

Bylaws
Of
East Sacramento Little League
(Updated and Approved for 2022 Season, Adopted Nov. 9, 2021)

LEAGUE MISSION

East Sacramento Little League (ESLL) is an affiliate of Little League, Inc. ESLL is organized for the purpose of assisting children to develop the qualities of citizenship, discipline, teamwork, and physical well-being. By espousing the virtues of character, courage and loyalty, the Little League Baseball and Softball program is designed to develop superior citizens rather than superior athletes.

DEVELOPMENT OF BYLAWS

1. ESLL is governed by its Constitution and the latest version of the Little League Rule Book (Official Regulations, Playing Rules and Operating Policies). These Bylaws are only intended to address those issues that are not covered or are presented as optional in the Constitution and official Little League Rule Book. These Bylaws shall in no way conflict with the Little League Rule Book or Constitution.
2. Regular Members are defined by the Constitution.
3. The Bylaws must be adopted by the ESLL Board of Directors (Board) each year at least one month prior to the first scheduled game of the season. The Board shall review, and if deemed appropriate, update and amend these Bylaws each year.
4. Within thirty days after adoption of the Bylaws each board member shall submit a signed copy of the Bylaws to the Secretary acknowledging receipt and understanding of said Bylaws.

CODE OF CONDUCT

5. All board members, managers, coaches, team parents, parent helpers, umpires and hired workers shall each year complete the online Little League Volunteer Application.
6. As required, volunteers shall submit to and give permission to ESLL to conduct a background check, which may include a review of sex offender registries, child abuse, and criminal history records. This includes board members, managers, coaches, team parents, umpires and hired workers. It also includes any individual who has regular contact with players (i.e. a parent that regularly helps at practices).
7. ESLL recognizes that the character traits that embody sportsmanship are best learned and encouraged when put into practice. By doing so, parents, managers, coaches

and players can model and learn honor, respect, integrity and citizenship. Therefore, every parent, board member, manager, coach and player shall agree to abide by the ESLL Code of Conduct prior to participating each season. Failure to adhere to the ESLL Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action.

BOARD APPOINTMENT

8. Each year a Board of Directors shall be elected to operate ESLL. At a minimum, the Board shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary/Communications Director, Treasurer, Division Representatives (e.g. Majors, AAA, Rookies, etc.), Coaching Coordinator/Fall Ball Coordinator, and Safety Officer. Other Board positions may include Registrar, Baseball Field Manager, Softball Field Manager, Equipment Manager, Scheduler, Snack Bar Coordinator, Sponsorship Coordinator, Event Coordinator, Webmaster, Volunteer Coordinator, Umpire-in-Chief, Tournament Coordinator, and Immediate Past President. The Board may create additional Board positions as needed.

9. Any Regular Member is eligible for nomination to the Board.

10. The election of board members shall be in accordance with the Constitution.

11. Nominees to the Board shall complete and return a board member application to the Secretary prior to the Annual Meeting of the Regular Members.

12. The Board shall be elected for a period of one year. This term shall begin July 15.

13. Vacancies that occur during this term shall be filled as needed by a majority vote of remaining board members.

BOARD COMMITTEES

14. Each year the Board may create an Executive Committee consisting of not less than three nor more than five board members, one of who shall be the President. The President shall appoint the other members; however, Executive Committee members must have served previously on the Board at least one year. Three Committee members shall constitute a quorum and a simple majority of those eligible to vote shall carry a vote. The President may only vote to cast the deciding vote on split votes.

15. Each year the Board may create a Finance Committee consisting of not less than three nor more than five board members. The Treasurer shall be an ex-officio member of the Committee. The Treasurer shall appoint the other members. The Treasurer shall serve as chairperson of the Committee.

17. Each year the Board shall create a Disciplinary Committee consisting of the President, Vice President and Umpire-in-Chief. All formal complaints must be in writing, signed, and forwarded to a member of the Committee or appropriate Division

Representative. Upon investigation, the Committee shall either dismiss or validate the complaint. Validated complaints are subject to disciplinary action by the Committee. Any individual(s) subject to disciplinary action by the Committee may appeal such disciplinary action to the Board. Appealed disciplinary actions shall be presented to a quorum of the Board at a hearing open to all parties involved in the complaint. Appealed disciplinary actions heard by the Board may be dismissed, upheld or revised by the Board. Committee members with a conflict of interest with any complaint under review shall be replaced with another officer of the Board.

BOARD OPERATIONS

18. All board members are expected to regularly attend Board meetings. Failure to attend over an extended period may result in removal from the Board.

19. All board members shall be entitled to one vote. To the extent two board members decide to share one Board position, that position is entitled to one vote. To the extent one board member holds multiple positions, that person is entitled to one vote.

20. Fifty percent plus one (50%+1) board members shall constitute a quorum and a simple majority of those eligible to vote shall carry a vote. The President may only vote to cast the deciding vote on split votes.

21. In order to vote on any motion carried over from a previous meeting, a board member must have attended the preceding meeting.

22. The Scheduler is responsible for developing the game schedule. All requests to alter the game schedule must be presented to and approved by the President.

23. The Scheduler is responsible for developing a practice schedule (including use of the batting cages). Each manager will be allowed to select two practice times during the respective drafts; however, teams may not be able to keep both practices once the regular season begins. Depending on availability, additional practice slots may be offered at the discretion of the Scheduler. Once the practice schedule is finalized, teams are only allowed to practice on ESLL fields at their regularly scheduled times.

24. The ESLL bank account shall have the President, Vice President, Treasurer and Safety Officer as signers on the account and require two signatures for all disbursements.

25. The Treasurer shall keep league financial records. The Treasurer shall submit a Profit & Loss Statement and Balance Sheet to the Board on a monthly basis.

26. The Board shall engage a CPA to conduct an annual financial review of the books by October 31.

27. The President shall attend the baseball Drafts and baseball All Star selection meetings and keep notes on what occurred. The Vice President shall attend the softball Drafts and softball All Star selection meetings and keep notes on what occurred.

28. During the off-season, which is defined as July 1 through August 31, the Executive Committee may conduct minor business on behalf of the Board and authorize expenses up to \$750, as long as there is a quorum of three Executive Committee members. A simple majority of the quorum shall carry the vote. The President may only vote to cast the deciding vote on split votes.

29. Board Members may not borrow or utilize any league property for personal use without Board consent, nor utilize or distribute any contact information of any Player Member or Regular Member for any personal purpose whatsoever.

REGISTRATION

30. Registration shall occur in November and December. Late Registration will occur during January. Tryouts shall take place in January. However, players can continue to register thereafter in accordance with Little League rules.

31. ESLL offers varying Registration fees. Each year the Board shall determine a fee schedule.

32. Full refunds are permitted through January 31. The Treasurer on a case-by-case basis thereafter will determine refunds.

MANAGER SELECTION

33. The Registrar shall provide the Board with an estimate of the level of registration. This estimate will be used to determine the number of teams and, therefore, the number of managers needed. It is in the best interest of ESLL to have a minimum of four teams in each division of baseball.

34. The President has responsibility for selecting managers, subject to approval by the Board. This will be done in consultation with the Division Representatives. The Board may require manager candidates to complete one or more surveys prior to being selected. Board members who are also manager candidates may comment on candidates within their division during manager selection but may not participate in the approval process.

35. Managers shall be notified of their selection by December 31.

36. Managers and coaches are expected to attend training, which will focus on: (a) safety and rules, (b) skill development, (c) positive coaching techniques, and (d) practice drills and techniques.

TRYOUTS

37. The Division Representative is responsible for conducting tryouts for his or her respective division.

38. Tryouts will be scheduled for two weekends during January. A make-up day will also be scheduled to accommodate inclement weather.

39. All Major, AAA, AA, Minor and Rookie baseball and softball players must attend and participate in one tryout session to be eligible for the draft. Major players failing to attend one tryout shall forfeit league eligibility unless an excuse is presented which is accepted by the Division Representative and the President.

40. As specified in Little League Rules, all 9-12 year olds are eligible to be drafted onto a Majors baseball team. If the parent/guardian of an 11 year old wishes for their child not to play on a Majors baseball team, they should inform the Registrar at the time of registration. This information will be passed on to Majors baseball managers, and they are bound to follow these requests, unless the Majors Representative convinces the player's parent/guardian otherwise.

41. The respective Division Representative will assess the skill level of all players that try out as well as any player that does not participate in at least one full tryout session.

42. Only approved managers and/or their primary coach are permitted to evaluate players during tryouts. All manager evaluations must be given to the Division Representative for purposes of ranking players for the draft.

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43. The draft is designed to create evenly balanced teams in each division.

a. Following tryouts, the managers within each of the divisions (i.e. AA, AAA, Majors for baseball and Rookies, Minors, Majors for softball) shall rank each of the players (including each of the managers' children) in terms of skill by assigning each player a 1, 2, 3 or 4 ranking (with 1 being most skilled).

b. All 12 year olds must be drafted into Majors for baseball and softball except if approved by the Board of Directors, the parent of the candidate and written approval of the District Administrator.

c. After the managers rank each of the players, the Division Representative shall compile the rankings and shall order the players based on their composite rankings, as well as other considerations. In establishing the composite rankings, Division Representatives shall take into account any relevant information.

- d. Using the composite rankings, the Division Representative shall establish groupings of players, e.g. Group A, Group B, Group C, etc. At the draft, the Division Representative shall determine the draft order and the managers then take turns drafting all eligible players starting with Group A. The draft shall follow a "snaking" order (1,2,3,4,4,3,2,1,1,2,3,4,4,3,2,1, etc.).
- e. Managers must pick their child first among the appropriate grouping (e.g. if the manager's child is in Group A, then the manager must select their child with the manager's first overall pick, if the manager's child is in Group B, then the manager must select their child before any other player in Group B is chosen).
- f. A manager may reserve one coach's child at the draft and must select that child first among the appropriate grouping, or second if the managers' child and coach's child are in the same grouping.
- g. Trades may occur after this draft procedure only in accordance with ESLL Bylaw #48.

44. ESLL adopts "Draft Rule B" from the Operating Manual. This means all teams are dissolved at the end of a season and all players are redrafted each year.

45. The following people shall attend the draft for each division: the selected managers, the Division Representative, and the President or Vice President. The Division Representative shall chair the draft meeting for his or her respective division.

46. Players that are not selected to a team at the draft of a particular division shall be eligible for the draft of the next division down.

47. The Division Representative, Registrar, Vice President, and President shall work together and attempt to assign players who do not attend at least one tryout and/or register after the draft to a team in an effort to keep the teams evenly balanced.

48. No trades shall be made by and between teams unless first approved by the Division Representative and then the Board.

LEAGUE PLAY

49. Each Majors and AAA baseball team and Majors and Minors softball team must provide a scorekeeper for each game. The scorekeeper will use a scorebook provided by ESLL. The home team installs, operates and puts away the electronic scoreboard equipment. The visiting team is responsible for designating an adult to be an official pitch counter for each Majors and AAA baseball game. The home manager shall report scores via text or email or website interface to their Division Representative within 24 hours. The visiting manager shall report pitch counts for both teams via text or email or website interface to their Division Representative within 24 hours.

50. ESLL does not adopt the optional ten (10) run rule ending a game after the 4th inning (Rule 4.10.e.2). However, managers have discretion to confer after the 4th inning and agree to end a game. District rules for inter-league games take precedence over this local rule.

51. For all intra-league games including the ESLL tournament, each team shall bat the entire line-up and not be limited to batting only the players in the field. All baseball and softball Majors players shall play a minimum of nine (9) defensive outs in every six-inning game. All baseball AAA and softball Minors players shall play a minimum of twelve (12) defensive outs in every six-inning game. Additionally, each player shall play a minimum of one (1) inning in the infield and no player is exempt from sitting the bench. These requirements are over and above the minimum six (6) defensive outs and one (1) at bat per game per player required by Little League rules. For any division that is involved in inter-league play, unless specific rules are agreed to in advance with the other league, District rules shall apply to all such inter-league games for that season. Prior to scheduling inter-league games, The President shall request that the other league agree to bat the entire line-up. During the TOC or All-Stars, ESLL playing time requirements revert back to LLI minimum playing time rules.

52. The home team shall have at least one representative to prepare the field before the game and the visiting team shall have at least one representative to drag and water the field and put equipment away after the game. One manager or coach from the visiting team shall remain at the field until the Snack Bar is closed. For inter-league games played at home, the home team shall be responsible for field prep and cleanup, as well as having a representative remain at the field until the Snack Bar is closed.

53. Except for Majors and Single-A baseball, Majors softball, and Tee Ball, the side is retired when three defensive outs have been made or five runs have scored (not including the last inning). For Majors baseball and Majors softball, the side is retired when three defensive outs have been made.

54. The Scheduler shall reschedule rainouts for the first available date on the calendar. All regular season games or rainout-rescheduled games in which a team cannot field nine players shall be forfeited and the official score recorded as 6-0.

55. Teams may elect to utilize one or two Pool Players in order to field nine players. Division Representatives will create and run their respective Player Pools. Only Division Representatives shall assign Pool Players to teams. Pool Players must bat at the end of the lineup and may not pitch or catch. Pool players that are called and show up at the game site must play at least nine consecutive defensive outs and bat once. For post regular season play, restrictions on the number of pool players, batting at the end of the lineup and catching shall not apply.

56. Base runners may not slide head first while advancing in any division of ESLL. Base runners that slide head first while advancing shall be automatically out.

57. Tee Ball games shall consist of a maximum of three innings or one hour. Tee Ball teams shall bat the roster every inning regardless of the number of outs made. The entire Tee Ball team shall play defense in each inning.

58. Due to multiple games scheduled for each field, all Saturday games (except for Majors baseball) shall have a two-hour time limit. For AAA games, no new inning may start after 2 hours, unless the game is tied. Tied games will be played until the visiting team has scored more total runs than the home team in any completed inning, or the home team scores the winning run in an uncompleted inning. For all divisions below AAA, no new inning may start after 2 hours regardless of score.

59. Prior to each game, each team shall have 10 minutes to warm-up on the field. The visiting team shall warm-up first. A team shall forfeit all or part of their warm-up time if they are not prepared to start warm-ups on time. Teams may not take batting practice on the field during pre-game warm-ups.

60. The infield fly rule applies to all play (except AA, A, or Tee Ball baseball).

61. If a player misses three consecutive games it is the responsibility of the manager to notify the appropriate Division Representative. The Division Representative is then to contact the player's parents and find out how long the player is expected to be out. If the period is longer than three weeks after the first game is missed, the player's parents may be informed that the player will need to sit out the entire season. The player will then be replaced with an appropriate aged player on the registration-based waiting list. If a player's parents say that a child is expected to miss fewer than three weeks but does miss three weeks after the first game missed, the player may be replaced.

62. The following rules apply to AA baseball games:

- a. Except as set forth below, the Little League Official Regulations and Playing Rules shall apply.

AA baseball is considered a transitional season in terms of pitching and hitting. Coach-pitch, kid-pitch, and machine-pitch shall be acceptable in AA. For coach-pitch, a manager or coach from the batting team shall pitch to his or her own batters. The adult pitcher should attempt to calibrate pitches to the skill level of each individual batter. All pitches must be overhand. The adult pitcher shall pitch from one knee for all batters. The adult pitcher must pitch from in front of the pitcher's mound and not from any part of the raised mound. Kid pitching is allowed and encouraged (from 42 feet, adhering to Little League rest day requirements and no more than 40 pitches per game), yet flexibility is allowed for batters that have skills best suited for coach-pitch or machine-pitch. For machine-pitch, the machine will be set up at 46 feet, and speed calibrated appropriately for AA level skills. The AA Division Representative and AA managers will discuss and agree to the approach each season and re-evaluate mid-season.

- b. Batters may not receive a base on balls and may not advance to first base if hit by a pitch.
- c. Bunting, leading and stealing are not allowed in AA games.
- d. Runners may not advance on an overthrow in AA games.
- e. On all balls hit in the infield, runners may not attempt to advance more than one base. On balls hit to the outfield, runners may advance any number of bases but may not advance once the ball is returned to the infield. The purpose of this rule is to attempt to simulate base running in a game of higher skill and runners should not be encouraged to advance based on the defensive team's inability to properly relay the ball in from the outfield.
- f. Each team shall play 10 players in the field. There shall be four outfielders and six infielders (including catcher). Outfielders must be in the outfield grass and infielders must line up at each infield position. Each player shall play both in the infield (minimum two innings) and in the outfield in every game. No player is exempt from sitting the bench.

63. The following rules apply to Single-A baseball games:

- a. Single-A games shall consist of a maximum of four innings or one and one-half hours. An inning shall end when three defensive outs are made, or three runs have scored.
- b. A manager or coach from the batting team shall pitch to his or her own batters. The adult pitcher should attempt to calibrate pitches to the skill level of each individual batter. The adult pitcher must pitch from in front of the pitcher's mound and not from any part of the raised mound.
- c. Batters may not receive a base on balls and may not advance to first base if hit by a pitch.
- d. Bunting, leading, and stealing are not allowed in Single-A games.
- e. Runners may not advance on an overthrow in Single-A games.
- f. On all balls hit in the infield, runners may not attempt to advance more than one base. On balls hit to the outfield, runners may not attempt to advance more than two bases.
- g. Each team shall play six infielders (including catcher) and all other players shall line up in the outfield. Outfielders must be in the outfield grass and infielders must line up at each infield position. Each player shall play both in the infield

(minimum two innings) and in the outfield in every game. No player is exempt from sitting the bench.

64. The following rules apply to pitching for Softball divisions:
- a. Majors softball: entirely kid pitch.
 - b. Minors softball: flexibility is allowed for both kid pitch and coach pitch, to be agreed upon by Minors Softball Representative in coordination with managers.
 - c. Rookies softball: flexibility is allowed for both coach pitch and hitting from tee to be agreed upon by Rookies Softball Representative in coordination with managers, and flexibility is allowed during games as appropriate.

DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIPS

65. Majors and AAA baseball shall maintain win/loss records and standings, which shall be used for playoff seeding. For the purposes of calculating a team's winning percentage, tie games in AAA baseball shall be treated as a half win and half loss. Tie games are not permitted for Majors baseball. Each Division Representative is responsible for determining the official standings for his or her division. Depending on the number of teams, ESLL shall maintain win/loss records and standings for all softball divisions that play an intra-league schedule (i.e. only ESLL teams are included). For any softball division subject to an inter-league schedule (i.e. teams include any D7 softball league) ESLL will not independently maintain standings for such softball divisions. Win/loss records shall not be kept for any other division. No divisions other than Majors and AAA baseball and Majors and Minors softball shall hold playoffs.

66. The combined number of Majors and AAA baseball teams in the playoffs may be limited due to field capacity (i.e. all teams might not make the playoffs in some years.). The Majors division is entitled up to six (6) teams in the playoffs. The AAA division is entitled to a feasible number of playoff teams after field capacity and schedule are determined by the Board at the earliest possible time. The playoff format for Majors and AAA baseball and Majors and Minors softball shall consist of the following:

- a. If eight (8) divisional teams, all games are single elimination. See Addendum for seeding bracket.
- b. If seven (7) divisional teams, the first place team shall receive a first round bye. All games are single elimination. See Addendum for seeding bracket.
- c. If six (6) divisional teams, the first and second place teams shall receive a first round bye. All games are single elimination. See Addendum for seeding bracket.

- d. If five (5) divisional teams, the first place team shall receive a first round bye. All games are single elimination. See Addendum for seeding bracket.
- e. If four (4) divisional teams, all games are single elimination.
- f. If three (3) divisional teams, the first place team shall receive a first round bye. All games are single elimination.
- g. If two (2) divisional teams, best of three series.
- h. Tiebreakers in the standings between two teams shall be as follows: (1) head-to-head record; (2) intra-league record (if interleague play applies); (3) run differential (runs scored minus runs allowed in games between the two tied teams); (4) coin toss.
- i. In all playoff games, the higher seed (No. 1 being the highest) shall be the home team.

67. The winner of each playoff shall be the Division Champion and shall represent ESLL in the District Tournament of Champions (TOC's) immediately following the season.

ALL STAR SELECTION

68. ESLL may select All Star teams for the following age groups: 10-11-12 baseball, 9-10-11 baseball, 8-9-10 baseball, "Coach Pitch" baseball, 10-11-12 softball, and 9-10-11 softball. The Board may also add an 8-9-10 softball team should the number of softball players support such an addition.

69. All baseball and softball All Star teams shall consist of at least 12 players per team. All Stars are announced no earlier than June 1 by Little League rules. Three designated alternates will be chosen and only the Board will keep the record of the alternates. The alternates are not announced and may be utilized at the manager's discretion. Alternates may not practice until needed.

70. Except as described in Bylaw #71 regarding the first six All Stars for the 10-11-12 baseball team and 10-11-12 softball team, All Star selection shall be as follows:

Step 1 – Create the Pools: Prior to the end of the regular season, Division Representatives shall compile a master list of All Star eligible candidates (considering factors such as age, residence, school, etc.) for their respective division. These lists shall be distributed to the managers in the respective divisions.

Step 2 – Selection Meetings: All managers will meet to discuss and vote on the candidates. All managers must come to the meeting prepared to discuss the candidacy of all the candidates and are encouraged to bring their scorebooks to

the meeting. For the 10-11-12 baseball team and 10-11-12 softball team, only the Major managers, Major Representatives, and President (baseball) or Vice President (softball) shall attend. For the 9-10-11 baseball team only the Major managers, Major Representative, and President shall attend. For the 8-9-10 baseball team, only the AAA managers, AAA Representative, and President shall attend. For the 9-10 softball team, only the Minor managers, Minor Representative, and Vice President shall attend. A majority of manager votes for any one candidate will qualify as an All Star selection.

Step 3 – Selection Deadlock: In the event that a majority cannot be reached for the last and final selection of any All Star team (excluding alternates), the President for baseball and Vice President for softball may choose at their discretion the last and final selection.

71. The first six (6) roster spots on the 10-11-12 baseball All Stars and 10-11-12 softball All Stars will be elected in the following manner:

- a. Each Majors team player shall vote for six (6) Majors players.
Players may not vote for players on their own team.

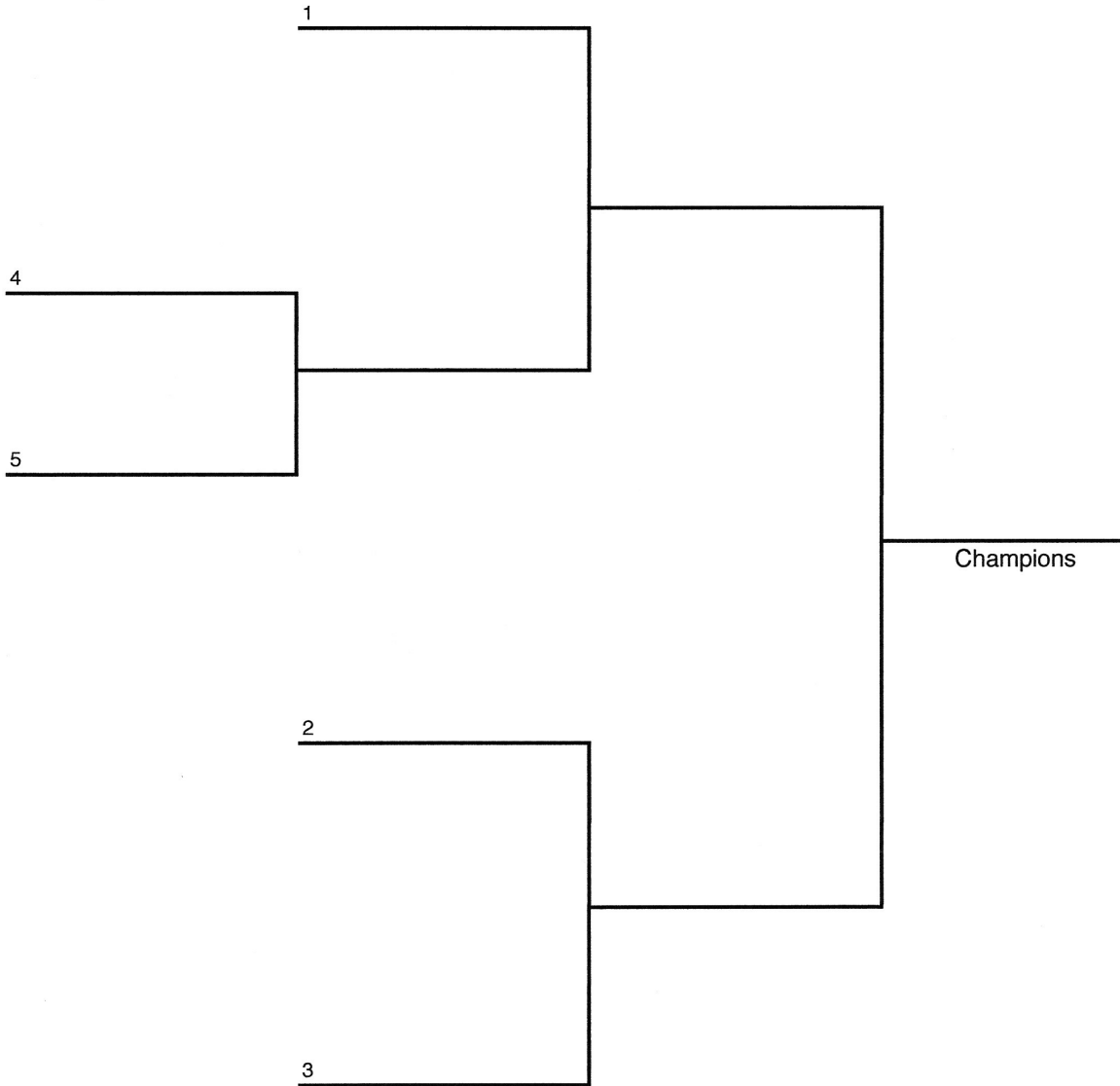
72. Managers or their designee must attend the All Star selection meeting or waive their right to vote for players. The Division Representative shall chair the All Star selection meeting for his or her respective division.

73. All Star managers shall be selected by the Board after the respective All Star team has been selected. Each manager shall select their own coaches from the pool of eligible coaches and managers, subject to approval by the Board.

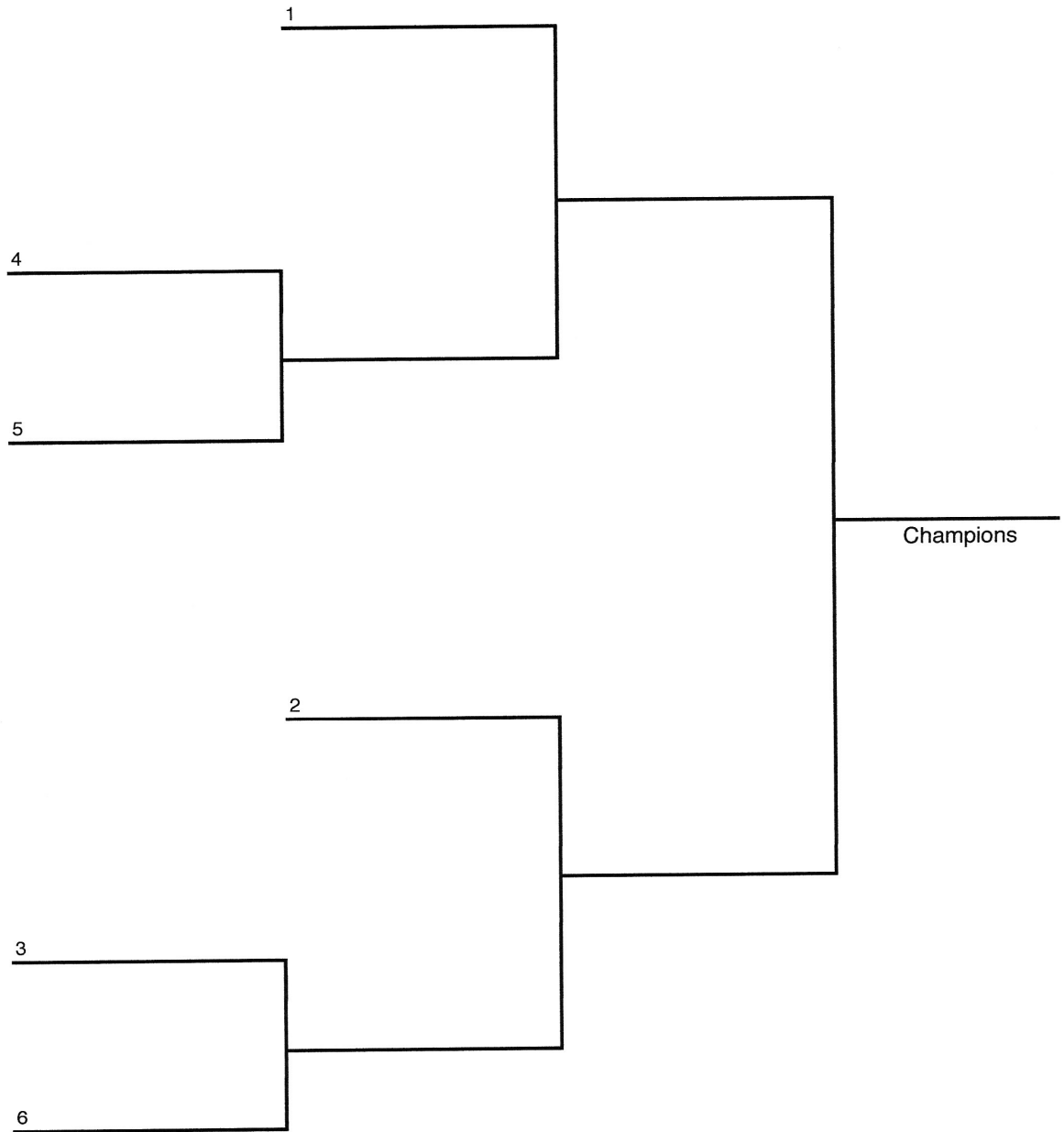
ADDENDUM:

Playoff Brackets

ESLL Playoffs - 5 Teams



ESLL Playoffs - 6 Teams



ESLL Playoffs - 8 Teams

