



West Boynton Little League Rules

Coach Pitch Division

All regular season games in all divisions within West Boynton Little League will be played in accordance with the rules of Little League baseball, Inc. These rules can be found in the rulebooks specific to each division that is distributed to each team at the beginning of the season. To enhance the enjoyment of the game of our players, WBLL has adopted the following local rules.

1. PARTICIPATION:

This program is for players of league age seven (7) and eight (8) years old.

2. PLAYING RULES:

- a. A regulation game will consist of six (6) innings. No new inning will start after one hour and fifteen (15) minutes. Games end at the one hour and thirty minutes regardless.
- b. Score and standings will be maintained in the spring (**NOT FALL**) recreation season
- c. A maximum of five (5) runs scored or three (3) outs will constitute a half inning.
- d. The batting order will be continuous, containing all players attending the game.
- e. There will be a pitcher, catcher, four infielders and four outfielder permitted on the field at one time.
- f. Play will stop when the defensive player holds the runners on base. Once all running has stopped, the defensive player may request timeout. The timeout will be given at the discretion of the umpire.
- g. One base maximum on overthrows to 1st and 3rd base. Runners may not advance on an "overthrow" on a defensive play. Players should be encouraged to attempt to make the proper defensive play to develop basic skills. Two consecutive overthrow advancements are not in affect.

*If a runner is approaching 1st and the ball is over thrown, the runner can advance to 2nd, however the runner must stop at 2nd even if the ball is thrown to 2nd and over thrown once again

*If a runner is approaching 3rd and the ball is over thrown, the runner would be granted home however all other base runners would only be allowed to advance one base.

- h. Runners on base may not advance to the next until the ball is hit. Base stealing is not allowed.

- i. Bunting is not allowed.
- j. Sliding is permitted if the player slides feet first only. Headfirst slides will result in an automatic out.

3. PUTTING THE BALL IN PLAY:

- a. Coach/pitcher will deliver OVERHAND, no arc (as flat as possible) pitches.
- b. The batter will receive a maximum of five (5) pitches. The 3-strike rule will be in affect. If the ball hasn't been hit in play after the fifth pitch, he/she is called out. There will be no walks. The coach/pitcher is on the field to pitch only and may not interfere with play, or direct or assist in the play of the game. If the batted ball hits the coach/pitcher, the ball is considered live and still in play.
- c. A player gets unlimited last pitch foul balls.

4. FIELDING POSITIONS:

- a. Pitcher stands three (3) feet to either side of the coach/pitcher or within an eight (8) feet radius of the 40 feet pitching rubber used in higher divisions. The pitching distance will be 36 feet.

* The defensive pitcher must wear a masked batting helmet at all times

- b. Catcher wears all league issued equipment and MUST wear a protective cup.

* All male players are required to wear a protective cup.

- c. Outfielders must stand at least 3 feet behind the clay infield lines.
- d. Infielders must be positioned on the clay.
- e. A player is allowed to play a maximum of two innings per game at any one position.
- f. No player will be bench more than 2 innings and cannot be benched for 2 consecutive innings.
- g. Each player must play a minimum of 2 different infield positions per game pending a full 6-inning game. In addition, each player must play a minimum of 1 infield position within the first 3 innings. Basic breakdown is every kid must play the infield once every 3 innings.
- h. Each player must play a minimum of 1 outfield position before the start of the 5th inning.

5. COACHING:

- a. There will be 3 coaches allowed on the field when on offense. Coaching positioning will consist of a first (1) base coach, a third (3) base coach and the pitching coach.

* The pitching coach will assist in coaching the opponent's defensive pitcher

- b. There will be 3 coaches allowed on the field when on defense. Coaching positioning will consist of a left field coach, located near the clay infield/outfield line, right field coach located near the clay infield/outfield line and a coach behind the plate. The outfield coaches will give verbal direction to all players and the home plate coach should remain quiet when a batter is in the box.

* The home plate coach will assist in coaching the opponent's catcher.

c. There will be 1 coach or team parent required in the dugout at ALL times.

d. Any parent that steps onto the field must have a volunteer form filled out and filed with the league. WBLL provided Volunteer Identification card must be worn while on the fields.

6. SPORTSMANSHIP:

a. The umpire's call is final!

b. Please be aware of the score at all times. What is the difference between a 10 run victory and a 1 run victory? Know when to say when and pull your starters at your earliest convenience.

c. At the end of the game and in a timely manner, players will line up on their respective base connecting lines and will shake hands at home plate with the other team. Managers will ensure that the field and bench areas are cleaned and all recycle bins are emptied for the next game.

IN ALL AGE GROUPS: THE "Big Barrel" BATS ARE AN ILLEGAL BAT.

