

The following rules have been established by Little League Baseball® Official Regulations and will be strictly enforced by Grand Island Little League.  
Please plan accordingly.

Should you have any questions, contact:  
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#### **Rule 1.08 – ON-DECK POSITION & SWINGING OF THE BAT**

##### **Tee Ball through Majors**

##### **The On-deck Position (or Swinging of the bat), or Is Not Permitted At All Anywhere!!!!**

- Players are not allowed to hold a bat in their hands until the umpire calls them to bat.
- At that point, they are permitted to pick up their bat (from a controlled area, bat rack, and proceed to home plate to take their position in the batters box.
- They may take a couple of practice swings on their way to home plate.
- Players are not permitted to take practice swings in between innings and/or while the pitcher is warming up.
- **This is to include areas outside of the playing area.**

#### **Rule 1.10 – BAT RULES**

- The bat must be a baseball bat which meets the USA Baseball Bat standard (USABat) as adopted by Little League.
- It shall be a smooth, rounded stick, and made of wood or of material and color tested and proved acceptable to the USA Baseball Bat standard (USABat).
- Beginning with the 2018 season, non-wood and laminated bats used in the Little League (Majors) and below, Intermediate (50-70) Division, Junior League divisions, and Challenger division shall bear the USA Baseball logo signifying that the bat meets the USABat – USA Baseball's Youth Bat Performance Standard. All BPF – 1.15 bats will be prohibited beginning with the 2018 season.
- Additionally, starting in 2018, the bat diameter shall not exceed  $2\frac{5}{8}$  inches for these divisions of play.
- Additional information is available at [LittleLeague.org/batinfo](http://LittleLeague.org/batinfo).

#### **Senior League:**

- It shall not be more than 36 inches in length, nor more than  $2\frac{5}{8}$  inches in diameter, and if wood, not less than fifteen-sixteenths (15/16) inches in diameter ( $\frac{7}{8}$  inch for bats less than 30") at its smallest part.
- Wood bats taped or fitted with a sleeve may not exceed eighteen (18) inches from the small end.
- The bat shall not weigh, numerically, more than three ounces less than the length of the bat (e.g., a 33-inch-long bat cannot weigh less than 30 ounces).
- All bats not made of a single piece of wood shall meet the Batted Ball Coefficient of Restitution (BBCOR) performance standard, and such bats shall be so labeled with a silkscreen or other permanent certification mark.
- The certification mark shall be rectangular, a minimum of a half-inch on each side and located on the barrel of the bat in any contrasting color.
- Aluminum/alloy and composite bats shall be marked as to their material makeup being aluminum/alloy or composite.
- This marking shall be silkscreen or other permanent certification mark, a minimum of one-half-inch on each side, and located on the barrel of the bat in any contrasting color.

## **Softball:**

- The bat must be a softball bat which meets Little League specifications and standards as noted in this rule. It shall be a smooth, rounded stick and made of wood or a material tested and proved acceptable to Little League standards.
- The bat shall be no more than 33 inches (34 inches for **Junior/Senior League**) in length, not more than two and one-quarter (2¼) inches in diameter, and if wood, not less than fifteen-sixteenth (15/16) inches in diameter (7/8 inch for bats less than 30 inches) at its smallest part.
- Non-wood bats shall be printed with a BPF (bat performance factor) of 1.20.
- Bats may be taped or fitted with a sleeve for a distance not exceeding 16 inches from the small end. Colored bats are acceptable.
- A non-wood bat must have a grip of cork, tape or composition material, and must extend a minimum of 10 inches from the small end.
- Slippery tape or similar material is prohibited.

**An illegal or altered bat WILL be removed.**

## **Rule 1.10, Note 2**

- Batting donuts are not permitted.

## **Rule 1.16 – BATTING HELMETS**

- All batting helmets must follow these guidelines:
- Batting helmet conforms to NOCSAE standard
- Nonglare finish
- Items to check:
  - NOCSAE stamp and external warning label present
  - Absence of any paint, stickers, or decals that are not approved by helmet manufacturer or authorized dealer.
  - Alterations of any kind that were not performed by manufacturer or authorized dealer
  - Padding is present and undetached
  - Cracks and other hazardous damage
- All helmets must bear the NOCSAE stamp.
- Helmets may not be repainted and may not contain tape or re-applied or new decals.
- Label your child's helmet by using a Sharpie type pen.

## **Rule 1.11 (j) \_ JEWELRY RULE**

- Players must not wear watches, rings, pins, jewelry or other metallic items, with the exception of objects that alert medical personnel to a specific condition.
- LL HQ interpretation: sunglasses, when not worn over the eyes, are considered jewelry (e.g., no sunglasses on the hat - they must be worn as sunglasses or left in the dugout).

## **Rule 1.17 CATCHER HELMET/SAFETY**

- A player warming up a pitcher must be wearing a helmet with mask and dangling throat protector as a minimum.
- Catchers or any player shagging balls for the coach during infield or outfield warm ups must have a helmet and mask on at all times.

## **Rule 2.00 "Bench or Dugout", Rule 3.17, Rule XIV (b) – BAT BOYS/BAT GIRLS**

- No bat boys/bat girls under any circumstances.

## **Rule 2.00 - "Bench or Dugout", Rule 3.17**

- Nobody other than players, manager, and up to two additional coaches are permitted in the dugout.

### **Rule 3.09 – WARMNG UP A PITCHER**

- No manager, coach, or any other adult volunteer, is permitted to be on the field or in the bullpen for the purpose of warming up a pitcher.
- According to the Little League Baseball® Official Regulations, Playing Rules, and Policies– Manager or coaches must not warm up a pitcher at home plate or in the bullpen or elsewhere at any time.
- They may, however, stand by to observe a pitcher during warm-up in the bullpen.

Note: **This rule is applicable in all levels of Little League play.**