



Wantagh Fire Dept

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MAJOR LEAGUE (edited 1/19/23)

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. A. Managers and coaches are expected to sweep or brush off the field after rain. Do NOT automatically move the game to another location.
B. Both Major League managers are REQUIRED to be at the field ½ hour before game time to line and groom the field.
THIS IS MANDATORY – NO EXCUSES!!!
C. Home team Major League managers are expected to put bases out before each night game and the first game on Saturday.
D. **Keep an official scorebook on Game Changer.** It will be needed for ties, suspensions.
6. Managers are advised to rotate fielding positions to give each player a chance at various positions.
7. Every player present must bat in order. There is a bat around.
8. There are nine (9) players on defense. A player must play ***two consecutive*** innings in the field. It is strongly recommended that every player get a chance to play the infield.
9. If the player leaves a base too early and is caught by the umpire, the on coming pitch is “no pitch” (no matter what the batter does) and the batter and runner must return. A second infraction of this rule by the runner in

the same inning will result in that runner being called out. This is a local rule.

10. A) A player throwing a bat or batting helmet will be warned (the manager will be advised) or ejected if the action is fragrant or unsafe. This is NOT debatable – the decision of the umpire is final.
B) A player throwing a bat or batting helmet after hitting the ball will be warned (the manager will be advised) or ejected if the action is fragrant or unsafe. If it is repeated in the game the batter can be called out and all runners must return to their original base(s). This is NOT debatable – the decision of the umpire is final.
11. A player ejected from a game will have a minimum of a one game suspension – the next game. The game suspension could be longer if it was a serious infraction of baseball etiquette. The player must leave the bench and sit in the stands.
12. A manager or coach ejected from a game will have a minimum of a one game suspension – the next game. The game suspension could be longer if it was a serious infraction of baseball etiquette. The manager or coach must leave the bench and no longer involved in that game. That ejected adult will be required to meet with the Rules Committee as soon as possible.
13. Wantagh Little League will not tolerate managers, coaches, or parents who display an attitude detrimental to the League. Any problems will be dealt with accordingly.
14. Catchers must wear protective equipment. An athletic cup is mandatory. The catcher must use a catcher's glove. Players warming up a pitcher must also wear a catcher's helmet and mask.
15. There is stealing, tagging up, and bunting. A player may leave the base when the ball passes the batter.
16. A) All equipment, including first aid kits, must be returned on the specified date.
B) Little League equipment will be used only for Little League games and practices. (DO NOT use in outside leagues). Official Little League bats only.
17. All uniforms are to be kept by the player.
18. The full uniform must be worn with shirts tucked in.
20. Local rules supercede all other rules.
21. Try to control your exuberance and the parents at the game. **A manager is responsible for the actions of his coaches and players.**
22. Substitutions can be made at any time and at any position. A pitcher CANNOT re-enter the game as a pitcher.

23. On overthrows at first or third base the runner keeps going. On a play that bounces over the fence into the dugout or into dead territory, the batter/runner gets the base they were going to PLUS ONE. (Ground rules vary at different parks) A ball that goes under the outfield fence or through a hole in the fence is a ground rule double. Under the fence at home plate is one and one – the base you were going to plus one.
24. Keep an official scorebook. It will be needed for ties, suspensions, and picking All – Stars.
25. Managers will nominate players to tryout for the tournament team.
26. Little League team personnel only on the bench – no bat boys/girls.
27. Bases are 60 feet apart and the pitching mound is 46 feet from home.
28. There is no on deck batter. The only practice swings are in the batter's box. There are to be no batter's donuts.
29. Rainouts will be made up according to field availability. Sometimes Sundays are the only dates available.
30. Suspended games will be continued just as if the game was never stopped. Lineups will be as close as possible. If a player comes late he/she will be put at the bottom of the lineup. If the pitcher is eligible to pitch (see rule 31 below), he/she can continue until their maxed the innings for that week. A pitcher may not pitch in the suspended game if they already appeared as a pitcher in that game and were removed.
31. A manager or coach is allowed limited trips to the mound to talk to their pitcher. On the second trip to the mound in one inning to talk to the same player or a total of three trips in one game the pitcher must be changed. If the visit is to check on a pitcher that may be injured that visit does not count but the umpire must be advised PRIOR to the manager/coach talking to the player unless it is obvious such as the pitcher being hit by a batted ball. The umpire will accompany the manager/coach to the mound.
32. A manager or coach must not be on the field between innings. It will count as a visit to the mound. They are to make all their changes from foul territory or the bench.
33. Saturday and Sunday games have two-hour limit from starting time. All games have an 8:00 PM curfew. New innings may not be started 1 hour and 45 minutes after scheduled starting time.
34. Home teams are to use first base dugouts.
35. The first game managers and coaches are expected to be there at least 30 minutes before the assigned time to help line and work on the field. If it rains during the week ALL managers may be called to work on the fields.

36. 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.
37. Please *respect* our neighbors and use the parking lot at the school. Try not to use on street parking.
38. If the rules are not clear the managers and coaches and umpires will talk them over and agree upon them in a gentlemanly manner. Umpires may not always know the local rules.
39. There will be no head first sliding into any base (except when returning to a base). The "Pete Rose Rule" is in effect. There will be no running over or bowling over the fielder. The fielder must give way to the runner if there is no play. This is a judgement call and the runner is subject to be called out.
40. Appeals will be made to the umpire.
41. In case of a no show by the umpire the two managers will agree on the selection of a substitute umpire from the managers, coaches, or parents at the game. The game will count and is official.
42. It is imperative that the winning manager calls the score into the League Director right after the game.
43. DO NOT CALL LEAGUE OFFICIALS AT WORK!
44. TIME TO START GAME AND COMPLETION OF GAME:
 - A) There is a 10-minute forfeit rule. If at ten minutes after the assigned starting time and one team cannot field 8 players that team has forfeited the game. Either of the teams may start and play with 8 players. If and when additional player(s) arrives they will be inserted at the end of the batting order. If you have 8 players you start at the assigned time. Do NOT wait 10 minutes for that 9th player.
 - B) On weekday games with an assigned starting time of 6:00 PM (including the 10 minute wait for a player) a mandatory 8:00 PM, sharp, curfew is in effect. It does not matter what the circumstances are - runs runners on base, strikes, and amount of daylight. The umpire will stop the game. This is NOT open to discussion.
 - C) If it is the top of the inning the score reverts to the last complete inning. If it is the bottom of the inning, it still reverts to the last complete inning unless the home team takes the lead and the game is called. In that situation the game is over and the home team wins.
 - D) A game may be called before the 8:00 PM curfew due to darkness, safety reasons, or inclement weather. This is the umpire's decision and again this is NOT open to discussion

- E) If the manager wants to protest, he must show the umpire specifically in the rules where his protest rests. If he does not have a copy of the rules on his person, the protest is null and void.
45. It is the responsibility of the managers and coaches to move the game along. Have substitutions ready and help the catcher get their gear on. Do not purposely stall the game by talking to the pitchers, etc.
 46. Games are not to be cancelled. If you have a problem notify your League Director ASAP – NOT A DAY OR TWO BEFORE THE GAME.
 47. In order to be eligible for the playoffs a player must have played in at least 60% of the regular season games. The league director shall have discretion over this rule including but not limited to cases when an injury has occurred.
 48. Dropped Third Strike Rule is in effect.

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. Please respect the other managers, coaches, umpires and players.

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 ******