



January 15, 2019

Michelle Wilson  
Recreation Superintendent  
City of Long Beach Department of Parks, Recreation & Marine  
5001 Deukmejian Drive  
Long Beach, CA 90804

**35250**

Re: Support Grant for 2019 Dodgers RBI Program with the City of Long Beach Department of Parks, Recreation & Marine

Dear Michelle Wilson:

It is my pleasure to inform you that The Los Angeles Dodgers Foundation, a California nonprofit public benefit corporation (the "Foundation"), has approved a grant (the "Grant Funds") to support the Dodgers RBI program with the City of Long Beach Department of Parks, Recreation & Marine, a government entity (the "Grantee"). This \$6,076.12 grant for the approved 816 players at twenty-four (24) locations will offset Grantee field maintenance and umpire fees for the 2019 Dodgers RBI program (See Addendum 1 for approved number of players and locations). In addition to the Grant Funds, Grantee will receive the in-kind contribution of uniforms, equipment, recruitment flyers, banners for each location, educational & health resources, coaches training, player development clinics and incentives/giveaways, Dodger tickets and complimentary use of LeagueApps, the online registration system and access to special events throughout the season.

This grant is contingent upon the Grantee complying with the Dodgers RBI Program Requirements (Addendum 2) and the Dodgers RBI Rules (Addendum 3).

60% of the grant will be awarded based on the following schedule:

<i><b>Affiliate Partner Dodgers RBI Start Date</b></i>	<i><b>60% Disbursement Period</b></i>
April 1 <sup>st</sup> -April 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2019	May 15 <sup>th</sup> -May 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2019
May 1 <sup>st</sup> -May 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2019	June 15 <sup>th</sup> -June 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2019
June 1 <sup>st</sup> -June 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2019	August 15 <sup>th</sup> -August 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2019

If the program has multiple locations with different start dates, the latest start date will be used for payment schedule.

In order to receive the remaining 40% of the Dodgers RBI grant funds, the following must be completed:

1. Ensure that registrations for players and coaches are input into LeagueApps. This must be completed within 15 days of the start date.
2. Provide complete rosters and schedules for all divisions to LADF. This must be completed within 15 days of the start date.
3. Ensure that all excess baseballs, softballs, and uniform sets are returned to LADF. This must be completed within 15 days of the start date.
4. If grantee does not meet player registration projections within at least 10%, the total grant award will be subject to a reduction by the same percent variance. For example, if grantee projects 1,000 players but only registered 900 players (a 10% variance). The total grant award will be reduced by 10%.

The Grantee is required to attend the Dodgers RBI Partners meeting on Thursday February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 from 11am-2pm, and LeagueApps Training on February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 from 9am-12pm at Dodger Stadium.

This letter is a legally binding agreement (the “Agreement”). This Agreement will become effective upon The Foundation’s receipt of the Agreement signed by an authorized representative of the Grantee. Please keep a copy of this Agreement for your files.

Please read the terms and conditions of this Agreement very carefully. The Foundation may withhold payment to the Grantee if the Grantee fails to meet the terms and conditions of the Agreement.

## **TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

1. **Use of Funds.** The Grantee will use the Grant Funds solely for the Grantee’s program purposes of field maintenance and umpire fees for Dodgers RBI which brings baseball and softball programs to youth in underserved communities. The Grantee will repay to the Foundation any portion of the Grant Funds that is not spent in accordance with this Agreement.
  - a. **Financial Grant** - Through the Foundation grant, Grantee will use grant funds to offset field maintenance and umpire fees for the 2019 Dodgers RBI season. This grant does not cover full time staff at league locations.
  - b. **In-Kind Contributions** - Grant Funds complement the in-kind contribution of uniforms, equipment, recruitment flyers, banners for each location, educational & health resources, coaches training, youth clinics and incentives/giveaways, Dodger tickets and complimentary use of LeagueApps, the online registration system and access to special events throughout the season.
2. **Representation and Warranty Regarding Tax Status.** By entering into this Agreement, the Grantee represents and warrants that the Grantee is exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code (“IRC”) Section 501(c)(3) and that it is not a private foundation as defined in IRC Section 509(a). The Grantee further represents and warrants

that (i) the facts supporting the Grantee's tax-exempt and public charity status under IRC Sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a), respectively, have not changed since the issuance of the Grantee's Internal Revenue Service determination letter that was provided to the Foundation and that has not been revoked or amended, (ii) it is not aware of any facts that could result in a change in its tax-exempt and public charity status under IRC Sections 501(c)(3) or 509(a) or relevant state law, or the imposition of excise taxes under IRC Section 4958 dealing with "intermediate sanctions" and (iii) the receipt of the Grant Funds will not change the Grantee's public charity status under IRC Section 509(a).

3. **Notice.** The Grantee will give the Foundation immediate written notice of any change in the Grantee's tax-exempt or public charity status described in Section 2 above.
4. **Reporting.** Upon request by the Foundation, the Grantee will submit to the Foundation a written report for any period of the Grantee during which the Grantee receives, holds, or spends any of the Grant Funds. In such report, the Grantee will specify, at a minimum, the use of the Grant Funds and the impact of the Grant Funds such as the number of children directly served as a result of the Grant Funds. The Grantee will submit the report to the Foundation within 30 days after the last date of games. Once The Foundation makes the request for such report, any future payment under this Agreement or otherwise from the Foundation will be contingent upon the Grantee's provision of the report to the Foundation. Dodgers RBI Grantee Report Guidelines to be provided prior to end of season.
5. **Recordkeeping.** The Grantee will keep adequate records to substantiate the charitable purposes of its expenditures from the Grant Funds. The Grantee will make its books and records pertaining to the Grant Funds available to the Foundation at reasonable times for review and audit, and will comply with all reasonable requests of the Foundation for information and interviews regarding the use of the Grant Funds. The Grantee will keep copies of all books and records related to the Grant Funds and all reports to the Foundation for at least four (4) years after the Grantee has expended the last of the Grant Funds.
6. **Insurance.** The Grantee represents and warrants that (a) it is, and will continue to be, adequately insured against all risks, including such risks as would be covered by fire and property damage, worker's compensation, automobile and comprehensive general liability insurance, with respect to the conduct of the Program and all other programs and activities of the Grantee and (b) the premises and facilities of third parties where the Grantee conducts and will conduct its programs and activities also are and will be so adequately insured. The Grantee shall furnish the Foundation the policy or policies of insurance or a certificate of insurance or either written evidence satisfactory to the Foundation, evidencing the insurance carried by or otherwise benefiting the Grantee.
7. **Prohibited Uses.** The Grantee will not use any portion of the Grant Funds in a manner inconsistent with IRC Section 501(c)(3), including, without limitation:
  - a. Influencing the outcome of any specific election for candidates to public office, or

- b. Inducing or encouraging violations of law or public policy, or causing any private inurement or improper private benefit to occur, or taking any other action inconsistent with IRC Section 501(c)(3).

**8. Funds Not Earmarked for Lobbying; Grantee Discretion.** The Foundation is making this grant to support the Grantee's charitable purposes as described in Section 1 of this Agreement, and the Grantee will apply the Grant Funds toward such purposes. This grant is not earmarked for influencing legislation within the meaning of IRC Section 501(c)(3), and there has been no agreement, written or oral, to that effect between The Foundation and the Grantee.

**9. No Pledge.** Neither this Agreement nor any other statement, oral or written, nor the making of any contribution or grant to Grantee, will be interpreted to create any pledge or any commitment by The Foundation or by any related person or entity to make any other grant or contribution to the Grantee or any other entity for this or any other project. The Grant contemplated by this Agreement will be a separate and independent transaction from any other transaction between the Foundation and the Grantee or any other entity.

**10. Grant Announcements.** The Grantee will submit in advance to the Foundation, for review and revision, at the sole discretion of the Foundation, any announcements the Grantee intends to make regarding this grant, and any publications referring to this grant the Grantee intends to publish, other than in its annual reports or tax returns. The Foundation may include information on this grant in its periodic public reports.

**11. Terrorist Activity.** The Grantee warrants that it does not support or conduct, directly or indirectly, violence or terrorist activities of any kind.

**12. Indemnification.** Grantee irrevocably and unconditionally agrees, to the fullest extent permitted by law, to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless The Foundation and its officers, directors, employees, and agents, from and against any and all claims, liabilities, losses, and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees) directly, indirectly, wholly, or partially arising from or in connection with any act or omission of the Grantee, its employees, or its agents, in applying for or accepting the Grant Funds, or in expending or applying the Grant Funds.

**13. Miscellaneous.**

**a. No Agency.** The Grantee is solely responsible for all activities supported by the Grant Funds, the content of any product created with the Grant Funds, and the manner in which such products may be disseminated. This Agreement will not create any agency relationship, partnership, or joint venture between the parties, and the Grantee will make no such representation to anyone.

**b. Further Acknowledgements of the Grantee.** The Grantee acknowledges that it understands its obligations imposed by this Agreement, including, but not limited to, those obligations imposed by reference to the IRC. The Grantee agrees that if the

Grantee has any doubts about its obligations under this Agreement, including those incorporated by reference to the IRC, the Grantee will promptly contact The Foundation or the Grantee's legal counsel.

- c. **Waivers.** The failure of the Foundation to exercise any of its rights under this Agreement will not be deemed to be a waiver of such rights.
- d. **Remedies.** If the Foundation determines, in its sole discretion, that the Grantee has substantially violated or failed to carry out any provision of this Agreement, including but not limited to failure to submit reports when due, the Foundation may, in addition to any other legal remedies it may have, refuse to make any further grant payments to the Grantee under this Agreement or any other grant agreement, and the Foundation may demand the return of all or part of the unexpended Grant Funds, which the Grantee will immediately repay to the Foundation. The Foundation may also avail itself of any other remedies available by law.
- e. **Captions.** All captions and headings in this Agreement are for the purposes of reference and convenience only. They will not limit or expand the provisions of this Agreement.
- f. **Entire Agreement.** This Agreement supersedes any prior or contemporaneous oral or written understandings or communications between the parties and constitutes the entire agreement of the parties with respect to its subject matter. This Agreement may not be amended or modified, except in a writing signed by both parties.
- g. **Dispute Resolution.** Any controversy or claim arising out of or relating to this Agreement, or the breach thereof, will be settled by arbitration before an experienced arbitrator licensed to practice law in California in accordance with the Commercial Arbitration Rules of the American Arbitration Association (the "Association") in Los Angeles, California. The arbitration decision will be final and binding upon the parties and may be entered as a judgment in any court of competent jurisdiction. In addition to the award of any other remedy or relief, the prevailing party in any such arbitration proceeding will be entitled to his or its reasonable attorneys' fees and costs (including, without limitation, arbitrators' fees, Association fees and related fees) incurred in connection with such proceeding.
- h. **Governing Law.** This Agreement has been executed and delivered in, and will be governed by and construed in accordance with the substantive laws of the State of California.
- i. **Survival.** Sections 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9 and 11, 12(a), 12(d) 12(g) and 12(h) of this Agreement shall survive the completion, or termination if sooner, of this Agreement. The representations and warranties in this Sections 2, 3 and 10 of this Agreement shall continue until the last installment payment of the Grant Funds, or termination of this Agreement if sooner.

Please direct all future communications concerning this grant to Tiffany Rubin, Director, Youth Programs (TiffanyR@dodgersfoundation.org). On behalf of the Foundation's Board of Directors and staff, let me express how delighted we are to support your organization. We wish you every success.

Sincerely,


  
Nichol Whiteman  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
LOS ANGELES DODGERS FOUNDATION

  
Nicholas Sandler  
PRESIDENT  
LOS ANGELES DODGERS FOUNDATION

Accepted on behalf of City of Long Beach Department of Parks, Recreation & Marine by:

  
BY: Pat West  
ITS: City Manager  
Federal Tax I.D. No.: 95-6000733

Date: 4/24/19

APPROVED AS TO FORM	
<u>APRIL 18</u> , 20 <u>19</u>	
CHARLES PARKIN, City Attorney	
By	
ARTURO D. SANCHEZ DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY	

## ***ADDENDUM 1***

### **APPROVED NUMBER OF PLAYERS, TEAMS, LOCATIONS AND VOLUNTEER COACHES**

<b>Locations</b>	<b>T-Ball (5-6)</b>	<b>Coach Pitch (7-8)</b>	<b>Minor (9-10)</b>	<b>Minor Softball (9- 10)</b>
Bixby Park	12	12		
Chavez Park	24	24		
Cherry Park	12	12		
College Estates Park	12	12		
Coolidge Park	12	12		
El Dorado Park	24	24	48	24
Heartwell Park	Game Site Only			
Houghton Park	12	12	36	24
Martin Luther King Park	12	12		
Orizaba Park	12	12		
Pan American Park	12	12		
Ramona Park	12	12		
Scherer Park	12	12		
Signal Hill	12	12		
Silverado Park	12	12	36	24
Somerset Park	24	24		
Stearns Park	12	12		
Veterans Park	12	12		
Wardlow Park	12	12		
Whaley Park	12	12		
MacArthur Park	12	12		
McBride Park	12	12		
DeForest Park	12	12		
Drake Park	12	12		

<b>Player Total</b>	<b>Team Total</b>	<b>Players Per Team</b>	<b>Volunteer Coach Total</b>
816	68	12	10

## ***ADDENDUM 2:***

### **Dodgers RBI Program Requirements**

1. **Insurance:** Requesting organization must provide Los Angeles Dodgers Foundation (LADF) with proof of insurance. LADF must be indemnified or held harmless on the Grantee's Insurance policy with a minimum liability coverage of \$1 million. Policies must be in effect through the duration of the grant.
2. **Restricted Funds:** Dodgers RBI grant funds are restricted to only Field Maintenance and Umpiring Costs.
3. **Grant Report:** Grantee agrees to complete the Dodgers RBI grant report and send to LADF within 30 days after the last day of games in the 2019 season.
4. **Recap Meeting:** Grantee agrees to complete an Affiliate Partner Recap Meeting with LADF at the end of the grant term and after submitting the Dodgers RBI grant report.
5. **Best Effort:** Grantee agrees to put forth its best effort to serve the amount of youth projected for 2019.
  - a. If, at any time, the Grantee anticipates challenges that will impact the projected amount of youth served, please contact LADF immediately. LADF recognizes that even some of the best executed plans experience challenges along the way and is committed to supporting grantees.
6. **Payment Requirements:** 60% of the grant will be awarded based on the following schedule:

<b><i>Affiliate Partner Dodgers RBI Start Date</i></b>	<b><i>60% Disbursement Period</i></b>
April 1 <sup>st</sup> -April 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2019	May 15 <sup>th</sup> -May 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2019
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If the program has multiple locations with different start dates, the latest start date will be used for payment schedule.

In order to receive the remaining 40% of the Dodgers RBI grant funds, the following must be completed by the last day of games on any location's schedule:

- a. Ensure that registrations for players and coaches are input into League Apps. This must be completed within 15 days of the start date.
- b. Provide complete rosters and schedules for all divisions to LADF. This must be completed within 15 days of the start date.



- c. Ensure that all excess baseballs, softballs, and uniform sets are returned to LADF. This must be completed within 15 days of the start date.
- d. If grantee does not meet player registration projections within at least 10%, the total grant award will be subject to a reduction by the same percent variance. For example, if grantee projects 1,000 players but only registered 900 players (a 10% variance). The total grant award will be reduced by 10%.

A detailed payment schedule will be given to grantees upon signing of the grant agreement.

**7. Communication and Staffing** Grantee must have one (1) designated overall partnership contact, one (1) “day to day” partnership contact, and one (1) designated point of contact per each Dodgers RBI location to serve as a liaison for LADF.

- a. Any staffing changes relevant to the Dodgers RBI program must be communicated to LADF staff immediately.
- b. All grantee staff members that are involved in programming Dodgers RBI must attend all required trainings

**8. Games and Practices:** The chart below describes the **minimum** amount of weeks, games and practices required by LADF. Each time is required to facilitate at least one (1) team practice and game per week.

Divisions	Weeks	Games	Practices
T-Ball (5-6)	7	6	9
Coach Pitch (7-8)	7	8	10
Minor (9-10)	7	12	10
Major (11-12)	7	12	10
Junior (13-15)	7	12	10
Senior (16-18)	7	12	10
Minor Softball (9-10)	7	12	10
Major Softball (11-12)	7	12	10
Jr. Softball (9-12)	7	12	10
Sr. Softball (13-18)	7	12	10

**9. Locations:** Grantee must only coordinate and implement Dodgers RBI at locations agreed upon by LADF.

- a. Any adjustment of projected numbers or transferring of teams or resources across locations or divisions must be approved by LADF.

**10. Volunteers, Coaches, and Staff:** Grantee must only allow volunteers and coaches that have passed a background check and have committed to attend a Dodgers RBI Coaches Training to coach or serve in any capacity in Dodgers RBI.

- a. All Volunteers, coaches, and program staff must register on League Apps.
- b. Grantee must monitor coaches in order to ensure player safety and ensure that coaches conduct themselves appropriately at all times.

**11. Umpires:** Grantee must ensure that all umpires are certified and have passed a background check.

- a. Grantee must monitor umpires in the program and ensure that players are safe and that umpires conduct themselves in a professional manner.
- b. LADF has the right to audit any umpiring organization in order to ensure quality.

**12. Recruitment Marketing:** Grantee must collaborate with LADF to ensure that the local community is marketed to and engaged in Dodgers RBI:

- a. All Dodgers RBI banners must be publicly displayed in a highly visible area.  
NOTE: Banners include multiple sponsor and partner logos.
- b. LADF will provide flyers for registration and various events that the Grantee agrees to distribute and publicly display in highly visible areas.

**13. Fees:** Grantee agrees to charge and accept no more than \$25 per child when implementing Dodgers RBI. LADF will not accept any dollar amount from registration fees. All additional program resources are provided free.

**14. Uniforms:** Grantee agrees to ensure that all Dodgers RBI players wear given Dodgers RBI uniforms during all games throughout the season. Grantee must abide by the following uniform policy:

- a. Each team will receive uniforms for either 12 or 15 players per team, depending on grant agreement.
- b. Each uniform set is assigned to be used per team and not to be mixed between other teams or divisions. Please notify LADF immediately if you have any issues with your uniform sets so that LADF may help alleviate the issue.
- c. Any transferring of uniforms between locations are prohibited unless approved by LADF staff.
- d. LADF staff will conduct uniform inventories 15 days after the beginning of the league's first game.
- e. If a location does not register the anticipated amount of players that is agreed upon in the grant agreement, the location will be responsible for returning unused uniforms or the cost of any missing uniforms. This process must be completed within 15 days of the start of games and is a program requirement in order to receive the 2nd half of the grant award.

f. Uniforms may not be worn outside of the Dodgers RBI season. This includes fall leagues or other non-Dodgers RBI events.

g. Uniforms are defined as:

- 1 home jersey
- 1 away jersey
- 1 pair of pants
- 1 pair of socks
- 1 hat or 1 softball visor

**15. Equipment:** Grantee must ensure that all Dodgers RBI teams receive a Dodgers RBI Equipment Kit which will be provided by LADF. Each new Dodgers RBI team will receive equipment kits for their Dodgers RBI program. Grantee must abide by the following Equipment policy:

- a. “One Team, One Kit” rule: Equipment kits are designed to be available for all Dodgers RBI teams. Dodgers RBI partners must ensure that each team is equipped with an appropriate equipment kit that is available to them throughout their season. *Please notify LADF immediately if there are any problems with equipment and providing one kit per team.*
- b. *Any transferring of equipment between locations is prohibited unless approved by LADF staff.*
- c. Affiliate Partners will complete an equipment inventory sheet within 15 days of the league’s last game.
- d. LADF staff will determine if equipment is adequate for continued use or if new equipment will be needed for the next season. Equipment kits are required to last 5 seasons unless stolen or damaged.
- e. Equipment Kits are defined as:
  - i. **T-Ball:** 10 Gloves RH, 2 Gloves LH, 2 Bats, 5 Helmets, 1 Batting Tee, 1 Team Bag, and 1 Ball Bucket.
  - ii. **Coach Pitch, Minors, Majors, Juniors, Seniors, Jr. Softball and Sr. Softball:** 10 Gloves RH, 2 Gloves LH, 1 Set of Catchers Equipment (Helmet, Chest Protector, Catchers Glove and Shin Guards), 2 Bats, 5 Helmets, 1 Batting Tee, 1 Team Bag, and 1 Ball Bucket

**16. Collaboration:** Grantee agrees to collaborate with LADF in order to market, implement and participate in all program elements including, but not limited to:

- a. PlayerFest
- b. Dodger Days
- c. Fitness Clinics
- d. Coaches Training
- e. Financial Literacy Seminars

- f. Parent, Player and Coach Focus Groups
- g. Survey Dissemination, Completion and Collection
- h. Other Special Events and Activities

17. **Meetings:** Grantee will agree to attend Dodgers RBI Partners Meeting in February 2019 at Dodger Stadium. Designated overall partnership contact, “day to day” partnership contact, and all designated points of contact per each Dodgers RBI location are required to attend.

19. **Safety Policy:** Grantee acknowledges that it has a written policy that addresses its commitment to keep children safe from sexual abuse by preventing, recognizing and responding to situations both on and off the playing field that in any way compromises their safety.

20. **Divisions:** Grantee agrees to use Dodgers RBI Division names throughout implementation of Dodgers RBI at park locations:

- a. T-Ball (5-6)
- b. Coach Pitch (7-8)
- c. Minor (9-10)
- d. Major (11-12)
- e. Junior (13-15)
- f. Senior (16-18)
- g. Jr. Softball (9-12)
- h. Minor Softball (9-10)
- i. Major Softball (11-2)
- j. Sr. Softball (13-18)

21. **Rules:** Grantee agrees to abide by the Dodgers RBI Rules and Guidelines (Addendum 3)

## ***ADDENDUM 3***

### **DODGERS RBI RULES**

In addition to the playing rules (USA Softball, PONY, CIF, etc.) determined by each Affiliate Partner, this document outlines the Dodgers RBI rules that are enforced in all Dodgers RBI leagues. However, in the case of the Affiliate Partners playing rules conflicting with the Dodgers RBI rules, the Dodgers RBI rules will take precedent (Ex: mercy rules, game length, etc.). In this document you will also find pitching guidelines to follow.

#### **History**

Established in 1995, the Los Angeles Dodgers Foundation (LADF) is the official team charity of the Los Angeles Dodgers. Harnessing the power of the Dodger brand and a passionate fan base, LADF works to significantly impact underserved youth in some of the most challenged neighborhoods of Los Angeles. LADF leverages key partnerships to administer direct programs serving youth and communities at large and provides grants to local nonprofit organizations. LADF uses three pillars to guide its work - Sports + Recreation, Education + Literacy and Health + Wellness.

Dodgers RBI (Reviving Baseball In Inner Cities) is a baseball/softball youth development program for ages 5-18 that simultaneously aims to: increase participation in the sport and use sport participation as an engagement tool to increase access to education, literacy, health, wellness, and recreational resources in some of Los Angeles' most underserved communities. Dodgers RBI is bigger than baseball and focuses on youth character development as it engages communities and families in programming.

Dodgers RBI advances the mission of MLB RBI, birthed in 1989 in South Central Los Angeles by founder John Young. John Young, a former Major League Baseball player and scout, developed the concept of RBI to provide disadvantaged youth an opportunity to learn and enjoy the game of baseball. RBI has grown from a local program for boys and girls in South Central Los Angeles to an international campaign encompassing more than 200 cities and as many as 200,000 male and female participants a year.

## **Goals of Dodgers RBI**

1. To increase participation and interest in Baseball and Softball among under resourced youth with an emphasis on increasing participation amongst African American youth, girls, and youth ages 13-18.
2. To use the sport as an engagement tool in order to increase access to educational resources and increase positive attitudes towards educational opportunities among program participants.
3. To use the sport as an engagement tool in order to increase access to health resources and increase positive attitudes towards exercise and healthy habits among program participants.
4. To provide a safe and fun atmosphere for play while promoting positive character development among program participants.

## **Dodgers RBI League Rules**

As an Affiliate Partner of the Dodgers RBI program you agree to conduct your league according to the standards and rules set forth by the Los Angeles Dodgers Foundation and comply with the following:

1. All Dodgers RBI uniforms given to Dodgers RBI locations must be worn at all games.
2. All Dodgers RBI equipment must be available and used by each team.
3. Each division must have a game schedule that has a minimum of 3 teams.
  - A. Teams in the Junior Baseball, Senior Baseball and Senior Softball divisions must complete a minimum of 12 games per team, per season.
4. You must acknowledge the Los Angeles Dodgers Foundation Dodgers RBI program in any promotional materials, press releases, or literature publicizing/promoting your Dodgers RBI league.
5. All players and coaches must be registered on your LeagueApps website and agree to the Dodgers RBI waivers.
6. Throughout the Dodgers RBI season all Dodgers RBI banners must be displayed in a visible area.
7. All leagues must submit a hard copy or upload on LeagueApps a copy of your leagues rosters and game schedules (LADF will provide a template).
8. League agrees to not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, or gender.
9. There must be a tryout or draft/selection process in place when selecting teams. No coach can register a full team for the season.
  - A. If your league allows a coach to retain players from year to year you are allowed a 5 player max freeze.
10. Be prepared to promote all program elements that the Dodgers RBI program will host during the season. This includes the mandatory coaches training that will be provided.

11. In addition to the Dodgers RBI rules all other playing rules (USA Softball, PONY, CIF, etc.) are determined by the Affiliate Partners.

A. In the case of the Affiliate Partners' playing rules conflicting with the Dodgers RBI Rules, the Dodgers RBI Rules will take priority (Ex: mercy rule, game length, etc.)

12. Create a fun and exciting environment for the participants of your league.

13. The chart below describes the **minimum** amount of weeks, games and practices required by LADF. Each team is required to facilitate at least one (1) team practice and game per week.

<b>Divisions</b>	<b>Weeks</b>	<b>Games</b>	<b>Practices</b>
T-Ball (5-6)	7	6	9
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## **Dodgers RBI League Code of Ethics**

Any adult or player who violates the Dodgers RBI League Code of Ethics will be subject to removal from the Dodgers RBI League.

The adults that participate in the Dodgers RBI program are viewed as role models to the youth we serve. It is imperative that those connected with the league always engage in conduct that is a positive representation of the league.

- Under no conditions should anyone, lay a hand upon, push, shove, strike, or threaten to strike an official, player, coach, spectator, game monitor, scorekeeper, or staff.
- Do not consume alcoholic beverages or any illegal substance at any time in the presence of players or in any context involving the league.
- Under no conditions swear, commit, or imply a vulgar act or motion.
- Do not bait or ride umpires, opposing managers and coaches, scorekeepers or staff. Appropriate conduct should prevail.
- The manager or coach may inquire as to the nature or interpretation of a rule, but after an explanation, no further questions or actions.
- All teams should play every player in as much of every game as possible.
- Make certain that managers, coaches and your team shake hands with opposing team before and/or after each game.
- A coach shall not use tactics to deceive or take unfair advantages over his/her opponents.
- Every league must provide background checks to all coaches and volunteers who will be working directly with the kids in your Dodgers RBI program.
- Do everything possible to ensure that playing Dodgers RBI is a rewarding experience for the players. Encourage all players to be good scholars and equally good citizens.



**Dodgers RBI Playing Rules  
for Baseball Ages 5-12**

- Age divisions consist of T-Ball (5-6), Coach Pitch (7-8), Minor (9-10) and Major (11-12).
- All teams must consist of no more than 15 players, nor less than 12 players.
- T-Ball and Coach Pitch games will be 60 minutes.
  - Both divisions will utilize the safe soft baseballs.
  - T-Ball: All bats must be sizes 25" or 26".
  - Coach Pitch: All bats must be sizes 26", 27" or 28".
  - Coaches or a pitching machine may be used to pitch to these divisions (see field dimensions for pitching distance).
  - Score and standings are not kept for the T-Ball division.
- Minor and Major games will be 6 innings. No new inning may start after 90 minutes have elapsed from the start of the game.
  - All bats must be certified by a USA Baseball stamp.
  - Minors: All bats must be sizes 28", 29" or 30".
  - Majors: All bats must be sizes 29", 30" or 31"
- All players will bat in one continuous batting order.
- All batters and runners must wear a batting helmet at all times. The on-deck batter must also wear a helmet.
- A player may only play on one team per division
- Per inning there will be a 5 run max rule.
- Any fighting or inappropriate conduct will result in either the player's ejection or, if necessary, a team's disqualification. Any such decisions are made solely by the umpire. All incidents must also be reported to LADF staff.

**Dodgers RBI Playing Rules  
for Baseball Ages 5-12 (continued)**

- Pitching Guidelines:

Division	DAILY MAX (PITCHES IN GAME)	REQUIRED REST (PITCHES)				
		0 Days	1 Days	2 Days	3 Days	4 Days
Coach Pitch (7-8)	50	1-20	21-35	36-50	N/A	N/A
Minors (9-10)	75	1-20	21-35	36-50	51-65	66+
Majors (11-12)	85	1-20	21-35	36-50	51-65	66+

- Field Dimensions:

- T-Ball (5-6) and Coach Pitch (7-8): base path 50 ft., pitching distance 38 ft. and field distance 225-250 ft.
- Minors (9-10): base path 60 ft., pitching distance 46 ft. and field distance 225-250 ft.
- Majors (11-12): base path 70 ft., pitching distance 50 ft. and field distance 225-250 ft.

### **Dodgers RBI Playing Rules for Softball Ages 9-12**

- Age divisions consist of Minor Softball (9-10), Major Softball (11-12) or Jr. Softball (9-12).
- All teams must consist of no more than 15 players, nor less than 12 players.
- All games will be 6 innings. No new inning may start after 90 minutes have elapsed from the start of the game.
- All bats must be sizes 29", 30" or 31".
- All players will bat in one continuous batting order.
- All batters and runners must wear a batting helmet at all times. The on-deck batter must also wear a helmet.
- A player may only play on one team per division.
- Per inning there will be a 5 run max rule.
- Any fighting or inappropriate conduct will result in either the player's ejection or, if necessary, a team's disqualification. Any such decisions are made solely by the umpire. All incidents must also be reported to LADF staff.
- Field Dimensions:
  - Minor Softball (9-10): base path 60 ft., pitching distance 35 ft. and field distance 225-250 ft.
    - 11" softball
  - Major Softball (11-12): base path 60 ft, pitching distance 40 ft. distance and field distance 225-250 ft.
    - 12" softball

### **Dodgers RBI Playing Rules for Baseball Ages 13-18**

- Age divisions consist of Juniors (13-15) and Seniors (16-18)
- Every player on the team must be inserted into every game for at least 2 innings of play and must have a least one plate appearance. Exceptions to this rule are not allowed unless a game is not played a full 7 innings.
- All teams must consist of no more than 15 players, nor less than 12 players.
- Games will be 7 innings. No new inning may start after 2 hours and 15 minutes have elapsed from the start of the game.
- A game is legally completed after 5 innings if the visiting team is ahead and after 4 ½ innings if the home team is ahead.
- The mercy rule is 10 runs after 5 innings, 12 runs after 4 innings and 15 runs after 3 innings.
- All batters and runners must wear a batting helmet at all times. The on-deck batter must also wear a helmet.
- Bats with composite materials in the barrel must be compliant with the National Federation of State High School Associations rulebook BBCOR standards, and must be labeled as such; Bats must meet the standards noted in National Federation of State High School Associations rules (2017 NFHS Baseball rulebook pgs 9-11 Section 3, Articles 2-5) for length, diameter, etc. NOTE: An illegal bat must be removed. Any bat that has been altered shall be removed from play. Penalty – See Rule NFHS Baseball rulebook; Rule 7-4 Article 1 (a).
- A player may only play on one team per division
- Any fighting or inappropriate conduct will result in either the player's ejection or, if necessary, a team's disqualification. Any such decisions are made solely by the umpire. All incidents must also be reported to LADF staff.

**Dodgers RBI Playing Rules  
for Baseball Ages 13-18 (continued)**

- Pitching Guidelines:

AGE	DAILY MAX (PITCHES IN GAME)	REQUIRED REST (PITCHES)					
		0 Days	1 Days	2 Days	3 Days	4 Days	
13-14	95	1-20	21-35	36-50	51-65	66+	
15-16	95	1-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76+	
17-18	105	1-30	31-45	46-60	61-80	81+	

- Field Dimensions:
  - Juniors (13-15) and Seniors (16-18): base path 90 ft., pitching distance 60.5 ft. and field distance 300-350 ft.

### **Dodgers RBI Playing Rules for Softball Ages 13-18**

- Age divisions consist of Sr. Softball (13-18)
- Every player on the team must be inserted into every game for at least 2 innings of play and must have a least one plate appearance. Exceptions to this rule are not allowed unless a game is not played a full 7 innings.
- All teams must consist of no more than 15 players, nor less than 12 players.
- Games will be 7 innings. No new inning may start after 1 hour and 40 minutes have elapsed from the start of the game.
- A game is legally completed after 5 innings if the visiting team is ahead and after 4 ½ innings if the home team is ahead.
- The mercy rule is 8 runs after 5 innings, 12 runs after 4 innings and 15 runs after 3 innings.
- Courtesy runner is allowed for the pitcher and catcher, but the courtesy runner may not be a player who is in or has been in the game.
- Designated player must be decided when line-ups are handed in. Designated player will be in the batting line-up with the person who is playing the field listed at the bottom of the line-up. FLEX player may bat but must bat in the position of the designated player and designated player is out of the game for that time; however the designated player can reenter one time.
- All batters and runners will wear a batting helmet at all times. The on-deck batter must also wear a helmet.
- Bats must meet all the USA Softball specification and requirements of Rule 3, section 1. Must be on the list of approved bat models published by USA Softball. Max length 34", weight 38oz with a diameter of 2 1/4". Bats must have the 2000 or 2004 ASA stamp, or the ASA 2013 certification mark (may also have ISF stamp in addition to ASA) and bats must not appear on ASA banned list.
- A pitcher remaining in the game, but moving to a different position, can return as a pitcher any time in the remainder of the game, but only once in the same inning as he/she was removed. Visit count does not reset.
- Any starter who has been removed for a substitute player may re-enter the game once, at any time in the same position in the batting order. Subs may reenter.
- A player may only play on one team per division
- Any fighting or inappropriate conduct will result in either the player's ejection or, if necessary, a team's disqualification. Any such decisions are made solely by the umpire. All incidents must also be reported to LADF staff.
- Field Dimensions:

Senior. Softball (13-18): base path 60 ft., pitching distance 43 ft. and field distance 225-250 ft.