

## La Salle Little League Softball By-Laws

Adopted for 2017 season

- The girls' softball program in La Salle shall be known as the La Salle Softball League.
- The league will be governed by a board of directors that shall consist of a six member executive board including the positions of president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, safety officer, and player agent. This board will handle any protests and the day to day operations of the league. Any board member from the current year that misses more than 50% of the scheduled board meetings will not be eligible for election to the board for the upcoming season.
- The little league program shall be composed of 5 divisions of play, instructional league (6, 7 & 8 year olds), minor league (9 & 10 year olds), little league (11 & 12 year olds), junior league (13 & 14 year olds), and senior league (15 & 16 year olds). Teams will consist of an even number of players in each age group if possible. All teams are eligible to participate in inter-league play with any teams chartered within District 20.  
*Note: LaSalle Little League Softball will allow 6 year olds to play in the instructional league provided the player is capable of playing at that level and the parent is willing to coach or participate in league activities. These players will play 3 years at the instructional level and cannot move up to the minor league level until the legal age requirement is met.*
- **Managers & coaches** will be reviewed by the executive board each year and selected on a year to year basis. All managers, coaches and volunteers of the league will be required to read, sign and follow the volunteer code of conduct adopted by the board prior to being assigned to a team for the current season. Failure to abide by the code will result in a review by the executive board. Depending on the seriousness or frequency of the violation, the board may assess additional disciplinary action up to and including expulsion from the league. Any volunteer ejected from a game by an umpire will be required to sit out the next scheduled game and not be in attendance at the game site. (rule 4.07)
- **The following drafting procedures shall be used for all divisions** (instructional, minor, little, junior & senior leagues).  
Picking order will be determined by draw with players then selected one at a time by each team in draft order. Sisters will be paired up on same teams. All players will be eligible for draft with no players held over on the same team from the previous year.  
The manager/daughter option will require daughters to be selected as first pick for all managers. If there is a second daughter within the same division, that daughter will immediately be placed at the end of the draft and will be considered your last pick. Sister option rule will allow for a player already drafted by a team to have her sister picked on the same team within 2 rounds of when the 1st sister was taken.
- Only games or tournaments approved by the board will be allowed. A manager is not allowed to schedule any games between other teams in surroundings towns or to enter any tournament unless it is brought before the board and approved by a majority.
- **All star selection** will take place in June with the managers selected by the executive board after the players are chosen and approved by the board. Players will be selected by

division managers and coaches based on overall individual player performance ratings. Team member names may be released as early as June 1 (dependent upon date set by district committee), but not until the availability and eligibility of prospective team members have been established.

- No persons other than approved players, coaches, managers, umpires or parents are permitted on the field, including the dugouts, during practice sessions and games. A volunteer form and signed code of conduct must be on file with the league to participate. Background checks must be completed with *First Advantage* and must include criminal records, in addition to sex offender registry data. Approved volunteers must wear their league volunteer badge at all times.
- Infield practice will be limited to 2 rounds of warm ups before games for both infield & outfield. Visitors will start 30 minutes before the first game and second game infield practice should start as soon as possible after the conclusion of the first game.
- **Practice times** for St. Mary's field will be determined by draw for all divisions. For additional practices, Northwest School (open area only, practices are not allowed on the diamond for safety reasons), and the LP high school track practice field are also available on a first come basis. LP teams have priority on their field.
- **Medical release forms** for each rostered player must be carried by the team manager or coach at all times.
- **Player fill-ins for instructional, minor, little, and junior league games –**  
A game may not be started or continue with fewer than 9 players. (pg 71-72 4.16, 4.17)  
If a team knows that they will be short players for a particular game, the manager should contact players from other teams at that division of play. If no players can be found from that division, an 8 year old can be brought up for minor league or a 10 year old for little league, or 12 year old for junior league, provided they are not playing in a game in their own division that night.  
  
A team is required to start their regular roster players first and is not allowed to use the fill-in as a pitcher during the game. (pg 36 Vc3) Minimum playing requirements must be followed – borrowed players must play 9 consecutive outs in the field and bat once - however it is recommended that regular team members be given the majority of playing time. No more than 1 extra player should be brought up on a particular night if a team has 9 players available.
- **Bullying** – Bullying is defined as any behavior that is offensive, abusive, threatening, or intimidating. Cyber bullying is a form of bullying that is carried out via electronic means – email, instant messaging, internet services, texting etc. Bullying of any sort will not be tolerated by the La Salle Softball league. Players, parents, coaches, spectators, umpires, scorekeepers, concession workers and other volunteers will be ejected from the league and all league related activities after a first offense based on board review and decision.
- **Concussions** – Any player suspected of a possible concussion due to an incident during practice or a game will be required to provide a doctor's release prior to returning to play. Coaches and umpires will be responsible for determining if a player's injury has concussion potential.

- Coaches and league officials have been determined to be mandatory reporters of child abuse. Any coach or league official who suspects abuse is required to report that suspicion. Coaches are asked to please bring the concerns to the league president first and file a report with the league. The president will then advise or take the necessary steps to proceed.
- All teams within the La Salle Little League Softball program will follow the official 2017 softball regulations and playing rule book
- League board member children will have first opportunity to fill Announcer / Scorekeeper / Concession positions. Any remaining positions will be filled next by league members 13 years or older. Others may be used at the discretion of the board president.



## **La Salle Little League Softball Home Team Responsibilities**

- While warming up a pitcher, ALL catchers MUST wear a catcher's mask.
- 1st game – Put out the bases, unlock bathrooms and announcers booth. Install pitcher's mound, if necessary.
- 2nd Game - Turn on lights before start of game, put away bases (and pitcher's mound, if necessary), rake the field, lock doors in announcer's booth, bathrooms, and storage room, lights off by 10 pm. **YOU must wait for the Concession stand workers to leave.**