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RULES

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Milford Little League

League By-Laws & Local Rules

Rev 2014 Season

Milford Little League has adopted the following as local rules for the 2014 season and these rules will be enforce until amended or modified by the Board of Directors (BOD). These rules listed are in addition to or to reinforce those described in the latest edition “Official Regulations and Playing Rules”.

1. GENERAL

- 1.1. Milford Little League is a non-smoking complex. Please refrain from smoking and ask others that you may see smoking on the premises, to stop
- 1.2. Alcoholic beverages shall not be consumed on Milford Little League premises.
- 1.3. Dogs must be kept on a leash and kept under control AT ALL TIMES. Dogs are not permitted on the playing fields AT ANY TIME. Owners must clean up after their dogs.
- 1.4. All news and announcements shall be posted on the little leagues website. Go to www.milfordllde.org for all news and announcements such as weather delays, postponements, or change in times. For posting any approved news or announcements, contact the IT officer. The IT officer can be contacted via email, text, or phone call. This information can be viewed on the website under the BOD tab.

2. REGISTRATION

- 2.1. Registration fee(s) will not be refunded as long as there is a team for the child to play on and they are placed on a team.

3. PLAYER PLACEMENT

- 3.1. All player-drafting divisions (Baseball & Softball) shall conduct a Blind Draft as described in the Operation Manual from Little League. Every player will be required to attend tryouts every season.
 - 3.1.1. Each division will have the number of team determined by the number of eligible players for draft. The teams will be assigned numbers. To aid in keeping the talent equal for each team, the player agent and managers will spread over each team pitchers and catchers with similar talent. Then each eligible player not assigned to a team will be chosen by the managers. After the teams are drafted and agreed, upon a piece of paper with each teams number will be placed in a container and each manager will pull a piece of paper to determine which team they will be assigned. If the team assigned to the manager does not have, his/her child on this team a trade will take place to have the child placed on the manager's team. This trade must be talent for talent and agreed upon by the managers of all teams. Managers are allowed to trade any player to another manager as long as all managers approve this trade.
- 3.2. A player, wither returning or new, who is league age 12, and thereby required by Little League Baseball International to play in the Little League (Majors) division, who signs up after the draft will be placed on a waiting list of eligible players. If a waiver is signed, that player may be placed on a Minor baseball team for the season. If a vacancy occurs in Little League, the remaining 12 years old in Minor baseball will placed on a draft eligibility list. It is not, and will not, be mandatory for those players to be chosen.
- 3.3. A player who is league age 10, and whose parents have submitted a letter requesting they not be drafted into the Little League division, or who have turned down a draft to the Little League division will be ineligible for any “Special Games: tournaments or other post-season play.
- 3.4. Female player who have played a minimum of one year of T-Ball and one year of Coach Pitch (both the T-Ball division) are eligible to be placed on a Minor softball division team.

- 3.5. In accordance with Regulation III(d), "If a team manager lose any player(s) on the roster during the current season through illness, injury, change of address or other justifiable reason (subject to Board approval), another player shall be obtained through the Player Agent, to replace the one lost."
- 3.6. If the loss of a player is not reported within seven (7) days, the Manger will receive a one game suspension. If there is a second offense, the Manger will be suspended for the remainder of the season.
- 3.7. All injuries occurring during a game or practice must be reported to the Safety Officer for insurance purposes.
- 3.8. Any player that is draft eligible for major league and above that is requesting special consideration in the draft must submit the request to the player agent at least 72 hours prior to eh draft. The player agent will review the request and present it to the board. Player agent and board approval are required.

4. Uniforms and Equipment

- 4.1. The equipment manager will assign all equipment. The equipment manager will then issue to each manager that requests equipment the needed items requested. The manager who is receiving the equipment will sign an agreement that explains the equipment is on loan to the manager and the manager is responsible for the returning of equipment within (7) days of the end of the season. If the manager fails to return the equipment, the manager will be required to pay in (New Value) the cost of the equipment.
- 4.2. All uniforms and equipment must be turned in within seven (7) days following the team's last game. If Managers and/or players are involved in post-season play, all equipment still must be turned in, then re-issued when necessary (Special Games). **Failure to comply with this rule will be the manger that the equipment is assigned to shall be billed for the replacement (new) value of the equipment that was not returned.**
- 4.3. The easiest way to collect uniforms is to have players bring a change of clothes to last the last game. It is the Manager's responsibility to ensure that all equipment and uniforms are tuned in.
- 4.4. All players under 12 years old shall have a facemask on their batting helmet. This is to prevent facial injuries.

5. GAMES SCHEDULES

- 5.1. All league schedules will be in place by December 31 for the next season (example 2016 season will be completed and ready by December 31, 2015). This process shall be repeated each year (season).
- 5.2. All league divisions will play on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday; these days will be the main playing days.
- 5.3. Saturdays & Wednesdays shall be used as rain days.
- 5.4. The following divisions will also use the Saturdays as a main playing day. T-Ball, Coach Pitch,
- 5.5. The schedule shall be made with a Number Designation. Each division will have a schedule for four, five, six, seven, eight, teams. So team 1, team 2, team 3 etc.
- 5.6. After the registration process is completed and the teams are announced at, drafting the managers will pick from the hat as to which number the team shall be. Example would be team 1 = Orioles.

6. FIELD LIGHTS

- 6.1. Lights cannot be used prior to Daylight Savings Time
- 6.2. Lights used for practice must not be turned on prior to 7:00 pm and must be turned off by 9:15 pm (Senior/Big League by 10:00 pm)
- 6.3. Lights used for games shall not be turned on prior to 7:30 pm, unless directed to do so by an umpire, and must be turned off no later than 30 minutes after the conclusion of the game.
- 6.4. At every chance, the conservation of electric is to be observed. The Lighting of the fields is at great expense to the Little League. Please do your part to hold down this expense.

7. DUGOUTS

7.1 Only the approved Manager, two (2) approved Coaches (**team Mom is not considered a coach at the local level and is allowed to be in the dugout**) and roster players are permitted to be permitted inside the dugouts during a game. If the Manager or one of the approved coaches is unable to attend the game, an approved alternative Coach is permitted in the dugout.

7.1.1 Instructional leagues of T-Ball (& Coach Pitch); Pitching Machine and Minor softball may utilize additional approved Coaches on the field if they choose.

7.1.2 Players, Managers and Coaches of the participating teams shall not address or mingle with spectators, nor sit in the stands during a game in which they are engaged. (See rule 3.09) of the official operation manual

7.1.3 MANAGERS WILL LEAVE DUGOUT CLEAN (SWEEP IF NEEDED) AND EMPTY TRASH CAN AFTER EACH GAME.

7.1.4 NO SUNFLOWER SEED WILL BE EATEN IN THE DUGOUTS

8. BASE COACHES

- 8.1. In accordance with rule 4.05(1), teams can utilize two (2) adult base coaches. Two adult base coaches will only be permitted if there is an adult Manager or Coach remaining in the dugout.

9. RESCHEDULING OF GAMES

- 9.1. All re-scheduling of games must be approved by the respective division Vice- President and must be for justifiable reasons (i.e.: weather or school related functions)
- 9.2. If a team can field at least nine (9) players and one Coach/Manager, the game should be played. In the event that there are not enough players for a game and the opposing manager has no objection a player may play from another team may play for the team that does not have enough players. If the player for another team is an assigned pitcher during the draft period that player may not pitch for the team that needed a replacement player. There shall be a pool player roster developed for this need and the pool players shall be used in a batting order rotation.

9.3. Each division Vice President and player agent shall develop a pool player roster to assist each manager that requires replacement players from time to time. Such replacements are for family vacations, school events that affect the game for that day, or for last minute players to prevent any team from forfeiting a game. All pool players are to be used on a scheduled event. Only of the opposing teams manager or the President or Vice President shall approve a pool player replacement as last minute fill in

9.4 Instructional divisions such as T-Ball, Pitching Machine and Minor softball are permitted to play with less than 9 players

9.5 All re-scheduling game will on the next available date.

9.6 A game will be re-scheduled one (1) time for a team not able to field nine (9) players. If the same is again unable to field enough players for the make- up game, the game may be declared a forfeit. All forfeits are subject to Board approval.

9.7 The Division Vic President (VP) shall make the determination that the fields are playable and safe for all games. In the event of the VP not being present, the Teams Managers will determine if any field is playable if inclement weather is a factor. The Home Team Manager is responsible to notify the VP of any postponement.

9.8 If there has been inclement weather and the BOD has determined that any games are to be postponed this announcement will be POST ON THE LL WEBSITE (www.milfordllde.org).

10. MANGER'S, COACH'S, and PLAYER'S CONDUCT

10.1. Managers and Coaches must uphold the ideals of sportsmanship and serve as models to the players and parents.

10.2. No Manager, Coach, player shall object to any umpire's judgment decisions.

10.3. Questions pertaining to conflict of the Rule Book are permitted as long as the Manager approaches the Umpire in charge of the game in the proper fashion. **Failure to do so will not be tolerated.**

10.4. Manager, Coach, Player, or any other member of the team is ejected from a game, they shall

10.4.1. Leave the Milford Little League Complex for the remainder of the game. If this does not happen within 10 minutes of the Umpire instructing said person the team will forfeit the game. If the person is a parent of the one of the team players this person may sit in the parking lot of the complex and wait for the player, **IF AT ANY TIME THERE IS UNACCEPTABLE CONDUCT FROM THE PERSON THAT WAS EJECTED THE GAME WILL BE CALLED AND THE TEAMS THAT HAS THE EJECTED PERSON FORFEITS.**

10.4.2. Cannot return to the next game their team plays.

10.5. Manager, Coach, Player or any other member of the team is ejected from a game a **second time**, they shall

10.5.1. Leave the Milford Little League Complex for the remainder of the game. If this does not happen within 10 minutes of the Umpire, instructing said person the team will forfeit the game. If the person is a parent of the one of the team players this person may sit in the parking lot of the complex and wait for the player, **IF AT ANY TIME THERE IS UNACCEPTABLE CONDUCT FROM THE PERSON THAT WAS EJECTED THE GAME WILL BE CALLED AND THE TEAMS THAT HAS THE EJECTED PERSON FORFEITS.**

10.5.2. Subject to Board approval, will not be eligible for post-season play.

10.5.3. If an ejection is due to fighting, the Manager, Coach, or Player will be suspended from further play until the circumstances are reviewed by the Board of Directors

11. FIELD DECORUM

11.1.1. Please review Rule 1.11. In Addition:

11.1.2. Shirt Tails shall be tucked in all the way around the waist

11.1.3. Batting/catching helmets cannot be painted (customized painting must be from factory)

11.1.4. No stickers shall be applied to the helmets

11.1.5. Sleeves shall not be rolled up

12. PRE-GAME WARM-UP

12.1.1. Prior to the game, teams shall have the field for ten (10) minutes to warm-up

12.1.2. The home team shall take the field 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start time

12.1.3. The visiting team shall take the field 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start time

12.1.4. If a team fails to warm-up during their scheduled time, they will not be granted the field time

12.1.5. No batting practice will be done on the field during pre-game warm-up unless it is into a soft toss net

12.1.6. No soft toss against any Milford Little League fences during any activities including practice and pre game warm up

12.1.7. Batting Cage rules are posted and shall be followed at all times. Please rake and clean up area when finished using this equipment.

13. HOME TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES

13.1.1. Home team will use the third base dugout

13.1.2. Home team is responsible for

13.1.2.1. Installing the bases and preparing the field before the game (fields shall be lined)

13.1.2.2. Providing 2 two new baseballs/softballs to the umpire

13.1.2.3. Providing personnel for the press box (1 scorekeeper & 1 announcer)

13.1.2.4. Provide drinks for the umpire after the third inning

13.1.2.5. Put away the bases and rake or drag field

13.1.2.6. Clean (Sweep out) home teams dugout. Ensure that the players do not use the walls of the dugout as a way to clean cleats.

13.1.2.7. Empty the trash can in the home teams dugout

- 13.1.2.8. Clean and lock the press box, and all gates to field
- 13.1.2.9. Pick up trash around bleachers and surrounding area on the home team side
- 13.1.2.10. Turn off the lights
- 13.1.2.11. Secure all equipment sheds after prepping the field for play. (NO SHED IS TO BE LEFT UNSECURED OR UNATTENDED)
- 13.1.2.12. All members of the Team (managers, players) are to ensure that the fields are treated with care and consideration. We have one of the best facilities within the State. It is your responsibility to ensure that all trash is picked up when present, some anyone that may be defacing the equipment, or buildings (at minimum call one of the board members {POC is in all equipment sheds}).

13.1.2.13. NOTIFY ONE OF THE BOARD MEMBERS IF THERE IS ANY BROKEN OR UNSAFE EQUIPMENT / OR CONDITION. The numbers for the BOD is located in all equipment sheds

14. VISITING TEAMS RESPONSIBILITIES

- 14.1.1.1. Visiting Team will use the first base dugout
- 14.1.1.2. **Clean (Sweep out) home teams dugout. Ensure that the players do not use the walls of the dugout as a way to clean cleats.**
- 14.1.1.3. Empty the trash can in the visiting dugout
- 14.1.1.4. Pick up trash around the bleachers and surrounding area the visiting dugout
- 14.1.1.5. All members of the Team (managers, players) are to ensure that the fields are treated with care and consideration. We have one of the best facilities within the State. It is your responsibility to ensure that all trash is picked up when present, some anyone that may be defacing the equipment, or buildings (at minimum call one of the board members {POC is in all equipment sheds}).
- 14.1.1.6. **NOTIFY ONE OF THE BOARD MEMBERS IF THERE IS ANY BROKEN OR UNSAFE EQUIPMENT / OR CONDITION. The numbers for the BOD is located in all equipment shed**

15. TEN RUN RULE (Rule 4.10(e))

- 15.1. The following divisions have elected to follow the guidelines below
- 15.2. T-Ball, Coach Pitch, Pitching Machine, Minor League Baseball & Softball (NO SCORE KEPT)
- 15.3. Major League Baseball will utilize a (15) ten run rule after a complete game.
- 15.4. Major League Softball (15) runs after a complete game
- 15.5. Jr. & Sr. Softball (15) runs after a complete game 50/70 no rule developed
- 15.6. Senior Boy's no rule developed
- 15.7. Big League Boys & Girls no rule develop

16. TIME LIMITS

16.1.1. All games shall start promptly at the scheduled start time.

16.1.2. There are not time limits unless

16.1.3. 20.1.2.1 During back to back scheduled games where no other field is available, time limits will be imposed as follows:

16.1.4. 20.1.2.2 Weekends: 2-1/2 hour time limit will be imposed from the scheduled start time of a game (this may be backed up in the case of delayed due to an extended Milford High School game)

16.1.5. 20.1.2.3 Weeknights: For games scheduled to start at 5:45 or 6:00 pm, no new inning may be started after 7:45 pm (this may be backed up in the case of delay due to an extended Milford High School game)

16.1.6. Curfews will be in accordance with Regulation X(a)

16.1.7. Games must meet the requirements of Rule 4.10 or 4.11 to be official

17. MEMBERSHIP

17.1. Membership is per the most current Official Regulations of Little League Corporate.

17.2. Memberships may be purchased for all individuals that do not meet the requirements given outlined in 16.1. This membership may be purchased from October 1st, which is the beginning of a new season and be good until July 30th, which is the end of regular season play.

17.3. All members that are in good standing are eligible to veto in the election of the Board of Directors.

18. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

18.1. BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEETINGS

18.1.1. All individuals attending meeting will be recorded by signing attendance sheet. This sheet shall be saved to an electronic file.

18.1.2. All meeting will be recorded via an electronic recording device and later transcribed to paper for permanent record. Transcribed record shall be saved to an electronic file.

18.2. Board Member Resignation

18.2.1. Any board member that resigns during term of office may not return to the board for the following year unless approved by the remaining board members.

19. WEATHER RELATED ISSUES, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND FIELD PREPARATION

19.1. At times when weather affects games or events, the Little League will use the website for baseline notification of postponements or cancellations.

19.2. www.milfordllde.org shall be used to post these notifications.

19.3. First person to contact to get this information on the website shall be the Information Officer (IT). Call the IT officer first, then text, then via email. If the IT officer is not available, contact the VP of the Little League. These two (2) POC are listed on the little leagues web page under contact us or the BOD page.

19.4. WHO DETERMINES IF FIELD IS PLAYABLE

19.4.1. The President, Vice President or Division VP will determine if the field is playable

19.4.2. If for any reason the VP is not present, the team managers can make the decision as to whether the field is playable. After the game starts the Umpire in Chief, (Home Plate Umpire) shall make the determination as to whether the field is playable.

19.4.3. Reasons for postponement shall be unsafe conditions, field cannot be made playable in a reasonable time or weather will not clear the area. All other reasons will be assessed as they may arise.

19.4.4. For lightning or electrical storms that are present, follow Operations Rule book for Little League and the Leagues Safety Plan

19.5. Use of stay dry or other materials to absorb water

19.5.1. A maximum of 3 bags of stay-dry may be used to absorb any water. If more than 3 bags are needed then there is too much water and game shall be postponed. This is a regular season rule; this rule will not be followed during tournaments. All tournaments will use all resources need to continue play.

20. LEAGUE DIVISION ADDENDUMS

20.1. Minor League Softball By-Laws & Local Rules

20.1.1. These rules shall be enforced at all times. See attached document.

20.1.2. The league has developed a continuous batting order for all divisions (exception is Big League Baseball and Softball). The manager for each team will bat all players during the regular season. If there are 10 players or more on the team each player will bat regardless whether the player plays in the field. The manager can insert and remove each player in the field as many times as the manager wants to but always maintaining the batting order.

20.1.3 Example player one starts at first base and bats 2nd. At the end of the 2nd inning, this player is substituted for and now sits out inning two & 3 but comes back in to play right field in inning 4. At all times during the games player one remains place in the batting order.

20.1.4 The Board of Directors, recommendations by the Division VP, shall approve changes to these rules and or the League Managers will weigh heavy on the direction of the BOD.