



## **Whalley Little League Major Division House Rules Regular Season 2024**

### **Pre-game:**

- The home team will provide both a scorekeeper and a pitch counter to run the scoreboard.
- Thirty minutes before game time, the home team will conduct a 10-minute infield/outfield session.
- Twenty minutes before game time, the visitors will take a 10-minute infield/outfield session.
- Umpires should be on the field 10 minutes before the game for the Little League Pledge, lineups, and warmup pitches. All Little League rules apply unless 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 playtime 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 will be conceded per Rule 4(2) option 10 runs after 4 innings
5. Mercy Games/Shortened Games: In the event a player plays less than 3 full innings, they will start the next game.
6. 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.
7. Bullpen: 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 3rd 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.

8. 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.
9. Tie Games: Games tied after 6 innings will be played out per little league rule 14(b) starting in the 7th inning.
10. 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.
11. Ejection from the game will result in suspension for the remainder of the regular season unless the coach meets with league representatives to determine otherwise.

Playoffs: Placement from Regular Season:

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

**Playoff Rules:**

1. Playoff format will be a round robin format with semi-finals between seed 1 vs. 4 and 2 vs. 3. The winners of the semi-final games advance to a final game. There will be no consolation game for third and fourth place.
2. Tiebreakers for Round Robin:
  - 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 a coin toss (a playoff game may be played here if it determines participation in the final).
3. Pitch counts carry over and continue from the Regular season to playoffs.
4. Little League Tournament rules apply except for:
  - Minimum play is same as regular season except no mandatory full games.
5. A coin toss will determine the home team.

6. Games tied after 6 innings will be played out per little league rule 14(b) starting in the 7th inning.
7. 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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