

PLAYOFFS AND CHAMPIONSHIP

***Playoffs will consist of the top (4) teams in each division.**

Section 1:

At the end of the regular season PAL shall conduct one of the following: county, regional, or area playoff/championship tournament.

- Elimination playoffs will be conducted in each division for the following:

1st Place
2nd Place
3rd Place
4th Place

These elimination playoffs will be conducted in the county and local area.

Section 2:

County or area playoffs will be under the sole jurisdiction of the hosting Commissioner. A designee may be appointed on his/her behalf to run the tournament as prescribed by him/her. Times and locations for county and area playoffs will be designated by the hosting Commissioner. County and area playoffs must be concluded prior to state tournaments (if applicable).

A. No team will be permitted to drop into a lower class (if applicable), except those seeded by, and agreed upon by the Local Board of Directors. A team may compete at a higher classification.

B. Eligibility for playoff competition requires the following:

1. Player must be registered with his/her team in accordance with PAL baseball rules.
2. Player must have participated in no less than 2/3rds of the regular season games starting from the time he/she appeared on the team roster.

C. Current official rosters must be in the possession of each team at the time of playoff games. Verification of game sheet line-up by corresponding secretary shall meet this standard. **Penalty:** Forfeit.

D. Proof of age shall be verified prior to assigning player to roster position. No protest shall be made after the start of a game, unless said player arrives after the game start. If a protest is made, PAL will be notified. If the protest cannot be immediately resolved, the team involved will be given twenty-four (24) hours to produce proof of age. If proof is not provided or is found to be invalid within the allotted 24 hours, the game will be forfeited. Any awards shall be delayed until protest is resolved.

E. Players present shall sign on the game sheet prior to the start of game. Players arriving after the start of the game shall sign upon arrival. The umpire and opposing manager shall be notified. No player arriving after the 4th inning will be allowed to participate in said game. Should a protest arise as to the player's eligibility, the

manager must do so by appeal to the umpire in chief or the playoff committee. An immediate ruling shall be made on the player's eligibility. Signatures on the official roster will be compared. If player is permitted to play in game prior to resolution and is later found to be ineligible, the game will be forfeited.

F. All divisions and classes will play single elimination.

G. A minimum of two (2) experienced umpires shall be provided for county and area playoffs.

H. No time limits.

I. In the event that a division is made of teams from different city programs, and the total # of teams is not sufficient to support A, B, C, and D playoff classes, the PAL board will establish an alternate playoff formula.

Section 3: Protests of Playoff Games

A. Under no circumstances will a protest be considered which is based on a umpire judgment call.

B. All protest made on playing rules must be made with the umpire prior to the next pitch.

C. If a protest is made on a playing rule, the tournament committee will hear the protest immediately. The game will not continue until the committee rules on the protest.

D. All decisions made by the tournament committee are final.

Section 4: General Playoff Rules

A. All county and area playoff games will consist of the following # of innings:

T-Ball	(6) innings
Coach Pitch	(6) innings
Double A	(7) innings
Triple A	(7) innings
Major	(7) innings

Exception: (10) run slaughter rule; and time limits set for T-Ball and Coach Pitch.

B. Championship Round: **Time limit** same as regular season for all division.
Slaughter Rule Applies

C. All teams must start and finish with a minimum of eight (8) players. **Penalty:** Forfeit.

D. Regulated baseball approved by tournament committee will be used.

E. If game is suspended for official reasons, e.g. weather, field conditions, etc., it will be resumed from the point of stoppage.

F. All pitching is restored at the beginning of the playoffs.