



## **Red Bluff Little League By-Laws, Local Rules, and Ground Rules 2026 Season**

### **SECTION I**

This organization shall be known as the Red Bluff Little League, hereinafter referred to as the “Local League” or the “RBLL.”

### **OBJECTIVE**

The objective of the RBLL shall be to implant firmly in the children of the community the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, and courage. They shall be encouraged to show respect for authority, their community, and others. Attaining these ideals will lead to well adjusted, stronger, and happier children who will grow to be good, decent, healthy and trustworthy citizens.

### **AUTHORITY AND VALIDITY**

The Board of Directors shall be governed by the Constitution of the League on record in Williamsport, Pa. The RBLL operating rules and bylaws shall be approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. Following the adoption of these rules by the Board of Directors, they may only be changed upon the concurring vote of the majority of the Board. These rules pertain to all of RBLL.

### **CONSTRUCTION OF THE RULES**

The RBLL operating rules are constructed in a manner intended to conform to the operating regulations and playing rules of Little League Baseball. RBLL is a chartered component of Little League International and intends to continue as such.

The local rules, ground rules, and/or bylaws of the Red Bluff Little League shall expire at the end of each fiscal year and are not considered part of the Red Bluff Little League Constitution.



## SECTION II

A reasonable Little League participation fee may be assessed as the parent's obligation to assure the operational continuity of the Red Bluff Little League. The fees for this fiscal year are as follows:

### PLAYER REGISTRATION

Player Fees:

T-Ball:	\$ 90
Farm:	\$ 110
Minors/Majors:	\$ 130
Jr/Senior:	\$ 135

### TEAM SPONSORSHIP / ADVERTISING

Team Sponsorship Fees per team, per season:	\$ 350
4'x 8' aluminum made at the time of first advertising:	\$ 400
Annual sign:	\$ 400
Both Team Sponsorship and Sign:	\$ 700

Bi-annual Field Sponsorship – Fees to be collected for the 2027 season. Not applicable to the 2026 Board of Directors.

### PLAYER SCHOLARSHIP

Red Bluff Little League will not deny any child a chance to play baseball or softball due to financial hardship. RBLL will make available either full or partial scholarships. The RBLL scholarship program will cover season registration fees only.

### FUNDRAISER

Every registered player in Little League is required to participate in a league fundraiser to help defray the costs of running the league.

## SECTION III



## **MANAGERS, COACHES AND OTHER VOLUNTEERS**

All managers, coaches, Board of Directors members, and any other persons, volunteers, or hired workers, who provide regular service to the League and /or have repetitive access to, or contact with players or teams, must complete and submit an official "Little League Volunteer Application" to the President and satisfactorily complete a background check.

All managers and coaches are responsible for helping on announced workdays and also to maintain the field before and following their respective games. Managers and coaches from both teams should work together on the fields before the games and both should return equipment and bases to the storage room after games.

Managers will be responsible for the conduct of themselves, their coaches, team players and parents of team members. Managers, coaches, and spectators will abide by the Code of Conduct.

Any person in violation of any of the official Little League Rules and/or rules established in these By-Laws may result in disciplinary action by the Board, in accordance with Little League Rules. Additional penalties may be levied by the Board. As stated, violations will be brought to the attention of the Board within 48 hours after the President has been notified; however, at the Board's discretion, serious infractions reported after the 48-hour limitation may be reviewed. Anonymous allegations will be discarded unless they can be documented or corroborated in writing through independent means. Action levels to be taken by the Board of Directors include but are not limited to:

Consultation by the League President

Letter of Reprimand from the Board of Directors

Suspension for one or more games

Suspension for any part of the remainder of the season

Not favorably considered for future Little League appointments

Dismissal from all Red Bluff Little League activities

Disrespect to an umpire may result in a Plate Umpire position for one or more games for managers and coaches and/or one or more shifts in the snack bar.



## REQUIREMENTS OF BOARD MEMBERS

All board members are required to attend at least 60% of board meetings to be permitted to vote. Any board member who does not meet this prerequisite before the start of a meeting must attend but will not be allowed to vote until their attendance is at 60%. The Board may decide to take action for excessive absenteeism as provided in the Red Bluff Little League Constitution. The board may also elect to take action against a board member if their conduct is determined to be a detriment to the League.

## SECTION IV

### DIVISION ALIGNMENT (may be adjusted depending upon the registration numbers)

A. Baseball Division	B. Softball Division
T-Ball	Farm
Farm	Minor
Farm 2	Major
Minor	Junior
Major	Senior
Junior	
Senior	

## AGE CHART

Please see the Little League Age chart for league age.

Must be league age 4 - 6 to play T-Ball. (Baseball league age applies to T-Ball)

Must be league age 6 with one year of T-Ball to play Farm 1 baseball.

Must be league age 6 with one year of T-Ball to play Farm softball.

Must be league age 7 to play Farm 2 baseball.

Must be league age 8 to play Minors baseball.

Must be league age 8 or league age 7 and born January – March to play Minors softball.

Must be league age 10 to play Majors baseball or softball.

Must be selected to a team to play in Minors and Majors.

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All league age 12 yr olds will play in Majors unless parents request, they play in Minors and board approves the request.

### **TRYOUTS AND PLAYER SELECTION**

Tryouts and Player Selection (Draft) will be conducted according to the most recent Little League International Rulebook for baseball and softball and as approved by the Board of Directors. Times and dates will be set by the Player Agent(s) with Board approval. The player agent and the director of baseball and softball will be responsible for conducting tryouts for their respective divisions. Red Bluff Little League Board of Directors and Managers reserve the right to place all players in the appropriate division based on age and skill level. Although our system may assign players to a specific division based on age, RBLL retains the right to make adjustments as necessary after tryout sessions and evaluations have been completed.

### **TRYOUTS**

There will be no tryouts for the T-Ball or Farm Divisions.

All players' league age 8, 9, 10, and 11 will be eligible for the minor draft and players' league age 10,11 and 12 for the major draft. See PLAYER SELECTION for returning majors division players.

Regardless of the division the player is anticipating playing in, they will try out with their age group first.

The tryouts for the minor and major levels will occur on the same day. All managers for these two divisions should be present on this day.

Managers and returning coaches will be given a player sheet used to identify players.

Tryouts will be conducted by league age. Each child will get the opportunity to hit, throw, and catch a ball.

### **PLAYER SELECTION DRAFT**

#### **MAJORS / MINORS**

After tryouts, the player agent will conduct the Major's draft.

Board approved Managers are permitted at the draft.

Draft order is done by a random draw of numbers from a hat. A serpentine draft follows.

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Prior to the draft, the board will determine the amount of league age twelve-year-olds that have never played in majors in RBLL. The board will vote how many twelve years old must be drafted on each team and by what round.

All managers' children and sibling options will apply as outlined in the most current rule book. Players who have previously played on a RBLL majors' team during regular season must be drafted to a major's team all subsequent seasons.

After the Major's draft, the player agent will conduct the Minor's draft.

## SECTION V

### LOCAL GROUND RULES

Red Bluff Little League will operate its 2026 season under the official regulations and playing rules for all divisions. The Board of Directors has voted to approve the following exceptions.

### RULES APPLYING TO ALL DIVISIONS

The 2026 Official Regulations and Playing Rules for Little League Baseball & Softball shall apply, and be followed, in all Divisions except as amended or stated in these Local League Rules. The Local League Rules DO NOT APPLY TO POSTSEASON TOURNAMENT PLAY.

### GAMEPLAY

- A. In all T-Ball, Coach Pitch, and Minor League Divisions, the time limit will constitute a complete game regardless of the number of innings played, (if an inning is started within the time limit, it must be completed unless the hard stop time is hit and then the score reverts back to the last completed inning).
- B. The umpire will designate the official start of the game in Minor and Major League Divisions.

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- C. Majors and Minors have elected to use the rule 7.14B Note 2 – Courtesy Runner for the pitcher and catcher when there are two outs. The rule requires that the last out on the roster be placed in for the pitcher or catcher (or both using the player who made the first out of the inning to replace the runner closest to home base and the player who made the second out of the inning to replace the other.)

**FIELD MAINTENANCE**

- A. The “home team” Manager and/or Coaches are responsible for marking and preparing the field before each game. The home team will keep the Official Scorebook.
- B. The manager of each team is responsible for ensuring that ALL trash is removed from their dugout after each game.

**MAJOR FIELD EXPECTATIONS (BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL)**

- A. Pre-game preparation – the home team is responsible for preparing the field for play. Field preparation includes dragging, watering, and lining the field; placement of the bases; turning on the scoreboard, and placing the official scorebook and pitch counter in the score booth. Field preparation should be completed one-half hour before scheduled game time. Home and visiting teams are both responsible for pre-game safety inspection of the field.
- B. Post-game procedures - Following a game, both the visiting and home team are responsible for cleaning all trash and materials out of their respective dugout and emptying all facility trash cans into the main dumpster and return the empty cans to their original position. In addition, the VISITOR team (unless from a different league) of the last game of the day is responsible for cleaning up and locking down the facility including; raking and repairing the pitcher’s mound and batter’s box; storing all league equipment; locking the storage shed, the bathrooms, and the batting cages; turning out the field lights; and serving as the concession escort(see below).
- C. Concession escort – The VISITOR team's major division manager of the day’s last scheduled game shall remain with the concession crew until their departure from the Jackson Heights facility. Because of serious safety concerns, violations may be subject to disciplinary action including league expulsion.
- D. Scorekeeping – The home team provides the official scorekeeper and will be responsible for the official pitch count. Anyone present in the scorekeepers both must maintain a sense of neutrality.

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- E. Field priority – Field use is reserved for teams scheduled for the league-sanctioned play on the current day. With the exception of extended league-sanctioned games, teams scheduled for play on the current day are entitled to use their respective fields prior to their scheduled game time. Regardless of use, any team not scheduled for play on the current day shall not use the fields after 2:00 PM. (weekdays) or if the field is prepared for a game, whichever comes first. Majors have priority in the batting cages 60 minutes prior to their scheduled game time.

## RULES APPLYING TO SPECIFIC DIVISIONS

### LOCAL RULES

All divisions: The home team sets up the field and will be in the first base dugout. Visitors clean up after game and will be in the third-base dugout. Manager/Coaches of the first game of the day need to set up the field and last game of the day put everything away. Managers and Coaches are responsible for setting up and cleaning up fields.

### T Ball

- Games are 45 minutes or 3 innings (whichever comes first).
- Teach the players to throw the ball to first base after every batted ball.
- Runners advance one base on a batted ball, except for the LAST BATTER, where the batter hits a “Grand Slam Home Run” to clear the bases and end the inning.
- An inning consists of the batting order, or batting through the line-up.
- No stealing. No running until the ball is put into play by a batted ball.
- Safety T-balls will be used.
- A player may not play the same defensive position twice in a game.
- No bats in the dugouts or in the hands of players except for the batter batting.
- Batters will hit off the T only for the entire season.
- It is OK for coaches to be on the field to assist, teach the kids the positions, where to throw the ball, and to stay focused on the game.



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- Remind the players that if they stay focused and play well, they get a snow cone after the game! Most importantly, have fun!!!

**Farm 1 Baseball**

- Games are 75 minutes or 6 innings (whichever comes first).
- Outs count but no strikeouts.
- 3 outs made or batting through the lineup completes a half-inning.
- Runners stop when the ball is controlled in the infield.
- Bat entire roster and each player shall play half the game defensively.
- 10 defensive players on the field (4 outfielders).
- On defense, only rostered managers/coaches allowed on the field.
- On offense, only rostered manager/coaches allowed as first and third base coaches.
- No stealing. No running until the ball is put into play by a batted ball.
- Coach pitching to their batting team and will also serve as the umpire.
- Each player gets five pitches only, strikes and balls included. After that, player may advance to first base and become a base runner.
- Safety balls will be used.
- No player shall play a single position for more than two innings in a game.

**Farm 2 Baseball**

- Games are 75 minutes or 6 innings (whichever comes first).
- Outs count but no strikeouts.
- 3 outs made or batting through the lineup completes a half-inning.
- Runners stop when the ball is controlled in the infield.
- Bat entire roster and each player shall play half the game defensively.
- 9 defensive players on the field (3 outfielders).
- First half of season: no stealing. Second half of the season: runners may steal second base only.
- Batters will face the pitching machine for 5 pitches only. If batter does not hit, he will go to the dugout. It is not counted as an out. Kids will not pitch in farm. At no time will there be coach pitch in Farm 2 during the games.
- If a batter is hit by a pitch, he is given first base.

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- Catchers must use a proper catcher's mitt and gear and attempt to “catch the ball” at a safe distance from the batter.
- Safety balls will be used.
- No player shall play a single position for more than two innings except for the pitcher.

### **Farm Softball**

- Players will learn to pitch from the beginning of the season.
- 1st half of the season players will hit either coach pitched or machine pitched balls.
- 2nd half of the season begins player pitch and coach pitch balls (no machine pitch).
- Coaches will teach slingshot form pitching and will leave the windmill portion out of the training until Minors.
- No walks and no bunting.
- Batters may only reach base by hitting the ball or being hit by a pitch.
- Games are a maximum of 75 minutes. No new innings will begin after the one-hour mark.
- No catcher may catch more than 2 innings in a game.
- No youth pitcher may pitch for more than 2 innings in a game.
- There will be no stealing in the first half of the season. The league, with manager input, will decide on stealing during the second half of the season. (Stealing past 28# will be at the coach's discretion)
- 3 outs made or batting through the lineup completes a half-inning.
- After a youth pitcher throws 4 balls to a single batter the coach pitching begins. The batter keeps their strike count but their ball count resets. The coach will continue to pitch until either the batter hits the ball, reaches three strikes with the third strike being swung, or the batter reaches a four-ball count from the coach pitcher. \*\*\* If, after 4 pitches, the player does not hit the ball they are out unless they continue to hit foul balls. The batter can continue until they hit a fair ball or get stuck out.
- Runners stop when the ball is controlled in the infield or when the outfielder has control of the ball.
- Bat entire roster and each player shall play half the game defensively.
- 10 defensive players on the field (4 outfielders).
- If a batter is hit by a pitch, she is given first base.
- Catchers must use a proper catcher's mitt and gear.

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- 11" flexiballs will be used.

### **Minors Baseball**

- No new inning shall start after 1 HR 45 Min, and the game will stop at 2 Hr. At the hard stop time, if the inning is incomplete, the score will revert back to the prior inning. No game should continue past sunset or in the event that it is unsafe to keep playing. The umpire or league official reserves the right to call the game at any time due to lighting issues.
- No able player shall sit for two consecutive innings.
- Players cannot play more than two innings at any one position except for the pitcher and catcher.
- All Minor League Division games ending in a tie will be recorded as a tied game.
- An inning is three outs or the 3 Run Rule. After 4 complete innings, the 3 Run Rule no longer applies, and teams may score until 3 outs are made or game is called.
- Limited Stealing in games 1-4
- Stealing Bases- players may only steal to 2nd base in the first four scheduled games of the regular season. Coaches should encourage Catchers to attempt a throw down to 2nd base when possible. (Managers should be instructing their defense on how to protect against the steal as well as backing up a throw.) The Runner may not steal/or advance past Second Base on a throw down to second base from the catcher at any time.
- Hit Ball in Play- on any hit ball the runner(s) can run as many bases as they are able to until the ball is controlled (ball in a player's hand or glove) in the infield (inside the baseline area). At this point if the ball is controlled by the defense, and the runner(s) are in between bases, they may continue only to the base they were attempting, at their own risk but may not advance further unless the ball is thrown with the attempt/intent to make a play resulting in the ball no longer being controlled by the Defense. All calls will be at the Umpires' discretion providing that he/she follows the rules as stated.
- After each team completes their first four games with the limited stealing restriction outline above then stealing is permitted in line with Little League international rules.
- Home team can still take their at bat in the final inning even if they have no chance to win.

### **LEAGUE CHAMPIONS**



The league champions for the Minor and Major Divisions will be determined by Head-to-Head then Run Differential, then a tie breaker game if needed.

## **SECTION VI**

### **TOURNAMENT TEAMS**

#### **MANAGERS SELECTION**

The President of the league decides on what managers will be chosen for each team. The board of directors then gets to vote on the approval of these managers and the manager appointed coaches.

#### **PLAYER SELECTION**

All major managers and coaches from the 2026 season are asked to meet with the player agent, secretary, president, and baseball/softball director. All-star team age brackets will be approved by the board following registration.

- A. Every RBLL player that has played in 60% of the season's games will be eligible in their respected league age groups.
- B. The player agent will provide all managers and coaches with a list of eligible players in each league age group.
- C. Each manager will be given the opportunity to put players from their team into a player pool for the respected league age teams. The managers will also be asked to give examples of why that child should be selected.
- D. The selection process will start with the highest league age and end with the lowest age bracket for both baseball and softball.
- E. After the player pool has been established the all-star voting will begin
- F. Each team will be asked to have two people vote on twelve players. If six teams then 12 total ballots will be taken
- G. The votes will be counted, and all unanimous players will be selected.

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- H. Those selected players will be put on the team. Then everyone will vote again for the remaining number of needed players. With each round, unanimous players will be selected.
- I. If after two rounds there are no unanimous players than it will work down from 90%, 80%, 70%. until the team is chosen.
- J. For the highest bracket baseball divisions, the first five picks will be chosen by the players.
- K. Every player on a 2026 major league team will be given a list of eligible players. Each child will then be asked to pick five players, not from their team. The player agent, along with one other board member, will conduct the process. Each vote will be placed in a sealed envelope and not opened until the all-star selection meeting. The top five players chosen by the players will be placed on the all-star team.
- L. See 2026 Softball rules for deviations from this process for the softball league.

Approved by RBLL Board 2026