

Palisades Park Leonia Little League
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League

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Name

The organization shall be known as the Palisades Park Leonia Little League, hereinafter referred to as 'PPL'.

Objective

The objective of PPL shall be to implant firmly in the children of the league and of the surrounding community, the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage and respect.

To achieve the objective, PPL will provide programs under the Rules and Regulations of Little League Baseball & Softball. All Board Members, Volunteers and Parents shall bear in mind that the attainment of exceptional athletic skill or the winning of games is secondary, and the molding of future players are of prime importance.

Membership

Eligibility

Any person sincerely interested in active participation to further the objective of PPL may apply to become a member.

General Membership Meeting

Definition: A General Membership Meeting is any meeting of the general members of the league. A minimum of four (4) per year is required.

Notice of each General Membership meeting, members shall be notified electronically at least ten (10) days in advance of the meeting, setting forth the place, time and place and purpose of the meeting.

At any General Membership Meeting, the presence of two (2) members shall be necessary to constitute a quorum. If a quorum is not present, no business can be conducted.

Only regular members in good standing shall be entitled to vote.

The voting process for the PPLLL new Board members will be as follows:

1. All Votees must be in good financial standings with PPL Little League.
2. Parents will have 1 vote each (attendance at the meeting is required).
3. If you do not have a registered player and you are currently a Board Member or a coach / manager during the 2019 season, you are allowed 1 vote (attendance at the meeting is required).

PPL Executive Board

Organization, Roles, and Responsibilities

1. PPL Executive Board (the 'Board') shall be made up of 11 voting members.
2. In September there will be an election to approve new Board members or re-elect those members with expiring terms.
3. When a board-member resigns during his term, the PPL Board will vote on a replacement for the member. If a replacement is not identified, the remaining board members will assume the responsibility of the departed member.
4. The PPL President shall be a voting member.
5. A quorum shall be 70% of the Board. If a quorum is not present, no business shall be conducted.
6. Board Members must attend 80% of the regularly scheduled board meetings.
7. The appointment of any Board member shall be terminated when the Board by a 60% affirmative vote determines that a board member acted in a matter that is:
 - I. Clearly not in the best interest of the program.
 - II. Contrary to the spirit of the By Laws
 - III. Contrary to the expressed wishes of the Board.
8. Notice of each board meeting shall be given at least ten (10) days before the time appointed for the meeting.

Please visit <https://www.littleleague.org/university/articles/roles-responsibilities-of-local-board-of-directors/>

Affiliation

PPL Little League shall annually apply for a charter from Little League baseball, Incorporated, and shall do all things necessary to obtain and maintain such charter.

Local Rules / Ground Rules and / or By Laws

The local rules, ground rules and /or by laws of shall be adopted but shall no way conflict with Rules, Regulations and Policies of Little League Baseball, Incorporated. The local rules, ground rules and/or bylaws of PPL shall expire at the end of the fiscal year. The fiscal year begins on October 1st and ends on September 30th of the following year.

Insurance

PPL Little League will apply for the standard insurance from Little League International each year.

PPL Little League will apply for protection from theft.

All children who play Little League baseball and softball, as well as adults who serves as managers, coaches, volunteers, team parents who assist with the practices and have been approved by the Board are covered by Little League accident insurance. This insurance covers eligible participants while traveling directly, to and from the field as well as during practice sessions and games, as well as other authorized league activities. Accident coverage does not begin until after the league has submitted its charter and insurance application for the season.

Player Registration

PPL will begin conducting online and in person player registration in November. Registrations dates will be advertised via email blast, social media, school flyers, etc. While it is a general rule that no child that meets all registration requirements will be turned away from participating in PPL Little League, the Board reserves the right to make exceptions due to extenuating circumstances. A majority vote by the Board will be needed to deny a player's registration.

Managers

A manager has submitted a completed volunteer application form and passed a background check. All managers must also attend a League sponsored clinic prior to the start of the season.

Coaches Selection

The manager of each team shall pick up to 3 coaches at least 7 days prior to their first practice of the season, to assist with practices, games and other team functions. Coaches must submit a completed volunteer application form and passed a background check.

Manager / Coaches Information

All managers and coaches will abide by the rules of the Little League Code of Conduct. Those who violate these rules will face disciplinary actions. It is possible for a coach or manager to be removed after the first offense based on the severity of the offense.

Disciplinary Action

The Code of Conduct Policy will be strictly enforced. All incidents / accidents that occur during the season must be in writing. An incident / accident form is available on our website and must be completed by all parties involved.

Any manager, coach, player or spectator who is ejected by an umpire from a game shall receive an automatic, minimum one (1) game suspension. The suspension will take effect immediately. A second ejection will result in a three (3) game suspension. Upon the third ejection, the person will be suspended the remainder of the season. All disciplinary action shall be determined by the Board and shall be subject to appeal.

League board members, managers, coaches, spectators and/or players will be suspended for the following actions.

- ✓ Unsportsmanlike conduct (fighting, pushing an umpire, etc.)
- ✓ Vulgar, profane, abusive language. Including emails, text and or tweeting between coaches, parents or players.
- ✓ Violation of the bylaws.
- ✓ Failure to stay within the chain of command.
- ✓ Insubordination to the baseball/softball program.
- ✓ All penalties and suspensions will be carried over into the following season if necessary.
- ✓ Multiple suspensions will eliminate eligibility of that player/coach from all tournament play.

Length of suspension will commensurate with the severity of the infraction, as determined by the Board.

Player Evaluations

Any player that is league age 8 should attend a League sponsored tryout. Players league aged 9 – 11 are not guaranteed to be drafted to a Majors Team. If they are not drafted, they will be added to the draft in the next lower division. Prior to evaluation, the Player Agent will make a list showing the names and league age of each player. Evaluations will be conducted on a date and time, as determined by the Board. All managers and coaches must attend the evaluation or have a stand in to assess players.

During the evaluations each player will:

- ✓ Field ground balls
- ✓ Throw
- ✓ Run
- ✓ Bat
- ✓ Pitch (if necessary)

Each skill will be graded on a 1 to 5 scale (with 5 being the best)

Draft

The minimum number of players on a roster is 12. After player evaluations have been completed, the draft will be conducted on a separate date and time.

- ✓ Sons/Daughters of the manager: Must be drafted to their team by the 5th Round.
- ✓ Sons/Daughters of the Coach must be drafted to their team by the 3rd Round.
- ✓ Brothers/Sisters: must be drafted in the 3rd Round. in consecutive rounds, unless parents request the siblings not be placed on the same team.

Trade

When the draft is complete, the managers may conduct trades. All trades must be completed prior to Opening Day.

Game Scheduling

Tee Ball and Coach Pitch games will be scheduled for 1 hour and 15 minutes time slots. Minor and Major League Baseball/Softball will be scheduled for 2-hour timeslot.

By Law Revision

- ✓ In the event the need arises to amend a bylaw during the year, the proposed change must be submitted to the Board for review and discussion. The change will then be voted upon at the next scheduled meeting.
- ✓ All bylaw changes must be submitted in writing to the Board.
- ✓ Bylaws can only be amended by a vote of the members of the Board.

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