A. General

1. All divisions shall ideally consist of four or six teams, depending on available players, with each team having a 12-player roster, depending on available players.

2. Tryouts. All players must tryout. Any exceptions need League Coordinator or Sports Coordinator approval. The exception to this is Tee Ball and Coach Pitch.

3. Selection of players in each division shall be officiated by the League Coordinator or Sports Coordinator.

4. Prior to the drafting of players, any limitation placed on a player (days cannot practice or athletic limitations, etc.) must be communicated in writing to the League Coordinator. The limitation will be announced at the beginning of the draft and will be enforced for the season or whatever part of the season that the limitation includes.

5. The rating for each division shall will be done by League Coordinator and or Sports Staff. The players will be judged on his/her performance and rate the player on a scale of 1 (low) to 10 (high) increments of whole or half numbers. The ratings shall be returned to the respective division Coordinator prior to the beginning of the draft.

6. Draft: All managers shall be entitled to pick their own child first in their assigned rounds. The manager without a first round draft pick will go first…. will use serpentine draft

REPLACEMENT OF PLAYERS

The Division Coordinator/ Office shall maintain a waiting list and all players signing up after registration. The waiting list will not be graded, till a spot is available, the managers will be informed by the Division coordinator as to the time and place of the tryout. Manager shall notify the Division Coordinator when a player leaves or is injured.

DISCIPLINE

A. A manager can bench any player for disciplinary reasons at any time, after notifying the League Coordinator or park staff and Player. Any player being disciplined cannot reenter that game. No manager shall have the authority to remove a player from his roster. However, if it is determined that the manager acted inappropriately by suspending the player, the manager shall be suspended for at least one game and the game in which the player was benched may be forfeited.

2. “Authorized Adults” is defined as Los Angeles City approved fingerprinted managers, coaches.

B. The ejection of a player from a game shall be reported by the manager and head umpire to the Sports Coordinator. The player shall serve a minimum one (1) game suspension of the next game.

C. Any manager, coach or adult member of a team, or any spectator of a game or any person in the Woodland Hills Recreation Center Baseball program who is ejected by an umpire or staff member shall be required to attend a discipline meeting. Any person ejected or suspended from a game must leave the immediate complex and be unable to affect or influence the game from which ejected or suspended. In addition, any person who is ejected shall serve a minimum one (1) game suspension of the next game. The next game shall be determined to begin from the time the team takes the field to the end of that game.

D. Suspended players must be listed on the manager's official line-up card and the length of the suspension noted. Any suspended player shall serve his suspension in the dugout in uniform. Once a player has served his suspension,
he shall be eligible to participate in any and all future games. Should a game be suspended from which a player has been disqualified or is serving a suspension, he shall not be eligible for the continuation of that game.

E. Any player or adult ejected for the second time during the season shall be required to meet with League Coordinator and Sports Coordinator to determine whether or not he/she will be allowed to continue to participate in the League.

F. Any Woodland Hills Rec staff who observes inappropriate behavior or unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of any player or adult shall so advise the respective League Coordinator who shall determine appropriate discipline.

G. Any player with one sustained disciplinary actions shall not be eligible for All-Star selection. Any manager or coach with one sustained disciplinary actions shall not be eligible for All-Star managing or coaching responsibilities.

H. Suspended players and any person suspended from his/her official duties action shall be reported to the umpire and scorekeeper prior to the applicable game.

I. Both managers are responsible for reporting ejection of players, coaches or managers to the League Coordinator. Both managers must report the ejection on the same calendar day as the occurrence. If the Managers could be suspended if the incident is not properly reported on the same calendar day as the ejection.

J. Physical contact with an umpire is prohibited. Any physical contact that results in an ejection will cause the offending person to be suspended for a minimum of one game and possible removal from the league.

EQUIPMENT

A. All catchers in Minor or Major division, in the game must wear a protective cup, mask, shin guards, chest protector, and catcher’s helmet. All catchers must wear full catcher’s helmet with ear protection.

B. Bullpen or between-inning catchers are required to wear protective cups and masks. If bullpen catcher is not wearing mask, game shall be stopped until compliance with rule.

C. No metal cleats may be used in the league.

D. No Manager, coach and player will be permitted on the field (including dugout) during a game without the proper uniform. Each manager and coach shall wear, from the waist up, the given team jersey and hat. No Manger or Coach is allowed to wear flip/flops on the field.

E. Players are required to wear white baseball pants-- pinstriped and other uniform pants that are other than Manager decides solid white not by the WHRC Baseball league.

H. A bat which has been determined to have tampered with, modified, or altered beyond the manufacturer’s original performance specifications including, but not limited to, by “shaving,” “rolling,” “end-loading” or any other means intended affect either the Bat Performance Factor or the Batted Ball Coefficient of Restitution is illegal. Any person found to have used, or who caused to have been used, such a bat is EXPELLED FROM THE WOODLAND HILLS BASEBALL PROGRAM FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SEASON.

TEAM RESPONSIBILITY

A. The home team shall occupy the third base dugout and shall be responsible for marking the field, setting out bases and returning the bases following the last game of the day.

B. Following the last game of the day, the home team manager is responsible for raking and filling holes on sliding areas around first, second and third bases. The visiting team shall be responsible for raking and filling holes around
the plate and mound. The League Coordinator is responsible for discipline if the manager does not comply with this rule.

C. At the conclusion of every game, each team shall be responsible for cleaning up all papers and trash in dugout, stands and both sides of the fence from the backstop to the outfield fence.

D. Equipment and uniforms issued to each team manager it is the manager’s responsibility, through his coaching staff, to see that his equipment is turned in to the League Coordinator. At the end of the last regular season game

E. Adult/Players on the field during a game:

1. While at bat, no more than four authorized adults are permitted on the field at any time, two in the coaches’ boxes and two in the dugout. Manager and/ or coach (as) must remain in the dugout or outside the fences on the outfield side of the dugout.

2. “Authorized Adults” is defined as fingerprinted managers, coaches.

3. Only players assigned to the participating team are permitted in the dugout or on the field during that game.

4. A Manager is responsible for the conduct of the spectators supporting his team. Should the umpire request the manager to assist in calming spectators. Should conduct of spectators be considered a hindrance to the continuation of the game, the umpire may declare a forfeit. I. Verbal interference is illegal. Any attempt by a manager or coach with the intent to confuse the defense is interference. The umpire will call the runner out, the ball is dead, and the offending manager or coach shall be immediately ejected from the game.

PLAYING SCHEDULE

A. Games shall be started and played according to the official playing schedule. A 15 minute “grace” period will be extended to avoid forfeiture if a team has only eight eligible players at the scheduled starting time.

B. Weather postponed, suspended or games shall be rescheduled at the first available open date, as determined by the League Coordinator. No exceptions shall be allowed presuming no danger health wise to players.

C. Time Limits: In all divisions, the top half of an inning may not start later than one-half hour before the scheduled start time of the next game. If the minimum number of innings has been completed and the game is called for darkness, the following shall control: If the visiting team is leading the game going into the top half of the next inning and the game is called for darkness either before that inning commences or during that inning, the game is over and the visiting team is declared the winner. If the game is called during the top half of an inning, and the visiting team has failed to capture the lead, the game is over and the home team is declared the winner. The Field Umpire’s watch are official in that order of precedence. Delay tactics shall not be tolerated and if found to exist and affecting the outcome of the game, shall make a ruling consistent with our rules and sportsmanship required and Woodland Hills Baseball.

UMPIRES

A. Game umpires shall have complete control over all players, managers, coaches and spectators from 15 minutes before to 15 minutes after the game. The umpire shall report any incident to the League Coordinator within 24 hours after the game.

B. The Umpire is in charge of the game.

TOURNAMENT TEAM SELECTION

A. Balloting will be held during the regular scheduled season play with date and time set by the League Coordinator.
B. The tournament team manager(s) for each division shall be nominated by any of the division manager and final decision by a Recreation Coordinator and League Coordinator.

C. The tournament team manager shall select his own coaches. Managers and coaches for any additional tournament teams shall be selected by the above.

D. A player who is selected to play on a Woodland Hills All Star Team and chooses to leave the Woodland Hills team to participate with another baseball team will be ineligible for All Star consideration the following year.

E. All-Star Selection- Each tournament team shall consist of 13 players, Official statistics will not be used for all-star selection. Each manager may place in nomination as 3 players from his team and 1 alternate as he/she wishes, supporting each with accurate and up-to-date statistics.

G. All Woodland Hills Recreation Center disciplinary procedures shall be in effect during tournament play at or away from the complex.

Field Rules

A. No team is permitted to have batting practice while that team’s game is being played.

B. In order to protect players from injury, jewelry is not to be worn by players during practices, or league games.

C. There shall be no Designated Hitter allowed.

D. Rules in each division shall be enforcing. See division rules.