

## **BOYS LITTLE LEAGUE RULES:**

The following are a group of rules which either:

- 1) depart from those of the Williamsport Official Rule book or
- 2) are important enough to deserve special attention.

Rules specific to CMLL are followed by a C., those from Williamsport a W.

All other Little League rules, which are not covered here on in the level specific handouts apply during regular season games dependent upon league makeup.

1. For the 2008 season, there will be new pitching rules. **Please see attached sheet entitled The New Pitch Count Regulation enclosed in this rule packet.**
2. Starting times are **6 PM in May and 6:15 PM in June for weeknight games.** Games begin at **9AM on Saturdays & Sundays** (if needed). **In June weekend games begin at 8:30 AM.** If one team is unable to field eight (8) players within 15 minutes of the scheduled starting time, the game will be forfeited. C

During the regular season on weekday evenings, no new inning will be started after 2 hours unless the game is tied and has the umpire's /board of director's approval.

Home team utilizes the first base dugout/bench

-warmups: Visiting team: 15 minutes, starting 30 minutes before the game.

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Please be courteous to all time for umpire ground rules. You should have the first pitch thrown promptly at the game start time or 2 minutes after at the latest. On Saturdays there is a 1:45 min time limit on games except the last **game scheduled on the diamond for the day.** No new inning may start after 2 hours on weekday nites.

Rainouts: Playability of the field due to weather to be determined solely by the umpire or a Board Member. An early rain out can be called if the umpire or a Board of Director visits the fields and determines if they are not playable. C

3. Pitchers may not use multi-colored gloves nor may their gloves be white or gray. Any exposed undershirt on a pitcher must be solid in color and not white. pitchers may not wear sweat bands or batting gloves on **either** hand. W
4. All players must wear full uniforms. W
5. The first baseman may wear a first baseman's mitt. All others must wear gloves. **Catchers must wear catcher gloves except at the Instructional and A level. Catchers must also wear approved long model chest protectors, mask, helmet, cup, throat protector. Goalie style masks also must utilize a throat protector.** W

6. Batter, on-deck batter, player base coaches and pitchers warming up must wear helmets. Players warming up the pitcher must wear a mask. C
7. Bat barrels must be no **wider than 2 ¼"** in diameter. These will be listed somewhere on the bat. Be sure to check the Williamsport Little League rule book for illegal bat specifics.
8. Any batter who throws or loses control of a bat will get **one** warning and on the **second** offense will be called out and third offense removed from the game. W
9. Umpires shall enforce that all coaches keep non-players and parents that are not either coaching or scorekeeping off the field and the team dugout/benches. **No more than three (3) coaches inc. the scorekeeper are permitted in the dugout or playing area.** 4 coaches permitted for softball.
10. Any thrown ball that passes out of play shall be assessed as follows:
  - a. The runners shall advance one base beyond the one "attained". Attained shall be interpreted as the base the runner is on or more than ½ way to.
  - b. The position of the runners shall be judged at the time of the throw.
  - c. Out of play: At Garnet, anything within the fence lines is in play. At Sattler & Dellwood fields, a invisible line extending from the backstop out is used.
  - d. Any thrown ball which goes into the outfield is live and runners advance at their own risk of being put out. **EXCEPT** by the catcher (see Minor Boys rules for detailed rule)
11. Sliding should be taught and used at all levels of play to avoid being called out. (non-collision rule)
12. Ejections. A warning is not necessary or required. Should a coach asked to leave the game, he is to leave the park not just the playing area. He is not permitted to stand around or view the game from the stands or the parking area.
13. Games shortened to weather will be determined official **if** the home team has scored more runs in 3 & fraction (1 or 2 outs) half innings than the visiting team has scored in their 4 ½ innings. Or if four full innings have been completed regardless of who is ahead. W
14. Warm-up pitches. A total of 8 warm-up pitches for new pitchers; 6 for same pitcher or a minute (whichever is first) will be allotted to start a game or in-between innings. W
15. All judgment decisions rendered by the umpire shall prevail. You **may not** appeal (less swing appeal) any call i.e. out/safe, ball/strike etc. All protested games must be made at the time of the incident. Any protest made following the delivery of the next pitch after the call in question will be void. You may not protest any judgment calls.
16. Catcher speed up rule is in effect for all divisions. With 2 outs and catcher on base, catcher must be substituted with the person who made the last out in the lineup.
17. Keep it fun for the kids! You're youth baseball win-loss record matters not in your professional coaching careers! Kids/parents will remember you for who you are not how many wins they accomplished.