

## **2018 EAST GREENWICH LITTLE LEAGUE MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL RULES AND GUIDELINES**

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### **Players**

1. Any 12 year- old must be drafted to a major league team.
2. Only players who have declared themselves eligible, AND have attended at least one of the posted tryout sessions, will be eligible to be drafted into the Major League
3. All teams will consist of 12 players selected through the draft
4. The draft will be conducted with the league director, the league president, and the managers and coaches only from each team present.
5. The draft will be held before the last day of March.
6. **Substitutions: During the regular season, up until May 27<sup>th</sup>, teams will follow a continuous batting order. Players may be subbed in freely in between innings. Starting May 28<sup>th</sup>, teams may follow Rule 3.03**
7. **During the playoffs, Rule 3.03 is in effect.** (Player can only re-enter the game after the player who replaced them has batted and played at least six consecutive outs.)
8. **A player who is present and physically able to play will not remain on the bench for more than three innings in any six inning game.**
9. If a player does not receive his/her minimum playing time in a game, he must play the entire next game.
10. **Pitchers:**
  - a) The manager must remove the pitcher when said pitcher reaches the limit for his/her age group, as noted below, but the pitcher may remain in the game at another position. (Regulation VI (C)) **A pitcher who delivers 41 or more pitches in a game cannot play the position of catcher for the remainder of that day.**

<b>League Age:</b>		
	<b>11 – 12</b>	<b>85 pitches per day</b>
	<b>9 – 10</b>	<b>75 pitches per day</b>

*Exception:* If a pitcher reaches the limit imposed in Regulation VI (C) for his/her league age while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch until that batter reaches base, that batter is put out, or, the third out is made to complete the half-inning.

Exception 2: "Any player who has played the position of catcher for 4 or more innings in a game, is not eligible to pitch on that calendar day."

**Days rest** requirements (Option 1) are outlined in the Official Rules Book.

b) A pitcher once removed from the mound cannot return as pitcher.

c) **Any** player on a regular season team may pitch. NOTE: There is no limit to the number of pitchers a team may use in a game.

d) Pitchers league age 14 and under must adhere to the following rules regarding days rest

\*If a player pitches 66 or more pitches in a day, four (4) calendar days of rest must be observed

\*If a player pitches 51-65 pitches in a day, three (3) calendar days of rest must be observed

\*If a player pitches 36-50 pitches in a day, two (2) calendar days of rest must be observed

\*If a player pitches 21-35 pitches in a day, (1) calendar day of rest must be observed

\* If a player pitches 0-20 pitches in a day, no (0) day of rest is required

11. ~~No curve balls are allowed to be thrown by any pitcher during the regular season or play-offs. Any pitcher throwing a curve ball will be issued one warning by the umpire, and upon the second infraction be removed as a pitcher from the game. Player is still allowed to play in the game, however, they cannot pitch.~~ I know we passed the curve ball rule but I'm not sure what the specifics were.

12. Any team which does not have enough players for a specific game may use ten year old players from another Major League team for that specific game. If ten year old players from the Majors are not available, the manager may then go to a ten year old from the AAA League. Before doing this, team manager must notify the Major League Director, who will get approval from the player's parents. If a player is taken from the AAA League, the player will return to their AAA team after the game.

13. All ten year olds in AAA or Majors are eligible for one-game call ups, with parental and League Director approval, regardless if they participated in the draft or not.

14. The manager is required to notify the League Director of any loss of a player, whether temporary or permanent. To draft a new player during the season, a manager must first contact the League Director about the loss of an existing player and the reason for the loss. **The replacement player must be selected from the original try-out list and players who were eligible for the draft.** This means the

draftee must have come to the try-outs and declared themselves eligible for the Major Leagues. The name of the player decided upon, must be given to the League Director, who will call the child and parents. The manager and/or coach cannot have any contact with the player or family until he/she has been chosen to be on the team. If there is any contact, that manager and/or coach will be subject to suspension from the League.

15. Regardless if the player is from the Majors or AAA, the player who is substituting cannot pitch. The intent of the rule is for the substitute player to have a minimal effect upon the outcome of the game
16. A player will not be replaced during the last two weeks of the regular season or during the playoffs.
17. If a player arrives late to the game due to a “school team” game. He will be placed in the 12th spot of the continuous batting order, regardless of which spot is due up.
18. A player may participate in tournament play provided the player has been a member of a major league team for more than 60% of the regular season, with the exception of the school baseball season. A member is defined as being on the roster (**Page T6** of the Official Rules Book).

## **Managers**

1. Current managers and current coaches approved by the EPLL Board of Directors and submitted the volunteer form (Little League background check form complete with picture ID). No other substitutes/fill-ins/mgr. appointed persons will be allowed without approval from the League Director/EPLL Board.
2. Anyone who participates with a team during games and practices must fill out a volunteer form.
3. All new managers/coaches must attend the Coaches Clinic and the Safety and EMT training. The safety clinic must be attended bi-annually (every other year) by all managers and coaches. If someone has current medical/first aid training, they may be excused from the clinic upon presentation of proof of certification to the Director of Fields and Safety.
4. All managers must have one (1) mandatory practice per week once the season begins and continues throughout the play-offs. Prior to the season beginning, all managers must have two (2) mandatory practices per week. In case of rain, you must reschedule practice times with the League Director. All managers must comply with this rule.
5. All managers and coaches must attend Opening Day – no exceptions unless excused by the League Director. The Opening Day Parade will be Saturday, April 28, 2018 We do very little for our wonderful sponsors, this is one day they receive some recognition.

6. Two managers/coaches and one scorekeeper, who is considered an assistant coach, **(who have returned a completed Background Check Information form)**, only are allowed on the field at any time during a game or practice. Only the manager or acting manager can discuss rules, etc. with an umpire.
7. Managers and coaches are allowed to visit their pitchers at the mound.
8. No manager, coach or parent shall question a judgment call (fair/foul, safe/out, ball/strike) made by an umpire.
9. Only Managers may discuss umpires rulings regarding Little League or EGLL house league rules. In this case, the manager shall ask the umpire for a conference, and shall do so in a respectful manner, The opposing manager is requested to participate, and only those three individuals will participate When necessary an EGLL board member, if present, may participate upon request.
10. Managers are responsible for the conduct of their coaches, parents and players.
11. Any manager or coach ejected from a game will be suspended for the next two (2) scheduled games.
12. When a coach, parent or player is ejected from a game, the manager of that team will be suspended for one game.
13. All complaints from managers or parents must be submitted in writing to the League Director who will then investigate and take appropriate action.

## **Games**

1. All League week day games will start at the times indicated on the schedule.
2. Infield Practice: Each team will be allowed up to 15 minutes before a game to practice. Visiting Team first, Home-team second. Games will start on time regardless of practice time.
3. During the regular season, the home team will occupy the third base dugout and will supply at least two (2) new baseballs per game. A third new (or reasonably good) one should be available if playing conditions (dusk, muddy fields, wetness, etc.) warrant it.
4. The home team is responsible for field set up at Cragan Field, the home team is also responsible for staffing the concession stand. The visiting team is responsible for raking the field post game. Both teams are responsible for cleaning their respective dugouts.
5. **No one** other than the approved managers or coaches will be permitted on the field of play, including the dugout area.
6. **There is no on-deck position.** All batters must remain in the dugout area until it

is their turn to bat.

7. Games suspended at any time during the first inning of play (weather) will be started from the beginning of the game when it is replayed. Games suspended after the first inning will be resumed at the exact point at which it was suspended (including base runners, batters, ball: strike count and outs).
8. Games are considered to be complete after 4 full innings. See Rule 4.10.
9. No inning shall start after 7:30 p.m. up until May 8th, and 7:45 p.m. as of May 9<sup>th</sup>. If the game is scheduled for lights, no inning shall start after 9:30 p.m and must end by 10:00.. If an inning starts and is not finished, all runs scored that inning shall not count for either team. The Umpire's watch will determine the exact time.
10. Games scheduled on the same field for the same day are given a 2:30 window. No inning shall start more than two hours after scheduled start time and game must end at the 2:30 mark regardless of point in the game. In the event of an incomplete inning, this will result in reverting to the end of the previous inning for results and statistics (however, every pitch is still counted).
11. Cancellation of any scheduled game will be determined by calling the **EGLL Game Cancellation Hotline (886-9320) on the day of the game. Managers of both teams and Umpires are responsible to call this number to determine if the game is still on.** Any other need for cancellation (e.g. a class trip that affects a large enough number of players that it affects the team's ability to field a minimum team) must be made by the League Director. Only the League Director will reschedule games. He/she will be the only one to notify and consult with the Director of Umpires regarding the new game date.
12. **The schedule for making up games will be as follows: Games rained out on will be made up on Sunday at the time and field determined by the league director.** The playing of League games will supercede any practices. This may result in back-to-back games.
13. Cancelled games are to be rescheduled by the League Director only. The League Director will also arrange for umpires with the Director of Umpires.
14. **During the season, THE WINNING TEAM MANAGER for each and every game will post the score on the league website and send an email to the League director to report the score (do not call or leave a voicemail message), and write a recap for the papers to be emailed to Tim Foster at timfoster23@cox.net.**
15. Swinging/Slash Bunts are not allowed. A player will be called **out** by the umpire if they square to bunt and then pull back and swing at the delivered pitch. This rule is to protect the safety of our fielders who may charge in once they see a batter square to bunt.

16. The batter is not allowed to advance on passed ball third strikes during the regular season.
17. On June 2nd, we will have our annual All-Star game at Cragan Field at 7:00 p.m. Each team will pick 4 players to represent the team in the game. The game will be played between American and National teams, for 7 innings so everyone will have adequate playing time. The Manager of each team will be the one with the best win/loss record in his respective division as of the Friday before the game. The Coaches will be those managers with the next best records. Each Manager will submit to the League Director, the names of the players representing their team to the League Director by May 30<sup>th</sup>.