

Barnstable Little League
Minor League Division
2009 Local Rules

Official Little League rules prevail unless modified by a local rule.

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1. **Eligible players** for the Minor League must be the ages of 9,10,11,or 12 (with a 12 year old waiver signed).
2. **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 pitcher's, age and number of pitches. Each Manager, or designated scorekeeper, will compare pitch counts with the opposing team at the end of each inning. 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.
3. **Intentional walks are not permitted.** There will be no more than three(3) bunts executed, per side, per inning.
4. **Managers must utilize a “complete team” batting order** to include every player available for each game.(There will be no DH)
5. Every available player must play a minimum of every other inning in a defensive position. The following are penalties for managers failing to comply with this rule:
 - a. 1st offense: warning letter from the president.
 - b. 2nd offense: one(1) game suspension.
 - c. 3rd offense: Expulsion from the league.
6. A game shall cease and the leading team shall be awarded victory in the event the leading team is ahead by 12 or more runs after four innings of play. In the event a home team is leading by 12 or more runs after three and one half innings are completed, the home team shall not bat and the visiting team shall not take the field.
 - a. A manager has the right to concede any game he/she feels is not winnable.
 - b. An inning may not begin and play shall not continue in Saturday and Sunday games that have proceeded for two hours following the start of said games. This shall be known as “Weekend Curfew.”
7. A courtesy base runner shall be allowed, but is not required, if the base runner also serves as his team's catcher for that team, and there are two outs. A pinch runner must be selected.
8. **Only 10 batters per side shall bat per inning.** This shall be known as the “10 Man Rule.” (If less than 10 batters are in the lineup, each player may bat only once in an inning)
9. **There is no protest rule** in effect. Umpires decisions on all calls are final.
10. When a team is taking its turn at-bat, that team must provide two adult base coaches at all times. One coach must occupy the first base coach's box and the other, the third base coach's box. Base coaches must stay in the coach's box. Other coaches must remain inside the dugout. When a team is taking the playing field (defense), the manager and assistant coaches must remain in the dugout at all times unless given permission by the home plate umpire to temporarily leave the dugout. In strict accordance with Little League regulations, coaches and/or managers must not cross

the foul lines when given said permission unless an injured player must be tended to.

11. Player Injuries

- a. Once removed from a game due to injury, said player must not re-enter the game for the remainder of said game. In order to resume playing in future games and practices, said player must attain and submit written permission to the manager from his/her parent or guardian. Written conformation of said permission must be submitted to the president's office within 48 hours. In the event professional medical attention was required for the injured player, a signed note from the doctor must be submitted to the vice president/president prior to the player's continued participation.
- b. In the event a player sustains a long-term injury with more than two weeks or four games, the manager must notify the player agent. Once a manager notifies the player agent that a player has sustained a long-termed injury, the decision as to whether it is necessary to replace the injured player lies solely with the player agent and the president. In the event it is deemed an injured player shall then be place on "injured reserve" and remain on the team's roster. The replacement player also entered on the team's official roster but no replacement player shall be added to give a team more that 14 players on its official roster. If an injured player is placed on "injured reserve" and is able to return before the end of the season, the manager will be required to play with all rostered players and continue to abide by the "complete team batting order" rule. The replacement player may come from a waiting list of age-eligible players maintained by the president and vice president of the minors division.

10. Player Conduct

- c. All players, managers, and coaches are expected to adhere to the Barnstable Little League Code of Conduct. In order to maintain team decorum and a healthy atmosphere, it may become necessary at times for managers to impose or remind players and coaches of the Code of Conduct. Should a player's behavior require further attention or it is in the manager's recommendation that a player's behavior requires removal from a team; the manager should consult with and obtain approval from the vice president-minors and player agent prior to player removal. In such an event where it is deemed necessary to remove a player from a team, the VP-minors and player agent must in turn receive approval from the league president prior to any course of action. Please refer to the Code of Conduct for more information regarding player/manager conduct guidelines.
- d. Any time a player is removed from a team, regardless of the reason, The player agent MUST be notified. The player agent will contact the player's family to verify that the player will no longer be able to participate. The player agent will advise the manager of the status of a replacement player. Then and only then may the manager contact the replacement player.

11. Managers and coaches

- a. All managers and coaches/assistant coaches are subject to annual approval. Each team may have no more than two (2) official assistant coaches. Assistant coaches added to a roster after the submittal of the official roster must NOT participate until an official Little League Volunteer Application has been filled out and submitted to the VP and/or president. In the event a

coach must be replaced on a permanent basis, notification of a replacement coach must be made to the president within 72 hours. In the event a manager requires a temporary assistant coach, that temporary assistant coach may not enter the playing field – either in practice or game situations – without first having filled out and submitted to the VP and/or president a Volunteer Application form.

12. Managers are responsible for ensuring that equipment and uniforms they Issue to their team are properly cared for and returned to the league at the end of the season. No child will receive any trophies or awards at the end of the season if his/her uniform has not been returned.
13. Each manager is expected to schedule a minimum of one practice per week during the regular season. No team is permitted to practice more than three time per week during the regular season.
14. In the event of inclement weather, Little League rules state that opposing Managers MUST agree to play or not to play a scheduled game. This decision may only be made within two hours before the start of said scheduled game. If opposing managers cannot agree or are not available to render a prompt and timely decision, the league president or vice president shall decide whether games will be played.
 - a. As soon as it is learned a game will NOT be played, it is the Responsibility of the HOME team to notify the Vice President, umpires, scorers, and snack bar volunteer.
 - b. Any postponed game will be made up on the first available open date.
15. Managers are to keep their players apprised of and promote participation in any league special event or activity.
16. Managers are to encourage parental involvement in all league activities. Managers are, however, also responsible not only for their players' behavior on the playing or practice field, they are also responsible for the behavior of the players' parents, guardians, siblings, or other fans. Taunting, jeering, baiting the umpires, booing, heckling or any other inappropriate behavior from fans in attendance, for any reason whatsoever, may result in immediate forfeit of the game being played. Umpires and league officials have the right to deem a game forfeited in the event such misbehavior occurs.

Signed and approved by _____
President, Barnstable Little League on this ____ day of _____

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Vice President, Minors,BLL on this _____ day of _____