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Wantagh Fire Dept

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### INSTRUCTIONAL LEAGUE

1. Managers and coaches are expected to read the Little League Rulebook and be familiar with all local rules.
2. Managers and coaches are expected to attend and be prompt at all mandatory meetings.
3. It is the responsibility of the managers and coaches to conduct safe practices, workouts, and games.
4. Managers will have their teams ready to play ten minutes before the assigned game time.
5. Managers and coaches are expected to sweep or brush off the field after rain. Do NOT automatically move the game to another location.
6. There are NO forfeits. There are NO standings.
7. Only RIF balls will be used. (Games AND practices)
8. Managers are advised to rotate fielding positions to give each player a chance at various positions.
9. The managers will designate an adult as the umpire.
10. No bunting allowed. The ball must travel far enough to be fielded by a defensive player (excluding the catcher) to be a fair ball. (See Note #2)
11. Missing the ball three times does not constitute a strikeout. (See Note #3)
12. The manager or coach will stand on the field while his team is on defense to correct mistakes, but must not interfere with the play. (If hit with the ball, the ball is in play.)
13. The offensive side is considered out when six batters have batted in one inning no matter how many runs have scored nor how many players are left on base. (This speeds up the game and the batters hit more often.)
14. The pitcher must stay in contact with the pitching rubber, or designated pitching spot if no pitching rubber is present, while the batter is hitting from the tee.

15. The defensive team will have a regulation infield with the remaining players at the game playing outfield. All players present will play defense. There is no catcher behind the plate.
16. When the ball is returned to the home plate area the play is stopped. If the runner is not at the next base, he must return to the preceding base. (See Note #3)
17. No infield fly rules; no tag ups; no stealing; and, no leads.
18. A player throwing a bat will be warned for safety purposes. A second throw of the bat during the same at bat will constitute an out for the player and the team.
19. All uniforms are to be kept by the player.
20. All bats, batting tees, etc. must be returned on the specified date.
21. Try to show compassion towards your players. Remember that *they're only children*.
22. Try to control your exuberance and the parents at the game.
23. There is no advancement on overthrows at first base. (Other runners on base at the time may get the next base.) Overthrows at second base, runners advance at their own risk with a maximum of one base. The same at third base.
24. Local rules supercede all other rules.
25. Bases are 40 feet apart and the pitching mound is 30 feet from home.
26. Rainouts will be made up according to field availability.
27. Saturday and Sunday games have two-hour limits from starting time. Weekday games have an 8:00 PM curfew.
28. Home teams are to use first base dugouts.
29. There will be a schedule to help line and maintain the field on Saturday mornings.
30. It is the *responsibility* of each manager and coach to clean up the dugout and playing area (bottles, paper, etc.) after each game and practice.
31. Please *respect* our neighbors and use the parking lot at the school. Try not to use on street parking.

\*NOTE 1 In the beginning of the season, all players are to hit from the tee. In the first week of May, coaches may begin pitching to their own players.

\*NOTE 2 Line is approximately 12 feet in front of home plate.

\*NOTE 3 Since Wantagh Little League is highly instructional, the manager and coach will help the batter until he/she hits the ball.

\*NOTE 4 When the ball is thrown into the area behind home plate, all plays will stop.

Remember, Wantagh Little League can't succeed without you. You are there to teach and help the players. Instruction at this level is of utmost importance. It's just a game and remember the players are there to have fun. You have volunteered for a very important job. Please give it your best effort.

Any questions, problems, or suggestions should be passed onto your league director.

Thanks in advance.

Wantagh Little League Board of Directors

***\*\*\* There is NO SMOKING at anytime or anyplace at all school fields \*\*\****