

BARNSTABLE LITTLE LEAGUE

2017 Major League Division LOCAL RULES

I. PLAYING THE GAME

- A. Little League rules prevail unless there is a local rule.
- B. Local Rules:
 - 1. No Intentional Walks.
 - 2. If a batter's intent is to bunt, he cannot pull back to swing away: it is an automatic out.
 - 3. Barnstable Little League uses a ten player batting order.
 - 4. There will be no batter "on deck". (outside of dug out)
 - 5. The DH cannot be changed and cannot take a defensive position during a game. (EXCEPTION – if the DH is the backup catcher and the starting catcher is injured, the DH may catch the balance of the game.) A player not in the lineup will fill the starting catcher's position in the lineup.
 - 6. All players on a team must DH once before a player is scheduled to DH a second time.
 - 7. The playoffs start a new DH cycle, which continues until the championship series ends. During the championship series, any player may DH once.
 - 8. Each player must play in the field a minimum of nine defensive outs and come to bat at least once during the course of the game. Substitutions cannot be made prior to the SECOND inning, EXCEPT in the case of injury. Players NOT starting the game may enter the game after the second inning and MUST play nine consecutive defensive outs. Starter replaced by non-starters may reenter the game in their original batting order to play the mandatory nine defensive outs. Only players starting the game can play NON-CONSECUTIVE outs. (Starting player plays the first and second innings, the replacement player plays the third, fourth and fifth, and the starting player plays the sixth inning)

If, due to an error, a player fails to come to bat, then that player must play in a field position in the entire next game.

8a. If a game ends due to a concession rule and a player has not played the required minimum 9 consecutive defensive outs and/or has not had an at bat the player shall start the next game. The following are the penalties for managers failing to comply with this rule.

- a. 1st offense: Letter from the President
- b. 2nd offense: 1 game suspension
- c. 3rd offense: Expulsion

NOTE: the penalty will be waived if the missed at bat is due to home team's lack of batting in the bottom of the 6th inning, however, the player that did not come to bat in the previous game must start in a field position in the next game and be one of the top 6 batters.

9. There is a concession rule that specifies that at the end of the fourth inning (or at the end of three and a half, if the home team is leading) the game is ruled complete if one team has a 10 run lead.
10. A courtesy runner is allowed if the catcher is a runner and there are two outs. This runner must be chosen from players not currently in the lineup.
11. There is no time limit on game days in which one (1) game is to be played. If more than one (1) game is to be play during a day then no inning may be started after 1 hour 45 minutes after the start of the game. No inning may start after 9:45P.M.

II. PLAYERS

A. Eligibility

Eligible players for the Major League must be the ages of 10,11, or 12 prior to May 1st of the current season.

B. Injury

1. Once the game has started and a player removed from the game due to injury, a player is out for the entire game. An accident report must be filled out by the manager and submitted within 24 hours. In order for the player to resume playing in future games and practices, written permission must be received from the parent or guardian (if no medical attention was required). If medical attention was required, a medical release is required prior to participating in any practices or games. *Concussion Protocol - If a player who is participating in Little League activity becomes unconscious during play or has suffered a concussion as diagnosed by a medical professional, that athlete may not return to the activity until cleared in writing by a health care professional.*
2. LONG TERM: When a player is injured with more than two weeks, or four games remaining on the regular season schedule, and that player is not expected to return within two weeks of the first game missed due to injury, the manager must replace that player on this team roster within 72 hours after the period of 2 weeks. If not followed, the President of the League will select a player from the Minor League to take the injured player's roster position. The injured player will be put on "injured reserve" and will remain the property of that team and will not have to be re-drafted the next season. If the injured

player is able to return before the end of the season, the manager will be required to play with (the additional player) 12 players and will have to make substitutions per local rule (3 innings and 1 at bat per game per player) The replacement must come from the Minor League.

3. If a team needs a player to come up to the Major League, and the child refuses, he must stay in the Minors for the remainder of the year. Next year he goes back into the draft.

C. Code of Conduct

To maintain order, it is necessary for the manager to enforce the Code of Conduct. This discipline is expected to be reasonable and consistent. Some form of progressive discipline is preferred and it must not vary according to the talent level of the players. If benching a player for disciplinary reasons, you should notify the scorer and opposing manager prior to the game. If it becomes necessary to remove a child from your team, you must consult with the league vice-president and player agent prior to removal.

D. PLAYER REPLACEMENT AND ELIGIBILITY

1. In the event to a major league roster opening, created by long term injury, player moving, disciplinary suspension or any other properly documented reason:
 - a. **PRESEASON** – the Player Agent must be notified, upon verification of the roster opening and eligible replacement must be chosen from the Minor League (see eligibility guidelines) before the start of the Major League regular season.
 - b. **IN SEASON** – the Player Agent must be notified, upon verification of the roster opening, an eligible replacement must be chosen from the Minor League. This is **Mandatory** when there are 4 or more games remaining on the major League schedule, the eligible player must be brought up within 72 hours.
 - c. **The Player Agent** then will advise the Manager as to the eligibility of the replacement player. ***Then and only then, can a Manager contact that replacement player.***
2. **ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES**
 - a. Minor League Players must be age 10,11, or 12 years old and that has participated in the preseason tryouts to be considered for eligibility for a Major League call up.
 - b. Any player, who refuses a draft assignment or call up to the Major Leagues, must participate in the Minor League for the balance of the season, but he/she is eligible to participate in the following year's tryout and draft process.

III. MANAGERS & COACHES

- A. All Major League Managers are subject to yearly approval. Major League managers are to list 2 coaches for league approval. These coaches are the coaches of record for the season in the dugout. If one of the coaches is not able to make the game, the league officials before each game must approve the manager's choice of Volunteer. (MAXIMUM of 3 coaches in the dugout including the Manager) junior coaches/ score keeper are allowed and are not counted as one of the three coaches in the dugout.
- B. All Major League Managers and Coaches **MUST** sign the Manager's Code of Conduct and complete the Volunteer form. **NO coach will be allowed on the field for practice or games without submitting these forms.**
- C. **Equipment and Uniforms**
Managers are responsible for ensuring that the equipment and uniforms that are issued to their team are properly cared for and turned back into the league at the end of the season. No child will receive any trophies or awards at the end of the season if the uniform has not been returned.

D. Practices

- 1. In addition to pre-season practices, each manager is expected to hold at least one regular season practice per week.
- 2. No team is to practice more than three times per week during the regular season. (April Vacation Week excluded)

E. POSTPONEMENTS and MAKE-UP GAMES

- 1. In the event of inclement weather, Little League rules state that both managers must agree to play or not to play a scheduled game. This decision can only be made within 2 hours before the start of the scheduled game. The decision, if the managers cannot agree or are not available, will be made by the President or the Vice President of the League.
- 2. As soon as it is learned that a game will not be played, it is the HOME team's manager's responsibility to notify the League Vice President.
- 3. Any canceled game will be made up on the NEXT available time agreed up on by both team Managers. If a mutual time cannot be agreed by both Managers then the President and the Vice President shall schedule the make-up game. (Friday nights and Sunday mornings after the postponed games are available are most desirable)

F. SPECIAL EVENTS and ACTIVITIES

Managers are to keep their team apprised of and promote participation in any league special event or activity.

G. PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

Managers are to encourage parental involvement in all league activities. Parents **MUST** sign a Code of Conduct and a Volunteer form.

No Parent will be allowed on the field for practice and games without submitting these forms.

H. SUBSTITUTION RULE

EXCEPT in case of injury, there will be no substitutions from the bench. Any substitutions, pitching changes, etc., will be made from the players currently in the lineup.

I. PITCH COUNT RECORDING

It is MANDATORY that each Manager record the pitch count in the Official Scorebook for each game. This is to include the names of the pitchers, age and number of pitches. The HOME team book is considered the OFFICIAL scorebook.

At the conclusion of EVERY game, both Managers are to review the pitch counts of both teams and sign the scorebook.

Scorebooks are to be accessible for all league officials and Managers.