
RANCHO MISSION VIEJO LITTLE LEAGUE

2012 LOCAL RULES

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Section 1: Purpose of Local Rules

The objective of the Rancho Mission Viejo Little League (RMVLL) Local Rules is to provide supplementary rules and guidelines in certain areas where leeway is allowed by the established Little League Baseball Incorporated (LLBI) Rules, Regulations, and Policies. No local rules can conflict with the published Rules, Regulations, Policies, or Principles of LLBI without the expressed written permission from the LLBI Charter Committee at Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

Section 2: Board of Directors

The Board of Directors is responsible for the management of all RMVLL operations, setting league policies and local rules subject to the regulations and guidelines established by Little League Baseball.

- A. The Board of Directors shall be elected annually through a vote by the membership
 - 1. Directors will serve a one (1) year term
 - 2. There is no limit to the number of terms a Director may be elected by the membership to serve
- B. Following the election, the Board will meet and elect its officers from within the membership of the Board.
 - 1. A Director shall be entitled, if they choose, to hold the same position for two (2) consecutive terms. A Director can hold the same position for more than two (2) consecutive terms if there are no other candidates for that position, or if they are reelected to that position by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Section 3: Team Selections

RMVLL utilizes a Draft process for each of its Divisions in order to balance competitive equity within the Divisions and give the opportunity for Managers to choose players for their teams based on their own individual criteria. All teams are drafted from “scratch” each year.

- A. Tryouts
 - 1. All players requesting to play in the Minor “A” through Major Divisions are required to attend tryouts. Tryout dates and times will be announced as soon as possible.
 - 2. Players requesting to play in the T-Ball and Coach Pitch Divisions do not attend a tryout
- B. Division Eligibility
 - 1. All registered players will be selected to a team, however there is ***no guarantee*** of selection to the Division requested by the player.
 - 2. All returning RMVLL players must be drafted into the same or a higher Division than he/she played for RMVLL in the previous Spring season.

3. Listed below are the minimum Division levels that players must be drafted into. Exceptions will be made if the safety of the child is in jeopardy as determined by the Player Agent and approved by the Board. For League Age 12 year olds, a waiver is required to be submitted to the District for approval to play in the Minor "AAA" Division.
 - a. League Age 12 - Majors
 - b. League Age 11 - Minor "AAA"
 - c. League Age 10 - Minor "AA"
 - d. League Age 9 - Minor "A"
4. All players League Age 11 and 12 will be eligible for the Major Division draft
5. Any player League Age 10 who would like to tryout for the Majors Division must have the parent request so on the registration form
 - a. The maximum number of Players League Age 10 that can be drafted into the Majors Division will be one per Majors team or 6 players, whichever is larger; i.e. if there are 6 Majors teams or less, then 6 players League Age 10 are eligible to be drafted into the Majors Division; if there are more than 6 Majors teams, the number of League Age 10 players eligible to be drafted into Majors will be equal to the number of Majors teams.
 - b. No Majors team may draft more than two League Age 10 players
6. Players League Age 9 are not eligible for the Major Division draft

C. Draft Process

1. The League will utilize the "Alternate method for Plan B" draft process as listed in the Little League Operating Manual, which means that Managers are not required to first select returning players from that Division; i.e., there is only one draft for each Division (in contrast to two separate drafts – one for returning players and one for new players).
2. Managers will draw numbers to determine the order of player selection. First round will be numbered from lowest to highest. The second round will be numbered highest to lowest, using the "serpentine" system. All ensuing rounds will continue in the same manner.
3. The Managers will make their selections in an open, verbal draft
4. Teams of 11 players are allowed if deemed necessary for Division structure by the President and the Player Agent.
5. Parental requests to play for or not play for specific Managers will not be facilitated by the Board for the Minor "A" Division and above.

- a. Every effort will be made to honor parental requests to play for a specific Manager in the T-Ball and Coach Pitch Divisions

6. Managers' children must be drafted in the rounds specified below based on their League Age:

Draft Round	Little League	Junior	Senior
5	10 and below	12	14
4	11	13	15
3	12	14	16

7. In the Major Division draft, the sibling of a selected player is protected from being drafted until that team's next selection. If the sibling is not selected at that time, they will be placed back in the open pool of players. Every effort should be made to ensure siblings are on the same team.

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8. In the Minor Division drafts, the sibling of a selected player must be placed on the same team if both siblings are going to be drafted into the same division. The selections must take place in consecutive rounds unless the Division Commissioner determines otherwise before the draft.
 9. Managers will have fifteen (15) minutes following the draft to trade players with the approval of the Commissioner and the Player Agent. After that time, the Division Commissioner and two thirds of the Board must approve trades.

D. Junior, Senior, and Big League Division team selections will be determined by the Board based on the number of players participating each year

E. After the Draft, no refund of registration fees will be issued

Section 4: Pool Players

The purpose of Pool Players is to prevent game forfeitures. The Player Agent will create and run player pools for the Minor "A" and above Divisions of play. The pool will be comprised of players from each Division that are willing to participate in extra games within their Division during the regular season when teams face a shortage of players. Pool players are not allowed to move vertically between Divisions. In the Minor "AAA" and Majors Divisions, pool players are not allowed to be used during the RMVLL postseason tournament.

- A. The Division Commissioner, with the assistance of the Managers, will solicit Pool Players from each Division. Players will be added to the pool by communicating via email to their Division Commissioner a desire to be included in the pool.
- B. A Manager must request a pool player if he will be unable to field a team of at least nine (9) players.
 1. The Manager is responsible for requesting the use of pool players as soon as possible, but no later than the day before the scheduled game or a game forfeiture will be recommended to the Board. The Board may consider special circumstances in determining game forfeiture.
- C. A Manager may request a pool player if he is not likely to have ten (10) or more players available to play for a regular season game.
 1. The request shall be made via email to the Player Agent
 2. A team may not use more than three (3) pool players in a game
- D. Managers will not have the right to pick players from the pool
 1. The first player on the pool list (not on the opposing team) available to play on a given day is assigned to the first team requesting a player. When that player plays, he is then moved to the end of the pool list.
 2. The list of players and their order shall be developed by the Player Agent using a random convention (disclosed to the League President), but the list and order shall be kept in confidence by the Player Agent.

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3. If a pool player has been requested and assigned to a Manager for a game, that pool player must play in the game
 4. If the game is not played on the scheduled date and the team still needs a pool player for the rescheduled game, the originally assigned pool player will be contacted first to fill the spot.
- E. Players used from the pool are subject to the minimum play requirements of each Division
1. Pool players cannot play more defensive outs in a game than a regularly rostered player on the team
 2. Pool players cannot play the positions of pitcher or catcher in a game when they are being utilized as a pool player
 3. Pool players cannot bat in a lineup spot ahead of a regularly rostered player on the team i.e., a pool player must bat last in the order and if there is more than one pool player they must fill the bottom spots in the batting order.

Section 5: Player Loss and Movement

- A. Permanent openings on Little League Major rosters will be filled from Minor "AAA" rosters. A Manager shall have forty eight (48) hours to make a selection known to the Player Agent with the time starting at the moment the Player Agent notifies the Manager of eligible players.
- B. The Player Agent is the only person authorized to contact the player or his/her parents involved in any draft up to a higher Division. Any violation may lead to disciplinary action towards the appropriate person by the Board.
- C. Any Manager/Coach who influences a player's decision regarding player movement shall be reviewed by the Board for immediate disciplinary action.
- D. Refusal of a player from any Minor level Division to comply with the player replacement procedures for the Minor Leagues shall result in forfeiture of further eligibility to play in the higher Division for the remainder of the season. Since all 12 year olds must play Majors unless a waiver has been granted, if a 12 year old is on the waiting list, he/she should be taken to the major team with an opening before a call up of a Minor "AAA" player.
- E. Permanent openings on the Minor "AAA" rosters will be filled first from the waiting list as follows: The first available twelve year old on the waiting list will be selected. If there are no eligible twelve year olds available, the Manager may select the next available Minor "AAA" player from the top of the waiting list, or if there is no waiting list, the Manager may select any eligible Minor "AA" player.
- F. Openings on the Minor "AA" and lower Division rosters will be filled from the waiting list
- G. Openings on Junior and Senior teams will be filled from the waiting list
- H. No replacement will be allowed from a Minor Division team during the final four (4) weeks of the regular season. The RMVLL Tournament is not considered part of the regular season.

Section 6: Manager Selections

- A.** Divisional Committees are established by the Board of Directors to determine selection of Managers for all levels of play
1. Each Committee will be comprised of the Division Commissioner and two (2) Board Members, excluding the President. None of the Committee members may have a child in that Division.
 2. Each Committee will interview and present a slate of candidates to the President.
 - a. Criteria considered by the Committee in evaluating candidates include: RMVLL volunteer experience, baseball/coaching experience, leadership ability, parent reviews from previous years as Manager or Coach, and Board input.
 - b. The President will approve or reject each of the nominees and present the candidates to the Board.
 3. When approved by the Board of Directors, that slate will be the Managers for the season
 4. There are no appeals to the Board or any other governing body on Manager selections
 5. All Managers are released at the end of each season
- B.** Managers shall submit Coach candidates to their Division Commissioner who will forward to the President. The President shall approve or reject each of the candidates and present them to the Board of Directors for approval.
- C.** The Board, at the discretion of the President, may request to include more than 50% of its membership as Managers and Coaches.

Section 7: Team Management and Responsibilities

The Manager agrees to abide by the RMVLL Manager's agreement and ensure that his/her team fulfills all League requirements, including but not limited to: obtaining a team sponsorship, team snack bar duties, team umpire duties, scorekeeping, and field prep. It is highly recommended that the Manager delegate these duties to other parents on the team, however, the Manager retains full responsibility for ensuring fulfillment of all team responsibilities.

- A. Rules Clinics:** All Managers and at least one Coach per team in the Minor "A" Division and above are required to attend one of the preseason Rules Clinics offered by the District. Failure of the Manager and at least one Coach per team to attend one of the rules clinics will result in suspension of the Manager for the first two games of the regular season.
1. Managers in the Coach Pitch and T-Ball Divisions are welcome to attend, but are not required to
- B. Team Sponsor:** Each team is required to obtain a sponsor before receiving their team uniforms. If no sponsor is able to be obtained, the team will collectively be responsible for the Team sponsorship fee.
- C. Snack Bar:** Each team is required to fulfill its volunteer requirements in working the snack bar. The option exists for parents to pay a fee at registration (determined annually by the Board of Directors) and "buyout" of working their snack bar shift.

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- D. Scorekeeping:** Each team in the Minor “A” and above Divisions is responsible for providing the official scorekeeper for games when they are designated as the Home team. Each team should have at least two volunteers knowledgeable in keeping score. A scorekeeping class will be offered by the league during the preseason.
- E. Umpiring:** Volunteer Umpires are a critical component of Little League and the games cannot be played without umpires. The goal of the league is to have two umpires scheduled for every game in the Minor “A” and above Divisions. It is highly recommended that each team have multiple volunteer umpires.
1. Each team is required to volunteer to umpire a designated number of games within the league as established annually by the Umpire in Chief (UIC) and Board of Directors.
 2. Training in the form of Umpire mechanics clinics and rules clinics are offered by the District and the UIC.
 3. Failure for a team to fulfill its umpire requirements will result in the team’s Manager being suspended until the umpire requirement is met
 4. At least one representative from each team will be required to attend the umpire mechanics clinic. It is highly recommended that more than one representative attends.

Section 8: Season Format

- A.** Junior, Senior, and Big League Division formats will be determined by District 68 and no other policies under this section of the Local Rules are applicable to the Junior and above Divisions.
- B.** Little League Majors and all Minor Divisions, including T-Ball and Coach Pitch, will play one overall season (i.e., no split season format) typically consisting of approximately 20 games. Generally teams will play one game during the week and one game on Saturday.
- C.** RMVLL, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, may choose to participate in interleague play with other Little Leagues in District 68.
- D.** Standings will be kept for in the Minor “A” and above Divisions. No score or standings will be kept in the T-Ball and Coach Pitch Divisions.
- E.** At the end of the regular season, the Minor “A” and above Divisions will have a RMVLL double elimination tournament. All teams in each Division will participate in the RMVLL Tournament.
1. Seedings in the tournament will be determined by the regular season standings
 2. If two or more teams are tied at the end of the regular season, the following criteria will be utilized to determine seedings until the tie is broken:
 - a. Head-to-head record for the regular season
 - b. Run differential in head-to-head games
 - c. Lowest runs allowed in all games
 - d. Coin Flip

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- F. For the Majors and Minor “AAA” Divisions, the first seed for the District 68 Tournament of Champions (TOC) will be the team that finishes with the regular season with the best overall record. The second TOC seed will be the team that wins the RMVLL tournament.
1. If the regular season champion also wins the RMVLL tournament, then the second place team in the RMVLL tournament will be the second TOC team.
- G. If RMVLL fields a younger Challenger team, teams in the Minor “AAA” Division will be scheduled for one or more games to act as “Buddies” for Challenger teams that are scheduled to play. The Challenger Commissioner will notify the “AAA” Commissioner as to game times and “Buddy” duties.
- H. Rained out, postponed or suspended games in the Minor “A” and above Divisions will be made up. Games will not be rescheduled in the T-Ball or Coach Pitch Divisions.
1. Regular season make up games will be rescheduled for the next available day after the missed game as determined by field availability. Once a game has been rescheduled, that becomes the current official schedule and that time slot is no longer available for other games to be rescheduled into.
 - a. If multiple games in a day are postponed, games will be rescheduled in the order they were originally scheduled to be played. **Example:** if two Saturday games are postponed, and Sunday is the next day with field availability, the first game from Saturday would be rescheduled into the first open time slot on Sunday and the second game from Saturday rescheduled into the second open time slot on Sunday. Should there be only one open time slot on Sunday, the second Saturday game would be rescheduled on the next day with field availability (i.e., Monday or later).
 - b. Should a game need to be rescheduled more than once, the game will again be rescheduled for the next available day based on field availability as determined by the current official schedule. This game will not have the priority to “bump” any other originally scheduled or rescheduled game.
 - c. The league will avoid scheduling teams for doubleheaders unless it is determined necessary in order to complete all postponed games or agreed to by both managers. Requests to schedule doubleheaders must be approved by the President.
 2. It is recognized that games involving interleague teams may not always be able to be rescheduled for the next available day. In such cases, the Division Commissioner will be responsible for working with his/her interleague counterpart to reschedule the game(s) for a date agreed upon by both leagues’ Commissioners. Every effort should be made by the Division Commissioner to reschedule the games as soon as possible.
 3. In the Minor “A” and Minor “AA” Divisions, Commissioners may choose (but are not required) to accommodate requests to reschedule rained out or postponed games for a date other than the next available day
 - a. Additionally, in the Minor “A” and Minor “AA” Divisions, suspended games may be rescheduled to continue on the next date that the two teams involved are scheduled to play each other rather than being required to play on the next available day. The completion of the suspended game will take place before the start of the regularly scheduled game.

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4. RMVLL Tournament games will be played in the order that they were originally scheduled. Rained out, or postponed games will be played the next day. Any previously scheduled games impacted by the rescheduled game(s) will be pushed out accordingly.
- I. Any Manager requesting a game be rescheduled due to the inability to field a team, must complete a "Game Schedule Change Request" Form and submit it to the Division Commissioner. The Commissioner will review the request form, verify the reasons for players' absence, and determine whether to approve or deny the request.
 1. Requests to reschedule a game can only be made if a team is unable to field a team of at least nine (9) players even after requesting the use of pool players
 2. Should the request be approved, the Commissioner will notify the Managers of both teams involved of the change and the new date and time. The Commissioner will also be responsible for notifying the UIC and the Information Officer of the change.
 3. Should the request be denied and the team that has made the request cannot field a team of at least nine (9) players on the date and time scheduled, a game forfeiture will be recommended to the Board.
 - J. Failure to field a team within ten (10) minutes of the scheduled start time may result in a forfeit recommendation from the Division Commissioner. The Board must approve all forfeitures.
 - K. Sunday make-up games will not start before noon unless approved by both Managers.

Section 9: Playing Rules

General Rules

- A. Home team is responsible for all pregame field preparation
- B. Visiting team will take infield first, no sooner than thirty (30) minutes before game time. Each team's infield session will not exceed ten (10) minutes. No pitching from the mound will be allowed during this warm up time.
- C. In the Minor "A" and above Divisions, the Home team is responsible for providing the official scorekeeper for the game.
 1. For games in the Minor "AA" and above Divisions, the official scorekeeper will also be responsible for maintaining the official pitch counts for the game.
 2. Official scorebooks are to be kept in the snack bar. If a game continues beyond the closing of the snack bar, the scorebook should be secured in the closest equipment bin and an email sent to the Division Commissioner.
- D. Managers in the Minor Divisions, ("AAA", "AA", "A") will be responsible for keeping a position sheet for each game that records the defensive positions and innings played by each player.

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- E. In the Minor Divisions ("AAA", "AA", "A"), a team shall take the field when they score five (5) runs or three (3) outs have been recorded, whichever is first.
 - 1. If in innings 1-5 a ground-rule double or over the fence home-run forces in runs that exceed the five run maximum, the additional runs shall be allowed to count. For example, if a team has scored four runs in their half of an inning and a batter hits a two-run over-the-fence home run, said team shall tally six runs for that half-inning.
 - 2. This rule does not apply for the sixth (6th) inning. The sixth inning will have unlimited runs.
 - 3. If a game is running late, the umpire may decide to make an earlier inning the unlimited inning.
 - F. Unless the game is tied or during tournament play, no new inning will be allowed to start after 2 hours 30 minutes from the game time start in the Minor "AAA" Division. In the Minor "AA" and "A" Divisions, no new inning will start after 2 hours 15 minutes from the game time start. An inning officially ends at the moment the last out is made in the bottom of an inning.

T-Ball Division

- A. The offensive team will bat the entire order each inning
- B. No bunting
- C. Runners shall not steal, advance on an overthrow, or continue to advance once the ball is in control of an infielder
- D. Defensive team will field all players; no more than six (6) in the infield, and the remainder in the outfield. If the catcher's position is filled, a Coach may be placed at the plate to assist.
- E. No player shall play any one position for more than two (2) consecutive innings. Every player shall play a minimum of one (1) complete inning in the infield excluding catcher.
- F. No infield fly rule
- G. No score or scorebooks will be kept
- H. Only reduced injury, limited flight, or soft tee baseball will be used
- I. Games are limited to three (3) innings or one and one half (1.5) hours

Coach Pitch Division

- A. The offensive team will bat the entire order each inning
- B. The offensive team will provide a Coach to deliver the pitch to the batter. This person shall not field a batted ball. If the batted ball touches the pitching Coach, the ball is dead, the batter is awarded first base, and any base runners advance only if forced.

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- C. The pitching Coach shall deliver five (5) pitches to each batter. The batter may swing at any of the five pitches without penalty of a strikeout. The batter cannot be walked, bunt, nor awarded first base by being hit by a pitch. If the batter has not put the ball in play by the fifth pitch, the batting tee will be utilized.
 - D. The pitching Coach may pitch over or under hand
 - E. A Coach may be placed at the plate to assist the catcher in getting the balls back to the pitcher
 - F. Runners shall not steal, advance on an overthrow, or continue to advance once the ball is in the control of an infielder
 - G. Defensive team will field all players; no more than six (6) in the infield and the remainder in the outfield. Offensive players who are put out by the defensive team shall return to the dugout.
 - H. No player shall play any one position for more than two (2) consecutive innings. Every player shall play a minimum of one (1) complete inning in the infield excluding catcher.
 - I. No infield fly rule
 - J. No score or scorebooks will be kept
 - K. Only reduced injury, limited flight, or soft tee baseball will be used
 - L. Games will be limited to four (4) innings or one and one half (1.5) hours

Minor "A" Division

- A. Continuous batting order will be utilized. All players whether playing a defensive position or not, will take their turn at bat.
- B. A pitching machine shall be used in this Division. The home team Manager will be responsible for setting up and taking down the pitching machine. The machine shall be set-up in the middle of the pitcher's circle and set to a speed of 35 MPH.
- C. The offensive team shall provide a volunteer to operate the pitching machine. The person operating the pitching machine shall present five (5) pitches to each batter. The batter may swing at all of the pitches regardless of the number of strikes. The batter may not walk nor be awarded first base by being hit by a pitch. The batter is not allowed to bunt.
- D. The batter shall be out on the fifth (5th) pitch if the ball is not hit in fair territory, unless the pitch is a foul ball
- E. If a batted ball hits the pitching machine or the operator feeding the machine, the ball is dead and the batter will be awarded first base and any base runners will advance one base. However, if a

batted ball touches any part of any defensive player prior to hitting the pitching machine or operator feeding the machine, then the ball remains live and in play.

- F. The operator of the pitching machine shall make adjustments to the machine only when both Managers consent. Adjustments shall only be allowed after the completion of the bottom half of an inning unless the machine is hit out of adjustment by a batted ball.
- G. The operator of the pitching machine is not allowed to give instructions to the batter or coach runners on base
- H. There will be a maximum of two bases on any hit unless it is an over the fence home run. In order for a runner to advance two bases, the ball must have either been hit to the outfield or an overthrow must have occurred.
- I. Stealing is not allowed
- J. A defensive team shall field a maximum of nine (9) players, with three (3) playing in the outfield. For an official game to occur, both teams are required to field a minimum of nine (9) players throughout the entire game. The catcher's position must be filled at all times.
- K. No player shall play any one (1) position for more than two (2) consecutive innings
 - 1. All players must sit out one inning before another player sits for a second inning
 - 2. Every player must play a minimum of two (2) complete innings in the infield, not necessarily consecutive. In this Division, the catcher position does not count towards the two (2) innings in the infield minimum play requirement.
- L. The defensive pitcher is required to have at least one foot within the dirt (pitcher's mound) at the time of each pitch. At the umpire's discretion, a batter may return to bat if he was put out at first base by a pitcher who did not have at least one foot in the pitcher's mound area.
- M. Defensive outfielders cannot make an out by tagging a base or tagging a runner. They can record an out by catching a fly ball or throwing a batted ball to an infielder.
- N. No infield fly rule
- O. There are no protests allowed. All decisions will be resolved between the umpire and managers during the game.

Minor "AA" Division

- A. Continuous batting order will be utilized. All players whether playing a defensive position or not, will take their turn at bat.
- B. No player shall play any one (1) position for more than two (2) consecutive innings
 - 1. All players must sit out one inning before another player sits for a second inning

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- 2. Every player must play a minimum of one (1) complete inning at an infield position
 - C. Pitchers will be restricted to three (3) innings per game maximum, even if they don't reach their maximum pitch count.
 - D. Catchers are encouraged to attempt throwing out stealing runners. Even on an overthrow by the catcher, runners may not advance further than the base they are attempting to steal.
 - E. Stealing home is not allowed
 - F. No infield fly rule
 - G. There are no protests allowed. All decisions will be resolved between the umpire and managers during the game.

Minor "AAA" Division

- A. Continuous batting order will be utilized. All players whether playing a defensive position or not, will take their turn at bat.
- B. Minimum playing time is nine (9) defensive outs with one (1) complete inning at an infield position
- C. Mercy Rule: If after four (4) innings, three and one-half innings if the home team is ahead, one team has a lead of ten (10) runs or more, the Manager of the team with the least runs shall concede the victory to the opponent.

Major Division

- A. Continuous batting order will be utilized. All players whether playing a defensive position or not, will take their turn at bat.
- B. Minimum playing time is nine (9) defensive outs.
- C. Mercy Rule: If after four (4) innings, three and one-half innings if the home team is ahead, one team has a lead of ten (10) runs or more, the Manager of the team with the least runs shall concede the victory to the opponent.

Junior/Senior/Big League Division

- A. Competition rules for these Divisions will be determined by District 68.

Section 10: Tournament of Champions

Two (2) teams from both the Major and Minor "AAA" Divisions will represent RMVLL and play in the District 68 Tournament of Champions against championship teams from other Little Leagues in District 68. All Junior teams participate in the TOC. The first seed in each Division will have the choice of which TOC bracket they want to play in; i.e., the first seed may choose to be play as either Rancho Mission Viejo 1 or as Rancho Mission Viejo 2. The Manager shall make his selection known to the other RMVLL TOC manager no later than the next day after receiving the brackets at the District TOC meeting.

Section 11: All Stars

RMVLL plans to field one All Star team in each of the following Little League sponsored tournaments: Senior, Junior, Little League, 10/11 year old, and 9/10 year old. In addition, if District 68 continues to offer a 9 year old tournament, RMVLL will plan to field a 9 year old Tournament team.

A. Manager and Coach Selections

1. All Star Managers shall be selected by the President and presented to the Board of Directors for approval.
2. Once the Manager has been selected and has accepted his/her position, the Manager will choose two (2) Coaches. These selections will be made from the remaining Managers or Coaches. The President shall approve or reject each of the candidates and present them to the Board of Directors for approval.

B. All Star Team Selections

1. Teams will consist of up to (13) players, one (1) Manager and two (2) Coaches. Managers may choose to select fewer than thirteen (13) players.
2. All players will be eligible for selection to an All Star team provided they submit a signed All Star participation agreement to the Board and are physically capable of playing during the All Star season; i.e. not injured.
3. Teams will be selected by a committee known as the All Star Selection Committee (ASSC). The ASSC will be comprised of the Managers from their respective Divisions (Seniors will have one ASSC, Juniors will have one ASSC, Majors will have one ASSC, and "AAA" will have one ASSC).
4. If any Manager is unable to attend his/her Division ASSC meeting, he/she will select one of his/her Coaches to attend in his/her place.
5. The Chairperson for each ASSC will be the Division Commissioner for that specific Division. The Board President and the Upper Division Player Agent will also attend each Division ASSC meeting. At the direction of the Chairperson, each Division ASSC will meet and at that meeting they will elect their respective Divisions' All Star Team. The Chairperson, the Board President, and the Player Agent will not be eligible to vote on selection; however, if any issue, including

selection, is unresolved by the ASSC at the called meeting, it will be resolved by vote of the Chairperson, the President, and the Player Agent prior to the meeting being adjourned.

Section 12: Disciplinary Action

- A. RMVLL, by majority vote of the Board Members, shall have the authority to suspend, discharge or otherwise discipline any player, Manager, Coach, Umpire, League Officer or other person whose conduct is in violation of the Rules and Regulations of Little league and/or is considered detrimental to the best interests of the League.
1. Persons subject to such discipline shall have the right to a hearing before the Board Disciplinary Committee before such discipline is imposed.
 2. In the event of disciplinary procedures involving a player, or other person under the age of eighteen (18), that person's parent or legal guardian shall be invited to attend the hearing with the person concerned.
- B. Recognizing the difficulty of establishing specific penalties for a variety of violations of acceptable conduct, the following penalties are suggested and the Board may impose the one which, in their opinion, appears to match the severity of the offense:
1. **WARNING:** The offending person is to be advised, in writing, of the offense and further advised that repetition of the offense will result in a more severe penalty.
 2. **SUSPENSION:** The offending person is to be advised, in writing, that he/she has been suspended from all league activity for a specific number of games or days.
 3. **DISMISSAL:** The offending person is to be advised, in writing, that he/she has been dismissed from the league for the remainder of the current year.