**Lower Perkiomen Little League**

**2020 Supplemental Baseball Rules Addendum**

**INTRODUCTION**

The issues addressed in this document outline rules modifications to the Little League International and LPLL Supplemental Rules, which are necessary to provide a safe environment for all participants as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

All comments should be referred to the League Vice-President of Baseball, and will be addressed before the Rules Committee.

# **POLICIES, PRACTICES & COURTESIES (ALL LEVELS)**

* Sharing of personal equipment is prohibited.
* Games being played on unlit fields will be called due to darkness as determined by either the plate umpire or the league official on duty. Games will be halted IMMEDIATELY. Rule 4.11(d) will be in effect.
* League provided catchers equipment must be sanitized before it can be worn by another player.
* Coaches should limit assisting catchers with putting on their gear and MUST wear a mask in the event a player requires assistance.
* Courtesy runners for a player scheduled to catch the following inning are mandatory to allow additional time to sanitize and equip catchers
	+ There must be 2 outs in the inning
	+ The courtesy runner will be the **last batted out** of the inning
* Coaches must wear masks or gaiters for mound visits and at any time when they are instructing players within close proximity.
* Gum, seeds, spitting etc., are prohibited
* Hand sanitizer will be present at each field box and used **at the conclusion of every half inning for all participants** throughout the course of the game.
* Masks or gaiters must be worn at all times while in the dugout.
* No food is allowed in the dugout
* Equipment bags should be hung or placed on the fence OUTSIDE of the dugout.
* Teams MUST field at least EIGHT (8) players to start a **playoff game** only. If during the course of a game, a team can field only 7 players, the game will continue. If a team is reduced to 6 players, the game will then be "HALTED", and will be addressed by the Player Agent.

**LPLL POLICY ON PLAYER SUBSTITUIONS**

* + - * + If a team is a missing player(s) prior to the start of a game that will put them below 9 players to start, they may request a substitute player from another team at the same level or a player from another division as deemed appropriate by the VP of Baseball and/or the Player Agent and coordinated with the commissioner at each level.
				+ Substituted players can play ANY position, except pitcher.

**SUPPLEMENTAL RULES & REGULATIONS - BASEBALL**

# **MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL**

1. ML Division will be played at 50/70 distances for the 2020 season.
2. During 50 /70 play we follow all Intermediate Division rules/guidelines EXCEPT those related to equipment (No metal spikes, Major League Division Bat rule).
3. Balks (rule 8.05) are called, however no penalty will be enforced. Umpires will immediately call the play dead and instruct the pitchers on the infraction or advise the manager to instruct the pitcher on how to deliver the ball to the plate in a legal manner
4. **Stealing of home plate is prohibited**. In the event an overthrow is made the ball becomes live and the player at 3rd is allowed to advance to home plate.
5. Leads from 3rd base cannot extend passed the 60 feet base flag. Players are allowed a reasonable secondary league after the pitch is delivered.
6. In the event of a dropped 3rd strike, if the catcher throws to 1st base for a putout, the runner at 3rd can only advance in the event of and **overthrow that reaches the outfield grass.**
7. There is a 6 run per inning run limit in during the regular season. The 6th inning or declared final inning will be unlimited.

**GENERAL RULES (Minors Baseball - All Divisions below Major League)**

1. Stealing of home plate is prohibited. **In the event an overthrow is made the ball becomes live and the player at 3rd is allowed to advance to home plate in the American League only.**

**Baseball Playoff Format**

* The playoff format for the Major, American, and National Leagues (East & West) will be a double elimination format.
* Seeding at ALL levels will be determined by random drawing made by the Player Agent.
* Unless otherwise specified, regular season rules will also apply during the playoffs.
* Deviations from regular season rules must be approved by the LPLL President, Vice President - Baseball, Player Agent, and League Commissioner(s)
* Deviations from regular season rules must be distributed prior to the start of the playoffs. It is recommended that each division hold a meeting with mandatory attendance of all managers prior to the start of the playoffs.
* The designation of home team at all league levels shall be determined by a coin toss. Representatives of the team seeded higher in the playoff grid schedule shall call heads or tails, prior to the toss of the coin. In the finals, winners of the winner’s bracket shall call heads or tails.

**District Tournament Play/Lower Perk Rebels Travel**

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# **Player Selection**

Players interested in participating in the tournament teams shall participate in evaluations prior to the start of district tournaments, tentatively scheduled to begin in September. Evaluations for certain levels may occur earlier in the season to allow teams that lost players to fill their rosters.

Each manager of the league, from which the players are selected, is expected to identify and rank the players interested in playing on the tournament team. The top ten players receiving the highest number of votes will be chosen for the team. In addition, the selected manager of the tournament team shall have up to three discretionary picks. These picks may represent the next players in the voting process or they may be selected to fulfill specific roles on the team. If an insufficient number of managers exist in a league, the Board will assign additional evaluators.

Players selected for teams during the 2020 evaluation will remain rostered until Memorial Day 2021