

2014 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 730pm 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. At-Large member, 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 Wednesday of the month at the Ebensburg Borough Building.
10. No Team/Teams may enter into tournament play during Ebensburg Little League regular season.

Team Selection:

1. Drafting of players will be held in mid march at the Borough building TTBD by the board of directors. Draft order will be determined by drawing numbers from a hat. Registered players will be separated by league age. Players will be selected via a "snake draft" where positions flip flop every round. (Example: If someone drafts first in the first round, then they will draft last in the next round).
2. Coaches sons will be placed in the 3rd round of the draft according their age group. (Example: Sam who is league age 9 would be placed as his dad's (who is a coach) 3rd round pick of the the 9 year old age bracket).

The Coaches/ Managers:

1. First game of the day- Visiting team will have access to the field and batting cages from 45 minutes before to 25 minutes before the game. Home 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 others 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)
3. Home Team Responsibilities- Supply workers for the concession stand 30 MINUTES prior to the starting of the game.
4. Home Team Responsibilities- Locking up where necessary.
5. Home Team Responsibilities- Drag the field after the game.

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 are limited to 3+ 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. Under no circumstance in minors or majors may a pitcher pitch in more than 2 outings in one baseball week(Monday thru Sunday)
3. 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*
4. No Player is allowed to pitch on back to back days. (Example: A player cannot pitch on both Sunday & Monday even though it is two separate weeks.)
 5. 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.
 6. 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.
 7. 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.)
 8. 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.
 9. Major division teams must pitch an 11 year old for at least 3 innings each week
 10. Minor division teams must pitch a 9 year old for at least 3 innings per week
 11. 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.
 12. 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.
 13. A Pitcher is limited to 100 total pitches per week.
 14. We will be following the LLWS guidelines pertaining to pitch count & days rest.
Please refer to LLWS Rule book page 48 letter (D)
 15. Managers need to validate pitch counts at the end of each inning!
 16. Pitch counts **MUST** be entered into the website within 24 hours of the game!

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 can not 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 which ever 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 are 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 runners 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
 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.

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 teams 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 goto the younger age group **ONLY** if he/she has exhausted all age appropriate players... meaning Managers may goto 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 warmup), 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 getter's 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 will determine if the field is playable and contact the president. Managers are responsible for opening the concession stand, lining the base lines, and putting bases out, 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.

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.