

Ridge Spring-Monetta Little Peach League

Official Local League By-Laws

Effective January 2025

Official Statement of Policy from RSM Little Peach League

It is the goal of the RSM Little Peach League to promote the development of strong character, a positive attitude and a sense of responsibility and citizenship in young people. This is done by using the games of baseball and softball as we promote teamwork, fair play and teach the game by showing respect for authority, with adult leaders providing this example.

RSM Little Peach League does not and shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion (creed), gender, age, national origin (ancestry), disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or military status, in any of its activities or operations. These activities include, but are not limited to, hiring and firing of staff, selection of volunteers and vendors, and provision of services. We are committed to providing an inclusive and welcoming environment for all members of our staff, clients, volunteers, subcontractors, vendors, and clients.

RSM Little Peach League provides baseball and softball programs for as many youth possible through acceptable age limits. All leagues shall function under the official rules and regulations of Diamond Youth Baseball, Inc. and Diamond Youth Softball, Inc. as described in each official rule book except where local league options may apply. In addition, local league policy is described in the following Local League By-Laws.

ARTICLE I - LEAGUE ASSIGNED PLAYERS

Section 1 – Player Selection

- A. League assignment of players will be governed by age as established by the perspective programs. Those players requesting to move out of their age bracket must request to do so *at registration* and be approved by the board of directors with input from coaches at the next league level.
- B. Players will stay with their previous team until they move to the next age division.
- C. Special requests for player assignments or transfers from one team to another within one league shall be handled on an individual basis. Requests should be made in writing to the League President no later than 3 weeks prior to the start of the season.
- D. In the event there are 2 or more teams in an age division, we will conduct try-outs on a date scheduled by the RSM Little Peach League board.
- E. Draft and try-outs will not be held in each league until all head coach positions have been filled.
- F. After try-outs, a draft will be conducted under the following rules. Each team's coaches will pick back and forth until rosters are complete.
- G. If player is unable to attend try-outs they will still be drafted to a team.
- H. A child of a head coach and first assistant coach or sibling/siblings (brother/sister, sister/sister, brother/brother) shall be placed on the team as a returning player. Once a team's first assistant is selected and their child is placed on that team, that first assistant will remain the team's first assistant for as long as the child is registered and eligible to play in the league. This rule is to prevent a coach from changing the first assistant each year to get players without drafting them.
- I. Any year a team must be dropped due to lack of players, the team with the fewest number of returning players will be dropped and those players will enter in the draft.
- J. Those who do not register in time to participate in the player selection system shall be ineligible. All other players will be placed on a waiting list and if needed by the league, will be called in the order in which they registered. **EXCEPTION:** Anyone who becomes a new, permanent resident of the community after the close of registration.

Section 2:

- A. League Champion Determination
 - a. League Champion will be the team with the best overall record.
 - b. In case of a record tie, the head-to-head record will determine the champion. If they are still tied, there will be a single elimination "tournament" to determine league champion.
 - c. Bracket assignments set just as DYB tournament rules call for.
 - o The "tournament" will be single elimination.
 - o After the bracket is set, coin toss determines the home and visitor team.

ARTICLE II - COACHES

Section 1

- A. Each year, head coaches and first assistants will be recommended and be subject to approval by the board. The priority of the board is to provide teams with the best coaches possible. Special consideration will be given to head coaches and first assistants who have coached in the league previously.
- B. All coaches must complete an approved background check.
- C. A coach will continue with his team from the previous year unless approved otherwise from the board.
- D. The board will issue a current local league rules and an appropriate sports rule book to each team's manager at that leagues draft day.
- E. Any coach failing to attend mandatory meetings before the start of the season may be removed from coaching by the board.

Section 2– Coach Expectations

- A. A coach and assistants will meet with their team in a practice or game environment at least 2-3 times weekly.
- B. Coaches and assistants are encouraged to attend an umpire certification course each year to remain up-to-date on current rules.
- C. All managers and coaches shall attend all meetings held by the board prior to the start of the season.
- D. Each coach is responsible for the cleanup of its dugout after each game. First offense, coach warned. Second and each following offense thereafter will be a loss added to their record.

Section 3- Removal of Coaches

- A. The head coach is responsible for the actions of his/her assistants and team members. Repeated failure to practice, cursing, unsportsmanlike conduct, drinking alcoholic beverages, or use of tobacco products or drugs, arguing or undue harassment of any team, player, umpire or any action unbecoming of RSM Little Peach League will be subject to a warning or removal.
- B. Upon a hearing by the board on removal of a coach from a game, there will be: (A) Fine of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00), (B) One (1) game suspension, and or both.
Warning or Removal – by majority of Board Members
- C. Complaints turned in on a coach will be reviewed and the coach will be given the chance to justify his/her actions. Example: Parents protesting misconduct or harsh treatment of their child should first talk with the manager or coach, thus giving the manager or coach a chance to justify or correct the problem before it gets out of hand. After this action, complaints should be turned into the player's representative for review by the board.

ARTICLE III- UMPIRES

- A. All umpires must complete the Diamond Youth Umpire certification course.
- B. Umpires are strongly encouraged to wear the correct attire to look professional during games.
- C. Umpire selection will be at the discretion of League President according to the umpire's availability.
- D. Umpires will be compensated for their time during games with a figure determined by the Board.
- E. In case of expulsion from a game, players whose parents are not at the field will remain with their team. *See Diamond Rules.*
- F. Umpires are directly responsible to the umpire chief and the board. *See Diamond Rules.*

ARTICLE IV - SCHEDULES

Section 1:

- A. Schedules will be the responsibility of the board. School officials shall be contacted prior to scheduling to schedule around testing dates and all approved field trips when possible.
- B. For baseball and softball, only rain out games will be rescheduled.
- C. No coach at any level can reschedule or cancel a game without contacting League President.
- D. TBall schedules will be created to work around older teams in the league.

ARTICLE V - REGISTRATION

Section 1:

- A. Registration will open online December 20th and close on the last Saturday in January. No one will be registered after the last Saturday in January unless needed to complete a team.
- B. Age of players eligible to register, range from no younger than 4 years old by January 1st of the registration year to no older than 12 years by April 30th of the registration year per Diamond Youth rules.
- C. The registration fee for all players will be voted on by the board prior to the start of registration.
- D. All registration fees are non-refundable after the first Saturday in February. If there are not enough players to fill out the team, the registration fee for those players will be refunded.
- E. A copy of birth certificate or passport must be submitted at registration.

ARTICLE VI - CONDUCT OF GAMES

Section 1:

- A. Because of insurance requirements, parents and other spectators are required to stay away from the playing and coaching areas.
- B. Parents and other spectators are urged to support, in a sportsmanlike manner, all decisions of the umpires and board members. Failure to do so may result in being asked to leave the facility.
- C. All complaints or suggestions must be presented in writing to the board within one (1) week of occurrence. The board has ten (10) days to hear the complaint. The board will respond in writing to the correspondent as to the decision reached within ten (10) days. Protests will be settled using league rules.

ARTICLE VII - EQUIPMENT

Section 1:

- A. Individuals and teams are responsible for all materials and equipment issued to them. Unserviceable articles will only be replaced upon turning in the unserviceable article(s). Baseballs are excluded from this requirement.
- B. A written record will be kept on all materials given out to individuals and teams.
- C. First Aid Kits: A first aid kit will be supplied in the concession stand. A First Aid Kit is required at each team function.

ARTICLE VIII- ALL-STARS

Participating in All-Star play will only be allowed if there is more than one team in that particular age division from RSM to select from or if the board sees that a team has had a successful record to compete and represent RSM.

Section 1: All-Star Player Selection

- A. Up to two (2) weeks before the end of each league's regular scheduled games, an all-star selection meeting will be called by the president of the league in which an all-star team is to be selected. This meeting shall be attended by only head coaches or first assistants (if head coach unable to attend) along with board member(s) appointed by the president.
- B. Coaches shall nominate players from his/her team for all-star voting. Votes shall be cast by the head coach (or first assistant) of each team only. The team shall consist of the required number of players specified by each league receiving the highest number of votes. In the event of a tie between players for a remaining spot(s), there will be discussion and one re-vote on the tied players. If it is still tied, the player voted by head all-star coach will be selected.
- C. Where alternates may be needed, they will be selected by the all-star coaches from all eligible players. Alternates are only used if a player becomes injured and cannot

participate in practice or games for the remaining of tournament participation. Alternates will not be selected until they are needed.

- D. All team head coaches should make every effort to determine if their players will be available for complete tournament play (practice and games) before the all-star selection process takes place.
- E. There does not have to be equal number of players selected from each team to compose the All-Star team. For example, if there are two Minors baseball teams, each team does not necessary allow for 6 players to complete the All-Star team.

Section 2: All-Stars Coaches

- A. Selection of coaches for all-stars will be as follows: First Place Team Head Coach shall be given the opportunity to take role as Head Coach. Second Place Team Head Coach shall be given the opportunity for first assistant. They will in turn select their second assistant coach. If any coach in the league wishes not to coach in all-stars, he/she on their turn in order of finish can decline. Note: If no coaches in that league want to coach an all-star team, the Board will select the all-star coaches.
- B. Any coach that coaches All-Stars must be at each practice and each game at all times. NO EXCEPTIONS! A coach must practice five (5) days out of seven (7) days for the two (2) weeks prior to the start of tournament play. If a coach cannot do any of the above, he/she will be removed as an all-star coach by the board and a replacement will be selected by the board.

Section 3: Financial obligation of RSM Little Peach League to teams making the State Tournament or World Series:

- A. League will donate five hundred dollars to the all-star team to go toward expenses of the players. The team must be traveling a minimum of 40 miles from Ridge Spring-Monetta area or have a mandatory overnight stay.
- B. It is recommended by the board that each team have sponsors or receive donations to help offset the expense of the team's trip.

Section 4: All-Star Uniform and Sponsor Money

- A. The head coach of each all-star team will be given a check for uniforms. The amount of each check will be voted on by the board and will be enough to purchase a basic uniform and a shirt and hat for each coach. If the head coach wants a better uniform, it will be their responsibility to come up with the money for the difference.
- B. Sponsor money collected for all-star team expenses should be in the form of a check and made payable to RSM Little Peach League. When the head coach provides receipts for the team's expenses, the treasurer will reimburse him/her if he/she has enough money collected to cover the expenses. This rule is to keep coaches from keeping or misusing extra sponsor money.

ARTICLE X - SPONSORS

- A. Sponsors will be accepted as needed, including team and field sponsors.
- B. All previous sponsors will have priority in maintaining their sponsorship each year.
- C. Sponsorship levels and costs will be determined by the Board prior to registration.

ARTICLE XI - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1:

- A. The Board of Directors shall consist of up to 15 members.
- B. Each member of the Board shall serve a term of 3 years, at which time the individual may be re-appointed by the Board.
- C. Existing board members shall recommend names for consideration to serve on the board. Consideration shall be given to all previous board members first. New members will be elected from recommended names to fill any open spots on the board.
- D. Board members are expected to attend all meetings. Missing 3 consecutive meetings can result in dismissal from the Board.
- E. Board meetings will be scheduled on an as-needed basis to handle necessary business.

Section 2:

- A. Members of the board will be comprised of positions to include but not limited to, League President/Commissioner, Treasurer, Secretary, RSM High School representatives, Monetta Town Council Member, Mayor of Monetta, chief umpire, parent/coach representatives for varies age divisions, etc.
- B. The Board of Directors shall elect the League President/Commissioner, Treasurer, and Secretary at the meeting prior to registration.
- C. TREASURER
 - a. A written treasurer's report shall be submitted to the board quarterly.
 - b. During the month of August of each year the treasurer shall take all financial data for the time period of August 1st through July 31st to a certified public accountant (CPA) approved by the RSM Little Peach League board. The final audit will be presented to the board upon completion.

Section 3: Business

- A. Any matters of business not covered by or addressed in these by-laws shall be voted on and approved with a majority vote.
- B. Any rule changes must go before the board for their action. Any rule changes must be voted on by the board and approved with a majority vote.
- C. Any purchases over \$500 will be approved by the Board as majority vote. Concession stands purchases up to \$1000 can be made without approval.
- D. If there is a married couple serving on the board, they will cast one ballot as a couple in the event of secret ballot votes.
- E. The League President will not vote on matters unless in the event of a tied vote.