

# 2015 BASEBALL

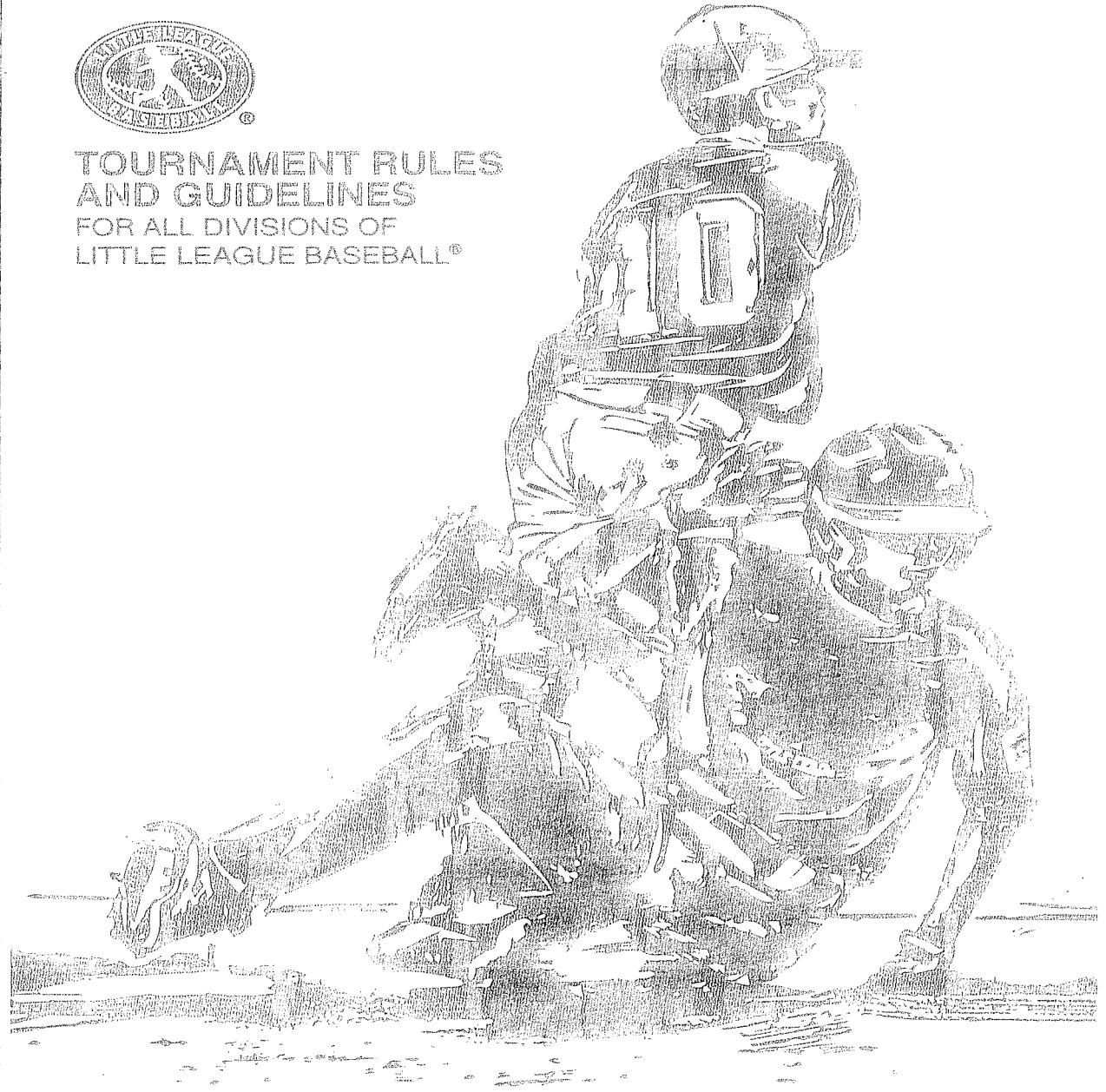
## OFFICIAL REGULATIONS AND PLAYING RULES

TEE BALL \ MINOR LEAGUE \ MAJOR LEAGUE \ INTERMEDIATE (50-70) DIVISION  
JUNIOR LEAGUE \ SENIOR LEAGUE \ BIG LEAGUE

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TOURNAMENT RULES  
AND GUIDELINES  
FOR ALL DIVISIONS OF  
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## Significant Changes for 2015

(NOTE: Unless noted otherwise, these apply to all baseball divisions.)

Significant changes will be identified by a shaded background.

### REGULATIONS

**Regulation I(a) and VIII(d)** – Allows participants league age 5 to advance to Minor League Coach Pitch or Machine Pitch after participation in Tee Ball for one year. Pages 19 and 41.

**Regulation I(c) 8 and 9** – Modifies regulations to highlight new state laws regarding mandatory state background checks. Pages 21-22.

**Regulation IV(a)** - Details a transition for players born on or after January 1, 2006, to the new age determination date (December 31). Players born prior to January 1, 2006, will continue to use the April 30/May 1 age determination date. See Appendix H for 2015 age chart. Page 31.

**Appendix H** - Provides the updated 2015 baseball age determination chart with the Regulation IV(a) transition.

**Regulation IX(a)** – Allows Special Games against Little League teams to count towards players' Regular Season schedule and Tournament eligibility for Junior, Senior and Big League divisions. Page 41.

**Regulation XIV(e)** – Adds wording to prohibit the use of e-cigarettes and vapors on the playing field, benches and dugouts. Page 44.

### PLAYING RULES

**Rule 1.11** – Restricts white and gray exposed pitcher's undershirt sleeves. Page 55.

**Rule 1.11** – Provides guidance for neoprene sleeves worn by pitchers. Page 55.

**Rule 1.16** – Requires helmets to have non-glare surfaces. Page 56.

**Rule 1.17** – Allows Minor and Little League (Major) Division male catchers to wear approved short or long-model chest protectors. Page 56.

### TOURNAMENT RULES AND GUIDELINES

**Player Eligibility** – Allows Senior League players to have sixty percent (60%) participation by June 15 or the start of Tournament Play within their respective District, whichever is later. Page 112.

**Player Eligibility** – Mandates Big League players participate in a minimum of forty (40%) percent of the Regular Season games to be eligible for Tournament. Page 112.

**Team Practice** – Allows Tournament teams to begin practicing on June 15 or two weeks prior to the start of Tournament, whichever is earlier. Page 115.

**Selection of Fields** – Allows the use of approved artificial (portable) pitching mounds at the District level and below. Page 115.

### APPENDIX

**Appendix G** - Provides guidance concerning webcasting, radio and television broadcasting of Little League games.

### New for the 2015 Baseball Rulebook

A.R.—An Approved Ruling (A.R.) serves to illustrate the application of the regulations and rules. Approved Rulings follow the regulations and rules they amplify and are indicated by a box.