

BUCYRUS LITTLE LEAGUE BYLAWS – 2/9/2014

Section I-Meeting

- A) The Bucyrus Little League Board meets the third Sunday of every month at 6:00 pm for regular meetings. These meetings are open to the Public and are held during the offseason at Bucyrus City Hall in the Council Chambers. During the season and warmer weather, these meetings are held above the lower field concession stand. Alternative dates will be set by the club when a holiday interferes. Any special meetings or officer's meetings can be called by the President as Needed.
- B) Quorum - A minimum of 7 members must be in attendance and available for a vote.
- C) Business meetings will be governed by Robert's Rules of Order if deemed essential by the President.
- D) The fiscal tax year of the Bucyrus Little League will be October 1 through September 30.

Section II – Election of Officers

- A) At the October meeting, the President shall announce that election of officers will be held in December, appoint a committee to seek potential officers, and ask that anyone interested in holding an office contact him/her before the December meeting.
- B) Election of officers will be held at the December meeting each year.
- C) The election of any officer must be by a majority vote. In the event of a tie, a runoff vote will be held immediately. If at any time during the year an officer cannot complete his/her term, the vacancy will be filled by the special election at any regular scheduled meeting during the year.
- D) Officers are to assume their duties on January 1st of the year elected.

Section III – Officers (Duties and Responsibilities)

- A) The President shall be the Executive Officer, Director of Administration, Chairman of the Board of Directors and presiding officer at all Board Meetings. The President shall appoint sub-committees whenever the President deems necessary and advisable.
- B) The Vice President shall assist the President in his/her duties and in the absence of the President, shall assume all duties and responsibilities of the President. In the event of resignation of the President, the Vice President shall assume all responsibilities of the President until the next annual meeting.

- C) The Treasurer shall have custody of the organization's funds, maintain accurate accounts and shall disburse funds. The treasurer shall be responsible for the membership rolls and report all receipts and disbursements at each regular meeting.
- D) The Secretary shall maintain all records of the organization other than those assigned to the Treasurer, to include the minutes of each meeting and any such necessary correspondence.
- E) The Board of Directors is responsible for the supervision of all activities and expenditures. The Board of Directors must vote on all motions made and seconded by any member present at any regular or special meeting. The Board of Directors must approve any expenditure of the organization's fund over \$500.00.
- F) League Director/s: (Major Boys/Girls, Minor Boys/Girls, T-Ball). The director for each league is responsible for overseeing all scheduling and re-scheduling of games for their respective league. Coaches must communicate with league director of any issues that arise during the season as the league director is the first point of contact for issues during a contest in their respective league.

Section IV – Procedures

- A) The President or other presiding officer shall call each regular meeting to order and observe the following order of business (agenda):
 - 1) Reading and approval of the prior meeting's minutes
 - 2) Reading and approval of the Treasurer's report
 - 3) Committee reports (if any)
 - 4) Old Business
 - 5) New Business
 - 6) Announcements

Section V – Special Rules

The Bucyrus Little League will follow all of the rules prescribed by Little League International (www.littleleague.org) and their official regulations and playing rules with the following exceptions:

- A) The Bucyrus Little League Playing Divisions:
 - 1) Major League – Boys and Girls (Ages 9-12)
 - 2) Minor League – Boys and Girls (Ages 7-10)
 - 3) T-Ball – Coed (Ages 5-7)

- B) All 9 year olds wanting to move up to the Major Boys and/or Major Girls Division must be at try-outs. Try-out dates will be posted by The Bucyrus Little League on their website and during registration. The board reserves the right to place any players in any league based on ability and/or overall board discretion.
- C) All 10 year olds must try out for the Major Boys and/or Major Girls Division. Try-out dates will be posted by The Bucyrus Little League on their website and during registration. The board reserves the right to place any players in any league based on ability and/or overall board discretion. Ten year old players are permitted to play in the Minor League Division however may not pitch during player pitch innings.
- D) All 11 year olds must be drafted to a Major Division team.
- E) Any 7 year old wanting to move up to the Minor Division must be at 7 year old try-outs. Try-out dates will be posted by The Bucyrus Little League on their website and during registration. If the player fails to attend try-outs, the player will remain in the T-Ball Division. It is a recommendation of the Board that the player should play at least one year at the T-Ball division before moving up a division. The board however reserves the right to place any players in any league/division based on ability and/or overall board discretion.
- F) In both the Boys Minor League Division and Girls Minor League Division, players will pitch the first two innings and then a machine (operated by a coach/assistant coach) will be used for the remaining four innings. The settings on the pitching machines will be set at the beginning of each season and will remain unless the Board deems it necessary to change them. Settings will be based on the average age of the players in each division. The board however reserves the right to change the setting of any and/or all pitching machines at any time based on their discretion. At no time will a coach (individual) pitch during games. Exception: if pitching machine becomes inoperable and no other machine is available. Coaches must communicate with Minor League Director for their division for approval in such a case before proceeding. Pitchers will be limited to 3 innings per week and 2 innings per day. During machine pitch innings, batters will be permitted six pitches only. If the batter fails to hit the ball or put the ball into play after the six pitches, the batter is deemed out by the umpire. If the batter however on the sixth and final pitch, hits a foul ball, he/she will be given another pitch. This process will continue if the batter continues to hit a foul ball on each consecutive "final pitch". In the event that the batter's hit comes into contact with either the operator of the machine and/or the machine itself, the play will be dead and the batter will advance to first base. All other base runners will advance only one base as well.
- G) All Minor League teams will have a run rule limit of 10 runs after five innings and 15 runs after 4 innings.

- H) Definition of a forfeited game to include the Minor League Division. A game may not be started with less than nine roster players on each team. If one team is unable to field nine players by scheduled start time and the opposing team is able to field nine players, said team will “forfeit” the game (game will not be made-up). Teams must notify the league director immediately if this occurs. The game may proceed as a scrimmage and umpires will still be paid. **A game however may continue (*after being started with at least nine players*) with less than nine players in the event of a player injury and/or other circumstances that prevent the team with fielding at least nine players. If this happens, the team with less than nine players will take an automatic out when they are at bat on what would have been their ninth batter.
- I) Make-up games: The league director will schedule all make-up games based on the “next” available date and notify coaches of said date. Next available date depends on field availability and umpire availability. If a team is unable to field nine roster players for said date and the opposing team is able to field nine players, said team will “forfeit” contest as long as the opposing team shows and is able to field nine rosters players.
- J) The “in-field” fly rule will be observed for all Minor and Major League contests.
- K) Minor League: Base runners may steal on any dropped pitch and only during player pitch innings. Base runners are not permitted to steal during machine pitch innings. Players must have one foot on the bag and not begin to steal before pitch is dropped by the catcher. Players may not steal on the throw back from the catcher to the pitcher.
- L) Minor League: Play will stop when it is apparent that the runner no longer has any intension of advancing to the next base or the defensive player is allowed and/or permitted to call “time”. No longer will play be stopped (only be stopped) by players getting the ball back to the pitcher’s mound. Base runners may advance **only one** base per base over-throw.
- M) Minor and Major Leagues: Batter may advance during dropped third strike. Minor League – this rule is only in effect during player pitch innings only.
- N) Minor League and T-Ball divisions shall be permitted to schedule more than one game per day. (Exception applies for make-up and tournament games)
- O) Minor League Boys/Girls: Boys - pitcher’s mound distance will be set at 46’ for safety reasons. Girls – pitcher’s mound distance will be set at 40’ for safety reasons. Softball – Pitchers must use the rubber.
- P) Bucyrus Little League games may be started with only one umpire under the age of 18 if there is a Bucyrus Little League Board Member present at the complex.

- Q) T-Ball: Coaches will toss three pitches to the batter, if the batter has failed to hit the ball after three pitches (foul balls included), said coach will place a T immediately so the batter may hit the ball. No exceptions.
- R) The Bucyrus Little League will follow Ohio House Bill 143 with respect to concussions.
- S) All leagues: At no time may any coach/es make agreements with each-other to bend or change the above-listed rules.

Section VI –Time Limits, Lightning and Weather

- A) T-Ball games scheduled during the week will be limited to one-hour.
- B) All Minor and Major League Division games will be limited to two hours, unless the game is tied and there is no other game to follow. The game may continue until a winner is determined. ***The two hour time limit will be applied after and only after an inning has been completed. An inning, however cannot be started after the two hour time limit. Umpires will note the game starting time for each contest.***
- C) Lightning – if the umpire notices lightning, the umpire shall send both teams to their respective dugouts and the game will be suspended for up to twenty minutes. Once the twenty minutes has expired and the umpire believes the storm has passed, the game may be resumed.
- D) Only league directors will cancel games due to weather related events and games will be rescheduled for the next available open date as previously described.

The Bucyrus Little League 2014 By-Laws were approved at the February 9, 2014 special meeting at Bucyrus City Hall.