

Huntington West Little League

2018 Standing Rules

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I. Regulations

A. League

1. Board of Directors Elections

- a. The election will be held by secret ballot at the annual meeting of membership held on closing day.
- b. The General Membership will be notified of the date at least thirty (30) days prior to the election date.
- c. The General Membership will be notified of the candidates for elected officers at least five (5) days prior to the annual election.
- d. Nominations will be closed five (5) days prior to the election and no additional nominations will be accepted after that time without approval of the Board.
- e. All elections will be by majority vote of all Members voting or represented by a properly executed and signed absentee ballot filed with the Secretary prior to the election date.
- f. Officers will be elected for two (2) year terms.
- g. A director must attend 60% of Board meetings in order to be eligible to vote for the All Star Managers and Coaches.

2. General Board

a. The Equipment Manager will:

- Be the chairperson of the Equipment Committee.
- Appoint the members of the Equipment Committee.
- Purchase all equipment required for the League upon approval of the Board.
- Provide a copy of all invoices to the Treasurer.
- Keep a current inventory of, and maintain all, playing equipment.
- Distribute and collect all playing equipment.
- Present an annual budget to the Board.

b. The League Scorekeeper will:

- Be responsible for the training of all staff scorekeepers that have been provided by each team.

- Compile weekly records of all scheduled games and League standings for each division. Make these records available to the League and the League Information Officer.
- Sign the official records of every game, which will then be considered official and the basis of settlement in the event of any dispute.
- Keep the score sheets for all scheduled games as official documents.
- Be responsible for posting the sunset times.
- Compile and maintain pitching eligibility.

c. The Field Maintenance Manager will:

- Be responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of all playing facilities, structures and facilities related equipment.
- Schedule, and be directly responsible for, work parties for Field Maintenance Day.
- Appoint assistants if necessary.
- Present an annual budget to the Board.

d. The Trophies Chairperson will:

- Obtain quotes for the trophy prices to present to the Board for choice and approval.
- Be responsible for ordering and delivering the trophies for all teams.

e. The Yearbook Chairperson will:

- Be responsible for collecting photographs from all teams and from the Picture Day Chairperson.
- Must obtain quotes from printers and submit them to the Board for choice and approval.
- Distribute the yearbook on Closing Day.

f. The Picture Day Chairperson will:

- Be responsible for all arrangements of League photographs for Picture Day, MakeUp Picture Day and All Stars Pictures.
- Create schedules for Picture Day and distribute photographs to teams.
- Work with Sponsorship and Yearbook Chairpersons when necessary.

g. The Opening Day/Closing Day Coordinator will:

- Oversee the Silent Auction/Basket fundraiser.
- Create and distribute (through the Snack Bar Manager) a volunteer schedule.
- Organize the Player Parade.
- Be responsible for all decorations.

h. The Snack Bar Manager will Manage all activities associated with the operation of the Snack Bar including:

- Purchase all items for sale.

- Schedule the operation by League volunteers.
- Account for all monies, deposit nightly and report deposits to the Treasurer within 48 hours of purchase. If receipts are not received within 48 hours, reimbursement will be jeopardized.
- Oversee operations during all games, tryouts and events during the spring season and all tournaments hosted by Huntington West Little League "HWLL." · Snack bar form must be completed in its entirety.

3. Miscellaneous

- a. All standard rules published by Little League Baseball "LLB" International will apply.
- b. HWLL provides a smoke-free environment for our families. The use of tobacco/electronic cigarettes in any form is prohibited on the HWLL complexes.
- c. Drug/Alcohol use is not permitted anywhere on HWLL properties. In addition, any league volunteer, player, parent or spectator who displays behaviors suggestive of drug or alcohol intoxication will be asked to leave HWLL grounds immediately.
- d. Pets are not permitted at the HWLL complexes. Assistance animals are exempt from this rule.
- e. Bicycle riding, skateboarding, roller-skating/blading and scooter riding is prohibited in the bowl/spectator areas.

B. Managers and Coaches

1. Good sportsmanship, safety and leadership must be displayed at all times.
2. Use of profanity is strictly prohibited and may result in game ejection and/or suspension.
3. Managers will be held financially responsible for the return of team equipment subject to approval by the Board.
4. In the event of an umpire no show, managers and coaches should notify Officer on Duty and Umpire-in-Chief "UIC."
5. The Umpire-In-Chief will notify the Divisional Vice President when a Manager, or representative of, misses any scheduled umpiring assignment.
6. The League Scorekeeper will notify the Divisional Vice President when a Manager, or representative of, violates a mandatory playing rule or pitching eligibility.
7. The Home Team in Seniors, Juniors, Intermediate, Majors, Minor A and Minor B are responsible for providing the official scorekeeper for the game. The Visiting Team is responsible for operating the electronic scoreboard on Minor B, Minor A, and Majors' fields.

8. The Scorekeeper for the Visiting Team in Seniors, Juniors, Intermediate, Majors, Minor A, Minor B, and Minor C is responsible for keeping the pitch count for the game.
9. Senior, Junior, Intermediate, Major, Minor A and Minor B Managers are to supply the Official Scorekeeper, at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to game time, with the team line up (including uniform number, full name, starting positions and absent players). Each Manager must report all substitutions when they are made to the Official Scorekeeper. In the event there are no defensive substitutions being made from the previous inning, the Manager must communicate this to the official scorekeeper prior to his team taking defense.

10. Player Attendance.

- a. Any player missing two (2) consecutive scheduled practices during the preseason or one (1) scheduled practice and one (1) game in one (1) League week without an excuse must be reported to the Player Agent.
- b. All players must be accounted for in the Official Scorebook, even if not present at the game. After two (2) consecutive missed games, the Manager must notify the Player Agent. Failure to notify the Player Agent may result in suspension.

11. Field Preparation.

- a. The Home Team Manager is responsible for getting the field ready at least thirty (30) minutes prior to game time. This includes: dragging, watering, chalking, installing the bases, preparing the umpire equipment, and putting out trash cans. Each team is responsible for their dugout.
- b. The Visiting Team Manager is responsible for cleaning up after the game is over. This includes: dragging, watering, sweeping the spectator area, emptying trash cans, and locking equipment, umpire equipment, and trash cans in the storage shed. Each team is responsible for their dugout. Teams playing the last game of the day are responsible for reorganizing their equipment bin.
- c. If the visiting team is from another league, HWLL is responsible for all field preparation and clean up.

12. Managers and Coaches are responsible for instructing their players in accordance with Section C (Players) of this document. If a player violates any of those rules, the Manager must submit, in writing to the Player Agent, the violations. After receiving permission from the Board, the Manager must notify the player's parents regarding the nature and reasons for the approved discipline.

13. Managers and Coaches are responsible for sportsmanlike conduct of the parents. The Manager should make this point clear during the parent meeting. Repeated unsportsmanlike conduct will result in stoppage of play or suspension of the game until the conduct ceases.

14. Failure to comply with any of the above may result in discipline, suspension or Manager removal by the Board. Manager grievances, recommendations, or suggestions should be submitted in writing to the Divisional Vice President for review and/or action by the Board.

15. Managers/Coaches are subject to Board approval.

C. Players

- a. Good sportsmanship and proper dugout behavior must be displayed at all times.
- b. All players must remain in the dugout area or field unless they have permission from the Manager or Coach.
- c. Positive cheering is encouraged as long as it is not disruptive to the game.
- d. Display of temper such as, but not limited to, the following is strictly prohibited: bat throwing, helmet throwing, use of profanity, or use of any obscene gesture.
- e. Violation of any of the above rules may result in benching, removal from the game or further action if deemed appropriate by the Board. A player ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct jeopardizes his/her All Star eligibility.

D. Umpires

- a. In the event that a scheduled umpire is not available, both team Managers may agree on a qualified substitute.
- b. No umpire will be under the age of sixteen (16) unless approved by the UIC.
- c. **ANY** request for the scheduling of a Junior umpire must be approved through the UIC on a per game basis.
- d. In the event two Junior umpires are on the field, the Home Team must supply an Adult Field Umpire "AFU" to be in the stands for the duration of the game. A Board Member may also be the AFU if necessary; this may also be the responsibility of the Officer on Duty "OOD." The AFU is responsible only for determining weather or safety issues (i.e., game called due to weather or darkness), or player injury. He/she is not allowed to overrule a call or ruling by the Junior Umpires.
- e. No relative of a player or coach may be scheduled to umpire a game where there is a perceived conflict of interest. In the event of such situation the Manager must notify the OOD. Upon mutual acceptance by both Managers, relatives umpiring may be acceptable.

E. Selection of Players

- a. Try Outs. All prospective candidates league age seven (7) and older must try out unless the player's absence is approved by the Board. At the parent's request, league age six (6) players may elect to try out for the Minor C division. Any returning HWLL player that misses Try Outs will be ineligible to play unless board approved.

b. Drafts.

- a. The Senior, Junior, Intermediate, Major, Minor A, Minor B and Minor C divisions utilize a draft system to form teams.
- b. There is no try out or draft for Farm and T-Ball divisions. Attendance at the draft will be restricted to: the Manager or a board approved designate; the President; the Vice President of the drafting division; the Player Agent; and clerical help as designated by the Player Agent.
- c. No outside calls or other media correspondence will be permitted during the draft unless there is an emergency.
- d. Nine (9) year old candidates are not eligible for drafting to the Major division. A league age nine (9) year old must play no lower than Minor B.
- e. Sharing of draft information by manager(s) or coaches with anyone outside of the draft may result in removal of the Manager by the Board.

c. Replacement Players.

- a. A Manager who loses a player for any reason must notify the Player Agent within twenty-four (24) hours. During the last two (2) weeks of the regular season, no changes will be made to the rosters. Once the loss has been verified and it is determined that there is a permanent team roster vacancy, the Player Agent will provide a list of eligible replacement players. The Manager has 48 hours to select a player from the list provided. It is the responsibility of the Player Agent to contact the parents of the replacement player and the current Manager of the player.
- b. A player requesting to be on the waiting list must complete the registration form, provide proof of age and provide proof of residency. If the player declines to be selected as a replacement player he/she is ineligible to be drafted to any team for the remainder of the season, including Tournament of Champions and/or All Stars.
- c. Major Division vacancies will be filled in the following order: (1) from the Major player waiting list, (2) the Minor A Division rosters.
 - c.1 If the player lost is league age twelve (12) or eleven (11), the replacement player must be of equal age to the player lost or be selected from a list of eligible replacement players and cannot refuse to be selected as a replacement player.
 - c.2 If the player lost is league age ten (10), the replacement player must be the same age or older. If a league age ten (10) player refuses to be drafted up to Majors, that player will not be eligible to be drafted up the remainder of the season including Tournament of Champions and/or All Stars.

- c.3 Minor Division vacancies will be filled from the player waiting list. If there are no eligible players on the waiting list, the Manager can select a player from the next lower division rosters.
- d. In the Majors division if a player is lost for the season the Manager must select a replacement player.
- e. Minor Division teams must maintain a roster of no less than one (1) less than the original drafted number of players subject to Player Agent or Vice President approval.

F. Standings and Division Championships

1. League Standings

- a. In the Senior, Junior, Intermediate, Majors, Minor A, and Minor B divisions, the standings shall be total games played that will include wins, losses, and ties. Only games amongst teams from HWLL will count in the standings.
 - a.1. In the event of a tie, the following will be used to determine a division winner between the teams: The first tie break is head to head results, second tie break is runs allowed, third tie break will be runs scored.
- b. No standings shall be kept for Minor C, Farm, or T-Ball Divisions.
- c. Division Playoff Tournament for Senior, Junior, Intermediate, Major, Minor A, and Minor B:
 - c.1. Teams will be seeded based on regular season results.
 - c.2. The board of directors will determine the end of season tournament format (i.e.: Double-elimination, single-elimination, round robin, etc.) prior to the first game of the season. Consideration for tournament format should be done based on the number of teams in each specific division.
 - c.3. A coin flip will determine who has the choice of home team for each game within the HWLL Division Playoff Tournament.
 - c.4. First Place winner of the HWLL Division Playoffs for each division will be the #1 seed for the district's Tournament of Champions. Second place winner will be the #2 seed for the district's Tournament of Champions.

II. Playing Rules

A. General

- 1. Prior to Opening Day, teams may participate in practices and/or games a maximum number of three (3) times per week. After Opening Day, teams may participate in practices and/or games a maximum number of four (4) times per week.

2. All divisions will use a continuous batting order that will include all players on the team roster present for the game. This is a modification of Section 4.04 of the LLB Playing Rules.

B. Inability to field a team. Although the inability to field a team of nine-(9) players is not an automatic forfeiture, the board of directors will examine each occurrence. If the board of directors determines the failure was avoidable, the game will be forfeited by a majority vote of the board.

C. A game that is cancelled due to a rainout may or may not be rescheduled.

D. The 10-run rule (also known as the Mercy Rule) of LLB 4.10(e) is in effect for all competitive divisions.

E. A regulation game for Majors and below, per LLB PR&R 4.10 is six (6) innings. In the event that a game that has reached four (4) innings is called due to rain or other legitimate safety issue, it will be considered a regulation game per rule 4.11. Every effort should be made to have each game reach six (6) innings.

1. If a game is rained out, or called before it has become a regulation game, the Divisional Vice President will schedule the game to be played or resumed at the first available open date. It might not be played or completed. A game that has been called before it has become a regulation game will be resumed at exactly the point of suspension, per LLB rules 4.01 and 4.11.

F. Junior and Senior Divisions

1. No new inning will begin after two (2) hours and thirty (30) minutes of play or fifteen (15) minutes prior to the start of the next scheduled game or official sunset time.

2. If a team does not have enough players to start a game, the Manager must utilize the Pool Player System. The Manager must contact the Division Vice President to acquire a player from the Pool Player List and may not contact players and/or parents directly. The Vice President will use a rotating list of players. When Pool Players are used, the roster for the game cannot exceed ten (10) players. Pool players will wear the uniform of their own team and must be identified on the line-up sheet and in the scorebook. Pool Players may not start the game unless the team cannot field nine (9) rostered players and they can bat anywhere in the line-up. Pool Players may not pitch.

G. 50/70 Intermediate Division

1. 50/70 Intermediate Division is offered to League Age eleven (11) to thirteen (13).

2. No new inning will begin fifteen (15) minutes prior to the official sunset time.

3. The 10-run rule (also known as the Mercy Rule) of LLB 4.10(e) is in effect for the 50/70 Intermediate Division.

H. Major Division

1. No new inning will begin fifteen (15) minutes prior to the official sunset time.
2. For games tied after six (6) innings (and not subject to sunset rule) the length of play is at the discretion of the umpire and crew.
3. The 10-run rule (also known as the Mercy Rule) of LLB 4.10(e) is in effect for the Major division.

I. Minor A Division

1. No new inning will begin after two (2) hours and fifteen (15) minutes of play or fifteen (15) minutes prior to the official sunset time.
2. Every player on a team roster will participate in each game for a minimum of nine (9) defensive outs. This is a modification of Section IV(i) of the LL Official Regulations.
3. In either, the declared last inning or the sixth (6th) inning each team can score more than five runs, limited to the number of players present at the game.
4. The 10-run rule (also known as the Mercy Rule) of LLB 4.10(e) is in effect for the Minor A division.

J. Minor B Division

1. No new inning will begin after two (2) hours and fifteen (15) minutes of play or fifteen (15) minutes prior to the official sunset time.
2. Every player on a team roster will participate in each game for a minimum of nine (9) defensive outs. This is a modification of Section IV(i) of the LL Official Regulations.
3. Every player on a team roster will play at least one (1) inning in the infield per game. Any issues pertaining to player shall be at the Boards decision (i.e: Safety Issues of Player).
4. In either, the declared last inning or the sixth (6th) inning each team can score more than five (5) runs, limited to the number of players present at the game.
5. The 10-run rule (also known as the Mercy Rule) of LLB 4.10(e) is in effect for the Minor B division.
6. Per D62, you may begin a game with a minimum of eight (8) players for the first inning. At the start of the second inning, each team must have nine (9) players. If either team does not have nine (9) players, the Umpire will be excused, and the game will be forfeited by the team without nine (9) players. Managers may decide whether or not to scrimmage.

K. Minor C Division

1. A regulation game will end with six (6) innings or one (1) hour and thirty (30) minutes, whichever comes first.

2. No player may play in the same position for more than two (2) innings per game.
3. Every player on a team roster will play at least two (2) innings in the infield per game.
4. Each of a team's players present at a game must sit out one (1) inning before any of the team's players sits out a second (2nd) inning.
5. An inning will end with three (3) outs or when all batters in the lineup have batted.
6. The infield fly rule does not apply.
7. Pitching infractions will not be enforced.
8. HWLL is adopting District 62 Minor C rules.
9. A player may pitch a maximum of thirty-five (35) pitches per game.
10. Bunting and base stealing is allowed beginning game six (6) but not when a coach is pitching.
11. When the ball is overthrown at any base, runners may *only* advance one base.
12. Outfielders cannot make an unassisted play at a base.
13. The ball is dead and play stops when the ball is in the possession of the pitcher and he/she makes no further attempt to continue the play to get a runner out.

L. Farm Division

1. A regulation game will end with six (6) innings or one (1) hour, whichever comes first. No new inning begins after 45 minutes.
2. No player may play in the same position for more than two (2) innings per game.
3. Every player on a team roster will play at least two (2) innings in the infield per game.
4. Each of a team's players present at a game must sit out one (1) inning before any of the team's players sits out a second (2nd) inning.
5. An inning will end with three (3) outs or when all batters in the lineup have batted, whichever occurs first.
6. The infield fly rule does not apply.
7. No base stealing is allowed.
8. A maximum number of seven (7) pitches will be thrown by the coach pitcher to a batter. There will be no called strikes; however, swinging strikes count and the batter can strike

out. The batter must swing at the seventh (7th) pitch. If the seventh (7th) pitch from the coach pitcher is hit foul, the batter will receive an additional pitch and for each foul hit thereafter.

9. No bunting is allowed.
10. When the ball is overthrown at any base, runners may *only* advance one base.
11. Outfielders cannot make an unassisted play at a base.
12. The ball is dead and play stops when the ball is in the possession of the pitcher, and he/she makes no further attempt to continue the play to get a runner out.
13. The offensive team will provide adult coaches in the coaches' boxes at first and third base. The Manager or Coach from the defensive team may be positioned behind the catcher to assist. Managers and/or Coaches may confer with the players for instructional purposes, but such conferences should be minimized in order to avoid delaying the game.

M. T-Ball Division

1. Players may utilize the batting tee or a pitched ball (by a coach). A maximum of five (5) pitches will be thrown by the coach pitcher. If no ball is put in play then the tee must be utilized.
2. A regulation game will end with three (3) innings or one (1) hour, whichever comes first.
3. No player may play in the same position for more than one (1) inning per game.
4. Every player on a team roster will play at least one (1) inning in the infield per game.
5. Each player will bat in every inning. When the defensive team makes an out, the offensive player will be removed from the base. When the last batter hits, he/she rounds the bases.
6. The infield fly rule does not apply.
7. No base stealing is allowed.
8. No bunting is allowed.
9. When the ball is overthrown at any base, runners are not allowed to advance.

III. All Stars

- A. All Star Managers: To be eligible to be an All Star Manager, candidates must be a current Manager or Rostered Coach in the age division they wish to manage, and submit in writing to the President their desire to be a candidate. The President will present interested candidates and the EB will vote. The Manager with the most votes will be selected as the All Star Manager for the division, with final approval from the President and Executive

Board. The All-Star Managers will pick the coaching staff he/she will use to help coach the tournament team according to Green Book rules, pending the President and Executive Board approval.

- B. All Star Teams: may consist of the following tournament teams: Senior, Junior, Intermediate Little League (10/11/12), 9/10/11, 8/9/10, 8/9 (aka Superstars). At the discretion of the Executive Board, some teams may not be created due to low enrollment for a particular age bracket.
- C. All Star Players: Selection Procedures for all teams: The Player Agent will prepare a ballot listing all eligible candidates. Players may vote for up to twelve (12) players. The top five (5) players receiving the most votes are appointed to the All Star team. Managers and Rostered Coaches vote for up to twelve (12) players in their division and the top three (3) will be selected. If it is clearly apparent that a ballot vote appears to be biased, the Executive Board has the discretion to nullify their ballot. Any eligible player receiving a vote is eligible to fill the remaining roster spots. Those roster spots will be chosen by the selected All Star Manager. If there is a player not on the eligibility list that the All Star Manager would like to select, the All Star Manager needs to receive approval from the Executive Board. All tournament teams will have at least twelve (12) players on their rosters. The All-Star Manager has the option of adding up to fourteen (14) players to the active roster. In the event a player is lost from the active roster, the All Star Manager may choose a replacement from the eligible list of candidates. Younger players eligible to play up at a higher age level in All Stars (e.g., an eleven (11) year old plays on the eleven/twelve (11/12 team) must be one of the top eight (8) players for that division, determined by All Star votes. If such a player exists, his/her parents must be asked for their approval before a player moves up an age bracket. Any such player being considered for a higher age bracket must also receive approval from the League President and the Executive Board.
- D. Superstar Players: Superstars is an unofficial D-62 tournament made up of eight (8) and nine (9) year old's to prepare them for All Stars. Superstars are selected by the Superstar Manager.

IV. Miscellaneous

A. Awards

1. A Good Sportsmanship Award will be given to one (1) player per team in all divisions. These players will be recognized at Closing Ceremonies. After conferring with the Coach of Record and Assistant Coach, the Manager will select the player that best meets the following criteria:
 - a. Helps other players.
 - b. Always tries hard.
 - c. Displays enthusiasm and team spirit.

- d. Sets a good example for others.
- e. Plays fair at all times.
- f. Loses gracefully.
- g. Doesn't argue with the Umpires.
- h. Is polite and courteous.
- i. Always does what the Manager asks him/her.
- j. Is a good team player.

2. The Board will accept written or verbal nominations for the Volunteer of the Year Award until fourteen (14) days prior to Closing Ceremonies. The winner will be recognized at Closing Ceremonies.

B. Amendments. These Standing Rules may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Board at any scheduled monthly or special meeting (no more than two Board members may be absent from the meeting). Written notice of such proposed change over the signature of the Secretary must be provided to each member of the Board at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting at which such proposed change(s) will be submitted to vote.