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2014 North Sound Big League Operating Procedures and Local Rules

North Sound Big League (NSBL) Administration for 2014

- 1. Administration** - This InterLeague Big League Baseball program will operate under the administration of the NSBL. One Board member is appointed by each respective District Administrator in the InterLeague program for that year. The Board then elects one of its own as a Chair for that year. ***The NSBL is accountable to the participating District's DA's and shall communicate with them as needed***
- 2. Local Rules** - The Board shall generate the Local Rules for the League and publish these rules to all participating teams
- 3. League/District Responsibility** - The Leagues involved and the Districts involved shall have the responsibility to form, charter and insure their own teams in accordance with current Little League Baseball & Softball Rule Books. The Districts shall assure the Board that their teams are formed and insured in accordance with the rules.
- 4. Schedules** - The Board shall publish the Schedules for all teams for the InterLeague play. This schedule shall include contact information for all Managers and Coaches for all teams. The schedule shall be published at least 10 days before the first game for the first team playing. The schedule will be generated such that each team will be playing one game on weekdays and 2 games on a weekend day. After the schedule is published, any two managers may reschedule a game when it is a hardship on one of the teams (Also see RULES #3 below). This is NOT cause for the schedule to be revised, but the managers will notify their District Board member of any such agreements so that they are aware of it. The Board Member will notify The Director and Scheduler..
- 5. Protests** - All Managers and Umpires are encouraged to avoid any protests by talking the situation out if it occurs. If a protest is inevitable, the Manager and Umpire are required to file the protest and umpires report to the Board Chair in accordance with the current Little League Rule book, Rule 4.19. All related statements/evidence shall be presented as part of that managers or umpires Protest Filing statement/report. The Protest Committee will consist of at least 3 members of the NSBL Board. They shall rule on the protest based on the report caused by Rule 4.19 and any attached statements filed with the written report. Ruling on Protests to this Board shall be final and binding on all parties. Disciplinary action shall be in accordance with the current rule book but the Board reserves the right to strengthen the discipline but cannot weaken it.
- 6. Accident Reporting** - Every participant will do everything possible to avoid an accident of any form. Should an accident occur during travel to or from a game site or during a game, the manager and/or coach shall file the required Accident Report with their respective

League/District Safety Officer and will assist the parents in filing the required Insurance forms with Little League, Inc.

7. **Pitching Records** - Each team Manager will be REQUIRED to carry with them to all games a Pitching Eligibility Form (see Attached). At each game, the Manager will share the information on the form with the umpire and opposing manager and then shall deliver the form to the official scorekeeper. The official scorekeeper shall fill out the form for each pitcher the team uses in that game, sign the form, have the opposing manager sign the form and then return the form to the team manager before he leaves the game site so he will have it for his next game. The Home Team manager shall also notify the NSBL Board Chair by E-mail, the score of each game and the pitching record for both teams

8. **Game Scorekeeping** - The official scorekeeper for each game shall be the HOME TEAM scorekeeper. Before each game, the scorekeeper shall obtain the games lineup card (**lineup card will have the players Uniform Number, position the player will play if he/she is a starter and first and last name of all players on the roster, at the game site and expected to play**) and Pitching Eligibility Form from both teams and note any pitchers that are not eligible to pitch in that days games. During the game, the official scorekeeper shall also keep the pitch count for that game for each pitcher used. After the game, the official scorekeeper shall transfer pitcher data to the respective Pitching Eligibility Form for each team, sign both forms, have the opposing manager sign the forms and return the forms to the respective managers. The scorekeeper shall also make sure that the Home Team manager has the final score and the Pitching Records for both teams so he/she can forward this info the NSBL Board Chair. The Board Chair shall enter this information into a NSBL Spreadsheet and cause this spreadsheet to be published to all Managers of a NSBL team at a minimum of once a week.

9. **The Season** shall start approximately **last Tuesday of April** and end approximately **last Sunday in June**.

10. **Game Dress Code** - All players will show the proper respect for the game by wearing their uniform properly. The hat will be worn with the bill facing forward and the jersey will be tucked in properly. Coaches will be neatly attired and in accordance with Little League Big League Rules (see Rule 1.11).

11. **Field decorum** will be observed at all times. All participants will remain in the field at all times unless chasing a played ball or excused by an umpire to tend to personal business. Leaving the field will not be tolerated for mixing with spectators or going to concession stands. Rule 3.09 will be enforced.

12. **Rosters** - Before the first game of the season, **each District** will submit to the NSBL Board Director a **complete list of each teams players to include full name and players Little League age** and the coaching staff for their team. **The Board Director will immediately send that list of players to all NSBL teams.** If players are added or removed from the roster after the start of the season, the Manager shall immediately (after the League has established the eligibility of the new player) **notify the NSBL Director via E-mail (teams@NorthSoundBigLeague.org) so that all teams in the League are informed of the addition/deletion/correction.** The addition/deletion or correction shall become OFFICIAL when the date/time stamp on the E-mail sent to the Director is registered as sent even if he/she has

not had a chance to make distribution to all teams. Use of a player not on a published roster or E-mail adding him/her to a roster BEFORE THE GAME TIME shall result in disciplinary action. For insurance purposes and liability purposes, it is very important that non-rostered players **NOT** take part in any of our games.

First Offence - Forfeiture of Game and warning to Manager

Second Offence - Forfeiture of Game and one game suspension to Manager

Subsequent Offenses - More severe penalty to Manager up to dismissal from NSBL

North Sound Big League RULES for 2014

1. All games will be played in accordance with the current year's official Little League Baseball Rule Book except as noted below.
2. The 10 Run Rule of Rule 4.10 (e) will be strictly enforced.
3. All games will be played as scheduled. Failure to place 9 players on the field at game time (grace period of 30 minutes will be allowed) will result in a game being referred to the Board for a decision. If a Manager knows at least 48 hours in advance of a game that he cannot field a team for a game, he is encouraged to contact the opposing manager and reschedule the game and then this game will be considered a rescheduled game, not a game where a team could not field a game. The intent is that the teams want to play games, not win games by forfeiture.
4. The HOME team Must notify the visiting team at least 4 hours in advance of any KNOWN physical conditions that would cause a game to not be played (rainouts, change in field availability, weather conditions, etc) so as to avoid unnecessary travel and gas expenses. The Home team manager is also reminded that he must notify the umpires of any cancelled/rescheduled games so they do not have to show.
5. The team providing the game field will also provide the game umpires for single and double header games. If visiting umpire wants to work a game, he will be accommodated if at all possible.
6. Game Balls will be provided by the home team. The game balls will be of Senior League or better quality.
7. The Home Team Manager or coach shall report their game results and pitching records for that day's game(s) to the Board within 24 hours of the completion of their game(s). This information will be relayed to all Managers via a spreadsheet immediately. This information will include the following:
 - a. Game Number and Date of Game
 - b. Game score for each team (winner and loser)
 - c. A record of the pitching used for both teams during that game from the official scorebook the teams Pitching Eligibility Record (see attached form, Game Scorekeeping for the information)
 - d. Any unusual activities, such as ejections.

8. Ejection of any player, manager or coach for any reason shall result in, as a minimum, the following (note, the NSBL Board reserves the right to make this penalty stiffer but not any lesser):

First Offence	One (1) game suspension
Second Offence	Three (3) game suspension
Third Offence	Permanent removal from the team

Any manager, coach or player ejected from a game may appeal this penalty to the Board within three days of the ejection but it is the responsibility of the appellant to prove the penalty should not be enforced. All ejections will be reported to the NSBL Board in accordance with Rule 9.05. The official scorekeeper will record all ejections in the official game scorebook. Both managers will also record all ejections in their individual scorebook.

9. Fighting, or attempting to instigate a fight, at the game site or during the game, for any reason will not be tolerated and will be dealt with severely. The penalties will be much stiffer than outlined in Rule 8 above.

Little League -- Baseball Pitcher Eligibility Tracking Form

Division _____ Team _____

Date of Game	Pitches Thrown	Pitcher's Name	Unif. No.	League Age	Tm. Manager's Signature *	Opp. Manager's Signature *	Scorekeeper/Ump Signature *	Eligible to pitch again on (date)

Pitching eligibility varies by the league age of the pitcher, which is the pitcher's age as of May 1 of the current year. The pitching eligibility regulation is Regulation VI (see current rule book for details). An electronic version of this form is available for free download at www.LittleLeague.org.

* Note: These signatures may be optional as determined by the local league.