



## **Whalley Little League Major Division House Rules Regular Season 2023**

### **Pregame**

- Home team will provide both scorekeeper and pitch counter to run scoreboard
- 30 minutes before game time, *Home* team does a 10-minute infield/outfield.
- 20 minutes before game time *Visitors* take a 10-minute infield/outfield
- Umpires should be on the field 10 minutes before game for Little League Pledge, lineups, and warmup pitches.

**All Little League rules apply except as noted below.**

### **Regular Season**

1. **Minimum Play**– All players except 12-year-olds will play at least **one** full game in every **six** games and at least 3 defensive innings in every game. 12-year-old play time exceeding Little League minimums is based on merit.
2. **Batting Order**- The tournament rule for continuous batting order and pinch/courtesy runners will apply except as it relates to defensive play and substitutions.
3. **Game Substitutions** – Game substitutions will occur after **3** full innings.
4. **Mercy Games/Shortened Games** – in the event a player plays less than **3 full** innings they will start the next game.
5. **Warming Up Pitchers** – when warming up pitchers between innings or in the bullpen, a player in full catcher's gear must do the catching. Coaches are not allowed to warm up pitchers.
6. **Bull Pen** – players not currently in the game may practice pitching in the bullpen. The catcher must be a player in full catcher's gear and the 3<sup>rd</sup> player must act as a spotter. If there isn't an available player to provide a spotter, then a coach may act as a spotter.
7. **12 Player Roster** – teams must carry 12 players all year long. In the event a player quits or will miss more than 4 weeks due to an injury the team must pick up a player from the Minor Division to fill out their roster.
8. **Tie Games**- regular season games will end in a tie.
9. **Coach Position**- All coaches must be in the base coach box or at or beyond the first gate of the dugout and may only approach the umpire with permission.
10. **Ejection** from the game will result in suspension for the remainder of the regular season unless the coach meets league representatives to determine otherwise.

# **Whalley Little League Major Division House Rules Playoffs**

## **Tie Breakers for Regular Season**

1. Winning percentage in games played (thereby eliminating rainout ties)
2. If two teams tied, then head-to-head records
3. If more than two teams, total runs against vs the teams that are tied.
4. If still tied, then plus/minus runs for and against
5. If still tied, coin toss.

## **Playoff Rules**

1. Playoff format will be a round robin format with the top two teams advancing to the finals.
2. If one team is undefeated, they must be beaten twice.
3. Tie breakers are as follows:
  - Head-to-head play between the two teams.
  - If more than two teams are tied, then least runs against per inning played.
  - If still tied, then plus-minus in runs.
  - If still tied, then coin toss (a playoff game may be played here if it determines participation in the final)
4. Pitch counts carry over and continue from Regular season to play-offs.
5. Little League Tournament rules apply except for:
  - Minimum play same as regular season except no mandatory full games
6. A coin toss will be done to determine the home team.
7. Tie games after 6 innings will be played until completion per tournament rules—no game shall end in a tie.
8. Rainouts will be played at the end of the round robin schedule if needed. Rainout games will be played ONLY if the results impact which two teams will advance to the final.

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