

West Allegheny Baseball League
Minor League Rules for 9 and 10 Year Olds
2008

- 1) Pitching rubber will be 46 ft. from the plate.
- 2) Mound cannot be higher than 6".
- 3) Bases are 60 feet in distance.
- 4) Only Official Little League bats are allowed. Maximum dimension are 2 ¼" round and length 33". 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 not apply.
- 8) Runners may not leave base until the ball is past the plate or 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. No direct stealing after a walk.
- 9) No necklace is allowed outside of jersey. No jewelry allowed on hands, wrist, ears, tongue, etc. Umpires have been told to enforce
- 10) Team will use four (4) outfielders (no rover). If only 9 players or less must use three (3) outfielders
- 11) Outfielders must be 20 feet behind the diamond portion of the baseline.
- 12) Teams must field (8) players or forfeit game. For the end of year tournament, a team must have 9 players, or any less than that is an automatic out in the batting order.
- 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, a new game will be rescheduled. The game will start from where game was left off. (Pitchers can be reused but innings pitched in games declared no contest or regulation drawn shall be charged against pitcher eligibility for that week. A six run rule per inning will apply. More than six runs can score if the play is continuous, i.e., five runs have scored in inning bases loaded and batter hits a grand slam all four runs count as well as the five preceding runs. Inning is not over till the play is over. Most possible runs in inning is nine.

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- 14) Home team is responsible for umpires. If a rain out occurs, Home team calls umpires.
- 15) Bunting is allowed, but no slash bunting is allowed. Batter is out for first offense and ball is dead.
- 16) 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.
- 17) Free substitution is permitted.
- 18) There will be no borrowing of players from other Minor League teams. A team may bring up a maximum of (3) players from the Instructional League to field a team of nine (9) players. No call-ups are allowed if team has enough to play with. All call-ups must come from within the same organization. Example: Findlay can only call up Findlay kids.
- 19) All players in attendance at the game start must play at minimum 3 defensive innings.
- 20) Stealing is allowed, except home. Stealing will start on at the beginning of season. No stealing will be allowed for the winning team if there is a ten run lead.
- 21) A team warning will be given, when a batter throws a bat, the next time, the batter is out.
- 22) Advancement (except on steals) runners on overthrows are allowed. Runner on third can only advance home on a hit ball or if play is made directly at the runner on third base. Example: catcher tries to pick runner off of third base after a pitched ball, runner may try to advance.
- 23) All throws from catcher to pitcher are live. A hit ball is live until pitcher returns to the rubber.
- 24) 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.
 - 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.

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- E. No restrictions on the number of 10 year olds who can pitch in the same week. A 10-year-old player can only pitch in maximum of 2 innings per game.
 - F. No restrictions on the number of 9 year olds who can pitch in the same week. A 9 yr old must pitch minimum of 2 innings per game 1st – 4th and can only pitch a maximum of two (2) innings per game.
 - G. A maximum of seven (7) walks an inning, and then pitcher must be removed.
 - H. 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. Managers and coaches are allowed only 2 visits to the mound per inning. On the second visit, the pitcher must be removed.
- 25) 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.
- 26) 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.
- 27) 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.
- 28) Foul and abusive language is also means for an ejection. Umpires will be informed.
- 29) Throwing any equipment and removing helmet while ball is in play. First offense team warning, second offense player is removed from game. Umpires will be informed.
- 30) 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.
- 31) 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.
- 32) 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 should be a minimum age of 14 years old. Each association is responsible for paying umpires.

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- 33) 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.
- 34) No appeals on plays if only one umpire is used.
- 35) Blood Rule in affects, 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.
- 36) Maximum time for games is 2 hours and 15 minutes; this rule will only apply when there is another game schedule.
- 37) 10 run rule after 4 ½ innings. Playing requirements waived if ten-run rule is applies. If both coaches agree, rule can be waived
- 38) 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.
- 39) Ground rules for each field should be consistent for all games during seasons.
- 40) 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 on their gloves.
- 41) If roster additions are needed after season has started, the team manager will inform all other teams. 3-member board from league must agree.
- 42) A \$50 dollar fee per team to help pay for trophies. Money only to be used for trophies for the end of year tournament.
- 43) A 1st and 2nd place trophy will be handed out at the end of year Tournament. Also, the team that finishes with the best record will also receive a trophy.
- 44) Moved to Rule #52.
- 45) 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 cannot 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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A VOTE TO REMOVE

- 46) 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), the tournament will be played as per seeding. 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 tournament. Tournament will be played at Oakdale fields for 2007.
- 47) No splitting of concession stand money during the regular season.
- 48) Each Association must split their roster as even as possible for 10 and 9 year olds. Each Association will setup own rules for drafting. WABL has the right to make Association even out teams, if the rest of the league feels that team does not fit rule #48.
- 49) Maximum 16 games will be played in this league. There might be a single division or two divisions, this will be decided when rosters are turned in. Minimum of 14 games must be played.
- 50) Each year 3-member board must meet to go over rules to modify or change.
- 51) League will be named West Allegheny Baseball League.
- 52) REMOVED
- 53) If associations are combining to assemble All Star teams, the manager of the team will rotate by association from year to year. Oakdale will be the Managers this year.
- 54) The rotation for the **2007 2008** Minor League officers are as follows:
- A) Treasurer (**Findlay McDonald Youth League**) to handle fees of league, pay invoices from 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**) to help organize league affairs and order trophies.
- 55) 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 make rules.

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56) REMOVED

57) League season will run Monday April 23 thru June 16. End of year tournament will start on Saturday June 17 and must be completed by June 23.

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.