

**West Allegheny Baseball League
Little League Rules for 11 and 12 Year Olds
2008**

- 1) Pitching rubber will be 46 feet from the plate.
- 2) Mound cannot be higher than 6 inches.
- 3) Bases are 60 feet in distance.
- 4) Only Official Little League bats are allowed. Maximum dimension are 2 ¼ inches round and length 33 inches. No big barrel bats.
- 5) Catchers must wear a cup for protection, headgear must be full size, not a skullcap, and also the mask must have some type of throat protection device.
- 6) No balks.
- 7) An infield fly rule does apply. Judgment of Umpire.
- 8) Runners may not leave base until the ball is past the batter. If caught leaving early, play is dead and runner must return to base. 1st offense is a Team warning; 2nd offense runner is out.
- 9) No necklace is allowed outside of jersey. No jewelry allowed on hands, wrist, ears, tongue, etc. Umpires have been told to enforce
- 10) Removed.
- 11) Removed.
- 12) Teams must field (8) players or forfeit game. In the event a team begins play with 8 players, no automatic out is called when the 9th batter's position comes up in the batting order. Further, in the event that a team has an injured player or sickness after play has begun, when the affected player's position in the batting order comes up, skip to the next player in the batting order and no automatic out is recorded.
- 13) A regulation game consists of six (6) innings. In case of a tie game, game continues subject to field availability. If it affects another teams playing time, your game will stop 15 minutes before the next game starting time slot. If the tie continues, the game will be rescheduled. The game will start from where game was left off. Removed.
- 14) Home team is responsible for umpires. If a rain out occurs, home team calls umpires the umpire association one hour prior to scheduled game start and no later than thirty minutes prior to scheduled game start to cancel the game.
- 15) Bunting is allowed, but no slash bunting is allowed. Batter is out for first offense and ball is dead. If a batter shows bunt, he must bunt or take the pitch.

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- 16) Free substitution is permitted.
- 17) There will be no borrowing of players from another Little League teams. A team may bring up a maximum of (3) players from the Minor League to field a team of nine (9) players. No call-ups are allowed if team has enough to play with. If one team shows up with only eight (8) players, they may play 8 against 9. The team with eight players will play with a catcher and minimum of 2 outfielders. If one team shows up with only seven (7) or less players and no prior notice was given to the other team, the team with fewer players may lose by forfeiture. But game should still be played by asking players from other team to play.
- 18) All players in attendance at the game start must play at minimum 2 defensive innings. Continuous batting order. Line-up will include all players dressed for the game whether or not players are scheduled to play in the field (defense) in that inning.
- 19) Stealing is allowed. Stealing will start on at the beginning of season.
- 20) A team warning will be given, when a batter throws a bat, the next time, and the batter is out.
- 21) Advancement of runners on overthrows is allowed on all bases including home.
- 22) All throws from catcher to pitcher are live. A hit ball is live until pitcher returns to the rubber. Remind pitchers, that they cannot catch a ball on the rubber.
- 23) Pitching regulations are in accordance with Little League Rules.
 - A. Any player on the team can pitch.
 - B. A player may pitch a maximum of 6 innings in a calendar week. Sunday through Saturday. No pitch count.
 - C. Delivery of a single pitch constitutes having pitched (1) inning.
 - D. A player once removed, as a pitcher may not pitch again in the same game.
 - E. ~~No restrictions on the number of 12 year olds who can pitch in the same week. A 12 year old player can only pitch in maximum of 3 innings per game.~~ No restrictions on the number of 11 year olds or 12 year olds who can pitch in the same week. An 11 year old must pitch a minimum of 2 innings per game and must be completed before the 5th inning. Also, the maximum number of innings an 11 year old and a 12 year old can pitch per game is 2 innings. Rule will be waived if the ten run rule in effect.

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~~F. No restrictions on the number of 11 year olds who can pitch in the same week. (An 11 yr old must pitch minimum of 3 innings per game (must be complete before the 5th inning) Rule will be waived if the ten rule in effect. An 11 year old player can only pitch in a maximum of 2 innings per game. An 11 year old must pitch a minimum of two (2) innings per game (no restrictions to what innings they pitch). Also, an 11 year old and/or 12 year old many only pitch a maximum of three (3) innings per game and a maximum of six (6) innings per week. Removed.~~

F. The first day of the end of year tournament starts a new week for pitchers.

G. Only (3) hit batters per pitcher per game, then on the third hit batter of the game or the second of the inning, the pitcher must be removed from the mound. Coaches may agree to waive rule.

I. Coaches may only visit the same pitcher twice in an inning. On the second visit, pitcher must be removed. Injuries do not count as a visit.

24) Any player not playing due to sickness, injury or disciplinary action by the manager must be reported to the opposing team manager, before or during the game.

25) A manager is not obligated to play a player if he comes after the 3rd inning. Subject to rule #17. Player will enter at the bottom of batting order.

26) All runners should try to avoid any unnecessary contact or a flagrant foul by either sliding or going around a player. A player can be ejected from the game if a flagrant foul or unnecessary contact.

27) Foul and abusive language is also means for an ejection. Umpires have been informed.

28) Throwing any equipment and removing helmet while ball is in play. First offense team warning, second offense player is removed from game. Umpires have been informed.

29) No fake tags. If defensive player places his glove down and brings glove up before tagging player, player should be called safe. No hiding of ball in glove, then tagging base runner. First offense team warning, second defensive player is removed from game.

30) Scorebooks will be exchanged at start of the game if any questions concerning pitcher eligibility over innings he can pitch. Call commissioner if any eligibility is in questioned.

31) Umpires must call games behind the plate. If no umpires' shows up for the game, then a coach or a parent should handle the umpiring. Umpires minimum age must be 14 years old. Each association is responsible for paying umpires. (Patch umpires must be scheduled for games.)

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- 32) Managers are urged to take precautions to prevent protest. When protest is imminent the potential offender should be notified immediately. Protests must be made before the next pitch. If game is protested, managers and umpires sign book and game will resume. The 3-member board will hear protest and make decision then.
- 33) No appeals on plays if only one umpire is used.
- 34) Blood Rule in effect, and applies to coaches, umpires and players. Players will be given at least 15 minutes grace period or player will be removed but allowed to return.
- 35) Maximum time for games is 2 hours and 15 minutes; this rule will only apply when there is another game schedule.
- 36) 10 run rule after 4 ½ innings. Playing requirements waived if ten-run rule applies. **If both coaches agree, rule can be waived.** Each team must be given an equal number of opportunities to bat.
- 37) 4 ½ innings is a complete game in case of rain. If less innings are played, the game will be rescheduled and the game will start from the beginning.
- 38) Ground rules for each field should be consistent for all games during seasons.
- 39) Pitchers cannot have a batters glove on pitching hand, but can have on glove hand. Pitcher cannot have white wristbands or white sleeves on while pitching. Also try to make sure no pitchers have white or gray on their gloves.
- 40) If roster additions are needed after season has started, the team manager will inform all other teams. 3-member board from league must agree.
- 41) A \$ 50 dollar fee per organization to help pay for trophies. Money only to be used for trophies.
- 42) A 1st and 2nd place trophy will be handed out at the end of year Tournament.
- 43) Moved to Rule #52
- 44) Managers of both teams will call the Secretary and give pitchers and scores. This must be done ASAP. This rule will be done by email or phone. Team can appeal if no data is on pitcher. Then pitcher in question can not pitch in game in questioned. Managers who do not report scores and pitching statistic will be reported to their association for discipline actions.

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- 45) The Scheduler will insert end of year tournament at the end of season, but before the All-Star Season begins starts. (Type of tournament will based on how many teams play in the West Allegheny Baseball League.) Seeding for end of year tournament will be will be determined by points. Each win is 2 points, each loss is 1 point. Games not played are 0 points. Rules from regular season will apply to end of year Tournament. The association that hosts the end of year tournament will keep revenue and pay cost to run tournament. The host association will be responsible to man the concession stand for the end of year Tournament. Tournament will be played at **Findlay Oakdale Youth League** Fields for the **2007 2008** season.
- 46) No splitting of concession stand money during regular season.
- 47) Each Association must split their roster as even as possible for 12 and 11 year olds. Each Association will draft as follows: One manager and one coach, with their kids off the draft board. Pitching will be equally divided among teams. The rest of the kids will be drafted. Every attempt must be made to have equally divided talent among all teams of an association. WABL has the right to make Association even out teams, if the rest of the league feels that team does not fit rule #47.
- 48) Maximum 17 games will be played in this league. Minimum of 15 games must be played. Every effort must be made to reschedule rainouts, etc., within a reasonable time frame (e.g., 2 weeks). **There will be two divisions. Each team will play all teams 2 times, with 3 games being played within the division.** For 2008, there will be one 8 team division and the regular season division winner with the most points wins the regular season 1st place trophy.
- 49) League will be named West Allegheny Baseball League.
- 50) For the regular season, the top two teams from each division will play a championship game. Trophies will be awarded to both teams. Removed.**
- 51) If associations are combining to assemble All Star teams, the manager of the team will rotate by association from year to year. Findlay will be the managers for **2007 2008**.
- 52) The rotation for The **2007 2008** Little League officers are as follows:
- A) Treasury (**Findlay McDonald Youth League**) to handle fees of league, pay invoices from end of year tournament and All-Star tournaments.
 - B) Scheduler (**Oakdale Findlay Athletic Association**) to set up schedule for regular season, and end of year tournament.
 - C) Secretary (**Oakdale Findlay Athletic Association**) needs to chart pitching statistics and meeting minutes of league.
 - D) Commissioner (**Findlay Oakdale Youth League**) will handle the scheduling of the umpires.
 - E) **Commissioner (Findlay) to help organize league affairs and order trophies.** Removed.

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53) Board member is chosen from own Association rules. Example: The Commissioner or at large member from Findlay will be a member and have authority to vote on rules.

54) Removed.

55) League season will start on Monday, April ~~23rd~~ 28th and play thru Saturday, June 21st ~~June 23rd~~. End of year tournament will start on Sunday, June ~~24th~~ 22nd and must be completed by June ~~30th~~ 27th.

56) If an organization has a certain 13 yr. Old who do not have the talent to move up to the next level (Pony League) the other 2 organization would have to approve the player being allowed to participate in the league.

57) REMOVED

These rules are as complete and accurate as possible. However, when situations arise that are not specifically covered by the Little League rules or our special rules, settle them within the spirit of these rules. If a dispute arises and a mutual agreement cannot be made, take the play over rather than argue. The whole intention of this league is to teach fundamental baseball, teamwork, and above all, good sportsmanship. The youngsters learn a great deal by watching our behavior. With these goals in mind, this will be an enjoyable and rewarding season.