

## Newton Little League (NLL) Major League Rules: 2018

Rules in the Williamsport Rule Book (Greenbook) shall apply to play in Newton Little League (NLL) except where there is a conflict with the specific rules set forth below. In case of such a conflict, the following NLL rules shall govern when a NLL team is the “Home Team” in the game. If NLL is the visiting team, then that home team’s League’s rules shall apply. The commissioner’s interpretation of these Rules shall be final. Intentional violation of one or more Rules may result in game forfeiture and/or ineligibility to participate in subsequent seasons.

1. Any player who arrives before the first pitch of the game must play at least three (3) innings in the field and any player who arrives before the final out of the third inning must play at least one inning in the field, except in those cases where a full six inning game cannot be played because of darkness or rain, or where a player on the visiting team cannot play his final inning because the home team wins without having to bat in the bottom of the sixth, or where a player is unable to continue playing because of an injury.
2. The 3 innings in the field referenced above do not need to be consecutive. Players will bat in rotation (continuous batting order) whether playing in the field or not. There are free substitutions in the field, with the exception of the pitcher.
3. As referenced above, NLL will implement a continuous batting order which will include all present roster players at the game. If a player arrives after a game begins, that player is inserted into the end of the lineup.
4. Managers are required to give opposing managers line-ups prior to each game.
5. Nine players are allowed in the field. An official game can be played with as few as 8 players. Games should be delayed for up to 15 minutes to allow each team to field 8 players. After that time, if a team still cannot field 8 players the opposing team will win by forfeiture provided that team has at least 8 players. If a team plays with 8 players, it does not automatically take an out in the 9<sup>th</sup> spot.

6. Home teams will use the 3<sup>rd</sup> base bench and visitors the 1<sup>st</sup> base bench.
7. The manager of the home team has the authority to cancel a game because of inclement weather prior to the start of the game. To do so, he must call the opposing manager and the appropriate head umpire. After the start of the game, only the umpire may call the game. Please use the website to affect changes for cancels/reschedules.
8. Cancelled games must be rescheduled as soon as possible.
9. To protest a game, the manager must inform the umpire and the opposing manager before the next pitch is thrown. The protesting manager must also send a letter or call the commissioner within 24 hours. Protests can only be filed if a rule is broken. Protests do not apply in cases of judgment calls, weather, or behavior.
10. For regular season games, Greenbook rules will apply for tie games. Extra innings will be played in all playoff games.
11. Batting helmets must be worn by all batters, base runners, and player coaching bases.
12. Adults may serve as coaches at both bases, but NLL encourages its teams to utilize player base coaches.
13. NO SLASHING (show bunt, pull back and swing). Slashing will result in the batter being called out.
14. Dropped third strike rule applies.
15. Runners must slide or avoid when taking a base. Fielders not in possession of the ball need to be out of base lines. No head first slides except back into bases.
16. **Zero Tolerance Policy:** NLL has a zero tolerance policy related to participants, including umpires. Managers and coaches should not complain, make comments, or in anyway criticize the umpires. As a Manager, you are responsible for the conduct of your players and parents. If

you have a complaint about an umpire, please contact the League Commissioner.

Policy: All persons associated with the team, including players, coaches, and spectators shall support the umpires.

**Absolutely no demonstrative behavior, sarcasm, harassment, or intimidation by coaches, players or parents will be tolerated.**

Umpires will report such behavior to League Commissioners. Any player/coach who is ejected will be subject to a mandatory one-game suspension.