



West Boynton Little League Rules

Coach Pitch Division (Tournament Rules)

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. Home team keeps official scorebook for each game. **Tournament Play: 6 Innings no Time Limit No Ties (Run Differential for shortening games); Higher Seed is Home Team; Adult Pitcher must leave Playing Field after batter puts the Ball in Play; Both teams must keep detailed scorebook (Home team is official scorebook)**

b. Score and standings will be maintained in the spring (**NOT FALL**) instructional 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. All infielders must begin play with both feet on the clay except the pitcher which is one foot inside the clay pitchers circle. All outfielders must begin play on outfield grass no closer than 10 feet from infield clay.

f. **Play will stop when the defensive player holds the runners on base.** Once all running has stopped, the defensive player may request timeout. Time out **CAN** only be requested by an infielder. The timeout will be given at the discretion of the umpire.

g. One base maximum on overthrows to 1st base and 3rd base (**Initial Play**). Runners may not advance on an additional overthrow if defense attempts another throw. Players should be encouraged to attempt to make the proper defensive play to develop basic skills. If the **Initial play** is made at 2nd base or Home the

(Batter Runner or runners already on base) can advance (as far as possible) at their own risk if the ball is overthrown at 2nd base or Home.

*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 allowed if the following situation is present. (No runner on 3rd base.)

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. **If the batter attempts to bunt with two strikes and fouls off the pitch the batter is out. If the batter shows bunt with a runner on 3rd base the batter will receive a warning and a called strike on the pitch. If the batter shows bunt a second time the umpire shall declare the batter out.**

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 46 foot pitching rubber used in higher divisions. The pitching distance will be 40 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 10 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. **(non consecutive innings)**

f. No player will be benched for more than 2 innings and cannot be benched for 2 consecutive innings in a single game.

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.

i. The SOP Roster Format Sheet is Mandatory. **Failure to produce and use the SOP Roster Format Sheet at the pre-game plate meeting with the umpires will result in suspension from your team's next game. Continued violations of this rule could result in termination of your managerial responsibilities.**

5. COACHING:

a. There will be 3 coaches allowed on the field when on offense. Coach positioning will consist of a first (1) base coach, a third (3) base coach and the pitching coach. The pitching coach shall make every effort to leave the field of play once the ball is hit by the batter.* **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. Coach 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 can give verbal direction but MUST 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 visibly worn while on the fields.

6. SPORTSMANSHIP:

a. The umpire's call is final!! **Please thank them after each game for their time!!**

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 coach accordingly.

c. At the end of the game and in a timely manner, players will line up on their respective bases 1st or 3rd base and proceed across the field and will shake hands at the pitcher's mound with the other team. Managers will ensure that the field and bench areas are cleaned and all recycle bins are emptied after each practice and game.

d. Remember that Parents are watching you at all times from Both Sides.

e. Watch what you say and how you say it. It may not be taken the way you intended.

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

Until further notice all 100% composite bats are illegal

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