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# ORTHODOX LITTLE LEAGUE

Paul Silverstein, Commissioner

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## GENERAL RULES

*(Revised March 2003)*

1. Practice on Shabbos or on Jewish holidays is contradictory to the aims of the League. It is requested that the sanctity of these days be respected.
2. Coaches, who must be at least **18** years of age, are responsible for the behavior of their players and their players' parents **on** and **off** the field. Verbal abuse or visual antics are not in the interest of fair play. After all games, players are required to shake hands with their opposition, win or lose.
3. Registration should be held during February or during early March. Coordinators must mail a list of coaches and phone numbers by the second Tuesday in March to the League. A list of all coaches and their phone numbers will be included with the schedule. Opposing coaches should speak to each other before each game.
4. Young adults, from age **16**, will serve as umpires. Each shul should provide the League with a list of prospective umpires, their availability, address, phone number and age by the second Sunday in March. Umpires calling balls and strikes may stand behind either the pitcher or the catcher. An umpire standing behind the catcher must wear a mask for protection. Umpires should not exhibit any camaraderie with coaches, parents, or players.
5. Due to inclement weather or wet grounds, the **home team coach** must inform the visiting coach and the umpire of a cancellation by 11:00 am on the day of the game. Failure to notify the visiting coach and/or the umpire will be considered forfeiture by the home team, should the home team not show up to play.
6. All games will begin at the times noted on the schedule. Any specific scheduling requirements, regarding dates or times, must be submitted to the League by the second Sunday in March. During the season, coaches may agree to begin games earlier or later depending on their specific requirement. Any change in a schedule must be coordinated with the umpire assigned to the game and reported to the League. Coaches are requested to remain flexible regarding the timing of games in order to allow as many children as possible to participate in the Little League games.
7. A team is required to remain for a **half hour** after a game's scheduled start before it can claim forfeiture for the other team's nonappearance. It is the coach's responsibility to arrive at the assigned field and at the assigned time as listed on the schedule. Before each game, each coach should verify the assigned field location in order to avoid forfeiture.
8. First grade games will last five (5) innings. All other games will be played for six (6) innings. Should a game be tied, extra innings will be played to determine a winner.
9. Each coach must provide the opposing coach and the umpire with a lineup of his players.
10. A player can play on a grade team above the player's grade, but not on a grade team below the player's grade. If a team uses a player from a higher group, the team will not be permitted to continue playing in the League.

11. There are nine divisions:

<b>GRADE</b>	<b>BALL</b>	<b>BASES</b>	<b>PITCHING RUBBER</b>
1 Boys & Girls	RIF 1 "T" Baseball	45 Feet	N/A
2 Boys	RIF 1 Baseball (coaches pitch)	45 Feet	30 Feet
3 Boys	RIF 1 Baseball (coaches pitch)	45 Feet	30 Feet
4 Boys	RIF Softball	60 Feet	30 Feet
5-6 Boys	RIF Softball	60 Feet	30 Feet
7-8 Boys	RIF Softball	60 Feet	32 Feet
2-3 Girls	RIF Softball (coaches pitch)	45 Feet	30 Feet
4-5 Girls	RIF Softball (coaches pitch)	50 Feet	30 Feet
6-8 Girls	RIF Softball	60 Feet	30 Feet

The League will supply each team with game balls.

12. The number of teams per division and the location of home fields (including directions) must be submitted to the League by the second Sunday in March to allow for scheduling. Initial team rosters also must be submitted to the League at that time. Rosters should include each player's name, address, grade, and age. A player may be added to the roster up until **May 1**, provided that payment is made to insure proper insurance coverage.
13. Teams are expected to wear numbered uniforms. All catchers are required to have proper equipment—helmet, face mask, chest protector and shin guards. Batters and base runners must wear protective helmets. Each team must have a first aid kit available. Teams without proper equipment may be subject to forfeiting games if a protest is filed.
14. The home team must provide the bases. For Grades 4-8 (Boys), and Grades 6-8 (Girls), the home team must provide a pitching rubber. For Grade 1, the home team must provide the "T".
15. After a warning, a player throwing a bat should automatically be declared out by the umpire. During the game, no one is permitted to stand behind the batting cage directly behind the batting area.
16. Grade 1, Grade 2 (Boys), Grade 3 (Boys), Grades 2-3 (Girls), and Grades 4-5 (Girls) will play 3 swings and a foul on the third swing is an out. In Grade 1 games, if the "T" is knocked down, it is considered a stroke no matter where the ball lands. For Grades 2-3 (Boys), Grades 2-3 (Girls), and Grades 4-5 (Girls), parents will serve as pitchers to their own teams, but will not field. In divisions where parents pitch to the batter, the batter is out if he does not reach base safely after the sixth pitch. Grade 4 (Boys), Grades 5-6 (Boys), Grades 7-8 (Boys) and Grades 6-8 (Girls) will play with balls and strikes.
17. A player may pitch in a maximum of **four (4)** innings unless that game goes into extra innings. One pitch in an inning constitutes an inning pitched.
18. If a team has less than **seven (7)** players, it is not allowed to play and it forfeits the game to the opposition. Grade 1, Grade 2 (Boys), Grade 3 (Boys), and Grades 2-3 (Girls) may have as many fielders (but not less than seven) as the coach desires. Grade 4 (Boys), Grades 5-6 (Boys), Grades 4-5 (Girls), and Grades 6-8 (Girls) may have a maximum of **eleven (11)** fielders. Grades 7-8 (Boys) may have a maximum of **ten (10)** fielders.
19. All players on the roster who attend the game must be included in the batting order even if they don't play the field. Players may be substituted in the field at any time and a player removed from the field may return at any time.

20. A maximum of **six (6)** runs may be scored in any inning except that the six run maximum rule does not apply to the last inning or to extra innings.
21. If an umpire fails to show up, the home team will provide an umpire for the first three innings and the visiting team will provide an umpire for the remainder of the game.
22. The infield fly rule applies only for Grades 7-8 (Boys). For Grades 4 through 8 (Boys and Girls), sacrifice flies are permitted. A ball hitting an umpire is in play. In games where coaches are pitching, a ball hitting a coach is in play.
23. Sliding is permitted. There is no stealing, no bunting, no advance on a wild pitch, no balk calls, no leading off base (a runner may run on the swing only), and no running to first base by a batter on a dropped third strike.
24. Any protests must be filed in writing and received by the League within **seven (7)** days of the game in question.
25. All umpires required to report scores to the League within **two (2)** days of each game in order that accurate records and standings can be maintained. Umpires will be paid **\$25.00** per game provided that the score is mailed to the League. Should there be no League-assigned umpire in attendance; each coach is responsible for reporting the score to the League.
26. At the end of the season, playoffs will be held for the top four teams in each division. Standings will be determined by won and lost records. Any forfeiture will be recorded as a 7-0 score. Ties in the standings will be broken first by head to head results, then by common opponent game records, then by run differentials, and finally by a coin flip. The fourth place team will play at the first place team and the third place team will play at the second place team. The winners will play in a championship game with the higher regular season finishing team getting the home field advantage.
27. Each shul will pay the League **\$15.00** per each player listed on a team roster. A deposit of **\$100.00** must be received by the last Sunday in March with the balance paid by June 1. Shuls not conforming to this rule will not be permitted to participate in the League season if the deposit isn't received or in the playoffs if the balance isn't paid. Needless to say, a shul's outstanding balance from a previous season must be paid in full before any team from that shul is permitted to play in the current year.
28. Schedules will be distributed only to shul coordinators who submit the number of teams, team rosters, a coaches list, a home field list, a prospective umpires list, and whose shul remits all money due, as per the rules listed above.
29. Financial matters should be addressed to **Paul Silverstein**. All other issues should be sent to **Eliezer Cohen**.