

Toms River Little League

(Pee Wee 7-Coach Pitch) Division—2019 Local Rules

Preamble: This document comprises Toms River Little League Rules and Regulations and the specific (Pee Wee 7) Division rules. (Underlined in blue font) In no case do these rules preempt the Official Rules and Regulations of Little League Baseball unless by official action of the TRLL Board of Directors as permitted by the Little League Charter. The TRLL Constitution and By-Laws supersede all Local Rules.

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A. Safety—Weather:

1. Upon hearing thunder, game play or practice is to suspend immediately.
2. Upon seeing lightning, game play or practice is to suspend immediately.
3. All Players, Managers and Coaches must clear the field and seek shelter either at the Little League Building, or in a vehicle.
4. PLAYERS MAY NOT SEEK SHELTER IN THE DUGOUTS.
5. The game, or practice, may resume 30 minutes after the weather has cleared.
6. Managers and Coaches MUST take the initiative to suspend the game. Do not rely on the Umpire.

B. Field & Equipment Responsibilities:

1. Each team must be represented at all work parties. The manager is responsible to arrange for a minimum of (1) one individual (manager, coach, player parent) to represent their team for all work parties that are scheduled.
2. After inclement weather occurs, all teams playing on Saturday and/or Sunday must have representation in order to have fields playable that day and should report at 8:00am. The manager is responsible to arrange for a representative from their team.
3. Managers and Coaches are responsible for cleaning the dugout after each game/practice.
4. Managers and Coaches are responsible for raking the infield after each game/practice.
5. Managers and Coaches are responsible for putting mound and home plate covers on after each game/practice if the field being used has these covers.
6. Failure to comply with the previous five (5) rules may result in a one game suspension for that manager.

- a. Repeated failure to do so may result in a two game suspension and so on.
 - b. The Division VP and the executive board will consider any extenuating circumstances.
 - c. If a manager is suspended, he/she is not permitted to be at the complex during the play of the next regularly scheduled game.
7. Players are NOT allowed to rake the fields.
 8. All Managers and Coaches are responsible to walk the field prior to a game and/or practice to identify any safety issues. If a safety issue is identified it must be corrected immediately.
 9. Managers will be required to post a \$TBD bond for league issued equipment.
 10. Managers, and/or Coaches, should notify the Equipment Manager Vinnie Vergona at vincent.vergona@live.com immediately when defective or damaged equipment is found so a suitable replacement can be provided.
 11. The manager is responsible for returning league issued equipment promptly at season's end on scheduled equipment return dates unless other arrangements are made with equipment manager. Dates and times TBD. Failure to return equipment on scheduled date and time will result in forfeiture of the manager's bond check and the ability to manage or coach the following season. Managers are required to clean their equipment prior to its return, and to call-out any damaged pieces.
 12. Hit-downs into the fences or backstops are PROHIBITED. This eventually warps and damages fences.
 13. Managers and Coaches must supervise and prevent Players from digging holes into the field. This is both a safety and field maintenance issue.

C. TRLL Complex Rules:

1. All managers and coaches are required to inform and remind parents and families of the players of the TRLL Complex Rules and may be held responsible for the actions of their players, parents and spectators.
2. All volunteers must complete the criminal background check through the email link from JDP before Managing, Coaching and/or assisting with TRLL players. This link can be obtained by emailing Executive Vice President of Administration Brian Doyle at Bdoyle329@gmail.com with the person's name, email address and team name.
3. Only Safety Certified managers, coaches and/or parents are allowed to assist with practices or games.
4. Only Safety Certified managers, coaches and/or parents are allowed to assist with practices in the Batting Cages.
5. The manager is responsible to enforce All the Batting Cages Rules posted at the complex. In addition:
 - Make sure that spectators remain in the waiting area at all times. No one other than Players, Managers and Coaches are allowed to be in the batting cages. (No exceptions)

- Players can not swing a bat unless in the batting tunnel or with a coach at the soft toss and/or tee location. That is bats are to remain below the belt and must wear helmet if holding a bat. (Managers and Coaches must enforce this rule)
- All practice baseballs, Tees and Batting Helmets must be picked up and returned to their storage area if used.
- Players must not throw hard balls at the walls and/or any light fixture.
- Use the style of baseballs that are supplied to your team and specific to your division.

D. Game Play—Conduct:

1. Any Manager, Coach, Player, or Parent ejected by an umpire during a game will be suspended for the remainder of the game and the next physically played game.
2. Any Manager, Coach, Player, or Parent involved in a heated argument with a Plate Umpire, Field Umpire, or another Manager or Coach, may be suspended one game.
3. The use of inappropriate language by Managers, Coaches, Players or parents will not be acceptable under any circumstances. The use of such language may result in a one game suspension.
4. Any Players, Managers, or Coaches throwing field equipment may be subject to a one game suspension.
5. Both dugouts must be quiet once the pitcher begins his/her pitching motion and are required to avoid any intentional actions (in the opinion of the umpire meant to distract either the pitcher or the batter). The Manager of a team that consistently allows a violation of this rule will receive a one game suspension.
6. A suspended Manager, Coach, Player, or Parent will NOT be present at the Toms River Little League complex during the next physically played game.
7. At any time, a Manager or Coach may be subject to removal from his position by the Board of Directors of Toms River Little League.

E. Game Play-Safety (All Williamsport Rules Apply) (Underlined blue font rules are specific to the Pee Wee 7 Division).

1. Outfielders and Infielders warming-up before the start of an inning must throw the baseball in on the “dugout side”. That is, throwing the ball across the infield is strictly prohibited.
2. Players (not in the game) warming up the outfielders must wear a batting helmet.
3. No player shall be allowed to wear metal spikes or cleats.
4. All male players and female catchers must wear a protective cup.
5. All batters and base runners must wear approved protective helmets.

6. There is no “on-deck” circle, or an area to be used as such, anytime during the game, or practice.
7. All players must wear team uniforms.
8. All managers and coaches must be safety certified.
9. If a Manager or Coach asks a parent to assist during the course of a game or practice, THE PARENT MUST BE SAFETY CERTIFIED AND MUST HAVE COMPLETED THE LEAGUE REQUIRED CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK. Failure to comply may result in a 1-game suspension and/or further action by the Board of Directors.
10. MEDICAL RELEASE FORMS: Managers and coaches must have in their possession the medical release forms for each of their players at all games and practices. Very important if a serious injury occurs.
11. INJURIES: In the event a player becomes injured in conjunction with League activities and under the supervision of the team manager or coaches, it is the Manager’s responsibility to immediately notify Executive Vice President of Administration Brian Doyle (Cell# 732-684-2520 / Email: Bdoyle329@gmail.com) and to complete the proper accident forms which can be explained by the Safety Officer. This will ensure that the incident will be reported to Williamsport within the required time frame.
12. Players are not permitted to coach the bases during a game in this division.

F. Game Play—General (Underlined blue font rules are specific to the Pee Wee 7 Division):

1. Unless indicated otherwise within this document, the official regulations and playing rules, with addendums, of Little League Baseball 2019 apply.
2. There will be a maximum of four (4) SAFETY CERTIFIED individuals, per team, permitted within the confines of the field during a game. District 18 requires that one of the team coaches (or manager) must be safety certified during the current playing season.
3. Playing time: All players should be given equal time. All players will sit one inning before any player sits two innings. All players must play at least four innings in a six inning game. At least one inning will be in the infield. Try to ensure all players play at least three innings by the fourth inning.
4. Batting order: Everyone bats weather they are in the game or not. Rotate your order from game to game to allow all players an equal amount of at bats.
5. Positions: Rotate all players through every position (safety first- if you have safety concerns due to a player’s ability -do not put the player in harms way).
6. If your team has 10 or less players playing in a game = Three outfielders will be used for a total of NINE players on the field. (If you have less than nine players total you may borrow players from the other team to cover outfield positions). If your team has 11 or more players playing in a game = FOUR outfielders will be used for a total of TEN players on the field.
7. Approved little league baseballs will be used, specifically the TRLL issued VKM CTR-5 level balls.

8. Kid Pitch/ Coach Pitch- On or about (Date to be announced) the players will begin to pitch for the first three innings of each game. A coach from the opposing team will call balls and strikes from behind the pitcher. Two inning limit per pitcher. After the third inning resume Coach Pitch for the remainder of the game. The managers will have discretion to increase or decrease the number of innings for kid pitch based upon how each individual game is progressing. If the managers do not agree follow above rule. Any pitcher that hits three (3) batters in a game will be substituted immediately.

9. Base running- Runners can only advance one base at a time, except if a hit ball is hit into the grass outfield and lands in the grass on the fly, then the hitter can run to second at their risk and other runners on the base can advance accordingly. There are no advances of bases on over throws to any base. There will be outs on baserunning.

10. No Stealing.

11. Sliding- No head first sliding. If a play is close at home plate the runner must slide feet first.

12. Outfielders must play at least FIVE feet onto the outfield grass.

13. No bunting. All balls hit fair will be played.

14. No infield fly rule.

15. No leading.

16. Managers and coaches will coach the bases and umpire the game. You may use parents to umpire or coach the bases, however they need to be safety certified. Managers/Coaches may call time out at any point during a game to instruct a player.

17. Home teams will sit on the first base side of the field.

18. All games will be played as scheduled. If a game is cancelled follow the guidelines set forth by the TRLL scheduling director and Division VP for rescheduling games.

19. No games will be played off site, unless determined by the scheduling director and/or Executive Vice President of Operations.

20. Games will be six innings in duration- time permitting. Each half inning will terminate after three outs or five runs. Games are limited to a maximum of two hours in duration. All games will stop immediately upon reaching the time limit, regardless of the state of the current game. As a general rule no new inning will start after game duration exceeds 1 hour and 45 minutes, especially if there is a scheduled game immediately after the current game.

21. No scores or standings will be kept at this age group.

22. Foul balls will count as a strike to the batter and will be called fair or foul by the base coaches.

G. Game Play - Standings (Not Applicable in the Pee Wee 7 Division).

H. Draft Order - (Not Applicable in the Pee Wee 7 Division).

I. Draft Rules (Not Applicable in the Pee Wee 7 Division).

J. Game Play—Practice Time Prior to Game Start (Not Applicable in the Pee Wee 7 Division).

K. Game Play—Pitchers (Mandatory for divisions that use Pitchers):

1. The “pitching week” no longer applies pursuant to Pitch Count Rules.
2. A player may not pitch in more than one game in a day.
3. Each Manager is required to update the pitch count for each player on the League Toolbox Online under the Stats section immediately after the completion of a game. In addition, each manager must have a pitching log available for review by the opposing manager prior to the start of a game. Failure to update the pitching log may result in a 1-game suspension.
4. A pitcher who delivers (41) forty one or more pitches in a game cannot play the position of catcher for the remainder of that day. Any player who has played the position of catcher in four (4) or more innings is not eligible to pitch on that calendar day. A player who played the position of catcher for three (3) innings or less, moves to the pitcher position, and delivers 21 pitches or more in the same day, may not return to the catcher position on that calendar day, [with exceptions listed in the Little League International 2019 Rule Book under Regulation VI – Pitchers].
5. For implementation of the Pitch Count Rules in 2019, the “Home Team” will act as the “Official Pitch Counter” for each regular season game.
6. The number of pitches thrown should be compared at each half-inning of play and the number of pitches reconciled to the extent practical. In the event of any disagreement, the “Home Team” manager will make the final determination for official tallies.
7. Pitch count totals and innings pitched will updated for each player on the League Toolbox Online under the Stats section and reported via e-mail to the Division VP at larryselectric323@gmail.com immediately after completion of the game. Division VP will send pitch counts once received to all managers.
8. Violation of the pitch count rule is grounds for protest of the game, under which the official rules and regulations of Little League Baseball apply. Multiple violations of this rule may result in removal of the manager.
9. The “automatic” intentional walk has been removed. If a pitcher wishes to intentionally walk a batter, he/she must do so by pitching four pitches intentionally outside the strike zone that are not struck by the batter, and are called “balls” by the umpire. All such pitches will count in determining that pitcher’s pitch count.
10. 2019 Season Pitch Counts: The official Williamsport Pitching Rules, including pitch counts and days rest will be followed.
11. Pitch counts are mandatory for all teams in all Divisions as follows:
 - a. A pitcher must be removed 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:

League Age: 7 – 8 = 50 pitches per day

Exception: If a pitcher reaches the limit imposed for his/her league age while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch until any one of the following conditions occurs: 1. the batter reaches base; 2. the batter is put out; 3. the third out is made to complete the half-inning.

2019 Little League Baseball Regular Season and Tournament Pitching Rules:

Pitchers league age 14 and under must adhere to the following rest requirements:

- 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, one (1) calendar day of rest must be observed.
- If a player pitches 1-20 pitches in a day, no (0) calendar day of rest is required.

b. A player may pitch in consecutive games if (20) twenty or less pitches were delivered in the previous game, but a player may not pitch in three consecutive days.

1. Coach Pitch/Kid Pitch- The coaches will pitch for at least the first eight (8) weeks of the season (date to be announced) at which time they will begin player pitching. The coach may pitch from the rubber or from a modified position closer to the plate (not closer than 35 feet). The coach will call his own balls and strikes. If a player swings three times they are out, if they don't swing, as a rule it will not be a strike and there are no walks in this division. If the player is not swinging, they need to be urged to swing at the good pitches.

2. Again, No pitcher will pitch more than fifty pitches

3. No pitcher will pitch in two consecutive games

4. No pitcher will pitch more than two innings.

L. Game Play—Rain-Outs:

1. All canceled games will be determined by the Field Maintenance Director and Executive Vice President of Operations around or before 3:30pm on weekdays and around or before 8:30 am on weekends. This information will be available through the league toolbox along with email notifications for teams playing on the rained out day.

M. Game Play—Playoff Season (Not Applicable in the Pee Wee 7 Division).

N. Game Play—Playoff Tournament (Not Applicable in the Pee Wee 7 Division).

O. Post Season Play (Not Applicable in the Pee Wee 7 Division).

P. All Stars-General (Below is subject to approval by Division VP and Executive VP of Operations):

1. The date for All-Star Game will be TBD by the Division VP. For 2019, the all-star selection meeting will be held on TBD.
2. Based on the registration numbers this season, there will be two teams of 12 or less players and this number will be determined by the Division VP with input from managers and other board members involved in the operations of the league.
3. Both teams will play each other in one game and the players will wear their regular season uniform.
4. The players will be selected via an all-star selection meeting with input from the Division VP, with help from the player agent or other board members involved in the operations of the league.
5. The Managers & Coaches will be selected by the Division VP.
6. Rules will be the same as the regular season "No EXCEPTIONS".