

2015 Ebensburg Little League Operating By-Laws

1. The current **Little League Baseball International Baseball Official Regulation & Playing Rules** shall govern teams in this league. Softball teams play in the **Cambria County Girls Softball League** (CCGSL) and will be governed by the rules provided by that league and the **American Softball Association** (ASA) Rules. Any Rules in these bylaws will remain in effect until the board is petitioned for a change. These bylaws will be reviewed by the Board of Directors on an annual basis.

League Organization:

1. All Ebensburg Little League bylaws listed will supersede the LLWS Rule book. The LLWS Rule book will govern all issues not addressed in this document.
2. The board of directors will set the regular season starting date and Game times. **NO 8pm games will be scheduled on school nights!** If you choose games can be played on Friday at 8pm at the Lions or 8pm at the Lake if needed. LLWS (Page 41 Official regulation & playing rules)
3. Each Team shall consist of no more than 14 players and no less than 9 players to start the season.
4. The board of directors will set number of teams depending on the number of registrations per division at the end of registration.
 5. The Board will consist of 11 positions. 1. President, 2. Vice President Softball operations, 3. Vice President Baseball operations, 4. Secretary, 5. Treasurer, 6. Manager of Fields, 7. Umpire Manager, 8. Concessions Manager, 9. Scheduling manager, 10. Fundraising Coordinator 11. Equipment manager.
6. Elections will take place every year at the September Board meeting. Any officer may succeed himself/herself.
7. New members wishing to be on the board must get Majority vote to obtain position applying for!
8. Coaches must get 70% of board votes to become head coach in their respective division.
9. The board will meet every second Tuesday of the month at the Ebensburg Borough Building. If the normal meeting date needs to be changed or if a special meeting is requested, notice shall be given to each board member with at least 24 hours' notice. All requests from coaches or parents must be submitted in writing or in person at a board meeting, so that all board members have a clear idea of any request before voting on any matter.
10. Each board member can only miss 3 meetings a year before the other board members decide to dismiss this board member or not.

Each board member shall have the responsibility for seeing that the purpose of the organization is carried out. The board members shall have the right to impeach any elected board member who is not performing their duties properly.
11. No Team/Teams may enter into tournament play during Ebensburg Little League regular season.

Team Selection:

1. Players will stay on the same team with the same group of kids in their age for 2 years till they move to another classification of baseball or leave the league. If a ball player leaves the league after being drafted onto a team and comes back the next year he stays on the same team unless the parents make a request to play on a different team.
2. Coaches will coach the same team unless they are not voted to coach *Reminder coaching is a privilege not a gaurentee.*
3. All 5, 7, 9, and 11 year olds will be drafted onto a team in early march.
4. Any new 6, 8, 10, and 12 year old kids will be placed onto teams by drafting. The team with the least amount of returning players will have 1st pick if more than one team with lowest and same amount

of returning players then this will be decided by drawing out of a hat.

5. If a player's parent becomes a new coach, the coach's son if he is 5, 7, 9, or 11 will go in the 3rd round of draft of that age group.
6. Any siblings who must be drafted on a team will go in the 3rd round of the draft of that age group; if that spot is occupied by the coach's son then the sibling is placed in the 4th round of the draft of that age group.

The Coaches/ Managers:

1. First game of the day- Home Team will have access to the field and batting cages from 45 minutes before to 25 minutes before the game. Visiting team will have access from 25 minutes before the game to 5 minutes before the start of the game. Second game of the day- Field and batting cage access is to be divided equally while still allowing the 5 minute meeting with the umpires prior to the game.
2. Managers **MUST** sign each other's score book for the record(Minors/Majors Only)
3. Managers or coaches are **NOT** permitted to warm up a pitcher! *LLWS Rules book 3.09*
4. Managers are **NOT** responsible for the actions of the spectators. *LLWS Rule book 3.18*
5. Any manager coach or player ejected from a game is also suspended for his/her teams next physically played game and may not be in attendance at the game site from in which they are suspended. *LLWS Rule book 4.07*
6. Managers and coaches will promote good sportsmanship at all league functions. Managers and coaches **MUST** follow the league's Code of Conduct, Rules and Bylaws. A manager or coach may be removed of his/her duties for violation of league rules or by-laws.
7. **Failure to perform responsibilities and/or field maintenance assignments will result in removal as a manager!**

Home Team Responsibilities:

1. Home Team Responsibilities- Put American Flag out at The Lake and Lions Field before the game starts. Take flag down after the game is over.
2. Home Team Responsibilities- Have the fields in playing condition prior to the game(Drug if necessary, Holes filled in, lines drawn, bases set, pitching machine set up and cord connected, tee out) Complex fields only require lining of the base line, batter's box, and putting the bases out.
3. Home Team Responsibilities- Supply workers for the concession stand 30 MINUTES prior to the starting of the game. Volunteers must be at least 16 years old.
4. Home Team Responsibilities- Turning off electricity and locking all doors after the game is over. This includes equipment sheds, concession stands and bathrooms.
5. Home Team Responsibilities- Drag the field after the game. This only applies to Lake and Lions field. Fill in the mound and batter's box with dirt if needed and use water on both areas to pack in the dirt. Please stay 6 feet away from the pitching mound when dragging the infield. We are dragging away the pitcher's mound at our fields!!!

The Players:

1. All Players up to bat and running the bases must wear an approved batting helmet.
2. Players are **NOT** permitted to the refreshment stand during the game.
3. All players who are not actively involved in the game **MUST** be in the dugout. Exceptions are players warming up under the supervision of a coach/ adult or a child who has asked permission to go to the bathroom. If this is violated a warning will be given to the manager on the 1st instance and possible suspension on the 2nd instance. The number of coaches is limited to 3+ 1 scorekeeper in all divisions of baseball. The score keeper **MUST** be 16 years of age or older. **Batting cages may not be used while teams are actively involved in a game!** *LLWS Rule book 3.09*

4. No Jewelry is permitted to be worn by players during the games. *LLWS Rule book 1.11*
5. All players must wear official uniforms issued by the ELL. Failure to do so may result in penalties to the team and its manager. Shirts **MUST** be tucked in & official shorts/ pants must be worn for games
6. Catchers **MUST** wear a dangling throat guard and a protective cup during games, pitcher warm-up, and any form of infield/outfield practice. Hockey style helmets are authorized but still must have a dangling throat guard. Home plate umpire will verify at the start of every half inning to confirm to ensure the catcher's safety *LLWS Rulebook 1.17 Comment #3*

Pitching Rules:

1. The week starts on a Monday and ends on a Sunday- it does not matter when the game was originally scheduled for but rather when the innings are pitched. (Example suspended game from a Friday not resumed to the following Friday, the original innings are recorded the first week, the new innings are recorded for the second week.)
2. A pitcher who delivers 41 or more pitches in a game cannot play the position of catcher for the remainder of that day. *LLWS Rule book Regulation VI Page 48*
3. All pitchers must pitch from the rubber-both home plate and base umpire have been instructed to make sure that the pitchers foot is in contact with the rubber when the pitch is delivered. Managers and coaches should emphasize this to their pitchers.
4. A manager may go to the mound 1 time per inning to talk with the pitcher/ catcher/ & infielders. On the 2nd trip to the mound in the same inning the pitcher **MUST** be removed from the mound. But may stay in the game at another position.
5. Once a pitcher is removed from the mound he/she is eligible to stay in the game at another defensive position. He/she cannot return to the mound for that game. (Example: player pitches innings 1&2 removed for another pitcher for inning 3, cannot reenter on the mound for the remainder of that game. This also included any suspended games which are resumed at a later date.)
6. A player may pitch a maximum of 6 innings per week. Exception: If a starting pitcher has pitched all 6 innings of a game & the game goes into a 7th inning, He/she may pitch the 7th inning only, ONLY if he/she has NOT reached the pitch count limit for his/her age group. If the game is still tied and goes into an 8th inning a new pitcher must be used.
7. Major division teams must pitch an 11 year old for at least 3 innings each week
8. Minor division teams must pitch a 9 year old for at least 3 innings per week
9. The starting or new pitcher will have 8 warm-up pitches to start the game and a maximum of 5 pitches per inning after that.
10. If a pitcher hits a batter or batters 3 times in an inning, he/she must be pulled. If a pitcher hits 5 batters in 1 game, he/she must be pulled.
11. A Pitcher is limited to 100 total pitches per week.
12. We will be following the LLWS guidelines pertaining to pitch count & days' rest. *Please refer to LLWS Rule book page 48 letter (D)*
13. Managers need to validate pitch counts at the end of each inning!
14. Pitchers Name, Pitch count, innings, and score **MUST** be emailed to either Scot May at scot912@gmail.com or Richard Quick RQuick21_2004@yahoo.com by Noon the day after the game by the visiting team coach! 1st Offense verbal warning, 2nd Offense Written warning, 3rd Offense 1 game Suspension

League Rules:

1. Players who are registered through the league are the only kids who may participate in a game. This also applies to team practices.
2. **PROTESTING GAMES:** Please refer to LLWS Rulebook 4.19

3. All rain out games will be played in the same calendar week as the original game. The scheduling Manager will be in charge of rescheduling games on a first come- first serve basis. All games should be rescheduled for the soonest open field time for both teams within that week. If games are rained out on Friday they must be scheduled for Saturday or Sunday to avoid having games backed up to the next week. **Managers who do not comply will face forfeiture of games and also run the risk of suspension.** There are no exceptions to this rule! Home team is also reminded to notify the Umpire Manager of the rescheduled date and time. Alternate umpires maybe scheduled. In the event of a suspended game, the remainder of the game must be scheduled in the same week as the original game (even if only for 1 inning). Pitching will be based on the eligibility for that week. If the suspended game cannot be finished in the same week that the game was started due to inclement weather, Pitching would be based on eligibility for the week that the game is resumed, Not the week in which the game was started. Reminder no Pitcher can pitch in 2 games in 1 day. **In No circumstance can a pitcher who was in a game and then removed be reinserted when the game resumes.** *LLWS Rule 4.12*
4. In the event that lightning is observed, both teams must immediately report to their dugout and play cannot resume until at least 15 minutes have passed without observation of lightning. If Lightning is observed during the 15 minute wait period, then the 15 minute time period will be reset.
5. A full inning is counted by 3 outs or 7 runs whichever comes first!
6. In all divisions of baseball and softball eligible players must bat at least one time per game and play a minimum of 9 defensive outs. **If either of these criteria is not met that player must start the following game and MUST play 9 defensive outs and bat one time.** *LLWS Rule Chapter 10*
7. **Slide Rule: Please refer to LLWS Rulebook 7.08 pg. 32**
8. There is no on-deck position! *LLWS Rule book Chapter 1 Rule 1*
9. Stealing bases or home plate, the runner is not allowed to run until the ball crosses the home plate
10. There will be no infield or outfield warm-ups after the 1st inning.
11. After 4 complete innings or 3 ½ if the home team is winning the “Mercy Rule” is 15 runs. Home team always has the opportunity to bat.
12. Minor & Majors- A maximum of 7 runs may be scored by a team in an inning. This applies to all innings of the contest. The mercy rule of 15 runs after 4 innings will still be used or until mathematically impossible to tie considering the 7 run rule.
13. **Substitutes:** Please refer to LLWS Rulebook 3.08
14. Any player, who has played the position of catcher in 4 or more innings in a game, is not eligible to pitch on that calendar day. *LLWS Rule book Regulation VI page 48*
15. A runner may turn in any direction after reaching 1st base, even on a base on balls. The umpire will establish the runner’s intent to determine if he/she may be put out before returning to 1st base. If an out call is appropriate, the runner must be tagged. *LLWS Rule book 7.08 page 34 letter (J) Comment*
16. **Illegal bats:** Please refer to LLWS rule book 6.06 Letter D
17. If there are 2 outs and the catcher is on base the umpire shall call time and get a courtesy runner to run for the catcher so he/she may go in the dugout and start getting their catchers gear on. The courtesy runner shall be either your extra player who is in not in the game at that time, or the last out of the last inning.
18. Any player, coach, parent, or spectator who confronts an umpire in an unsportsmanlike/disrespectful manner before, during or after the game will be subject to immediate discipline from the league, to include removal from the league for a period of time determined by the board of directors.
19. A person swearing during a league function will be warned once then ejected from the area.
20. Minors & Majors- A 10th player will be used by a team as an “Extra Hitter” so they can be in the line-up immediately. They must still play innings in the field as a defensive player.
21. MAJORS ONLY- Dropped 3rd strike rule Little League **Rule 6.09(b)** states “The batter becomes

a runner when the third strike called by an umpire is not caught, providing (1) first base is unoccupied or (2) first base is occupied with two out.” Finally, **Rule 6.05(b) Approved Ruling**, states the following, “To put the batter out, the defense must tag the batter or first base before the batter touches first base.” Please note that an uncaught third strike does not result in a dead ball or stopped play.

22. Safety Base-When playing in Armagh only they use a double 1st base “safety base” *LLWS Rule book 7.15 page 39*

1. A batted ball that hits the white section of the double base shall be declared fair. A batted ball that hits the colored (green or orange) section without first touching or bounding over the white section shall be declared foul.
2. Whenever a play is being made on the batter runner, the defense must use the white section of the double 1st base.
3. Whenever a play is being made on the batter runner, the batter runner must use the colored (orange or green) section on his/her first attempt to tag 1st base.
4. When tagging up on a fly ball, the white section of the base must be used by the runner. One foot is permitted to extend behind or on the base into foul territory, as long as the front foot is touching the white section of the base.
5. On an attempted pick off play, the runner must return to the white section of the base only. This includes throw from pitcher, catcher, or any other player, in an attempt to retire the runner at the double 1st base.
6. In Major division only when the batter becomes a runner on a 3rd strike not caught by the catcher, the batter runner and defensive player may use either the colored (orange or green) or white section of the base.

Call-Ups:

1. If a manager will have less than 9 players available for a game, a substitute(s) may be called up to play. **CALLUPS MUST BE REGISTERED EBENSBURG LITTLE LEAGUE PLAYER(S)**

A player is eligible to be called up only if their regular season team is not playing at that time.

(Example: a player cannot miss his/her own team’s game to play up) **Under No circumstances is a call up eligible to pitch for his/her new team!** A call-up may play more than one game a day however they are limited to playing on the same field for back to back games. (Example: Player accepts invitation to play in the 6pm game at the lake field-he/she may also accept invitation to play in the 8pm game at the Lake field- That player could not accept invitation for the 8pm game at the Lions Field. The intent is that the second game would not be held up waiting for the player to arrive from another field). **No call-up can be used more than 2 times for the same team.** After the second time a team calls up the same player that player will not be allowed to play for that team until a time period of 3 weeks or 6 games pass. This is to allow other teams the chance to call up that player if needed. 9 and 7 year Old’s can be called up after the coach has called every 10 or 8 year Old’s from the league. The coach must call up every kid on the 10 and 8 year old list before contacting a younger player. **If the coach does not do this they are subject to a forfeit of game, the call-up was used. You can only call up a player who is registered with the ELL. No outside players will be allowed to play for the ELL!**

1. For the major division, the player pool is limited to 10 year olds from the minor division.
2. For the Minor division, the pool is limited to 8 year olds from pitching machine division.
3. For Pitching Machine, the player pool is limited to 6 year olds from the Tee Ball division.
4. For 16U softball, the pool is limited to 13 year olds from the 13U division.
5. For 13U softball, the pool is limited to 10 year olds from the 10U division.
6. For 10U softball the pool is limited to PW 8 year old girls from Peewee or the Pitching Machine division
7. A manager may go to the younger age group **ONLY** if he/she has exhausted all age appropriate

players... meaning Managers may go to 9 year old players if the Manager has called all 10 year olds and **NO** 10 year olds are available.

8. The number of call-ups is limited to the number needed to get a team to 9 players.
9. After the game has started, (A started game consist of the home team taking the field and the starting pitcher starting his 8 pitch warm-up), the 9th roster player shows up. The call-up is permitted to stay in the game until he/she has played 3 defensive outs and has had at least 1 plate appearance. After those criteria are met the roster player is inserted into that slot to finish the remainder of the game and the call-up cannot be re-entered into the game.
10. When in doubt about a call-up situation please consult the President of the ELL. Any manager proven to manipulate this rule to gain an advantage will be suspended!

All-Stars:

1. Managers will be offered the opportunity to manage All-star teams in the order of their finish in the regular season.
2. There will be a maximum of 2 All-star teams in baseball for ALL age groups except t-ball. Each All-star team 11 years old and younger will be funded to go to 2 tournaments. The 12 year old All-stars may participate in 3 tournaments.
3. Player selection will be held at the June Board meeting. Managers or 1 representative of each team must attend and will vote for their personal top 10 players in the division. The top 10 vote getters' without ties will be selected to the team. In Case of ties or to fill out the roster, the All-star manager and the board of directors will make the remaining selections.
4. The board of directors with input from the League Representative and the All-Star manager will determine what tournaments will be entered.

Rules for Memorial Complex:

1. The operating rules are different for the complex. If weather is a factor the Ebensburg Borough Recreation Director (Matt Pfeil) will determine if the field is playable and contact the president. Managers are responsible for opening the concession stand 30 minutes prior to the games starting time, lining the base lines, putting bases out, and putting pitch machines/ tee's out. Managers will put bases away, pick up trash from dugouts put away pitch machines, cords or tee's and closing of the concession stand.
2. The Home team will utilize the 1st base dugout.
3. See also Managers responsibilities!!!

Rules for Lake or Lions Field:

1. When field playability is questioned by either team the President or Field Manager will be consulted and will have authority to permit or suspend play. The President may also make a determination of field playability without even being contacted. This decision is final and must be followed under penalty of suspension. Once play has begun the umpire has sole Authority to suspend play due to darkness or weather.
2. The Home team will utilize the 1st base dugout.
3. See also Managers responsibilities!!!

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