GENERAL LEAGUE RULES

DRAFT

Number of teams will be determined prior to the draft. There will be a tryout and draft date set by the DBL board after signups have concluded. A list of players will be sent to all the coaches after signups. Draft order will be determined by the final regular season standings from the previous year. There will be 1 head coach and 1 assistant coach per team prior to tryouts. Coaches kids will be team automatics. If a coach decides not to coach the team in the same league that their kid was an automatic for the previous year, the kid will be re-entered into the following year's draft. The draft will go as follows: Every team, regardless of automatics, will receive a first round pick. Starting in the second round, should a team have an automatic, that draft pick will be used for the automatic. Any additional automatics will be used in the third round, fourth round, and so on. Siblings will be considered team automatics. Step-siblings, at the request of the parents at signups, will also be considered team automatics. The draft will be top to bottom until all players that tried out are picked. The draft will be run by the DBL board. All decisions made by the board are final.

ISSUED EQUIPMENT

Each player will be issued a jersey and hat that may be kept. The league will provide game balls for each game. All game balls must be returned to the umpire after the game. Any needed equipment may be requested by the head coach. It will be the responsibility of the head coach to return all issued equipment after the season. Please contact a board member for any request or damage to DBL equipment.

PITCHING RULES

A DBL pitching week will be Monday to Sunday, with pitch count being reset every Monday. All pitchers pitching in DBL league or tourney play will adhere to the following rules. A pitcher cannot re-enter once taken out from pitching. Prior to the game, the coaches will exchange the current pitch count of their pitchers for the week so far. The league will issue pitch counters prior to the start of the season. It is the responsibility of the coaches to adhere to this rule. A coach that is found to be violating this rule will be suspended for one game for the first offense. Second offense will result in the coach being suspended from coaching for 1 year. If you have any questions or concerns during the season, please contact a board member. This rule is about the safety of the kids and their arms.

Minor League- each pitcher is allowed 40 pitches per game and 80 pitches per week. If a pitcher throws 40 pitches in a day, that pitcher will not be allowed to pitch the next day. After the pitcher's 1 day rest, he will be allowed to pitch another 40 pitches. If a pitcher reaches his

40 pitches after starting a batter, the pitcher may finish that at bat. Those extra pitches do not count towards the pitch count limit.

Major League- each pitcher is allowed 60 pitches per game and 100 pitches per week. If a pitcher throws 60 pitches in a day, that pitcher will not be allowed to pitch the next day. After the pitcher's 1 day rest, he will be allowed to pitch 40 more pitches. If a pitcher reaches his 60 pitches after starting a batter, the pitcher may finish that at bat. Those extra pitches do not count towards the pitch count limit.

CALIFORNIA (or INTERNATIONAL) TIEBREAKER RULE

If the game is tied after 6 innings of play or the last inning played and time limit has been reached, the DBL will use the "California" tiebreaker rule. To start any extra inning, the batter that was at the plate for the last out from the previous inning will start at 2nd base prior to the first batter. The umpire will set the count to 1 ball and 1 strike before the start of each at bat. This will happen to start every half inning until a winner is determined. All 3 divisions will use this format.

BAT RULE

All bats must be USA stamped (not USSSA).