Introduction

This protest is submitted regarding the participation of **Team Oklahoma (Tulsa Little League)** in the **2025 Little League World Series**, citing a clear violation of **Little League Regulation V(d)**. This rule prohibits intact or nearly intact non-Little League teams from entering the program for either regular season or tournament play.

Regulation V(d) – Selection of Players

Rule Text:

Teams are not permitted to enter the Little League program intact, or nearly intact, from non-Little League programs. Under no circumstances will any team or group of players, which did not play on the same team for the previous regular season in the same division of a chartered local Little League, be placed together onto a regular season team in that local Little League. Such players must be processed through the Little League Draft Methods as noted in this regulation.

Summary of Findings

- Roster Overlap: 7 of 10 players on Team Oklahoma's 2025 Little League roster also appear on the 2025 USSSA Oklahoma Premier 2013 Futures (11U A) roster.
- Leadership Continuity: Jonathan Arias is listed as the team contact for the USSA roster and is directly associated with the LL roster.
- Core Position Continuity: Key roles such as catcher, shortstop, and pitcher remain unchanged across both rosters.
- Cut Player Manipulation: Multiple players tied to the same non-Little League nucleus were excluded from the LL tournament roster to maintain eligibility appearances.

Side-by-Side Roster Comparison

Player Name	USSSA Roster	LL Roster	Status	Notes
Hennah-Layla Arias	Yes	Yes	Overlap	Core infield
Camryn Helton	Yes	Yes	Overlap	Core player
Isabella Hood	Yes	Yes	Overlap	Core player
Harmoneigh White	Yes	Yes	Overlap	Pitcher/2B
Rylee Whited	Yes	Yes	Overlap	SS/Catcher
Tatum Frisby	Yes	Yes	Overlap	Core player
Palmer Miner	Yes	Yes	Overlap	Catcher/OF
Avaree Whisenhunt	Yes	No	Cut	Listed on USSSA
Evelyn Wasson	Yes	No	Cut	Listed on USSSA
Charlee Silva	No	No	Cut	Listed on cut list
Faith	No	No	Cut	Listed on cut list
Jovi Oneil	No	No	Cut	Listed on cut list
Laney Dirteater	No	No	Cut	Listed on cut list
Teagan Bapp	No	No	Cut	Listed on cut list

Cut Players – Evidence of Manipulation

The exclusion of **Avaree Whisenhunt**, **Evelyn Wasson**, and six other players before tournament play strongly suggests a deliberate attempt to maintain the club's competitive nucleus while technically satisfying eligibility requirements.

Officials Previously Notified

These officials at the **Southwest Region** or **Williamsport HQ** have been informed previously:

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Ethical & Governance Implications

This case is part of a broader doctoral study on *Integrity of the Game vs Economic (Politics)*, revealing:

- A pattern of lax enforcement allowing club-to-Little League roster migration.
- The risk of conflicts of interest where tournament advancement outweighs regulatory integrity.
- The undermining of community-based participation through selective roster assembly.

Requested Actions

- 1. Suspend Team Oklahoma's participation pending full eligibility review.
- 2. Apply Regulation V(d) uniformly to all tournament rosters.
- 3. Implement independent compliance audits, including cross-platform roster matching between USSSA, Little League, and other youth sports databases.

Conclusion

The evidence provided establishes a violation of Regulation V(d) that threatens the integrity of the Little League World Series. Enforcement action is warranted immediately to preserve fair play, restore public trust, and ensure consistent application of Little League rules.





