

General Local Rules for all Divisions. 2010

1. **Sportsmanship:** Coaches should be fair, reasonable, and show good sportsmanship at all times. Disagreements should be resolved quietly and amicably. Coaches and parents are expected to set good examples for players. Contact the Division Rep or other Board member for additional assistance if needed.
2. **Disorderly Conduct:** Smoking, profanity, or obscene gestures by participants and spectators will not be allowed. A player attempting to injure another player intentionally and coaches showing unsportsmanlike conduct will be removed from the game. Disorderly or unruly persons will be asked to leave the playing area. If they are parents of participating children, the child's coach will politely ask them to refrain from disrupting the game. If order cannot be maintained, the game will be suspended by the Field Director. Occurrences will be reviewed by the Board of Directors Executive Committee.
3. **Bench Area:** Players are to remain in the bench area behind the fence when not in the field or at bat. Coaches will enforce this rule.
4. **Thrown Bat:** Batters should be instructed not to throw the bat after hitting the ball. Batters will receive one warning. The second occurrence will result in a defensive out.
5. **Helmets:** Batting helmets are to be worn by offensive players whenever they are on the field. Helmets will only be removed once inside the bench area/dugout. All levels except tee ball require face masks on the helmets. ALL LEVELS MUST WEAR CHIN STRAPS.
6. **Uniforms:** all players must wear uniform shirts. All players must have suitable shoes -- no sandals, leather shoes, slip-on sneakers, or the like. Molded cleats are allowed and encouraged. Players wearing inappropriate clothing will not be allowed to play.
7. **Jewelry:** No jewelry except medical alert jewelry.
8. **Game Schedule and Cancellations:** The League President or appointed league official will determine whether a game will be cancelled. Affected coaches will be notified. Make-ups for rainouts will be determined by the Division Rep and approved by the Executive Committee. There will be no protests or forfeits.
9. **Coaches and players should understand these rules.** Coaches should take time during practice to review these rules as well as game rules with the players. Any changes in the local rules will be discussed by managers and the Division Rep and approved by the Executive Committee.
10. Both teams are responsible for preparing the fields. The first game of the day should be ready for play ½ hour prior to game time on weekends. **Any game that does not start on time because the field was not prepared shall have the game length shortened by the same amount.** Example: Game is scheduled to start at 10 am but the field is not prepared until 10:10 the game shall have a 1:35 minute time limit from the first pitch. Exceptions are granted for weekday games where JV and Varsity games and practices go beyond their scheduled times.
11. Both teams should clean up their respective dugouts after the game is completed.
12. All Little League Safety rules apply. We cannot waive a safety rule. WBLL may only strengthen a rule.
13. **CASTS:** Little League does not allow players, managers, or coaches on the field with casts.