



Whalley Little League Junior Division House Rules Regular Season

All rules are according to the Little League Rule Book with the exception of the house rules below:

1. **Minimum Play** – All players will play at least **one** full game in every **three** games played during the regular season.
2. **Minimum Play** – If a player subs into the game for the LAST 3 innings of a game, the next time they play a half game, they should START that game.
3. **Minimum Play** – All players must play at least 3 defensive innings in every game (in a Non Mercy game). We recognize that in the case of a home team victory it is possible that a player may play 3 defensive innings but **not** get an at bat if the continuous batting order is not in use.
4. **Game Substitutions** – will occur after **4** full innings.
5. **Maximum Number of Coaches** – teams may have up to 4 coaches on the field during the game. One of these coaches must be in the dugout and one must be in the bullpen to either work with pitchers or manage the outfield defence. 4 coaches on the field in front of the dugout is not permitted.
6. **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 but may act as a spotter.
7. **Pinch Runner** – There is no special pinch runner rule during regular season. Let the kids run when they reach base. In the event of an injury whereby a player cannot run once reaching base – the last player out can run.
8. **Catcher pinch runner** is allowed with two outs- the last player out can run.
9. **Field Setup** – Home team sets up the field and Visiting team takes down the fields.
10. **Diamond Size - 54/80 until May 15** when an assessment of overall division skill level should result in an increase of diamond size to 60/90 (Interlock games can be adjusted by agreement).
11. **Use of statistics** - Under no circumstances can **cumulative individual statistics** be displayed or communicated to players or family members including paper/electronic/website/messaging/other means. Post-game reviews displaying objective results such as home-runs, pitcher's strikeouts, RBIs and team stats are permitted. Providing a player's own individual performance stats verbally upon player request is allowed.

PLAYOFF RULES

Regular season placement tiebreakers:

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.

1. Playoff format will be a double knockout format.
2. If one team is undefeated, they must be beaten twice.
3. Pitch counts carry over and continue from Regular season to play-offs.
4. Little League Tournament rules apply except for:
 - Minimum play same as regular season except no mandatory full games
5. A coin toss will be done to determine the home team. It is recommended that all coin tosses be completed at the start of play offs so teams know which dugout to occupy. Teams will be moved to the correct dugout.
6. Tie games after 7 innings will be played until completion per tournament rules—no game shall end in a tie.
7. Rainouts will be played before the next games to maximize pitch count fairness.