

# 2012 LITTLE LEAGUE INTERNATIONAL REGIONAL ROUNDTABLE AGENDA

## Potential changes to the Rules and Regulations are in red.

As of 1-27-2012

### Item 1— Affects Regulation II — LEAGUE BOUNDARIES — New Regulation — II (i)

The Board of Directors of the local Little League may enroll a player whose residence is outside the league's boundaries, but only under all three of the following conditions: (1) the player has residence within another chartered Little League's boundaries, and (2) the league where the player resides releases and waives all current and future rights to the player for regular season and tournament, and (3) the District Administrator approves the request. NOTE: A player who qualifies for and exercises this waiver, then elects not to participate for a playing season, is not eligible to be retained in future seasons.

#### Regulation II (i) -Processing Procedure -All Levels of Play

The league president will process a II (i) form. Once the president completes the form, he/she must receive written notification from the league where the player currently resides as outlined above. The league president will present this form and written notification to the District Administrator for review and approval. Once the District Administrator verifies the documentation meets the regulations, the District Administrator may sign the II (i) form granting his or her approval. The league and the district will maintain the form and documentation in their files. This verification process is only required once during a participant's career. The league must maintain this form and documentation for this player for the duration of his/her career until the player graduates from the program or breaks service with the league. Tournament teams with players qualifying under this regulation will be required to carry a copy of this form and documentation with them throughout the tournament. If contested during tournament play, the league will be required to produce the documentation. Additionally, if it is determined at a later date that the player does not meet the conditions of II (i), the player is ineligible for further participation. Situations in which documentation is not available must be referred to the Charter Committee through the regional office for decision. The decision of the Charter Committee is final and binding.

**Synopsis:** This regulation would allow leagues to register players who live in another chartered Little League's boundaries, with written consent from both league presidents and the District Administrator.

### Item 2 — Affects Regulation IV (a) — THE PLAYERS — Baseball

**50/70 Division:** Any candidate who will attain the age of 11 years before May 1 and who will not attain the age of 14 before May 1 of the year in question shall be eligible to compete in the 50/70 Division (subject to the local League Board of Directors alignment of this division). This means that a child who will be 14 years old on May 1 or later, is eligible to play that year; a child who will be 14 years old on April 30 or earlier will not be eligible for either Local League play or Tournament play at any time during the calendar year in question.

**Synopsis:** This would create a new baseball division with a 50-foot pitching distance and 70-foot base paths for 11-13 year olds.

#### Item 3 – Softball

### Item 4 – Affects Rule 6.06 – Major League Baseball and Softball

A batter is out for illegal action when –

(d) he/she fakes a bunt and then takes a full swing.

**Synopsis:** This would eliminate a Major player from fake bunting and "slap-hitting" the ball.

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## Item 6 – Affects Tournament Release of Names – Major, Junior, Senior and Big League Baseball and Softball

### Release of Names

The release of names of players selected for the tournament team shall not be made before June 15, **or two weeks prior to the start of the tournament (whichever is earlier)**, and not until the availability and eligibility of all prospective team members have been established. (Little League accident insurance for tournament teams will not go into effect until June 15, or the date of the release of the names of Tournament Team members, whichever is **earlier**). **Violation of this rule may be cause for revocation of tournament privilege by the Tournament Committee.**

**Synopsis:** This would align the date on which leagues are allowed to release the names of their Tournament Team with the current 9-10 and 10-11 year old divisions.

## Item 7 — Affects Tournament Player Eligibility — All Division Baseball and Softball

Any player League Age (specific), who has participated as an eligible player in 60% of the regular season games as of June 15, with the exception of the school softball season, on a:

1. (Specific) division

**Exception:** The local league Board of Directors may allow a player to be eligible for selection, who does not meet the 60% requirement, if they provide a physician's note documenting an injury prior to or during the season prohibiting his/her participation.

**Synopsis:** This would allow a player who has not met the 60% Regular Season participation to be eligible for selection to a Tournament Team if they acquire (obtain/attain) a physician's note documenting an injury.

## Item 8 — Affects Tournament Player Eligibility — Major Baseball and Softball

Players are eligible for Tournament Play, provided they meet the criteria established by the Little League "Residency Eligibility Requirement," "Participation In Other Programs" and the following:

**Little League (Majors Division) -** Any player League Age **10**, 11 or 12, who has participated as an eligible player in 60 percent of the regular season games as of June 15 on a Little League Baseball/Softball (Majors Division) team, with the exception of the school baseball/softball season.

**Synopsis:** This would allow League Age 10-year-olds to be eligible for selection to the Major Division Tournament team.

## Item 9 — Affects Tournament Team Practice — Major, Junior, Senior and Big League Baseball and Softball

Try-outs or practices by tournament teams shall not be held before June 15 **or two weeks prior to the start of the tournament**. Tournament team practice may only take place against other teams within the same or contiguous districts in the same division, providing such practice is done out of uniform. (Little League accident insurance for tournament teams will not go into effect until June 15, or the date of the release of the names of tournament Team members, whichever is **earlier**). **Violation of this rule may be cause for revocation of tournament privileges by the Tournament Committee.**

**Synopsis:** This would align the date on which leagues are allowed to begin their Tournament Team practice with the current 9-10 and 10-11 year old rule.