



Dear AVLL Members,

In years past, AVLL has used walk-up songs and music as a way to increase the fun and excitement during **the playoffs for the drafted divisions**. It was not used during the regular season and became a "treat" for the players in the postseason. However, we do understand that songs have the ability to uplift and motivate and can be a lively addition to games. If you are planning to play music at games, please adhere to the following guidelines.

Displaying good sportsmanship conduct is a Little League regulation (screenshot from Little League rulebook provided at end of document). The guidelines below are examples of sportsmanship. If teams cannot adhere to these guidelines, know that disciplinary action can be taken by the AVLL BOD.

#### AVLL Music Guidelines

- Teams must have all primary and secondary volunteer positions (field prep, scorekeeping, umpiring) filled first before a music attendant volunteer is required as a team role.
- If one team does not have walk-up songs prepared, we suggest that only music be played between innings.
- To minimize noise and competing music, any songs played in between innings will be the responsibility of the home team ONLY, even if both teams have the ability to play. The home team may defer this right to the visiting team.
- No songs with profanity will be allowed and lyrics and content must be kid/family friendly. Some parents might have a different view of "kid/family friendly lyrics" so everyone needs to use **respectful discretion**.
- Walk out song must be turned OFF as soon as the batter goes into the batter's box.
- Music must be off while the game is in play and should not interfere with the flow of the game or with umpire duties. Umpires have the right to disallow music at any time for any reason.
- Use of music or sound effects to intentionally insult, distract or annoy a team, player, manager/coach or fan is strictly prohibited.
- One team volunteer should not unnecessarily shoulder the burden of paying for play list costs.
- Team volunteers should not feel pressured to play music at every game, which can cause unnecessary stress when they just want to enjoy the game.
- Please be respectful of any player who does not want to have personal walk-up music.

Aliso Viejo Little League believes in the unifying power of baseball to uplift, heal, motivate, and energize; ultimately, we ask that the music build bonds rather than divide. So please display **kindness and grace** when meeting those who don't share your sentiment for song play. We



hope music will always promote camaraderie and positive energy in the pursuit of healthy competition in the name of baseball.



## Little League Baseball



### REGULATIONS

## Regulation XIV – Field Decorum



**a.** - The actions, on or off the field, of players, managers, coaches, umpires, and league officials must be above reproach. Any player, manager, coach, umpire, or league representative who is involved in a verbal or physical altercation, or an incident of unsportsmanlike conduct, at the game site or any other Little League activity including through online or social media, is subject to disciplinary action by the local league Board of Directors.