

**Bylaws
Of
East Sacramento Little League
Amended as of December 12, 2017**

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 the latest version of the Little League Official Regulations and Playing Rules and the Operating Manual. These Bylaws are only intended to address those issues that are not covered or are presented as optional in these official Little League publications.
<http://www.eastsaclittleleague.com/welcome>
2. Regular Members are defined to include the parents of each player, all elected Board Members, all approved managers and all approved coaches, and the District 7 Little League administrator. To the extent a Regular Member does not have a player in ESLL and has not paid a player registration fee, as required by Little League he or she shall pay a member fee of five dollars (\$5), which fee can be waived by the ESLL Board.
3. The Bylaws shall expire at the end of each fiscal year (September 30) and must be adopted each year at least one month prior to the first scheduled game of the season. The ESLL Board of Directors (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 and umpires shall each year complete a Little League Volunteer Application. ESLL shall keep all completed applications in a locked, secured and central location and all applications shall be destroyed after three years.

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, and team parents. 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, manager and coach shall sign a 3-way contract with ESLL prior to participating each season. Each party is bound to the responsibilities outlined in the contract. Failure to adhere to the contract 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, Registrar, Safety Officer, Coaching Coordinator/Fall Ball Coordinator and Division Representatives (e.g. Majors, AAA, softball, etc.). Other Board positions may include Field Manager, Equipment Manager, Snack Bar Coordinator, Sponsorship Coordinator, Event Coordinator, Website Manager, 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. Board nominations and volunteer applications for the following season will be accepted at the ESLL Snack Bar between late April and early May of the current season.

11. Names of all nominees will be presented to the Board. The Vice President shall contact each nominee to confirm his or her willingness to serve on the Board and, in late May, the Vice President will prepare a slate of proposed Board members for the upcoming season. This slate of nominees will be posted at the Snack Bar.

12. Ballots will be made available to all Regular Members from late May through early June. Signed ballots can be returned at the Snack Bar on Closing Day or at a time otherwise decided by the Board. Voting through the ESLL website may also be used.

13. Board election results for the next season shall be posted prior to the conclusion of the current season.

14. The Board shall be elected for a period of one year. This term shall run from mid July.

15. Vacancies that occur during this term shall be filled as needed by a majority vote of remaining Board Members.

BOARD COMMITTEES

16. Each year the Board shall create an Executive Committee consisting of five Board members, one of who shall be the President. The President shall appoint the other four 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.

17. Each year the Board shall create a Finance Committee consisting of not less than three nor more than five Board Members. The Treasurer, Sponsorship Coordinator, and Snack Bar Coordinator shall be ex-officio members of the Committee. The Treasurer shall appoint, if desired, the other two members. The Treasurer shall serve as chairperson of the Committee.

18. Each year the Board shall create a Communications Committee consisting of not less than three nor more than five Board Members. The Secretary/Communications Director and Website Manager shall be ex-officio members of the Committee. The Secretary/Communications Director shall appoint, if desired, the other one to three members. The Secretary/Communications Director shall serve as chairperson of the Committee.

19. Each year the Board shall create a Grounds Committee consisting of up to ten Regular Members, one of who shall be the Field Manager. The Field Manager shall serve as chairperson of the Committee.

20. Each year the Board shall create a Snack Bar Committee consisting of up to ten Regular Members, two of who shall be the Snack Bar Coordinator and the Volunteer Coordinator. The Snack Bar Coordinator shall serve as chairperson of the Committee.

21. Each year the Board shall create an Audit Committee consisting of three Board Members. The President, Treasurer, and all signatories of checks are not eligible. The Committee will review the league's books and records and attach a statement of its findings to the annual financial statement of the President and Treasurer.

BOARD OPERATIONS

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

23. 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.

24. 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.

25. In order to vote on any motion carried over from a previous meeting, a Board Member must have attended the preceding meeting.

26. The Vice President is responsible for developing the game schedule.

27. The Vice President 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 Vice President. Once the practice schedule is finalized, teams are only allowed to practice on ESLL fields at their regularly scheduled times.

28. The ESLL bank account shall have the President, Vice President, Treasurer and Snack Bar Coordinator as signers on the account and require two signatures for all disbursements.

29. The Treasurer shall keep league financial records. The Treasurer shall submit a written report to the Board on a monthly basis.

30. The Audit Committee shall conduct an annual review of the books by late October.

31. 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.

32. During the off-season, which is defined as August 1 through September 30, 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.

REGISTRATION

33. Early Registration shall occur in November and December. Regular Registration will occur during January and tryouts shall take place in January. However, players can continue to register thereafter in accordance with Little League rules.

34. ESLL offers Early Registration fees and multi-player discounts. Each year the Board shall determine a fee schedule.

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

MANAGER SELECTION

36. 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.

37. The ESLL 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.

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

39. 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

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

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

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

43. 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.

44. 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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45. 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 the Majors Representative and President determines a safety risk exists.
- 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 "snake" 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 #50.

46. 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.

47. 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.

48. 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.

49. The Division Representative, Registrar, Vice President, and President shall work together to assign players who register after the draft to a team in an effort to keep the teams evenly balanced.

50. No trades shall be made by and between teams unless first approved by the two managers involved, the Division Representative, and the President.

LEAGUE PLAY

51. Each Majors and AAA baseball team and Majors and Minors softball team must provide a scorekeeper for each game. The scorekeeper will use a book 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 managers will sign the official pitch count form and the visiting manager will ensure it is filed in the Snack Bar immediately following each game.

52. ESLL does not adopt the optional ten (10) run rule ending a game after the 4th inning (Rule 4.10.e.2). However, Major baseball 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.

53. For all intra-league games, each team shall bat the entire line-up and not be limited to batting only the players in the field. All baseball and softball players shall play a minimum of nine (9) defensive outs and one (1) at bat in every game. Additionally, each baseball player shall play a minimum of two (2) innings in the infield (one inning for Majors) 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.

54. 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.

55. 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.

56. The Vice President 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. Teams may elect to utilize one Pool Player in order to field nine players, however, that Pool Player must bat at the end of the lineup and may not pitch or catch.

57. 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.

58. 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.

59. Due to multiple games scheduled for each field, all Saturday games (except for Major baseball) shall have a two-hour time limit. 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.

60. 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.

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

62. 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.

63. The following rules apply to AA baseball games:

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

- 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 AA games.
- e. Runners may not advance on an overthrow in AA 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 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.
- g. 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.

64. 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.

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS

65. Majors and AAA baseball shall maintain win/loss records and standings, which shall be used for playoff seeding. 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 not exceed twelve (12) teams due to field capacity. The Majors division is entitled up to six (6) teams in the playoffs. The AAA division is entitled to the remaining number of available playoff teams. The playoff format for Majors and AAA baseball shall consist of the following:

- a. If eight (8) divisional teams, all games are single elimination. See Appendix A 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 Appendix A 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 Appendix A 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 Appendix A 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 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); (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: 11-12 baseball, 10-11 baseball, 9-10 baseball, 7-8 baseball, 11-12 softball, and 9-10 softball. The Board may also add a 10-11 softball team should the number of softball players support such an addition.

69. All Star managers shall be selected by the Board prior to the end of the regular season. Each manager shall select their own coaches from the pool of eligible coaches and managers, subject to approval by the Board.

70. The 11-12, 10-11, and 9-10 year old 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.

71. Except as described in Bylaw #72 regarding the first six All Stars for the 11-12 baseball 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 11-12 teams, only the Major managers, Major Representatives, and President (baseball) or Vice President (softball) shall attend. For the 10-11 baseball team only the Major managers, Major Representative, and President shall attend. For the 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. For the 7-8 baseball team, only the AA managers and AA Representative 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 approved All Star manager for said All Star team may choose at their discretion the last and final selection.

72. The 11-12 year old baseball All Stars will be elected in the following manner:

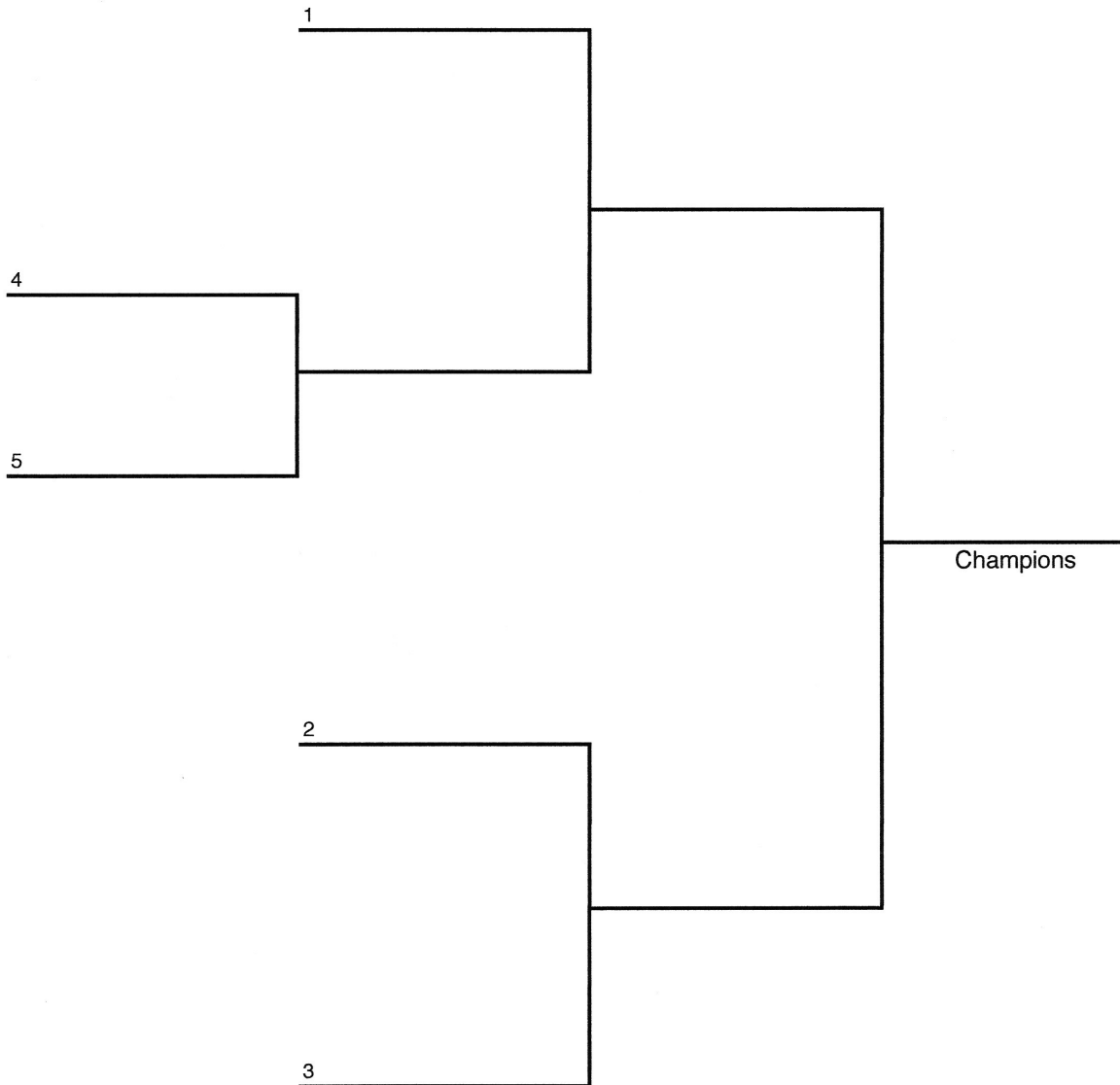
- a. Each Major baseball team player shall vote for six (6) Major players. Players may not vote for players on their own team.

73. Managers or their designee must attend the All Star selection meeting or waive their right to vote for players. The President shall chair the baseball All Star selection meetings and the Vice President shall chair the softball All Star selection meetings.

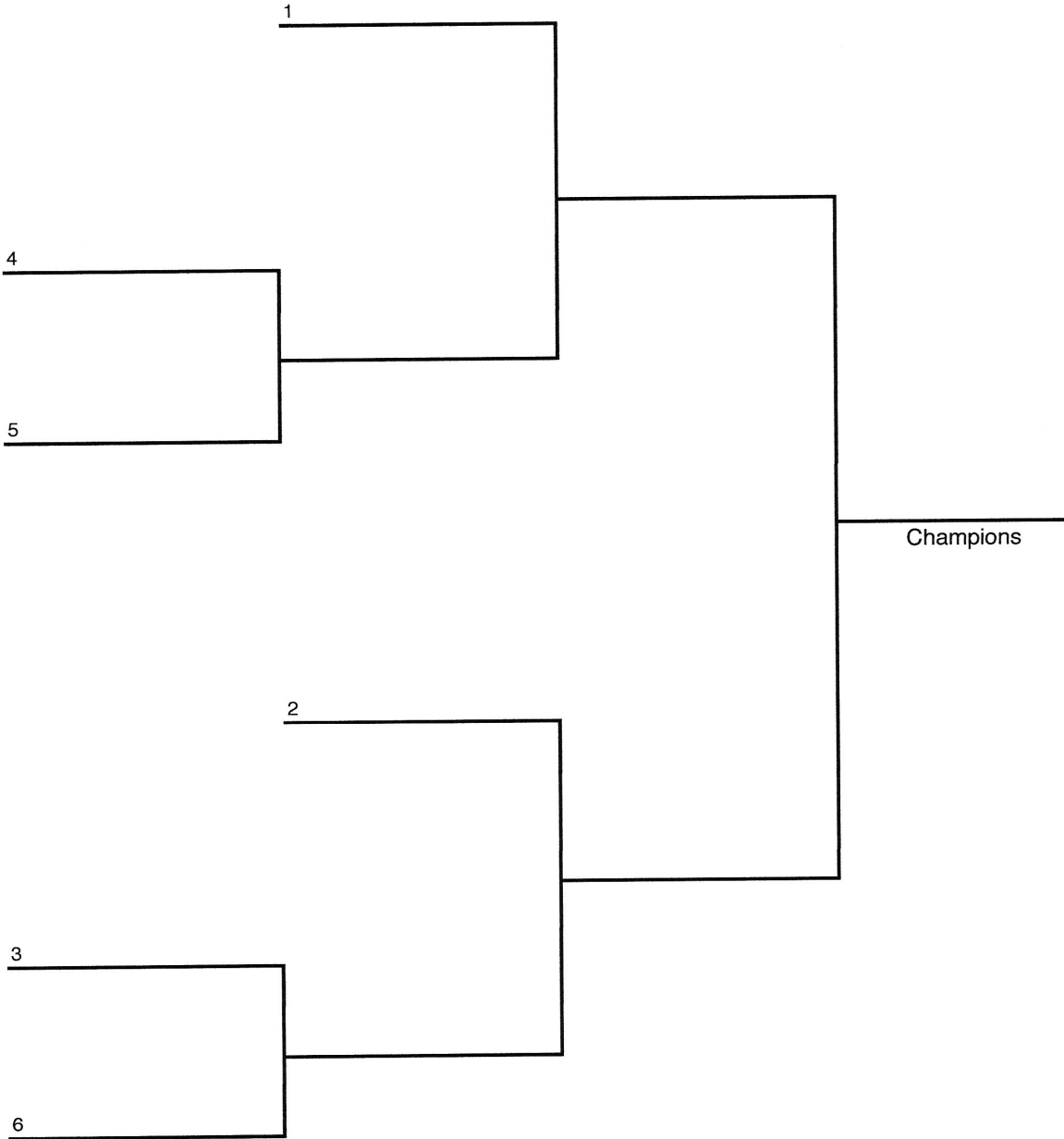
APPENDIX A

ESLL Tournament of Champions Seeded Playoff Brackets

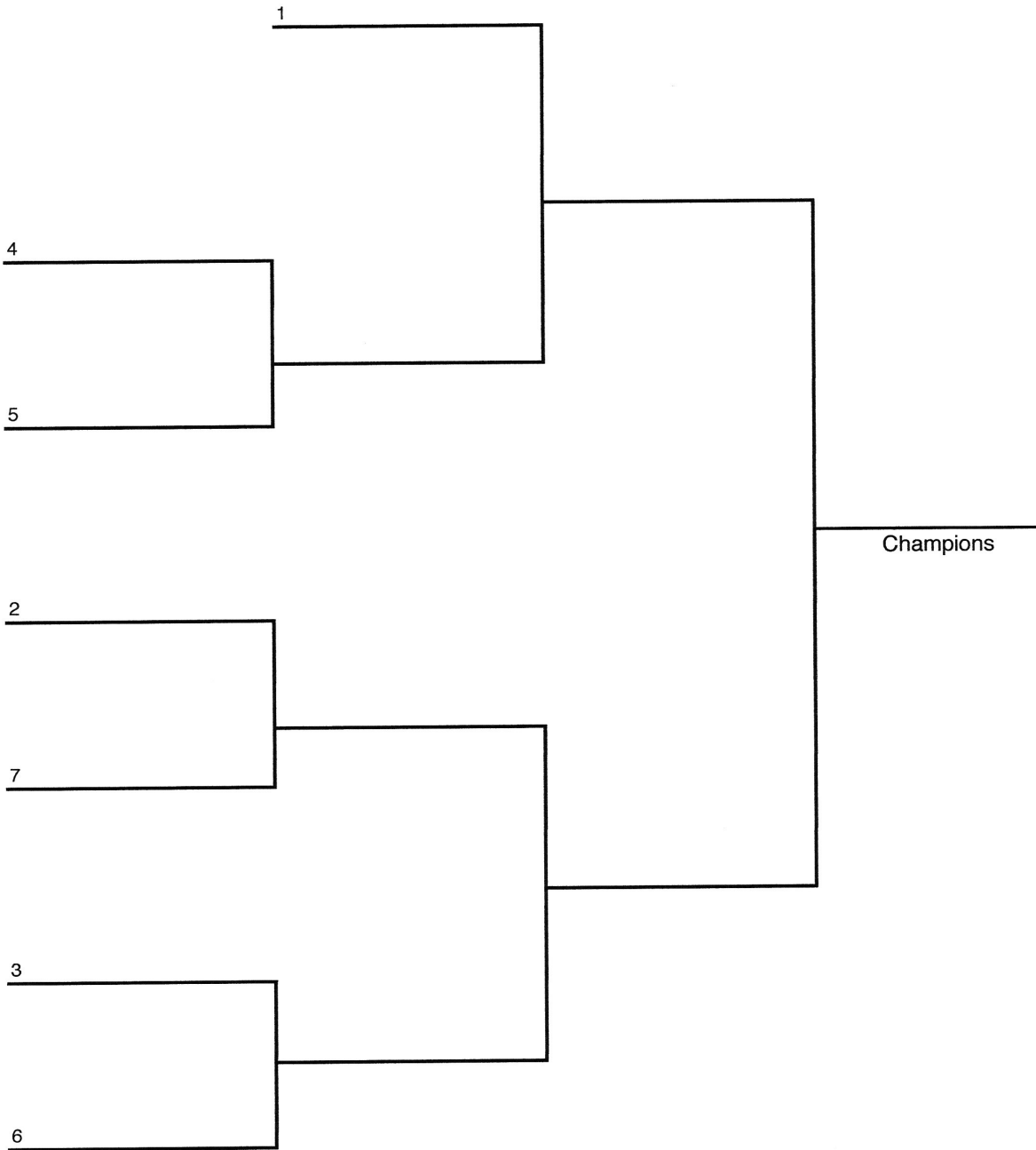
ESLL Playoffs - 5 Teams



ESLL Playoffs - 6 Teams



ESLL Playoffs - 7 Teams



ESLL Playoffs - 8 Teams

