

# **2017 QUEEN CREEK LITTLE LEAGUE BYLAWS**

## **ARTICLE I - NAME, LOCATION, AND MEETINGS**

The name of the corporation is Queen Creek Little League, Inc., an Arizona corporation, not for profit, hereinafter referred to as the "Local League". The principle office of the location shall be located at Desert Mountain Park in Queen Creek, Arizona. The principal mailing address shall be: P.O. Box 324, Queen Creek, AZ 85142. Meetings of members and directors may be held at such places in the State of Arizona as may be designated by the Board of Directors from time to time.

### ***SECTION 1 - Absence at Board Meetings***

The league Secretary shall maintain a log of all Board Members present for each meeting. Any Board Member who is absent from two (2) regularly scheduled board meetings with unexcused absences (no advanced notice by phone or email), will be subject to removal from the Board of Directors following the rules set forth in the Queen Creek Little League Constitution.

### ***SECTION 2 - Board Member Voting Procedures***

Voting will be conducted as set forth in Robert's Rules of Order and the QCLL Constitution.

## **ARTICLE II - ADMINISTRATIVE RULES & REGULATIONS**

### ***SECTION 1 - Amendments to the Bylaws***

These bylaws may be amended, repealed or altered, only for safety concerns or situations that conflict with the Little League rule book(s), or property agreement in whole or in part by a majority vote at any duly organized meeting of the Board of Directors, provided notice of the proposed change is included in the notice of such meeting.

### ***SECTION 2 - Player Registration***

Players may register in person at the pre-determined registration location and time, online (if available), or by contacting the QCLL Player Agent and League President. Any players seeking scholarships or payment arrangements will be required to complete the proper request form and submit the form along with all required documents to the QCLL Board of Directors for approval.

### ***SECTION 3 - Disciplinary Action***

The Board of Directors (or a disciplinary committee appointed by the Board of Directors) will review all infractions of the Code(s) of Conduct. Depending on the seriousness or the frequency, the board may assess disciplinary action up to and including expulsion from the league. The following shall be considered as grounds for dismissal from the league:

- Lack of attendance at regularly scheduled monthly meetings
- Lack of participation in scheduled events or maintenance days
- Failure to follow the Code(s) of Conduct
- Failure to follow the Queen Creek Little League Constitution/Bylaws

## **ARTICLE III - FACILITY RULES AND USAGE**

All field usage must be approved and scheduled by the league. Field preparation and usage by QCLL will follow and adhere to any contract or agreement with QCLL and other property owner(s).

### ***SECTION 1 - Game Rules and Schedules***

No games shall be canceled or rescheduled by managers, coaches or parents without notifying the Director of the appropriate division and getting approval from the Local League Player Agent and League President. The Local League Player Agent and League President must be notified, in advance, should there be a need to cancel a game for any reason. In the event of field availability issues, the Local League Player Agent and League President will make any necessary adjustments to game start times and the length of games.

## **ARTICLE IV - LOCAL LEAGUE STRUCTURE**

### ***SECTION 1 - Division Structure***

A player's League Age determines their division eligibility as set forth in the Little League Baseball Rule Book.

**A. TEE BALL DIVISION** - League age four, five, and six (If never played TEE BALL) year olds.

**Objective:** To instruct players in the fundamentals of the game in a fun, low-key atmosphere. At no time should winning or losing take priority in this program!

**B. MACHINE PITCH DIVISION - (6-7 year olds)** - League age six and seven year olds.

**Objective:** To further instruct the player coming out of Tee-Ball, the fundamentals of the game in a fun, low-key atmosphere. Emphasis in this program should be on the proper technique of throwing, catching, running, hitting and field positions.

**C. JUNIOR MINOR LEAGUE DIVISION (MACHINE PITCH/PLAYER PITCH COMBO) - (7-8-9 year olds)** - League age 7, 8, and 9 year olds.

**Objective:** To instruct players in the fundamentals of the game in a fun, low-key atmosphere. Provide an outlet of healthful activity and training under good leadership. Establish the values and concepts of teamwork, sportsmanship and fair play. To further develop the techniques of throwing, catching, running, hitting, and pitching.

**D. SENIOR MINOR LEAGUE DIVISION (PLAYER PITCH) – (9-10-11)** - League age nine, ten, and eleven (twelve-year-old will be allowed due to safety reasons).

**Objective:** To establish the values and concepts of teamwork, sportsmanship, and fair play. To challenge the players towards the perfection of physical skills and bring into play the excitement of tactics and strategy.

**E. MAJOR (LITTLE LEAGUE) DIVISION** - League age ten, eleven and twelve year olds.

**Objective:** To establish the values and concepts of teamwork, sportsmanship, and fair play. To challenge the players towards the perfection of physical skills and bring into play the excitement of tactics and strategy.

**F. CHALLENGER DIVISION** – QCLL does not offer a Challenger Division. The Challenger League of Arizona District 14, is a program for mentally and physically disabled youth between the ages of 5 to 18 years old that need one on one with a more relaxed baseball setting.

**Objective:** The Challenger League offers children that are unable to play a “regular” game of baseball an opportunity to play with the help of a “Buddy”.

## ***SECTION 2 - Divisions of Play***

### **A. MAJOR BASEBALL DIVISION**

#### **PLAYER TRYOUTS:**

- Each player league ages 7 through 12 must complete at least one of the spring tryouts to be eligible for the player draft unless written excuse is presented to and approved by the league Player Agent and President. Any league age 7-year-old not completing a tryout will not be allowed in the Junior Minors Division draft.
- A parent at registration may request their child to be placed in Senior Minors or Junior Minors Division by written request, which is approved by the QCLL President, Vice President, and Player Agent before tryout date.
- Any player not completing a spring tryout will be considered a “blind draft pick” according to the following:

<u>Division</u>	<u>League Age</u>
Majors	12
Senior Minors	10/11
Junior Minors	7/8/9

- Managers and/or their designated representative shall attend tryouts and evaluate the players performance for their own reference. No other individuals will be allowed on the field during tryouts except league officials.
- The QCLL Major division shall be limited to a maximum of 10 teams.
- The QCLL SM/JM divisions will be limited to 10 teams.

#### **PLAYER DRAFT:**

- The managers shall draw numbers before the draft begins to determine the order of the player selection process.
- The draft will be a "snake draft" meaning the manager receiving the first pick in round 1, will receive the last pick in round 2. The manager receiving the last pick in round 1 will receive the first pick in round 2. This will continue until all players have been selected.
- Returning manager/coach can retain/protect a total of 4 players (Including his own children) from His/Her previous season. (Player Protection form must be signed by player parent)
- Children of a manager or coach will be placed on the same team as that manager/coach. Manager and coach's children must be their 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> round pick. (3<sup>rd</sup> round if needed)

- A new manager to the division may select a coach and protect his son/daughter prior to tryouts.
- Unless parents request separate teams for siblings, they will be kept together and drafted to the same team.
- Once the player draft is completed, the managers will have a maximum of 30 minutes to complete any trades. No trades will take place once the managers leave the draft room.
- In the event of contraction of teams, players from the teams contracted will be placed back in the draft pool to be chosen by the other managers.

## **B. MINOR BASEBALL DIVISIONS**

### **PLAYER DRAFT:**

- The Minor League Division will use the same set of draft rules as the Major League Division.

## **C. MACHINE PITCH AND TEE BALL DIVISION**

- Instead of implementing a draft, the Local League Player Agent will divide the players into a specified number of teams based on the number of registered players.

## **ARTICLE V - ALL-STAR SELECTION PROCESS**

The Local League President or His/Her designee will serve ex-officio as the director of the All-Star Selection Committee. Prior to the end of the regular season, the Local League Player Agent shall preside over the All-Star Selection Committee process consisting of all managers and coaches in the Major/Minor League Division. All voting by managers and coaches must be done in person; only those present at the meeting shall be able to vote. At no time may any players or other children be allowed in the room during the selection process. The managers and coaches will select the players to participate in the final evaluation process for the All –Star teams. Each manager must verify with the players parents for availability and division participation.

### ***SECTION 1 - Selection of Managers & Coaches***

The Local League Board of Directors will select managers who are in good standing with the Local League. The manager with the approval of the Local League Player Agent will select two coaches for each All-Star team.

**SECTION 2 - Selection of Players:**

Players will be selected by the Local League Player Agent, All-Star managers, and All-Star coaches in the following order (all teams will carry a minimum of 12 players and a maximum of 13 players):

Only the Local League Player Agent, current All-Star managers and All-Star coaches of the respective division are eligible to vote for the players.

**Note** - All-Star teams will be selected in the following order:

1. 12U- consisting of 12, 11, and 10 year olds
  - A. All voters will vote for the top six 12-year-old players available
  - B. After the top six 12 year olds are chosen, the All-Star Manager selects 6 to 7 additional players from the 12/11/10 year old group.
2. 11U- consisting of 11, 10, and 9 year olds
  - A. All voters will vote for the top six 11-year-old players available
  - B. After top six 11 year olds are chosen, the All-Star Manager selects 6 to 7 additional players from the 11/10/9 year old group.
3. 10U- consisting of 10, 9, and 8 year olds
  - A. All voters will vote for the top six 10-year-old players available
  - B. After top six 10 year olds are chosen, the All-Star Manager selects 6 to 7 additional players from the 10/9/8 year old group.

***\*All selected players must meet eligibility requirements as set forth by Little League Baseball All-Star Tournament Rules.***

**THE RELEASE OF NAMES OF PLAYERS SELECTED FOR THE ALL-STAR TEAMS SHALL NOT BE MADE BEFORE THE DATE SET FORTH IN THE LITTLE LEAGUE RULE BOOK**

***2017 Queen Creek Little League Bylaws***

These Bylaws have been approved by the QUEEN CREEK LITTLE LEAGUE Board of Directors.



Signature

October 24, 2016

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Queen Creek Little League President

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