



## **Lower Gwynedd Baseball Club 2023 Operating Rules**

These Lower Gwynedd Baseball Club (“LG Baseball Club”) 2023 Operating Rules (“LG Rules”) shall govern the activities of LG Baseball Club and shall remain in full force and effect until such time as they are modified or amended by the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of LG Baseball Club and shall not be modified or amended except upon approval of the Board.

LG Baseball Club is an independent travel baseball organization intended to operate closely with Lower Gwynedd Little League (“LGLL”). LG Baseball Club programs are intended to supplement, not replace, LGLL programs. As such, all LG Baseball Club activities must co-exist with the LGLL recreational baseball programs (“LGLL Rec”) during the Spring Season (approximately April 1<sup>st</sup> – June 15<sup>th</sup>) and Little League International tournament team play sponsored by LGLL (“LGLL District Teams”) during the Summer Season. During the Spring Season, an LG Baseball Club player must prioritize LGLL Rec activities and shall be a player’s first priority. During the Summer Season, (i) as there is expected to be significant overlap between players rostered on LG Baseball Club teams and LGLL District Teams, LG Baseball Club teams in the 10U, 11U and 12U age divisions are prohibited from conducting team activities and (ii) LG Baseball Club players rostered on LGLL District Teams shall be ineligible for LG Baseball Club activities (including but not limited to practices and games), in each case, from one (1)-week before the applicable LGLL District Team’s first scheduled Little League International tournament game until said LGLL District Team is eliminated from the Little League International tournament.

LG Baseball Club is not for every player playing for LGLL and not all players desiring to play for an LG Baseball Club team will be placed on a roster. Rather LG Baseball Club is meant for those players who have competitive ability and demonstrate a strong desire to play the game of baseball, who are willing to work hard to develop his/her skills in the sport, are willing to devote the time required for this level of play and commit to his/her team. LG Baseball Club is designed to provide for the advanced development of a young baseball player, which is in addition to the development provided by LGLL programs. The ultimate goal of LG Baseball Club is to better prepare LGLL players for success in the Little League International tournaments.

Unless stated otherwise herein, Little League Baseball, Incorporated (“Little League”) Official Regulations, Playing Rules and Operating Policies (“Little League Rules”) should apply to the operation of LG Baseball Club programs.

### **1. AGE GROUPS.**

LG Baseball Club teams will be formed using Baseball League Ages as determined by Little League. Please refer to **Appendix 1** for the Little League Age Chart as of 2023. LG Baseball



Club intends to support teams in the following age groups: 7U, 8U, 9U, 10U, 11U and 12U. The Board will annually determine the number of teams in each age division that LG Baseball Club will support.

## **2. GENERAL POLICY.**

While travel baseball is by its nature more competitive, the goal for LG Baseball Club shall be to field competitive teams, but co-equal goals are player development and sportsmanship. All players, managers and coaches shall abide by the LG Baseball Club Code of Conduct and all other policies/procedures adopted by the Board. Managers and coaches shall report to the Board any violation of the LG Baseball Club Code of Conduct or any other policies/procedures by a manager, coach, player, spectator or anyone officially connected with LG Baseball Club. Violations may result in removal, suspension, or such other penalty as the Board, in its discretion, may prescribe.

## **3. INTERACTION WITH LGLL.**

Every player, coach, manager, and team registered with LG Baseball Club shall give priority to LGLL Rec during the Spring Season. While every effort will be made to coordinate LG Baseball Club and LGLL programs, there may be instances where it is difficult, if not impossible, to do so. In such instances, during the Spring Season priority will be given to the LGLL Rec games and practices, but all reasonable efforts will be made to accommodate LG Baseball Club as well. During the Summer Season, (i) as there is expected to be significant overlap between players rostered on LG Baseball Club teams and LGLL District Teams, LG Baseball Club teams in the 10U, 11U and 12U age divisions are prohibited from conducting team activities and (ii) LG Baseball Club players rostered on LGLL District Teams shall be ineligible for LG Baseball Club activities (including but not limited to practices and games), in each case, from one (1)-week before the applicable LGLL District Team's first scheduled Little League International tournament game until said LGLL District Team is eliminated from the Little League International tournament.

During the Spring Season, LGLL Baseball Club teams may not enter tournaments (including out of town travel tournaments) that will interfere and /or conflict with LGLL Rec, however LG Baseball Club teams may enter tournaments conducted during periods when LGLL Rec activities are not scheduled – i.e. Memorial Day Weekend, etc.

LG Baseball Club teams (10U, 11U, 12U) that register for tournaments that may overlap with the Little League International tournament **MUST** withdraw from any such tournament if the applicable LGLL District Team has not been eliminated from the Little League International tournament at the time the overlapping tournament actually takes place, even if withdrawing results in the loss of the registration / entry fee.



#### 4. ELIGIBILITY FOR LG BASEBALL CLUB PARTICIPATION.

All players desiring to be considered for an LG Baseball Club team must register for tryouts on the LG Baseball Club website prior to tryouts. Within 48 hours of being notified of an invitation to be placed on a LG Baseball Club roster, players must accept (or decline) such invitation by registering for the applicable team on the LG Baseball Club website.

All players who are selected to play on a LG Baseball Club team must (i) be registered in LGLL Rec during the upcoming Spring Season and (ii) meet the criteria established by the Little League “Residency and School Attendance Player Eligibility Requirement” for LGLL or have a valid waiver. If a player fails to meet these criteria, said player may be deemed ineligible by the Board and removed from the roster.

LG Baseball Club also strongly encourages, to the extent eligible, all LG Baseball Club players to play on LGLL District Teams. LG Baseball Club players rostered on LGLL District Teams shall be ineligible for LG Baseball Club activities (including but not limited to practices and games) from one (1)-week before the applicable LGLL District Team’s first scheduled Little League International tournament game until said LGLL District Team is eliminated from the Little League International tournament.

**LGLL District Teams are selected through a separate and independent process from LG Baseball Club and LG Baseball Club players are not guaranteed to be selected for LGLL District Teams that they may be eligible for.**

#### 5. TEAM SELECTION.

Prior to April 1<sup>st</sup>, the managers in each age division will conduct tryouts for the creation of teams in the applicable age group.<sup>1</sup> At a minimum, one (1) sixty (60) to ninety (90) minute tryout shall be conducted; however, LG Baseball Club strongly encourages tryouts to be conducted over multiple sessions. All tryouts must be open to all eligible players in the applicable age division and broadly communicated through LG Baseball Club. LG Baseball Club shall additionally request that LGLL notify the LGLL community of the tryouts.

The following general guidelines shall apply:

- Tryouts will be conducted under the supervision of the Board.
- Tryout dates and times will be communicated on the LG Baseball Club website as well as through email.
- Players should make every attempt to make all tryouts/evaluations.

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<sup>1</sup> Tryouts in the 7U division are to be conducted on dates as determined by the Board and the 7U manager, but no later than May 15<sup>th</sup>.



- Players that cannot make a tryout must notify the manager in advance, including the reason why they are unable to attend.
- If a player is unable to attend tryouts due to circumstances beyond their control, that player may be selected to the team based upon their skill evaluations during previous seasons.
- Managers will arrange for at least three (3) impartial (non-parent) individuals to conduct the on-field tryouts. During tryouts, the manager will act as the evaluator and should refrain from actively conducting tryouts (i.e. running drills, etc.). The manager may request other impartial evaluators assist in the evaluation process; however, such evaluators shall not be the parent of a player being evaluated.
- Minimally, the tryouts will consist of drills, game scenarios or situations that will allow the manager to observe the following skills:<sup>2</sup>
  - ability to throw a baseball;
  - ability to catch a baseball;
  - ability to hit a baseball;
  - ability to run the bases; and
  - ability to field a batted ball in the field;

Additionally, pitchers will be given the opportunity to throw an appropriate number of pitches and catchers will be given the opportunity to receive an appropriate number of pitches and make throws to second base.<sup>3</sup>

- At the completion of the tryouts, the manager will select the team that the manager believes enables LG Baseball Club to field the most competitive team reasonably possible. The following are some tools that can assist the manager in making a decision on rostering a team:
  - A player's raw score, following the skill evaluation;
  - firsthand knowledge of the player's abilities, desire to play the game, devotion to previous teams, and work ethic;
  - recommendations from previous coaches or managers;
  - if the player can provide a specific purpose and ability that will benefit the team (e.g. strong leadership skills, pitching ability, etc.); and
  - the players overall ability to fulfill a need for a team.
- The roster of each team will be sent for approval to the Board, who will consult with the manager before approving the roster.

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<sup>2</sup> Managers must grade each player using the LG Baseball Club evaluation scoring system.

<sup>3</sup> Managers may, in their discretion, elect to hold pitching/catching evaluations at a separate time to ensure a more focused evaluation.



- Rosters selections will be communicated to players through email only after the Board approves the roster. Once all selected players “accept” their placement, rosters will be posted to the LG Baseball Club website and players who have not been placed on the team will be informed.
- If multiple teams are supported in an age division (see below), the LG Baseball Club Red team roster will be communicated first followed by the LG Baseball Club Blue team only after the LG Baseball Club Red team roster has been finalized to account for any players who may have “declined” their placement.
- The Board, in its discretion, may decide to field a second team in an age division if it feels there are enough players with competitive baseball skills required remaining following selection of the first team, subject to an acceptable manager being determined to lead the team.<sup>4</sup>
  - If multiple teams are supported in an age group, the first / “A” team shall be referred to as the LG Baseball Club “Red” team and the second / “B” team shall be known as the LG Baseball Club “Blue” team. In these situations, up to 14 (but potentially fewer) players will be selected for the LG Baseball Club Red team followed by up to 14 (but potentially fewer) players selected for the LG Baseball Club Blue team.

Placement on an LG Baseball Club roster in prior seasons does not guarantee a player’s placement in the current season. Players rostered in prior years may be cut and/or placed on a different team (i.e. players from the LG Baseball Club Red team may be placed on the LG Baseball Club Blue team and vice versa).

It is the policy of LG Baseball Club that the documents, including evaluator notes / scores, and discussions related to tryouts are strictly confidential and are not for public dissemination. Such materials are not to be distributed to any other person, other than the Board (upon request). The Board and the applicable manager are the only persons authorized to view this information, for official purposes only.

## **6. PLAYING UP IN AGE.**

Players are presumed to be considered only for selection on the LG Baseball Club team for which the maximum age matches the player’s Little League Age, i.e., 11 year-olds (age as of August 31<sup>st</sup> of the current year) considered for 11U and 12 year-olds (age as of August 31<sup>st</sup> of the current year) considered for 12U. LG Baseball Club applies the following rules for players who are younger than the maximum age in order for them to be selected to the “older” LG Baseball Club team:

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<sup>4</sup> The strong presumption will be that second teams will always be supported at the 7U – 9U age divisions.



- Players who are younger than the maximum age of a LG Baseball Club team, may be selected to an “older” age LG Baseball Club team, provided that the player is planned to be one of the starting players on the “older” LG Baseball Club team. In the case of pitchers, a younger player must be considered to be one of the top two pitchers on the “older” team.<sup>5</sup>
- Players must be invited to tryout for an “older” LG Baseball Club team. Prior to such an invitation being issued, the effected managers and the Board must have discussed the invitation.
- Younger players will not be rostered for the sake of the “experience” or to fill a limited positional role, i.e. pinch runner, pinch hitter, etc.
- Players may play in select games with “older” LG Baseball Club teams on a temporary basis when there is a need only with the prior approval of the primary team’s manager and only when such games do not conflict with primary team’s games.<sup>6</sup>

The foregoing shall not apply to the LG Baseball Club 7U Blue team, whose roster may be evenly distributed between 7-year-olds and 6-year-olds. Up to five (5) roster spots on the LG Baseball Club 7U Blue team shall be reserved for 6-year-olds.

## 7. CALL UPS

In instances where multiple teams are supported in an age division, players from the LG Baseball Club Blue team may be temporarily “called up” to fill a need on the LG Baseball Club Red team. Priority shall be given to the LG Baseball Club Red team in such circumstances regardless of any planned LG Baseball Club Blue team activities. “Call ups” should be no longer than as necessary to fill the specific LG Baseball Club Red team need and shall not result in the LG Baseball Club Red team having greater its maximum roster size available for a game.

LG Baseball Club Blue team managers may request LG Baseball Club Red Club players be temporarily “assigned” to the LG Baseball Club Blue team to fill roster needs; however (i) priority shall be given to LG Baseball Club Red team activities in such circumstances, (ii) only non-starters from the LG Baseball Club Red team shall be eligible for “assignment” and (iii) the “assigned” player may only pitch for the LG Baseball Club Blue team with LG Baseball Club Red team manager approval so as to not interfere with LG Baseball Club Red activities.

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<sup>5</sup> If multiple teams are supported in the “older” age division, players playing “up” must be starters on the “older” LG Baseball Club Red team. “Younger” players may not be permanently rostered on an LG Baseball Club Blue team.

<sup>6</sup> The forgoing also applies to players who may be eligible for “younger” teams playing in tournaments following non-Little League Age cut offs – i.e. 9-year-olds with an August birthday may play for the 8-year-old team in select instances assuming such participation does not conflict with the player’s primary LG Baseball Club team activities. **Managers are discouraged from using “older” players unless there are exceptional circumstances.**





Managers must communicate with each other regarding “call ups” and “assignments” prior to making requests of players. Managers should not use the “call up” and “assignment” process to revise rosters after team selections. Intra-age-division “call ups” and “assignments” do not require Board approval, however, the Board reserves the right to intervene to deny a “call up” or “assignment” request to the extent there are disagreements brought to its attention.

#### **8. TEAM ROSTERS.**

The maximum roster size for any LG Baseball Club team shall be 14 players, with the number of roster spots to be determined by the applicable manager in consultation with the Board during the roster selection process. Official team rosters will be kept by the Board for each LG Baseball Club team.

#### **9. LATE REGISTRANTS.**

Late registrants can be evaluated by the managers. Following approval from the Board, managers may pick up additional players who meet the eligibility requirements above after the team has been selected but may NOT cut/demote players already on the roster. In these circumstances, the 14-player maximum roster size may be exceeded at the discretion of the Board.

#### **10. CHANGES IN ROSTER.**

Except for intra-age-division “call ups” and “assignments”, a manager shall notify the Board of his/her intent to modify a team’s official team roster by adding a player (whether on a temporary or permanent basis<sup>7</sup>). All such roster changes must be approved by the Board. In extreme circumstances (excessive absences, repeated behavioral issues, etc.), a manager may petition the Board to remove a player from a roster.

#### **11. REGISTRATION FEES.**

From time to time, the Board shall establish and charge registration fees for participation in LG Baseball Club activities. Such registration fees shall be set at an amount necessary to defray any costs and expenses associated with administering LG Baseball Club. No registration fee refunds will be considered, including due to removal of a player, except in extreme circumstances and only with approval of the Board. Each LG Baseball Club team may require additional funds beyond registration fees to cover team specific expenses such as league/tournament entry fees, umpires, facility usage fees, etc. Each manager shall be responsible for communicating with their team regarding the need for such additional funding and ensuring such funds are paid to LG

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<sup>7</sup> Players rostered on another LG Baseball Club team may not be “permanently” rostered on another LG Baseball Club team during the applicable year without the approval of the Board.



Baseball Club in a timely manner.<sup>8</sup> Under no circumstances shall a manager/coach or anyone else associated with a team, collect and hold funds intended for LG Baseball Club activities. See “Financial Responsibility of Teams” on page 12.

## **12. PARENTAL FORMS.**

During each registration process, all players are required to have their parents/guardians execute such authorization / release forms and any other documents that may be required by LG Baseball Club, as determined from time to time by the Board. Players who do not have the required documentation on file with LG Baseball Club may be deemed by the Board to be ineligible to participate in LG Baseball Club activities until such time as such required documents are received.

## **13. SELECTION OF MANAGER/COACHES.**

Team managers will be selected by the Board prior to annual tryouts. Any individual wishing to be selected as a manager must annually submit a request in writing to the Board by February 1<sup>st</sup> of the applicable year.<sup>9</sup> After the determination of the rostered players has been made, the remaining coaching staff will be selected by the manager and submitted to the Board. All coaches are subject to the approval of the Board. All managers and coaches must register with LG Baseball Club and complete the required application/background checks prior to the start of LG Baseball Club activities. Managers and coaches who have not been approved by the Board and/or completed the required application/background checks shall not participate in on-field activities under any circumstances.

Managers are appointed and approved each year for the current 1-year period only. No Manager is guaranteed to be reappointed in subsequent years nor are they guaranteed to have the same team.

## **14. SEASON EXPECTATIONS.**

**Spring Season (approx. April 1<sup>st</sup> – June 15<sup>th</sup>)** – LG Baseball Club teams are expected to play in local travel leagues / schedule a sufficient number of games with other local travel teams. Teams may also play in tournaments to the extent available. LG Baseball Club teams must schedule activities to co-exist and not conflict with LGLL Rec, which shall be a player’s first priority during the Spring Season.

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<sup>8</sup> Players who have not paid such additional fees may be deemed ineligible by a manager until such time such fees are paid.

<sup>9</sup> For the 7U age-division, manager applications will be due May 1<sup>st</sup>. The strong presumption shall be that the manager of the LG Baseball Club 7U Blue team will be a parent/guardian of a 6-year-old that is interested in managing the LG Baseball Club 7U Red team the following season.





The cost of leagues/tournaments and umpire fees for games are to be borne by the applicable team and funded to LG Baseball Club.

**Summer Season (approx. June 15<sup>th</sup> – July 31<sup>st</sup>)** – LG Baseball Club teams are expected to primarily play in tournaments during the Summer Season. Teams may also play in additional games with other local travel teams during the Summer Season. LG Baseball Club also strongly encourages, to the extent eligible, all LG Baseball Club players to play on LGLL District Teams during the Summer Season. As such, LG Baseball Club teams (10U, 11U, 12U) must not schedule activities that conflict with LGLL District Teams, which shall be a player's first priority during the Summer Season.

The cost of leagues/tournaments and umpire fees for games not covered by LGLL are to be borne by the applicable team and funded to LG Baseball Club.

**ALL LG BASEBALL CLUB TEAMS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO TAKE A BREAK FROM ORGANIZED TEAM ACTIVITIES DURING AUGUST.**

**Fall Season (approx. September 1<sup>st</sup> – October 31<sup>st</sup>)** - LG Baseball Club teams are expected to develop a Fall Season schedule consisting of at least one game/practice per week for 6-8 weeks and may, at the discretion of the manager, conduct other activities such as tournaments, etc. Given the potential for significant overlap / conflict during the limited Fall scheduling window, it is not required that LG Baseball Club players register for LGLL Rec during the Fall Season and priority does not need to be given to LGLL Rec during this time. Fall Season activities should be scheduled so as to attempt to accommodate players' participation in in-season sports (i.e. football and soccer). LG Baseball Club teams will graduate to the next age division during the Fall Season and are expected to play games as such (i.e. 8U becomes rising 9U, etc.).

The cost of leagues/tournaments and umpire fees for games are to be borne by the applicable team and funded to LG Baseball Club.

**ALL LG BASEBALL CLUB TEAMS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO TAKE A BREAK FROM ORGANIZED TEAM ACTIVITIES DURING NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER. PLAYERS SHOULD ALSO BE DISCOURAGED FROM THROWING ACTIVITIES DURING THIS TIME.**

**Winter Season (approx. January 15<sup>th</sup> – March 15<sup>th</sup>)**– LG Baseball Club teams are expected to conduct winter indoor workouts at least once per week for an 8-10-week period during the Winter Season and may, at the discretion of the manager, conduct other activities such as indoor tournaments, etc. Winter Season activities should be scheduled so as to attempt to accommodate players' participation in in-season sports (i.e. basketball).

The cost of leagues/tournaments, umpire fees for games and indoor facility fees are to be borne by the applicable team and funded to LG Baseball Club.



For age divisions with multiple teams, managers are strongly encouraged to coordinate season planning. Managers in age divisions with multiple teams are also strongly encouraged to coordinate practice times / practice plans.

### **Division Specific Guidelines (Spring and Summer Seasons Combined)**

7U –

- Play 15-20 games (inclusive of tournament games)
- Enter 1-2 tournaments
- Practice 1 day per week in the Summer Season. During the Spring Season, practices may be conducted, but the manager should use their discretion taking into consideration the age of the players and the demands of LGLL Rec.
- 7U teams shall only participate in Machine Pitch games.

8U –

- Play 20-25 games (inclusive of tournament games)
- Enter 3-4 tournaments
- Practice 1/2 days per week in the Summer Season. During the Spring Season, practices may be conducted, but the manager should use their discretion taking into consideration the age of the players and the demands of LGLL Rec.
- 8U teams should transition from Machine Pitch to Player Pitch during the Summer Season. While 8U teams are encouraged to participate in Machine Pitch tournaments throughout the Summer Season, at least one (1) tournament entered should be a Player Pitch tournament.

9U –

- Play 20-25 games (inclusive of tournament games)
- Enter 3-4 tournaments
- Practice 2 days per week in the Summer Season. During the Spring Season, practices may be conducted, but the manager should use their discretion taking into consideration the age of the players and the demands of LGLL Rec.

10U –

- Play 25-30 games (inclusive of tournament games)
- Enter 3-4 tournaments
- Practice 2/3 days per week in the Summer Season. During the Spring Season, practices may be conducted, but the manager should use their discretion taking into consideration the age of the players and the demands of LGLL Rec.



11U –

- Play 25-30 games (inclusive of tournament games)
- Enter 3-4 tournaments
- Practice 2/3 days per week in the Summer Season. During the Spring Season, practices may be conducted, but the manager should use their discretion taking into consideration the age of the players and the demands of LGLL Rec.
- While teams in this age division may play 50/70 field dimensions, teams are strongly encouraged to focus on 46/60 field dimensions until after the 11U LGLL District Team is eliminated from the Little League International tournament.

12U –

- Play 25-30 games (inclusive of tournament games)
- Enter 3-4 tournaments
- Practice 2/3 days per week in the Summer Season. During the Spring Season, practices may be conducted, but the manager should use their discretion taking into consideration the age of the players and the demands of LGLL Rec.
- While teams in this age division may play 50/70 field dimensions, teams are strongly encouraged to focus on 46/60 field dimensions until after the 12U LGLL District Team is eliminated from the Little League International tournament.

## 15. SEASON PLANNING.

Prior to April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, each manager shall present to the Board a plan in writing for the applicable team's upcoming Spring and Summer Seasons.<sup>10</sup> The Spring and Summer plans shall identify any league / tournaments the team intends to participate in and any other games the team intends to schedule, including if any of the proposed activities will be on 50/70 field dimensions. The Board shall review and approve the Spring and Summer plans following discussion with the manager as necessary.<sup>11</sup> Any significant deviations from the as approved Spring and Summer plans must be submitted to the Board for approval (i.e. additional or different tournaments, withdraws from leagues/tournaments, etc.).

Prior to August 15<sup>th</sup> of each year, each manager shall present to the Board a plan in writing for the applicable team's upcoming Fall and Winter Seasons. The Fall and Winter plans shall identify any league / tournaments the team intends to participate in and any other games the team intends to schedule. The Fall and Winter plans shall also identify the location and frequency of

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<sup>10</sup> For the 7U age-division, season plans shall be due May 15<sup>th</sup>.

<sup>11</sup> The Board may take into consideration league / tournament rules, expected competition levels and any other factors the Board deems relevant in providing or withholding its approval.



indoor winter workouts. The Board shall review and approve the Fall and Winter plans following discussion with the manager as necessary.<sup>12</sup> Any significant deviations from the as approved Fall and Winter plans must be submitted to the Board for approval (i.e. additional or different tournaments, withdraws from leagues/tournaments, etc.).

No LG Baseball Club team may participate in any activities that have not been reviewed with and approved by the Board. The cost of any team activities (leagues, tournaments, indoor training, umpire fees, etc.) shall be borne by the applicable team and funded to LG Baseball Club.

#### **16. MINIMUM PLAY RULE**

Unless required by a tournament or league, there is no minimum playing rule in effect for LG Baseball Club teams. Playing time will not be equal and is not guaranteed especially during tournament play. Circumstances may dictate that a player will not play in a particular game, but managers are strongly encouraged to ensure that all players enter a game unless there are extenuating circumstances (discipline, etc.). The manager makes ALL playing time, positions played and batting order decisions.

#### **17. PITCHING RESTRICTIONS**

**Little League pitching restrictions (summarized on Appendix 2) shall be strictly adhered to by all LG Baseball Club teams during non-tournament play (i.e. single game and/or league play). During tournament play, LG Baseball Club teams shall be permitted to follow the pitching rules set out in the applicable tournaments rules, *provided, however* that in no event shall a player throw (i) more than the applicable maximum pitches allowed per day as set forth on Appendix 2 and (ii) more than ten (10) innings in three (3) consecutive days. While pitching restrictions for tournament play may be less restrictive, managers must exercise good judgement to ensure that pitchers are not being overused.** Effective pitching eligibility based on pitches thrown or innings played at catcher shall also be enforced across games pitched/caught with LGLL. Managers for LGLL Rec teams and managers for LG Baseball Club teams must share pitch count and catching innings information so that the appropriate rest and eligibility can be enforced. If a player pitches or catches in a LGLL Rec game, the effective rest and pitcher eligibility should apply to any subsequent LG Baseball Club game played.

Repeated violations of these pitching restrictions by a LG Baseball Club manager could lead to removal of the offending manager.

#### **18. FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF TEAMS**

Each LG Baseball Club team may require additional funds beyond registration fees to cover team specific expenses such as league/tournament entry fees, umpires, facility usage fees, etc. Each



manager shall be responsible for communicating with their team regarding the need for such additional funding and ensuring such funds are paid to LG Baseball Club in a timely manner. Under no circumstances shall a manager/coach or anyone else associated with a team, collect and hold funds intended for LG Baseball Club activities and all such funds shall be directed to and collected by LG Baseball Club.

To help offset the cost associated with each LG Baseball Club team, each team may establish fundraising events throughout the year. The Board must specifically approve all team specific fundraising to ensure there is no detrimental impact on LGLL or any other LG Baseball Club team. The Board shall approve fundraising or expenditures on a case-by-case basis. All fundraising or other revenue generation for individual teams shall be in the name of LG Baseball Club and all donations, grants, or other payments should be made payable directly to LG Baseball Club and any money, check, or other disbursement received by an individual team must be immediately turned in to LG Baseball Club.

Any money received by LG Baseball Club for the benefit of a specific team will be separately accounted for and disbursed by LG Baseball Club to pay for approved expenses of such team upon request of the team's manager. On a monthly basis, the LG Baseball Club Treasurer ("Treasurer") will communicate the balance of funds being held by LG Baseball Club for the benefit of a specific team, including deposits and disbursements during the previous month. Managers should immediately identify any incorrect or missing entries to the Treasurer. The Board, in its discretion, will determine the resolution for any continuing disputes. Requests for disbursements shall be made by managers to the Treasurer as soon as practicable at the time those expenses are specifically identified, but no later than five (5) days prior to when they must be paid. Under no circumstances will amounts be disbursed to teams in excess of amounts being specifically reserved for such team.

Team specific funds collected shall **NOT** be refunded after the end of each league year (i.e. Winter Season) and will rather constitute the team's beginning balance on the following year's team ledger– i.e. 8U funds remaining after the Winter Season will become the 9U team's beginning balance on the following year's team ledger. If multiple teams are supported in an age division, then any funds remaining will transfer to the similarly designated team – i.e. 8U Red funds remaining will become the 9U Red team's beginning balance on the following year's team ledger.<sup>12</sup> If a ledger balance remains after the team ages out of LG Baseball Club or if teams are

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<sup>12</sup> If in the prior year multiple teams were supported in an age division but only one team will be supported as players move up an age division, then any funds remaining from the prior year's teams will transfer to the remaining team – i.e. 8U Red and Blue funds remaining will become the 9U team's beginning balance on the following year's team ledger. If in the prior year only one team was supported in an age division, but multiple teams will be as players move up an age division, then any funds remaining from the prior year's team will transfer to the applicable Red team.



no longer supported in an age division, then the balance will be transferred to the LG Baseball Club general ledger.

## **19. UNIFORMS**

The Board shall annually determine the LG Baseball Club uniform and each player shall be required to purchase uniform items, including, but not limited to hats, primary and alternate jerseys, pants and socks. Managers may also require that players purchase practice uniforms. Uniform fees shall be paid directly to the uniform vendor. Returning players shall be given first priority in selecting their jersey number from the prior year and no two players in the same age division (i.e. on the LG Baseball Club Red and Blue teams) shall have the same jersey number.<sup>13</sup> All teams must wear only LG Baseball Club approved uniforms when participating in LG Baseball Club activities. A manager may not facilitate the purchase of additional uniforms, clothing or gear bearing the name “LG Baseball Club” or any variation without the prior approval of the Board.

## **20. SCHEDULING**

Scheduling of games and practices will be done in coordination with LGLL with LGLL Rec being given priority during the Spring Season and LGLL District Teams during the Summer Season. Amongst LG Baseball Club teams, scheduling priority shall initially be given to “older” teams during applicable scheduling windows, however an “older” team may not bump a “younger” team if the younger team’s event has been scheduled for two-weeks or longer. For age divisions in which LG Baseball Club supports multiple teams, the LG Baseball Club Red team will be given priority, followed by the LG Baseball Club Blue team. Scheduling disputes shall be resolved by the President.

## **21. PROCEDURES FOR PLAYING AS LG BASEBALL CLUB**

Teams should play all games in non-Little League sanctioned tournaments and/or games against non-Little League teams as LG Baseball Club. In tournaments sponsored by local Little Leagues in which non-Little League chartered teams will participate, the tournament should be entered as LG Baseball Club. Insurance for such tournaments / games will be provided for by LG Baseball Club, subject to the terms and conditions in the applicable policies.

In instances where tournaments / games are to be played as LG Baseball Club, team names shall appear as “Lower Gwynedd Baseball Club” or “Lower Gwynedd” and should not include any references to team “nicknames” or to LGLL or suggest in anyway an affiliation with LGLL. In age

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<sup>13</sup> Managers across age divisions should additionally consider coordinating the jersey numbers of players that may be considered for playing in “older” or “younger” team games.





divisions with multiple teams, names should appear as “Lower Gwynedd Baseball Club (Red)” or “Lower Gwynedd Baseball Club (Blue)” as applicable.

## **22. INSURANCE**

All requests for “proof of insurance”, “Additional Insureds”, etc. should be directed to the President. Costs associated with any insurance request (i.e. naming Additional Insureds or policy modifications) shall be borne by the requesting team. Managers should allow five (5) business days advance notice for all requests. Under no circumstances shall a manager/coach distribute such insurance information without the approval of the President or his/her designee.

## **23. SAFETY AND EQUIPMENT**

- A player who exhibits signs or symptoms of a concussion shall be removed from play. A player must be evaluated and cleared for return to participation, in writing, by an appropriate medical professional trained in diagnosing and managing concussions.
- Use of USABat compliant bats is mandatory during all games and practices.
- Protective cups are required for catchers and strongly recommended for all players.
- Catchers must wear complete protective catcher’s gear including leg guards, chest protector, and catcher’s helmet /mask with throat guard.
  - All catchers must wear a catcher’s helmet/mask with throat guard during infield/outfield practice and pitcher warmups.
- Metal spikes are prohibited.

## **24. ON-FIELD CONDUCT**

During registration, managers, coaches, players and parents will be required to agree to the LG Baseball Code of Conduct. The Board has a zero-tolerance policy toward misconduct. All matters regarding misconduct will be referred to the Board for possible disciplinary action.

Umpires form a vital part of baseball, and they are to be respected. Any abuse or threats to any umpire will be treated as a serious misconduct and subject to removal from LG Baseball Club.

Ejections should be rare; however, they are treated very seriously. The penalties for ejections are noted in the following sections.

### **Player Ejections**

Players are to be removed from the game and should be removed from the facility. A responsible adult should take charge of the player until their parents can be notified and be taken home. The player is automatically suspended for the next physically played game and must not be at the field under any circumstances. Depending on the circumstances of the ejection, the player can be subject to further discipline by the Board. The Board reserves the right to increase the length of



suspension up to and including removal from LG Baseball Club for the rest of the season or multiple seasons.

### **Manager and Coach Ejections**

Being ejected is a serious matter and it is unacceptable for representatives of LG Baseball Club to act in such a fashion. A manager or coach ejected from a game must leave the facility immediately. All managers and coaches ejected from a game are automatically suspended for the next two physically played games. Managers and coaches must not be at the field or anywhere within sight of the field while serving their suspension.

Prior to returning to their team, an ejected manager or coach must meet with the President to explain their actions and why they should be able to return to their team. The President can decide to refer the matter to the Board for further action, which can include additional games suspension up to removal from future LG Baseball Club activities.

### **Spectators**

Spectators will be ejected from the facility. If the matter is serious, the Police Department will be called, and a complaint sworn out on the ejected spectator. Spectators removed from the facility must meet with the President to explain their actions and why they should be able to return. The President can decide to refer the matter to the Board for further action, which can include suspension of games or permanently barring the spectator from future LG Baseball Club activities.

## **25. DISCIPLINE OF MANAGERS, COACHES, & PARENTS**

The Board will consider any complaints regarding Board members, managers, coaches, parents, players, fans or spectators brought to its attention in writing by the complaining party. Complaints should be sent to [LowerGwyneddBaseballClub@gmail.com](mailto:LowerGwyneddBaseballClub@gmail.com). The Board will discuss the complaint and if, in its discretion, the complaint warrants additional investigation, it will conduct same. The Board shall have complete discretion in determining any sanction or penalty, if any, of any manager, coach, parent, player, fan or spectator.

**ADOPTED BY THE LOWER GWYNEDD BASEBALL CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
ON JANUARY 2, 2023.**



## Appendix 1

# 2023 Little League® Age Chart



Match month (top line) and box with year of birth. League age indicated at right.

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AGE
2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2018	2018	2018	2018	4
2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2017	2017	2017	2017	5
2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2016	2016	2016	2016	6
2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2015	2015	2015	2015	7
2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2014	2014	2014	2014	8
2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2013	2013	2013	2013	9
2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2012	2012	2012	2012	10
2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2011	2011	2011	2011	11
2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2010	2010	2010	2010	12
2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2009	2009	2009	2009	13
2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2008	2008	2008	2008	14
2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2007	2007	2007	2007	15
2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2006	2006	2006	2006	16

NOTE: This age chart is for BASEBALL DIVISIONS ONLY, and only for 2023.



## Appendix 2

# Pitching Restrictions Summary Sheet

### Pitch Counts

League Age	Pitches Allowed Per Day
13 - 14	95 Pitches
11 - 12	85 Pitches
9 - 10	75 Pitches
7 - 8	50 Pitches

### Rest Periods

Number of Pitches Thrown in One Day	Mandatory Rest Period
66 or More Pitches Thrown	Four Calendar Days
51-65 Pitches Thrown	Three Calendar Days
36-50 Pitches Thrown	Two Calendar Days
21-35 Pitches Thrown	One Calendar Day
1-20 Pitches Thrown	Zero Calendar Days

Under no circumstance shall a player pitch in three (3) consecutive days.

**A pitcher's pitch count for the purposes of day(s) rest threshold is determined by the first pitch thrown to a batter. The pitcher may not start a new batter once the limit imposed in Regulation VI(c) of the Little League Rules has been met.**

### Additional Restrictions

- Any player may pitch.
- A pitcher who delivers 41 or more pitches in a game cannot play the position of catcher for the remainder of that day.
- A player who has played the position of catcher for four (4) or more innings cannot pitch on that day.



- A player who played the position of catcher for three (3) innings or less, moves to the pitcher position, and delivers 21 pitches or more in the same day, may not return to the catcher position on that calendar day.
  - **EXCEPTION:** If the pitcher reaches the 20-pitch limit while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch, and maintain their eligibility to return to the catcher position, until any one of the following conditions occur: (1) that batter reaches base; (2) that batter is retired; (3) the third out is made to complete the half-inning or the game or (4) the pitcher is removed from the mound prior to the batter completing his/her at-bat.
- A player may not pitch in more than one game in a day.
- Effective pitching eligibility based on pitches thrown or innings played at catcher shall also be enforced across games pitched with LGLL programs.
  - Managers for LGLL teams and managers for LG Baseball Club teams must share pitch count and catching innings information so that the appropriate rest and eligibility can be enforced.
  - If a player pitches or catches in a LGLL intramural program game, the effective rest and pitcher eligibility should apply to any subsequent LG Baseball Club game played.
  - If a player pitches or catches in a LG Baseball Club game, the effective rest and pitcher eligibility should apply to any subsequent LGLL intramural game played.