are permitted to advance to Farm after participation in T-Ball for at least one season allowing players whose parents are managing/coaching will be given priority.
- b) This is a coach pitch format. Review Local Rules for specific information.

### **T-Ball Division**

- a) Instructional division for players ages 4-6, boys & girls.

## **7) Tryouts**

- a) Try-outs shall be held on two consecutive Saturdays in January or February, weather permitting. Softball Tryouts will be held the same weekends, on adjacent fields. If weather causes a Try Out day to be canceled, the Board will select an alternate day.
- b) Major Try-outs shall be conducted separately from Minor Try-outs (baseball & softball). All players trying out for Majors must announce their intention to accept assignment to a Major team if selected. Only players that participate in the Major Try-out are eligible for selection to a Major team. Any player not already assigned to a Major team that does not try out will be assigned to a Minor team.
- c) Try-outs are required for Minor baseball and softball players. Players that do not try out, but are too old for JR. Minors shall be assigned to teams at the end of the draft by lottery selection, "in the blind."

Note: While all players are expected to try out each season for Majors/Minors the board recognizes that some issues (e.g. medical issues, family emergencies, etc.) can arise. These issues are expected to be few in number and can be handled/resolved on a case by case basis by the Player Agent and division Managers.

## **8) Championship/Play-Off Tie-Breakers**

- a) In the event that two or more Major or Minor teams are tied for a Championship or Play-Off position, a single elimination game shall be scheduled to determine the Champion or Play-Off team. If more than two teams are tied, opponents and order of elimination games will be drawn by lot.
- b) In the Minor division, the regular season winner will be the WRLI representative in the annual East – West game, if held. Regular season finish will determine seating for the post-season tournament. The tournament winner will be the WRLI representative in the Minors TOC tournament, if held.
- c) If sufficient time is not available to play an elimination series, then the Tie Breaker shall be determined in the following order:
  - i) Winner of head-to-head competition.

- ii) Overall League record, including interleague games, decided by percentage points. All non-played scheduled games, or incomplete games, shall be deemed to have been forfeited by the team seeking Championship or Play-off, unless otherwise designated by the Board of Directors.
  - iii) Highest differential between Points For and Points Against.
  - iv) Flip of the coin.
- d) If interleague play in Majors or Minors allows each team to play each team in the other leagues, or the same set of teams from another league or leagues, then the record from those games will be counted in the standings for the League.

## **ARTICLE XII: AMENDMENTS**

These By-Laws may be altered, amended, repealed or added to by an affirmative vote of not less than a majority of the Directors in attendance (quorum required).

THESE BY-LAWS WERE DULY ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT ITS REGULAR MEETING ON December 9, 2013, amended February 9, 2015, October 12, 2015, and November 20, 2018, October 6th 2020, October 6th, 2022.

Dated: October 6th, 2022

Lacey Ballestrasse, PRESIDENT

Natalie Middleton, SECRETARY